

Tuesday, March 21 ~

United in Faith, our mission is to grow in Christ and serve others.

Faith Findings

March 2023

	Wednesday, March 1 ~	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Quilters Faith in Action Soup Supper Confirmation Lenten Worship Service Youth Group	THE JOURN
T	Friday, March 3 ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl	111
t	Sunday, March 5 ~	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 2:30 pm	Worship Coffee Fellowship 1 st Communion Class Cantata Rehearsal	
Ť	Monday, March 6 ~	4:30 pm	Bible Study	
t	Wednesday, March 8 ~	10:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Connect Team Faith in Action Soup Supper Confirmation Lenten Worship Service Youth Group	
Ŷ	Sunday, March 12 ~	9:30 am 10:30 am 2:30 pm	Worship Coffee Fellowship Cantata Rehearsal	THE FORTY
ŧ	Monday, March 13 ~	4:30 pm	Bible Study	DAYS of LENT
_	Tuesday, March 14 ~	10:00 am	Prayer Team Meeting	OF EERT
_	Wednesday, March 15 ~	9:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Quilters Faith in Action Soup Supper Confirmation Lenten Worship Service Youth Group	
ŧ	Friday, March 17 ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl	
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_	Sunday, March 19 ~	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 2:30 pm	Worship Coffee Fellowship 1 st Communion Class Cantata Rehearsal	
Ť	Monday, March 20 ~	4:30 pm	Bible Study	

Worship Ministry Meeting

Church Council Meeting

5:00 pm

6:00 pm

합 <u>Wednesday, March 22</u> ~	5:30 pm	Faith in Action
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship Service
	7:30 pm	Youth Group
합 Sunday, March 26 ~	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	2:30 pm	Cantata Rehearsal
압 <u>Monday, March 27</u> ~	3:30 pm	Local & Global Mission Ministry Meeting
	4:30 pm	Bible Study

Faith Lutheran Church Council

Unapproved Minutes February 21, 2023

Unapproved minutes, Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Feb. 21, 2023.

Members present: Doug Halvorson, Nancy Hendry, Pastor Josh Blair, Karen Gabriel, Derek Karels, Rose Marie Nutt, Diane Gibas and Breanna Heise via zoom.

Members absent: Craig Lemieux, Sue Temte, Shari Strecker and Holly Main.

The meeting was called to order by Doug Halvorson.

Pastor Josh gave devotions.

Nancy Hendry moved and Rose Marie Nutt seconded the motion to approve the agenda with modifications. The motion passed.

Derek Karels moved to approve the January 17 secretary report, Rose Marie Nutt seconded the motion and it passed.

The treasurer's report was received. Expenses are being managed, and contributions remain healthy. We are in line with the 2023 budget. The church is in good financial shape. People continue to watch services on You Tube. Derek Karels moved to accept the treasurer report, Karen Gabriel seconded the motion. The report was accepted.

Pastor Josh gave his report. He had four visits in his office, two funerals, he met with the RURAL committee, he had five visits with local pastors and has met with fellow seminarians to develop a continuing education group on preaching. He has two baptisms and a wedding coming up. He has been approved for graduation and will receive his PhD in May. First communion classes are coming up soon. Students will receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday. NEMS Bishop Amy has asked Josh to allow her to put his name forward to be on the ELCA Commission for Renewed Lutheran Church. This is a national office and will be finalized in April. If he is chosen to sit on the committee, he will need to be in Chicago for a few days in July to work on the structure of the church.

The synod assembly will be April 28 through 30 this year.

Pastor gave the council his time off requests. He asked for May 10-27 for his graduation in Virginia and a vacation. He will be gone two Sundays. He will be back for one Sunday, then will take off for the youth trip.

July 17-20, he has a rostered ministers gathering in Arizona. This is part of his continuing education and will be paid for out of those funds. Nancy Hendry made the motion, seconded by Derek Karels to approve the time off. The motion passed.

