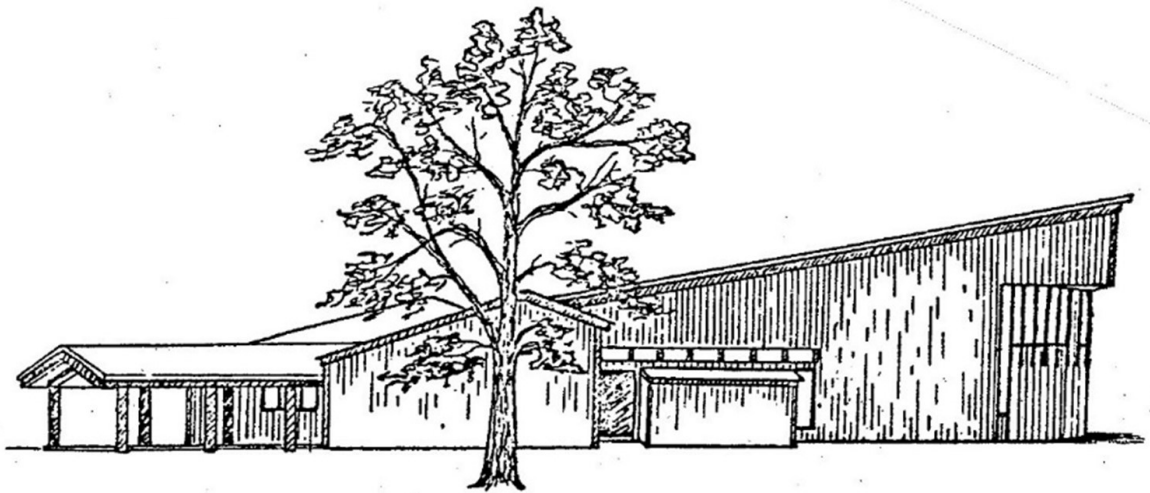




FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL



**"As we GROW in Christ's Love and the Word,
we will SHARE Christ's Love with the World."**

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- Discipleship Study.....6:00pm

THURSDAY

- Adult Choir.....6:00pm

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JIM

JESUS – YOUR “GOOD SHEPHERD”

On Sunday, April 26, we celebrated “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Falling on the 4th Sunday of Easter, the message centered on Jesus as the nurturing, sacrificial protector who knows His sheep by name and lays down His life for them. Based on readings from John 10 and Psalm 23, many key themes are taught including: trusting God’s guidance, recognizing Jesus’ voice over strangers, and finding security in His care.

Core Scripture Teaching: John 10:1-18 (The Good Shepherd)

- **The Shepherd's Voice (vv. 3-4):** Jesus calls His sheep by name, and they follow Him because they know His voice.
- **The Gate/Door (vv. 7-9):** Jesus is the only way to safety and pasture.
- **The Good Shepherd (v. 11):** Unlike a hired hand who abandons sheep, Jesus sacrifices His life for them.
- **Other Sheep (v. 16):** Jesus has a mission to unite a diverse flock beyond the traditional boundaries.

Key Themes & Study Points

- **Personal Intimacy:** The shepherd does not just oversee a flock; he knows each sheep individually, implying a personal relationship with God.
- **Protection vs. Wolves:** Jesus protects His flock from danger, including sinful desires, the devil, and spiritual dangers.
- **Rest and Abundance (Psalm 23):** The Good Shepherd leads us to "green pastures" and "quiet waters," which symbolize finding rest in God’s peace rather than just physical comfort.
- **Voluntary Sacrifice:** Jesus emphasizes that He is not forced to die, but lays down His life willingly out of love.

Discussion Questions

1. **Voice Recognition:** In a world filled with many voices, how can we better recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd?
2. **Trusting the Path:** Psalm 23 says, "Even when I walk through the darkest valley... you are with me." When is it hardest for you to trust that the Shepherd is close by?
3. **The Good Shepherd vs. Hired Hand:** What "hired hands" (false security) do we tend to follow instead of Jesus?
4. **Knowing the Name:** How does it change your daily life to know that Jesus knows you by name?

