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Save the Date

April 1

Elders Meeting, 5:30 P.M.

April 3

LWML Meeting, 1:00 P.M.

April 3, 10

Lent Midweek Service, 6:00 P.M.

April 10

Council Meeting following Lent Service

April 13

Palm Sunday Service, 10:30 A.M.

April 15

Tax Day

April 17

Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 P.M.

April 18

Good Friday Service, 6:00 P.M.

April 20

EASTER SUNDAY Service 10:30 A.M.

10:30 A.M.

Egg Hunt and Potluck following Worship Service

April 21

Earth Day

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2025

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No "Pastor's Corner" this month.







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SUNDAY

Sunday Morning's Adult Bible Study. . . We're studying various topics. Come find out what we're studying this Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

TUESDAY

LifeLight Bible Study . . .

LifeLight Bible Study: studying Isaiah, Part 2, meeting Tuesdays, 9:30 A.M., at the Kegler home and via Zoom.

Blessings and thanks for your dedication and perseverance in your LifeLight Bible Study of Isaiah.

Estimated date for the last session is May 6.

-- Barb K.

Tuesday Evening Pastor's Bible Study.

No meetings through Easter.

Come join us when class resumes April 29th, 2025.

THURSDAY

Men's Morning Bible Study: meets Thursday mornings at Faith at 9:00 A.M., studying The Armor of God.

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Please submit your articles and other input for the

MAY Newsletter

to FLC's administrative assistant ON OR BEFORE

Tuesday, APRIL 22ND, 2025

If you need to get in touch with one of the Elders, they have generously made their telephone numbers available . . .

Mark Brinkmann 661.444.7865 Joel Tarcha 970.819.8459 Bob Hickey 719.649.0403



Thrivent Action Team

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can lead per year depends on his or her membership type.

<u>Benefit members</u> are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and <u>associate members</u> are eligible to lead one per calendar year (maximum of three).

A \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact.

Greetings in Jesus' Name,

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE STREAMING . . .

Please go to our Faith Lutheran Church YOUTUBE channel

- All services are on our new YOUTUBE channel.
- You can find it on our website at faithlutheranby.org under streaming and archived services, or search for Faith Lutheran Buena Vista on YOUTUBE.
- Upcoming and archived worship services will be there.
- Please SUBSCRIBE to this channel when you get there.
- Unfortunately, no phone dialup is available with the new system.

Please check in 5 to 10 minutes early.

God bless and keep you.

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Last Half of February 2025 and First half of March 2025 Attendance and Offering Report

Date	Church	Communion	Dinner	Offering
February 16	37	31	N/A	\$1,896.35
February 23	38	28	N/A	\$522.35
March 2	43	30	N/A	\$1,713.55
Ash Wednesday Service March 5	21	N/A	N/A	N/A
March 9	35	25	N/A	\$4,353.35
Midweek Service March 13	14	N/A	N/A	N/A
March 16	36	29	N/A	\$1,870.55







April Birthdays

- 5 Andrew Behrmann
- 12 Ampy Swart
- 16 Connie Wright
- 17 Nancy Bornemann
- 29 RJ Werner

Subject: Newsletter suggestions (5 W's)

When submitting articles for the monthly Newsletter please include the following:

Who (who is doing the event and who to ask questions or give suggestions to)

What

When - date and times. (Start and ending times)

Where

Why

Volunteer needed?

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Those Serving Us This Month

Communion Setup

Month of April - Sherry Bishop

Altar Flowers

April 6 - Lent
April 13 - Palm Sunday
April 20 - Easter Sunday, Joel & Clare Tarcha
April 27 - OPEN

Greeter

April 6 - Jerry Gallob April 13 - James Miller April 20 - Barb Kegler April 27 - Barb Kegler

Ushers

Month of April - Jean Brinkmann and Jerry Gallob

Elders

Mark Brinkmann, Head Elder Joel Tarcha Bob Hickey

Reader

April 6 - Jana Schumann April 13 - Colleen Miller April 20 - Barb Kegler April 27 - Barb Kegler

Cleaning the Sanctuary
April 6 - 12 - Jana Schumann
Cleaning the Basement
April 6 - 12 - Mark Brinkmann

Cleaning the Sanctuary
April 20 - 26 - Mark Brinkmann
Cleaning the Basement
April 20 - 26 - Jana Schumann



From the Stewardship Chair:

The volunteer task chart for the Second Quarter of 2025 (April, May and June) is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Please check your service date. If not able to serve, please find your own substitute.

