

# Faith Herives

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From the desk of Vicar Ann Bjorklund

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**and**  
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**Sundays 3:30 p.m.**

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*Lent* is considered a time of self-denial. We often give up certain things that we might really enjoy or might be addicted to in some way or another. As I'm thinking of this, I'm trying to look at it a little differently. What would it mean if we looked at this time of self-denial and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus as a way that we might focus on others a bit more? Many of us know the story of the "Good Samaritan" and how people passed by on the opposite side of the road, but that the Samaritan, someone who is generally at odds with the Jews, was the one to help, regardless of the cost and the possible repercussions that might come his way as he broke with what seemed to be culturally acceptable at the time.

What would it look like if we did a bit more to look out for our neighbor? Some of you personally know your neighbors. They may be good friends, acquaintances, someone you know by face, someone you know by name but have never met, or even someone that you don't know by name or face. All of those around us are our neighbors. I would venture to guess that most of you do not harbor ill wishes for your neighbor. So, how can we be mindful of loving and caring for our neighbors? What does that look like in our congregation and our community?

The mission statement of Faith Lutheran Church is:

*"Moving Forward in Faith by Providing Spiritual and Physical Nourishment for All God's People"*

Helping your neighbor might mean giving of your time, talents, or money to support the mission that you as a congregation have chosen. There are many opportunities for you to serve your neighbors through the ministries of Faith, whether it involves reading as a lector, serving on a committee or board, sponsoring youth on the Jesus Trip, contributing to the general budget, serving as a Sunday School teacher, helping put quilts together, helping in the kitchen, assisting Faith Builders, and the list goes on.

You can also care for your neighbor locally. Have you considered what it means to purchase good and services locally rather than at some of the big box stores? You're supporting your local economy. The business owner, the employees, the people that are your next-door neighbors, your friends down the street, those across town, or those out in the country. Your local business owners don't generally have the tremendous buying power that the large stores have, but they might be the ones that open their store for you because you have a broken tractor part, you need a tow, or there's some other challenge that has come up. How can you love and support your neighbor?

"God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does."

~Martin Luther

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup> He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." ~Matthew 22:34-40

Blessings!  
 Vicar Ann



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 God's work. Our hands.



### March Birthdays

1/ Terri Halvorson, Wendy Hancock, David Kriese / 5 Angela Young / 6 Gary Boraas, Lori Engesmoe, Steve Helgemo, Gayle Streich / 8 Linda Anderson, Ashley Nicholson, Brody Nygard / 9 Brent Borstad, Blaine Devorak, Chee Chee Halvorson / 10 James Haug, Helen Haverberg, Nathan Ludvigson, Ann Bjorklund / 11 Shirley Streich / 13 Todd Mortenson, Patti Schuelke, Dan Wahl / 14 Randy Arends, Lorie Ehrenberg, Cory Loterbauer / 15 Mark Diller, Nancy Goers, Maxine Tostenson / 16 Sharon Clark, Malcom Lillejord / 18 Karen Nesvold / 19 David Ludvigson, Ann West, Blake Wollschlager / 20 Elwood Borstad, Deloris Churness / 21 Wyatt Halvorson, Doris Storlien, Mary Wodrich, Elaine Andrews / 22 Meghan Flores, Arvid Gollnick, Joe Lund, Ed Olson Jr. / 23 Lennon Weber, Connor Kiepke / 24 Jeff Mortenson / 25 Karla Bormann, Conner Roggenbuck / 27 Alexis Bendel, Jennifer Long, Logan Ludvigson / 30 Grace Fernholz 31/Amanda Broin

### Radio, Bulletin, and Altar Flower and other Memorials for February

Radio-Alton and Janice Lindquist in memory of Joyce Lindquist.

Missionary Fund—Shirley Hanson in memory of Bill Gualtieri, Geraldine Blahosky & Marilyn Isfeld

***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.***

Faith Lutheran Church is continually trying to assist others. We often do that through fundraisers. As a reminder, Thrivent Financial offers grants to certain policyholders to assist with fundraisers. Do you have a policy and a passion for a particular area of ministry? Let's join forces and maximize our efforts. Contact Vicar Ann, a council or committee member, and we'll see how we can work together.

First Communion Instruction will take place for all who are interested (no age limit) on Sunday, March 22 and March 29 from 3:30-6pm. If you want a refresher, you're welcome to join us, too.

