

† Wednesday, May 3 ~

9:00 am Quilting
5:30 pm Faith in Action
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:30 pm Youth Group



† Thursday, May 4 ~

7:00-9:00 am Prayer Gathering (drop-in format w/coffee & rolls)
11:00 am-2:00 pm Open Prayer (drop-in format)
7:00-8:30 pm Concert of Prayer at Isle Baptist Church

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

† Friday, May 5 ~

10:00 am Prayer Shawl

† Sunday, May 7 ~

9:30 am Worship /Baptism
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

† Monday, May 8 ~

6:30 pm WOW at Sandy Nies'

† Tuesday, May 9 ~

10:00 am Prayer Team Meeting

† Wednesday, May 10 ~

10:00 am Connect Team
5:30 pm Faith in Action
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:30 pm Youth Group



† Sunday, May 14 ~

9:30 am Worship—MOTHER'S DAY
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

† Tuesday, May 16 ~

5:00 pm Worship Ministry Meeting
6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

† Wednesday, May 17 ~

9:00 am Quilting
11:30 am WELCA
5:30 pm Faith in Action (last one for the season)
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:30 pm Youth Group

† Friday, May 19 ~

10:00 am Newsletter Articles Due
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

† Saturday, May 20 ~

9:00 am-12:00 pm Spring Cleaning at Faith

† Sunday, May 21 ~

9:30 am Worship / Baptism
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

† Monday, May 22 ~

3:30 pm Local & Global Mission Ministry Meeting

† Wednesday, May 24 ~

6:30 pm Confirmation (last one for the season)
7:00 pm Baccalaureate at Isle High School Auditorium

† Friday, May 26 ~

7:00 pm Isle High School Graduation

† Sunday, May 28 ~

9:30 am Worship / Senior Recognition / Mission Trip Blessing
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

† Wednesday, May 30 ~

7:30 pm Youth Group



Faith Lutheran Church Council
Unapproved Minutes
April 18, 2023

Members present: Rose Marie Nutt, Pastor Josh Blair, Nancy Hendry, Craig Lemieux, Shari Strecker, Karen Gabriel, Sue Temte, Derek Karels and Diane Gibas.

Members absent: Holly Main, Breanna Heise and Doug Halvorson.

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

Pastor Josh gave the devotion.

The agenda was approved with no modifications after a motion by Shari, seconded by Rose Marie.

The minutes of the March 21, 2023 council meeting were approved with a motion by Shari, seconded by Nancy.

The treasurer's report was discussed. We continue to be in healthy financial condition keeping in mind our expenditures are higher this year because we now have a full time pastor and our building has needed some repairs due to age. The council approved the treasurer's report after a motion by Sue, seconded by Rose Marie.

Pastor Josh gave his report. He said he felt Holy week went well. He had two funerals last month, four baptisms, 11 hospital visits, took part in a text study Met with Faith ministry teams, met with the Isle ministerial, met with preaching cohorts took part in a conference meeting, held a meeting with chaperones who will be going with on the youth mission trip to Niagara Falls this summer, and he met with the Faith formation network.

Looking forward:

* Baccalaureate is coming up on May 26. The ministerium is discussing a different format to begin in 2024 to encourage more community involvement, more on that will be forthcoming.

National Day of Prayer will be held May 4. Faith will started the day with coffee and doughnuts, the church will be open throughout the day for people to come and pray. Pr. Josh said we will have maps of the world along with battery operated tea lights for people to light and acknowledge prayers for others around the world, and a community prayer service will be held at the Isle Baptist Church.

Pastor reminded us he will be gone May 10 - May 26 for his graduation and a vacation. Pastor James at Bethesda, and Rick Gabriel and Sue Lyback, both area SAMs, will be available for emergencies.

Rick Gabriel and Sue Lyback, two of our members are considering attending seminary. They are both serving as synod authorized ministers for local parishes. A financial contribution to them was discussed, but no decision was made.

Old business:

* The North Wing, formerly known as the Education Area is still under remodeling. Bids have been let and received, but Craig said we do have questions that need to be addressed before decisions are made. There are volunteers who are willing to paint when it is ready, heaters are in, new signs will be put up when it is organized. Decluttering was discussed. Each group that has items in the church is asked to go through their areas and decide what is needed and what can be gotten rid of. This should be done in May.

