

***FAITH Lutheran Church***  
***Offering Christ-Centered Preschool and Childcare***  
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***FOCUS ON FAITH***  
***May 2025***



**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:***

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## **Serving at FAITH**

**Elders:** May 4      Dan Pavlicek  
              May 18     Mike Hastedt

**Altar Guild:** Dorothy Dedyne, Mary Sylvester

<b>Ushers:</b>		<b>Kidz' Word:</b>	
May 4	Group 4	May 4	Louise Davis
May 11	Group 4	May 11	Archie Swanson
May 18	Group 1	May 18	Pastor Behnke
May 25	Group 1	May 25	Doug Williams

<b>Group 4</b>	<b>Group 1</b>
Dean Notter	Ron Reinbold
Austin Notter	
Ron Brush	

**Lector:**

May 4	Rachel Szaroletta
May 11	Mary Sylvester
May 18	Heidi Behnke
May 25	Mindy Hoffmann

**Greeters:**

May 4	Louise Davis	Lance & Abbie Burns
May 11	Diane Gubbins	Dearaine Gubbins
May 18	Barb Pierce	Steve & Dorothy Dedyne
May 25	Heidi Behnke	Rachel Szaroletta

Peace.

Peace is often hard to find in this world. We long for a bit of peace and quiet. We want things to be calm and maybe normal for a while. However, more often than not, something happens, chaos enters in and peace seems to fade away.

One reason peace is hard to find is that we live in a busy and chaotic world. Things happen and change quickly. On top of that, we are bombarded constantly by our electronic devices and social media to react to these things. Also, many advertisers and media outlets do not want us to be at peace so we buy more or watch more or buy into their ideas. This coupled with our desire to be in control steals our peace as we constantly work to gain or regain control even when it is not possible or realistic. Regret over the past can also steal out peace.

One problem we have is that we think peace can only happen when things are calm and going our way. True, this is peaceful, but usually not realistic for long. This leads us to try to create our own peace which never happens for long either.

The only real answer is to turn to Christ who is the Prince of Peace. His peace is different as he said in John 14:27: *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”* His peace is peace in the midst of the storm as crazy as that may sound. His peace is based on the fact that he is in control and using all things, even the bad, for our good. His peace is based on his love for us and the fact that he will never leave or forsake us. This is true no matter how bad we mess up. His peace is based on his promises that always come true and the fact that no matter what happens, as long as we trust in him, we will spend an eternity with him. This calm may seem to come and go, but we just need to keep turning to him when we need peace.

So, throw all your anxieties on him, turn to him, trust in him and he will give you peace.

--To God be the glory--

*Pastor Tim Behnke*



- 8      \*Tristan Gubbins
- 9      Sandy Stroup
- 13     Andrea Notter
- 14     Karlie Fournier
- 16     Austin Notter
- 17     Spencer Hoffmann
- 19     Keegan McNally
- 26     Jennifer Spencer, Josh Bond, \*Anthony Burns
- 27     Gregg Dickhausen, \*Damien Swanson
- 30     Mike Dickhausen

\*children

***Anniversaries:***

- 9      Archie & Barb Swanson
- 13     Gary & Linda Gerken
- 20     Brian & Karen Leaym
- 21     Dean & Jill Notter
- 31     Brian & Roberta Fent, Robert & Patricia Flathau

If we have missed anyone or made an error please contact the church office.

**Food Distribution:** The next date for our Food Distribution is May 10. Please see Ed Gubbins if you have any questions.

**Frankenmuth Area Christian Women's Connection:** Invites You and Your Friends to their "Priceless" Luncheon on Tuesday May 13, 2025. 12-2:00 p.m. \$15 per person at Zehnder's Restaurant. Nancy Williams will present her inspiring talk, "You are Priceless and Can Live Above Any Circumstances". She will share how our one-of-a-kind God works through imperfect people and how he lifted her from the grip of suicide, low self-esteem, and negativity. Reservations are required by May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please call Grace at 989-871-4048 or Alice at 989-823-8975 to reserve a seat.

**Wild Game Dinner:** We will have a "Baked Goods" table. If you would like to donate baked goods for the table please have them to the church before Noon on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Save the Date!** June 8<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost and we're looking forward to celebrating it differently this year. We encourage everyone to wear red that day. We also want to adorn the altar with red geraniums. Keep an eye out for updates in the FaithLines on how you can purchase a geranium for our celebration.

**Church Store:** Whenever you are in need of a greeting card, please check us out. Barb will have a selection in the church office. All cards are .50 each. Mother's Day cards are available.

**Women of Faith:** Next meeting is Tuesday, May 20. Program includes an election, rummage sale plans and ideas for next year's calendar. Come and join us.

# WILD & GAME

## DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

*Saturday, May 3, 2025*

*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**

**Children \$10 per child**

**Please contact the Church Office for your  
tickets at 989-777-2600 All are welcome!**

**Seating is limited!**

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> Setup

Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 am - 2 pm

FAITH Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

4241 Williamson Road

Bridgeport, MI

All rummage donations can be placed in  
the Fellowship Hall behind the  
curtain.

***If you would like to help, please  
contact the church office 777-2600 or  
see Dearaine Gubbins.***

From Valley Lutheran High School:

Summer is coming....which means so are VL Summer Camps! Head to [www.vlhs.com/camps](http://www.vlhs.com/camps) to see offerings, schedule and to register. Early-bird registration runs through May 20. We look forward to being a part of your summer!

Students in Kindergarten through 4th Grade are invited to a VLHS STEM Event on Saturday, May 10 from 2:30-4:00. Stop by anytime to explore various science demonstrations and activities! RSVPs are appreciated at [www.vlhs.com/STEMevent](http://www.vlhs.com/STEMevent).

The VLHS Music Department invites you to their Spring Concert, held Sunday, May 18 at 4 p.m. at St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center.

From Trinity Lutheran Church:

**CHICKEN BBQ** Trinity Lutheran Church-Monitor, will be having a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, May 18, from 11:00-1:00pm in the pavilion. Meals will include ½ chicken, baked beans, squash, cole slaw, roll, drinks, and desserts. The cost is \$15 per meal.



Something New! Geraniums for Pentecost. We are taking orders now thru June 1<sup>st</sup>. 6 1/2" potted red geraniums for \$11 each Pay Women of Faith They will be decorating the altar for Pentecost on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

You can take them with you after the church service. Any questions see

Dorothy Dedyne