



Faith Lutheran Church
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FROM PASTOR CATIE



“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

-Matthew 4:4 NRSV

I am incredibly thankful that this month we kick off our backpack program in the Three Lakes school district! This program has been in the works for many years and has finally come to fruition. As I think of this program, I think of all the different blessings that it brings.

I first think of the families that will receive food. Food is not only a necessity, but it can also cause a lot of fear and anxiety. Food can be expensive and hard to get for some families. This program is a blessing for families who now don't have to worry about where all their meals are coming from and how much they cost.

I also think of the people and stores whom we get the food from. In what has been a difficult time for many we are

providing business for local markets. What a blessing that we can work with these people and their businesses.

Finally, I think of us. Matthew tells us that we do not live by bread alone, but the word of God. God tells us to care for others and to give when we have excess. This program is a blessing for us as we continue to live out our Christian faith. As we got this program up and running, I have seen people give of their time and talents to make sure everything gets done. To ensure that this program is the best it can be in this moment. I have also seen people looking forward to how we can continue to improve the program in the years to come.

This month I give thanks for the backpack program and for all the blessings that it brings.

Peace,

Pastor Catie

From the President...

Welcome, SPRING, even though it does not look like Spring today!

As a council we voted to send \$500 to a fund for disaster relief for Ukraine through the ELCA at a time when they were doubling the contribution. It is one easy way for all of us to help the poor victims of war.



Thank you to Dillon for taking on the task of live streaming with phone assistance from Linda Swanson. The results are improving the experience.

Thank you to Larry Roth for being proactive in water heater and furnace repairs for our church. He is getting estimates and we are trying to find the best path to take. You will be hearing more about this in the near future!

Thank you also to Ken Huebner for making the beautiful table for our live-streaming equipment!

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the organ repair/live streaming fund. Much appreciated!

We are anxiously awaiting the beginning of FORK (Feed our Rural Kids) for Three Lakes. We have a classroom ready downstairs and await more direction. For those of you that have volunteered to help or are willing to help, we will work out a schedule as soon as we know more.

Looking forward to the return of our snowbirds along with the actual birds that are beginning to appear.

Blessings and Peace to All, Marge

Thought of the Day

"Wait for the Lord and be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

Psalm 27:14



There Was a Man on the Cross

From March 2022 Church Press newsletter

By Dr. Rudolph Norden (lcms)

Having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the Cross. Colossians 2:15

During the late evening hours some years ago, a crowd gathered before a tall building in downtown Chicago. People were looking up to the cross atop the 556-foot steeple of the Chicago Temple. Someone had been heard to say that a man was ascending the cross. As it turned out, it was all an illusion, caused by the interplay of light and shadows during a foggy night.

Another time there actually *was* a man on the cross, and this was no illusion. That One - the Son of God become man - was Jesus Christ, crucified for you and me. In full sight of a curious crowd outside Jerusalem's walls, He atoned for the sins of the whole world, made peace, and opening the doors to eternal life.

Sometimes, when the night shadows of doubt descend, people may wonder whether Jesus ever went to the cross for the purpose stated. They may ask, "Are we just imagining that He died on Calvary for our salvation?" Some have even claimed that no man on a cross could atone for the sins of others.

Bear in mind, though, that the Bible states the facts simply: "God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ" (2 Cor. 5:19). Christ is the Lamb of God bearing everyone's sins. Be assured that God took all your sins and nailed them to Christ's cross.

Because there was a man on the cross, there is now less of a cross on man. "Cross" here means the burdens we must bear, whether suffering, sickness, losses, insults, mental anguish, loneliness, or - what "cross" really means here - reproach for the sake of Christ. Because Christ bore the big cross, we can carry our crosses after Him. This is our calling. As our Lord said, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (Matt. 16:24).

***Tell your Lord that you are filled with a thousand thanks
for ascending the cross in your behalf.***



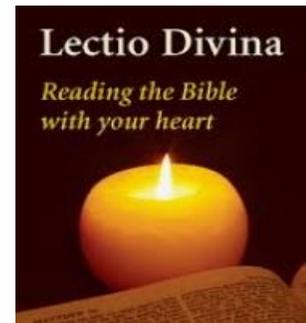
Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center engages persons seeking greater meaning in life and a deeper relationship with God, others, self, and all creation by providing space for inspiration, reflection, and solitude.

“Lenten Lectio”

Thursdays March 10, 17, 24, 31 and **Apr 7**

6:30-7:30 p.m. (ZOOM)

Facilitator: Pat Pintens



Lectio Divina is an ancient way of reading, pondering and praying the scriptures or other spiritual writings. Let’s read, ponder and pray together the Lenten Sunday scripture passages and discover new insights for our daily living.

