

Faith's Blessings

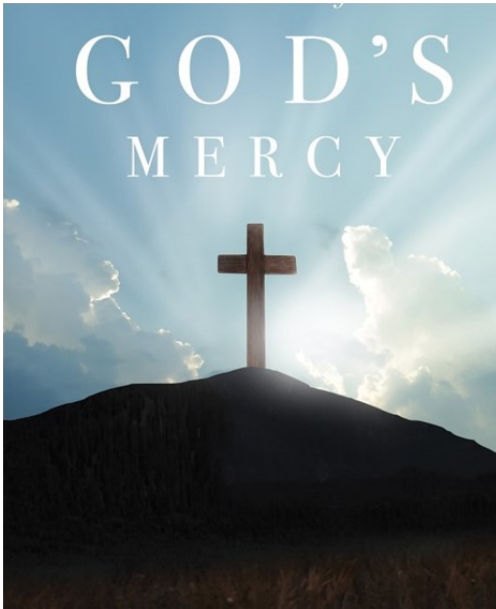
Faith Lutheran Church

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March 2022

Lent is a season in which we take a closer look at our lives in view of God's mercy, through the lens of God's love, toward us in the sacrifice of His Son for us on the cross. It is a season in which we are called by God, especially during these 40 days of reflection and repentance, to be living sacrifices for Him, demonstrating our devotion to Him in what we say and in what we do – our words and our deeds. It is a season in which Jesus helps us to see the richness of God's mercy in his life, death and resurrection.

The midweek Soup, Scripture & Bread services scheduled for Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning at 6:00

p.m., will focus our eyes of faith on the meaning behind God's mercy revealed to us in Christ: We will call to mind that, in the midst of temptation, God provides us with a "way out" through Christ. We will be reminded that no life is without suffering, but that our sufferings cannot compare to the glory revealed to us in Jesus. We will ponder the truth that, though we may turn away from God again and again, our Lord continues to call us back into His arms. We will come to understand that, in the communities God has placed us, we are given the grace to treat one another as Christ cares for and loves us....and we will see that we are called to serve, in mercy, the needs of those around us, by His example.

Please join me in the Fellowship Hall for a meal, followed by a service with Holy Communion. Volunteers are needed to make soup and/or bring a loaf of bread or two to share; there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Come, let us gather together in faith, hope and love, in view of God's mercy.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Kathy+



During the month of February, we lift the following in prayer:

Dave Custer, Bessy Zerfoss, Amy Will, Suzzie Matieszyn, Mark Ohler, Harold Pile, Craig Walker, Mike Slottemyer, Ron Cornell, Kohen George, Faith's Home-bound Members and all those suffering from Covid-19.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits are a means of bringing the presence of Jesus Christ into the lives of our community of Faith at times of acute illness, pending surgery, long-term care and rehabilitation of care, as well as hospice care. We rely on family members, friends, and neighbors to let the church staff know when someone is in a hospital or other facility; please call the church office 814-443-3179 and provide the name of the individual, name of hospital or care facility, and room number if known; and it is also helpful to give time/date of surgery. After office hours you may call Pastor Kathy directly at 814-483-3097.

Thank you,
Pastor Kathy

Second Offering

The second offering for February was collected for SAM Van, \$167.00 dollars was collected.

The second offering for March will be collected for Somerset Mobile Food Bank on March 13th.

Heartstrings Collection

For the month of March we will be collecting Body Lotion. Your donations can be placed on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Thank You

Thank you to Rich Walker, Lee & Jean Shaffer and Darlene Zerfoss for providing the communion bread for the month of March.

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 13th.



Happy Birthday!

