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***FOCUS ON FAITH***  
***March, 2022***



**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*)

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# Serving at FAITH in March

## Elders:

March 2 Tom Harris; Mike Hastedt  
March 6 Ed Gubbins; Archie Swanson

**Altar Guild:** Terri Buchinger, Denise Mosey, Sandy Stroup

## Ushers:

March 6 Group 3  
March 13 Group 4  
March 20 Group 4  
March 27 Group 1

### Usher List: Group 1

Ron Reinbold  
Roger Bond  
Josh Bond

### Group 3

Jim Jordan  
Bob Ferchau  
Steve Dedyne  
Tom Pierce

### Group 4

Dean Notter  
Austin Notter  
Ron Brush

## Lector:

March 6 Mary Sylvester  
March 13 Denise Mosey  
March 20 Rachel Szaroletta  
March 27 Mindy Hoffmann

## Acolytes:

March 6 Fred Bond  
March 13 Drew Davis  
March 20 Natalie Spencer  
March 27 Fred Bond

## Kidz' Word

March 6 Archie Swanson  
March 13 Doug Williams  
March 20 Mindy Hoffmann  
March 27 Archie Swanson

Mercy.

The book of James tells us that “*Mercy triumphs over judgment.*” Mercy is defined as “*compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.*”

This is how

God treats us every day. His mercy triumphs over the judgement we deserve because of who he is and his deep love for us. This is how we are called to treat others in light of the way we have been treated.

This Lenten season in our midweek services and small group bible studies, we will take a look at our lives in view of God’s mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We will see that we are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed. We will especially look to see the richness of God’s mercy in Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. This is all based on Romans 12, verse 1: “*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*”

I, therefore, encourage you this Lent to participate as much as you can in our services and Bible Studies. I also encourage you to reflect on your own lives to see how God shows his mercy to us every day as well as ways that we could reflect this mercy in our lives. I look forward to going down this path together, because as it says in Micah 6, verse 8: “*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*”

--To God be the glory--

*Pastor Tim Behnke*

## WOMEN OF FAITH FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Eighteen women met on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed a potluck and fellowship. We welcomed Donya Dunlap from Life Clinic of Saginaw. She gave a presentation on the services offered at the clinic.

**Book Club:** We are continuing to read, “Redeeming Love” by Francine Rivers will do just that. See Shirley Lehman for a book.

**Elections:** President and Vice-President are up for re-election. A new position Financial Secretary will need to be filled. Pray when asked to serve in any of these positions.

Big News LWML 2022 Michigan District Convention, “My Sheep Hear My Voice” (John 10: 27-30) is set for July 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> in Frankenmuth. This will be the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LWML. How awesome to have it be right in our back door. More details to come.

**Upcoming events:** March 16<sup>th</sup> we host the soup supper. Elections in April. Installation of officers in May. End of year picnic in June.

Next meeting Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Serve him with Gladness  
Denise Mosey  
President Women of FAITH

# March

## Birthdays

- 1 Christine Klein
- 2 Brian Fent
- 4 Donald Christiansen, JoAnn Kartz,  
Glen Padgett
- 5 James Jordan, John Granger
- 6 Richard Lewis
- 9 Kirsten Jennings
- 10 Richard Husen, Charlene Bosquet
- 12 Archie Swanson
- 16 Veraline Matzke
- 22 Steve Koehr
- 26 Patricia Flathau
- 27 Marilyn Winterstein
- 29 Jill Eischer, \*Geneve Jennings
- 31 Kathy Harris



\*Children



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



## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL FEBRUARY ITEM OF INTEREST

**Pastor Timothy Behnke** reported that he led 9 Sunday Worship Services, 7 Monday Night Worship Services, and 3 Preschool Chapels.

**Pastoral Care:** 18 Prayer contacts/care, 7 Office visits, 5 Hospital/Shut-in, 5 Home visits, 10 Supervision, and 3 others. **Pastor** and the elders are monitoring Covid-19 and will modify worship practice according.

**Property and Finance: Dwight McNally** reported that budget receipts through January \$38,744.65 which is \$38,653.21 behind budget receipts for the same period in 2021. Preschool/Childcare receipts through January totaled \$22,019.65. Budget receipts through January were \$17,921.00 behind budget requirements.

**Preschool/Childcare: Barb Swanson** reported that they have 50 children enrolled. Total tuition for January \$22,019.65.

**Elders: Ed Gubbins** reported that we will be having the Lent Suppers starting with Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30. Watch for the signup sheets.

**Outreach:** The next Food Distribution is March 10<sup>th</sup>. The next Blood Drive is March 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Respectively Summited, Denise Mosey



**Faith Lutheran Church Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**3-7 p.m.** No appointment is necessary, if you would like to make one please see the sheet on the counter in the Narthex.

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

**Basket Ball:** Please join us for Basket Ball at FAITH. We will be playing Tuesday evenings at 6:30.

**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 2022**



**Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan** has been chosen to receive FAITH's "Dimes for Missions" receipts for the first quarter of 2022.

