

HAPPY EASTER

Faith Lives

Faith Lutheran Church

April 2022

"If Not You, then Who?"

There was a famous Professor who often challenged his students with questions like . . . Which of you is going to be a great writer? Which of you is going to be a great saint like Francis of Assisi? Which of you is going to be a great humanitarian like Albert Schweitzer?

Presented with such big ideas, the students would squirm and giggle. But the famous Professor would tell them that these were not idle questions; he really meant what he said. Then he would always say, *"If not you, then who?"*

Every time we gather for worship we hear God's Word read to us and we are challenged with these same kinds of questions. We hear Jesus question us over-and-over again: *"If not you, then who?"*

We are not put here on this earth by blind chance. A loving God put us here as part of a plan for the fulfillment of all creation. Each of us is unique and, therefore, each of us is entrusted with a life to live and opportunities given to no one else. And, we have a lifetime opportunity to help shape the world we live in, or at least our little corner of the world. We have a lifetime opportunity to enrich the lives of others who, like ourselves, are unique members of God's creation.

Sometimes people tell me that the problem with the world today is that people are not willing to do their fair share, not at home, or in the community or the church. They say if everyone just did their fair amount everything would be better. The problem with this kind of thinking is that there is no such thing as a fair share. There is no such thing as a parceled portion we are obligated to do. There are only choices, choices to live your life the way you want to live. There is no fair share of what is expected of us, only choices. There is only the choice to reach out beyond ourselves or to step back and expect someone else to do things.

So, which one of you is going to make a better world? Which one of you is going to be a great writer? Which one of you is going to be a famous Saint, like Francis of Assisi or Mother Teresa? Which one of you is going to take a home cooked meal to someone who is unable to leave their home, shovel a sidewalk or wave at someone you don't know?

We have a choice! We have the freedom! And, well, if not you, then who?

Pastor Ron Nichols

COUNCIL REPORT

The Faith Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Membership for Heidi Scholl was approved.

Pastor Ron reported that there were two funerals and one baptism at Faith Lutheran Church in February. He suggested that the monthly newsletter be mailed to homes as only those who attend worship currently receive a copy of the newsletter.

Melanie Miller and Kelly Zahrbock will be co-vice presidents through the end of this year. The Council is currently looking for an additional member to take the place of Ryan Giles who will be leaving at the end of May or in June.

Last month it was reported that Faith Lutheran Church's By-Laws were being revised. However, it has since been learned that the By-Laws were incorporated into the Constitution so that there was one document that contained both the Constitution and By-Laws.

There was discussion about needing a boiler inspector for the church. However, that position is being covered by Lyndon Warden at the present time.

The full minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board across from the office and copies are available in the Church office.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

We are asking each of you to prayerfully consider donating to Operation Starfish this year. Operation Starfish is where we partner with Food for the Poor to build a home for a family in desperate need in a Caribbean country. We have often built our homes in Haiti and hope to do so again this year. Yes, there are SO many people in the world in need but Faith Lutheran intends to make a difference to one! We would like to raise \$9,800 this year which is a mighty tall order so PRAY and please give generously! For this price, we will be able to build a 2 bedroom home with sanitation, a water component, a living area, a cooking area, a sink, furnishings, lighting and structural elements to withstand severe weather. When we raise this money, there is a match available that will provide \$9,800 of food to other very needy families in the Caribbean. Please check out ALL of the homes that our congregation has built over the years through Food for the Poor . simply AMAZING!!- (across from Pastors office) We can change the whole course of a families lives forever!! There will be donation boxes around church to take home and fill, you can write a check to Faith Lutheran Church with Operation Starfish on the memo line or bring cash to the office for the cause. Operation Starfish will open on March 2 - Ash Wednesday and you will have the opportunity to give through Easter Sunday. Total donations so far" \$1405

Faith Lutheran Staff & Officers

Pastor Ronald Nichols

Office Staff

Music Director: Linda Anderson

Office Manager: Sharon

Ronglien

Financial Secretary: Lorrie Ehrenberg

Education Coordinator: Darcy Daline

Helper: Lisa Strand

Little Blessings Teacher: Kelli Fernholz

Senior Choir Director: Gary Boraas

Executive Council

President: Ryan Giles

Vice-President:

