

**A Word from Your Minister**

“Spring, oh spring, wherefore art thou, spring?” Borrowing from Shakespeare’s quote in Romeo and Juliet, I too wonder where spring is hiding? This might be God’s way of teaching us patience. My lovely wife always reminds me that what we want will come in time. Yes, it will come in time just as we wait for others to come back to church from the season of COVID.

Our Ministry Rally Sunday last week was to show our congregation what is available for them to be a part of the church, not the building, but the people who make up the body of Christ. I cannot begin to thank all those who have put in time, effort, talents, and money to continue our mission of the ELCA “God’s work, our hands.” The opportunities that are available for all to be active in our church, no matter how small, or how large, give us the chance to really connect to our members, our community, and our world.

I hope you will find a moment to look at what talents you have been blessed with and that you can share. As the servants who were given the talents in Matt. 25:14-30,” His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

Matthew 25:21 NIV

Continue to share and grow your talents that God has bestowed on us.

In His name,

Rick



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| † <u>Sunday, May 1</u> ~     | 9:30 am        | Worship / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter                      |
|                              | 10:15 am       | Coffee Fellowship   |
|                              | 10:30-11:15 am | Sunday School   |
|                              | 5:00 pm        | Choir Practice  |
| † <u>Wednesday, May 4</u> ~  | 9:00 am        | Quilters  |
|                              | 10:00 am       | Gather to Pray  |
|                              | 5:30-7:00 pm   | Faith In Action   |
|                              | 6:30 pm        | Mission Trip Info Meeting                                       |
| † <u>Thursday, May 5</u> ~   | 7:00-9:30 am   | Free Prayer Breakfast   |
|                              | 11:00-2:00 pm  | Open Prayer   |
|                              | 6:30-8:00 pm   | Concert of Prayer at Isle Evangelical Free Church               |
| † <u>Friday, May 6</u> ~     | 10:00 am       | Prayer Shawl  |
| † <u>Saturday, May 7</u> ~   | 8:00 am        | SPRING CLEAN-UP at Faith  |
| † <u>Sunday, May 8</u> ~     | 9:30 am        | Worship / 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / Senior Recognition |
|                              | 10:15 am       | Coffee Fellowship   |
|                              | 10:30-11:15 am | Sunday School   |
| † <u>Monday, May 9</u> ~     | 6:30 pm        | WOW @ Sandy Nies'   |
| † <u>Wednesday, May 11</u> ~ | 10:00 am       | Connect Team Meeting  |
|                              | 5:30-7:00 pm   | Faith In Action   |
|                              | 6:00 pm        | Confirmation  |
| † <u>Thursday, May 12</u> ~  | 10:00 am       | Caring Ministry Meeting   |
| † <u>Sunday, May 15</u> ~    | 9:30 am        | Worship / 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / Thielen Baptism    |
|                              | 10:15 am       | Coffee Fellowship   |
|                              | 10:30-11:15 am | Sunday School   |
| † <u>Monday, May 16</u> ~    | 7:00 pm        | Men of Faith  |
| † <u>Tuesday, May 17</u> ~   | 5:00 pm        | Prayer Team Meeting   |
|                              | 6:00 pm        | Worship Ministry Meeting  |
|                              | 7:00 pm        | Church Council Meeting  |
| † <u>Wednesday, May 18</u> ~ | 9:00 am        | Quilters—Anyone is invited to join!                             |
|                              | 5:30-7:00 pm   | Faith In Action—Last night for the season.                      |
|                              | 6:00 pm        | Confirmation—Last class for the season.                         |
| † <u>Friday, May 20</u> ~    | 10:00 am       | Prayer Shawl / Newsletter Articles Due in Office                |
| † <u>Sunday, May 22</u> ~    | 9:30 am        | Worship / 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter                      |
|                              | 10:15 am       | Coffee Fellowship   |
|                              | 10:30-11:15 am | Sunday School   |
| † <u>Wednesday, May 25</u> ~ |                | Newsletter Sent Out   |
|                              | 7:00 pm        | Baccalaureate   |
| † <u>Friday, May 27</u> ~    | 7:00 pm        | Graduation  |
| † <u>Sunday, May 29</u> ~    | 9:30 am        | Worship / 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / Healing Sunday     |
|                              | 10:15 am       | Coffee Fellowship   |
|                              |                | NO Sunday School  |

## Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes

April 19, 2022

Council members present: Sue Temte, Rose Marie Nutt, Craig Lemieux, Nancy Hendry, Rick Gabrielle, Derek Karels, Mark Menke, Doug Halvorson, Diane Gibas, Shari Strecker.  
Guest: Conrad Thomsen.  
Absent: Maggie Rens.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. but council president Mark Menke.  
Opening prayer was given by Mark.

Doug made the motion to approve the agenda as modified. Shari seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Craig made the motion to approve the March secretary's report, Rose Marie seconded the motion. The report was accepted.

Mark gave an update on the call committee.

Doug gave the treasurer's report. Finances are looking good. The recent major purchases have been paid in full including the youth room upgrade, the new doors, the dishwasher, floor in kitchen, and light bulbs in the sanctuary. Shari made the motion and Sue seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

In his report, Rick said he felt Easter and Lent went well. He said he hoped that people who visited the church during the seasons will return. Attendance on Maundy Thursday was 109 people, 197 attended the cantata and 165 attended Easter services.

He met with the Isle ministerial group. The prayer breakfast for National Day of Prayer will be held at Faith. There will be seven main topics to pray for in addition to personal prayers.

There have been good comments on the cantata. Pr. James Muske got it on You Tube and there is a link to it there.

Baccalaureate will be held May 25 this year.

There will be a baptism on May 15.

There will be a Christian music festival on Aug. 25-28 at the former Smokin' Hill. The property has been sold and the new owners are planning the festival.

Synod Assembly will be held April 30-May 1. Rick will attend via zoom.

Rick's next SAM class is May 12-18.

Nancy thanked Rick and commented that coming into his position during the busiest time of the church year, he has done a wonderful job.

Under old business, the youth room is done except for paint and trim.

Council members have done announcements in recent weeks. In the future, Kristi will assign council members to a Sunday. If they can't make it, they will have to trade with someone else and let Kristi know.

Spring cleanup has been postponed until May 7, due to cold, damp weather.

Funerals will be the top priority at church. If something is planned in the future and a funeral needs to be held, the activity will be changed.

The council discussed the Faith family rally Sunday on April 24. Conrad was to be made aware of any changes to the time and talent sheets.

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May 5 is National Day of Prayer. Mark has ordered sausage for the breakfast. The Isle Evangelical Free Church has pancake mix, butter, and syrup they will donate. Mark said he has workers to make the pancakes and sausages but needs people to help out front. We still need donations for pancakes, butter, margarine, and syrup.

Under new business, the parking lot was discussed. It may need more repair in the near future. The flooring in the front of the sanctuary where the organ and piano and the praise team play is in bad shape. Mark said we can get new flooring, installed and the garbage hauled away for \$3,557.90. The price will go up 30 percent in May. Craig made the motion and Shari seconded. The motion passed. New flooring will be installed.

A youth mission trip is planned in June. The dates are yet to be finalized, but Shari is looking at June 12-17 or 19-24. The youth will go to Milwaukee, where they will work with other churches throughout the city. The trip is for middle and high school kids. Those who helped with the butter braid sale will have their trip paid for. There will be a meeting with parents on May 4. Shari also said she would like to see more activity with the youth.

Communion was discussed again. The issue was tabled.

Rick will give devotions at the May 17 meeting.

Rose gave the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.



Prayer Shawl will be held on Fridays of the same week that Quilters meet. Quilters meet on the 1st and the 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Please join us for some fun!



*Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you for your gracious love—for your son who gave up his life for us—for how you continually bless us day after day even when we fail you in so many ways. Forgive us for our self-centered living. Forgive us for how we have mistreated our relationships with others—for jealousies that divide our families and even nations and for our disagreements that create conflict. Forgive us for our reluctance to share our gifts of love and grace with others—for our hurtful words that judge and for our anger that causes others harm. Forgive us for our failure and our laziness to witness in your name. You know all about what we hold in our hearts—both our joys and our sorrows. We can hide nothing from you. Help to transform our hearts so we may respond to your call to serve others in faithfulness and love.*

- Help us to look beyond ourselves and reach out to others who need our help in getting through the tough issues in their lives. Send healing to those who are ill or grieving and for those who struggle to live from day to day. We lift up all who are on our prayer network. Comfort them in their sorrow and suffering and surround them with your peace and love.
- We thank you for all mothers everywhere. Be with them, bless them, and guide them in the care and protection of their children. Help them be examples of your love and grace.
- Direct and guide our Seniors as they take the next big step in their life journey. May they seek your ways and trust in your promises as they look towards their future.
- We thank you for the teachers and all involved in Faith and Action. Be with our youth over the summer and keep them safe. May they remember all they have learned by continuing to seek you in their lives.
- Guide our confirmation youth and advisors as they continue planning for their service trip next month. May they find excitement and fulfillment in serving you by serving others.
- Teach us to preserve and protect the world you have entrusted to our care. Help us respect all you have provided for us. Show us ways we can work together to restore beauty to our church property by participating in this year's clean up day on May 7th.
- We know you continue to work in and through this congregation. We ask your blessings on all our members and ministry activities. In May, we especially pray for the following each week.
  - Week of May 8 – Brandon, Chelsea, Averie, and Macie Hunziker; Holly Main, Mary, and Ivan Jablonski.
  - Week of May 15 – Russell, Janette, Brittany, and Alex Jackson; Rick Jobe and Virginia Freese; Brad, Melissa, Noah, and Caleb Johnson.
  - Week of May 22 – Donna Johnson; Shaun, Katie, Dawson, and Gwendolyn Joy; Bryan and Diana Karels; Dale Karels.
  - Week of May 29 – Derek, Lacy, Lucas, and Blake Karels; Roland (Butch) and Leslie Karg; Randi Kautz; Joyce Klencz; Frank and Barb Kriz.
- We continue to wait patiently for a new pastor. We look to you to open the heart of the one you know will be right for this congregation. We thank you for sending us Rick to serve as our interim while we wait. Be with him as he continues to serve you while serving us.
- We give thanks for generations past and present who have served our country and given their lives for our freedom. Grant protection and safety to all who are traveling over Memorial Day weekend.
- Please bring an end to this senseless war in Ukraine. Be with all who have had to leave their homes, for those who are fighting for their homeland, and those grieving loved ones whose lives have been lost. We lift up all the Ukrainian people to your care and protection. Open our hearts and show us ways that we can support them.

*You have commanded us to pray, and you promise to hear us. We lift these and our own personal prayers to you trusting you will hear our prayers and answer them according to your will. AMEN*



“Gather to Pray” Every Wednesday

*If you should ever need personal prayer...  
contact any prayer team member who will pray with you over the phone.*

## God’s Grace through forgiveness...

Forgiveness is never conditional. How often have we heard these words—I will forgive the wrong you did to me IF or WHEN you do this. We so often put stipulations or expect something in return on what we do. When it comes to forgiveness it is, “I forgive you”—period. That is true forgiveness—that is unconditional forgiveness and it is how Jesus forgave us. He paid the price for our sin, not only for now, but for eternity. He has forgiven every sin we have committed and those we commit today and those we will commit in the future. It is not something we can plead for, or bargain for, or earn. And, we certainly don’t deserve it. Grace is God giving us what we don’t deserve. That is why it is called grace. And, this unconditional forgiveness from God is not the end of the grace he bestows on us. It is just the beginning.

Just as we have been forgiven through God’s grace, we too need to forgive both ourselves and others. We need to see ourselves as God’s children and let him reshape and remold us daily into the individual he created us to be. We are a living example of God’s grace at work. So, why not let his grace overpower whatever has happened in our past and let it give us a clean conscience.

God’s grace does not just stop at forgiveness. It is far more than forgiveness—it is grace upon grace; grace for growing, grace for maturing, grace for serving, and grace for becoming more like Jesus. God’s grace continues through our life, just as Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 1:6. “He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion on the day of Jesus Christ.” It is through the grace of God that Christ calls us to journey with him so our life can become like his life.