Additional “Devotional Activity”

- **For “Reflection”:** read Psalm 23 again slowly and highlight phrases in those verses that describe God’s actions (example: leads, restores, comforts).
- **Action Item:** Consider what "wandering" looks like in your own life, and pray for Jesus “The Good Shepherd” to guide you back to His safety.

Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail

We are taught in **Proverbs 29:18**, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” This verse emphasizes that lacking divine revelation **or lacking a future-focused purpose** will lead to wandering aimlessly in the present with no intentional thought or planning for the future of the next generation and the next.

“**Future planning**” by the members of the church is accomplished by intentionally planning for the future needs of our present ‘younger’ generations so that they can grow up in a thriving ministry and be fashioned into future leaders who follow the example of forward-thinking leaders of the past while adapting to their generation’s challenges and realities.

“**Future planning**” is absolutely vital for congregations in order to align and provide resources that support the mission and vision, ensure long-term sustainability, and proactively shape the future rather than merely reacting to present crises.

“**Strategic planning**” assists in ‘future planning’ by providing clear focus, prioritizing any competing demands, and fostering unity by defining a clear, shared vision for the next 5-10 years.

Key reasons for future planning include:

- **Strategic Alignment:** It aligns the church's resources—time, money, facilities, and personnel—with its core mission and future vision.
- **Long-Term Sustainability:** It addresses changing ministry circumstances, ensuring the church can adapt to new and future challenges and avoid decline.
- **Focus and Clarity:** It helps congregations avoid distractions, providing a "North Star" that directs decision-making and prevents wasteful, directionless activity.
- **Proactive Ministry:** It allows leaders to anticipate future needs, transitioning from reactive, survival-mode thinking to proactive, vision-driven ministry.
- **Leadership Development:** It aids in developing the next generation of leaders and ensures stability during transitions through planning future succession.

One of the great dangers to successful future planning is the attitude that “What worked before will work for the future.” While past decisions from past leaders may contribute to a strong and growing present church ministry, the present changes in our cultural values, the modern challenges to families, the erosion of basic Christian values, the decline of academic preparation in the majority of school classrooms, the misalignment of personal and societal priorities, and the downward spiral of personal, community, state, and national expectations have ALL changed so drastically in just a couple generations that past models of leadership and planning rarely meet present needs and realities to say nothing of the future.

*** We can certainly learn from the past and celebrate its successes, but the present realities we face must inform and guide any planning for the future ***

Another barrier to successful future planning / vision for the local church and its members is when we fail to include and treat the membership as ‘stake holders’ in the present and as absolute investors in the future of the church – especially beyond their years on earth.

We must seek out representatives of each generation of our church membership to fill positions of present and future leadership on our boards and committees.

*** We must include the awareness, experiences, and ideas of multiple generations in the present if we hope to make informed and forward-looking decisions for the present we share and the future days and years to come.

While we walk together in the present and plan together for the future, let us build our present and future hope on these words from Almighty God as recorded in **Proverbs 29:11**, **“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not for evil, plans to give you hope and a future.’”** (NIV)

BECOMING AN “ELDER”

Have you ever thought about becoming an “Elder” here at Faith? 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

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION

To all Congregational Members, the Church Council has hired Country Mile Document Destruction to come to the church and destroy financial documents that are scheduled for destruction. The Council is offering this service to its members. So, if you have any documents you'd like destroyed please bring them to church at 8:00am June 18th. For confidentiality reasons, you will be responsible for dumping your documents into the 64 gallon bins. (Kelly will assist if requested) All paper clips, rubber bands, alligator clips, etc. must be removed prior to dumping the documents. Staples are permissible. Documents are quickly destroyed in your presence. See Kelly with any questions.

