

Walk With Faith April 2019 Newsletter



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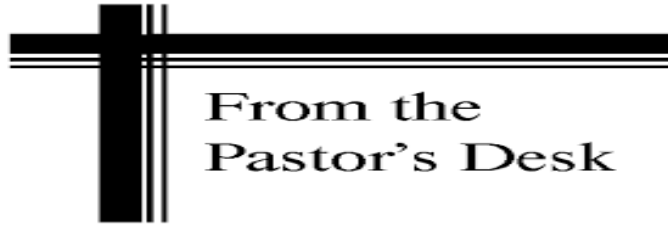
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Our Mission Statement

“A HEART FROM GOD”

“A HEART FOR OTHERS”



From the Pastor's Desk



The month of April this year is a special time on our church year calendar. We open the month continuing the season of Lent. April 14th is Palm Sunday. We are confirming four Confirmands. As the week progresses it is the most solemn time of year for Christians. We remember Jesus willingly going to the cross for us. The solemnity of the week gives way to joyful celebration on Easter Sunday: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" We have much to celebrate as Christians. God in Christ Jesus has conquered sin and death.

There is something else about Easter that I would have you consider. Communication is written large in the Easter story. Angels are sent to inform the women at the tomb that Jesus has risen from the dead. The women are to pass the word on to the disciples, and the disciples are in turn instructed by the risen Christ to proclaim the Good News in all the world. The gospel accounts by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, in which we read all this, are themselves a vital part of this proclamation.

To be told and then to tell—that is why we call pastors, build churches, and assemble in those buildings for worship. In God's house the message of Christ is communicated anew, "Peace be with you." Present with us, Jesus gives the peace He has won for us—forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with God, newness of life in Him. Having been told the Good News, we now tell others. That is the mission inherent in the Easter event.

Christianity is never a passive message. We are always receiving Christ's forgiveness but, also always looking outside of ourselves. My prayer for all of us at Faith Lutheran Church is that Christ would so fill us with the message of Easter that we won't be able to "hold in" this blessed news. As his disciples we are given to communicate to today's generation "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

There is a verse from one of our Easter hymns that captures this rejoicing/telling others aspect of the Easter message.

*Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit, He ever shall reign. (LSB 480, stanza 5)*

Pastor

From the President's Desk

Members of Faith,

As you all know Easter is on April 21st this year and we will once again celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. I would urge all of you to invite your friends' neighbors and of course family to attend our Holy week services as well as our Easter services.

With Easter on the 21st some meeting times have been changed and I would suggest to everyone to check the calendar as well call to find out the exact times of your meetings. Our Congregational Meeting will be on April 28th after church service.

This year we will once again have bins in the Parish hall for shredding of documents. They will be placed there on April 17th and picked up on May 1st. Please be sure to leave \$5 per grocery bag of papers to be shredded.

Yours in Christ, Dale

Council

Dale Schluckbier	President	Kathy Blondell &	Co-treasurer
Jerry Marquette	Vice President	Joanne Fetzer	Co-treasurer
Jerry Gneckow	Stewardship	Carol Wygle	Financial Secretary
Pat Gneckow	Recording Secretary	Fred Crogle	Head Elder
Maxine Crogle	Coordinator	Ray & Naming Bangel	Outreach
Dale Schluckbier	Newsletter	Melissa Climer	Publicity

Special Note:

As was mentioned in last month's newsletter, along with our council reports we will be having a video. This video entitled "Run Hide Fight", is from the sheriff's department and the intention of it is to make people aware of what they can do if they are in a life threatening situation while at work, shopping, school, and yes as we have seen lately even church.

It is not our intention to frighten but merely to inform everyone what they might do if this situation would happen here at Faith. Kevin Belfry will be presenting this in better detail, to us all at the congregational meeting. If possible, please plan on attending. Below see a drawing of escape and fire exits.

