



Voice of Faith Newsletter
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Amazing Love!



**How can it be?
That Thou, my God, should die for me.**

April 2021
“Voice of Faith”

Our Mission: “Reaching, Teaching, Serving, and Sharing Christ”

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Ministries

Children: Jacquelyn Morrow
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Assimilation & Stewardship: Brenda Gadow
Evangelism: **Position Open**

Church Contacts

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Choir Director: Brenda Cavella
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Voice of Faith: Gaye Lowe



Mark your calendars!
Thursday, April 15th

Please submit articles, updates & notes to Gaye Lowe no later than April 15th for inclusion in the

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Voice of Faith **NEWSLETTER**



NOTE: Meeting dates, times and location may change.
Please call the contact below to confirm.

Due to Pandemic all meetings are tentative

YOUNG ADULT BREADBREAKERS

Eric & Becky Himmelwright

PAUL MACHER'S BREADBREAKERS

3RD Sunday 3:00 pm (FH) **on hold**

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST (Ted Cheung)

8:00 AM 1st SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH - Go-to-Meeting

THRIVENT (Gloria Miller)

CHOIR (Brenda Cavella)

7:00 PM TUESDAYS in CHANCEL **on hold**

BELL CHOIRS (Lori Brewer)

MONDAY in PRESCHOOL ROOM

Beginners 6:30 PM Advanced 7:15 PM **on hold**

ALTAR GUILD (Lynn Klein)

TEAMS CHANGE MONTHLY

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY (Karen Smith)

2:30 PM 2nd and 4th THURSDAYS in FELLOWSHIP HALL

QUEEN BEES (Judi Rabinski)

(Tammy Brewer)

10:00 AM 2nd and 4th THURSDAYS in FELLOWSHIP HALL
Quilting, various crafts

LWML (Tracy Pioppi)

3rd Sunday at 9:15 in the Sanctuary **on hold**



VBS - July 26th-30th, 2021
Students entering
Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Rev. David Demera - Interim Pastor



Hosanna in the Highest

Jesus enters the city and the people shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" They had waited a long time for the expected Messiah. Their expectation was that the Christ would enter into the city to make all things right and restore David's kingdom. Yes, Jesus was there! What the people were expecting and looking for from Him, was totally different from what would occur that week. Jesus was on a mission to make things right between God and mankind. He came to start the process to restore all to what it had been in the beginning. Nothing would stop him from this task. As Paul proclaimed, "that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

Man's rebellion and sinful nature could not stop that love. It is proclaimed in John 3:16. Jesus bridged the gap between the eternal and this temporal world. This love caused him to be born at a certain point in human history. He, who was God, was born of the Virgin Mary and became a man. He would become the second Adam and 'the lamb of God', who takes away the sin of the world. His love was such that, "He was obedient to death, even death on a cross."

Nationality would not stop Christ from doing what was needed for mankind's salvation. He came not just for the children of Abraham, but for all, as was foretold, "by your seed, all the nations of the earth will be blessed." He spoke with a Samaritan woman and shared the Good News. He healed the servant of a Roman centurion to show the love God had for all. When Greeks approached Andrew, on Palm Sunday, to see if they could talk with Jesus, they were not sent away. Jesus proclaimed plainly, "I am the bread come down from heaven...This bread is my flesh, which I give for the life of the world." In His Great Commission, He commanded, "Go and make disciple of all nations."

The attitude of people would not keep Him from still loving them. The Chief priests and scribes had always opposed Him. They taunted Him from the foot of the cross and yet Jesus' response was, "Father, forgive them." Saul persecuted the church, yet his encounter with Jesus changed him. He was touched by the grace, mercy, and love of Christ. Paul would become the greatest missionary of his time.

Suffering and death did not stop Jesus from doing what was necessary to reconcile God and man. As Isaiah wrote, "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering...Surely He took our infirmities and carried our sorrows ...He was pierced for our transgression and cursed for our iniquities." Jesus endured this all because of His love for us. He was brutalized by the guards, rejected by the crowd, crushed by the weight of the cross and died in humiliation. Yet, His love stayed strong, and He promised paradise to the thief, and care for His mother, by John. He would cry out of his anguish, "Why have you forsaken me?" Still He embraced death, "into your hands I commit my spirit." He gave up the ghost and the first sign to show that He had accomplished His purpose at that moment. The veil in the temple, the symbol of the separation between God and man, was rent from top to bottom because now there was no separation. The price for sin had been paid!

Finally, the greater sign. Going to finish the burial preparation, the women found that the tomb was opened. The angel proclaimed, "He is no longer here. He is risen!" Death had been defeated. As Paul proclaimed, "Death has been swallowed up in victory...the sting of death is sin. The power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Death is no longer the end for mankind. The open tomb proclaims that it is an open door to the new life we have in Jesus Christ, Our Lord. All who believe in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

Praise be to God for what Christ has done. Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest! HE IS RISEN! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!



