

# MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

**FAITH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH  
714 NORTH GRAND AVENUE**



## Corned Beef 'N' Cabbage Meal

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Noon meal following the late service

Freewill Offering proceeds will go toward the Mexico Mission Trip

It is back again this year! The Kenefick-Aschoff family is organizing the Corned Beef 'N' Cabbage meal as we have done in the past.

### Menu:

**Corned Beef 'N' Cabbage  
Red Potatoes  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Dark Rye Bread  
Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce**

This meal will be once again served family style. Take-out or eat in. Please sign up in the Narthex so that we prepare enough to fill as many orders as possible.

## Lenten Schedule

### Midweek

### "Savior, Servant, Friend"

**March 5, 2025**

Ash Wednesday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"Forgiver"

**March 12, 2025**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"Healer"

**March 19, 2025**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"Listener"

**March 26, 2025**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"Encourager"

**April 2, 2025**

7:00 pm

"Protector"

**April 9, 2025**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"Comforter"

**April 17, 2025**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday

"Servant"

**April 18, 2025**

7:00 pm only

Good Friday

"Savior"

## Savior, Servant, Friend

I want to invite you to join us for Lenten worship on Wednesdays. Beginning Wednesday, March 5 with Ash Wednesday, we will have a season of reflection and anticipation for the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. I find this time especially helpful to provide a reason for renewed and increased focus on Christ. However much time we may spend with devotions, Bible study, listening to God's Word, attending worship, and prayer, we can use the season of Lent as motivation to grow in our faith.

Our Wednesday services, at both 11AM and 7PM, will focus on one aspect of Jesus at a time. Under the theme "Savior, Servant, Friend," we will have the opportunity to hear more about and dive into some feature of who Jesus is. For example, the attribute we will learn about on Ash Wednesday is Jesus as our "Forgiver." On that day, we have the physical reminder of our sin in the form of ashes. Our sin clings to us in the way that the ashes mark our foreheads. Jesus has come to forgive our sins and wash them away. The service on Ash Wednesday will leave you with no doubt that all of your sins are forgiven on account of Jesus. Each week will give us another attribute of Jesus to take to heart.

We have your Wednesday night dinner plans covered. Thanks to many different boards and groups within our church, you can join us for dinner each Wednesday in Lent beginning at 5:30PM. If you attend our earlier Lenten service, come back and have dinner with us. If you plan on worshipping at the evening service, come a little bit earlier to enjoy a meal and grow in your relationships with your family at Faith.

In addition to inviting you to our Wednesday services, I have a collective challenge for our congregation. We have purchased 750 coins for you to carry in your pockets or your purse during the season of Lent (and hopefully beyond). I expect to run out of coins at some point. That is my challenge to our congregation. How quickly can we give a friend, coworker, or neighbor a reminder of Jesus' love for them and an invitation to come and hear about how he forgives and strengthens us? I would like each of you who join us to take a coin for yourself and another to give away. Once you have given away your second coin, come back and take another to give away. I am excited at the idea of each of us going into our daily lives with the specific task of spreading Jesus' love. I am sure that we all manifest his love in our words and actions. These coins give you a physical token by which to express that love. As we learn about our Savior, we will be empowered to witness to him. Jesus means many different things to us. On this Lenten journey, we will be able to examine them and grow in our faith and love for Jesus and one another.

*Pastor Sam*



*We have  
waited for him,  
so that he might  
Save Us.*

ISAIAH 25:9, NRSV

*Do Good!*

## This Is the Day!

*"This is the day the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24*

When winter is fully upon us, it is not as warm outside, and there's not as much life in nature. Looking outside, there may not be much to feel particularly joyful about. When I got up this morning, KCCR reported the temperature was -18. I groaned. I wanted to stay in bed, where it was warm, but rolled out anyway.

*This is the day the Lord has made;  
He calls the hours His own.  
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad  
And praise surround the throne.*

Growing up in Minnesota, we had some pretty rough winters, but somehow, it didn't seem to bother me much. My brother and I had to walk to school, and I was usually carrying my books and my band instrument. I lived in a small farming community, and about three-fourths of the school population lived on dairy farms. There were a number of bus routes, and the rule was that if the buses couldn't get out on the routes, school was called off. That was like a holiday! When I was younger, the first thing we did was go outside, and if we were lucky, by afternoon the skating rink would be cleaned off.