CELEBRATING IN MARCH

Dawn Will	Mar. 4		Bella Harding	Mar. 5
Tyler Will	Mar. 5		Chad Cramer	Mar. 6
Mona Brant	Mar. 7	92 yrs. old	Elby Walker	Mar. 7 92 yrs. old
Tresa Keller	Mar. 8		Chloe Miller	Mar. 9
Chloe Swanson	Mar. 9		Jamye Matolyak	Mar. 10
Heaven Ball	Mar. 11		Wendy Swanson	Mar. 11
Nancy Walker	Mar. 11	85 yrs. old	Zachery Weaver	Mar. 13
Emily Nist	Mar. 15		William Cober	Mar. 16
Darlene Zerfoss	Mar. 16		David Will	Mar. 18
Justine Lundquest	Mar. 19		Barbara Will	Mar. 19
Philip Keller	Mar. 20		Barbara Raupach	Mar. 20
Brandi Rhodes	Mar. 22		James Yonai	Mar. 22
Denise Custer	Mar. 23		Patricia Stouffer	Mar. 23
Luther Weaver	Mar. 23		Ronald Smeak	Mar. 25
Douglas Sheeler	Mar. 27		Brian Weyant	Mar. 27
Jeb Friedline	Mar. 28		Melissa Lenart	Mar. 28
Matthew Shaffer	Mar. 29		Amber Heiple	Mar. 31
Dean Nist	Mar. 31		Michaela Shaffer	Mar. 31

Happy Anniversary!

CELEBRATING IN MARCH

William & Janice Hoffman	March 14	12 years
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Mark your calendars ...

Thursdays— “HeBrews” bible study at 10:30 am. All are Welcome.

Tuesday, Mar. 1st — Shrove Tuesday Pancake ‘N Sausage Supper served from 4:30 to 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, Mar. 2nd— Ash Wednesday Worship Services with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be held at 12:30 pm and at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, Mar. 6th— Afternoon at the Movies— 1:30 pm “The Passion of the Christ”.

March 9th thru April 6th— Soup, Scripture & Bread each Wednesday evening. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the lobby to help provide soup and bread.

March 13th—Poptarts & Pajamas, children of all ages are invited to wear their pajamas and slippers to church, as we turn the clocks forward. A Poptart tasting contest and Fun things that go “pop” will follow worship.





When I was in the third grade, my grandparent’s shoe and clothing business burned to the ground—literally. I distinctly remember standing on the parking lot with my family and seeing a big rectangle of thick, black ash. That was all that was left. We eventually found a few small items that survived, but everything else was reduced to this pile of ash. I think about that day almost every Ash Wednesday as the black, sooty cross is traced on my forehead and I hear the words,

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return.” I saw a tangible reminder of that fact after the fire that I carry with me. I also saw new life emerge from those ashes when the community came together to clean up and start over.

That’s what Jesus does for us, too—cleans us up and gives us new life—a chance to start over when we’ve made a mess of things.

On Ash Wednesday, we face our own mortality—not only our physical death, but the “little deaths” all along the way as a result of our sin.

In The Invitation To Lent we hear, “We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God’s mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.” Throughout this season we will be called through Scripture to be renewed in Christ and to share His love through praying, fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. We will be assured of God’s great love for us through Jesus’ action on the cross.

I pray that in this season you will find rest and renewal; that your passion for sharing Christ’s love will be rekindled and that you will know more fully the great love Jesus has for you.

Peace be yours,
+Bishop Paula Schmitt

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Second Offering is for Somerset Mobile Food Bank		1 Caring Workers 10am Pancake-N Sausage Supper 4:30-7:00pm	2 Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes 12:30pm and 7:00pm	3 HeBrews Bible Study 10:30am	4	5
6 Lent 1 Worship 9am SCS 10:30am Donut Sunday Afternoon Movie "Passion of the Christ" 1:30pm	7	8 Caring Workers 10am	9 Soup, Scripture & Bread 6pm	10 HeBrews Bible Study 10:30am Council 7pm	11	12
13 Lent 2 Worship 9am "Poptarts & Pajamas" 2nd off (Somerset Mobile Food Bank) SCS 10:30am Turn Clocks Ahead!	14 WELCA 7pm	15 Caring Workers 10am	16 Soup, Scripture & Bread 6pm	17 HeBrews Bible Study 10:30am	18	19
20 Lent 3 Worship 9am SCS 10:30am Youth Bell Practice with Supper 4pm	21	22 Caring Workers 10am	23 Soup, Scripture & Bread 6pm	24 HeBrews Bible Study 10:30am	25	26 Hall Rental/ Kayla 12-6
27 Lent 4 Worship 9am SCS 10:30am	28	29 Caring Workers 10am	30 Soup, Scripture & Bread 6pm	31	*Heartstrings Collection Item: Body Lotion	

