



Faith Life Together

Faith Lutheran Church - Volume 4, Issue 3 - March 2020

The month of March is in the season of Lent. Our church and community are blessed to have two Lent worship opportunities each week. This month we also look forward to increasing the number of members in our Faith family.

This year Community Lent services will be held at Hope Church in Spencer. Each Wednesday, a pair of local churches serve the meal beginning at 11:30 a.m. Pastors from different churches lead a worship service from 12:20 to 1:00 p.m. Faith Lutheran will have an opportunity to serve lunch on April 1. Please contact Jim or Joan Unrau if you can help with a potluck dish and/or serving.

Our Lenten worship at Faith this year will focus on a renewal of faith with a "Journey through the Psalms" on Sundays and Wednesdays. Each Wednesday, February 26 – April 1, will be a great opportunity for fellowship around good food and good people. The evening will start with a potluck meal led by Jim and Joan Unrau. Worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. Each week beginning March 4, one of our own Faith members will share their God story in a message that correlates with a Psalm. These worship services are sure to be inspiring.

This month the middle school students get their turn at a lock-in right here at Faith! On Saturday, March 21, the students will join Evan Nielsen for a night of fun and worship. They'll end their lock-in by attending Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m.

We rejoice that a number of people are joining our Faith family on Sunday, March 22. The Evangelism Ministry team will host new member orientation on Sunday, March 15. Let's warmly welcome our newest members!

First Communion classes begin March 1. Each Sunday throughout March, children and parents will be studying to prepare for the child's first communion. They'll be exploring the wonders and mystery of Christ's gifts of forgiveness and life in his body and blood every time we share Holy Communion. The First Communion celebration will be on Maundy Thursday, April 9. Please contact Korrie Anderson or the church office for further questions.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Dear Faith family,

Today, I wish to celebrate Faith's love and generosity!! I see the fruit of God's Spirit flowing here. It makes me glad for the work of Christ building His kingdom, and it makes me proud to be a part of this ministry we call Faith.

A few days ago, Faith hosted a benefit to show love and raise monies in support of Keith and Diane Van Kleek. As you all probably know, Keith is battling cancer. We thank God that He is healing Keith through the wisdom and knowledge of his doctors and medical staff. But, Jesus is also healing him through the prayers of His people. We thank God for His touch of grace.

Journeying through such a dark valley, the financial bills can mount up quickly! We desired to show our love for Keith and Diane through a benefit. Cancer is a formidable foe. Please continue praying for total healing for Keith in the name of Jesus. But, cancer leaves a wake of pragmatic challenges as well - bills to pay.

Multiple people proposed a fundraiser to support them. Lois and Del Christman, Greg Lear, Colleen Rouse took the lead. People of Faith planned to host a pancake and sausage brunch. One of Faith's Journey Teams also stepped in to organize a silent auction. Lots of people shifted into high gear. Many people embraced the hard work of preparing food, serving, displaying the silent auction and serving. In the end, lots of people showed hearts of giving.

One of Faith's values is "building a loving community." We are called together in the forgiving love of Jesus Christ to live in friendship and fellowship as one body. This benefit showed Faith's action in love. The love is heartfelt, genuine and tangible. The love of Christ blessed all who were involved. The love flowed!

At Faith we also value Generous Hearts. We are grateful for all God's good gifts, so we

gladly share them with those who have need. It is Biblically true - love gives. We are

all familiar with the message of John 3.16, "God so loved . . . that He gave . . ." Often I have said, "We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving." We love as God first loved us. And, we give because God has richly blessed us. Generosity is part of God's character formed in us.

I am very proud of what I saw throughout the benefit for Keith and Diane. Thank you to everyone involved and to everyone who gave.

In this season of Lent, we should pause daily to thank our Lord Jesus for His love and generosity. We see it so clearly because of His Cross.

Blessed to serve with you,

Pastor Lee

The Pastor's Pen



Discipleship Course

Sundays beginning March 8

It Starts At Home: Learn to Confidently Teach Your Kids About God

Trials Build Deeper Trust - Matt Chandler, Lead Pastor of The Village Church near Dallas, and his wife, Lauren, share how the Lord has expanded their faith and caused them to live more intentionally with the discovery of Matt's malignant brain tumor.