There are many openings for altar flowers for the Sunday Worship Services this coming quarter. Please check your schedule to see if you'd be free to bring flowers for any of those openings, and jot down your name on the chart(s) for that Sunday on the bulletin board.

As always, **THANK YOU** for your faithful service.

Stewardship Chair, Sharon Carter

My contact info: 303-881-9840 sharoncarter00@gmail.com

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April 3, 2025, at 1:00 PM, Marianne Kendall will offer the opening devotion and be hostess for this meeting.

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Some reminders from our Council President, Ms. Dunekacke . . .

April 3 - Thursday, LWML meeting at the church at 1:00 PM

April 10 - Thursday, Council meeting at the church following Lent Midweek Worship Service

April 13 - Palm Sunday and Mite Box Sunday

April 20 - Easter Sunday. Egg Hunt and Potluck following Worship Service.

FLC Office Hours: Pastor Sorensen's office hours at Faith are: 9:30 A.M. to 12 Noon Thursdays. Other times by appointment only.

Deadlines: Please make sure any information needing to be included in Sunday's **bulletins** is given to FLC Administrative Assistant by the **Thursday BEFORE that Sunday service**. If it is received after Wednesday, the information will then be included in the following Sunday's bulletin. Our bulletins can then be published in a timely manner.

WWW: Check out our presence on the world wide web! Faith's webpage is at *faithlutheranbv.org*.

If you look in the links section, you will find that our Facebook page is linked there as well.

- Stop in and KEEP IN TOUCH -

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First Fruits for this month:

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE we will again respond to the items the

MISSION currently needs –

SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CANNED ONE-DISH MEALS, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, TUNA PACKETS, RAMEN NOODLES, CANNED FRUIT and/or PRE-PACKAGED FRUIT CUPS

- reflecting the need to feed those without cooking facilities.

Financial contributions are also welcome!

Please take contributions to their back door and knock to donate.

HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Remember to grab a couple jars/cans every time you go to the grocery store.

... and a big thank you to all for donations from all of us at the mission!





VBS will be held at Faith July 21-24, 2025, 9:00 A.M. – noon, ages 4-10.

The theme is Epic Australian Adventure.
I'm looking for volunteers.
Registration forms will be out in May.

Contact for volunteers: Clare Tarcha: 970-819-8390.

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EVANGELISTS OF FAITH

April 2025

As we approach Easter and the good news of Christ's resurrection, we must pass through His trials and crucifixion as well. There is no other way to the resurrection except through Jesus' suffering and death. John 14:6 says it all...."I am the way, the truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." While Jesus rose triumphant from the grave, He also had to suffer and die in order to declare victory. As a man, he was tempted, was reviled by the authorities, tortured and then crucified. As God, He rose from the dead and declared victory over death and the devil. As man, he lived in the turmoil of the times, and could have simply complied with the Jewish and Roman authorities. As God, He would not do that. That's who He was.

We, also, live in uncertain and trying times, much as Jesus did in his day. We look to our politicians and governing authorities to solve our problems, but the real problem is much bigger than man can solve. We make laws, delete laws, and make new laws.....much like the Jewish leaders did in Jesus' day. We try our best, but continually fall short of keeping them. God gave us a mere 10 commandments, but sadly, we can't keep even one of them perfectly. We are in need of The Way.....The Truth.... and The Life. We **need** Jesus, and we must continually be reminded of this need. The true celebration of Easter contains Christ's suffering and death, which makes His resurrection a reality! The message is simple, but very important to all people. Hear what Jesus says to His disciples as words of encouragement in John 14:26: "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." So, what is our role in the Easter message? The answer is clear. It's a simple, but profound message, so let's share it, and let the Holy Spirit do the rest! I am reminded of Hymn 826, verse 2 in our Lutheran Service Book..."If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, you can say He died for all."

Have a full and blessed Easter!

Tim Pleger, Evangelism Coordinator

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Stephen Ministry



Look What God is Doing!

Hear about the surprising things that God is doing in Stephen Ministries.

By Connie Wright

This being the Lenten season, I got to wondering, what did the thief on the cross do to warrant Jesus' help? He was a criminal. He'd robbed. Probably not just once or twice. Who was he to ask for forgiveness? He had wasted his life. He'd publicly scoffed and reviled Jesus from the cross. What right did he have to pray, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

The answer... The same right that you and I have to pray that prayer.

