



Faith Lutheran Church

March 2023

A Few Details about Lent

As we find ourselves in the midst of Lent, I often find people asking about the details of Lent. Here are a few facts to help us better understand the fine points.

Lent actually covers 46 days from Ash Wednesday to the eve of Easter. Lent is always promoted as a 40 day event. The reason being is the 6 Sundays of Lent don't count. Sundays are always commemorations of the Resurrection. With this in mind Lent then covers 40 days not to include Sundays.

The originality of Lent comes from different sources. One source describes Lent in the early church as primarily a time to fast. A second source describes Lent as a special time of preparation for those scheduled to be baptized. As the early church was an underground movement avoiding persecution, candidates for baptism were carefully screened and prepared.

What does the word "Lent" mean? You might be surprised that it really doesn't come from anything religious but may come from the Anglo-Saxon "lencten," meaning spring, and the German "Lenz," meaning the time when the days lengthen.

In my lifetime I have understood that Lent is a time for three special Christian activities: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent has also been a time of preparation for Easter.

Here are a few more little details about Lent:

Lent's color is purple

We omit the word "Alleluia" in worship. Lent is a solemn time.

Some services, like Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, exclude the shaking of hands after worship and those attending are to leave in silence.

In my opinion, Lent is intended to be a little dark. The hymns seem slower and periods of silence are often included in worship. All this in anticipation of the resurrection of our Lord.

May God bless you richly in this favorite season we call Lent.

Together in Christ

Pr. Ron Nichols

COUNCIL REPORT

The Faith Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

Pastor Ron reported there was 1 baptism and 3 funerals last month. “Living on the Edge of Faith” is this year’s theme for Lent. Confirmation students will be involved in the Lenten Services. There was no correspondence from the Synod for the Call Committee.

Judy Kriese reported we have not yet been approved for Quick-books.

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

Joyful Noise choir members have received the names of their Lenten Partners. This program continues through Lent ending with our Lenten Partner Party on Wednesday, April 5th.

“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 in March. Our speaker is Debbie Griffith from International Falls.

Faith Lutheran Staff & Officers

Pastor Ronald Nichols

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Music Director: Linda Anderson
 Office Manager: Sharon Ronglien
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 Treasurer: Kristen Ludvigson
 Education Coordinator: Darcy Daline
 Helper: Lisa Strand
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Judy Kriese
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 Jeanene Munsterman
 Jessica Borstad
 Eric Nygard
 Curtice Kranz
 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.

From the Worship Committee

Let the Worship Committee help you shop for your Easter flowers. We'll be taking orders before and after church services during Lent in the Narthex. Watch for us. You simply place your order with us and we'll pick them up for you. You will be able to take your flowers home after the 10:00 am worship service on Easter.

WANTED: Someone to take care of flowers the month of April. If you have any questions about this, please contact Gail or Tamara. We would be happy to let you know what this job entails.

Looking ahead to Easter: Prayer Vigil on Saturday April 8th, from 6:30 am to 12:00 pm.

WELCA

Wednesday, March 8: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Global Missions News

Operation Starfish will run through Easter Sunday. As always, it is our prayer to be able to build a home for a most deserving family in the Caribbean through Food for the Poor. Our goal is \$4900. Donations can be put in the jars in the narthex marked “Boys & Guys” or “Girls & Gals”, brought to the office or be put in the offering plate with Operation Starfish in the memo line.

Lenten Suppers

Suppers will be served on Wednesdays during Lent season by the youth in grades 2 through 10. Serving time is from 5:30-6:30pm. Free will donations will be taken and proceeds will go to support our youth activities.

Menus are:

March 8 - Lasagna

March 15 - Pizza Hotdish and Garlic Bread

March 22 - BBQ's and Chips

March 29 - Chicken Chili

MARCH

Acolyte

5 - Marley & Sadie
12 - Grant & Vyolette
19 - Jax & Alex
26 - Gavin & Noah

WORSHIP

Usher

5 - Team 6
12 - Team 5
19 - Team 4
26 - Team 3

ASSISTANTS

Videographer

5 - Dan L.
12 - Jeff H.
19 - Maynard
26 - Dan L.

