

† <u>Saturday, April 1</u> ~	11:30 am	Meet at Church to Carpool to Feed My Starving Children	
	2:00 pm	Feed My Starving Children	
† <u>Sunday, April 2</u> ~	9:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship	
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship	
	10:30 am	1 st Communion Class	
	2:30 pm	Cantata Rehearsal	
† <u>Monday, April 3</u> ~	4:30 pm	Bible Study	
† <u>Wednesday, April 5</u> ~	9:00 am	Quilting	
† <u>Thursday, April 6</u> ~	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Meal & 1st Communion	
† <u>Friday, April 7</u> ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl	
	12:00 pm	Good Friday Noon Service	
	7:30 pm	Isle Area Community Cantata	
† <u>Sunday, April 9</u> ~	8:00 am	Easter Sunday Traditional Worship	
	9:00 am	Easter Breakfast	
	10:00 am	Easter Contemporary Worship	
† <u>Monday, April 10</u> ~	6:30 pm	WOW at Sandy Nies'	
† <u>Tuesday, April 11</u> ~	10:00 am	Prayer Team Meeting	
† <u>Wednesday, April 12</u> ~	10:00 am	Connect Team	
	5:30 pm	Faith in Action	
	6:30 pm	Confirmation	
	7:30 pm	Youth Group	
† <u>Sunday, April 16</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship	
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship	
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
† <u>Monday, April 17</u> ~	3:30 pm	Local & Global Mission Ministry Meeting	
	4:30 pm	Bible Study	
† <u>Tuesday, April 18</u> ~	5:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting	
	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	
† <u>Wednesday, April 19</u> ~	9:00 am	Quilting	
	5:30 pm	Faith in Action	
	6:30 pm	Confirmation	
	7:30 pm	Youth Group	
† <u>Friday, April 21</u> ~		Newsletter Articles Due	
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl	
† <u>Sunday, April 23</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship	
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship	
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	

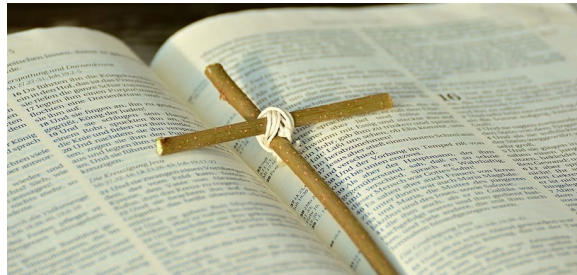
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- ✝ **Monday, April 24 ~** **4:30 pm Bible Study**
- ✝ **Wednesday, April 26 ~** **5:30 pm Faith in Action**
- 6:30 pm Confirmation**
- 7:30 pm Youth Group**
- ✝ **Sunday, April 30 ~** **9:30 am Worship**
- 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship**
- 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal**

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*For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believes in
him should not perish, but
have everlasting life.*

John 3:16



**Faith Lutheran Church Council
Unapproved Minutes
March 21, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by president Craig Lemieux via zoom at 6 p.m.

Members present were Rose Marie Nutt, Sue Temte, Karen Gabriel, Pastor Josh Blair, Diane Gibas, and Craig Lemieux via zoom. Danie Powell was also present to give an update on the progress of the church’s website. Members absent were Doug Halvorson, Nancy Hendry, Breanna Heise, Holly Main, Shari Strecker and Derek Karels.

The agenda was approved with changes by a motion by Sue Temte, seconded by Rose Marie Nutt.

The minutes of the Feb. 21, 2023 council meeting were approved with a motion by Karen Gabriel, seconded by Sue Temte.

The February treasurer’s report was received and approved by a motion by Sue Temte, seconded by Diane Gibas. It was noted that the vision and cost of the upgrade of the north wing should be shared with the congregation.

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Pastor Josh Blair gave his report:

He had 10 visits and nursing home visits.

He attended a conference assembly in preparation for the synod assembly to be held the end of April.

He attended a monthly conference meeting.

He attended a suicide prevention workshop.

He also attended a hymnal workshop.

He is holding first communion classes. Students will receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday.

He is conducting weekly Bible study.

He is conducting weekly confirmation classes and youth programs.

He attends weekly text study.

Lenten services are going well.

Worship and music are planned through the end of April.

