

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 7 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



**AS WE GATHER** In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus says, "Let us go on to the next towns that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." His ministry and mission for this world was one for all people. Even as Jesus early on in His earthly ministry heals people, including Simon's mother-in-law, so He comes to us still with healing through the forgiveness of sins. Blessed by Him and His unending grace, we can be rejuvenated and strengthened on "wings like eagles" and serve all in His name and "become all things to all people that by all means I might save some . . . for the sake of the gospel."

*They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles. Isaiah 40:31*

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 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany!** 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](http://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.

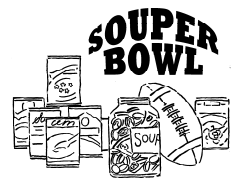
**Want to listen to our worship service on your phone?** Call **1-888-502-3453** and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a computer this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

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed. Jan. 27, Att. 19;** General \$300.00; **Sun., Jan 31, Att. 193;** General Fund \$9,395.20; Love Fund \$125.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Utecht Ministry \$200.00; Mexico Mission \$50.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith - Undesignated) in memory Al Meier \$10.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Ruby Thoen \$100.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Leo Lehrkamp \$10.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Glenn Marrington \$10.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) in memory of Lorrain Waack \$20.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Ted Wolff \$25.00; SD Dist. Harvest Grant Ysleta Mariachi \$4,500.00.

**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.

**Friendship / Souper Bowl Sunday** We will have our Friendship Sunday **TODAY**. Bring a friend to church with you or invite them to join us for the live stream broadcast. The Board of Parish Fellowship will have a noon meal with take-out soup and dessert for those who don't want to chance close contact with others. Otherwise join us in the gym for the meal.



**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 begins January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Mardi Gras** The Board of Education and the Board of Parish Fellowship are planning on having the Mardi Gras event on Tuesday, February 16 from 5:00-6:30 pm. There will be games for the children and hot dogs, doughnuts, chips and beverage provided. Join us for the fun!

**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.

**LWML** Pastor Handschke will be leading the devotional at our LWML tomorrow night starting at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Our business meeting will follow. Please have someone from your circle present to give the circle report. See you there!

**Portals of Prayer Large Print** Each family in our family 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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

#### **February 7, 2021**

**10:00 AM**-This is the Life-"The Point of No Return." This color presentation discusses God's limitless Grace.

**10:30 AM**-The message is presented by Rev. Greg Lehr of Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. The sermon "It's Too Important Not to Share" is based on 1 Cor 9:16-27. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** "If your boyfriend or girlfriend won't go to church with you while you are dating, he or she probably won't when you're married either. How long can you keep your faith life going if your spouse thinks praying, Bible reading, and churchgoing are stupid wastes of time? Abraham went to great lengths to find a believing wife for Isaac." *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

#### *This Week at Faith Lutheran*

#### **Today: Feb. 7 Friendship/Souper Bowl Sunday**

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Souper Bowl Meal

12:30 pm Board of Elders

1:00 pm-5:00 pm Fast Pitch

5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer

#### **Mon: Feb. 8**

7:00 pm LWML

#### **Tues: Feb. 9**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

9:30 am Circuit Pastors Conference at Faith

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

6:15 pm Board of Property Management

6:30-8:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB

#### **Wed: Feb. 10**

8:00-5:00 All Day Daycare Training in Gym

6:00 pm Midweek

7:00 pm Wednesday Worship

8:00 pm LYF

#### **Thurs: Feb. 11**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

11:30 am Ministerium

5:00-6:00 pm 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB

6:00-9:00 pm Fast Pitch

7:00 pm Faith Circle

#### **Fri: Feb. 12**

5:00-7:00 pm Predators BB

#### **Sat: Feb. 13**

6:30-8:30 pm 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB

#### **Sun: Feb. 14**

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

5:00 pm Board of Stewardship

5:00 pm Board of Education

7:30 pm Board of Missions

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.