Secretary: Jeanene Munsterman

Treasurer: Becky Mortenson

Judy Kriese

Linda Anderson

Kelly Zahrbock

Melanie Miller

Taylor Shelstad

Steve Dahle

Discipleship Committee

Melanie Miller

Tamara Bissett

Kelly Zahrbock

Brittany Engesmoe

Education Committee

Jodi Kallhoff

Deb Meyer

Jessica Borstad

Becky Mortenson

Darcy Daline

W-ELCA

Kathy Harwick

Karen Nesvold

Eileen Trelstad

Property Committee

Dave Amundson

Ron Toenies

Mark Siegert

Worship Committee

Gail Smith

Linda Anderson

Mary Wodrich

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jerome Kallhoff

Stewardship Board

Jerome Kallhoff

Darcy Daline

David Kriese

Shirley Hanson

Global Missions

Kris Hanson

Jody Dahle

Stan Olson

Curtis Seefeld

Betty Tollefson

Char Heinzen

Technology Committee

Judy Kriese

Maynard Meyer

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jeanene Munsterman

Jessica Borstad

Eric Nygard

Ryan Giles

Linda Anderson

Gail Smith

*The Executive Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

**All other committees are to meet once a month and report to the Executive Council.

Worship Committee News by Gail Smith

The last Sunday we will be taking orders for Easter flowers will be Sunday, April 3rd. Reminder to those who ordered flowers, you may take them home after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for the Prayer Vigil on Saturday, April 16th. They are half hour slots. You can either come to church for your time you signed up for or do it from home.

Lenten Services are held on Wednesday nights at 7pm. During Holy Week, Maundy Thursday worship service will be April 14th at 7 p.m. Good Friday worship service will be April 15th at 7p.m. Easter Sunday worship services will be at 7 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Bring your garden or field seeds to worship on Sunday, April 24th, for Blessing of the Seeds.

W-ELCA NEWS

Ruth Circle- 4/12 @ 9:30am

Hannah/Lydia Circle - 4/13 @ 9:30 am

LqP Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering will be held April 19, 2022 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Montevideo. Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. Jeri Popma will speak on "A Faithful Walk with Jesus" through dialogue and song. Send \$5.00 registration fee to Bernice Oellien, 2570th Street, Madison, MN 56256 by April 4th. There is a brochure on bulletin board.

Senior Girl Recognition night will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7:00pm.

May 13th will be the SW Synod WELCA Convention at Benson. Scholarship application is due April 19th for first time attendees. If interested talk to Kathy Harwick.

Church Fair Stand

To make the 2022 county fair a success we need volunteers. (men and women of all ages)

Kitchen: These positions could be shared.

1. order kitchen fair food supplies
 2. prepare food (meat, soup,)
 3. be in charge of kitchen activities (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- There is a step-by-step time-line that can be followed. Helpers will be provided.

Fair Stand

1. be in charge of a work shift (2 in each shift)
2. workers - if you are not contacted please volunteer
3. take pie orders

Sign up will begin in April. This year's menu and stand hours will depend on the number of volunteers.

We need everyone's help! Please be sure your phone numbers are accurate.

"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world" -

* Our annual "Spring Splash" event for area church women will be held May *
* 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Faith. Our theme this year is "The Spice of Life". *
* Guest speaker will be Jerrid Sebesta. Tickets will go on sale in April. *

APRIL

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

Acolyte

3- Marley & Brianna
6- Zoey & Vyolette
10 - Grant & Nolan
14 - Jax & Malcolm
15 - Zoey & Gavin
17 - Lyndsey & Jace 7am
Macy & Jax 10am
24 - Marley & Brianna

Ushers

3 - Team 4
10 - Team 3
14 - Team 2
15 - Team 1
17 - Team 7 7am
Team 6 10am
24 - Team 5

Videographer

3 - Dan W.
10 - Dan L.
14 - Jeff H.
15 - Dan W.
17 - Maynard M. 7am
Jeff H. 10am
24 - Dan L.

Lay Reader

3 - Ed Olson Jr.
10 - Sharon Ronglien
17 - Jeanene Munsterman 7am
Bart Hill 10am
24 - Kelly Zahrbock

Screen

3 - Lorrie
10 - Jeanene
17 - Lorrie
24 - Lorrie

Communion

3 - Bev H. & Cindy H.
10 - Gail S. & Sharon R.
14 - Kathy H. & Eileen T.
17 - Becky M. & Jody D. 7am
Bart & Julie H. 10am
24 - Tamara B. & Cheryl R.