* Gifts from the church were discussed. In the past we have given carnations to mothers and last year we gave beef sticks to fathers on their special days. With a motion by Sue, seconded by Karen it was decided to withhold gifts this year on Mother's Day and Father's Day.

* The personnel committee will meet to discuss hiring a new custodian. The committee will determine the posting and details of finding a custodian to clean the church.

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- * A second policy writing is set for Saturday April 22 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- * Changing tables for the bathrooms have been ordered.
- * The toilet in the handicapped stall in the ladies bathroom has been replaced. Now there are two new toilets in the ladies room. There is also a new toilet in the men's bathroom.
- * Craig wanted to express gratitude for a job well done for the Cantata. In addition to the participants, he acknowledged Rick Gabriel for coaching the speakers and Lori Menke for the design and creating the amazing costumes.

New business:

A spring clean up date has been set for Sat. May 20 from 9 a.m. until noon, weather permitting.

Ministry Teams: reports:

- * Worship and Music: Nancy said plans were made for when Pr. Josh is gone in May.
- * Connect: Rose Marie said plans were underway for Come to the Water this summer. It will be held June 21 - Aug. 16. On the last day it will be a launch ride with pizza. They are looking for people to host the supper during the services.
- * Local and Global Missions is looking for a global missionary. Profiles should be coming in soon. They are also looking at needs within our community. In conjunction with our 60th anniversary this year she mentioned our congregation collect 60 items of what ever is needed, for instance 60 items of personal care to give to the school for kids in need or 60 hours of volunteer time at One More Time Two.
- * Youth raised approximately \$1,800 on butter braid sales this year to help pay for their mission trip. The Faith gear sale is ongoing.

The meeting was adjourned with motion by Nancy, seconded by Sue at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held May 16 at 6 p.m.

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Feed My Starving Children
 Rescheduled for June 24, 2023
 Meet at Faith for Carpooling at 9:30 am
 Packing begins at 11:30 am in Coon Rapids
 RSVP to Church Office or Pastor Josh

Congratulations to our Graduates

Congratulations to all our graduating college students, especially Pastor Josh Blair as he has earned his doctorate degree. In celebration, he will be out of the office May 10—May 27.

We praise God for the path that He has orchestrated for you and are thankful for the wisdom and skills you share with Faith.

Isle High School

- † Baccalaureate— Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 7:00^{pm}
Isle High School Auditorium
- † Graduation— Friday, May 26, 2023, 7:00^{pm}
Isle High School Gymnasium
- † Senior Recognition— Sunday, May 28, 2023, 9:30^{am} Worship
Faith Lutheran Church



Please come and show your support to these amazing young men!

Congratulations to all the graduating high school seniors,
but especially our very own,

Hunter Haggberg
Kallan Pojanowski
Matthew Schweich
Tucker Strecker

*I am
always with
you.*



We are so proud of you and will continue to keep you in our prayers as you progress into the next phase of your life. May you continue to use God as your source of strength and courage, and remember that He is always with you.



Dear Heavenly Father, as spring begins to arrive and we see new growth springing forth from the earth, let it remind us that we too have been given new life and new opportunities to grow through your son, Jesus. You have called us, as your children, to be abundant in our giving, to mend our broken relationships, and to extend your goodness and mercy to others.



- Give us glad and generous hearts so that we may be ready to praise you and respond to the needs all around us. Remove those feelings of resentment or guilt so that we may embrace your world with love and compassion. On May 4th, this years National Day of Prayer, may we all turn to you in prayer and meditation so that through our faith, your people may be united in working together for peace in this world.
- Make this church a place where people can be honest and transparent about their struggles and their weaknesses and know that they are still loved. Make us steadfast in our faith so that we may be ready to serve when we are called. We lift in prayer all members of this congregation. Each week this month we pray for the following...
 - Week of May 7 – William Michaelis and Ellory Christianson; Curt and Di Miller; David, Nancy, Megan, Emily, and Daniel Miller.
 - Week of May 14 – Debi Miller and Tom Bipes; Joyce Miller; Claire Minor; Dave Morneau.
 - Week of May 21 – Doc and Marlene Moss; Arleen Nagel; Mike and Maxine Neumann; Sandy Nies and Doug Johnson.
 - Week of May 28 – Elaine Norman; David and Rose Marie Nutt; Larry and Carolyn Nutt; Bev Olson.
- Forgive us for our carelessness in our treatment and care of your creation. Help us to be better stewards of what you have given us. Show us ways to respect, love, protect and preserve this fragile planet. We pray for those who work the land and may they find favorable weather for both planting and growing crops.
- Be with all who are hurting, who are sick and grieving, and for all who struggle to live each day. We lift up those on our prayer network and those named in our church prayers. Surround them all with your love, bring them comfort and send your healing touch.
- Continue to work in the lives of the youth of our congregation. Be with those planning this summers mission trip and give us generous hearts in support of their fundraising activities.
- As we near the end of another year of Faith in Action, we thank you for all the teachers and helpers who made this ministry possible. We ask that you lift up and call forth teachers and staff needed for the coming year so that his important ministry can continue to grow.
- Be with all who are graduating this spring from high schools, colleges and other learning institutions. Guide them in this next phase of their life journey. May they continue to grow in their faith and knowledge of Jesus where ever life might take them. Protect and keep all our children safe over the summer months.
- This Memorial Day weekend, be with all who will be traveling. Watch over them and keep them safe.
- We thank you for the generations past who have given their lives to protect our freedom and for those who are currently serving our country.