Register by March 3. (Free will offering)



“Is Spiritual Direction for you?”

[Choose one date]

April 5 6-7:30 pm (ZOOM)

April 18 5-6:30 pm

May 4 5:30-7:00 pm

June 9 5-6:30 pm

Facilitator: Sr. Elizabeth Amman Spiritual direction is an opportunity to speak about your spiritual journey with a trained director to help you discern where and how God is at work in your life.

Free will offering

“A Lutheran’s Perspective on St. Francis”

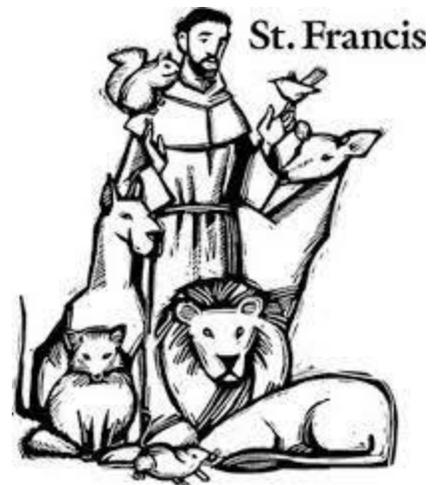
April 8 9:30-11:00 am (ZOOM)

Facilitator: Pastor Grant Van Lishout

St. Francis is a saint for all people and all traditions. Here is one example of how the life and charism of this great saint touches lives outside his tradition

Register by April 2.

Fee: \$20



“Air, Water, Earth, Fire in our Easter Prayers”

April 13 9:30-11:30 am (ZOOM)

Facilitator: Pat Pintens

These four elements play a central role in Holy Week liturgies. They can also enhance our personal prayer and strengthen our relationship with creation.

Register by April 7. Fee: \$20

“Being Still and Being With”

May 11 9:30-11:00 am (ZOOM)

May 11 1:30-3:00 pm (in person)

Facilitator: Sr. Marla Lang

In countless ways Jesus modeled “being-still and being-with.” Let’s practice ways of growing into “being-still and being-with.”

Register by May 8. Fee: \$20.



“Puddle Ponderings”

May 12 9:30-11:00 am (ZOOM)

May 12 9:30-3:00 pm (in person)

Facilitator: Pat Pintens

What insights can puddles, mud, rain, peepers, and other signs of spring offer our spirits? Who knows what we’ll discover when we ponder these spring signs together.

Register by Friday, May 6. Fee: \$20.



“Ascension Today”

May 26 9:30-11:00 am (ZOOM)

1-3:00 pm (in person)

Facilitator: Pastor Grant Van Lishout

Jesus lifted his hands and blessed them. They went home with great joy (Luke 24:50-51). Is it possible to live in the world today with the joy of the Ascension? What does it look like?

Register by May 22. Fee: \$20



“A Day of Winter Warmth and Solitude”

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

You choose the date. A quiet day. A warm cabin. Time alone to pause, rest, listen, reflect, catch up with one’s spirit and God. You will have a private room in a cabin. Spiritual direction is available (separate fee). Bring your lunch.

Fee: \$35.00. Call to schedule.

Disappointment & Opportunity

Announcing a Hybrid Synod Assembly for 2022!



The Synod Council has voted in support of a hybrid Synod Assembly for 2022. Much as we would all like to gather together at Finlandia, which has been the plan since 2019, the uncertainties of the future spurred the council to consider other options. While disappointed in yet another change, this move presents the synod with new opportunities.

The vision of a hybrid assembly includes the following:

- Each conference designates a host church that has a large space and screen/technology/ Wi-Fi capacity.
- Voting members from that conference meet in person at that church on Saturday May 14.
- Coffee, snacks and lunch will be served.
- Each conference's host church will be connected to a Synod "base of operations" and to each other through Zoom.
- Each voting member needs to have a smart phone, tablet, or laptop in order to vote electronically.
- The Synod Assembly planning team, along with Synod staff and conference leaders, will strategize all the necessary details of food, technology, host church duties, voting, worship, voting member engagement, and more.
- Like last year, workshops will be online the week prior to assembly and open to all.

By meeting in host churches, we can still be in person, but not in such a large group. We save on travel and hotel costs and still get our work done. And should circumstances require it, we can more easily pivot to an online only assembly. Watch for more information as it becomes available.