Rescue Ministries has more than 100 years of experience in addressing the most basic needs among people: shelter, food, and clothing.

### ***YOUTH GROUP NEWS:***

We need your support:

- ▶ Beverage cans and bottles are being collected at the parking lot entrance. Leave your cans and bottles area marked "Bottles", on the first Sunday of each month.
- ▶ Easter Breakfast-If you are making Easter plans, please plan to invite your family to join us for church and Easter Breakfast-April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ Youth will be selling pop and water at the Men's Annual Wild Game Dinner April 30.

**FAITH Lutheran Church  
Lenten Soup Suppers  
Wednesday Evenings  
Beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m.  
Lenten Worship Service  
7:00 p.m.**

**MARCH HOSTS:**

March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Board of Elders
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Group
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Women of FAITH
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Men's Ministry
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Preschool/Childcare

**APRIL HOSTS:**

April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Host Needed
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If you would like to bring a soup, sandwich, dessert or salad, please sign the sheet on the counter in the narthex.





ANNUAL MEN'S MINISTRY

**WILD GAME  
DINNER**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4241 WILLIAMSON ROAD**

**SATURDAY  
April 30, 2022  
6:30 PM**

**SET THIS EVENING ASIDE  
FOR FELLOWSHIP  
WITH OTHER FATHERS, SONS,  
GRANDSONS, NEPHEWS, FRIENDS**



***If you have questions or  
would like to donate prizes,  
please see Doug Williams.***

Women of Faith are collecting monetary Gifts of Love for Lutheran World Relief. Donations will be collected from now until August 22. **Checks should be made payable to Women of Faith** and given to Susan Koehr, Laurie Lisk, Denise Mosey, or Louise Davis. A donation box will be available soon.



Here are a few examples of what your monetary funds will provide a family in need for their community.

- Lifesaving Mosquito net \$15.00
- Farming tool set \$125.00
- Piglet for a family \$45.00
- Hen and Chicks for a family \$80.00
- Goat or Sheep for a family \$100.00
- Fruit tree seedling for a farmer \$50.00
- Water for schools \$500.00
- Family water system \$600.00

*Gifts of Love* = **Great Giving Opportunities**



Giving gifts of love is a great opportunity to **make a lasting difference** for families around the world.



Your gifts include **the training and support** that families need to succeed and prosper.



As your gifts grow and multiply, they will **touch communities in countless, positive ways.**

**Please send your gifts of love today!**

Please consider making a monetary gift to this worthy cause. No one should be without the basic necessities like food and water that we take for granted on a daily basis. To further investigate go to [lwr.org](http://lwr.org) look under gifts, and shop our catalog. If you have any questions, please see Susan Koehr or Laurie Lisk. Thank you and God's Blessings!

# *In View of God's Mercy*

Lent, 2022

## Midweek Lenten Worship and Small Group Series

### **In view of God's Mercy**

*Lent is a season when we take a look at our lives in view of God's mercy toward us in the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross. We, in turn, are called by God, especially during this time of repentance and reflection, to be living sacrifices for him, displaying our devotion to him in word and deed. Jesus helps us to see the richness of God's mercy in his life, death and resurrection.*

Plan to attend each of the Wednesday night Midweek Services at 7:00, and join one of the weekly "Small Group Discussions." Sign-up sheets are on the counter in the Narthex.

#### **Midweek Services**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Letter (Reference)</u>	<u>Theme</u>
March 2.....	Joel 2:13 .....	Mercy in Ashes
March 9.....	Romans 8:18.....	Mercy in Suffering
March 16.....	Ephesians 4:32.....	Mercy in Relationships
March 23.....	Mark 10:45 .....	Mercy in Service
March 30.....	Colossians 2:13-14 .....	Mercy in the Cross
April 6.....	Hebrews 13:20-21 .....	Mercy in the Open Tomb

#### **Small Group Discussions**

<u>Time/Day</u>	<u>Host/Place</u>
6:30 pm Monday .....	Doug & Linda Williams at Church
12:00 pm Tuesday.....	Don Christiansen and Mary Sylvester at Church
6:00 pm Friday.....	Pastor Tim & Heidi Behnke at Church

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
2022**

**“Friends in FAITH”**

**June 14-16  
6-8 pm**

Looking for volunteers! Help is needed in these areas as leaders/helpers:

Registration  
Art Station  
Sports Station  
Juniors  
Preschool/Kindergarten  
Bible Talk Station  
Snack Station  
Science Station  
Video/TV

Registration will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>

We are searching for items to be borrowed for display/décor:

Sombreros	Mexican blankets	Mexican décor
Lederhosen	German hats	Dirndl
German décor		
Berets	French décor	

Please let Mindy Hoffmann know by early May if any of these items could be borrowed.

If you would be willing to volunteer or donate items, please call or text Mindy at 989-928-1229, or in person here at church.

There is a signup sheet on the counter in the Narthex!