

faith lives

February



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From the desk of Vicar Ann Bjorklund

It seems like we were just celebrating Christmas and now we're looking ahead to Lent. We're presented with continued opportunities to reflect on who Jesus was, who Jesus is, and who Jesus will be. I encourage you to "wander in the wilderness" as Jesus did. I encourage you to consider the depth of his love for each of us. I encourage you to consider the sacrifice he made so we might be made free. I encourage you to consider the things that might keep you from experiencing the freedom that is offered to us through Jesus Christ, the one that suffered, died, and rose again.

As we enter this Lenten journey as those who are seeking to know and better understand who Jesus is, please remember, Jesus loved us so much that he died for us...

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:16-17

Lenten Blessings!

Vicar Ann

Some things to give up for Lent

Worrying	Fear
Gossip	Jealousy
Anger	Negativity
Hatred	Bitterness
Complaining	Laziness
Procrastination	Criticizing

Some things to take up for Lent

Gratitude	Kindness
Loving others	Think before speaking
Notice beauty	Patience
Being charitable	Forgiveness
Optimism	Humility
Self-care	Praying more often



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February Birthdays

2- Scott Halvorson, Katie Johnson, Jessica Pillatzke 3-Bill Tollefson 4- Kayden Fernholz, Kelsey Miller 5-Dain Mortenson 6-Gene Koosmann 8-Stan Olson 9-Knox Kuechenmeister, Emma Gloege, Jonathan Hanson, Eli Peterson 10-Molly Halvorson 11-Sherry Deyo 13-Melissa Pillatzke 14-Mike Deyo, Gayle Weber 15-Alicia Trost 16-Kelsey Kuechenmeister 17-Kyle Ludvigson 18-Lori Broin 19-Sharon Kallhoff 20-Amery Bollman, Nancy Kells, Boe Stensrud, Cindy Vaala 21-Ronda Helgemo 22-Matthew Arndt, Alex Kittelson 23-Shelia Colbert, Wesley Ludvigson 24-Gabe Lowry 25-Miranda Bendel, Jon Daline, Donald Shelstad 26-Larry Clark 27-Ken Beyer, Diane Gollnick, Traci

Radio, Bulletin, and Altar Flower and other Memorials for December

Radio-Alton and Janice Lindquist in honor of Eunice Hegg's 100th birthday.

Flowers-Don Husby in loving memory of his wife, Bev Husby.

We need sponsors for the Radio Broadcast, Bulletin and Altar Flowers. It can be in honor or memory of a loved one. Stop in the church office for more information.

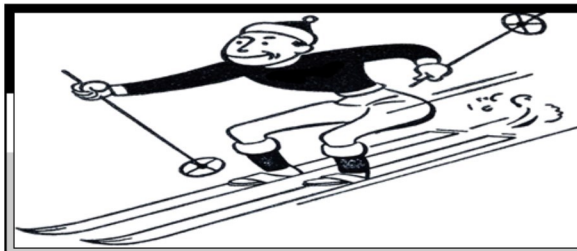
Global Missions

Coming soon! Operation Starfish!! The theme will be 40 days of change for CHANGE! We have a goal of raising \$3,800 which will be matched and then we will build a double home in Haiti (the poorest of poor countries) for a cost of \$ 7,600 through Food for the Poor. Operation Starfish will open on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and run through Easter Sunday, April 12.

20/20: A Clear Look at the Future of Stewardship

There are several ways you might serve in 2020. Three of those things are sponsoring the weekly bulletin (\$25), sponsoring altar flowers (\$40), or sponsoring the weekly broadcast (\$50) that can be heard weekly throughout the KLPQ 92.1 FM listening area on Sunday mornings at 11:30am. Please contact the church office to participate in this way. God bless and continue to spread God's love.

The Stewardship Committee



Youth Ski Trip to Andes Tower Hills and Pizza Ranch Sunday, February 16

Bus leaves from Faith at 11 a.m. It's for all ages.
Second grade and under need an adult to accompany them. More details will follow.



ASHES TO GO

**February 26
(Ash Wednesday)
12 noon-1 pm**

If you're short on time or can't make it to the 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service but would still like to receive the imposition of ashes and a blessing, or just need a time of contemplation and pray, you're invited stop in anytime over the lunch hour.



