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FOCUS ON FAITH
March, 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....

- **Fellowshipping 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)**

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Pastor's Page

Lent.

Lent is late this year, but we are finally here. I look forward to Lent, even with the extra workload, because it is so different from every other season of the year. Advent has some similarities, but the whole mood is different. I love the extra worship services, the soup suppers and the focus on Christ and our spiritual walk with him. It is a great time for us to grow, both individually and as a church.

This year, our theme for the midweek services is “The Hand of the Lord.” The Lord’s hand is mentioned over 200 times in the Old Testament and though it isn’t mentioned often in the New Testament, we do see it in action through the hands of Jesus, our Lord. We will look at how Christ used to hands to heal, bless, build up others and more. We will also look at how he changes our hands from those who do evil to those that do his work.

So, I encourage you take this time to grow in your walk with Christ. I also encourage you to attend the worship services and the soup suppers. It’s a great opportunity to be with your church family and grow together. I also encourage you to spend some time in scripture, maybe even join a Bible study. I guarantee that as you turn your focus to our Lord, he will change you for the better.

--To God be the glory--

Pastor Tim Behnke

Serving at FAITH in March

Elders:

March 2	Bill Stroup
March 5	Mike Hastedt
March 16	Archie Swanson

Altar Guild: Terri Buchinger, Dorothy Dedyne, Sandy Stroup

Ushers:

March 2	Group 3
March 9	Group 4
March 16	Group 4
March 23	Group 1
March 30	Group 1

Lector:

March 2	Mary Sylvester
March 9	Heidi Behnke
March 16	Mindy Hoffmann
March 23	Rachel Szaroletta
March 30	Pastor Behnke

Kidz' Word

March 2	Doug Williams
March 9	Louise Davis
March 16	Archie Swanson
March 23	Pastor Behnke
March 30	Doug Williams

Greeters:

March 2	Heidi Behnke	Lance & Abbi Burns
March 9	Diane Gubbins	Dearaine Gubbins
March 16	Louise Davis	Shirley Lehman
March 23	Rachel Szaroletta	Shirley Lehman
March 30	Steve Dedyne	Dorothy Dedyne

March

Birthdays

- 1 Christine Klein
- 2 Brian Fent
- 4 JoAnn Kartz, Glen Padgett
- 5 Jim Jordan, John Granger
- 10 Richard Husen, Charlene Bosquet
- 11 Tom LeRoux
- 12 Archie Swanson
- 15 Karry Klein
- 16 Veraline Matzke
- 18 Jamie Collver
- 22 Steve Koehr
- 26 Patricia Flathau
- 27 Marilyn Winterstein
- 29 Jill Eischer
- 31 Kathy Harris

*Children

Anniversary

- 9 Tom & Denise LeRoux



If we have missed anyone or made an error please call the church office 989-777-2600.

Food Distribution: The next date for our Food Distribution is March 15.

FAITH's Lenten Coin Folders: FAITH is again encouraging members to "give up" a quarter a day during Lent by filling the Lenten Coin folders.

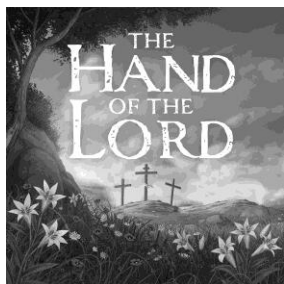
FAITH's Dimes for Missions: January – March 2025



Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan has been chosen to receive FAITH's "Dimes for Missions" receipts for the first quarter of 2025. Rescue Ministries has more than 100 years of experience in addressing the most basic needs among

people: shelter, food, and clothing.

Orphan Grain Train--Michigan--- Most people give little thought to how valuable clothing is to war refugees or people elsewhere in the world who live in distressed or impoverished conditions. They do not have closets like ours or the bounty we enjoy. In so many cases they have little more to wear than what presently covers their bodies. That is why Orphan Grain Train—Michigan gathers and distributes the goods we do. Experience shows that women's clothing has more commonly been donated. But men's clothing and all sizes of children's clothing is especially needed. Whether for children in the tropics of Panama or the midwinter of Kyrgyzstan, the mission of Orphan Grain Train is committed by the mercy of Christ to supply those with critical human needs. Won't you help? Please survey your own closets and perhaps find what you no longer need but others would treasure. Orphan Grain Train, located in Sebawaing, is currently preparing its next and tenth international shipment—each distribution of which carries more than ten tons of life-sustaining goods.



Midweek Lenten Worship

The Hand of The Lord

Plan to attend each of the Wednesday night Midweek Services at 7:00 p.m. beginning Ash Wednesday

In Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, He says, “Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing” (Matthew 6:3). Jesus is emphasizing that our good works need not receive special recognition within ourselves, let alone the accolades of others. Jesus cuts right to the heart of our sin, knowing that our condition is so entrenched in us that we will manipulate even that which is good for our own pride. We ought to rend not simply our garments but also our hearts when confronted with this truth (Joel 2:12–13). But, like a master surgeon, Christ takes us in His hands, makes our hearts clean, and renews our spirits (Psalm 51). His hands were stretched out upon the cross, purely out of His divine love for us.

Midweek Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 -6:45 pm

March 5	Women of Faith
March 12	Board of Elders
March 19	Men’s Ministry
March 26	Missions Group

Please see the signup sheet on the counter in the Narthex if you would like to bring a dish to share.

Women of Faith: Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 18th to come to our meeting. We'll begin with a food demo with Archie Swanson. Our March meeting has a number of topics to address:

- Distribution of Cookie Sale profits
- Meal in the Upper Room and Easter Flowers
- Addressing fund raising activities, rummage sale and game night

We need your input. Devotions-Louise Davis, Snacks-Betty Moggo and Rose Foster, Closing Prayer-Terri Buchinger. Reminder: If you have a report to present let Barb Pierce know by March 8.

Valley Lutheran's Lenten tour home concert will be held on Sunday, March 16 at 3 pm at Peace Lutheran Church. Join the musicians of the Symphonic Band and Golden Voice Choir, under the direction of Rebecca Sugden and Paul Eschmann for this special worship concert. The theme of this year's worship is CROWNS, based on Revelation 19:12.

The Annual Handbell Concert, featuring the handbell choirs from Valley Lutheran and four area churches, will be held on Sunday, March 23 at 4 pm at Valley Lutheran.

Our last 'Peek at Valley' for this school year will be held on Tuesday, March 25. These interactive tour experiences are for interested grade school families of any age! Take a peek into life at Valley Lutheran and what sets us apart. Let us know you're coming and pick your arrival time at www.vlhs.com/takeapeek.

WILD GAME

DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, May 3, 2025

5:30 p.m. Appetizers

6:00 p.m. Dinner

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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!