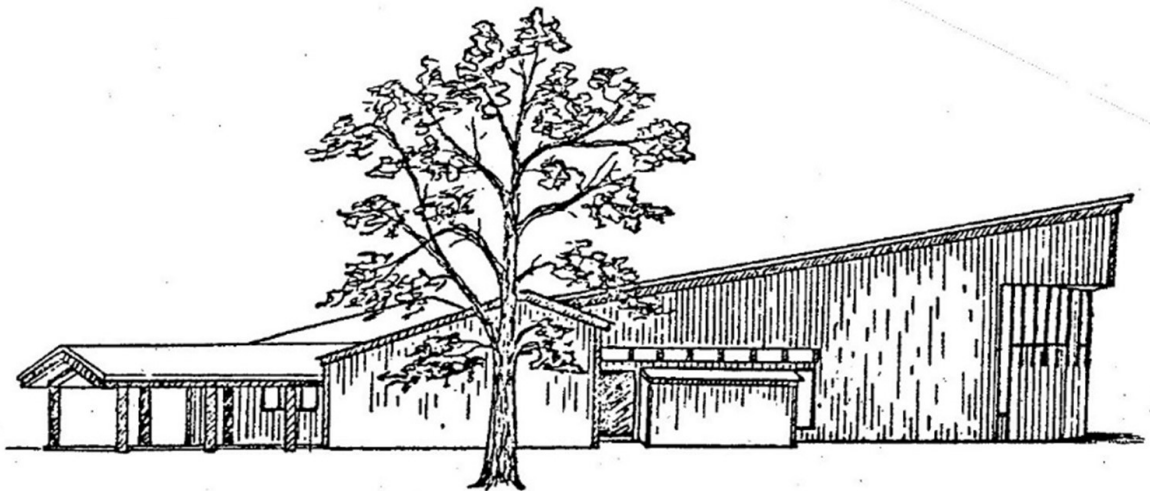




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SUNDAY

- Worship Service.....9:00am
- Fellowship Time.....10:15am
- Bible Study.....10:30am (September-May)
- Sunday School.....10:30am (September-May)

WEDNESDAY

- Lent Midweek Service.....6:30pm
- Choir Practice.....7:15pm

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JIM

The “Time of Easter: Easter and Its Season”

Fun fact – How is the date of Easter determined?

Certain national observances fall on specific dates every year (ex: Martin Luther King Jr Day – 3rd Monday in January, Washington’s Birthday – 3rd Monday in February, Mother’s Day – 2nd Sunday of May, Father’s Day – 3rd Sunday of June, Thanksgiving Day – 4th Thursday of November, etc). It makes these celebrations easier to plan for since their ‘timing’ does not change.

Easter, however, is a different story altogether. The month on which it falls fluctuates between March and April. The observance of “Easter” was originally set according to a lunar (moon) calendar which is still used to set the date of Easter. The formula is consistent for each year - Easter falls on the Sunday after the first ‘full moon’ following the spring equinox. Since the ‘spring equinox’ falls on March 21, this means that the earliest date for Easter is March 22 while the latest date is April 25.

ALL CHRISTIANS KNOW that Easter is not a ‘one day’ celebration. ‘Easter’ is the culmination of an entire season called “Lent” AND Easter is a 50-day long season of the Church Year (lasting from Easter Sunday to the Day of Pentecost).

The ‘season of Easter’ is a continuous celebration of Jesus’ victory over sin, death, and the devil FOR US. Easter Sunday and the season of Easter is a time for all Christians to boldly proclaim the physical resurrection of the heaven-sent Savior from sin – Jesus!

The ‘season’ of Easter begins with the Easter Vigil, the evening called “Holy Saturday.” The ‘vigil’ often includes a ‘service of light,’ in which hand-held candles symbolize Jesus as the ‘Light of the world.’ This service is designed to take the Christian from the solemnity of Good Friday to the predawn joy of Easter. Easter is by far the most lavishly celebrated festival of the Christian Church Year. Worship practices on Easter Sunday range from a sunrise service (which commemorates the travel of the women in the predawn hours of the ‘third day’ to the tomb – with the intent of embalming the body of Jesus) to the full-blown Easter service celebrating the bodily resurrection of Jesus.

The church service itself can be as simple or as elaborate as the resources of the individual church allows – but it is a celebration that points to the victory we have through faith in the risen Jesus.

The focus and message of Easter continue throughout the Sundays that follow – each of them is considered a ‘mini-Easter.’

Forty days after Easter, the Christian Church celebrates the “Ascension of Our Lord,” who ascended into heaven as the God-man who descended from heaven.