Senior recognition day is tentatively scheduled for May 28 this year.

Under Old Business:

A flooring person has been talked to regarding the flooring in the north wing education area. He suggested we go with carpeting. It would be less expensive and be better on the cement floor. We still would like to go with vinyl flooring in the meeting room at that end of the building. Doug will get an additional quote. In full discloser the guy talked to is Pastor Josh's sister-in-law's brother.

The ceiling in the Sunday school rooms need work and the door to the north wing needs to be replaced. This continues to be an ongoing project.

The furnace was off in the north wing for a while, so it was quite cold down there. It was suggested we put a sign there to leave the temperature as it is. Wall heaters have been ordered for the rooms without heat.

Policies were discussed and five were approved: 1) Building use; 2) Code of ethics; 3) Internet; 4) Safe church; 5) weddings. The funeral policy was previously approved. Nancy Hendry made to motion, seconded by Karen Gabriel to approve these policies.

Danie is working on the website. It is going well.

The company that is going to work on the bell will hopefully be here before Easter.

Two more microphones are being installed in the sanctuary.

Under new business:

Decluttering storage areas is an ongoing project. Groups that use the areas and equipment will be closely involved in the process. This will begin after Easter.

Faith apparel will be available through RIO as a youth fundraiser. There will be a link through the Faith website to the RIO site to order apparel.

A benefit for Joe Schweich will be held March 18. Faith will act as a pass-through agent for the fundraiser. A motion by Rose Marie Nutt, Seconded by Derek Karels was passed unanimously.

Rose Marie Nutt made the motion, seconded by Karen Gabriel to pursue adding changing tables for the women's and men's bathrooms. The motion passed.

One of the toilets in the ladies' bathroom needs to be replaced. Attempts have been made to fix it to no avail. It was requested that a taller toilet be purchased to replace the broken one.

Ministry team coordinators gave reports.

Worship and music have been planning Lenten and Easter services.

The Prayer committee met discussing ongoing projects.

The connect committee will serve tea and goodies following the cantata practices. On April 1 a group from Faith will go to Feed by Starving Children to prepare meal kits that will go to those in need.

Local and Global Missions is hoping to get together with Matt Kobb regarding a program to look forward to diversifying our church. They are looking at the possibility of a sister church or sponsoring a missionary.

Children, Youth and family are working on the youth trip and fundraising. The youth made \$2,400 for the pancake breakfast they served, thanks to a matching grant up to \$1,000.

The cemetery committee would like to set up a date before Memorial Day to clean the cemetery.

The next meeting will be held March 21 at 6 p.m. at Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.





Dear Heavenly Father, during this season of lent, quiet our minds as we look inward to find our weaknesses, our struggles, and our disappointments. Then let us see that even during those times, you were there with us, giving us the strength and courage to rise up regardless of our circumstances. As you continue to be present in our lives, let your Spirit shine within us, letting others know you came to replace the pain and suffering in this world with hope and peace.