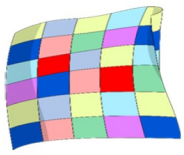
Ash Wednesday-February 26

Palm Sunday-April 5

Maunday Thursday-April 9

Good Friday-April 10

**Easter Sunday-April 12
(7:00 AM and 10:00 AM)**



QUILT RETREAT
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020
9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faith Lutheran Church makes numerous quilts each year for graduates, missions, Kiwanis Gifts for Kids and others. However, people are needed to sew the tops for these quilts. Please consider being a part of this quilt retreat to make the tops. All that is needed is the ability to sew a straight line and a sewing machine.

Hello everyone! February is going to be a busy month.

On February 16th there will be a ski trip to Andes Tower Hills and we will be stopping at Pizza Ranch on the way home. It's open to all ages! Go skiing, snowboarding, and tubing with your friends. We have to have 30 people signed up by February 9th to get a bus and the cost will be divided among the riders. Contact Ronda Helgemo at 320-212-5161 with any questions or to sign up.

The movie pass sign up will conclude with the drawing on February 23rd after Sunday School.

February 26th is Ash Wednesday and the Lenten suppers start. The Confirmation students will be serving the meals as a fundraiser for their Jesus Trip. The Confirmation students will also be involved in the different parts of the Lenten services.

During Lenten suppers everyone is invited to help tie fleece blankets for the Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls.

First Communion classes this year will be opened to anyone interested. Classes will be in March. Watch for more information or contact Ronda with any questions at 320-212-5161.

Be the reason someone smiles!

Ronda Helgemo, Education Coordinator

Annual Meeting

If you missed the annual meeting and would like a copy of the 2019 Faith Lutheran Church Annual Report stop into the church office.

We have a Congregational Vitality Project Survey that we are encouraging Faith members to fill out and return to the church office. Please return to completed survey to the office by February 9th. The results of the survey will be shared with the congregation.

Little Blessings Preschool 2020-2021 Registration

On February 15th Little Blessings Preschool will be accepting applications for members of Faith Lutheran Church for 2020 school year. It will be open to all interested families on March 1st. For more information contact the church office at 598-3630.

Equipping Congregations Day

The Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA is once again offering "Equipping Congregations Day" on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at Vinje Lutheran and Bethel Lutheran Churches in Willmar from 8:30 am-3:30 pm. You will have your choice of attending 3 of 24 different workshops. Check out the poster on the bulletin board for more information. Please contact the church office to sign up.



♥ Little Blessings will be having their Chili Feed on Friday, February 7 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Madison VFW. It is a free will donation. Enjoy a bowl of chili with toppings, beverage and dessert. Delivery is available for local businesses. Delivery orders must be called in between 9:30-11:00. Call the VFW at 598-7498.

♥ The Stewardship Committee is in search of a couple more people to join our team. We'll work together to help people recognize the ways they might use their gifts and talents to assist in carrying out God's mission at Faith Lutheran Church, in our community, and the world. If you would like to join us or want to find out more information, please contact Bart Hill, Warren Trygestad, Josh Ludvigson, Brian Fernholz, or Vicar Ann.

♥ Worship committee – Gail Smith

We want to thank everyone who helped take decorations down after Christmas. We are now looking forward to Easter. Once again the Worship Committee will be helping you shop for your Easter flowers. We'll be taking orders after church services during Lent. You simply place your order with us, and we will pick them up for you. You will be able to take your flowers home after the 10:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service.



♥ March is Minnesota Food Share month and as always, we will be collecting food and monetary donations for our local food shelf with a noisy collection on a Sunday in March (date to follow). Please support our food shelf generously!

♥ Sunday School students: Each Sunday you are present during the months of January and February, you can put your name in drawing for 1 of 3 movie tickets to the Grand Theater. The drawing will be on Sunday, February 23. Good luck and we'll see you on Sundays!

♥ The Joyful Noise Choirs will be receiving the names of their Lenten Partners this month. This event begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on the Wednesday before Easter Sunday. If you are interested in being a Lenten Partner or want to know more about this program, please contact Linda.

♥ Faith Ringers want to say Thank You to Jessica Borstad—she is our newest ringer!