The final Sunday (or 50 days after Easter) is called “Pentecost” and was adopted by early Christians to commemorate the first great harvest of believers for Christ. “Pentecost” is celebrated as the ‘birthday’ of the Christian Church since it was on this day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples gathered in Jerusalem and enabled them through the ‘gift of tongues’ to witness about the mighty works of God (see Acts 2).

The colors of Easter are any combination of white and gold. White is the color of our Lord's holiness and glory, while gold reminds us just how precious is the bodily resurrection of our King and Savior Jesus from the grave.

The season of Easter also restores portions of the 'divine liturgy' that were omitted during the season of Lent – examples being the “*Alleluia*,” “*Hymn of Praise*,” and the “*Gloria Patri*.”

During the season of Easter, it is appropriate that we continue greeting one another and responding with the following message of hope and a future – “Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!”

BEFORE WE GATHER THIS YEAR ON EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 5 at 9AM), please read the following verses from the Word of God recorded in the book of 1 Corinthians 15 – the “Great Resurrection Chapter of the Bible” –

*1 Corinthians 15:50-58, “I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: **“Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

Who is Jesus?

This is the most important question we can answer!

In a world in which information is readily available and opinions abound, this fundamental question stands above all other inquiries and considerations.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod believes Jesus is exactly who He said He is. Along with the ancient Church, we confess that Jesus is true God and true man in one person. He is the Son of God who was crucified and raised from the dead for the salvation of all who trust in Him.

Christ is not Jesus's last name but identifies Him as the Messiah (Christ is the Greek translation of Messiah), the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises that God saves His people.

This fulfillment and salvation happened in history in real time and in a real place (first century AD in Israel) through a flesh-and-blood person named Jesus.

The Bible is the true and trustworthy Word of God that records God's love for the world through His Son Jesus. The miracles recorded in the Gospels and the teachings of Jesus are true and accurate.

Jesus physically died on a cross and physically rose from the dead in three days. He physically ascended into heaven, and the Church awaits His second coming when He will judge all people.

Those who trust in Jesus as their Savior will rise to eternal life in heaven. Those who deny Jesus and live in their sin will be cast out of His presence to hell.

Biblical teachings...

John 1:1–5, 14 (ESV)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Philippians 2:5–11 (ESV)

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Colossians 1:13–20 (ESV)

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

From Our Lutheran Confessions...

Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God (John 1:14), assumed the human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. So, there are two natures — the divine and the human — inseparably joined in one person.

There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind (John 1:29).

He also descended into hell and truly rose again on the third day. Afterward, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He forever reigns and has dominion over all creatures.

He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and from the power of sin.

The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, and so forth, according to the Apostles Creed. (Augsburg Confession II)

Luther's Small Catechism...

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

Athanasian Creed...

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age: Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ: One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, Ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles...

We believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ is our Savior and Lord, and that through faith in Him we receive forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation.

We confess that “our works cannot reconcile God or merit forgiveness of sins and grace, but that we obtain forgiveness and grace only by faith when we believe that we are received into favor for Christ’s sake, who alone has been ordained to be the mediator and propitiation through whom the Father is reconciled” (AC, XX, 9).

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven and that all who die without faith in Him are eternally damned.

We believe that those who believe in Christ will enjoy a blissful relationship with Him during the interim between their death and His second coming, and that on the last day their bodies will be raised.

We therefore **reject** the following:

1. That we may operate on the assumption that there may be other ways of salvation than through faith in Jesus Christ.
2. That some persons who lack faith in Christ may be considered “anonymous Christians.”
3. That there is no eternal hell for unbelievers and ungodly men.

Election Candidates and Results

LCMS National Convention • July 18–23, 2026 • Phoenix, Ariz.

Before the 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in July, an election will be held June 6–30, 2026, for voting delegates to select the LCMS president for the 2026–2029 triennium.

During the national convention July 18–23 in Phoenix, elections will be held for six LCMS vice-presidents, a secretary, three boards and the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations. Delegates will also elect board members for LCMS entities and universities.

Nominations

The nominations processes for the offices of President, First Vice-President and regional vice-presidents of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) to be elected at or in conjunction with the 2026 Synod convention have been completed.

President Nominating Ballots: Slate of Candidates



From left to right: Matthew C. Harrison, Joel D. Biermann, Benjamin T. (Ben) Ball, Brady L. Finnern, and Peter K. Lange.

The five candidates who received the highest number of votes have also given their consent to serve if elected:

Candidate	Nominations
Matthew C. Harrison	900
Joel D. Biermann	334
Benjamin T. Ball	311
Brady L. Finnern	148
Peter K. Lange	65

Voting delegates — one pastor and one officer from each congregation regularly cared for by one pastor or pastor[s] (Bylaw 2.5.5) — will cast their votes in the first round June 6–30. There could be up to four rounds of voting until a candidate receives more than 50% of the votes.