*Hosanna to the anointed King,  
To David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring  
Salvation from Your throne.*

I read somewhere that when the days lengthen, so does the cold! But the psalmist tells us that God made today and every day -- and he made it with you in it. Does that change your perspective of winter? God knew what he was doing when he made the seasons. Perhaps he created winter as a simpler season for all of us. Winter may have fury, and the landscape doesn't exactly burst forth with life, but there is serene beauty. I have a number of evergreen trees on and around my property. When they are laden with snow, they have a peaceful calm about them. We are told no two snowflakes are the same. Wow! Only the Creator could be responsible for that. Frost patterns on windows and glistening icicles hanging from the eaves are nature's artwork.



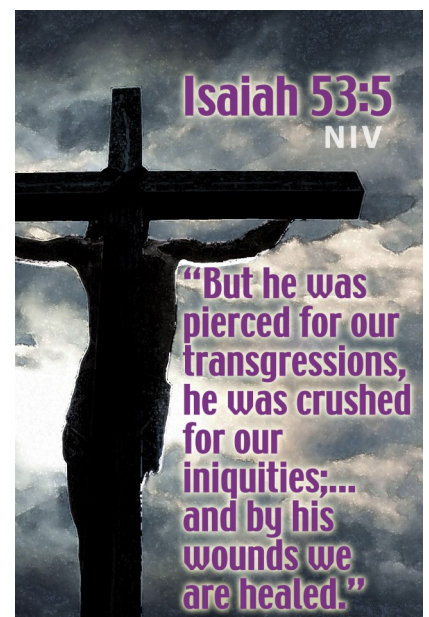
## This Is the Day! continued

*Blessed is He who comes to us  
With messages of grace;  
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us  
To save our fallen race.*

Winter can be a time of inactivity. It's a slower season for farmers; and for others, the chilly weather makes it difficult to be outdoors. But that doesn't mean nothing is happening. In nature, activity can take place below the surface. Birds still perch in trees and eat; animals sleep, fish swim under frozen ice. Slowing down in winter can be growth in the life of a believer, because we have trust that God is still at work and moving mightily. My husband passed away at 3:30 am back in the month of December 2018. I hadn't slept for two nights, but around 6:00 that morning, I walked out to the mailbox get the Argus Leader that had just been delivered. The moon was still out, and the stars were shining. It was a beautiful and peaceful sight in the deep blue sky. I felt God's presence in the stillness; it was the dawn of a new day -- one that God had made -- especially for me.

*Hosanna in the highest strains  
The Church on earth can raise,  
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,  
Shall give Him nobler praise.*

Karen Lindbloom



*Do Good!*



# March is Faith Lutheran's month to collect items for the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Food Pantry

Nonperishable food items, paper products,  
hygiene items, and cash donations are welcome.

Place donations in the Narthex.

### Food Items Needed

(No glass jars and no homemade  
food items, please):

- Beef stew
- Cake mixes
- Cereal (cold and hot)
- Cooking oil (24 oz bottles preferred)
- Elbow macaroni
- Flour
- Fruit (cans)
- Jelly (plastic bottles)
- Juice (plastic bottles/cans)
- Ketchup & mustard
- Pancake mix
- Pasta and pasta meals (boxes/cans)
- Peanut butter
- Soup: chunky / hearty
- Spaghetti sauce (cans)
- Sugar (2 pound bags preferred)
- Syrup
- Tuna and canned chicken

### Other Items Needed:

- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Laundry detergent & fabric softener
- Lotion
- Paper towels
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Soap & body wash
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes

- Financial donations are welcome. Checks are payable to PARS; leave in church office or place in offering plate. 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 March-May, local banks and credit unions will provide a percentage matching amount!



# THIS AND THAT

## FOREVER YOUNG



Our Forever Young potluck will be the **first Wednesday** this month, **March 5, Ash Wednesday**. We will have our Pizza Ranch Chicken meal after our morning Lenten service. Beverage will be provided. Bring a dish to share and a friend.



## LENTEN MEALS

Our Boards are invited to take their turn serving a Wednesday meal. They will be hosting Lenten meals from **5:30-6:45 pm** before Midweek

## and the Lenten services.

- March 5 Bd. of Prop. Mgt. **Sloppy Joes**
- March 12 Bd. of Missions **Scalloped Potatoes & Ham**
- March 19 Bd. of Education **Tacos**
- March 26 Parish Fellowship **Casseroles**
- April 2 Bd. of Stew/Endow **Hot dogs, beans & chips**
- April 9 Bd. of Early Educ. **Taco Bar**

## Palm Cross Assembly



If anyone would like to help make palm crosses for Palm Sunday our assembly day is **Saturday, April 12 at 8:30 a.m.** Many hands will make the large job go much quicker. It is a fun time of fellowship for the many who come each year.

