

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 15 – THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



**AS WE GATHER** God’s mercy and grace are revealed to those who deserve anything but. The Israelites who wandered the wilderness complained of no water. They didn’t deserve anything because of their sinfulness, yet God responds in mercy and grace, providing water from a rock. A marginalized Samaritan woman didn’t receive compassion from her community and didn’t deserve it from our Savior Jesus Christ, yet she was given and shown mercy and grace and came to believe He is the Savior of the world. We, too, have gone astray and deserve much less than mercy and grace from God Himself. Yet, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” John 4:7*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

*“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b*

**Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Third Sunday in Lent!** We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:



**Before Early Service**  
**Guest Book Greeters**

Kristy Deal & Janice Deal  
Ron & Lana Blair

**After Early Service**

Bruce McIntire  
Scott & Melanie Fuerst

**Before Late Service**

Grace Schmitgen  
Bill & Daria Bossman

Early: Gail Ferris  
Late: Rachel Olson

**Preaching today** is Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor. Pastor Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor, is our Liturgist.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 8:20 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement, found in the bulletin and sign the Record of Fellowship pad so that complete records may be kept. Thank you.



### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed., Mar. 4 Att. 219**, Offering \$1,569.11; **Sun., Mar. 8, Att. 284**; General Fund \$9,174.25; Building Fund \$130.00; Sunday School \$9.71; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; 642 Rent \$850.00; Ash Wednesday \$5.00; Gift-in-kind \$58.00; Mexico Mission \$120.00.



March is the month for Faith Lutheran’s Food Drive to benefit the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Food Pantry. Your donations are tremendously important! Tables and boxes will be set up in the Narthex throughout the month.

**Men’s Softball** Faith Lutheran is again planning to have a men’s softball team. We need a few more players to fill the roster. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Dennis Ryckman as soon as possible. Must have parent’s permission if under 18. The team plays on Friday nights during the summer months of May to early August. Also, if you would like to help co-sponsor the team registration fee, let Dennis know.



**Thrivent Choice Dollars** Please direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran Church or Faith Lutheran Preschool before they expire on Tuesday, March 31. It is simple and doesn’t cost anything but your time. **YOU MUST RENEW THE DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS EVERY YEAR.**

Your choice from a prior year does not carry over. There are two ways to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars: Go to [www.thriventchoice.com](http://www.thriventchoice.com) or call 1-800-847-4346 and say “Choice Dollars” at the prompt.



**Forever Young** Our Forever Young group will meet this Wednesday, March 18 for our monthly potluck. Come at 11:00 for Lenten worship and then join us in the Christian Family Life Center for a great meal and wonderful fellowship. We may sing some Irish songs and if anyone would like we could play some Bingo. Bring whatever you are hungry for. Beverage will be provided.

### Workshop: Witnessing to Your Dechurched Adult Child

Our children and grandchildren are precious to us, and as parents, we are entrusted with much responsibility. But sometimes family members who were raised in the church, for whatever reason, have left the church (de-churched).

This module is for those having difficulty navigating complex family relationships with our loved ones. Are you waiting for the right moment or the right words to say? This workshop will help you navigate your situation so that it is

not delayed. You'll learn about the importance of relationships and the special challenges families face like guilt, fear, and forgiveness. This workshop is a training module developed by Concordia Publishing House and the LCMS.

**This one day workshop will be held here at Faith on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 10:00am to 3:00pm.** See the poster and signup sheet in the Narthex, or RSVP to the church office. Lunch will be provided.

**Main Street Living** Did you know the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

#### March 15, 2020

**10:00 AM-This is the Life**—“A gift for Grandpa” depicts how Freddie goes to great lengths to get a gift for Grandpa Fisher and learns valuable lessons along the way.

**10:30 AM**—The message “The Water of Life” is based on Romans 5: 1-8, and is delivered by Rev. Paul Sajban, Sr. Pastor at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Windom, MN. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** “Everyone is warped. Everybody is broken ... Our church communities should be places that uphold God’s high standards but also places that extend welcome and warmth to people who know they need a Savior. No loathing, no hate, no bitterness, no selective indignation, no fear.” *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

#### *This Week at Faith Lutheran*

##### **Today: March 15**

8:20 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

11:00 am Worship

2:30-6:00 pm Softball

5:00 pm Board of Education

6:30 pm *End Times* Bible Study

##### **Mon: Mar. 16**

12:30-2:30 pm SD Office of Hwy Safety Mtg.

6:30 pm Christ Care

##### **Tues: Mar. 17**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:00 am *Perseverance* Women’s Study

5:30-7:00 pm Pickleball

6:30 pm Choir

##### **Wed: Mar. 18**

11:00 am Lenten Worship

12:00 pm **Forever Young**

**5:30-6:30 pm Soup Supper**

6:30 pm Midweek

7:00 pm Lenten Worship

8:00 pm LYF

##### **Thurs: Mar. 19**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

5:30 pm Board of Early Education

6:00 pm Rebekah Circle

6:00-9:00 pm Softball

##### **Sun: Mar. 22**

8:20 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

1:30 pm Maryhouse Chapel

2:30 pm Aventara Chapel

2:30-6:00 pm Softball

5:00 pm Board of Stewardship

6:30 pm *End Times* Bible Study

## Faith Lutheran Youth

*Here's what's happening with the youth of Faith Lutheran...*



#### **Acolytes for Sunday**

##### **March 15**

Early: Collin Pope and Paige Brandt

Late: Natalie Fawcett and Jazmine Yaeger

##### **March 22**

Early: Kennady Hanig and \_\_\_\_\_

Late: Trenton Gore and Nathan Haberling

##### **March 29**

Early: Lane Hedglin and Ajaye Hicks

Late: Addison Cumbow and Emily Lingle

\* If acolytes are not able to be present for their assigned day, it is their responsibility to call someone else to find a replacement and then notify the church office. Thank you so very much.

**Preschool 2020-2021 pre-registration forms are in the basket on the information table in the Narthex.**



**Camps** Be planning ahead for this year’s church camps (Minneboji and Circuit Bible Camp). Camp Minneboji is June 21-27 at Camp Okoboji in Milford, Iowa. Cost until May 1<sup>st</sup> is \$390 for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades and \$420 for Honors Camp (9<sup>th</sup> grade). After May 1<sup>st</sup> costs go up \$20. May 1<sup>st</sup> will be here before you know it. More information for both camps will be in the bulletins as it becomes available.

**Chi-ro House Donations** A piggy bank is set up by the Chi-ro sign-up sheet on the information desk in the Narthex. Monies will be used for a variety of items from stocking pizzas & water, to supplying household and maintenance supplies. Thank you and please sign up if you’d like to help in other ways.