Internet balloting will be facilitated by election contractor YesElections (formerly Election-America) on behalf of the LCMS Office of the Secretary.

Vice-President Nominating Ballots: Slate of Candidates

Of those receiving the highest number of nominating votes for the office of First Vice-President, the following 21 candidates (more than 20 because ties are included) have given their consent to serve if elected:

First Vice-President of the Synod

Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 3-year term)

Peter K. Lange — 804

Christopher S. Esget — 50

Of those receiving the highest number of nominating votes for the offices of regional vice-presidents (which will be ranked by the convention as second through sixth vice-presidents), the following have given their consent to serve if elected:

Regional Vice-President (only the top two vote receiving candidates are included)

Central Region

Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 3-year term)

Benjamin T. (Ben) Ball — 185

Michael P. Schuermann — 27

East-Southeast Region

Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 3-year term)

Christopher S. Esget — 109

Wally M. Arp — 29

Great Lakes Region

Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 3-year term)

Eric C. Skovgaard — 79

Mark D. Brandt — 55

Great Plains Region

Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 3-year term)

Nabil S. Nour — 128

Matthew R. Richard — 41

West-Southwest Region

Minister of Religion—Ordained (elect 1, 3-year term)

Alfonso O. Espinosa — 117

Yohannes A. Mengsteab — 33

Except in the case of President and First Vice-President, these names will constitute the ballots for elections during the July 18–23, 2026, convention of the Synod.

In the case of the President of the Synod, the election will begin six weeks prior to the convention via internet balloting. No opportunity will be provided to add names to the slate of five candidates listed above. Pastoral and lay voters validly registered by the congregations and parishes of the Synod (Bylaw 3.12.2.3) before the deadline (receipt in the Office of the Secretary by March 8, 2026), or their substitutes (as validly submitted before May 29, 2026), will serve as the voters for this election. Results, which can take more than one round as a majority must be obtained, are to be announced at least two weeks prior to the convention.

In the case of the election of the First Vice-President, the President-elect will select from the list of nominees listed above the five candidates (at least two of which must be among the top five nominees) who will comprise the ballot for the election that will take place early in the convention (Bylaw 3.12.2.6). No opportunity will be provided for additional nominations from the floor of the convention. Regional vice-president elections will follow the order and process required by the Bylaws of the Synod (Bylaw 3.12.2.7). No opportunity will be provided for additional nominations from the floor of the convention.

BECOMING AND “ELDER”

Have you ever thought about becoming an “Elder” here at Faith? or what is required of an elder? how much time does it take up? Well let me help with some of the questions or “misconceptions”. First of all, you do NOT need to be asked to be a member of the Board of Elders – though every new member must be approved by the existing board members per our Constitution here at Faith. If becoming an elder is something you have thought about or want more information about, you can talk with any one of the existing members or simply check the box on your Time and Talents sheet later this year. Second, not everyone is made the same way so while some are better at certain aspects of the responsibilities, others may be better at other aspects – we all work together to ensure that the spiritual needs of the congregation are met.

THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

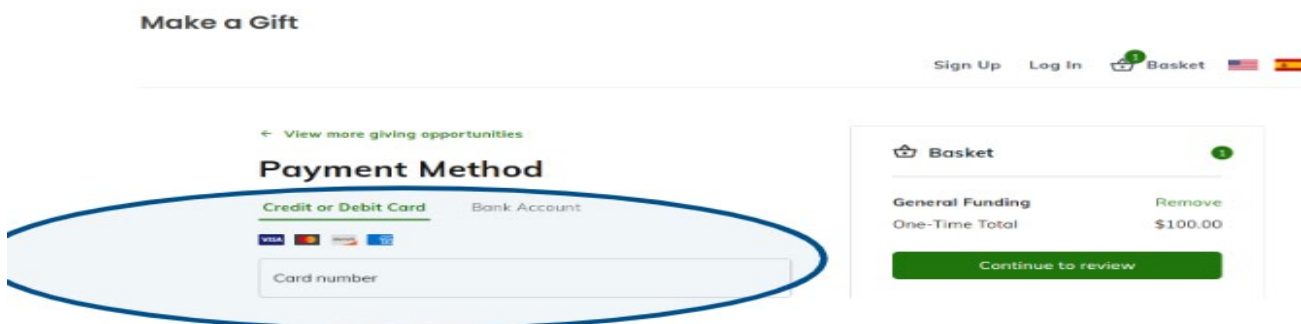
Some individuals in the past have thought that they need to be able to conduct a service or deliver a sermon in those “emergency” situations that arise now and then – we are all good at something but not all good at the same things which, again, is why we work together as a team to accomplish what needs to be done! In the past months you’ve heard or read about the “Elder Assistant” that we have been promoting and this is another excellent path to learning what it is we do on Sunday’s. If you have an interest or just a question or two, please contact any one of us as we are always there to assist. There is currently one open position on the board and I know there are more than a few men in our congregation more than capable of “doing what we do”. Being an elder is a very rewarding experience allowing each member to work closely with the Pastor and members of the congregation to maintain a happy, healthy, and very spiritual church life here at Faith.