There will be some veteran folders on hand to help show everyone how to fold the crosses. Please bring a pair of scissors with you.

## Official Acts



### Baptisms

Kayce Quinn Arbach  
2/9/25

### Funerals

Vance Weber 2/7/25  
Jacoby Vance 2/13/25

## March 17



### Attention Thrivent Members

Please direct your **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Preschool or Faith Lutheran Daycare before they expire on **March 31, 2024**.

It is simple and doesn't cost you anything but your time.

There are two ways to direct your Choice Dollars. Go to [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) and in the "Get Started" section click **Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars** or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at automation.

**YOU MUST RENEW THE DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR CHOICE DOLLARS EVERY YEAR. YOUR CHOICE OF A PRIOR YEAR DOES NOT CARRY OVER.**

### State Dart-ball Tournament

The state dartball tournament is on March 1 in Sioux Falls at Faith Lutheran, 601 N Cliff Avenue.

Captain's Meeting at 10:30 am

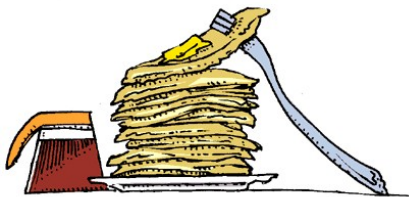
Devotion at 10:45 am  
Tournament start-11am



### Men's Club Breakfast Fundraiser

**March 10, 2024**  
**Between services**

The funds from this fundraiser will go to help finance the new security system that is being installed.



### Pancake Breakfast



Our Men's Fellowship is Monday, March 3 at 7:00 PM.

Come enjoy a fun evening of darts and bring a snack to share. Beverage will be provided.



### Daylight Savings Time Begins

**Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour Saturday night, March 8 or You Will Be Late for Church on Sunday, March 9.**



**Lenten Schedule  
Sundays**

**“The Hills of Lent”**

**March 9**  
8:30 & 11:00 am  
**“Mount Moriah”**

**March 16**  
8:30 & 11:00 am  
**“Mount Sinai”**

**March 23**  
8:30 & 11:00 am  
**“Mount Carmel”**

**March 30**  
8:30 & 11:00 am  
**“Mount Zion”**

**April 6**  
8:30 & 11:00 am  
**“Mount Sinai”**

**Lenten Schedule  
Holy Week**

**“Savior, Servant, Friend”**

**April 13**  
**Palm Sunday**  
8:30 & 11:00 am  
**“King”**

**April 17**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
**“Servant”**

**April 18**  
**Good Friday**  
7:00 pm Only  
**“Savior”**

**April 20**  
**Easter Sunday**  
8:30 & 11:00 am  
**“Redeemer”**





## 7th Annual Mexico Mission Trip in May

We are planning our seventh mission trip to Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, TX. The focus of the trip will be to build a home for a family in Juarez and share the Gospel. The week-long trip will include various mission activities, including handing out Bibles and blessing the people with the Good News of Jesus in a region filled with poverty.

We ask that you keep this trip in your prayers regarding those who are on the team as well as those whom God appoints to place in our paths. Also be watching for fund raising opportunities for you to help with financially. If you want to know more, please contact **Dennis Ryckman** (222-7713) or the Church office (224-2216). The trip will be one week long starting May 24-May 31.

### Mexico Mission Trip Rent-A-Worker

Our team is ready to help with your projects. In the past they have painted, cleaned drain spouts, removed rocks from ditches, built projects, raked leaves, tilled gardens, power raked yards, removed snow. Let them know what you have in mind and they will get you on the schedule. They have an energetic crew and are looking forward to serving you and the community, their neighbors.



Please contact Carolyn Ryckman (605-280-6347) or the Church office (605-224-2216).

## Passover Seder Meal



April 14, 2025  
6:00 pm

**Our Passover Meal** will take place on the Monday of Holy Week, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. We limit the participation to 70 people. While middle school and youth are also encouraged to attend, they must have a parent attend with them. There is a sign-up sheet on the information table in the Narthex.

Sign up today.



