

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 21 – THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



AS WE GATHER “By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, ‘Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.’ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back” (Hebrews 11:17–19). The writer to the Hebrews makes such a beautiful statement about something that must have been literally gut-wrenching for Abraham. Losing a loved one is hard. Losing a child is incredibly hard. But being asked to sacrifice your one and only son? It seems unfathomable. Yet, this presents a poignant truth for us—when everything looks so wrong, God provides by keeping His promises for us and by being with us.

God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” *Genesis 2:1–2*

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 First Sunday in Lent! 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 Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor. Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor, is our Liturgist.



Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 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: www.faithluth.com. 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. 10, Att. 28; General \$25.00; **Sun., Feb. 14, Att. 122;** General Fund \$7,613.56; Building Fund \$315.00; Love Fund \$110.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Utecht Ministries \$70.00; Printing Reimbursement \$15.00.

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.

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 21, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life-Social responsibility and Christian witness is the topic in "The Day We Lost Ella Mae."

10:30 AM-The message is presented by Rev. Micah Bauer, pastor at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD. The sermon is based on Genesis 22:8 and tells us "Abraham Wasn't Lying." The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site:

www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "God controlled your salvation from start to finish. He gave you faith in Baptism and strengthens faith through the Word. You can trust that He will continue to keep control of your life because you rest in the palm of His loving hand. Stand firm because God is in control." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Feb. 21 First Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

11:00 am Worship

1:00 pm-5:00 pm Fast Pitch

5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer

Mon: Feb. 22

5:00 pm- 7:00 pm Predators BB

6:30 pm Christ Care

7:00 pm-8:30 5th grade girls BB

Tues: Feb. 23

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

6:30-8:30 pm 5th grade girls BB

Wed: Feb. 24

11:00 am Lenten Worship

12:00 pm Zonta

5:00-6:30 pm Lenten Meal

6:00 pm Midweek

7:00 pm Lenten Worship

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Feb. 25

8:00 am Staff Devotions

5:00-6:00 pm 4th grade girls BB

6:30 pm Church Council

6:30 pm Mary/Martha Circle

6:00-9:00 pm Fast Pitch

Fri: Feb. 26

5:00-7:00 pm Predators BB

5:30 pm Daycare Meeting in Jon's Place

Sat: Feb. 27

6:30-8:30 pm 4th grade girls BB

Sun: Feb. 28

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

11:00 am Communion

1:00-5:00 pm Fast Pitch

5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer

Faith Lutheran Youth

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.