In HIS service,

The members of the Board of Elders

ONLINE GIVING

LCEF provides our church with the technology and security to receive online gifts through our website faithmarinette.org LCEF makes this service available to us at no charge when the gift is made from a bank account. When the gift is made from a credit or debit card, the credit card company charges a 3.8% fee that is deducted from the gift. LCEF passes this expense on to us. The payment method can be easily overlooked because the online giving service leads with the credit card. All you need to do is click on the words ‘Bank Account’ to change the payment method as illustrated in the image below. We are grateful for all gifts, no matter how they are given! We just wanted online givers to know that they have an option. Please reach out to Roxanne Mueller if you have any questions.



HEARTS OVERFLOWING

Hearts Overflowing is a group of faith filled women from Faith Lutheran in Marinette, and St. Mary's and Faith Presbyterian in Crivitz. We meet monthly, September through May, rotating between churches. In 2025 we gave over 125 blankets to local organizations like Bay Area Pregnancy Center, Dorothy's Haven of Hope, UP Foster Closet, Crivitz Rescue and Police, Crivitz Food Pantry, Camp Daniel, Rawhide, and Abundant Life Mission.

Our deepest desire is to share God's love with others, especially children. Each blanket has a heart that says 'Jesus Loves You'.

We thank God for His blessings, as He provides the time, talent, and treasures to make these blankets. And we pray God will bless the children and families who receive these blankets, that they may know how much they are loved.

Our next Make-A-Blanket Days will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Crivitz on Saturday, March 28 th from 8:30 to noon, at Faith Presbyterian Church in Crivitz on April 25 th from 8:30-noon, followed by our church (Faith in Marinette) in May (date will be set soon). Join us if you can at any of these Churches for this wonderful community outreach.

Hearts Overflowing

Sharon Starks & Roxanne Mueller



BLOOD DRIVE

Faith Lutheran will be having it's Red Cross Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 15th from 11am - 5pm in the fellowship hall. You can sign up at RedCrossBlood.org using code: MFL. Successful donors will receive a \$15 e-card via email.

FAMILY LETTERS



Dear friends and family,

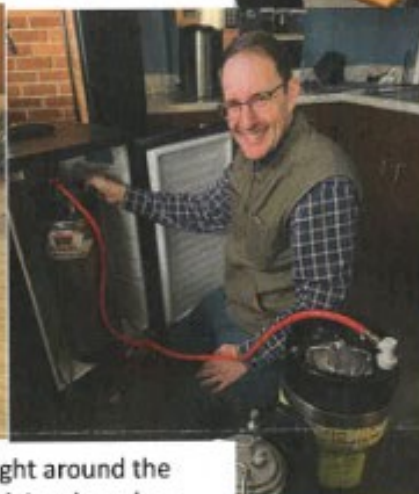
Christ's blessings on your Lenten season as we're slogging through the remaining vestiges of winter here in the St. Louis area. I know it is a bit odd to have Christmas trees in the header photo above when Easter is right around the corner, but it does feel like we barely got back from our Christmas break trip to get the kids to see their Grandparents down in Florida before it was time to start gearing up for Lent.

Speaking of our trip, we hit the road right after lunch on Christmas Day after I got to preach the sermon at Our Savior that morning. We decided to drive this time, making it to Chattanooga that night and to Annie's folks' house near Orlando for dinner the next day. After a few days there, we shifted over to my Mom's house near Tampa for the New Year. The kids enjoyed seeing lots of cousins and making the obligatory Waffle House stops. They were afraid they would miss out on some snow with us spending the holidays down South, but Saint Louis had an extra cold snap waiting for us when we got back so the kids turned the backyard into a sledding hill again.



As you might expect, things have been hopping at Our Savior as well. We started a new program aimed at families with younger kids called "Wiggle On Wednesdays" or just Wiggle Church for short. It's an idea that the staff picked up from the "Best Practices" conference last year and it has had great participation so far with 50-70 people showing up on average. It goes from 5-6:30pm every other Wednesday and is made up of free play with lots of toys, a short kids' chapel, and then a meal so the families don't have to worry about dinner that night. It seems to be a great way to get more of our Early Childhood Center families engaged in worship and has been well received by parents who normally have to work on Sundays during the regular service times. It also seems to be an effective outreach program with some families bringing friends.