- We lift up the millions of people who are wandering on his earth in search of safety, stability, work and basic human needs due to war, poverty, famine, earthquakes, flooding, fires and other natural disasters. May these people find compassion and support from Christians around the world and come to know the power of the cross.
- Bless the work of all who plan to participate in packaging food for "Feed my Starving Children" on April 1. May they realize the impact they have on bringing hope to thousands of people in the world.
- Continue to bless the hands of the quilters and prayer shawl makers for the many quilts and shawls they have made and given away. Their work is a blessing onto others.
- We hold in our prayers those who do not have adequate medical insurance and those who do not have access to adequate medical care. We thank you for all who give of their time to care for the elderly, the sick, and the homeless. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal.
- We lift up those on our prayer network as well as others who we know are in need of our prayers.
 Make your comforting presence known to them. Comfort the grieving and surround them with your love. Grant peace and comfort to all who are home bound and unable to maneuver in this wintery weather.
- Help us to be more like you and to accept others as you created them. Give us the wisdom to do the right thing in all situations. We are your family and you have asked us to care for one another so we pray for every member of our congregation so they might know your love for them. Each week this month we pray for the following...
 - •Week of March 5 Rick Jobe and Virginia Freese; Brad, Melissa, Noah, and Caleb Johnson; Donna Johnson.
 - •Week of March 12 Shaun, Katie, Graham, Dawson, and Gwendolyn Joy; Bryan and Diana Karels: Dale Karels.
 - •Week of March 19 Derek, Lacy, Lucas, and Blake Karels; Roland (Butch) and Leslie Karg; Randi Kautz; Joyce Kloncz.
 - •Week of March 26 Frank and Barb Kriz; Tom and Carol Kuelbs; Alex, Blair, Louise, and Letty Larson; Bob and Denise Larson.
- We lift up the growing number of families living in poverty and having to make difficult decisions between housing and food; heating and eating; medicine or nutrition. Ease their decisions by opening the eyes and hearts of people to see disparity exists. Move us to do what we can to help others and make us advocates for a stable source of food for all families and households.
- Be with our children who are taking 1st communion classes. Help them to understand your presence and the importance of participating in this important sacrament.
- Continue to bless all who are involved in the Cantata. May their voices sing your praises and tell the story of your redeeming love.

Throughout this Lenten season, may we be nourished by your word, be devoted to you with all our heart and to have our prayers unite us. 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.)

Lenten season is a time to let go and let God be the important part of our life. It is a time to recognize our own brokenness as humans and our need for a savior. It is a time to pray often, to reflect on God's word, and to open our heart to Jesus and all that he has to offer.

Let it be a time of repentance and prayer. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of lent, a day to remind us of our own humanity and the pending reality of Christ's death on the cross. We live in a sinful world and we are drawn into sin in so many different ways. Both through things we have done that we are not especially happy about and those things that should have been done but were not done. In both instances, we distance ourselves and our relationship with God. So, during lent, let us take time to confess all that we have done wrong and ask God for his help in doing what is right. Prayer is a way for us to communicate with God and it is through prayer our relationship with him will grow stronger.

Let it be a time of fasting and doing good works. Fasting is not to be viewed as an obligation, but something that helps clear our mind of the distractions that take us away from Christ. Fasting is traditionally associated with abstaining from food, but fasting can be abstaining from anything that is not good for us...maybe it is playing too many video games or eating too much junk food. Or, it could be watching too much tv or spending our free time on electronic devices. To abstain from something difficult, our attention needs to be directed elsewhere. Maybe, our time can be directed towards doing good works for others. By giving of ourselves to help others, our relationship with God will grow deeper and deeper.

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 God, thank you for loving me always. Help me to not think I am so strong that I can take care of everything by myself. Amen.



Bible Study will be Mondays at 4:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church beginning February 27, 2023 and running for 8 sessions.





We will start Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm and worship at 7:00 pm.



Camp Onomia

The summer camp schedules are set!

To register or for more information visit

www.CampOnomia.org

Discount if registered by March 15 **and**Faith Lutheran Church will pay 1/2 for members.
There's even one for GrandparentKIDS!





The Faith Youth are selling Butter Braids AND
Cake Rolls as a fundraiser for their mission trip
this summer to Niagara Falls.
Your choices of cake rolls are Pumpkin;
Chocolate Crème; Lemon Crème; Red Velvet; Carrot;
Strawberry ... they are \$16.00 each.
Your choices of pastries are Strawberry & Cream Cheese;
Apple; Cinnamon; Blueberry & Cream Cheese; Raspberry;
Caramel Rolls; Cinnamon Rolls; Herb & Cheese;
Bavarian Crème ... they are \$15.00 each.
You may contact the office or a youth for your order,
or for your convenience, simply click on the link below
and order online. The deadline for ordering and

Faith Lutheran Youth Fundraiser

payment is March 19 and delivery will be March 28, 2023!