We thank those who are willing to serve
for the month of March

March 6

Altar Guild	Kristen & Annalina Brant	Reader	Will Brant
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Acolyte	Dylan Pyle
Greeters	Lee & Jean Shaffer		
Council Person	Patti Trent		

March 13

Altar Guild	Kristen & Annalina Brant	Reader	Katelynn Judy
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Acolyte	Arianna Ohler
Greeters	Keith & Kathy Rhodes		

March 20

Altar Guild	Kristen & Annalina Brant	Reader	Laura Miller
Assisting Minister	Annalina Brant	Acolyte	Will Brant
Greeters	Nancy Walker & Tomalee Will		

March 27

Altar Guild	Kristen & Annalina Brant	Reader	Brenda Maust
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Acolyte	Olivia George
Greeters	Gene & Elaine Hillegas		

**Please remember that if you cannot be here and have
a “job”, find a replacement!**

ASH WEDNESDAY – March 2, 2022

This year we offer several opportunities for worship and imposition of ashes:

A service with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes will begin at 12:30 p.m.

An evening service with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes will begin at 7:00 p.m.

“Dust to Dust” packets will be provided to our homebound members including those isolated, in quarantine, or otherwise unable to attend due to health concerns (these packets will be similar to the home communion kits provided to the homebound during this pandemic). Pastor Kathy will contact these members for prayer and self-imposition. Should you have questions or wish to receive one of these packets for reasons noted, please contact the church office or Pastor Kathy directly at 814-483-3097.



SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKE 'N SAUSAGE SUPPER

MARCH 1st, 2022

4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



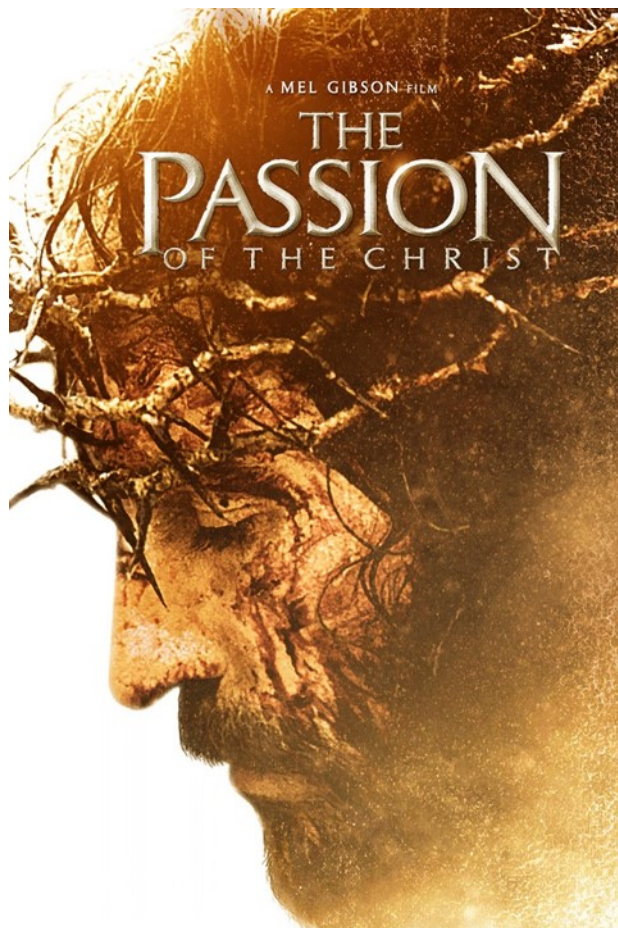
Don't worry about supper! Come pull up a seat and join us for hot-off-the-griddle pancakes and sausage complete with butter and maple syrup - if that's your style - or bring your favorite topping along to share.