My vicarage outreach project was aimed at a slightly older crowd. I held a homebrewing class/Bible study where folks were invited to come learn how to make their own homebrewed beer and get a thorough overview of most of the Bible verses concerning the proper use of alcohol...both the blessings and the warnings. We had a decent turn out and the participants are looking forward to tasting our brews once they're finished fermenting after Easter.



It's hard to believe that Easter is already right around the corner, but the relentless march of time really sunk in when the Seminary had us all register for our Fall Semester classes last week! I don't want vicarage to end because we love the saints of Our Savior so much, but I can't wait to get back to learning even more about God's Word and getting closer to graduating at the same time. We know that the Holy Spirit has a wonderful church out there waiting for us and we're already getting excited about getting out there and serving more of God's people soon. Thank you again for helping to make all of this possible!

In His service,



Friends at Faith Lutheran Church,

We pray that your Lenten season has been filled with open, honest reflection. Here at Bethlehem, we are in a series called Cross Words – looking at how God's Word can be "cross" and challenges us to live differently. We're also looking at how God's same Cross Words come with wonderful promises, namely the promise of His favor and forgiveness.

Vicarage has been an absolute joy. It's wild to think we're already in "the back stretch," with only 5 months to go! We've loved being at Bethlehem through the logistics process of starting a new campus and going through a 5-10 year visioning process. Recently I had the honor of leading the Adult New Member Class. Hannah and I have enjoyed being part of two Bible study groups with other young adults and young parents. We've made so many friends and relationships here in such a short time. **It will truly be hard to leave.**

The same is true for Judah. He has a nice group of friends his age. This group includes grandchildren of my supervising pastor, kids of staff, and members of church. He started in Bethlehem's Early Learning Center in January, which has been an incredible blessing. He's learning and growing mentally, emotionally, and we're so thankful for the spiritual – Christ-filled – growth that Bethlehem provides. He's made a lot of new friends there too. **We're so thankful for the relationships that Judah has made here; these are truly his first friends. It will make leaving in July even more difficult.**

With Judah starting in the Early Learning Center, Hannah has been able to pursue new opportunities. She's able to invest more in relationships with other moms. She's also enjoyed getting back into the classroom as a K-8 sub for Bethlehem's school. It's also been nice for Hannah and I to have lunch together and process and plan out our days and week with just a little more calm and quiet. **We're thankful to God in every way for how He's provided for and blessed us through our Vicarage.**

We are so thankful for your support of my seminary journey. We are praying for you as you prepare your hearts for celebrating Jesus' resurrection. We humbly ask your prayers for:

- **Hannah:**
 - For a job in St. Louis
 - Navigating having Judah at school
 - Thanksgiving for subbing in Bethlehem's K-8
- **Judah:**
 - Thanksgiving for "School" and the friends he's made; Thanksgiving for his teachers
 - Patience for Mom and Dad as he tests more boundaries
- **Blake:**
 - To finish vicarage strong
 - Strength for the Lent season
 - Help finding a mountain for the "Vicar Hike" (a "requirement" of Bethlehem vicars)
- **The Fam:**
 - ~~Hoping to live on Seminary Campus next year~~ Help finding off campus housing for next year

God's richest blessings,



The Brockman Family (Blake, Hannah, Judah)

March 2026

Steingraber Seminary CHRONICLES

Greetings in Christ,

This month we were in full swing with Lent, basketball, many concerts, and other activities at the Seminary, along with serving at the two "Immanuel's". Steve continues preaching and leading liturgy and Lori has been playing piano and organ at several St. Louis churches throughout the month. Lori, David and Timmy are all on a spring break in the middle of March and are enjoying the relaxed schedule. Steve is preparing alongside the pastors for Holy Week in just a few short weeks!

Winter sports have wrapped up for our family. Timmy's basketball team played its last few games, ending the season with a 6-7 record (every middle schooler loved that record ;)). A highlight of their season was winning the consolation championship at a tournament at Steve's church school! They had a really good season of learning and growing as players and coaches. Steve and Lori also got some good "date nights" working the score tables together.

Please keep the students and families of both seminaries in your prayers as they are at their mid-semester break, with many traveling this week. Thank you for the prayers and/or support you have given during this time of learning for the whole family. We appreciate you all!