♥ We will once again be using the "Holden Evening Prayer" vespers service on Wednesday evenings during Lent.



February 11-Ruth Circle –9:30 am at 3rd floor of Hilltop, Carol Olson Hostess

February 12-Lydia/Hannah-9:30 at church

Some thoughts of St. Francis: Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest...Grant me a healthy body and the necessary good humor to maintain it...Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments because of that obstructing thing called "I"...Grant me, O Lord, a sense of humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and be able to share it with others.

"Misery loves company" is an old adage that fits right in today. Days and days of snow, wind, ice and falling temperatures make even the most jolly person a bit testy. But just think of "The Wonder of Woolies". Perhaps the snow is so appealing 'cuz inter clothes are not revealing. The fuzzy coats you get to wear, the warm wool hats to hide your hair. Not so fit? Not so thin? Layers of wool will hide who's in the big down coat and fur ear muffs. Your smiling face will be enough to show the world you're shaped okay.

Kathy Harwick, President

0 FEBRUARY 2	
Acolytes:	Hannah Oie, Kaylee Call
Lay Reader:	Eli Lowry
Ushers:	Team 2-Dan Wahl
Videographer:	Maynard Meyer
Comm. Asst:	Ardis Christensen
Greeters:	Rachel Harrison
Screen:	Derek Halvorson
FEBRUARY 9	
Acolytes:	Mya Conroy,
Lay Reader:	Spirit of Faith
Ushers:	Team 1-Stan Olson
Videographer:	Dan Wahl
Comm. Asst:	Deb Meyer, Cindy Hansen
Greeters:	Gary and Cindy Hansen Ryan and Amy Giles and family
Screen:	Jeanene Munsterman
FEBRUARY 16	
Acolytes:	Kendyl Shelstad, Claire Lowry
Lay Reader:	Dave Kriese
Ushers:	Team 7-Jerry Osteraas
Videographer:	Jeff Hanson
Comm. Asst:	Kathy Harwick
Greeters:	Ken and Kathy Harwick Phyllis Hauck
Screen:	Becky Mortenson

FEBRUARY 23	
Acolytes:	Matthew Arndt, Landrey Schmidt
Lay Reader:	Stan Olson
Ushers:	Team 6-Steve Helgemo
Videographer:	Dan Larson
Comm. Asst:	Jody Dahle , Stan Olson
Greeters:	Ken & Kirsten Gloege & family Helen Haverberg
Screen:	Pam Goetsch


ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26	
Acolytes:	Kylee Asfeld, Taylor Shelstad
Lay Reader:	Confirmation Student
Ushers:	Confirmation Students
Greeters:	Confirmation Students



**If you would like to give electronically,
please
contact the church office for more
information.**

**Prayers and offerings
Welcome year round!!**

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1  <small>shutterstock.com • 128688326</small>
2 9:00 Worship 10:10 Fellowship/ SS/ Power Hour 10:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	3 7:00 AA & Al-Anon	4	5 9:00 Exercise Group 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Faith Ringers	6	7	8
9 9:00 Worship 10:10 Fellowship/ SS/ Power Hour	10 7:00 AA & Al-Anon	11 9:30 Ruth Circle	12 9:00 Exercise Group 9:30 Lydia/Hannah 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Faith Ringers 7:00 Committees 8:00 Church Council	13 8:30 Do Day 1:30 Park Avenue Worship Service 2:30 Hilltop Worship Service	14 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE No School Happy Day!	15
16 9:00 Worship 10:10 Fellowship 10:30 Senior Choir No Sunday School Ski trip to Andes Tower Hills	17 No School 7:00 AA & Al-Anon	18	19 9:00 Exercise Group 12:00 Blood Drive at FLC 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Faith Ringers	20	21	22
23 9:00 Worship 10:10 Fellowship/ SS/Power Hour	24 7:00 AA & Al-Anon	25	26 9:00 Exercise Group Noon-1 pm "Ashes to Go" 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation Class 5:30 Lenten Supper 6:00 Faith Ringers 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	27 8:30 Do Day Second Harvest Distribution and meal	28 Newsletter Available	29 8:30-3:30 Equipping Congregations Day in Willmar