Upstairs/Downstairs - This family night activity helps children understand that God did for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Viewmaster - In this moving illustration, a boy's magic viewfinder helps him see pivotal moments in his family's past. This clip will encourage parents to be intentional about raising their children.



First Communion Class Begins Sunday, March 1

**10:50 a.m.
Parents and child**

Through the First Communion class, children learn the meaning and purpose of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The class is a special preparation time for children before receiving their very first Communion with the family of believers. During this preparation time, we invite parents and children to learn together as a group and at home through Bible readings with Mom and Dad.

First Communion is for 5th grade students or any child that is ready and understands the importance of Communion. Classes will be 10:50 to 11:35 a.m. Sunday morning in the children's music area behind the worship wall.

Children will partake in their first Communion at the Maundy Thursday Worship service, Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. To sign up for the class, please contact the church office (712-580-4316) or Korrie Anderson at kspears102@hotmail.com

*On Sunday, March 22, we welcome
Wyatt Thomas Vanderberg into God's kingdom
and our church family through Holy Baptism.*

*Wyatt was born Monday, January 6, 2020 to
Brady and Megan Vanderberg. His grandparents
are Al and Carla Vanderberg.*

*Wyatt's sponsors are Casey and Alexa Vanderberg
and Patrick Zenkovich.*

*Words can not express the warmth
and love we felt during the benefit and
silent auction. A heart-felt "Thank You" to
the many folks who helped with the
preparation and coordination of the day.*

*We are truly appreciative and
blessed beyond measure!*

*Thank you,
Keith and Diane Van Kleek*

Birthdays

March 1	Steve Oleson Aaron Stykel Jean Willey
March 3	Chris Christofferson
March 4	Laura Yungbluth
March 5	Leah Heikens
March 6	Mark Freeman
March 8	Joe Loring
March 11	Luke Ketcham
March 12	Kim Rye
March 14	Sierra Ruhs
March 15	Austin Klett
March 16	Mark Heilman Lee Ketcham
March 18	Nancy Newgard
March 20	Jim Carpenter
March 21	Nola Gafkjen
March 22	Jean Oleson Kinley Voit
March 23	Christin Lee Sarah Ruhs
March 24	Emily Campbell
March 28	Nathan McKenney
March 29	Korrie Anderson
March 30	Lisa Buchan Arlene Fairchild Mary Speidel

Anniversaries

March 2	Tom and Jean Willey
March 10	Kevin and Heidi Skadeland



Missions

Reaching the Unreached - West Africa

Pastor Tim and Bev Nappe of Milford have made 19 trips to Ghana as leaders of Reaching



the Unreached – West Africa. This mission organization spreads the gospel to the people of northern Ghana, Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso and Benin where over 15,000 villages have no Christian witness. Reaching the Unreached has dozens of disciples who are helping to evangelize and lead worship throughout these villages and churches in West Africa. New churches have been planted and the saving gospel of Jesus Christ has been preached to many, resulting in hearts being transformed.

Donations from Faith Lutheran have helped to support these men working in this area by purchasing bicycles, motorbikes, and Bibles or by paying a small salary. Most people in the area are either Muslim or animist and have never heard of Jesus. The evangelists are working to reach the Fulani tribe, a difficult group of nomads that are traditionally Muslim.

Please continue to pray for safety and health for the local missionaries and their families. There are areas of opposition and we pray that the resistance will not result in violence or bloodshed. Please pray that God would protect His people and guard against both human and supernatural attack.



Item of the Month

Bars of Soap



Used in Personal and Baby Care Kits!

When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal or Baby Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.



Thank you for your generosity!

Please place the items in the yellow Mission box by the front doors!



Mission Partners for 2020:

- ◆ General Council of Assembly of God
- ◆ ATLAS of Spencer
- ◆ Grand Avenue Community Outreach
- ◆ The Multi-Church Community Assistance Fund
- ◆ LifeKids Tuition Fund
- ◆ World Mission Prayer League
- ◆ Wycliffe Bible Translators
- ◆ Laborers with Christ
- ◆ International Messengers
- ◆ Operation Serve International
- ◆ Friends of Madagascar Missions
- ◆ Reaching the Unreached, West Africa
- ◆ Faith Lutheran Mission Trips
- ◆ LCMC



Are you ready to
join Faith
Lutheran?
**We would love
to include you!**

**New Member
Orientation
March 16 at
10:30 a.m.**

Potential new
members are
introduced to Faith's
history, church teams
and church staff.

