



Faith Lutheran Church

February 2024

### **LENT The 40-Day Journey to Easter**

This February is a transitional month religiously with the Last Sunday After the Epiphany on February 11th (Super Bowl Sunday!) and the beginning of Lent at Ash Wednesday on February 14th. It is a transitional month given Jesus' Baptism, Presentation at the Temple during the Season of Epiphany and the beginning of his forty-day fast as recorded in all Three Gospels (Mark 1:13, Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13) before beginning his public ministry.

The word Lent, itself comes from the Middle English word, *lente* meaning springtime. The ecclesiastical term, *quadragesimal* (Latin), a synonym of Lent means fortieth referring to the first Sunday of Lent, and a fasting period of 40 days before Easter, which early Christians thought was important to practice spiritual preparation for Easter, such preparation was characterized by fasting, prayer, repentance, reflection, self-discipline and abstaining from certain indulgences to foster a deeper spiritual connection and commemoration of the sacrifice of Jesus.

Some popular practices and ideas for repentance, reflection and preparation during Lent include giving up: social media, sugar, alcohol, on-line shopping, clutter, complaining, TV, and video games.

In addition to "giving up" Lent provides an opportunity to strengthen our prayer life, meditation on Scripture, fasting to increase self-control and giving as an extra emphasis during Lent in response to Jesus' command, "to love our neighbor as ourselves."

I conclude with a Lenten holy wish and Lenten Prayer of Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life!

Take from me the spirit of laziness,  
faint heartedness, desire for power and idle talk

But give to your servant

The spirit of chastity  
humility, patience and love

Yes, Lord and King!

Grant me to see my own errors,  
and not to unjustly or hastily judge others  
for you are blessed now and forever. Amen

Bishop Craig

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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.**

## **Council Report**

Welcome to the New Year! We held our annual meeting on Sunday, January 21st following our church service. We had 58 people in attendance, only 6 more than for the meeting in November. The meeting was originally scheduled for January 14th, but was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Committees gave their respective reports and Jerome did an excellent job leading the meeting.

One thing mentioned was that some members would like to bring back communion at the altar once a month. The worship committee will meet on that! Many committees are still taking new members, so PLEASE reach out if you are interested!

Next regular council meeting will be held on February 14, 2024 at 7:00pm.

### **Worship Committee News**

The 2024 list of Altar Guild and Flower Volunteers are out. Please check your church mailboxes for your list. We are still looking for volunteers for the month of July for both flowers and altar guild, and the month of December for just altar guild. Please contact the church office if you can help with these months.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. Our Ash Wednesday worship service will be Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm and will involve the imposition—or spreading—of ashes on participants' foreheads and holy communion. At the Wednesday night Lenten services, we will be using the Holden Evening Prayer Service. All services at 7 pm.

We plan on selling Easter flowers again this year. Please watch for more information later.

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, a radio broadcast, or bulletins in honor or in memory of someone, please contact the church office. Prices are radio -\$53.50, bulletins - \$25.00, flowers - \$50.00. All three are \$128.50.

## **News from WELCA**

### **Bible Study - 9:30am February 14, 2024**

#### **News from Linda Anderson**

Our area women's event "Spring Splash" will happen on Wednesday, APRIL 17, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm here at Faith. Save the date! There will be more information in next month's newsletter.

Lenten Partners are still needed. It is a great way to get acquainted with our youth in the Joyful Noise Choir. Contact Linda if you would like to join in the fun!

#### **News from Board of Education**

Join us February 4 for "Souper" Bowl Sunday! We will be serving soup/chili for a free will donation. We will also be selling \$5.00 tickets to win a Vikings quilt donated by the Do-Day quilters and don't forget to get your name on our \$2.00/square "Faith Kids Super Bowl Fundraising Game". It will be a fun football themed youth fundraising event for all.

February 18<sup>th</sup> is the Ski Trip. Letters will be going out with more information soon. Please don't hesitate to contact a board member if you don't receive the information but would like to join in.

February 21 starts our free will donation Lenten Suppers - Hope to see you all there!

March 16 (Saturday) our Faith kids will be participating in a fundraising event at the Bellingham Legion Meat Raffle. Please spread the word!

Upcoming events in March being worked on are: Pop/Puzzle/Pizza on March 10 and All Members Movie Event on March 24....More details to come!

Thrivent Action Grants: Anyone who doesn't have a use for your Thrivent Action Grants Please feel free to contact our board as we would be able to use them for things like Lenten service food, VBs, or other projects/fundraisers we have in the works.

## **GLOBAL MISSIONS NEWS**

### **CHANGE IS IN THE AIR!!!**

Historically, Lenten season brings the people of Faith on a journey for our annual Operation Starfish collection. In the past 10 years, our congregation has built FIFTEEN homes (through Food for the Poor) in the Caribbean for our brothers and sisters who had no homes. Due to the ever-rising cost of these builds (when we started, a build was \$3,700 and now, they are nearly 10K but are larger with more amenities), our Global Missions committee has decided to pursue a new mission in OUR neighborhood! Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Alan Hirsch is quoted as saying, "we frequently say the church has a mission but according to mission theology, a more correct statement may be .. the mission has a church!" Along with our global mission support overseas and at home, (through our ELCA World Hunger collection during Advent season, we were humbly able to send \$13,400 to support the ELCA mission work worldwide) we pray that FLC can be a blessing to our wide community!

Our thoughts are this: how can Faith become better engaged in our community and be missional? We need to remember that God is a missional God. God is on a mission...ALWAYS! He cares more about the people in our community than we do! When we look for things to do in our community to be more missional, we are looking for what God is already doing in our community and then joining him in his mission! Thus, Mystery Missions was born at our monthly meeting on Jan 10. Another possible name? Secret Services!