“FIRST ANNUAL COOKIE WALK – TAKE A WALK ON THE SWEET SIDE”



On Saturday, November 7 from 10am-12pm, Faith Lutheran Church will host its first ever “Annual Cookie Walk.”

This event ...

- is hosted by the Faith Lutheran Church “Board of Missional Life” and contains as one of its ‘goals’ to add another way to ‘open our doors’ to the community around us,
- seeks to help individuals and families in the local community (or even farther away) to prepare for the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas by reducing their amount of baking preparation.
- provides a ‘fellowship time’ where we become known to our ‘neighbors’ and our ‘neighbors’ begin to learn a little more about us.
- provides a variety of cookies and other baked goods combined with community spirit in a “grab-and-go” environment.

Prices are determined by the actual weight of the cookies / baked goods that are placed into containers that we provide for their use.

The proceeds from this event will be directed in support of a ministry at Faith Lutheran Church and will be determined in upcoming months.

WHAT THIS EVENT NEEDS FROM OUR FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH FAMILY:

(more details to come in future newsletters)

1. Help us to promote this event in the neighborhoods or towns you live in.
2. Begin collecting ‘large’ coffee cans and containers that can be decorated with holiday wrappings for use by those who attend.

*** Rosie Wolbrink has volunteered to ‘store’ all containers that are donated. Starting June 1 there will be a receiving bin in the Fellowship Hall that all ‘clean’ containers can be placed in from week to week.

3. We will need every baker in our church family to consider donating the variety and quantity we hope to provide for this event.

4. Volunteers to oversee putting the desired choices of baked goods by attendees in their container as we want to provide a ‘sterile’ environment.

PRIZES will include:

1. Gift cards for the “TOP 5” individuals who donated the “TOP 5” amounts of baked goods (measured in ‘dozens’).
2. Gift cards for local businesses that will be offered through a drawing at the event for those in attendance (including FLC members).

PLEASE WATCH FUTURE NEWSLETTERS for more information!

LARGE coffee container donations begin June 1 at Faith Lutheran Church.

Contact Chairman Jim Zill or Pastor Jim for more information. THANK YOU!!!



LWML QUILTING EVENT



You are invited to serve the Lord with gladness finishing quilts!

PLEASE JOIN OUR LWML

QUILT tying & sewing



Weds, May 6th 8:30 to Noonish

Come whenever & work as long as you can, bring scissors & a friend.

Fun and fellowship making quilts ❖ for Lutheran World Relief.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

THRIVENT ACTION EVENT

Please RSVP by e-mail to if you can come so we know how many stations to set up. Thank you so much for your continued service in this MISSION PROJECT

WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS!

Marla, Coordinator

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS

Happy Mother's Day

LIFE CARNATIONS

Carnations may be purchased

IN MEMORY or IN HONOR of the special women in your life.

Cost of each carnation is \$2.50 Donations received over and above the cost of flowers will be sent to LUTHERANS FOR LIFE.

Please take an envelope, fill out & put in mailbox #16. Deadline to order is **Sunday, May 3rd.**

Thank You, L.W.M.L.

FAMILY LETTERS



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SERVING THE LORD
IN THE LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGION

News from Rev Dr Jonathan & Deaconess Cheryl Naumann



In the remaining months of our missionary service members of our family have been in the DR to visit us and see our work. In the top photo we are sitting in a pew at the mission in Palmar Arriba with our son, Rev. Gordon Naumann, and his son, Vaughn. The lower photo, taken in front of the Seminary, includes our son, Dr. David Naumann, with his daughter Felicity and sons Arthur and Ralph.

"Doy gracias a mi Dios cada vez que me acuerdo de ustedes..."

Dearest friends and prayer partners - the ones who have made it possible for us to serve the Lord in the Latin America and Caribbean region for just over ten years,

With this newsletter Cheryl and I are letting you know that we have made the bittersweet decision to retire from the mission field, and will return to the United States on June 1.