Cancer Benefit For Medical + Living Expenses

Spring into Action

Saturday, March 18 from 4pm-7pm

McQuiod's Event Center
1325 State Hwy 47, Isle, MN 56342

Benefit for Joe Schweich









Silent Auction Fellowship • Food

T A C O F E S

Joe Schweich is a single dad and veteran struggling with life and medical expenses from his battle with cancer. Come support a great guy, visit and enjoy live music and tacos!

At this time if you'd like to donate or have questions on how you can help contact Barb Magnan at 320-282-4169 or by emailing SpringIntoActionforJoe@gmail.com

You can donate online at: https://gofund.me/1f5e9b8c



Heartland Conference Women's Spring Gathering SATURDAY, MARCH 25 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

First Lutheran Church (107 2nd St. SE, Aitkin)

The program,
presented by Georgia
Larson, will inspire and
equip us to take care
of our physical and
spiritual health.

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Registration/Coffee Fellowship

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Program & Lunch

Registration \$10 (includes lunch)

Did you know? Silent auction & marketplace items are welcome!

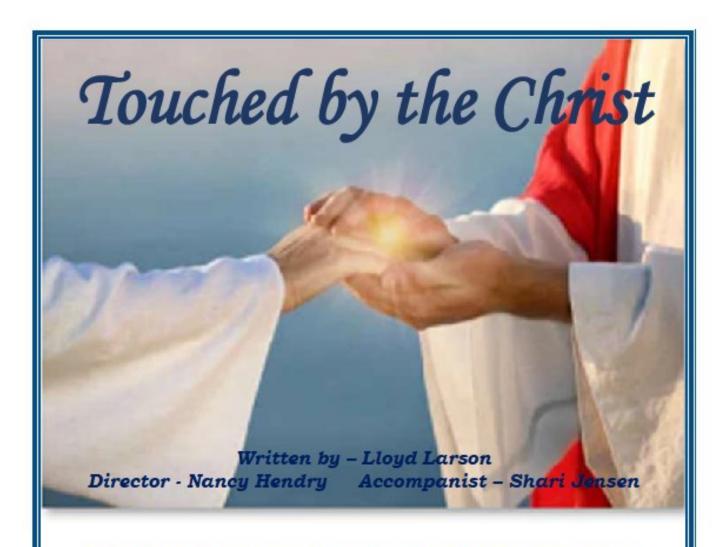


Faith's Favorites: Music Choices

List your favorites in each of the following categories:

Ordinary Times	Christmas			
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9	9			
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Easter	Contemporary			
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7	7			
8	8			
9	9			
LO	10			

All Time Favorite



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

Lenten Schedule

Wednesday during Lent we will have . . .

- ₱ Faith in Action will start at 5:30 pm and class from 6:00—7:00 pm
- Soup supper for the congregation at 6:00 pm
- Confirmation will be a short class at 6:30 pm, followed by worship
- ↑ Lenten service at 7:00 pm
- ₱ Youth Group will meet at 7:30 pm

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday on April 2, 9:30 am worship service
- 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 Flowers

We are still trying to iron out the details for Easter flowers.

Ordering information will be sent out as soon as it's available.



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!



February 5	\$2,030.00
February 12	\$3,437.00
February 19	\$2,466.00
February 26	\$1,184.00



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



March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

3/01	Paige Anderson	3/14 Cole Oswald
3/02	Justin Borgfelt	3/16 Elinor Bertek
3/02	Ronda Bjornson	3/18 Jim Leschak
3/03	Bev Lemm	3/19 Marlene Green
3/03	Jane Lemieux	3/19 Paul Magnan
3/05	Melissa Johnson	3/20 Lindy Madson
3/06	Briana Bruske	3/22 Aaron Bitzan
3/06	Holden Thielen	3/23 Scarlett Rens
3/09	Deegan Pedersen	3/25 Joyce Kloncz
3/09	Nevaeh Gesell	3/28 Blair Larson
3/10	Doug Halvorson	3/28 Evelyn Samuelson
3/12	Joanne Anderson	3/29 Jody Amundson
3/13	Jake Sawatzky	3/31 Tonja Eklund
		3/31 Ivan Bitzan



Anniversaries

3/19 Les & Donna Pinz



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 MARCH Servers!