An Afternoon at the Movies...

March 6th, 1:30 p.m.

The Passion of Christ, from the Latin *patior* meaning "suffer," refers to those sufferings our Lord endured for our redemption from the agony in the garden until His death on Calvary. Our crucified Lord on the cross is a vivid image of His love for each of us.

As we contemplate Holy Week, we must remember what our Lord endured for our salvation. Please join us this first Sunday in Lent in viewing Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ".



Lenten Midweek

Soup, Scripture + Bread

Beginning March 9th through April 6th,
add warm fellowship, hot soup, and bread to
your

Wednesday evening routine.

We invite members and friends of our congregation to provide soup and bread. Please sign up in the church lobby.





Spring Forward Sunday

March 13th

(Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead!!!)

Children of all ages – young and “old” - are invited to celebrate
Spring Forward Sunday with Pajamas & Poptarts!

We encourage children of all ages to come in PJs, slippers and bring
along their Bible Buddies to celebrate with us!

Following worship, everyone will gather in the Fellowship Hall
where we will have Poptarts and milk
(or coffee for our “older” kids), vote for our Favorite
Poptart Flavor and enjoy other fun things
that go “pop”.

Children & Youth in



Upcoming Gatherings and Community Service

Please sign up in the lobby at church or contact Pastor Kathy or the Church Office to let us know you will attend and/or lend a hand:

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| March 1st | Pancake and Sausage Supper – We Need YOU!!!! This is a wonderful opportunity to help serve all those who support us – we can greet people as they come in, set tables, clean away dirty dishes, thank them for coming, and the list goes on! Supper runs from 4:30-7:00 – arrive when you can and we will have something for you to do to help. |
| March 13th | Spring Forward Sunday – Pajamas & Poptarts! We invite children of all ages to come to church in PJs and slippers and bring along their Bible Buddies to celebrate with us! Following worship, everyone will gather in the Fellowship Hall where we will have Poptarts and milk (or coffee for our “older” kids), vote for our Favorite Poptart Flavor and enjoy other fun things that go “pop”. |
| March 20th | Children and Youth Bell Practice for Easter – includes supper – 4:00 |
| April 9th | We will gather Saturday morning to prepare for Palm Sunday and Easter. We will be busy in the kitchen, crafting in the fellowship hall, and learning about Holy Week. |
| April 10th | Bible Buddy Achievement Awards and Palm Sunday all wrapped into one! Be sure to bring your Bible Buddies to worship with you this Sunday. All children and youth will be invited to process with Pastor Kathy and Faith’s “donkey” as we wave palms to mark the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. |
| April 15th | Good Friday – Children and Youth are invited to participate and assist in the interactive Passion. Pastor Kathy needs your help for the hand washing station. |
| April 17th | Easter Sunday – Easter Breakfast will be served following the first service. Children and youth of all ages are invited to process with Pastor Kathy at the 9:00 a.m service while ringing bells in celebration and joy. |
| April 30th | Glo Bowling at Terrace Lanes – must arrive by 8:15 p.m. Children, Youth and Adults – Children and youth bowl for free (with many thanks to the congregation for their support); adults \$14. |

Family Lenten Series

WHAT'S IN YOUR EASTER BASKET?



this focus.

The Children's Sermon's during Lent will center on the Passion Story using Easter candies. Each child will be given the candy that helps tell the story (please let Pastor Kathy know if your child is allergic to peanut butter). Our Youth in Action gathering lessons and activities for the morning of April 9th (watch for further details) will continue

On Easter morning, **all the members and guests of Faith Lutheran** are invited to bring their own filled Easter baskets to church for a special blessing. This will complete the series together as a church family.



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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am