In the midst of this decision, Philippians 1:3-5, comes to our minds: *I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.*

We are grateful to you for walking with us on the journey that God gave us here in the Dominican Republic and in other countries in the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

You rejoiced with us at the opening of the seminary and Mercy Center; at the arrival of shipment containers of books for the seminary library; at the expansion of the number of students at the seminary and in my classes as I served as a professor, dean of the chapel, and librarian for the seminary. You rejoiced with us at the teaching of deaconess classes, and as each new VDMA resource was translated into Spanish through the VDMA Project, so that Pastors and seminary students throughout the region could have good theological resources to assist them in carrying out their vocations in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture.

You rejoiced with us when we had opportunities to witness to the people around us in the Dominican Republic, whether they were in the grocery store, on the street, or our uber driver.

You prayed for us and encouraged us through so many challenging times: my heart attack, Cheryl's gall bladder surgery and digestion issues, Covid19, my broken leg, and my (successful) cancer surgery.

All we can say is THANK YOU - for your prayers and financial support, and those emails with encouraging words. And will add one last thought, from Philippians 1:6 - *"I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*

Pastor Jonathan Naumann

PHOTO GALLERY

Right: Our seminary has more residential students than ever before. They represent seven different countries and national Lutheran Churches. Other students study remotely, including Haitians, because of visa and other issues.

Bottom: 'Carnival' this year included some of our missionary children in Dominican costume.



We give thanks for the sending of more workers to the mission field in LAC. Here are the newest calls & appointments:

- Marie and Daniel Lowitz arrived earlier this week to work as career missionaries with the various missions in Santiago, DR. We are thankful that they will be taking our dog, Canchita, into their home!
- Deaconess Kate Phillips accepted her call received in January to serve in human care in the DR.
- Rev. Nsiskak Ekong of Nigeria, will soon be arriving to serve in Kingston, Jamaica.
- Rev. Ivan Doebber of IELB, Brazil has accepted his call to serve in Comayagua.
- Nora Betus, has accepted her call to serve her DCE internship as a communication specialist.

Please include in your prayers

- + Thanksgiving for the joy of the resurrection through God's Son, Jesus Christ! + That our transition back to living in the US will be a smooth one, with the ability to sell our car and other household items that we need to leave behind.
- + Thanksgiving that God's Word is taking root in the hearts of many Latin American people who learn of His love and saving grace through the preaching, mercy work and witnessing of LCMS missionaries.

If you are looking for ways to continue to support work that we have involved with in the Latin America and Caribbean Region, please check out this Project Catalog on the LCMS website:

https://international.lcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/2026-27_Project-Catalog_web.pdf

or if you are interested in providing financial support to another LCMS missionary family please contact the LCMS Office of International Missions for more information

The Members of Faith Lutheran Church
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April 15, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Faith Lutheran Church,

As we approach our retirement in June, we want to thank you for the many loving donations that you have sent to our mission fund for many years – most recently the gifts of \$100 in November and December; \$370 in February and \$220 in March – to support God's work through us in the LCMS missions in Latin America. We can't express how grateful we are to you for your support, and for your prayers.

May God bless your congregation as you continue to support missions in the future!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jonathan and Deaconess Cheryl Naumann



Come Holy Spirit,
FILL THE HEARTS
of your faithful
AND KINDLE IN THEM
the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
the face of the earth.
AMEN

The Salt Stories

April 15, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

God's Blessings!

April 28th is fast approaching! Classes still meet on Call Day, morning only. We share in celebrating vicarage and pastoral calls with our sister seminary, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.

Church and World, our systematics course, has been studying how modern culture has come about and how we, as faithful Lutheran pastors, can reach those steeped in it. Dr. Joel Biermann has been an incredible guide in this journey.

Pastoral Care and the Word has been focused on how to give pastoral care in those situations where a pastor finds himself regularly (hospital visits, counseling in his office, etc.) and especially how to refer those who need specific counsel to those resources.