With so many distractions in today's world, we fail to see you. So, open our eyes and hearts to signs of your presence in the world around us. May we be grateful for what we have and may we offer our thanks for the many gifts you continually bestow on us each and every day. AMEN

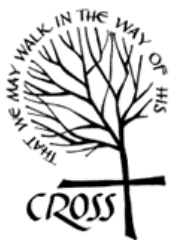
“It is an astonishing truth that while I serve Christ it is He who serves me.”

**“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.)



A life contemplating the *blessings* of Christ becomes a life acting the *love* of Christ.

The following thoughts and words come from Ann Voskamp in her book “One Thousand Gifts.”

God blesses me with his grace. So just as I am blessed, I too can bless.

Ann uses the word “eucharisteo” which comes from the root word charis, and its meaning is grace. God’s love for each of us is so great that he blesses each of us with his grace. When Jesus took bread, he saw it as grace, he gave thanks, and he gave it to us. Eucharisteo is more than just breaking and giving of bread and in the washing of feet. It is about grace and giving that grace away. You see, we have been called to give. It is about moving into a larger circle of life...out into the community. It is washing the feet of the world with the same grace that was given to us. Communion is just the beginning—it is completed through serving. When God calls us into communion and to give thanks, he is calling us to give our thanks away—to be a loving thanks that extends God’s grace to others. When we do so, our lives become the very blessings we’ve received.

**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, thank you for giving us the Bible to read so we can learn how to live each day. Help us to live every day by being kind to everyone. Amen.

**Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA)
Newsletter for May 2023**

The WELCA officers are:

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| President | Marlene Moss |
| Vice President | Donna Pinz |
| Secretary | Dorothy Haggberg |
| Treasurer | Dee Berg |

We are still working on a schedule for meetings so that more women can attend.

We are having a meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at the church. Hope many of you can participate.

During the year, WELCA has made donations to the Synod WELCA, Seafarers Ministry, and funeral memorials for members. Quilters continued to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and the graduates of 2023. We give a huge thank you to Donna for the beautiful quilt she made for auction at the Synod Assembly April 28-30, 2023.

Three of our ladies attended the Heartland Conference Spring Gathering at First Lutheran in Aitkin, MN on Saturday, March 25, 2023. Almost 100 women were in attendance for an all-inclusive day of fellowship, business, and worship. Our speaker was Georgia Larson who spoke on "Becoming who God created you to be".

The Altar Care is overseen by Dee Berg and Nancy Rizer-Schmidt and their work is greatly appreciated. They welcome volunteers when extra help is needed for this means of serving. All women are members of WELCA and we would like your fellowship and ideas to be a part of future decisions for Faith.

We are serving funerals and special events as needed and our group leaders are always trying to keep the list of women current so that you all have an opportunity to serve.

Again, we wish to thank all of you in WELCA and as members of Faith for the help and food provided for serving funerals, supplies donated for school kits, quilting supplies donated, and the prayers for all of our endeavors. Thank you.

God Bless our church women.