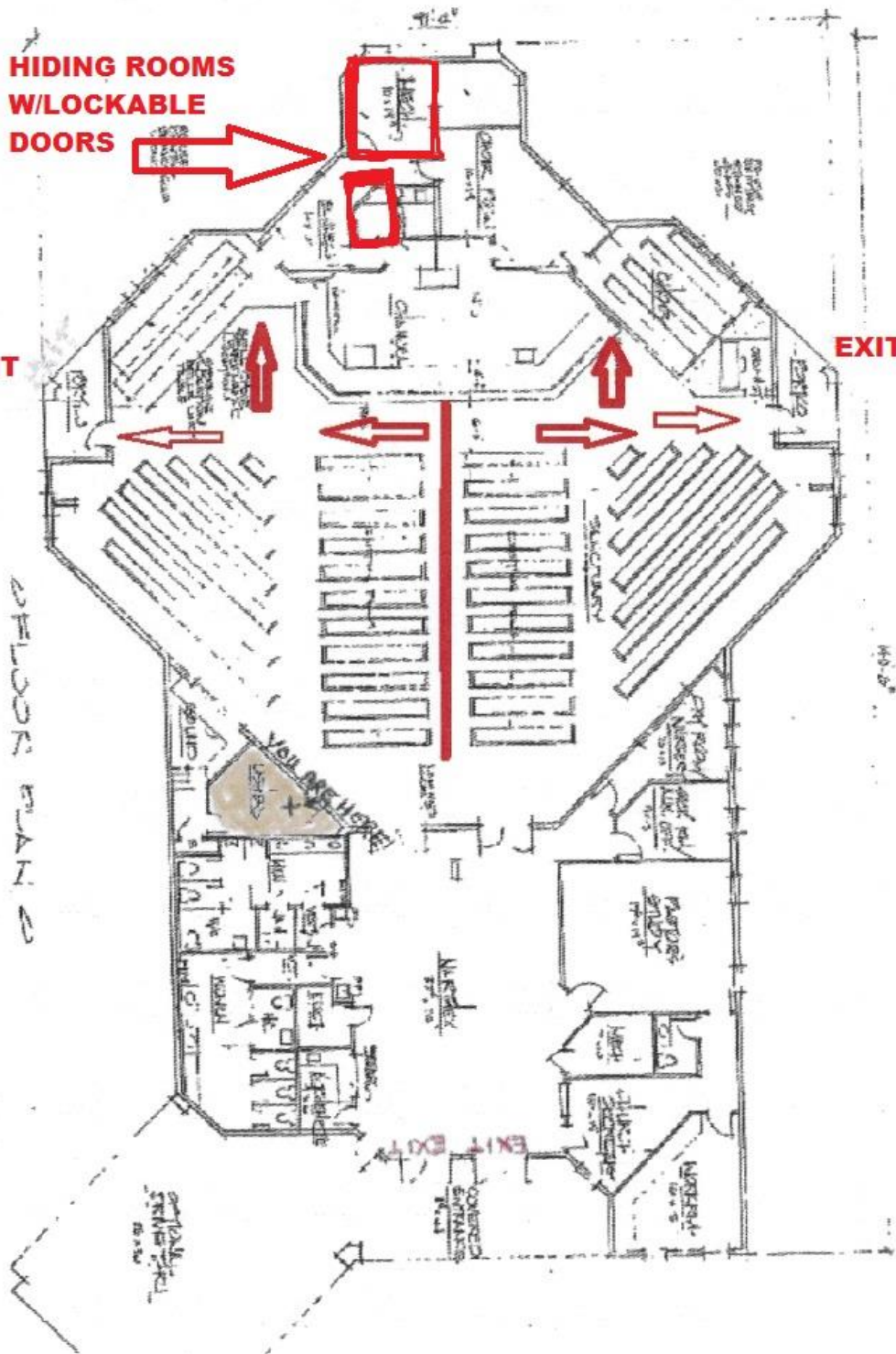
Yours in Christ
Faith Lutheran Church Council

**HIDING ROOMS
W/LOCKABLE
DOORS**

EXIT

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BEHIND PLAN



CUB (CITRUS UNITED BASKET) SUGGESTED APRIL DONATION IS CEREAL

Watch for those BOGO ads (buy one, get one free) for cereal. Consider keeping one box for yourself and the other for CUB. Drop your donated items in the garden cart in the Narthex. Any non-perishable donation is appreciated. (You don't have to give every month. Please give when you can, what you can.) **Thank You!**

LENTEN POTLUCKS

There is a potluck is on Wednesday, April 6. The theme for this potluck is Mexican food. If that is not to your liking, bring your favorite dish. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for food and to volunteer for set-up or clean-up afterwards. There will be no potluck for the last Lenten service on Wednesday, April 13.