Lutheranism in America has examined the development of Lutheranism on our shores; we'll be examining the Seminary Walkout in the next few weeks, actually. As we trace the American Lutherans, we learn a lot about the current situations and how to engage denominations in meaningful ways.

Reading and Preaching the Word has walked us through how to construct sermons on Old Testament Narratives and Parables, Topical Sermon Series, the Psalms, New Testament Miracle Texts and Parables. Each presents its own research needs and preferred presentation. Of course, there is an amount of license in the way to focus the sermon's message around the text, but textual foundation is still imperative.

The language labs (Greek and Hebrew) have been opportunities to gain a better understanding of the text and an appreciation for the Word of our Lord. Though we meet only once a week to delve into the texts in the original languages, it is still a blessed time together with my brother-future-pastors.

The pictured cross is a remnant of the KFUD radio tower. The tower experienced a controlled fall onto the athletic field and the base has been bulldozed to make room for the new playground, as part of the larger campus 2-year construction plan. The playground will specifically contain apparatuses that are not part of the current setup, so it'll add more chances for children's socialization on-campus.



During Reading Week (March 16-20), my family and I finally made it to Nebraska! I forgot to mention that in the March letter; that had largely been written before Reading Week. My wife kindly reminded me that we had a picture taken by the sign!



Kathryn continues reading, writing and arithmetic. There has been a lot of assistance on campus; many of the families here have homeschooling experience. Bethie has been very blessed in this journey.

Barbara is growing really quickly! She crawls faster than a speeding cat and is pulling herself up onto her feet often; it is a matter of time before she walks unassisted!

Bethie has been loving the time with the girls at home, keeping them occupied with learning

kinesthetically and involving them with most chores as she sees fit. Kathryn is probably better at laundry than I was at that age, which is great to see!

As Call Day approaches, we are excited to see where God would have me serve His people for a year. Call Day services are on April 28th; 3pm Central for the Vicarage Assignments and 7pm Central for the Pastoral Calls. Our sister seminary, CTSFW, will be celebrating Vicarage Assignments at 7pm Eastern on April 28th, and the Pastoral Calls the next evening (29th) at 7pm Eastern. All of the services will be live-streamed from their respective institutions; head to www.csl.edu or www.ctsfw.edu to watch them live or to see the services afterward. The assignments/calls will be attached onto the webpage following each service.



Your support in this journey has simply been delightful; thank you very much! Even though Vicarage year will not involve living on-campus, I will still be a student and will return to St. Louis in late summer, 2027 to complete my pastoral education. God's Blessings in your ministry, and thank you for the continued support!

In Christ,

Chris, Bethie, Kathryn, Barbara Genszler

April 2026

Steingraber Seminary CHRONICLES

Christ IS Risen! He is Risen Indeed Alleluia!

This month had several high points, first and foremost: Easter! We were blessed to serve as a family for many of the services during Holy Week. Steve preached on Maundy Thursday and on Easter he helped in many other ways including, crucifer, liturgist and even traffic direction between two Easter services. Lori and David played handbells for one Easter service and Lori and her sister, Leann, sang in the choir for Easter! We were blessed to not only have Leann and Jason with us, but also Heather and Nate (Steve's sister and brother-in-law) and their kids visit! We all had a great time rejoicing in our Lord's Resurrection!

Steve was involved in two outreach events right after Easter. Our Pastors, one of our DCE's and Steve visited Concordia Seminary to take Dairy Queen Dilly Bars to campus as a part of the last "Prof N Stein" event of the semester. Pastor Schmieding, Steve's supervisor, was able to speak and share his story in ministry—part of his story is how, in spite of tongue cancer 29 years ago, Pastor Schmieding preaches and is enthusiastic to share the Word of God everywhere he goes! Steve also hosted a Police Breakfast with a team at Immanuel to show our appreciation for local officers and showcase our police substation (located at Immanuel St. Charles). This event served 31 officers from 3 different police departments in our county. Three comfort dogs from Lutheran Church Charities were present in support of this event. The event served as Steve's vicarage capstone outreach project. It was such a blessing to connect the officers to the substation and some of our local comfort dogs!