**New Member
Sunday
March 22**

New members are
welcomed into
Faith Lutheran's
family during worship.

If you would like more
information about
joining Faith or know of
someone who would like
to become a member of
Faith, please contact
Kirby Fueston,
Evangelism Team leader
at 712-363-5541
or Eric Patten,
Evangelism Director at

Evangelism with Eric Patten



Authentic compassion is one of the greatest tools a Christian has to draw people to the heart of Christ. Compassion melts the heart. Compassion reaches people at their tangible needs. Jesus talked about it. He said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Or consider the story Jesus told of the Samaritan man having compassion on the Jewish man, who was laying alongside the road after being beaten and robbed. Listen to these words on compassion written in *Becoming a Contagious Christian*:

"One of the primary reasons God calls His followers to be extraordinarily caring people is because acts of mercy open up people's hearts like nothing else can. Put another way, there's tremendous pulling power in the expression of even a single act of kindness. And God wants that power to draw people toward the reality of His Son."

Jesus spelled this out in John 13:34-35: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another." How simple, yet how powerful!

As we express compassion to each other, people will recognize it as an earmark of authentic Christianity. It helps them better understand what God is like, who His children are, and why they should personally trust Him, too.

How often lately have you felt compassion for people in need? Have you followed up those feelings and actually helped someone by serving them, encouraging them, visiting them, or by expressing love in some other tangible way?

I have one final thought, "what's your God story?" Once a month during worship we will see a video of someone from our church telling their God story. What's a God story? It is a story of how God worked in your life, and you can't help but say that was God working in your life. So I want to ask again, "What's your God story?" Use your God story mixed with the heart of compassion to reach people for Christ!

Eric Patten

Eric Patten, Evangelism and Stephen Ministry Director



"The most valuable thing the Psalms do for me is to express the same delight in God which made David dance." - C.S. Lewis

What have the Psalms meant to you? Have the Psalms brought comfort and consolation when life has been hard? In prayer, have the Psalms been a time of praise and thankfulness? The Psalms were written over 3000 years ago. Life certainly looked different then and yet the Psalms connect to each of us today. The Psalms speak to us, and the Psalms speak for us.

The Psalms express worship. *"Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy."* (Psalm 100:2) The Psalms have been called "the ancient hymnal of God's people." Many of the Psalms were written to be sung in the Temple. Most of the Psalms were written by King David as poems, hymns, and prayers. Hymnists through the decades and contemporary musicians have used the Psalms as inspiration for their music. For example in worship we sing, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (Psalm 23), "10,000 Reasons" (Psalm 103), "Amazing Grace" (Psalm 3), and "Your Grace Is Enough" (Psalm 25:2).

Beginning on Ash Wednesday through Easter, our theme during worship is "Journey Through the Psalms". Through the study of the Psalms, may we experience a closer presence of God and His power through prayer and praise!

Denise Laueg
Worship Director

"The final aim and reason of all music is nothing other than the glorification of God and the refreshment of the spirit."
J.S. Bach



Wednesdays During Lent!

5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper

6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

We are having potluck meals during Lent starting with Ash Wednesday, February 26 - April 1.

We invite you to please bring a dish to pass. However, even if you are unable - there's plenty!

So please join us!

Community Lenten Lunch & Worship



Wednesdays, February 26 - April 8

Location: Hope Church - Harbor Room
919 Grand Avenue, Spencer

Meal begins 11:30 a.m. | Cost is \$4.00

Worship/Message: 12:20 p.m.

Pastor JoAnn Thomas and Pastor Lee give the message on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

On Wednesday, April 1, Faith Lutheran is the serving church.

We are asked to provide 8 workers to help set tables, serve, clean-up and provide salads and desserts for about 140 people. Helpers are to be at Hope by 10:30 a.m.

If you can help, please contact Jim Unrau (712-363-2077) or Joan Unrau (712-260-2808) or email them at unrau.j@smunet.