Interested in becoming a member? Contact Vicar Ann.

March 1...There will be an extra offering taken to support the youth going on the Jesus Trip.

March 8...There will be a extra noisy offering taken to support the Lac Qui Parle Food Shelf.

Youth will serve breakfast after worship.

March 15...There will be an extra offering taken to support the youth going on the Jesus Trip.



### LITTLE BLESSINGS NEWS

We want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Chili Feed Fundraiser! Your kindness keeps our program going and we are so grateful!

Winter isn't getting us down! We have been out and about visiting the Dental Clinic, Q92 Radio Station (maybe you've heard us singing), and the Schoenfeld Farm! February was a month for learning about being healthy and celebrating Valentine's Day. ❤️

Just a reminder that as of March 1<sup>st</sup> LBPS Registration is open to everyone! If you or someone you know has questions or needs an application, stop by the classroom or give Kelli a call!



**Lenten Services—Wednesdays at 7 pm**  
**(Holden Evening Prayer)**

**Palm Sunday-April 5**

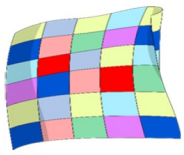
**Maundy Thursday-April 9**

**Good Friday-April 10**

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

He Is Risen.

He is Risen Indeed!



**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!

The ski trip was a success. We had a total of 36 people on the trip. Great to see them excited for skiing and tubing and always good to go to Pizza Ranch to eat afterwards.

We drew for the movie passes on February 23. The winners are: Cooper Smith, Isaiah Arndt, and Landen Heinrich. Thanks to Maynard Meyer for donating the passes.

There will be Lenten suppers every Wednesday during Lent. Watch the bulletin to get the menu for the next Wednesday.

The youth will be leading the Lenten Worship services. Starting March 4th, there will be a service project set up in the Fellowship Hall during the Lenten suppers. This project is for all ages. We will be making fleece blankets for the Sanford's Children's Hospital "The Castle" in Sioux Falls.

Parents of confirmation students, please help your young people get their sermon notes completed. This is a major part of the confirmation experience. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have concerns about this, please contact me at 320-212-5161.

Be the reason someone smiles!

Ronda Helgemo, Education Coordinator

**Little Blessings Preschool 2020-2021 Registration**

On March 1 Little Blessings Preschool will be accepting applications for all interested families.

For more information contact the church office at 598-3630.

Lutheran Men in Mission Spring Gathering, "Unpacking White Privilege in the Church", will be held on Saturday, March 21 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Yolanda Denson-Byers. She tells us why the ELCA is 96% European-American. What we can do to move beyond racism to understanding, compassion and a steadfast commitment to making the concrete changes necessary to make our congregations more actively anti-racist and welcoming to all our siblings in Christ. Schedule: Registration begins at 7 am and the closing worship begins at 2:45 pm.

March 1	
Acolytes:	Daytona Bissett, Aspen Bendel
Lay Reader:	Jeanene Munsterman
Ushers:	Team 4—Brent Bacon
Videographer:	Paul Engesmoe
Comm. Asst:	Pam Goetsch
Greeters:	Boise & Chee Halvorson Jay & Joyce Hanson
Screen:	Derek Halvorson
March 8	
Acolytes:	Drew Borstad,
Lay Reader:	Spirit of Faith
Ushers:	Team 3-Jerome Kallhoff
Videographer:	Dan Larson
Comm. Asst:	David & Julie Ludvigson
Greeters:	Jerry & Tammy Heinrich Nate & Amanda Heinrich
Screen:	Jeanene Munsterman
March 15	
Acolytes:	Mackenzie Call, Kya Kranz
Lay Reader:	Darcy Daline
Ushers:	Team 2-Dan Wahl
Videographer:	Maynard Meyer
Comm. Asst:	Bev Hiepler
Greeters:	Ronda & Jim Helgemo Bob & Bev Hiepler
Screen:	

March 22	
Acolytes:	Tyler Erp, Kaden Mortenson
Lay Reader:	Tamara Bissett
Ushers:	Team 1—Stan Olson
Videographer:	Jeff Hanson
Comm. Asst:	Tamara Bissett, Jody Kallhoff
Greeters:	Bart & Julie Hill Rick & Sandy Hoium
Screen:	Pam Goetsch