***“In Christ we are set free by the blood of his death, and so we have forgiveness of sins.  
How rich is God’s grace which he has given to us so fully and freely.” Ephesians 1:7***

Grace is the difference between Man and God. God has the ability to forgive and forget. Man, on the other hand, has the ability to forgive and not forget.

**The prayer ministry team would like to encourage you to “Pray with your Directory.”  
Each time you pray, lift up individuals/families in the church directory.  
God knows their needs...we just need to pray for them.**

Ellory Christianson, Diane Gibas, Nancy Hendry, Doc Moss, Carolyn Nutt, Mary Sears

Children, please cut out and place this prayer in your prayer pillows. Watch for a new prayer each month.



## Children’s Prayer Time

Dear Jesus, Thank you for forgiving me when I hurt others.  
Give me a forgiving heart like yours. Amen.

## Senior Recognition Sunday

Join us for recognizing the hard work of

Faith's Senior Class of 2022 ~

Jill Thompson and Daniel Miller

May 8, 2022 at our 9:30 am Worship Service



Cake in their honor will be served during fellowship.



Save your receipts from Teals and bring them to church. Teals donates 1% back to our Youth Group. On average, we receive an annual check of approximately \$1,000.00.

**Teals** MARKET

*Thank you, Teals!*



**THANK YOU**

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| April 3  | \$2,926.00 |
| April 10 | \$3,396.00 |
| April 17 | \$2,585.00 |
| April 24 | \$2,090.00 |

## Ruby's Pantry

The 1st Monday of each month at  
Onamia Lion's Community Center,  
806 West Kathio St, Onamia.  
10:30—Noon ... call 532-3366 for questions.  
For a \$25.00 cash donation, you will receive  
an abundance of grocery items.



## Food Shelves

Isle - Old Fire Hall, across from Post Office  
Must be resident of Isle School District  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 4 pm - 6 pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm



## May Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

|      |                  |      |                  |
|------|------------------|------|------------------|
| 5/02 | Russ Jackson     | 5/21 | Al Gustner       |
| 5/03 | Pat Sandin       | 5/21 | Hanna Karg       |
| 5/06 | Brittany Jackson | 5/23 | Karsen Holscher  |
| 5/06 | Lenore Bryant    | 5/23 | Rita Robertson   |
| 5/07 | Neil Karg        | 5/24 | Charles Haggberg |
| 5/09 | Kendra Richards  | 5/25 | Austin Slama     |
| 5/09 | Asia Weber       | 5/25 | Leta Christensen |
| 5/11 | Linda Boike      | 5/27 | Hunter Haggberg  |
| 5/12 | Louise Larson    | 5/28 | Doug Jacobson    |
| 5/14 | Dale Karels      | 5/29 | Helen Bland      |
| 5/14 | Bill Michaelis   | 5/29 | Megan Miller     |
| 5/15 | Ed Moore         | 5/29 | Trevor Oswald    |
| 5/17 | Jordan Mittet    | 5/31 | Rose Sawatzky    |
| 5/19 | Dawson Joy       | 5/31 | Letty Larson     |



### Anniversaries

|      |                              |
|------|------------------------------|
| 5/10 | Michael & Samantha Samuelson |
| 5/10 | David & Nancy Miller         |
| 5/13 | Glenn & Nancy Erickson       |
| 5/26 | Rick & Karen Gabriel         |



Please let the office know if we have missed or  
incorrectly listed your birthday or anniversary.



We've made it more convenient to sign up to serve at church. Try it out with this link [Faith Server SignUp](#) . Or sign-up sheets will be available at the church or give the office a call.