Peace and Love in Christ,

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Front Page: Fall family picture at the Seminary

Page 2:

Top—Immanuel Lutheran Olivette Eagles Consolation Champions with Coaches Claire, Lori and David. They worked so hard this season!

Bottom—Steve and Lori running Scorebook and Scoreboard at Immanuel Olivette. Steve liked running the scoreboard so much that he volunteered to run it at Immanuel St. Charles for the tournaments they hosted. It truly was the best seat in the house!

Page 3:

Top—Timmy taking the ball down during their final tournament game. Timmy scored many points this season!

Bottom—Steve and his Senior Pastor cooked Jambalaya for one of our midweek Lent dinners! Pastor Schmieding served for 15 years in Louisiana before coming to Immanuel St. Charles. Jambalaya is one of the best attended Lent meals! We had a line of people outside the fellowship hall for almost an hour! Steve enjoyed being able to serve all our people, but came home smelling like Jambalaya after cooking with Pastor all day!

Page 4:

Top—David on tour with the Lutheran South High school Jazz band. He was able to visit a church and school in Iowa and a Church in Minnesota, where Lori's parents and her brother and one of his sons met David. The bands were able to see a Minnesota Symphony concert and visit the Mall of America while on tour there.

Right—Timmy acolyting in the sanctuary at Immanuel-St. Charles. (Lori took the picture while sitting at the organ bench that morning :)).



HOLY LAND NOUR TOUR



Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, our New-Born King and Savior, you are invited to join me (on my 28th tour of the Holy Land Nour Tour.) A native of Israel, born in Nazareth on a Journey to the Holy Land for an experience of a lifetime to visit Israel for a spiritual NOUR-ishment. **We will depart from Chicago on September 29 and return on October 12, 2026**

During this 13-day NOUR TOUR You will experience the life of the land in new ways—sounds, smells, and sights of two civilizations the old and the new. You will stand at the crossroads of history—HIS STORY, why He came to earth; and know the vibrant influence of how this land shapes all other lands; but more importantly your heart will be

renewed, refreshed and rejuvenated with the love and truth of Holy Scripture.

Along the way you will....

- Walk where Jesus walked
- Cruise the Sea of Galilee
- Climb the Mount of Olives
- Walk the Triumphal road as Jesus enters Jerusalem
- See the Old City of Jerusalem
- Visit Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes
- Visit the Mount of Beatitudes
- Visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount and where Jesus chose the 12 disciples.
- Walk the Via Dolorosa (Road of suffering) to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Stroll the Garden of Gethsemane
- Visit Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity—the birthplace of the God-Man Jesus Christ.
- And much, much more!

On this journey you will learn of the three “Cs”: 1. *Context* is **king**, 2. *Culture* is **queen** and, 3. *Christ* is the **CENTER!** We will do more than just visit sights. We will go off the beaten path and have personal and daily devotions and be spiritually NOUR-ished. The Bible will be our map, compass and guide. Experience the Holy Land—a place like no other. Please join me on this blessed adventure. The **price is \$5,290.00** p/p including: air fare from Chicago to Tel Aviv and back to Chicago, hotel accommodations (for double occupancy) tips, entry fees and all meals.

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FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL UPDATES

April is such a special and joyful time at Faith Lutheran Preschool as we celebrate the hope and promise of Easter. During March, the children have been learning about how much Jesus loves us, that he died on the cross for us, and the joy of His resurrection. It is such a blessing to share these truths in ways that even our youngest learners can understand and hold onto in their hearts. One especially sweet moment this month came during our Bible time. As we were talking about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey for Palm Sunday and then about His death on the cross to save us from our sins, one student excitedly said, “Ms. Kat, guess what? Jesus didn’t stay dead. He came back alive because He loves us.” Moments like these are such a beautiful reminder of how deeply children can understand and believe the truth of God’s love.

We are so thankful for all the blessings God keeps giving our preschool. Our classroom has been full of laughter, learning, and friendship. It’s been so fun to watch how much the children have grown—not just in what they’re learning, but in how they show kindness, patience, and care for each other.

Thank you to everyone who helped support and share about our recent Open House. We truly appreciate your encouragement and willingness to spread the word about Faith Lutheran Preschool. Because of that support, we already have five students enrolled for the next school year! We encourage you to continue sharing about our preschool with friends, family, and neighbors.

As we move further into spring, we look forward to more opportunities for hands-on learning, outdoor play, and exploring God’s creation. The changing season (5th winter, 3rd spring and all in-between) is a wonderful reminder of new life and growth, just as we celebrate through Easter. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement. We are so blessed to be part of a church family that cares so deeply about sharing God’s love with young children.