Severe Weather Reminder

Faith Lutheran Church will remain open for services
Use Caution - Driving conditions may vary between your home and Forks Township



<https://www.youtube.com/faithlcmseaston>

Be sure to visit Faith Lutheran Church's YouTube channel! Weekly worship is streamed LIVE every Sunday at 10:30 am (subject to change). Videos posted include past weekly and holiday worship, fun kid's messages, confirmation classes, and various other videos including the series, "Ten Commandments with Mrs. Smith". We can be fed by God's Word together. Please don't hesitate to contact the church office with any questions and we will do our best to answer them. Thank you for being part of our community. We pray that God will continue to bless you and reveal His grace in amazing ways.



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April Youth Events:

April 18 - Youth Night - 6pm-8pm

April 25 - Youth Night - 6pm-8pm

Greetings and Blessings!

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." -1 Peter 1:3-5

As we enter into the season of Easter, we remember the story of Christ's resurrection. Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sin and rose again on the third day to bring us new life. As Christians, we live in the joy of the resurrection and the hope of the eternal life that awaits us who believe. Jesus' death and resurrection changes everything. We who were dead in our sin are now alive in Christ. Thank you Jesus!

During the month of March, I posted a new **Lenten Kid's Message Video** each week. The theme of our Lenten Kid's Message series was spiritual practices. Throughout Lent, we covered the importance of prayer, fasting, reading God's Word, and giving. All the videos can be found on our YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/FaithLCMSEaston).

Sunday School Classes are going well! The theme for our Youth Sunday School Class is Apologetics, or defending the faith. In this class, we ask faith-related questions and learn how to answer them biblically and defend what we believe. Questions from this past month included "Why would God allow COVID-19?" and "How Does Fasting Work?" We've had some really great class discussions and activities! All youth students are invited to submit a question to the question jar to be used as a future class topic.

In **Confirmation Class**, we are in a new unit on the Means of Grace. The Means of Grace are the "means" or methods by which God has promised to give us His gifts of grace: forgiveness, life, and salvation. The Means of Grace are God's Word (more specifically, the Gospel) and the Sacraments: Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Confession and Absolution. In Confirmation Class, we are learning about each of these means and how God gives us His grace through them!

Youth Group had a blast this past month! For our first Youth Night in March, we played a game of Life-Size Clue. Each team, equipped with a walkie-talkie, some dice, and clue sheets, searched around the church building for clues to solve the murder mystery! Later in March, we had a Stress Relief Youth Night. We relieved some stress by hitting a candy-stuffed piñata, playing with slime, popping bubble wrap, and making some crafts. At the end of the evening, students were given the opportunity to throw slime and shaving cream at me! It was so much fun!

We are still fundraising for our **Summer Youth Mission Trip to Virginia Beach**. This July, our Youth Group will be headed to Virginia Beach to help restore homes for people. We believe that God calls us to serve others with His strength and for His glory. In our Mission Trip, we will model Christ's love through selfless service to others. **Please pray for youth and adult leaders who will be attending this trip. And please consider donating to our Summer Youth Mission Trip to help us answer God's call to serve.**



The **Easter Breakfast** will be grab-and-go coffee and donuts in the Narthex following each of the 3 services. People can pick out a donut and grab a cup of coffee and take it to go. There will be a jar for free-will donation. The breakfast is to help fundraise for our summer **Youth Mission Trip**.





**JOIN US FOR
FUN
&
FELLOWSHIP**



Being a good steward in little things

AmazonSmile Thanks for Participating

As a result of the AmazonSmile program activity, up to the end of February 2021, a **\$333.95** donation has been received by **Faith Lutheran Church** from the AmazonSmile Foundation.

Good news! AmazonSmile is now available in the [Amazon Shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones](#).

Download the latest Amazon Shopping App.

Simply follow these instructions for AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

Faith's AmazonSmile account number is
23-6291128



ALTAR FLOWERS

Cut flower bouquets beautify the altar while reminding us of the fragility of life. See the 2021 signup sheet on bulletin board across from office.

You may wish to give the flowers "in honor of", or "in memory of" loved ones or a special family occasion.

Please make your \$15 check payable to:

**"Faith Lutheran Church"
Memo - Altar Flowers**



Why do we ask you to recycle?

Each month we can recycle 20 ink and toner cartridges of all makes and models. This month we received \$40 in rewards and purchased 3 boxes (500 ea.) of #10 business envelopes. The savings to the church amounts to \$1000 or more each year.

