



Faith Lutheran Church

April 2023

"Tests" 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Life can be seen as a series of tests. That's what the Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10. Every difficulty, every hardship, and every dilemma can be seen as a test; a kind of challenge to our character.

Fred was a young man from the mountains of eastern Tennessee. When he was called up for duty in the U.S. Army during the war. Fred had high hopes that he would be turned down because of his double vision. The doctor said, "See that chart on the wall over there?" "Not very well, Doc. It's all blurry," said Fred. "You've passed," said the doctor. Fred protested, "How can I pass when I told you it's all blurry?" "That," said the doctor, "was your hearing test."

In an overall sense, life can be seen as a series of tests, some you are aware of and others come as a surprise? Every difficulty, every hardship, and every dilemma can be seen as a test; a kind of challenge to our character.

Paul the apostle writes in verse 13, "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it."

The Bible promises us that there is no test in life so difficult so as to defeat us. No test and no difficulty are so tough that we just don't have a chance of passing. God always intends that we come through each and every test with a passing grade. God never intends that these tests cause us to fail. It is by these tests that we grow! It is by these tests that we become stronger and wiser. Overcoming obstacles helps to build our character.

Together in Christ,
Pr. Ron Nichols

COUNCIL REPORT

Rev. Naomi Mahler of SW MN Synod came to speak to the council and call committee on the Call Progress. The Synod is working and praying diligently that a Call will come to our church. They suggest if you know anyone interested in being a pastor for our church or think would make a good fit to reach out to the synod where more information can be provided. Our MSP is online and available for anyone to see. We are praying for our call to be answered.

Spring Splash

“Get on Board” and “Don’t Miss the Boat” for our annual Spring Splash Event on Wednesday, April 26 (5:30pm-7:30pm) here at Faith. Tickets will go on sale April 3 until April 19 at Faith and KLQP. Ticket price is \$20. Our speaker is Debbie Griffith from International Falls.

Global Missions News

Still collecting!!!! (For our Operation Starfish!) Let's get that home built in Haiti for a most deserving family! PRAY, PRAY, PRAY and see how God directs you to give. All donations must be in by Easter Sunday. Thank you! Global Missions

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*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.

Discipleship News

Discipleship committee has added Brooks Bjerke as Tamara Bissett has transferred to the worship committee. We are planning a Farewell Brunch potluck after church for Pastor Ron on May 7 – more details to come! We are also trying to improve involvement throughout the church so will be doing sign-ups before and after church for those interested to sign up to join committees or help with duties around the church throughout the year.

WELCA

Wednesday, April 12 9:30 a.m. Bible Study

LQP Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering will be at Our Savior's Lutheran of Baxter April 18 with registration and coffee at 8:30a.m. Program at 9:00a.m. with Melissa Bruns, Site Director of Hope Harbor's founding Marshall, MN location, to learn more about this ministry's work to impact generations building strong families. Please send \$5.00 registration fee by April 12 to Bernice Oellien, 2570 280th St., Madison, MN 56256.

The Synodical SWMN Convention will be at Shetek Lutheran Ministries, Slayton, MN on May 5, 2023. Our theme is "Renew, Redo, Rejoice" and the theme verse is Zephaniah 3:17b: "He will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in love, he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival." NRSV More information is on the church bulletin board. If interested, contact Kathy Harwick.

From the Worship Committee

The last Sunday we will be taking orders for Easter flowers will be Sunday, April 2nd. 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 8th. They are half hour slots. You can either come to church for your time to pray or do it from home.

Lenten Services are held on Wednesday nights at 7pm. During Holy Week, Maundy Thursday worship service will be April 6th at 7 p.m. with communion. Good Friday worship service will be April 7th at 7p.m. Easter Sunday worship services will be at 7 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Bring your garden or field seeds on Sunday, April 16th, for Blessing of the Seeds. The blessings will take place during the worship service. Place your seeds by the pulpit.