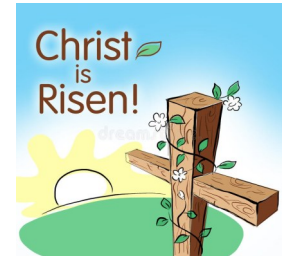
The Kuhlman family is ready to join Faith Church.

He had one hospital visit.

He has a funeral scheduled for April.

He informed us Pastor Brenda Wicklund will be here for two of the Sundays he will be gone because of his graduation and vacation. Lutheran Social Services will be with us on May 14.

He brought up the use of attendance cards. Council discussed using the attendance cards which are located in the pews for guests and the membership attendance would be taken electronically.



Under old business:

Danie Powell showed went through the different pages of the website and council gave input to the look of the website and ease of using it. She will make changes suggested and is also waiting for pictures to be used on the site.

The north wing the heaters are all in, signage within the church still needs to be updated. Decluttering is an ongoing project, and each team will be in charge of deciding what they want and what they don't want to keep.

Hopfully everyone will be done by May 1.

Changing tables have been ordered.

The next policy writing meeting will be held April 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The new toilet has been installed in the women's bathroom and is working.

Under new business:

The council said no to advertising on the school athletic poster.

The Isle Ministerial asked if Faith would hold a breakfast again this year for National Day of Prayer on May 4. Last year the breakfast was not well attended and we discussed other means of starting the day. We will see what the Ministerial thinks and make a decision next month.

Faith will celebrate its 60th anniversary on Sept. 10. We heard a brief introduction of Dan Oman to come to our community. More information will be forth coming.

Under committee meetings:

The prayer committee met and has ongoing projects.

The connect committee is very busy, they have been serving cookies and tea and coffee after the contata practices and will serve coffee and cookies after the contata on Good Friday. They discussed come to the water and want to conclude the series with worship on the water on August 19. They are also working on the Feed by Staving Children trip on April 1.

The next meeting will be held April 18 at 6 p.m.



Dear Heavenly Father, help our journey to the cross be intentional and prayer filled even through our pain, our doubts, our questions and our searching. Help us deepen our commitment to you by living a christian life. May our prayers and actions not be centered on our needs, but be focused towards meeting the needs and concerns of others.



- May these final days leading up to the tragedy of Good Friday and the glory of Resurrection Sunday remind us of who you are, how you love us, and that you have created us to be your followers.
- Bless all who are involved with the Cantata as they tell your Easter story through music.
- Fill our church this Easter with all who yearn to hear and celebrate Easter. May they be filled with your love and leave with renewed faith and hope in you.
- Bless this congregation and all who worship among us. May we draw closer to you and to look to your son, Jesus as an example of his great love and sacrifice. We know that when many hearts and hands work for you, great things can be accomplished in your name. We lift in prayer every member of our congregation that you might open their hearts to give and received your love. Each week this month we lift in prayer the following...
 - Week of April 2 – Ryan, Natasha, Brodie, Maverick, Ryah, and Myles Kuhlman; Brandon, Jennifer, Kendra, and Klara Larson;
 - Week of April 9 – Donald and Pearl Larson; Grace Lazorik; Craig and Jane Lemieux; Denny and Bev Lemm.
 - Week of April 16 – Jeremy, Lynn, Hunter, and Evie Lemm; James, Kim, Jessica, and Aaron Leschak; Joan Lundquist; Sue Lyback and Doug Jacobson.
 - Week of April 23 – Lindy Madson; Joel, Tricia, Loveanna, Trinity, Treasure, True, and Adam Madson; Carl Magnan; Craig and Barb Magnan.
 - Week of April 30 – Holly Main, Mary, and Ivan Jablonski; Donna McClain; Byron Menke and Lisa; Mark and Lori Menke; Dustin and Kate Mensing.
- We ask your presence with those youth of our congregation who are communing with us for the first time. May they experience the joy of sharing the Lord's supper with fellow believers.
- Thank you for all who will be involved with "Feed my Starving Children". Help them realize that when many hands come together, how easy and fun it is to package meals that will provide food and nutrition for thousands of people in this world who have little or nothing to eat.
- Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, bring peace to the dying and companionship to the lonely. Be with all who suffer. We especially pray for those who are on our prayer network and named in our church prayers.
- As the weather warms and the snow melts, so will be the return of our Snow Birds. We ask you to watch over them and give them safe travel as they return to us.
- Be with our synod representatives, Pastor Josh and all who are involved in our NE Synod Assembly the weekend of April 28th. Guide their discussions. Let any decisions that are made, fall within your plans for your churches within this Synod.
- Guide our youth ministry program. Be with our leaders as they plan ministry activities and programs that will help grow our youth in their faith. May we continue to reach, nurture and share your word with them, their friends and other youth in the community.
- Bring warmth to your earth so farmers can begin their spring planting early. Grant favorable weather so crops and food supplies will grow and be abundant this year.
- We thank you for bringing new life to our congregation. We thank you for the many new members and baptisms within this church. Continue to grow them in their faith and to lead them in ways that they can serve you through the various programs and activities that we have to offer.