Lori and the boys are approaching the final month of their semesters. Lori has been able to bless her students with a special music presentation from our seminary Kantor's wife during her music classes. David continues to enjoy band at LUSO and is looking forward to a trip with his Police Explorers post this summer. Timmy is enjoying writing a history project about the life of Col. Joseph Chamberlain from the battle of Gettysburg.

Please keep the students and families of both seminaries in your prayers as Call Day is on Tuesday, April 28 (St. Louis) and Wednesday, April 29 (Ft. Wayne). 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,

The Steingraber
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April 2026

Steingraber

Seminary

CHRONICLES

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Page 1: Easter Family Picture!

Page 2:

Top—The entire Edery/Kieffer/Steingraber gathering for Easter! We rented an Airbnb together so we could soak in the family time in one space, dogs included!

Bottom Left—Steve and Lori after the final Easter service in the 1867 sanctuary.

Bottom Right—Lori and Leann (middle of the picture) singing easter praises joyfully!

Page 3:

Top Left—The seminary decided to celebrate Good Friday (and Steve's Birthday!) by knocking over the old KFUD tower in preparation for campus renovations! It was quite the morning!

Top Right—Steve and Pastor Schmieding at Prof N Stein at Concordia Seminary.

Middle Left—The Steingraber/Kieffer cousins lifting a cross as part of an interactive "Good Friday Experience" at Immanuel. It was a prayerful journey through the events of Holy week leading to the Tomb.

Bottom Left—David and Timmy at City Museum. All the cousins were able to explore this one of a kind activity space in St. Louis.

Bottom Right—A vicar's nap at the Airbnb after Easter service!

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Top Right—We were blessed to serve a breakfast of sausage egg bake, biscuits and gravy and fruit to our local officers!

Bottom—Our officers from St. Charles City Police Department enjoying breakfast and checking out our substation. David was able to come and help Steve serve and set up for this event!



EASTER BASKET DONATIONS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN IN MARINETTE

At Easter time, the City of Marinette sponsors “The Easter Basket Project” which asks local church groups, businesses, Scout troops, schools, nonprofit organizations, and private citizens to donate pre-made Easter Baskets, or monetary donations, for needy boys and girls, infant to preteen, in the community.

The contributed baskets are taken to the Community REC Center at 2501 Pierce Ave. People at the REC then distribute them through local crisis agencies, schools, local hospitals, churches, Human Services, etc. In past years, more than 300 baskets were delivered locally. This year Sandy Lesperance contributed and delivered 24 Easter Baskets to the REC Center on behalf of Faith Lutheran Church. The Board of Missional Life has reimbursed her for the cost of the materials to make the baskets.



Thank you, Sandy, for doing this on our behalf.

May the Lord bless you richly for the love that you show to others!

THE BOARD OF MISSIONAL LIFE

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH (FLC) BOARD OF MISSIONAL LIFE: “BAGS FOR KIDS”

The Board of Missional Life encourages members of the congregation to share the Gospel of Jesus in words and deeds in the following ways:

- Encouraging members to invite others to worship.
- Facilitating events in the community for members to engage people outside of the church.
- Making a positive difference and promoting Faith Lutheran Church.
- Choosing missionaries to support through prayer and financial donations and communicating messages from those missionaries to the congregation.

One of the ways that we are making a positive difference in the community is through our “Bags for Kids” ministry – which collaborates with Denise Kunz at Marinette Health and Human Services. We ask members of the congregation to donate new or “gently used” duffel or carry-on bags to give to children when they are removed from abusive homes and moved to foster care.

When these children are removed, the situation is often traumatic, and they need something to put their clothes and personal items in. Prior to this program, they often had to use a trash bag to put their things in for travelling.

“Bags for Kids: started as a revitalization team project in 2021. The Board later adopted it in 2022 and we’ve kept it going since that time.