With gratitude and Easter joy,
Faith Lutheran Preschool



LCMS TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

• July 18–23, 2026 • Phoenix, Arizona

The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) will meet under the theme “Christ Is Risen Indeed,” based on 1 Corinthians 15:20–22:

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Convention Bible study guides (‘leader’ and ‘participant’) are available on the LCMS website (lcms.org) and can be digitally downloaded and printed for those who desire to participate.

There is much more information that will be released in the coming weeks and months which you can follow on the LCMS website (lcms.org), but there is an important way the members of Faith Lutheran Church can participate in the ‘mission’ component of this convention.

The theme for the 2026 National Offering reflects the church’s call to share the message of Christ’s resurrection far and wide, across space and time: “Christ Is Risen! Tell the Next Generation.”

The theme is based on Psalm 78:4: “We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.”

The “National Offering,” which spans the years between conventions, provides an opportunity for congregations, districts, circuits, individuals or other groups to support the work of the LCMS vigorously to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, that all might rejoice and give thanks to our heavenly Father.

Gifts to the 2026–2029 National Offering will directly benefit ongoing domestic work carried out at the local level by LCMS congregations, districts and others, and supported by LCMS Family Ministry, Youth Ministry, Campus Ministry and School Ministry.

In future weeks and months, additional information will be made available, including information about grant opportunities for LCMS congregations, districts and Recognized Service Organizations to take part in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the next generation.

LWML SPRING RALLY



*On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand*

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March 12, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

You are cordially invited to attend the Spring Rally of Zone 13/14 of the North WI District LWML.

Place	St. Paul Lutheran Church – Stony Hill W9304 Oak Avenue, Shawano (see enclosed map)		
Date	Saturday, April 18, 2026		
Time	Registration	Begins at 8:30 am	
	Hymn Sing	8:45 am	
	Rally	9:00 am	
Fee	Registration	\$5.00 (includes lunch)	
Christian Life Topic	"Trees of the Bible" Written by Rev. Daniel Pfaffe, presented by Susan Ladwig & Angie Smith		
Speaker	Alyssa Petty, Chief Development Officer Topic "God speaks every language"		
Business Meeting	Led by Zone President Janet Strohbusch Voting for a Young Woman's Representative to District Convention		
Minutes	A copy of the 2025 Fall Rally Minutes is enclosed to be reviewed with your society prior to this rally. We will be voting to approve the minutes at the rally.		
Please bring:			
Gifts of the Heart	For the ingathering, a monetary donation would be appreciated to further the mission of Lutheran Bible Translators.		
Stamps for Missions	Please bring your cancelled stamps with perforations intact. As of the Fall 2025 Mission Tidings article we have raised \$15,231.51 through this project.		

Please share this invitation with your congregation, friends and family. Pastors are encouraged to attend as our guests.

Please note **MEMBERS** who have passed away since our last rally on the list at the registration table when you arrive.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
Lisa Gast, President
St. Paul Ladies Aid / LWML

BLOOD DRIVE

Faith Lutheran will be having it's Red Cross Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 15th from 11am - 5pm in the fellowship hall. You can sign up at RedCrossBlood.org using code: MFL. Successful donors will receive a \$15 e-card via email.



CAMPERSHIPS – CAMP LUTHER

The stewardship board will once again be offering scholarships to Camp Luther. Registration is now open. Once you register complete a Campership application. include name of camper, dates they are going and cost. Please check the bulletin board for application forms.

THANK YOU

Dear Faith Family,
Thank you so much for the generous gifts of appreciation! The beautiful artwork is hung so we see it each time we leave and when we return home. The 5' tall wind spinner was stuck in a snowbank for this picture. It will find a place of honor in one of my gardens once the snow melts. I have already tapped into the gift certificate to Quilters Haven to purchase fabric for quilts my mom and I will make for Hearts Overflowing. I will make many more trips there before the gift certificate can be used in full. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Treasurer. Thank you, again, for all of your expressions of appreciation!

Roxanne Mueller



"AS WE GROW IN CHRIST'S LOVE AND THE WORD, WE WILL SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE WITH THE WORLD."

FAITH LUTHERAN VBS 2026

Theme : Rainforest Falls

Save the Date: Coming Soon



The Faith Lutheran VBS program theme for this year is Rainforest Falls. The date will be posted soon. We will start on a Sunday and conclude with a short program at the end of VBS on a Thursday. Each day will start at 3:30 pm and go until 6:30 pm. Meet our buddies for this upcoming VBS. Their poster pictures will be posted soon!