As we listen for your voice in all that we seek to accomplish, help us to be still and to hear you speak to us. Guide our ways and keep us from our busy-ness that pulls us away from serving you. Amen

**“Gather to Pray” Every Wednesday -
Join with other members each Wednesday by praying from home or at Church.**

Anytime you are in need of personal prayer...feel free to seek prayer during communion on Sunday's or you can contact any prayer team member who will pray with you.

Don't forget 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.

Prayer shawls are available in the Chapel. Shawls are available for you to take and give away to anyone whom you feel is in need of prayers. We ask that you record in the shawl book, the date and to whom the shawl is given. (This helps to not deliver multiple shawls to the same individual.)



Lord, is the world really lost? Hardly anybody thinks so. Can we be lost and not know it? How can you save a world that does not need it or want it? Did you hang on a cross for nothing? We are pondering such things these days. If our hearts did not remind us, the calendar did. It seems no different now than it was when the prophet spoke or when the soldiers pounded nails through your flesh. The world is not impressed. They have gotten used to blood and pain. Yours does not look any different. You are one among many and some deserve what they get. How did our evil put you on a cross? No jury would ever convict us. But our hearts do and so we confess again our own fault, our own most grievous faults. Yet you forgive us, every last one. That is what we want to tell the world.

—from Real Prayers by Wendell Ferichs.

Prayer is an important part of Lent as it is our source of communication to God. Prayer verbalizes our faith as we take time to meditate on the sacrifice of Jesus.



**Blessings: Ellory Christianson, Diane Gibas, Nancy Hendry,
Dave Morneau, Doc Moss, Carolyn Nutt, Pam Peterson, 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, whenever I think of Easter, I am reminded of how much you love me. Help me to share that love by being kind and helpful to my family and friends. Amen.

Holy Week Schedule

- ✝ Palm Sunday on April 2, 9:30 am worship service
- ✝ Maundy Thursday on April 6, 6:00 pm worship service will take place in the fellowship hall w/**POTLUCK** meal and, also, 1st Communion
- ✝ Good Friday on April 7, 12:00 pm Noon Service, Cantata at 7:30 pm
- ✝ Easter Sunday on April 9, 8:00 am Traditional Service, 9:00 am Breakfast, 10:00 am Contemporary Service

Maundy Thursday Potluck

*Service at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

*An Agape Feast- Mediterranean themed, potluck style, representing Jesus' last supper. But please join us, regardless of dish or no dish!

*1st Communion for 4 young ladies!

Easter Breakfast

We are in need of breakfast items:
Eggbake
Fresh Fruit
Pastries/Muffins
Orange Juice

Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am
(between the 8^{am} and 10^{am} services)

Youth will be serving breakfast.

All offerings for the breakfast will go to the Youth Fundraising efforts.

Easter Flowers

We still have Easter flowers available. Please contact the office by Wednesday, April 5th to reserve yours

| <u>Plant</u> | <u>Color</u> | <u>Price</u> |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>Lily</u> | White | \$ 13.00 |
| <u>Daffodils</u> | Yellow | \$ 10.00 |
| <u>Tulips</u> | Variety | \$ 10.00 |
| <u>Hyacinth</u> | Variety | \$ 10.00 |



Touched by the Christ



Written by – Lloyd Larson
Director - Nancy Hendry Accompanist – Shari Jensen

ISLE COMMUNITY LENTEN CANTATA

One performance only – on GOOD FRIDAY

April 7, 2023, 7:30 pm

at Faith Lutheran Church

Freewill offering for Isle Food Shelf

Cabins in the Log Cabins

Sewn by Donna Pinz for
Faith Lutheran Church

The quilt is donated to the Synod Assembly Quilt Auction
nemnquilts2023.givesmart.com
to help end hunger and poverty, and to give warmth.

The Northeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly will be
April 28, 2023 - April 30, 2023



Click here to order  [Faith Lutheran Church Apparel](#)

Faith Lutheran Church

\$5 from each item purchased will support the efforts of the Mission Trip

Place your order before 9AM, Monday, May 1st

Orders will be produced together and delivered to Pastor Josh on or about May 26th

- PLEASE choose "PICK UP AT RIO DESIGN OFFICE" shipping option, or you may be charged for shipping costs.
- Your debit/credit card statement will show as a charge from "RIO DESIGN INK LLC"
- Call (320-495-5041) or email (shelly@riodesignink.com) with any questions.

THANK YOU !!



Youth and Adult Sizes Available
Check Out the Options at

<https://www.riodesignink.com/faith-lutheran-church>

Faith's Favorites: Music Choices

List your favorites in each of the following categories:

Ordinary Times

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Christmas

1. _____
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10. _____

Easter

1. _____
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8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Contemporary

1. _____
2. _____
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9. _____
10. _____

All Time Favorite

Thrivent Members:

**Thrivent members who have Thrivent Choice Dollars
(one of the fraternal benefits of Thrivent)
can direct their Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran Church.**

**Choice Dollars which were accumulated in 2022
must be directed by March 31, 2023.**

**Thrivent members can direct Choice Dollars
by calling Thrivent's Service Center at 1-800-847-4836.**

**Thank you to all Thrivent members who have already
directed their Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran.**



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.



Thank you, Teals!



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|----------|------------|
| March 5 | \$3,367.00 |
| March 12 | \$3,510.00 |
| March 19 | \$2,242.00 |
| March 26 | \$2,947.00 |

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
1st Tuesday of the month 4 pm - 6 pm
4th Tuesday of the month 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

| | | | |
|------|-------------------|------|------------------|
| 4/02 | Carolyn Nutt | 4/12 | Glenda Theis |
| 4/03 | Barb Magnan | 4/13 | Dennis Boser |
| 4/04 | Rayland Eklund | 4/13 | Trace Rieman |
| 4/06 | Dorothy Haggberg | 4/14 | Ivan Jablonski |
| 4/06 | Luke Thompson | 4/15 | Grant Exsted |
| 4/07 | Karen Gabriel | 4/15 | Wesley Oswald |
| 4/08 | Clinton Waddell | 4/15 | Debi Miller |
| 4/09 | Sophie Soderstrom | 4/17 | Esther Paulsen |
| 4/09 | Tucker Haggberg | 4/18 | Marilyn Exsted |
| 4/10 | Sharee Teachout | 4/19 | Noah Borg |
| | | 4/21 | Dhondra Haggberg |



Anniversaries

| | |
|------|------------------------------|
| 4/04 | Brady & Aleia Haggberg |
| 4/12 | Craig & Jane Lemieux |
| 4/14 | Mark & Lori Menke |
| 4/21 | Blake & Whitney Phipps |
| 4/23 | Jim & Kim Leschak |
| 4/26 | Michael & Margie Christensen |
| 4/26 | Clayton & Tonja Eklund |



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



Greetings from Barb, Carolyn, and Marlene. We are the official schedulers for servers at Faith!

Now that we have our new Pastor and worship is back into full swing, we figured we had better get busy, too!

Notices will go out each month, please look to see what tasks you have been assigned for the quarter. If by some chance you are unable to work on that Sunday, please help by trading with someone else on the list (contact numbers are in your directory). That will make our Sunday's run ever so smoothly.

It's like a family; when we all share in the responsibilities, it makes life so easy! Thank you for serving.

SEE NEXT PAGE for APRIL Servers!