Synod Assembly Registration & Payment Available Online

Visitors: No registration needed! All links to workshops, worship and the business meeting will be available on the [Synod Assembly website](#), [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Voting Members: Registration and payment for Synod Assembly are now available **online only** on the [Synod Assembly website](#). Here's a [quick guide on how to register](#). **Each voting member must have their own unique email address in order to vote.**

Voters need to be registered before 5 pm ET on April 13 in order to take advantage of the regular voter registration rate of \$60. After 5 pm ET on April 13, the late registration fee is \$70. Registration closes permanently at 5 pm ET on **April 29, 2022** and will not open again due to technology requirements.



I believe in Christ, like I believe in the sun — not because I can see it, but by it I can see everything else.

(C.S. Lewis)



Upcoming Events at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

[stay up-to-date with Fortune Lake on their website](https://fortunelake.org)

Disconnect to Reconnect Jr/Sr High Retreat (Grades 7-12), February 4-5

POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 22 AND APRIL 23, 2022!

A great opportunity for kids to have some intentional time away from their phones to reconnect with both the Word of God and with the people around them. Attendees will have fun playing outdoors, spend time learning in Bible Study, and spend time with new and old friends. **Registration closes January 28.** [Find more details here.](#)

Summer Camp 2022 Registration is OPEN!!!

This summer brings back classic youth camp programs: Mighty Ones, Minis, Villager, Vagabonds, Venturers, and High School Week. Intergenerational Camps allow families of all types to come to camp together. Additionally, specialty programs like Art Camp and Night Owls make a return. We are especially excited to welcome back Victory Camp for adults with developmental disabilities. And new this year: LEGO Camp and Musical Theatre Week! Programs are filling quickly, so don't wait to register! Visit the [Fortune Lake website](https://fortunelake.org) for details.

We are still mindful of COVID-19 and will continue to respond appropriately by leaning into our cabin groups and beautiful outdoor space and implementing best practices for mitigation.

DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT: JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH RETREAT

April 22 - 23, 2022 CDT \$60

This retreat has been postponed from its original dates of February 4-5 to April 22-23 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For Grades 7-12

Technology is everywhere these days, there's just no way around it. Fortune Lake invites youth currently in grades 7-12 to take a break from screens and join us at camp for an unplugged retreat.

This one-night retreat will be held April 22-23 and will feature Bible Studies, games, and camp style activities designed to encourage attendees to disconnect from their electronics and reconnect with the people around them.

Adult chaperones are encouraged to attend. This helps build relationships with your youth outside of your church walls. Please contact the office to begin the registration process and select lodging options: 906-214-2267.

New Registration Deadline: April 15, 2022, by 5 pm CST

Details

Schedule: Check-in Friday night at 6 pm CST. The retreat will conclude at 4 pm CST on Saturday.

Meals: A snack will be provided on Friday night as well as breakfast, lunch, and a snack on Saturday. Please call the office at least one week in advance to notify us about food allergies and also describe on registration form.

Lodging:

- Youth attendees will lodge in duplex cabins.
- Youth group leaders may lodge in duplexes or in one of our retreat lodges by request.

Please bring: Comfortable weather-appropriate clothing (*we will be spending time outside*) and footwear, personal toiletries, flashlights, Bibles etc.! Please do not bring valuables or personal electronic devices – including phones.

Registration

Cost includes lodging, programming, and meals:

- \$60 / person
- Fortune Lake welcomes all participants! If cost is a concern, please feel free to contact our main office to discuss scholarships.

Full retreat registration payment will be charged when you register. Cancellation requests received by the posted Registration Deadline will be refunded minus a \$25 administrative charge. Registration fees are non-refundable after the Registration Deadline of January 28. This allows camp to do the best planning for staffing, meals and so forth, for the correct number of attendees!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



FACEBOOK

It's true! Faith Lutheran Church now has a Facebook page. "Like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/faith3lakes/> and watch the page for updates about what's happening in the life of our faith community.



PRAYER SHAWLS

To give comfort and peace. There is a tote of prayer shawls under the shelf when you walk in. If you know someone who is lonely and would use one, feel free to take one. Once wrapped around their shoulders it feels like a hug from Jesus and their friends.

LIVE-STREAMING

Did you know that when you're away, you can watch the entire service as it's delivered LIVE on Sunday morning? You can! Simply go to our church's website (<https://www.faihlutheran-threelakes.org/>) and click "Click here to watch live streaming during worship (Sundays at 9:00 am)" right on the front page. Streaming will start

which usually happens between 8:55 am and 9:00 am, give or take a few minutes, so if nothing is happening yet when you start watching, just wait a few minutes. You can also watch a recording of many of our services on our website. Simply go to our church website and go to "Worship" and click on any service in the Archive of Recorded Services. It's that easy!