**Worship
with
Denise**



Journey Through the Psalms

Lenten Worship at Faith

**Wednesdays beginning with Ash Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. - Lenten Potluck Supper
6:30 p.m. - Lenten Worship**

February 26 - Ash Wednesday - Psalm 32 - "Groans and Blessings"

March 4 - Psalm 130 - Matt Essick - "Out of the Depths"

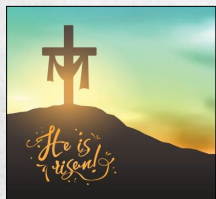
March 11 - Psalm 31 - Andrea Crew - "Into Your Hands I Commit"

March 18 - Psalm 34 - Heidi Skadeland - "Bless the LORD at All Times"

March 25 - Psalm 91 - Eric Tigges - "God's Shelter and Shadow"

April 1 - Psalm 23 - Brittany Spieker - "The LORD is My Shepherd"

During Holy Week, on **Maundy Thursday**, those who have completed the First Communion course will receive Communion for the first time.



On **Good Friday**, we remember the Passion Story.

Easter morning, we will have an Easter Breakfast followed by the 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship service!



COUNCIL MEETING | February 12, 2020

Due to inclement weather, the Council meeting was cancelled.



GENERAL OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

2020 Budget:
\$395,364.00

January 1 - February 16, 2020

Year to Date: \$17,147.25

Balance Remaining: \$340,907.18

Average Attendance: 171

Thank you for generously giving in 2020!

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Wednesday, March 11

7:00 p.m. | Discipleship Room

All church members are welcome to attend the council meeting.
Topics may also be shared with any council member for discussion at the council meeting.

Please find a list of your Council Members on the bulletin board near Pastor Lee's office.

Council Members: Please submit your team's report to the church office by **Tuesday, March 10** for the March Council meeting. - Thank you

Verify Online Giving Schedule

If you enjoy the convenience of online giving, the new year is a good time to check your giving status in your online account. The gift schedule may have expired. Take a moment today to verify the gift schedule and amount.



Meet your 2020 Faith Lutheran

The Church Council consists of President Pete Crew, Vice President Larry Wigen, Treasurer Becky Simons, the Council Secretary, Pastor Lee and these team leaders. Members of the Council meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



Pete Crew, President
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Larry Wigen, Vice President
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Team Leaders



Caring Ministry - Al and Carla Vanderberg, team leaders
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Members of the Caring Ministry Team have developed and are implementing a comprehensive strategy for loving and caring for each member of the congregation.

Children's Ministry - Korrie Anderson, team leader
childrensministry@faithlutheranspencer.com

Members of the Children's Ministry Team have a comprehensive overview of all children's ministries at Faith Lutheran like Sunday School VBS, First Communion and the Nursery.



Discipleship - Randy Enge, team leader
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Members of the Discipleship Team have a comprehensive overview of all learning and growing of each congregational member's faith, the knowledge of God's Word and all aspects of merging faith and life.

Evangelism - Kirby Fueston, team leader
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Members of the Evangelism Team lift up the opening phrase of Faith Lutheran's mission statement - "Inviting all to Faith ..." so that the congregation's members learn this as our central purpose as followers of Jesus.



Fellowship - Jim and Joan Unrau, team leaders
fellowship@faithlutheranspencer.com

Members of the Fellowship Team cultivate friendship and deepening of relationships each time the congregation gathers for worship or other events through the sharing of food, coffee and other refreshments.

Finance - Becky Simons, team leader
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Members of the Finance Team are concerned with all matters of finance for the congregation, working with the Treasurer and Church Administrator.



Church Council Members



Missions - Kent Heazlett, team leader
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Members of the Missions Team oversee and plan national and international mission trips. They annually select and recommend a list of “mission partners” for Council’s approval (who and how much) and then the congregation’s approval intrinsic in our annual fiscal budget.

Music and Creative Arts - Brett and Jolynne Eilts, team leaders
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Members of the Music and Creative Arts Team have a comprehensive overview of all music for Faith Lutheran’s worship life, seeking for thematic, Biblical worship services which honor God and engage people.



Properties - Mark Speidel, team leader
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Members of the Property Team work hard with the development of our facility for all aspects of congregational life.



Stewardship - Del and Lois Christman, team leaders
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Members of the Stewardship Team promote a Biblical vision of stewardship within the congregation.