After all, that was you and me hanging there on the cross next to Jesus. Naked. Hopeless. Desolate. Estranged. That is us. Full of sin. Condemned. Guilty!

At this point, we have no hope in boasting or bargaining with Jesus. Unfortunately, our best efforts will come up short.

"I've tried to keep the commandments. I've tried to love you, God, as well as my neighbors. And at least I'm not a robber! I haven't spent time in prison." ...But, I still haven't met God's standard of perfection.

"I've paid my tithe to church all of my life, and given of my time and talents. I've written articles for the church newsletter. And taken meals to my neighbors when they were sick." ...But, how can I ever begin to pay my fine to God?

"God, maybe you would accept a bargain. I'll become a missionary to a headhunter tribe (probably lose my head), if you'll take me to heaven." ...But, God doesn't accept bargains and bribes as a means of getting into heaven.

Finally, our only hope is God's forgiveness. Finally, like the thief, we have only one prayer. That is us asking, pleading, begging, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Then, like the thief on the cross, we see Jesus glance our way, and in His eyes we can see our sins hanging there, on His cross, and on His shoulders, heavy and burdened.

And we, like the thief, hear the same voice of grace and love saying to us, "Truly, I say to you, you will be with me in paradise."

... And just as the thief had the right to trust Jesus' promise, so do we!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 LifeLight	2	3 Men's Bible	4	5
		Bible Study 9:30 a.m.		Study, 9:00 a.m. LWML Meeting 1:00 p.m.		
		Elders Meeting, 5:30 p.m.		Lent Midweek Service,6:00 p.m.		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bible Study 9:00 a.m.		LifeLight Bible Study 9:30 a.m.		Men's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.		
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.		J.50 a.m.		Lent Midweek Service,6:00 p.m.		
Sunday Service 10:30a.m.				Council Meeting Following Worship Service		
13 Bible Study	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30a.m.		LifeLight Bible Study 9:30 a.m. TAX DAY		Men's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.		
Mite Box Sun-	HOLFEMEE	K		MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service 6:00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY Worship Service 6:00 p.m.	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Happy Easter		LifeLight 9:30 a.m.		Men's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.		
Worship Service 10:30a.m.						
followed by Egg Hunt and Potluck.	EARTH DAY	DEADLINE for May Newsletter				
27	28	29	30			
Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service		LifeLight Bible Study 9:30 a.m.				
10:30a.m.		Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.				

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In Our Prayers

Please keep Lisa's mom, **NANCY BJORNSTAD**, in your prayers. She was recently put on hospice. She is currently doing very well. She would love a visit or a card or a phone call from any of you.

ERIN MUELLER has requested prayers for health issues and an unspoken request at this time.

VAUGHN BISHOP came home a couple of days ago and is working on his recovery at home. Thank you for the well wishes and prayers! Blessings, Sherry.

Please continue to pray for Lisa's daughter **MANDI**. Her cancer surgery was successful, but they did find cancer in one out of 20 lymph nodes. This may change her course of chemo but we're not sure yet. Her faith is amazing even though there are scary parts coming during the next year. She has a very supportive church family and school family as the whole family belongs to Concordia Lutheran School in Omaha. It is amazing to see how many people love them.

Please continue prayers for **GARY LONGWELL**, Dar's son. His left foot was amputated. He will be in the hospital for recovery for awhile. Future updates will be sent as his care is determined.

Please continue to pray for **JIM** and **NANCY BORNEMANN. NANCY** is now on hospice. Please include **JIM** both for his own health and for strength in his care for Nancy.

Please pray for the family of **EVELYN BEHRMANN** who was taken to be with her Lord on Friday the 21st of March..

Please pray for Lisa's sister-in-law **SUE**. She hasn't been feeling well so she went to the doctor, and they did a CAT scan. They found a mass. She will see an oncologist on Thursday (March 27th) to see what treatment looks like. Please also pray for her husband Chuck and their son Daniel. Daniel is special needs, and this is very hard for him to understand.

Please add **MARY JOHNSON** to your prayers. She is currently recovering from an exacerbation of her MS. She will be in rehab for a time. Also keep her husband Gary in your prayers as he tries to juggle his job and caring for Mary who will be in Denver.

We lift up in prayer all those affected by the **WILDFIRES** in **OKLAHOMA** and **FLOODINGS** in **TEXAS**.

IF YOU ARE SICK OR INJURED, please get in touch with Pastor or one of the Elders so that we may visit and/or pray for and with you.

Please e-mail prayer requests to: timjo@centurylink.net



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