**Our cartridge supply is VERY LOW
only 7 left.**

It is so easy to put the cartridges in the trash. Instead, put them in the large box outside the side door of the church or the box by the office door. Thank you.



Men, Women, Teens

Social distancing can be observed.

Many tasks take only an hour or two. Some need a special skill that you may have, i.e. Carpenter, Electrician, Painter, Gardener. Many times volunteers are needed when there is an emergency due to weather or other unforeseen events.

Contact Craig VanPell and give him an idea of how you are willing to help. **You are so very important to Faith** and our ongoing ministry.



Albert Smith
Gloria Rissmiller
Sharon Spencer

Albert Smith
Mac and Kay Cowen

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday April 3

8:00 am

Go-to-Meeting

Lutheranism 101

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of Faith Lutheran Church? Do you want to know what we as Lutherans believe? Classes are forming periodically. Contact Sally Baas or Church office to join the next **Lutheranism 101** class.

BOARD OF MINISTRY

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord

I am thrilled to accept this new position as chair of the Board of Ministry. Here is a summary of the teams and the leaders on this board:

Youth Ministry - VACANT

Helping our children to come to KNOW Jesus Christ, GROW to be like Him, and GO serve Him. To establish a foundation for building Christian character, morals, values and behaviors in young people.

Assimilation and Stewardship – Brenda Gadow

Assimilation lays the foundation for meaningful emersion in the church, and subsequently, intentional discipleship. Help our congregation in taking ownership of their church, to instill a sense of hospitality and to respond to the call to share their gifts both within and outside our church community.

Adult Fellowship and Social Ministry – Jeannie Iaconna

People leading people to revive and rejuvenate believers into an ever-growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Find ways to meet the physical needs of those in the community.

Evangelism – VACANT

I'm going to take a moment and tell you what I need from the congregation for this very important part of the Board of Ministry.

I do NOT need people canvassing the neighborhood, knocking on doors or handing out pamphlets.

I do NOT need people standing in front of others and witnessing.

I DO need YOU, Disciples spreading the good news.

How?

I need social media experts for facebook, Instagram, YouTube, WhatsApp, WeChat, TikTok, Twitter

I need a creative person to make a link from the Faith Lutheran website for a Board of Ministry website where we can list our activities and invite the community

I need people who will volunteer to send out mailings

If you cannot commit to any of these positions, then I ask you to attend fellowship events:

Sunday School	Bells	Acolyte	Greeter
Youth activities	LWML	Altar Guild	Men's Prayer
Bread Breakers	Quilters	Elder	Breakfast
Choir	Usher	Reader	

And if you still cannot commit to any events then attend worship whether in person or online. Treat each person with love, trust, and respect despite any diversity. Everyone in our congregation should be engaged in evangelism and evangelism should live in you.

To be transparent, here is what I would love to see: Faith Lutheran Church - A vital church that is not measured by how many people fill the pews, but rather by how much those people are serving Jesus. Don't just come to church, BECOME the church. Ask yourself "Are you a lukewarm Christian?" Get Connected! Let's live the sign above our entrance:

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Want to be a volunteer on any of the teams of the Board of Ministry?

I am your contact:

Brenda Cavella

QUEEN BEES

GREAT NEWS! The "Queen Bees" will start meeting again in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10 AM. All are welcome no matter what your craft! ! Social distancing will be observed as well as mask wearing. If you have questions, please email the church office

We want to form a group to make lap robes for The Gardens of Easton nursing home. People are needed to knit, crochet or sew them; cut fabric, and put fabric together for sewers. We are starting with a goal of 10 blankets! Donations toward materials or gift cards for materials (JoAnn's, Hobby Lobby, or Walmart) would also be gladly accepted if you aren't a crafty sort of person. Contact Tammy Brewer to help or donate!



**Prayers are offered for
ALL the families of Faith Lutheran Church**

Please include the following families in your prayers this month. The families below will be remembered in a special way during our Sunday Worship.

Faith Families

4/4 The Kevin Brewer Family
The Jeff Brewer Family

4/11 Brenda Brodt
John & Sonya Bronica

4/18 The Brown/ Kern Family
Elisabeth Brune

4/25 The Budinski/Chiapuzzi Family
The Cameron Family

**Our Military
and their Families**

Tom Heller
Spencer Muhlback
Brandon Read
Sean Sargent
Stephen Sargent
Vincent Franchino
Jef Spangler
John Pekol
Joanne Gabl

Please email the church office with CURRENT information for the military families listed above:

- ◆ Names of their immediate family members
- ◆ Their connection with Faith Church
- ◆ Branch, Rank, and where they are currently serving
- ◆ (and an end date if known)
- ◆ Home and Deployed addresses
- ◆ Email, and Phone Numbers

Faith Lutheran Preschool

The Preschool Summer Program and 2022 registration are **OPEN!** Registration forms can be downloaded from the Preschool page on our website at faithlcms.com/preschool or stop by the church to pick up a registration form. Forms are available in the Narthex and outside the church office.