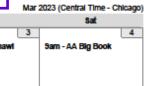
If you find that you are unable to fulfill the task on your given Sunday, please find someone to take your place and let the office know as soon as possible!!

SERVERS for Worship March 2023

Scripture Reade	ers:	Acolytes:	
March 5 -	Diane Gibas	March 5 -	Dylan Heise
March 12 -	Ronda Bjornson	March 12 -	Rylan Heise
March 19 -	Ronda Bjornson	March 19 -	Blake Larson
March 26 -	Sandy Nies	March 26 -	Tristan Schweich
<u>Ushers</u> :		Communion Pre	ep Team:
March 5 -	Derek Karels Family	March 5 -	
		March 12 -	
March 12 -	Heise Family	March 19 -	
		March 26 -	
March 19 -	David & Susie Haggberg		
		Communion As	sistants:
March 26 -	David & Susie Haggberg	March 5 -	Kristi Pedersen
			Larry Nutt
		March 12 -	Kristi Pedersen
<u>Greeters</u> :			Larry Nutt
March 5 -	Shari Strecker	March 19 -	Rose Marie Nutt
			Kathy Harrison
March 12 -		March 26 -	Rose Marie Nutt
			Kathy Harrison
March 19 -	Rosemarie Nutt		
	Kathy Harrison	Coffee Servers:	
March 26 -	Kevin & Melanie Slama	March 5 -	Heise Family
		March 12 -	Ronda Bjornson & Marlen
Prayer Station:			Holly Main
March 5 -		March 19 -	Conrad Thomsen
March 12 -			Elaine Norman
March 19 -		March 26 -	Bob & Kristi Pedersen
March 26 -	Sandy Nies		Tara & Tyler Soderstrom

Thank You for Serving!

March 2023 Faith Lutheran Church , Holidays in United States



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
9:30am - Worship	3:30pm - Local & Global		First Day or women's	10am - Yoga	10am - Prayer Shawl	9am - AA Big Book
10:30am - Coffee	4:30pm - Bible Study		9am - Quilting			
2:30pm - Cantata			5:30pm - FIA			
			6pm - Soup Supper			
			6:30pm - Confirmation			
			7pm - Lenten Service			
			7:30pm - Youth Group			
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9:30am - Worship	4:30pm - Bible Study		10am - Connect Team	10am - Yoga		9am - AA Big Book
10:30am - 1st Comm			5:30pm - FIA			
10:30am - Coffee			6pm - Soup Supper			
2:30pm - Cantata			6:30pm - Confirmation			
			7pm - Lenten Service			
			7:30pm - Youth Group			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Daylight saving Time	1pm - Garden Club	10am - Prayer Team	9am - Quilting	10am - Yoga	Newsietter Articles Due in	9am - AA Big Book
9:30am - Worship	4:30pm - Bible Study		5:30pm - FIA		St. Patneks Day	
10:30am - Coffee			6pm - Soup Supper		10am - Prayer Shawl	
2:30pm - Cantata			6:30pm - Confirmation			
			7pm - Lenten Service			
			7:30pm - Youth Group			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am - Worship	4:30pm - Bible Study	5pm - Worship Team	Newsietter sent out	10am - Yoga		9am - AA Big Book
10:30am - 1st Comm		6pm - Council Meeting	5:30pm - FIA			
10:30am - Coffee			6pm - Soup Supper			
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Please call the office at (320) 676-3161 or email yougotfaith@frontier.com with any changes in your contact information.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm Monday & Friday - Closed Church Office - (320) 676-3161 PO Box 71, Isle, MN 56342 Website: www.faithisle.org E-mail: yougotfaith@frontier.com

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

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Click this