Worship - LaVonne Clark, team leader
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Members of the Worship Team have a comprehensive overview of all of Faith Lutheran’s worship life, working with Pastor Lee Laaveg and Denise Laaveg to plan worship true to our Lutheran identity, both Biblically and with sacraments, and offering a variety of styles



Youth Ministry - Brittany Spieker, team leader
youth@faithlutheranspencer.com

Members of the Youth Ministry Team have a comprehensive overview of all aspects of ministry to the youth of Faith Lutheran in grades 6 through 12.



Standing Task Teams - Leaders are Appointed by Council

Council Secretary - councilminutes@faithlutheranspencer.com

The primary responsibility of the Council Secretary is to take the minutes of the monthly Council meetings in addition to any congregational meetings.



Leadership Support - Cindy Tigges, team leader
leadership@faithlutheranspencer.com

Members of the Leadership Support Team support, encourage and sustain all paid staff, Council and other volunteer leaders of the congregation.

Church Council Members



Technology - Kay Iversen, team leader
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Members of the Technology Team oversee the operation, maintenance and acquisition of all technology. This includes the sound system, computers, office, cameras and video equipment.



Treasurer, Becky Simons
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Faith Lutheran thanks each of these leaders for their dedication and hard work. You are appreciated!

The Church Council meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. on March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11 and December 9.



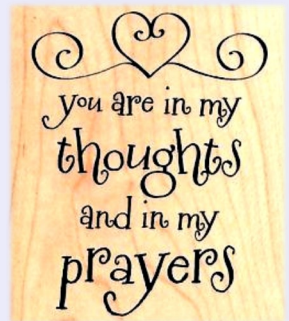
The Church Council will present Congregational Forums on these Sundays at 10:30 a.m.: April 19, July 19 and October 18.



Keeping Them In Your Prayers . . .

Jesus, you promise to hear our prayers and answer us in our time of need. Touch the lives of those who are sick, hospitalized, battling a long-term illness, battling addictions and depression or grieving the loss of a loved one. With your power, restore them to wholeness and give them your joy. Amen.

Please bless Tracy Bengston, Keith Van Kleek, Stu Christians, Jack Rooney and Tony Cummings.



Time to Spring Ahead!



Set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night, March 7!



Discipleship with Eric

You may be thinking, “Learning about marriage with Francis and Lisa Chan has been great during the Discipleship Course on Sunday, but what are we going to learn about next?” Great question! After learning about having a marriage that focuses on living for eternity and having a kingdom mindset in our marriages, we are going to shift to learning about building a faith-filled family. Below is a little information about our next video series called, “It Starts at Home,” by Gary Thomas.

It Starts at Home

Who is shaping what your kids believe? In these busy, hectic days we take our kids to sports practices, games, music lessons, school tutoring and other activities to give our children the best opportunities for success. But what if we're missing the chance to teach them what matters most?

Our children can grow up smart, athletic, popular and polite but lack a vibrant relationship with Christ. The few hours they spend in church each week can be helpful, but it cannot nurture a faith in our kids that will withstand the trials that are on the horizon. Church alone cannot teach them, we must start at home. But many parents feel ill equipped to develop the faith of their children.

In these six sessions, we will explore biblical and tangible ways that parents - couples, single parents, blended families and grandparents - can build a legacy of faith for their children.

Each Bible study session includes interviews with everyday parents talking about their own doubts, fears and desires. Gary Thomas, Matt Chandler, and Kurt and Olivia Bruner provide powerful teaching that will help you give your kids what they need to build a solid framework for lifelong faith. This series includes 8 real-life stories, 6 filmed Family Night Activity examples, and 6 original illustrations.

Six video-driven sessions: Faith: It Starts At Home; Marriage: Your Children Are Watching; Relationships: Your First Priority; Truth: What Are Your Kids Learning?; Communication: Each Child is Unique; and Character: Preparing Your Kids For the Real World.

Are you looking to grow as a disciple of Christ? Along with the Sunday Discipleship Course, there are many opportunities to plug in and grow as a disciple. From personal Bible studies at home, to joining a journey team at Faith and growing with others, to family devotional time, find a way to grow deeper in your faith. Use your resources available: the church library, RightNow Media, journey teams, friends, family, but must importantly your Bible!

Last but not least, stay on the lookout for fun intergenerational events in 2020!