J C L JAR

Please remember to put your \$1.00 bills with the letters J C or L on them (Jesus Christ our Lord), but any bill or check payable to Faith Lutheran Church is appreciated. Money received in the jar goes toward paying off the new alarm system in the fellowship hall. Stitch & Tie (the quilters) gave a \$500.00 donation this past month towards the fire alarm system. This was a part of the proceeds received from selling their quilts at the February rummage sale. **Thank you, ladies.** That is a tremendous boost towards paying off the fire alarm system. That leaves a balance of approximately \$5,000. So, keep dropping those bills in the jar. Slowly but surely, we are making progress.

BATHROOM CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Week of:

April 07	Bill Moeller
April 14	Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member
April 21	John Lehmann
April 28	Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member

Altar Guild

April schedule:

Saturday- 6PM:	Jane Van Orden
Sunday -9:30 AM:	Pat Gneckow



Elders

Fred Croggle, Chairman	Paul Mantey
Chuck Davey	Jack Ryan
Jerry Gneckow	Ed Stern
Walter Gergely	Jerry Marquette
David Haas	

Greetings Fellow Christians in Christ,

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 14. May we always be reminded of this path and journey our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ chose for us. Grant to us as Christians to walk a spiritual journey with our Lord through Holy Week. Through Christ's resurrection, He brings to us at last full joy of eternal life. May the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you always. **Hallelujah! He is Risen...He is Risen Indeed!**

April service schedule is as follows;

06, 13, 20, 27 Regular Saturday Service with HC on 13, 27

07, 14, 28 Regular Sunday Service with HC on 07

03 Lenten Service 5 P.M. With Mexican Theme Potluck

10 Lenten Service 5 P.M., No Potluck

14 Palm Sunday with Distribution of Palms

18 Maundy Thursday Service, 7 P.M. with HC

19 Good Friday Service, 3 P.M.

21 Easter Sunrise Service 7 AM

21 Easter Holy Communion Service 9:30 AM

Fred Croggle

Board of Elders Chairman

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST - APRIL 8TH - 9:00 A.M.

FOOD - PRAYER - FELLOWSHIP - GUEST SPEAKER

Plan to join us for our normally great breakfast, time of prayer and fellowship and a special guest speaker. Charley Brown will be sharing his work in missions with "Open Heart Ministries". Charley has done mission work in Nicaragua, Kenya, India and Pakistan. His mission work includes orphanages, feeding stations for children as well as working with local pastors. Charley has classes for high school and college kids and leads one week mission trips.

All men are invited to attend this special event. Please join us!

David Hass



LIVE FLORAL EASTER CROSS

It is a tradition at Faith Lutheran Church each Easter for the congregation to pick flowers from the yard or purchase fresh cut flowers to put on the cross that is in the narthex at Easter worship services. Everyone please bring fresh flowers and fill up the cross. What a beautiful and joyous way to celebrate Easter.



EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

APRIL 21, 7:45 - 9:00 A.M.

Please plan to attend the Easter Continental Breakfast that includes a variety of breakfast goodies and to share good Christian fellowship with one another on this joyous Easter morning.

There will be two sign-up sheets in the narthex starting April 6 for **food** and to **volunteer**. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet what you are bringing so we know if we have enough of everything. The choices are as follows:

Colored Easter Eggs, Deviled Eggs, Coffee Cake, Sweet Bread, Muffins, Spreads, or Fresh Fruit.