Lay Reader

5 - Cheryl Redepen-
ning
12 - Contemporary
19 - Jeanene Munster-
man
26 - Cheryl Redepen-
ning

Screen

5 - Lorrie
12 - Jeanene
19 - Lorrie
26 - Lorrie

Communion

5 - Eileen T. & Cheryl R.
12 - Jody D. & Deb M.
19 - Bob H. & Kathy H.
26 - Cheryl R. & Diane G.

1	David Kriese	11	Shirley Streich	20	Deloris Churness
1	Terri Halvorson	12	Shannon Fernholz	21	Mary Wodrich
1	Braelyn Brehmer	13	Todd Mortenson	21	Wyatt Halvorson
3	Hunter Ludvigson	13	Patricia Schuelke	22	Arvid Gollnick
3	Rowan Conroy	13	Mary Lou Daline	22	Ed Olson Jr.
5	Angela Young	13	Ruth Myhres	22	Letti Ludvigson
6	Gary Boraas	14	Lorrie Ehrenberg	23	Bradyn Danzeisen
6	Steve Helgemo	14	Randy Arends	23	Lennon Weber
6	Gayle Streich	14	Cheryl Redepenning	25	Karla Bormann
8	Linda Anderson	15	Nancy Goers	27	Logan Ludvigson
8	Ashley Nicholson	15	Mark Siegert	28	Barb Feuerhelm
8	Brody Nygard	15	Maxine Tostenson	30	Grace Fernholz
9	Brent Borstad	16	Sharon Clark	31	Rachel McCoy
9	Chee Chee Halvorson	16	Malcolm Lillejord		
9	Thomas Ludvigson	17	Dustin Kallhoff		
10	Helen Haverberg	18	Karen Nesvold		
10	Nathan Ludvigson	20	Elwood Borstad		

**Happy
Birthday**

Statement of Activities - With Date Range

February 1, 2023 - February 28, 2023

	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	Current Period Budget vs. Actual
Income			
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	15,207.40	26,910.62	(11,703.22)
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:	629.25	333.34	295.91
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:	15,836.65	31,154.96	(15,318.31)
Expense			
CAPITAL IMPROVE. EXPENSE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	17,399.10	19,995.76	2,596.66
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	482.61	775.02	292.41
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	100.00	1,058.83	958.83
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	24.33	127.51	103.18
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	7,817.42	6,866.66	(950.76)
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	1,042.00	1,792.00	750.00
Expense Totals:	26,865.46	30,615.78	3,750.32
Income - Expense:	(11,028.81)	539.18	(11,567.99)

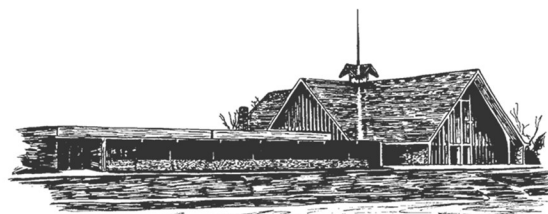
Thank you! We appreciate your continued gracious giving.
 Tithes and offerings can be mailed, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org
 or PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:30am Senior Choir			9am Hot Muffins 9:30am Bible Study 3:30pm Joyful Noise 5:30pm Lenten Supper 5:30pm Church Council 6 pm Faith Ringers 7pm Lenten Service	8:312pm Do Day		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am Contemporary Worship /Baptism 10am Sunday School			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Lenten Service			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:30am Senior Choir			9 am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Lenten Service	8:30am-12pm Do Day 11:30-12:30 Second Harvest/ Meal		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9am Worship 10am All Ages Day			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Lenten Service	March		

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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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