Denise recently asked us for more duffel and carry-on bags. In March, we provided three carry-ons and one duffel bag. If you want to donate a new or gently used bag or give a monetary gift to help purchase new bags, please contact Rosie Wolbrink or any member of the Board of Missional Life.

Thank you. THE BOARD OF MISSIONAL LIFE

FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL UPDATES

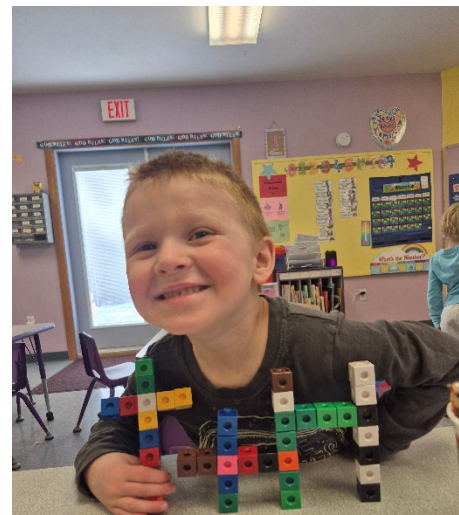
Faith Lutheran Preschool is already looking ahead with excitement to the 2026–2027 school year. We are happy to share that ten students are currently enrolled, with additional families exploring the opportunity to join the program. We are grateful for the continued interest and look forward to another wonderful year of learning and growth. If you know of families considering preschool for their children, we encourage you to share Faith Lutheran Preschool as a nurturing and meaningful start to their educational journey.

As the 2025–2026 school year comes to a close, students and teachers are eagerly anticipating their final field trip to Harmony Arboretum. This special experience provides a meaningful opportunity to connect classroom learning with God’s creation. We are also looking forward to celebrating the end of the year with a picnic for students and their families, complete with a bouncy house slide for the children and their siblings to enjoy. The final days of school are May 28 for our Tuesday/Thursday class and May 29 for our Tuesday/Thursday/Friday class.

This time of year brings both reflection and gratitude. While teaching can be demanding, the joy found in each child’s smile and the growth seen throughout the year make every moment truly worthwhile.

We extend our sincere thanks to the congregation for the continued support shown to Faith Lutheran Preschool throughout the year. Your encouragement and generosity make a lasting impact on the students and families we serve.

Thank you for being an important part of the preschool community.



Built a Cross, a Plus Sign, and an "H" for his name.



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.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Time: Bible study 12 PM, meeting 1PM Date: Tuesday May 5th

Faith Lutheran women in mission are having a bible study at noon “Esther – a Faithful Woman of God” led by VP/Christian life Betsy Gill. All women age 18 and older are welcome to attend. Bring a lunch too.

Pastor’s Winkel at FLC and LWML are serving coffee, juice, and refreshments at 8:30 am – 9am 12 PM – lunch. The Lutheran Woman in Mission have a meeting at 1pm in the church library.

Marilyn Theel, president

FAITH LUTHERAN VBS 2026

Theme : Rainforest Falls Save the Date: July 26-30

Times: 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Location: 4009 Irving Street, Marinette, Wi

Ages: 3-year-old – 5th grade



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
 Tango	 Seymour	 Dottie	 Tia	 Howie

MAY 2026

May 3rd Fifth Sunday of Easter

Elder : Jeff Durocher	Birthdays	
Greeter : Marilyn Theel & Connie Schroepfer	05/01	Jordan Lokken
Reader : Jeff Durocher	05/08	Donna Payne
Musician : Lois Zill	05/09	Marianne Evancheck
Nursery: Roxanne Mueller		
Altar : Kelly Coan	Anniversaries	
Acolyte: Lizzie McCoy	05/07	Jordan & Kayla Lokken
Screen Assistant : Keith Mueller	05/09	Jack & Karen Zarling
Ushers : John Nygren Kent Newby Mike Evancheck	05/09	Joel & Deb Cain
Counters : Sandy Lesperance Kelly Coan		