ONLINE GIVING

You can support our mission easier than ever with our new donation platform! You can visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHQE/campaign/YN5F> and contribute securely online. Thank you for your continued support!

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is now offered following Sunday church services, EVERY Sunday of the month! All are invited and welcome to attend! No Bible needed! Please join us for some lively discussions!

BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH



On the cross and in the empty tomb, Jesus Christ triumphs over sin, death, and the power of evil. In our baptism we share in the death of Jesus – and have the promise of new life through his resurrection!

Celebrate your freedom from sin, death, and the power of evil through your baptism into Christ Jesus. And remember in your prayers those who celebrate the anniversary of their baptisms this month.

1st – Aimee Bauknecht
 3rd – Melanie Fogerty and Stephen Kortenhof
 8th – Vinnie Terlizzi
 9th – Jerry Gilbertson
 11th – Olivia Terlizzt
 16th – LJ Terlizzi
 24th – Paul Bredesen
 27th – Linda Wilkowski
 30th – Jacob Nadl

Also remember: Connie Gensler, Chuck Radtke, Griffin Schroeder and Joyce Nykolayko.

MONTHLY OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Year: 2022
 Month: January
 Number of Sundays: 5
 Average in-person attendance: 17
 Average live-streaming: 45

November 2021	MONTH	YTD
Budget Income	\$6,366	\$18,810
Expenses	\$6,243	\$12,876
Net Income	\$123	\$6,353

December 2021	MONTH	YTD
Budget Income	\$16,275	\$35,085
Expenses	\$10,232	\$23,108
Net Income	\$6,480	\$12,834

*** This will be provided on a quarterly basis

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT: Kyle Smith, Paul Kragh, Monte James, Rick Jacobson, Ollie DeMuth, Megan Schiller, Ann Woelfel, Donna Weiss and family, Duane and Colleen Bonack, Jan Hintz, Perry Anderson and family, Pam Zayia and family, Jan Harris and Mark Obukowicz.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE ARMED FORCES: David Bredesen, Kaley Ebann, Tyler Kaltenberg, Nick, Brandy and Nathan Lamal, Jamie Madl, Jared Malda, Jon Priem, Brandon Paulick, Charlie and Will Starke, Nicole Young, Emily Fink and Griffin Schroeder, Jared Benter and Scott Williams.

ALL THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS AND WORRIED ABOUT MANY THINGS

Our Church Ministries:

Congregational Care
Congregation Council
Board of Worship Life
Board of Outreach
Board of Trustees
Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center

Our partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ including:

St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church
Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church
Union Congregational Church
Grace Lutheran Church

Our synod, the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA, and its congregations.

Our companion synod, the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and its congregations.



STEWARDSHIP CALENDARS

March 2022

	3/2/22	3/6/22	3/13/22	3/20/22	3/27/22
Assist. Min.	-	-	-	-	-
Lay Reader	Robin Peterson	Phoebe Pettingell	Jan Harris	Robin Peterson	Jan Lederhaus
Altar Guild	-	-	-	-	-
Greeters	-	-	-	-	-
Music	Jan Harris	Rhonda Buss	Darlene Cole	Karen Carter	Rhonda Buss
Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-
Video-streaming	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford

April 2022

	4/3/22	4/10/22	4/17/22 Easter Sunday	4/24/22
Assist. Min.	-	-	-	-
Lay Reader	Phoebe Pettingell	Jan Harris	Robin Peterson	Jan Lederhaus
Altar Guild	-	-	-	-
Greeters	-	-	-	-
Music	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss
Fellowship	-	-	-	-
Video-streaming	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford

** If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement, then notify the church office. **

April 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Office Closed	2
3 9:00 am Holy Communion Bible Study	7	8	9 12:30 pm Quilting 7:00 pm Service	10	11 Office Closed	12
10 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Holy Communion Bible Study	11	12 2:00 pm Council Meeting	13 12:30 pm Quilting 7:00 pm Service	14 Maundy Thursday 1:30 pm Service	15 Good Friday 7:00 pm Service	16
17 Easter Sunday 9:00 am Holy Communion Bible Study	18	19	20 12:30 pm Quilting	21	22 Office Closed	23
24 9:00 am Holy Communion Bible Study	25	26	27 12:30 pm Quilting	28	29 Office Closed	30

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WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am
Holy Communion

STAFF

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Pastor: Reverend Catie Ford

Organist: Rhonda Buss

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