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 April 2023

Scripture Readers:

April 2 - Barb Magnan
 Apr 6/Maundy Barb Magnan
 April 9 - ⁸ Doug Halvorson
¹⁰
 April 16 - Sue Borgfelt
 April 23 - Sue Borgfelt
 April 30 - Nancy Rizer-Schmidt

Ushers:

April 2 - _____

 April 9 - ⁸ Derek Karels Family
¹⁰

 April 16 - _____

 April 23 - Bryan Heise Family

 April 30 - _____

Greeters:

April 2 - Leta Christensen,
Shari Strecker
 April 9 - ⁸
¹⁰
 April 16 - Leta C, Shari Strecker
 April 23 - Elaine Freichels,
Arleen Nagel
 April 30 - Elaine F, Arleen N

Prayer Station:

April 2 - _____
 April 9 - ⁸ ¹⁰

 April 16 - _____
 April 23 - _____
 April 30 - _____

Acolytes:

April 2 - _____
 Apr 6/Maundy Parker Gesell
 April 9 - ⁸ Blake Karels
¹⁰ Aidan Heise
 April 16 - Dylan Heise
 April 23 - Rylan Heise
 April 30 - Hunter Lemm

Communion Prep Team:

April 2 - _____
 Apr 6/Maundy _____
 April 9 - ^{8 & 10}

 April 16 - _____
 April 23 - _____
 April 30 - _____

Communion Assistants:

April 2 - Diane Gibas,
Nancy Rizer-Schmidt
 Apr 6/Maundy Hunter Lemm (Confirmand)
 April 9 - ⁸ Doug & Judy Halvorson
¹⁰
 April 16 - Diane Gibas,
Nancy Rizer-Schmidt
 April 23 - Craig Magnan,
Larry Nutt
 April 30 - _____

Coffee Servers:

April 2 - Craig & Barb Magnan
 Apr 6/Maundy Connect Team- Potluck
 April 9 - Easter Breakfast / Youth
 April 16 - Katie and Livia Raverty
Geoff Gesell Family
 April 23 - Glenn & Nancy Erickson
 April 30 - Larry & Carolyn Nutt

Thank you for serving!

April 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| 26
9:30am - Worship
10:30am - Coffee
2:30pm - Cantata | 27
3:30pm - Local & Global
4:30pm - Bible Study | 28 | 29
5:30pm - FIA
6pm - Soup Supper
6:30pm - Confirmation
7pm - Lenten Service | 30
10am - Yoga | 31 | 1
9am - AA Big Book
11:30am - Feed My |
| 2
Palm Sunday
9:30am - Worship
10:30am - 1st Comm
10:30am - Coffee
2:30pm - Cantata | 3
4:30pm - Bible Study | 4 | 5
9am - Quilting
10am - Gather to Pray | 6
Maundy Thursday
10am - Yoga
6pm - Service/Meal | 7
Good Friday
10am - Prayer Shawl
12pm - Service
7:30pm - Cantata | 8
9am - AA Big Book |
| 9
Easter Sunday
8am - Traditional
9am - Easter Breakfast
10am - Contemporary | 10
Easter Monday
1pm - Garden Club
6:30pm - WOW | 11
10am - Prayer Team | 12
10am - Connect Team
10am - Gather to Pray
5:30pm - FIA
6:30pm - Confirmation
7:30pm - Youth Group | 13
10am - Yoga | 14 | 15
9am - AA Big Book |
| 16
9:30am - Worship
10:30am - Coffee
5pm - Choir Rehearsal | 17
3:30pm - Local & Global
4:30pm - Bible Study | 18
Tax Day
5pm - Worship Team
6pm - Council Meeting | 19
9am - Quilting
10am - Gather to Pray
5:30pm - FIA
6:30pm - Confirmation
7:30pm - Youth Group | 20
10am - Yoga | 21
Newsletter Articles Due in
10am - Prayer Shawl | 22
9am - AA Big Book |
| 23
9:30am - Worship
10:30am - Coffee
5pm - Choir Rehearsal | 24
4:30pm - Bible Study | 25 | 26
Newsletter Sent Out
10am - Gather to Pray
5:30pm - FIA
6:30pm - Confirmation
7:30pm - Youth Group | 27
10am - Yoga | 28 | 29
9am - AA Big Book |
| 30
9:30am - Worship
10:30am - Coffee
5pm - Choir Rehearsal | 1
First Day of Asian Pacific | 2 | 3
9am - Quilting
10am - Gather to Pray
5:30pm - FIA
6:30pm - Confirmation
7:30pm - Youth Group | 4
10am - Yoga | 5
Cinco de Mayo
10am - Prayer Shawl | 6 |

[Click Here for April 2023 Calendar](#)





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



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 Josh Blair, Pastor (951) 575-5027
 Craig Lemieux, Council President

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Click this → 