APRIL

Acolyte

2 - Jace & Brycen
9 - 7am Brianna & Teagan
10am Marley & Sadie
16 - Greta & Aidyn
23 - Grant & Vyolette
30 - Jax & Alex

Lay Reader

2 - Sherry Deyo
9 - 7am Stan Olson
10am Bart Hill
16 - Lorrie Ehrenberg
23 - Cindy Hansen
30 - Gail Smith

WORSHIP

Usher

2 - Team 2
6 - Team 1
7 - Team 7
9 - 7am Team 6
10am Team 5
16 - Team 4
23 - Team 3
30 - Team 2

Screen

2- Lorrie
9- Jeanene
16 - Lorrie
23 - Lorrie
30 - Jeanene

ASSISTANTS

Videographer

2 - Jeff H.
6 - Maynard
7 - Dan L.
9 - 7am Jeff H.
10am Maynard
16 - Dan L.
23 - Jeff H.
30 - Maynard

Communion

2 - Mike D. & Julie L.
6 - Tamara B.
9 - 7am Bob G. & Angie A.
10am Tammy W. & Becky M.
16 - Maxine T. & Kathy H.
23 - Cindy H. & Fran S.
30 - Gail S. & Diana S.

1 Charlotte Heinzen

1 Velma Nelson

2 Gerald Heinrich

3 Taylor Loterbauer

4 Ashtyn Shelstad

4 Ella Bornhorst

4 Loretta Nichols

5 Derek Halvorson

6 John Maatz

7 Dale Johnson

8 Anna Hacker

9 Barb Toenies

10 Lucas Ludvigson

11 Robert Hiepler

11 Curtice Kranz

12 Dana Call

12 Paul DuFrane

13 Bennett Croatt

14 Laney Kallhoff

16 Alton Arneson

16 Kendyl Shelstad

17 Peyton Mortenson

18 Jody Dahle

19 Janice Kline

19 Aaron Bonn

19 Lucille Mortenson

20 Marley Hanson-Rakow

21 Julie Hill

23 Julie Hacker

23 Ethan Miller

24 Deborah Meyer

24 Kelsey Loterbauer

24 Zoey Cruz

25 Colton Fernholz

27 Ryan Bjerke

28 Zane Kanstrup

29 Treyson Tasto

30 Tom Daline




Statement of Activities - With Date Range

March 1, 2023 - March 23, 2023

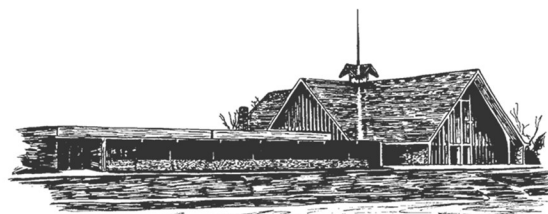
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Income			
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	20,028.38	26,910.62	(6,882.24)
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	0.00	2,156.84	(2,156.84)
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	650.00	333.34	316.66
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	0.00	54.16	(54.16)
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	0.00	241.66	(241.66)
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,458.34	(1,458.34)
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
CD Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Totals:	20,678.38	31,154.96	(10,476.58)
Expense			
CAPITAL IMPROVE. EXPENSE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	10,657.32	19,995.76	9,338.44
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	455.56	775.02	319.46
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	956.00	1,058.83	102.83
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	23.64	127.51	103.87
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	6,572.37	6,866.66	294.29
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,792.00	1,792.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	(1,420.00)	0.00	1,420.00
Expense Totals:	17,244.89	30,615.78	13,370.89
Income - Expense:	3,433.49	539.18	2,894.31

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)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:30am Senior Choir			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise/ Lenten Partner Party 6pm Faith Ringers	7pm Maundy Thursday Service	7pm Good Friday Service	Prayer Vigil
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7am Easter Worshp 10am Easter Wor-ship			9am Hot Muffins 9:30am Bible Study 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Church Council	8:30-12 pm Do Day		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9am Contempo-raryWorship/ Blessing of the Seeds 10am Sunday School	<div> <div>Newsletter Articles Due</div> <div>  </div> </div>	8:30am LQP Women of the ELCA Spring Gather-ing @ Our Saviour's Lutheran of Baxter	9 am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 6pm Faith Ringers			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9am Worship 10am Sunday School			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 5:30pm Spring Splash	8:30am-12pm Do Day 11:30-12:30 Second Harvest/ Meal		4pm Weber/ Schuelke wedding
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9am Worship 10am Sunday School						

April

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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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