

FAITH Lutheran Church
Offering Christ-Centered Preschool and Childcare
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FOCUS ON FAITH
April, 2024



MISSION STATEMENT: In responding to God's great love to us in Christ Jesus, FAITH Lutheran Church dedicates itself to the continual growth of Christ's Church in Bridgeport, in all of Michigan and the United States of America, and into all of the world through....

- Fellowshiping around the Gospel (*Acts 2:42*)
- Administering the Means of Grace (*1 Cor. 4:1*)
- Investing our time and talents (*2 Cor. 9:7, 8*)
- Teaching the Christian FAITH (*2 Tim. 2:2*)
- Helping those in need (*Matt. 25:40*)

Professional Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Timothy Behnke, *Pastor*, 989-401-8537,

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Serving at FAITH in April

Elders:

Sunday, April 7

Mike Hastedt

Sunday, April 21

Dan Pavlicek

Altar Guild: Jen Spencer, Heidi Behnke, Louise Davis

Ushers:

April 7 Group 2

April 14 Group 2

April 21 Group 3

April 28 Group 3

Kidz' Word:

April 7 Laurie Lisk

April 14 Archie Swanson

April 21 Doug Williams

April 28 Laurie Lisk

Ushers:

Group 2

Bill Niedrich

Joe Sylvester

Tim Ross

Matt Hoffmann

Group 3

Jim Jordan

Bob Ferchau

Tom Pierce

Lectors:

April 7 Rachel Szaroletta

April 14 Heidi Behnke

April 21 Mindy Hoffmann

April 28 Mary Sylvester

He is Risen.

I love Easter! I love Lent and Christmas too, but Easter for me is what it is all about. Christ rose, defeating sin, Satan and death. His resurrection ensures us that he has won and that by faith in him, we will spend an eternity with him. His resurrection gives us the sure and certain hope that this world and its problems are not final, but temporary. His resurrection changes everything!

Imagine what it was like for the disciples when they learned of the resurrection. For some, there was doubt. For others, there was confusion. For even others, there was wonderment. For all of them, though, there was joy once they believed. All the falling away as he was arrested, all the denials, all the shortcomings were over and the possibilities were endless. This changed the disciples forever as they went from often clueless and bickering followers to fearless speakers of the gospel to all who would hear.

We too are changed by Easter. Our doubts, confusions, struggles and shortcomings don't seem to matter as much once we truly understand that Christ is risen and nothing can change that. We find hope in the midst of the struggles and we know that Christ is not only with us, but also victorious. We find hope in that our shortcomings do not have the final say because we are works in progress and that the Holy Spirit is transforming us just as he did the disciples. We realize that we too can be fearless speakers of the gospel to all who would hear. We know that we are a new creation because of Christ and can live as that new creation. All because he rose victorious on Easter morning!

--To God be the glory--

Pastor Tim Behnke

April Birthdays



- 1 Alyse Notter, Pastor Behnke
- 3 Roxanne Kern
- 5 Susan Koehr
- 7 Kathleen Jordan
- 8 Lainey Alma
- 11 Jeffrey Kern
- 12 Roberta Fent, Rachel Szaroletta
- 14 Raymond Wolinski
- 16 Connie Powell
- 17 Zachary Bowns
- 18 Michael Hastedt
- 20 Zachary Padgett, Barb Swanson
- 21 Nikki Martus
- 26 *Alexander Gubbins
- 27 Jan Webb
- 28 Kyle Brush
- 29 Sarah Hall
- 30 Carol Stuhr

*Children

Anniversaries



- 7 Bob & LuAnn Ferchau
- 12 Randy & Jill Eischer
- 24 Timothy & Heidi Behnke
- 30 Jim & Kathy Jordan

If we have missed anyone or made an error, please contact the church office at 989-777-2600 or faithluthchurch@yahoo.com

"Dimes for Missions"



2nd Quarter "Dimes for Missions" will go to help support Jim & Sue Kaiser, Lutheran Bible Translator in Ethiopia.

Dr. Jim and Susan Kaiser are excited to extend the partnership between Lutheran Bible Translators and the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY).

In the early 1980's, Susan helped establish a literacy program for the Loko people of Sierra Leone. Together with Jim they helped to translate the New Testament for the Kono people of Sierra Leone, and later the New Testament for the Chaldean people of Iraq.

Jim now consults with multiple translation projects in Ethiopia and Susan provides care to other missionaries. Jim and Susan have three grown sons, all born in Sierra Leone and five grandchildren.

Thank you: Thank you for supporting the Women of Faith RADA sale. 24 women placed orders that totaled 82 items. Expected profits will be approximately \$112.00 Thank you again.

Elections: We have upcoming elections for President, Vice President and Treasurer. Please pray on it and consider a position. Barb Swanson and Sandy Stroup are our nominating committee and they will soon be contacting delegates.

Michigan District Conference June 28-30 in Grand Rapids: Susan Koehr will be attending the conference and we need one more delegate to represent Faith. If anyone would be interested please contact the office before April 15th as that is the registration deadline.

Saginaw Valley LWML Zone Spring Rally
Messiah Lutheran Church-4640 N. Michigan St.
Saturday, April 13, 2024
9:00 am – 12:00 pm Luncheon to follow
Mid-Michigan Teen Challenge will be the Presenters!
Registration 8:30 am – 9:00 am \$6.00 per person



“I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down,
declares the Sovereign lord. I will search for the lost and
bring back the strays...” Ezekiel 34:15-16

Ingathering Items for LWML Spring Rally

Nail File
Body Wash
Lotion – any size
Body scrubbers
Face Wash
Bobby pins
Hairspray
Shaving cream
Toilet paper
Laundry Soap
Dryer Sheets

Items can be left in the tote next to the
Fellowship Hall.

WILD GAME

DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, April 27, 2024

5:30 p.m. Appetizers

6:00 p.m. Dinner

*Faith Lutheran Church
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**Ticket cost is (Suggested Donation)
\$30.00 per person or \$50.00 for two.
Please contact the Church Office for your
tickets at 989-777-2600 All are welcome!**

Seating is limited!