ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 14 – TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY



AS WE GATHER Although many travelers to the Holy Land focus their visits on biblical sites located in Israel, there are many noteworthy sacred locations in today's nation of Jordan, on the east side of the Jordan River. Two of these sites are the site called Tell Mar Elias, by tradition the place where the prophet Elijah was born, and Elijah's Hill, near the Jordan River location of Jesus' Baptism, where it is said that Elijah ascended to heaven in the whirlwind. Both sites were the location of notable Christian churches centuries ago. Elijah has long been remembered and honored by Christian people as a precursor to Jesus and an important historical figure of faith. Yet Elijah was a human being—just like us. His presence on the Mount of Transfiguration with Jesus and Moses reminds us of what is to come for us humans by God's grace for the sake of our glorious and glorified Lord Jesus Christ.

As they still went on and talked, behold, charicots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whislwind into heaven. 2 Kings 2:11

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor. Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor, is our Liturgist.



Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.

Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: <u>www.faithluth.com</u>. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

Want to listen to our worship service on your phone? Call 1-888-502-3453 and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a computer this is a way for you to stay up on Faith's worship services.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Feb. 3, Att. 18; General \$2.00; **Sun., Feb. 7, Att. 184;** General Fund \$10,473.51; Building Fund \$100.00; Love Fund \$115.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Native American Ministries \$200.00; Facility Use Donation \$100.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Annual Report The annual report is now available on the oak table in the Narthex. Pick yours up today. They will not be mailed to you. You will also find the February calendars there.



Preschool Pre-registration Forms for 2021-2022 are on the information table in the basket. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested please pick one up. Open registration began January 29th.

Mardi Gras I just wanted to get the word out that Mardi Gras is planned in the gym Tuesday, Feb. 16th from 5-6:30. Board of Fellowship will be serving food, Board of Education will have carnival games and prizes. No bouncy houses due to COVID issues.

We could greatly use volunteers to help out as only 3 of our board members will be able to attend. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4FA8A72CAAFE3-2021</u>

Also looking for face painters, if there happens to be any of those out there with that talent, please contact me! Thank you! Angela Roman

Lenten Devotionals There are Lenten devotionals on the oak table in the blue plastic bin if you would like one. Our theme this year is Return to the Lord. No matter your sin. No matter your fear. He calls you to return.

Interested in Mission Trip? Are you interested in going on the Mexico Mission trip in 2021? If so, we need to hear from you soon. The tentative dates are May 29 through June 5. We will be finalizing our team by the end of January and making our reservations. There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 31 at 7:00pm. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman for more information.

Portals of Prayer Large Print Each family in our Faith congregation receives a free copy of the Portals of Prayer booklet with the Faith Lutheran newsletter. Now, large print versions of Portals of Prayer are available by mail upon request - at no charge. The Faith LWML Mary-Martha Circle will prepare large print version of Portals of Prayer to be mailed to members of the congregation who choose to receive that version of the publication.

Portals of Prayer is a daily devotional booklet for personal and family devotions. Each daily devotion includes a Bible reading, meditation and prayer to apply to your daily life.

If you would like to receive the large print version by mail on a regular basis, **please call the church** office at 224-2216. Please indicate you are requesting the large print Portals of Prayer, and provide your name and mailing address.

Main Street Living Did you know the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? Did you know you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast. February 14, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life-This week's episode is "Mr. Big."

10:30 AM- Rev. Christopher Ascher of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls brings the message "God's Glory Revealed" and is based on Mark 9:2-9. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: <u>www.mainstreetliving.com</u>

Life Quotes "For the Christian, the crucifixion is the center of the whole, the event that gives voice to a broken, dark, and dying world, and the paradoxical suggestion of life somehow within it. This is why the church calendar sets apart forty days to prepare for the cross. This is why the church marks steeples and graves in memory of the crucifixion. The death of Christ is the occasion that makes way for the last to be first, the guilty to be pardoned, the creature united again to its creator." *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • *lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Feb. 14 Transfiguration Sunday

8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 11:00 am Communion 1:00 pm-5:00 pm Fast Pitch 2:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship 5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer 5:00 pm Board of Stewardship 6:30 pm Board of Education Mon: Feb. 15 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm Predators BB 7:00 pm-8:30 5th grade girls BB Tues: Feb. 16 8:00 am Staff Devotions 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm-6:30 pm Mardi Gras Event 5:30 pm Board of Early Education Wed: Feb. 17 ASH WEDNESDAY **Preschool Conferences** 11:00 am Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion 6:00 pm Midweek

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion 8:00 pm LYF Thurs: Feb. 18 **Preschool Conferences** 8:00 am Staff Devotions 5:00-6:00 pm 4th grade girls BB 6:00 pm Rebekah Circle 6:00-9:00 pm Fast Pitch Fri: Feb. 19 5:00-7:00 pm Predators BB Sat: Feb. 20 6:30-8:30 pm 4th grade girls BB Sun: Feb. 21 8:30 am Communion 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study 11:00 am Worship 1:00-5:00 pm Fast Pitch 5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer



Here's what's happening with the youth of Faith Lutheran...

Bible Bowl Increase your knowledge of God's Word in a friendly competition with other students from around the state. Students in 6th grade through seniors in high school are eligible for the competition, which will be in March or April. LeRoy Kropuenske will begin coaching interested students now, either in person or through Zoom. Please contact him or Pastor Sam with questions or to sign up.