March 29	
Acolytes:	Sadie Hacker, Kaylee Call
Lay Reader:	Ed Olson Jr.
Ushers:	Team 7—Jerry Osteraas
Videographer:	Paul Engesmoe
Communion Assistants:	Sharon Ronglien, Fran Siegert
Greeters:	Dale & Arlette Johnson Marlene Johnson
Screen:	Jeanene Munsterman

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

**Prayers and offerings  
Welcome year round!**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Worship 10:10 Fellowship/ SS/ Power Hour 10:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	2  7:00 AA & Al-anon	3	4 9:00 Exercise Group 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation Class 5:30 Lenten Supper 6:00 Faith Ringers 7:00 Lenten Service	5	6	
8 9:00 Worship 10:10 Fellowship/ SS/ Power Hour 10:30 Youth will serve breakfast	9  7:00 AA & Al-Anon	10 9:30 Ruth Circle At Eileen Knorr	11 9:00 Exercise Group 9:30 Lydia/Hannah 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation Class 5:30 Lenten Supper 6:00 Faith Ringers 7:00 Lenten Service 8:00 Church Council & Committees	12 8:30 Do Day 1:30 Park Avenue Worship Service 2:30 Hilltop Worship Service	13	14
15 9:00 Worship 10:10 Fellowship 10:30 Senior Choir	16  7:00 AA & Al-Anon	17	18 9:00 Exercise Group 12:00 Blood Drive at FLC 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation Class 5:30 Lenten Supper 6:00 Faith Ringers 7:00 Lenten Service	19	20	21
22 9:00 Worship 10:10 Fellowship/ SS/Power Hour	23  7:00 AA & Al-Anon	24	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 Lenten Service	26 8:30 Do Day Second Harvest Distribution and meal	27	28
29 9:00 Worship 10:10 Fellowship Sunday School Power Hour	30 7:00 AA & Al-anon	31				

**\*\*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**

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.

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

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#### Upcoming Events:

March 10—9:30 Ruth Circle at Eileen Knorr's

March 11—9:30 Lydia/Hannah Circle at church

April 21: WELCA Conference Spring Gathering at Big Bend Lutheran

May 2: WELCA Synod Spring Gathering in Redwood Falls



Kathy Harwick, President

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We will soon have information on our annual "Spring Splash" women's retreat. This year's event will be held at Faith Lutheran in the evening only.

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#### Global Missions



Our OPERATION STARFISH mission kicks off this year on Ash Wednesday which is February 26. We are praying that God stirs our hearts to open our minds and our pocketbooks to give monetary support towards building a double home for a very needy family in Haiti. Why Haiti? It is the poorest country in the world. They need our help ! Our theme for our mission is " 40 days of change ( as in cash) for CHANGE ( as in life changing gift ). " We build our homes through Food for the Poor . This organization has been building homes and supplying food for destitute families in the Caribbean for years. Our faith family can raise the \$3,800 needed and with the Food for the Poor matching gift of \$3,800, we will meet the cost to build a deserving family a safe, new home for \$7,600. Once the home is built and the key given to a family, our congregation will receive a fulfillment package with a picture of the home that was built and the family that is given the home! Please check out the wall of pictures across from Vicar Ann's office to see the beautiful families and their new homes that our congregation facilitated building through Food for the Poor over the years ! Global Missions will have some collection boxes around the church and as always, a check written to Faith Lutheran with Operation Starfish on the memo line, will always work ! This mission will run through Easter Sunday. So PLEASE talk to God about this and see what you are able to give towards this most worthy cause.

In Minnesota, the month of March has become known as "Minnesota Food Share Month" . What exactly does this mean? It means that we intentionally focus on filling up our beautiful states food shelves to help other Minnesotans that have food insecurities. We will again focus on this the month of March here at Faith. All month long, you can bring your food donations to the grocery cart in the Narthex and we will get these donations to our local food shelf. We will plan on having a NOISY offering to benefit our local food shelf on Sunday March 8. OK, everyone start saving your change ... ALL of it, and bring it that AM and we will pass kettles as the offering plates so the dropping of all of the coins in the kettles will raise the church rafters !!! Our LQP food shelf can purchase tons of food at a reduced rate with our monetary donations . If you are unable to be in church that day, you may drop off your donation in the church office.

Thank you ! Global Missions Committee.