REGISTER TODAY!

Summer = **Yellow** Form (6/14-17 or 6/22-25)

2021/2022 = **Pink** Form

Orientation 9/8, 9,10

First Days 9/ 13, 14, 15

The Faith Preschool Board is reaching out to all and sundry who might be interested in joining the Faith Preschool faculty. We are in need of teachers AND aides. Preschool intends to reopen with a "camp" format this summer.

Any interested persons should send their name and telephone number to the church office at 610-253-1625 or faithlcms@outlook.com

Thank you!
Faith Preschool Board



**CALL COMMITTEE
UPDATE**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6

No Bible verse reflects the work of the Call Nominating Committee this past month better than this one from Proverbs!

The Committee has spent the end of February and the entire month of March reading through a Self-Evaluation Tool and Pastor's Information Form for each of the eleven pastors sent to us by our District President. The Self-Evaluation Tool, completed by the pastors, helps to reveal each candidate's approach to ministry, their strengths and weaknesses, and their feelings on LCMS policies. The Pastor's Information Form is much more objective, giving information about their current and past calls, their families, and notes from their district president. In short, there has been a great deal of information to process! The committee has sought, above all else, to read through all this information prayerfully, remembering that the Lord has already picked a pastor for us and will lead him to us in His own time.

With God's help, we have been able to reduce our list of candidates from eleven to four.

In the coming month we will be developing questions and contacting these four pastors to schedule interviews.

We will also be reading the Self-Evaluation Tool and Pastor's Information sheets again with an even more critical eye as we strive to single out a top choice.

It is the hope of the committee that within the next few months we will be able to present a recommendation on which pastor is the best fit for Faith and for the congregation to vote on extending a call.

Please continue to keep the work of the committee in your prayers and trust that the Lord will make a path to connect us to our next pastor!

In Christ, The Call Nominating Committee

SERVING IN WORSHIP

April 2021

Maundy Thursday

April 1	Noon	7:00 pm
<i>Officiant:</i>	Rev. David Demera	Rev. David Demera
<i>Assistants:</i>	Gary Sandt John Bronico	Erik Wendt Greg Pioppi
<i>Readers:</i>	Gary Sandt	Erik Wendt
<i>Organist:</i>	Sue Tucker	Sue Tucker

Good Friday

April 2	Noon	7:00 pm
<i>Officiant:</i>	Rev. David Demera	Rev. David Demera
<i>Readers:</i>	Gary Sandt	Erik Wendt
<i>Organist:</i>	Sue Tucker	Sue Tucker

Easter

April 4	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
<i>Officiant:</i>	Rev. David Demera	Rev. David Demera	Rev. David Demera
<i>Assistants:</i>	Gary Sandt John Bronico	Erik Wendt Greg Pioppi	Erik Wendt Tom Zaro
<i>Reader:</i>	Gary Sandt	Erik Wendt	Erik Wenet
<i>Organist:</i>	Sue Tucker	Sue Tucker	Sue Tucker

April 11	8:00 am	10:30 am
<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Gary Sandt	Gary Sandt
<i>Readers:</i>	Lori Brewer	Paul Macher
<i>Organist:</i>	Sue Tucker	Sue Tucker

April 18	8:00 am	10:30 am
<i>Officiant:</i>	Rev. David Demera	Rev. David Demera
<i>Assistants:</i>	Gary Sandt, Erik Wendt	Greg Pioppi, Tom Zaro
<i>Readers:</i>	Gary Sandt	Tom Zaro
<i>Organist:</i>	Sue Tucker	Sue Tucker

April 25	8:00 am	10:30 am
<i>Worship Leader:</i>	Gary Sandt	Gary Sandt
<i>Readers:</i>	Judy Dilts	Joan Vanover
<i>Organist:</i>	Sue Tucker	Sue Tucker

Members of AAL & Lutheran Brotherhood are now members of **Thrivent**

If you had investments in the past with either AAL or Lutheran Brotherhood, you automatically became a member of Thrivent when they merged to become Thrivent on January 2, 2002.

Do not neglect to direct your Choice Dollars to the charity of your choice, i.e. Faith Lutheran Church.

Depending upon your investments you will have one or more Action Team Grants that you can direct to projects.

Action Team Grants are badly needed to provide seed money for projects around the church.

Please contact Mark Lowe concerning a project you can support. If necessary the church office can help you with the paperwork involved.