**If you find that you are unable to fulfill the task on your given Sunday, please find someone to take your place and let the office know as soon as possible!!**

**SERVERS for Worship May 2022**

**Scripture Readers:**

May 1 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 8 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 15 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 22 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 29 - \_\_\_\_\_

**Ushers:**

May 1 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 8 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 15 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 22 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 29 - \_\_\_\_\_

**Greeters:**

May 1 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 8 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 15 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 22 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 29 - \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer Station:**

May 8 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 15 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 22 - \_\_\_\_\_

**Acolytes:**

May 1 - Livia Raverty  
 May 8 - Tristan Schweich, Ethan Borg  
 May 15 - Parker Gesell  
 May 22 - Blake Karels  
 May 29 - Isaiah Borg, Hunter Lemm

**Communion Prep Team:**

May 8 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 15 - Rod & Pam Peterson  
 May 22 - \_\_\_\_\_

**Communion Assistants:**

May 8 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 15 - Rod & Pam Peterson  
 May 22 - \_\_\_\_\_

**Coffee Servers:**

May 1 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 8 - Kristi Pedersen  
           Cake in Honor of Graduates  
 May 15 - Petersons, Borgs, Rens  
 May 22 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 29 - \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for serving!*

# May 2022

Faith Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

May 2022 (Central Time - Chicago)

| Sun  | Mon                                    | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat                     |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|-------------------------|
| 1<br><b>First Day of Asian</b><br>9:30am - Worship<br>10:15am - Coffee<br>10:30am - Sunday<br>4pm - JFK Dance<br>5pm - Choir         | 2                                      | 3<br>4pm - JFK Dance  | 4<br>9am - Quilters<br>10am - Gather to<br>3:30pm - Praise<br>5:30pm - FIA<br>6:30pm - Mission                 | 5<br><b>Cinco de Mayo</b><br><b>National Day of</b><br>7am - Free<br>11am - Open Prayer<br>2pm - Yoga<br>6:30pm - Concert of | 6<br>10am - Prayer Shawl                                | 7<br>9am - AA Big Book  |
| 8<br><b>Mother's Day</b><br><b>Senior Recognition</b><br>9:30am - Worship<br>10:15am - Coffee<br>10:30am - Sunday<br>4pm - JFK Dance | 9<br>1pm - Garden Club<br>6:30pm - WOW | 10<br>4pm - JFK Dance   | 11<br>10am - Connect<br>10am - Gather to<br>3:30pm - Praise<br>5:30pm - FIA<br>6pm - Confirmation              | 12<br>10am - Caring<br>10am - Our Home<br>2pm - Yoga   | 13  | 14<br>9am - AA Big Book |
| 15<br>9:30am -<br>10:15am - Coffee<br>10:30am - Sunday<br>4pm - JFK Dance  | 16<br>7pm - Men of Faith               | 17<br>4pm - JFK Dance<br>5pm - Prayer Team<br>6pm - Worship Team<br>7pm - Council | 18<br>9am - Quilters<br>10am - Gather to<br>3:30pm - Praise<br>5:30pm - FIA-Last<br>6pm - Confirmation         | 19<br>2pm - Yoga   | 20<br><b>Newsletter Articles</b><br>10am - Prayer Shawl | 21<br>9am - AA Big Book |
| 22<br>9:30am - Worship<br>10:15am - Coffee<br>10:30am - Sunday<br>4pm - JFK Dance  | 23                                     | 24<br>4pm - JFK Dance   | 25<br><b>Newsletter sent out</b><br>10am - Gather to<br>3:30pm - Praise<br>7pm - Baccalaureate                 | 26<br>10am - Our Home<br>2pm - Yoga  | 27<br>7pm - Graduation                                  | 28<br>9am - AA Big Book |
| 29<br>9:30am - Worship<br>10:15am - Coffee<br>4pm - JFK Dance  | 30<br><b>Memorial Day</b>              | 31<br>4pm - JFK Dance   | 1<br><b>First Day of LGBTQ+</b><br>9am - Quilters<br>10am - Gather to<br>3:30pm - Praise<br>6pm - Confirmation | 2<br>2pm - Yoga  | 3<br>10am - Prayer Shawl                                | 4<br>9am - AA Big Book  |



Please call the office at (320) 676-3161 or email [yougotfaith@frontier.com](mailto:yougotfaith@frontier.com) with any changes in your contact information.

[Click Here for May 2022 Calendar](#)



### Church Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday - 9:00am-2:00pm  
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