1 Charlotte Heinzen	12 Paul DuFrane	30 Tom Daline
1 Velma Nelson	13 Dari Buer	
2 Gerald Heinrich	13 Tygan Long	
3 Taylor Loterbauer	14 Laney Kallhoff	
4 MaClay Wollschlager	16 Alton Arneson	
4 Ashtyn Shelstad	16 Kendyl Shelstad	
4 Ella Bornhorst	17 Peyton Mortenson	
4 Loretta Nichols	18 Keith Powelson	
5 Derek Halvorson	18 Jody Dahle	
6 John Maatz	19 Janice Kline	
7 Dale Johnson	19 Aaron Bonn	
8 Brendan Hansen	19 Lucille Mortenson	
8 Anna Hacker	20 Marley Hanson-Rakow	
9 Barb Toenies	23 Ethan Miller	
10 Kenna Mosenden	24 Deborah Meyer	
10 Lucas Ludvigson	24 Kelsey Loterbauer	
11 Robert Hiepler	24 Zoey Cruz	
11 Jessica Jacobsen	27 Ryan Bjerke	



Statement of Activities

March 31, 2022

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year	Last Year Annual Budget
Income						
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	18,115.67	23,639.30	59,396.58	283,671.62	53,932.49	303,260.50
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.62	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHIP Totals:	2,442.48	1,250.00	5,464.90	15,000.00	5,093.87	15,000.00
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	589.50	275.01	1,310.46	3,300.00	110.00	2,800.00
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	0.00	33.33	0.00	400.00	530.00	0.00
BD OF STVRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.91	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	0.00	241.66	0.00	2,900.00	720.00	0.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,208.33	0.00	14,500.00	10.00	0.00
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.19	0.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CD Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Totals:	21,147.65	26,647.63	66,172.55	319,771.62	60,398.08	321,060.50
Expense						
CAPITAL IMPROVE. EXPENSE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHIP Totals:	10,327.17	17,524.23	48,502.08	210,290.62	52,382.71	213,254.50
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	292.17	787.52	1,237.49	9,450.00	1,249.10	9,925.00
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	0.00	992.17	547.28	11,906.00	77.87	11,106.00
BD OF STVRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	26.60	172.91	81.68	2,075.00	78.28	2,075.00
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	7,075.32	5,670.83	23,443.78	68,050.00	16,979.90	66,700.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	1,042.00	1,500.00	3,126.00	18,000.00	0.00	18,000.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense Totals:	18,763.26	26,647.66	76,938.31	319,771.62	70,767.86	321,060.50
Income - Expense:	2,384.39	(0.03)	(10,765.76)	0.00	(10,369.78)	0.00

Thank you! We appreciate your continued gracious giving.
 Tithes and offerings can be mailed, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org
 or PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com)

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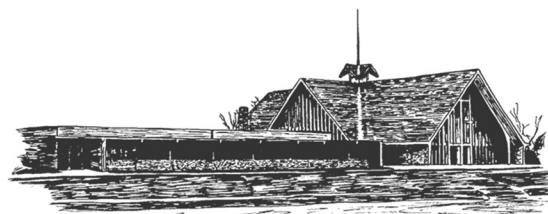
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					5-7pm Visitation for Travis Siegert. Prayer Service @ 7pm	10:30am Funeral for Travis Siegert
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:30am Senior Choir			9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Lenten Service			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9am Worship 10am Sunday School		9:30am Ruth Circle	9am Hot Muffins 9:30am Hannah/Lydia Circle 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Church Council	8:30am - 12pm Do Day 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	7pm Good Friday Service	6am - 6pm Prayer Vigil
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
7am Easter Sunrise Service 10am Easter Service		10am WELCA Spring Gathering @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Montevideo	9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 3:30-5pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Sr. Girl Recognition			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9am Worship/Baptism 10am Sunday School			7:30am Boys Senior Breakfast 9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 3:30-5pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers	8:30am - 12pm Do Day 11:30-12:30 Second Harvest & Meal		

Newsletter
Articles

Due



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Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship at Faith: 9:00 a.m.

Broadcast on KLQP 92.1 FM: Sundays 11:30 a.m.

Cable Channel 8: Sundays 3:30 p.m.

Facebook: 3:30 p.m. [Faith Lutheran Church](#)

Website: 3:30 p.m. www.faithlutheranchurchmadison.org

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