Marlene Moss, President of WELCA

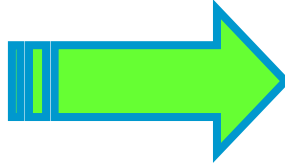


All women are invited to
join Faith's WELCA meeting on
Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

EXTENDED

Place your order before 9 a.m., Monday, **May 7th**

Click here to order



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Faith Lutheran Church

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

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>

Beginning June 21, 2023



COME TO THE WATER
FREE MEAL & WORSHIP
ISLE CITY PARK
5:30PM
WEDNESDAYS



Faith
Lutheran Church
To Grow and Serve



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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| April 2 | \$2,049.00 |
| April 9 | \$4,851.68 |
| April 16 | \$2,252.00 |
| April 23 | \$2,960.00 |

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



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

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| 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 |
| 5/18 | Myles Kuhlman | 5/31 | Letty Larson |
| 5/19 | Dawson Joy | | |



Anniversaries

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| 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.



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 MAY 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 May 2023

Scripture Readers:

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| May 7 - | Jane Lemieux |
| May 14 - | Jane Lemieux |
| May 21 - | Sue Gustner |
| May 28 - | Sue Gustner |

Acolytes:

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| May 7 - | Blake Larson |
| May 14 - | Ethan Borg |
| May 21 - | Parker Gesell |
| May 28 - | Blake Karels |

Ushers:

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| May 7 - | Mike & Michele Haggberg |
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| May 14 - | Glenn & Nancy Erickson |
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| May 21 - | Judy Crace,
Doc Moss |
| May 28 - | Judy Crace,
Doc Moss |

Communion Prep Team:

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| May 7 - | |
| May 14 - | |
| May 21 - | |
| May 28 - | |

Greeters:

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| May 7 - | Aliesha Holbert
Conrad Thomsen |
| May 14 - | Aliesha Holbert
Conrad Thomsen |
| May 21 - | Donna Moore
Maxine Newmann |
| May 28 - | Donna Moore
Maxine Newmann |

Communion Assistants:

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| May 7 - | Craig & Jane Lemieux |
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| May 14 - | Craig & Jane Lemieux |
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| May 21 - | Judy Crace,
Doc Moss |
| May 28 - | Judy Crace,
Doc Moss |

Coffee Servers:

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| May 7 - | Les & Donna Pinz,
Jake & Kortney Sawatzky |
| May 14 - | Bruce & Laurie Richards,
Butch & Leslie Karg |
| May 21 - | Doug & Judy Halvorson,
Curt & Di Miller |
| May 28 - | David Miller Family |

Prayer Station:

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| May 7 - | |
| May 14 - | |
| May 21 - | |
| May 28 - | |

Thank You for Serving!

May 2023

Faith Lutheran Church, Holidays In United States

May 2023 (Central Time - Chicago)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 30
NEMN Synod Assembly
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
National Day of Prayer
7am - Prayer Gathering @
10am - Yoga
11am - Open Prayer @
7pm - Concert of Prayer | 5
Cinco de Mayo
10am - Prayer Shawl | 6
Sam - AA Big Book |
| 7
9:30am - Worship
10:30am - Coffee
5pm - Choir Rehearsal | 8
1pm - Garden Club
6:30pm - WOW | 9
10am - Prayer Team | 10
10am - Connect Team
10am - Gather to Pray
5:30pm - FIA
6:30pm - Confirmation
7:30pm - Youth Group | 11
10am - Yoga | 12 | 13
Sam - AA Big Book |
| 14
Mother's Day
9:30am - Worship
10:30am - Coffee | 15 | 16
5pm - Worship Team
6pm - Council Meeting | 17
9am - Quilting
10am - Gather to Pray
11:30am - WELCA
5:30pm - FIA
6:30pm - Confirmation
7:30pm - Youth Group | 18
10am - Yoga | 19
Newspaper Articles Due in
10am - Prayer Shawl | 20
Sam - AA Big Book
Sam - Spring Clean-up @ |
| 21
9:30am - Worship
10:30am - Coffee | 22
3:30pm - Local & Global | 23 | 24
Newspaper sent out
10am - Gather to Pray
6:30pm - Confirmation
7pm - Isle Baccalaureate | 25
10am - Yoga | 26
7pm - Isle Graduation @ | 27
Sam - AA Big Book |
| 28
9:30am - Senior
9:30am - Worship
10:30am - Coffee | 29
Memorial Day | 30 | 31
10am - Gather to Pray
7:30pm - Youth Group | 1
First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride
10am - Yoga | 2 | 3
Sam - AA Big Book |

[Click Here for May 2023 Calendar](#)



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

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