## Little Dresses Project

The Faith Lutheran LWML is once again coordinating the Little Dresses project. Pillowcases will be turned into dresses as part of our global mission outreach. Con-



contact LWML President Kristy Deal (605-280-7004) for more information. ***We have ample pillowcases and other supplies and are not seeking donations at this time. We do need people to assemble sewing kits and volunteers to sew “little dresses” from the pillowcases, buttons and trim in the kits.***

### General Fund Financial Status Monthly Update

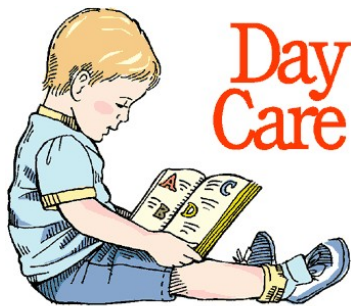
Each month in the newsletter there will be a review of the General Fund financial giving and needs to date for the year. This will allow you to help gauge your contributions at a level to meet the needs of the church. Insurance costs have especially been on the rise. Your diligent and loving giving expresses gratitude to God for blessings received, supports the church's mission to spread the gospel, demonstrates love for the community, and aligns your heart with God by prioritizing spiritual needs over material wealth

**January 2025**, the giving to the General Fund was \$41,475. The expenditures of the General Fund were \$54,142. That was a shortfall of \$12,667 for the month of January 2025.



**Stewardship  
Report**

## Faith Lutheran Daycare



February was a great month, children and staff have been somewhat healthy. We did have to close one day due to Influenza cases in teachers and not being able to stay within state ratio. We are excited to have enough staff to be able to expand our baby room. We are thankful to the Lord for sending them our way. We are hoping to expand our preschool

room this summer, if you know of any children 3-5 years of age, we would love to have them join our team.

In March we will be hosting a Butter Braid fundraiser. The money will be used to give staff a little bonus for and all their hard work. We love to make them feel appreciated and know that the hard work does not go unseen so, maybe we will cater in a lunch or two.

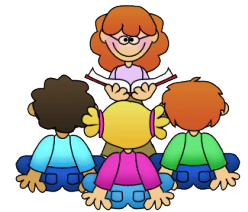
To the ladies of the congregation, if you need something to do this winter and love to sew, we have a project for you! We are in need of baby bibs. We think the ones we have were made by you as well. We have an example of the one we like at the

kiosk table if you want take a look at it. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kim or Mandy, they are more than happy to answer them. Gardening is also coming up and we are always looking for seeds of any kind to plant and watch nature do its thing.

Thank you for all the ways you support our daycare!

God Bless!

Mandy Vogel/  
Kim Jensen



## Faith Lutheran Preschool

Wow, have we been having fun learning! February, we learned about Jesus' love for us, and all the different ways he shows it. We also exchanged valentines and had a little party. We will be wrapping up the end of February with our preschool assessments and getting ready for conferences with parents for our Kindergarten readiness class.

In March we will be talking about how Jesus takes care of us, and leading up to Easter. Letters for the month are going to be D, J, E, and U. We will be working on number 20 and then reviewing 1-20. We will also be celebration Dr. Suess week March, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.

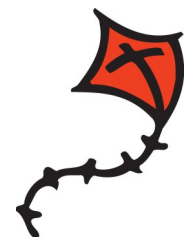
Registration for next year is now open, you may grab a registration form from the narthex or we have them on the preschool website. Please return this form with the non-refundable registration fee (\$50) if you are interested in enrolling your child for the fall of 2025.

Thank you for your prayers and support of our program. It is greatly appreciated. Also, thank you for the generous donations to Faith Lutheran Preschool.

Blessings to you all,

Kelsey Kampfe

Faith Lutheran Preschool Teacher/Director



## Bible Bowl 2025

We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2025 Bible Bowl.

We will be studying the gospel of John, Psalm 22, and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar from Luther's Small Catechism.

The competition features pool play in the morning, an individual exam just before lunch, and placing rounds in the afternoon.

Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 29, 2025.** Registration can be done via mail or email. If by email, please send a digital copy of the form or type out the information in an email to [revmring@gmail.com](mailto:revmring@gmail.com).



**ENDURE**  
JULY 19-23, 2025; NEW ORLEANS, LA



It's time once again to start thinking about the **LCMS Youth Gathering!** The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

**Camp Minneboji** It's freezing today - but a great time to think about summer and the upcoming 2025 Camp Minneboji. Camp Minneboji 2025 will take place from June 15-21. It is a Lutheran camp for students in grades 4-9, primarily from South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota.

"Hidden and Revealed" is the theme for Camp Minneboji 2025!

This camp for 4th-8th graders is very popular and spots fill quickly! Take the time now to reserve a spot for your child(ren). Check out the Camp Minneboji website for more details.

