

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 2 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**AS WE GATHER** The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also. As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ's vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.

*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:5*

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter!** 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.

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

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 8:30 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. Thank you.



**The Altar flowers** are in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church's new sanctuary on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Social Distancing** Our Board of Elders have decided to relax the social distancing somewhat. **If you want to be social distanced please sit in the center two sections.** The ropes will be removed from the outer two sections for those who are not opposed to sitting closer together.

**Want to listen to our worship service via livestream?** Go to: [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com). Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

**Want to listen to our worship service on your phone?** Call **1-888-502-3453** and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a computer this is a way for you to stay up on Faith's worship services.

**Newsletters** Future monthly newsletters are being sent electronically. Those wishing to continue having it mailed, please contact Helen in the office (224-2216) and we are happy to send them.

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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed., Apr. 21, Att. 23; Sun., Apr. 25, Att. 282;** General Fund \$6,954.56; Love Fund \$125.00; Contingency Fund \$150.00; Utecht Ministry \$70.00; Mexico Mission \$2,045.00; Extra Missions \$692.12; Facility Use Donation \$310.00; Confirmation Expenses \$101.50.

**Endowment Fund** When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

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**Transit Rides** Anyone wishing to attend any activities or church services at Faith Lutheran may get **FREE** transit rides to and from the activities. To be sure to arrive on time **PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE**. If you forgot please call several hours in advance as they are usually pretty busy on Sunday mornings getting others to church also. River Cities Public Transit phone number is **945-2360**.

**Middle School Mentors Needed** "The middle school principal is asking for any men from our congregation that would be interested in mentoring middle school age boys. Contact Pastor Sam for more information."

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**Butter Braids** If you ordered Butter Braids from the Daycare fundraiser and have not picked them up yet **PLEASE pick yours up today or as soon as possible.** They are in the white freezer in the kitchen. There is a list on the counter of what you ordered if you have forgotten.  
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**COMPASSION SUNDAY Round Two** Compassion packets will be on the Living Room table for anyone wishing to sponsor a child living in poverty. Sponsors make such a difference in the spiritual and physical lives of these children. This is a great opportunity to live out God’s call to care for the poor. As a sponsor, not only will you help support a child’s growth and development, but you also will build a relationship with him or her. Through letters, you can remind a child that you love them, that God loves them and that there is hope.



**Bake Sale & Silent Auction** Mexico mission trip team will be hosting a free will bake sale and silent auction Sunday of Mother’s Day, 9th of May. If you would like to donate a baked good bring that Sunday or leave in kitchen labeled. Silent auction items can be left labeled in front closet or contact Shannon 695-6030.

**Men’s Softball Team** Faith Lutheran is again having 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.



**Ushers Needed** Some of our usher crews are in desperate need of recruits. We especially need people for the Jan./May/Sept. 8:30 crew, the Apr./Aug./Dec. 8:30 crew, the Feb./Jun./Oct. 11:00 crew and the Mar./Jul./Nov. 11:00 crew. The positions are open to any confirmed member, male or female. If you are willing to help, talk to any of the ushers or call the office and we will put you in contact with the captains of the teams.

**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.

**May 2, 2021**  
**10:00 AM**-This is the Life “A Dream of His Own” - A father and son are at odds when the construction company will evict an Indian family.  
**10:30 AM**-The message is delivered by Rev. Scott Sailer, President of the South Dakota District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The sermon, “Fruitful Branches of the Vine Divine” is based on John 15:1-8. 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** “We pray in our services for ‘the race of man’ not the races of man. There is only one race. All else are ethnic, national, cultural, or other differences. We’ve past histories to trouble us to be sure—like the Irish and the English, the Jew and the Christian, the Greek and the Ottoman Turk, and the slave and the slave owner—but there is no place from which a genuine reconciliation can emerge today, except in Christ. The goal is fellowship, brotherhood in Christ.” *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

***This week at Faith Lutheran***

**Today: May 2**  
**Compassion packets in Living Room**  
 8:30 am Communion  
 9:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship  
 9:45 am Voters Assembly  
 9:45 am **NO** Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
 7:00 pm Board of Elders  
 7:30 pm Board of Missions  
**Mon: May 3**  
 7:00 pm Men’s Club Meet  
**Tues: May 4**  
 8:00 am Staff Devotions  
 10:00 am Women’s Bible Study

**Wed: May 5**  
 6:00 pm Midweek  
 7:00 pm Wednesday Worship  
 8:00 pm LYF  
**Thurs: May 6**  
 8:00 am Staff Devotions  
**Sat: May 8**  
 3-4:00 pm Wulf Music Studio Student Recitals  
**Sun: May 9 MOTHER’S DAY**  
 8:30 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study  
 11:00 am Communion  
 2:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship

**FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH**

**Camp Minneboji** Camp is scheduled for June 20-26, 2021. Minneboji is a Lutheran summer camp program led by our South Dakota and Minnesota South districts of the LCMS and hosted at Camp Okoboji in Milford, Iowa. This year’s theme is “Washed,” exploring who we are as baptized children of God. Through Bible study, talks with missionaries, music, crafts, and sports, your student will develop their sense of who God has made them and called them to be. Registration forms will soon be available in the church office. See Pastor Sam with questions or if you are interested.

**Circuit Bible Camp** This year our Circuit Bible Camp will be held July 12-14. More details to come as further decisions are made. Details will be in the bulletins and newsletter as they become available.



