

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 22 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



AS WE GATHER It's said that darkness is nothing more than the absence of light. Darkness and blindness are words often used throughout Scripture to describe our sinfulness—the absence of the true Light. In our continued Lenten journey, we prepare our hearts for the dark afternoon of Good Friday at the cross. Yet even in that darkness, Jesus Christ brings the light of life. In our times of spiritual blindness and comfort in the darkness of this world, we gather again today to see His light through our vision of Spirit-given faith, that our eyes may look to Him who is the light of the world—the light no darkness can overcome.

With You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light. Psalm 36:9

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 Fourth 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

Tim & Jan Larson
Dale & Myrna Hartmann

After Early Service

Veryl & Pat Huisman

Before Late Service

Lois Erbe
Chad & Leslie Hicks

Guest Book Greeters

Early: Donna Gohl
Late: Laurie Schultz

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

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services 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. 11 Att. 163, Offering \$1,482.00; **Sun., Mar. 15, Att. 199**; General Fund \$8,315.50; Building Fund \$400.00; Love Fund \$110.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$203.00; Reimbursement from Daycare \$125.88.



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.

FOOD DRIVE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DELIVERY

March 31st is the final day for the food drive at Faith Lutheran, so if you have food donations, be sure to drop them off in the Narthex soon. You can either sort your donations in the boxes (they're alphabetical) or just leave your bag of items on the floor and we'll sort it. Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks may be made payable to PARS (short for Pierre Area Referral Service); write Food Pantry on the memo line. In conjunction with the Ardis Townsend Challenge to Fight Hunger, for every pound of food and every dollar donated to the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Food Pantry in March and April, local banks and credit unions will provide a percentage matching fund.

The food will be delivered to the Food Pantry on Friday, April 3rd. Volunteers are needed to help load up the food, haul it to the Food Pantry, and unload it there. **If you're able to help, please meet in the church Narthex at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 3rd. Loading, hauling, and unloading should take about an hour.**

LWML in April Learn about human trafficking and sexual violence issues in South Dakota, and how the Pathway Center in central South Dakota is helping victims recover. On **April 13 at 7:00 pm**, the LWML will host guest speaker Lisa Heth, executive director of the Pathway Center. A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the presentation, with proceeds benefiting the Pathway Center. Baked and canned goods, gently used White Elephant items and crafts are welcome for the silent auction. (If donating a craft, please include a suggested price). This program is free and open to the public.

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 or call 1-800-847-4346 and say "Choice Dollars" at the prompt.

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, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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10:00 AM-This is the Life-"Boy on the Fence"-Young Tom is faced with the dilemma as he chooses new friends when his family moves to the city.

10:30 AM-Rev. Nabil Nour, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, SD delivers the message "Blindness is Overrated", based on John 9: 1-3. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "At home: can we be more loving and forgiving to those who mean so much to us? Can we take the time to show our unconditional love? At work: are we really a Christian example to our coworkers? Can we be more mindful of the struggles others are going through? At church: where sometimes, ironically, it's the hardest, can we put on the mind of Christ, giving ourselves to our brothers and sisters in the faith? ... [L]et the message of God's love in Jesus resonate boldly in your own life ... to God's glory." *Dr. J. A. O. Preus – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: March 22

- 8:20 am Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
- 11:00 am Communion
- 2:30-6:00 pm Softball
- 5:00 pm Board of Stewardship
- 6:30 pm *End Times* Bible Study

Mon: Mar. 23

12:00-1:00 pm Joint Service Club Mtg. in Gym

Tues: Mar. 24

- 8:00 am Staff Devotions
- 10:00 am *Perseverance* Women's Study
- 5:30-7:00 pm Pickleball
- 6:30 pm Choir

Wed: Mar. 25

- 11:00 am Lenten Worship
- 5:30-6:30 pm Soup Supper**

- 6:30 pm Midweek
- 7:00 pm Lenten Worship
- 8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Mar. 26

- 8:00 am Staff Devotions
- 6:30 pm Mary/Martha Circle
- 6:00-9:00 pm Softball

Sat: Mar. 28

10:00 am-3:00 pm *Every One His Witness* Workshop

Sun: Mar. 29

- 8:20 am Communion
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
- 11:00 am Communion
- 2:30-6:00 pm Softball
- 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 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.



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 1st is \$390 for 4th-8th grades and \$420 for Honors Camp (9th grade). After May 1st costs go up \$20. May 1st will be here before you know it. More information for both camps will be in the bulletins as it becomes available.

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

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.