We are hoping that during Lenten season - Ash Wednesday is Feb 14 - through Easter Sunday - you would all consider giving to this mission and then we can watch it BLOOM! You may give your donation as you have in the past, just put Mystery Missions on your envelop or on the memo line of your check. We feel that God has put this mission ministry before us all at Faith so let's all join in! Your Global Missions Committee (Stan, Curt, Betty, Jody, Ruth and Kris)

P.S. - If you want to know more about Global Missions Ministry or would like to join our committee, ALL are welcome! Talk to any of us!



<b>February 2024</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>ASSISTANTS</b>
<b><u>ACOLYTE</u></b>	<b><u>USHER</u></b>	<b><u>VIDEOGRAPHER</u></b>
4 - Dane & Greta	4- Team 2 - Gilbert R.	4- Dave Kriese
11 - Noah & Lily	11 - Team 1 - Stan O.	11– Jeff Hanson
	14 - Team 7- Jerry O. Ash Wednesday	14 – Deb Meyer Ash Wednesday
18 - Teagan & Griffin	18 - Team 6 - Steve H.	18 - Dave Kriese
25 - Aidyn & Aaron	25-Team 5 - Ed O. Jr.	25 - Dan Larson
<b><u>LAY READER</u></b>	<b><u>SCREEN</u></b>	<b><u>COMMUNION</u></b>
4 - Confirmation Class	4 - Lorrie Ehrenberg	4 - Kathy H. & Cindy H.
11 – Contemporary	11 – Jeanene Munsterman	11 - Jody D. & Gail S.
14 - Bob Glomstad Ash Wednesday	14 – Jessica Borstad Ash Wednesday	14 - Bob G. Ash Wednesday
18 - Jennifer Warnock	18 - Jeanene Munsterman	18 - Bob H. & Becky S.
25 – Chuck Ronglien	25 – Lorrie Ehrenberg	25- Diana S. & Nolan S.
<b><u>GREETERS</u></b>		
4 - Jay & Kim Kuechenmeister Derek Kuechenmeister family	11 - David Johnson/Emily Martin family Regan Johnson	18 - Jennifer Warnock Dave & Judy Kriese
25 - Dan Larson Taylor & Kelli Larson family		

# February 2024 Birthdays



2	Scott Halvorson
4	Kadyn Fernholz
5	Dain Mortenson
6	Gene Koosmann
7	Corbin Larson
8	Stan Olson
9	Elly Peterson
9	Emma Gloege
9	Knox Kuechenmeister
9	Penelope Anderson
10	Craig Kanstrup
10	Archer Boyens
11	Ritchie Smith
11	Sherry Deyo
12	Alexander Neyens
12	Max Strand
12	Craig Anderson
14	Michael Deyo
16	Claire Mork
17	Kyle Ludvigson

18	Kelli Larson
18	Lori Broin
18	Easton Mork
19	Sharon Kallhoff
19	William Anderson
20	Bradley Nesvold
20	Cindy Vaala
21	Ronda Helgemo
22	Matthew Arndt
23	Richard Zahnow
25	Jonathan Daline
25	Donald Shelstad
25	Addyson Bonn
26	Larry Clark
27	Kenneth Beyer
27	Sandra Harwick
27	Diane Gollnick
28	Kimberly Jacobson

## Statement of Activities - With Date Range

January 1, 2024 - January 23, 2024

	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	Current Period Budget vs. Actual
<b>Income</b>			
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	11,867.05	21,005.32	(9,138.27)
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.01	(0.01)
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHIP Totals:	0.00	1,751.00	(1,751.00)
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	119.00	450.00	(331.00)
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	737.00	154.63	582.37
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	0.00	241.74	(241.74)
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	20.00	2,066.63	(2,046.63)
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	(0.03)	0.03
CD Totals:	0.00	0.21	(0.21)
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Totals:	12,743.05	25,669.51	(12,926.46)
<b>Expense</b>			
CAPITAL IMPROVE. EXPENSE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHIP Totals:	6,917.86	14,943.75	8,025.89
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	617.94	741.52	123.58
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	1,347.92	1,329.63	(18.29)
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	2,027.23	295.87	(1,731.36)
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	3,018.35	6,566.63	3,548.28
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	128.25	1,792.00	1,663.75
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense Totals:	14,057.55	25,669.40	11,611.85
Income - Expense:	(1,314.50)	0.11	(1,314.61)

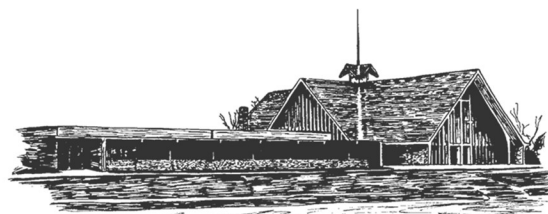
Thank you! We appreciate your continued gracious giving.  
 Tithes and offerings can be mailed, made online at [www.faithlutheranmadison.org](http://www.faithlutheranmadison.org)  
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# February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:30am "Souper" Bowl Fundraiser - serving soup/chili			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Church Council	8:30-12pm Do Day		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School			9am Hot Muffins 9:30am Bible Study 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 7pm Ash Wednesday Service			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9am Worship Youth Ski Trip			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 6pm Faith Ringers 5:30-6:30pm Lenten Supper 7pm Lenten Service	8:30-12pm Do Day 11:30-12:30pm Second Harvest/ Meal		
25	26	27	28	29		
9am Worship 10am Sunday School			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 6pm Faith Ringers 5:30-6:30pm Lenten Supper 7pm Lenten Service			

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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](#)

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