Eric Patten

Eric Patten, Evangelism and Stephen Ministry Director



If you miss a Sunday, no worries! You can catch up on Rightnow Media! You can get free downloadable participant's guides at either www.itstartsathome.org or at www.rightnowmedia.com

Everyone in our church gets free access to Rightnow Media. If you need your invitation resent, please contact the church office at 712-580-4316

Online Giving – A convenient way to give back to God

For centuries, a plate, bowl, bag has been passed through the congregation as each gives back to God during worship. This has worked well and continues to work well for many. Just as there are more options to pay our bills online, we now have more options to give back to God – online giving. While online giving may feel impersonal, it is another option for those who commit to God a portion of their finances. Whether they are in church, or not, their gifts to God continue on a regular basis. This convenience is a great option available here at Faith Lutheran Church!

This month we introduce our online giving signup process. Below are the steps to create an online account to facilitate regular giving to Faith. Use your bank account, credit or debit card to complete a transaction. The giving process is easy and simple. Your gifts to God are reflected in your giving statement at Faith.

Online Giving Registration – Step by Step

Open your favorite browser.

Type in the short URL - <http://bit.ly/33RXUbH>

Click on the words “SIGN IN.”

Scroll to the bottom of the page.

Click on the words “REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT.”

Enter your first and last names, address, city, state, zip code, email address, and phone number.

Review all the information in the form for accuracy.

Click on the REGISTER button.

Next month we will explore the features of online giving! As always, please contact the church office if you have questions. We will be happy to help!



CHOICE DOLLARS®

***Thrivent Choice Dollars direction is due March 31.
Contact your Thrivent Representative or Faith Lutheran's
church office at 712-580-4316.***

Prepared for: Faith Lutheran Church

As of: December 2019

Choice Dollars Directed since inception: \$44,879

Total Choice Dollars directed to date (2019): \$4,677

Help strengthen communities and change lives

Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds through the Thrivent Choice program.

You have the power to recommend where Thrivent gives back!

Forms and online/phone directions are available in the church office.



Stewardship



Stewards of the Month: Barb and Dave Solberg

This month's Faith Stewards of the Month are Dave and Barb Solberg. Through Faith's history, this couple has found multiple ways to serve Christ and the church in ministry. Back in the 90s there was a song, "Put me in Coach, I'm ready to play today!" Both Dave and Barb have that attitude willing to plug in and serve, making a positive difference week in and week out for Faith.

Dave has served on the Technology Ministry Team, especially in the area of sound system operation during worship. He also shared excellent ideas when serving on a past Faith Strategic Planning Team. A few years ago, Dave cut and prepared many Advent Logs, complete with drilled holes for candles, to assist homes and families in the celebration of Advent, helping them prepare spiritually for Christmas.

Barb served on council as the chair of Discipleship. She led seminars to help launch Journey Teams for small group Bible study. She also taught many Sunday morning adult education classes. She presently serves as Worship Leader, Scripture Reader, and leader for Prayers of Faith. She also regularly counts offerings following worship.

Both Dave and Barb have been a part of Faith Journey Teams. In addition, they serve as greeters/ushers for Sunday worship and take regular turns serving in the kitchen for Fellowship. They have winsome and willing hearts and are a tremendous blessing to our congregation.

Thank you, Dave and Barb, for all the ways you serve our Lord!

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants

Faith Lutheran prefers to shop locally when at all possible.
Supporting our neighbors is important to the health of this community.

However, people also shop online for various reasons. If you happen to shop at Amazon, consider using **AmazonSmile** instead. Customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on **AmazonSmile**, the **AmazonSmile Foundation** will donate 0.5 percent of the price of eligible purchases to Faith Lutheran Church.

Go to smile.amazon.com. Sign in with your credentials.

Choose Faith Lutheran as the charity of your choice.

Each time you shop at smile.amazon.com your purchases will benefit Faith Lutheran Church!



We have arrived at March, in like an animal and out like an animal.

“Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah. He's roaring with power and fighting our battles and every knee will bow before You. Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain. For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb, Oh every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb” Lion and the Lamb by Leeland

March is yet another month in this glorious year of 2020, a month of renewal as winter starts to crawl away and spring tries to sneak on in. March however is not really an eventful month for our youth at Faith Lutheran. When I took up the position as youth director and was putting together the yearly schedule, March was the only month that I couldn't seem to find anything for so I had nothing planned. However, I got talking with Brittney Spieker, Team Leader of Youth Ministry, and she was able to convince me to host a Lock in for our middle school members since we held one for the high school members.