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
BIBLE POINT God is our creator. (Wow, God!)	BIBLE POINT God knows everything. (Wow, God!)	BIBLE POINT God is our safe space. (Wow, God!)	BIBLE POINT God is love. (Wow, God!)	BIBLE POINT God is forever. (Wow, God!)
BIBLE STORY God creates the world. (Genesis 1)	BIBLE STORY David celebrates all God knows. (Psalm 139)	BIBLE STORY David hides from Saul. (1 Samuel 23-24)	BIBLE STORY Jesus died and comes to life to show God's love. (Luke 22:39-24:12)	BIBLE STORY God gives John a vision of heaven. (Revelation 7:17; 21-22)
KEY VERSE Psalm 103:22	KEY VERSE Psalm 139:1	KEY VERSE Psalm 142:5	KEY VERSE Psalm 136:1	KEY VERSE Psalm 115:18
 <i>Tango</i>	 <i>Seymour</i>	 <i>Dottie</i>	 <i>Tia</i>	 <i>Howie</i>

TIME AND TALENT

APRIL 2026

April 5th The Resurrection

Elder : Dan Everson

Greeter : Jim & Jean Olson

Reader : Jim Olson

Musician : Lois Zill | Marilyn Theel

Nursery: Dawn Mullins

Altar : Kelly Coan

Acolyte: Lizzie McCoy

Screen Assistant : Keith Mueller

Ushers : John Nygren | Kent Newby | Mike Evancheck

Counters : Sandy Lesperance | Kelly Coan

Birthdays

04 / 01 Bob Charlesworth

Deanna Gilane

Elly Krumrei

Connie Schroepfer

04 / 06 Dave Firnett

04 / 08 Marsh Stiemke

Anniversary

Sid & Maggie Meyers

April 12th Second Sunday of Easter

Elder : Jeff Durocher

Greeter : Carrie Thorley | Rosie Wolbrink

Reader : Kayla Lokken

Musician : Marilyn Theel

Nursery : Rosie Wolbrink

Altar : Lori Okrasinski

Acolyte: Matthew McCoy

Screen Assistant : Kelly Coan

Usher : Jeff Starks | Joel Cain | Dave Kielcheski

Counters : Charlotte Kielcheski | Laura Isaacson

Birthdays

04 / 13

Rosie Wolbrink

04 / 14

Dave Kielcheski

April 19th Third Sunday of Easter

Elder : Keith Mueller

Greeter : Maggie Meyers | Steve Tillberg

Reader : John Nygren

Musician : Danielle Moon

Nursery : Kayla Lokken

Altar : Lisa Charlesworth

Acolyte: Michael Evancheck

Screen Assistant : Marianne Evancheck

Ushers : Bob Charlesworth | Jordan Lokken | Jeff

Durocher

Counters : Danielle Moon | Kayla Lokken

Birthdays

04 / 23

Marcus Isaacson

04 / 24

Bill Ritson

April 26th Fourth Sunday of Easter

Elder : Dennis Froehlich

Greeter : Roy & Betsy Gill

Reader : Betsy Gill

Musician : Lois Zill

Nursery : Jane Bucholtz

Altar : Sandy Lesperance

Acolyte: Logan Krumrei

Screen Assistant : Kayla Lokken

Ushers : Dennis Froehlich | Roy Gill | Keith Mueller

Counters : Kelly Coan | Chris Froehlich

Birthdays

04 / 27

Tom Evancheck

04 / 28

Cali Nygren

04 / 29

Cheryl Redpath

04 / 30

Dreya Detry

Logan Krumrei

CALENDAR

Faith

LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

April Calendar 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bob Charlesworth Connie Schroepfer Deanna Gilane Elly Krumrei	2 6PM Adult Choir 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service Sid and Maggie Meyers	3 6:30PM Good Friday Service	4
5 9:00 – Easter Worship 10:00 - Fellowship	6 4PM Revitalization Presentation 5PM Elders Board Dave Firnett	7	8 6PM Discipleship Study Marsha Stiemke	9 5PM Revitalization Team Mtg 6PM Adult Choir	10	11
12 9:00 Worship 10:00 – Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School	13 4pm Board of Missional Life Mtg 5PM Board of Ed Mtg Rosie Wolbrink	14 David Kielcheski	15 11-5 Blood Drive 6PM Discipleship Study	16 6PM Adult Choir	17 Deadline for April Newsletter articles	18 8:30 LWML spring Rally
19 9:00 – Worship 10:00 - Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School	20 5:30 Council Mtg	21	22 6PM Discipleship Study	23 6PM Adult Choir Marcus Isaacson	24 Bill Ritson	25
26 9:00 Worship 10:00 Special Voters Mtg 10:00 – Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study/	27 Thomas Evanchack	28 Cali Nygren	29 Cheryl Redpath	30 6PM Adult Choir		Happy Anniversary Happy Birthday