Please bring the food to the kitchen Saturday morning between 9:30 AM and 11 AM or no later than 7:30 AM Sunday morning. No food will be served after the 9:30 AM Easter service. We need volunteers. The choice of shifts to work on Saturday and Sunday are as follows: Saturday: 9:30-11 AM; Sunday: (1) 6:30 AM - 8 AM, (2) 7:30 AM to 9 AM or (3) after the 9:30 AM Easter service to help clean-up. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet, which day and time you can help.

If you have any questions, please call Maxine Crogle at 637-4649.

OUTREACH

The Folks who have been attending our monthly meeting have a number of thoughts and ideas. The Dementia information program was held. The radio spots from now to Easter on a daily basis are being recorded. They will be on various time slots 24 hour broadcasts on FM 103.3, FM 96.7

Our 'Thank You' baskets have been distributed throughout our Community to show our support. Please consider filling up once again the Basket in the Narthex located between the entrance doors. Small individual items are welcomed, such as drinks, crackers, cookies, fruit packs etc. we distribute them in smaller baskets and put information and cards with church information.

Visitation in our individual communities with handouts about our Church and location are encouraged. This is a great outreach that anyone could participate in.

GOD's continued Blessings to all.

Ray en Naning Bangle

Ladies of Faith

Ladies Of Faith met Wednesday, March 6. We had an excellent speaker, Sunshine Arnold of CASA, a domestic abuse program. Ms. Arnold is the Executive Director of CASA. Many of the ladies brought in baby items, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, etc. for the shelter.

Topics discussed at the March meeting were going to the Spring Rally at First Lutheran in Inverness on April 6. President Carla Nicklas will be driving, and we will leave Faith at 8:30 A.M.

We discussed the spring rummage sale, and Carla thanked the workers. We will have further discussion about the question of having one or two rummage sales a year. In April, We will have another speaker-a representative from the Health Department to talk about heart health and diet.

Ellen Davey has offered to be on the nominating committee to help find candidates for President and Secretary.

Ladies Of Faith will be purchasing Bibles for the four confirmands

All ladies of the church are welcome to attend our meetings.

The next meeting will be April 3 at 10:30 A.M.

Hope to see you at the meeting and the Spring Rally.

Faith Lutheran will be hosting the Fall Rally.

Thank you,
Carla Nicklas

STEWARDSHIP

To my fellow members:

The theme that I have chosen for Stewardship for 2019 is "Grateful Giving." It will focus on sharing your time, talent, and resources.

Last month I wrote to you about the new federal tax laws and encouraged you to consider sharing some of your additional tax refund to help further the work of the Lord. Please consider sharing some of your good fortune with Faith Lutheran Church by tithing your return or increasing the amount of your weekly offering.

I would also like to encourage each of you to consider using *Electronic Giving* as a means of ensuring that your offering is submitted each week, even if you are unable to attend worship service. Application/authorization forms are available from Jerry Gneckow or Carol Wygle. Forms may also be found in the Narthex.

Father, give us hearts that gratefully share. Amen.

Jerry Gneckow
Stewardship Chairman

April Birthdays

Judy Hill	4/1
Steve Fetzer	4/2
Donald Sabo	4/2
Martina Malphurs	4/3
Lou Clayton	4/6
Harold Lutz	4/8
Ellen Davey	4/9
Candy Lott	4/9
Ruth Schmidt	4/12
Betty Marquette	4/13
Pete Forte	4/17
Diana Jones	4/17
Jeffrey Pridgen	4/18
Lynn DuBose	4/25
Lois Schick	4/30
Dorothy Tonkel	4/30

April Wedding Anniversaries

Bill & Jacki Scott	4/16
Joe & Linda McFarland	4/18
Tom & Judy Jung	4/22
Anita & David Trout	4/28
John & Margaret Lehmann	4/30

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00 am Outreach	2 1:00 pm Bible study	3 10:30 AM Ladies of Faith 3:00 PM Choir 5:00 PM Lenten Service Potluck	4 8:00 am Workshop 10:30 Hearts of faith 3:00 PM Bell Choir	5 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	6 6:00 pm Worship
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