So on the 21st of March, Saturday Night, Faith Lutheran will be hosting a lock in for the middle classes. More detailed information should have been sent out via email through Simple Church to all youth and parents in the system. If you did not receive information and would like to know more please reach out to me either in person or by phone or email. Also, a while ago there was a member of our congregation that offered to buy pizza for the next youth event and I failed to collect your name and contact information. If you are still interested in that donation, please reach out to me and I'd love to work something out with you!

Evan Nielsen, Youth Director



All-Day LifeKids!

Monday, March 16

7:40 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Grades: Kindergarten - 5th

Must be registered in the LifeKids program.

Ingham Okobojo Lutheran Bible Camp offers the following . . .



Spring Crafting Retreat March 13-15

Recharge: Grades 6-12 April 3-5

Outreach Night - "Dodgeball" - Church vs. Church
..... April 5

Recharge: Grades 6-9 April 17-19

Outreach night - "Secret Agents" May 3

For more information or to register for an event, please contact Registrar Sara at registrar@okobojo.org or call 712-337-3306 or visit IOLBC's website at www.okobojo.org

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
March 1 8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal 8:15 a.m. Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship Pick-up Choir Reh. Sunday School Discipleship Course New Member Sponsor Orientation 10:50 a.m. 1st Communion class	March 2 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	March 3 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	March 4 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 11:30 a.m. Com. Lent meal/Worship 12:00 p.m. Staff meeting 3:30 p.m. LifeKids 5:00 p.m. Executive Team mtg. 5:30 p.m. Lenten Potluck Supper 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Lenten Worship 7:15 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. High School Youth	March 5 8:30 a.m. Coffee Group 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Min. 1:30 & 6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry	March 6 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	March 7 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
March 8 8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal 8:15 a.m. Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship Pick-up Choir Reh. Sunday School Discipleship Course Mission Team mtg. 10:50 a.m. 1st Communion class	March 9 1:30 p.m. Women's Small Group Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	March 10 1:30 p.m. Women's Small Group Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	March 11 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 11:30 a.m. Com. Lent meal/Worship 12:00 p.m. Staff meeting 3:30 p.m. LifeKids 5:30 p.m. Lenten Potluck Supper 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Lenten Worship 7:15 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. High School Youth Council mtg.	March 12 8:30 a.m. Coffee Group 1:30 & 6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry	March 13 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	March 14 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
March 15 8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal 8:15 a.m. Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship Pick-up Choir Reh. Sunday School Discipleship Course New Member Orient. 10:50 a.m. 1st Communion class	March 16 7:40 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All Day LifeKids	March 17 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	March 18 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 11:30 a.m. Com. Lent meal/Worship 12:00 p.m. Staff meeting 3:30 p.m. LifeKids 5:30 p.m. Lenten Potluck Supper 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Lenten Worship 7:15 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. High School Youth	March 19 8:30 a.m. Coffee Group 1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Min. 1:30 & 6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry	March 20 Middle School Lock-In 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	March 21 Middle School Lock-In 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
March 22 New Member Sunday 8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal 8:15 a.m. Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Worship - Baptism 10:15 a.m. Fellowship Pick-up Choir Reh. Sunday School Discipleship Course 10:50 a.m. 1st Communion class	March 23 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	March 24 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	March 25 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 11:30 a.m. Com. Lent meal/Worship 12:00 p.m. Staff meeting 3:30 p.m. LifeKids 5:30 p.m. Lenten Potluck Supper 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Lenten Worship 7:15 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. High School Youth	March 26 8:30 a.m. Coffee Group 1:30 & 6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry	March 27 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study	March 28 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
March 29 8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal 8:15 a.m. Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sun. School/Dis. Course 10:50 a.m. 1st Communion class	March 30 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. LWR Mission Work Day 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	March 31 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. LWR Mission Work Day 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE! For up-to-date information, go to "Events" at www.faithlutheran.spencer.com			

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Births | Baptisms | Marriages | Death: Roger Coffman on Feb. 16
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