May 10th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Elder : Dennis Froelich	Birthdays	
Greeter : Duane & Jane Bucholtz	05/14	Jack Zarling
Reader : Dan Everson	05/15	Pastor Jim
Musician : Marilyn Theel		Steve Van Den Heuvel
Nursery : Sharron Starks		Gavin Devroy
Altar : Lori Okrasinski		
Acolyte: Matthew McCoy		
Screen Assistant : Kelly Coan		
Usher : Jeff Starks Joel Cain Dave Kielcheski		
Counters : Charlotte Kielcheski Laura Isaacson		

May 17th Seventh Sunday of Easter

Elder : Keith Mueller	Birthdays	
Greeter : Sandy Lesperance Chris Froehlich	05/18	Jack Glonek
Reader : Jim Zill	05/20	Mark Okrasinski
Musician : Lois Zill	05/22	Cayla Charlesworth
Nursery : Lisa Charlesworth	Anniversaries	
Altar : Lisa Charlesworth	05/22	Roy & Betsy Gill
Acolyte: Michael Evancheck	05/22	Marcus & Laura Isaacson
Screen Assistant : Marianne Evancheck		
Ushers : Bob Charlesworth Jordan Lokken Jeff Durocher		
Counters : Danielle Moon Kayla Lokken		

May 24th The Day of Pentecost

Elder : Dan Everson		
Greeter : Bob & Lisa Charlesworth	Birthdays	
Reader : Connie Schroepfer	05/24	Kaytee Devroy
Musician : Danielle Moon		Maggie Meyers
Nursery : Faith Fredrickson	05/25	Caitlin Kielcheski
Altar : Sandy Lesperance		
Acolyte: Logan Krumrei		
Screen Assistant : Jordan Lokken	Anniversaries	
Ushers : Dennis Froehlich Roy Gill Keith Mueller	05/24	John & Maggie Nygren
Counters : Kelly Coan Chris Froehlich	05/28	Roger & Sharon Marquardt

May 31st The Holy Trinity

Elder : Dennis Froehlich		
Greeter : Dan & Karen Everson	Birthdays	
Reader : Karen Everson		
Musician : Lois Zill	05/31	Marla Schutt
Nursery : Dawn Mullins		
Altar : Joan Schrank		
Acolyte: Lizzie McCoy		
Screen Assistant : Lori Okrasinski		
Ushers : Dan Everson Eric Scuderi		
Counters: Geneva Hanson Maggie Meyers		

FAITH May Calendar 2026

LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00 Worship 10:00 – Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School	4 5 PM Board of Elders MTG	5 12 PM Lutheran Women in Missions Bible Study/MTG	6 8:30 AM Quilting 6 PM Discipleship Study	7 6 PM Adult Choir Jordan/Kayla Lokken	8 Jordan Lokken	9 Spring Clean Up at Church 9am
10 9:00 Worship 10:00 – Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School	11 Endowment MTG	12	13 6 PM Discipleship Study	14 8:30 AM Hearts Overflowing Blankets 6 PM Adult Choir Jack Zarling	15 Gavin Devroy, Rev. James Krueger, and Steve Van Den Heuvel	16
17 9:00 – Worship 10:00 – Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study 11:30 Sunday School Picnic @ Red Arrow Park	18 Jack Glonek	19	20 6 PM Discipleship Study Mark Okrasinski	21 6 PM Adult Choir	22 Cayla Charlesworth Marcus/Laura Isaacson and Roy/Betsy Gill	23
24 Pentecost Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:00 Special Voters Mtg 10:00 – Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study/ **	25 Caitlin Kielcheski	26	27 6 PM Discipleship Study	28 6 PM Adult Choir Roger and Sharon Marquardt	29	30
31 Trinity Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:00 – Fellowship Maria Schutt		** 5/24 Kaytee Devroy and Maggie Meyers John and Maggie Nygren				Happy Anniversary Happy Birthday