

Board of Directors Listening Event- Monday, March 13 6:30-8pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 123 W. Irwin St, Bad Axe, MI. The Michigan District Board of Directors is hosting a Listening Event for the North and East Region on March 13th. Pastors, church workers, church leaders, and laity are all welcome. They are seeking input on "What should the Board know about ministry in this region?" "What unmet needs do the congregations have?" "What mission opportunities exist in the region?" No registration is needed.

Need for Serviceable Men's and Children's Clothing- The mission of Orphan Grain Train is to supply those with critical human needs. Men's and all sizes of children's clothing is especially needed. They are planning their tenth international shipment soon. Please put donations in the barrel in the Beyer Gathering Room.

Noisy Offering is BACK!! Check your Couch! Check your Dryer! Check your Car Console! Loose change will be collected on Third Sundays and given to a Community Outreach. Stewardship is starting this up as a way to "Reach In, Reach Out, Reach All" as part of Faith's Mission Statement! March 19th & 20th collections will go to the Women's Shelter.

LWML MISSION GRANT FEATURED FOR MARCH: Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church-\$100,000. The congregation desires to share the love of Jesus with the people of Kuna by building a sanctuary and other facilities in which to meet. The grant will help buy land on which to build.

Thank you to everyone who came for the Lenten dinner this past week on Wednesday. The donations received will enable the school to purchase 2 1/2 more solar Bibles for those in other countries. We appreciate your support!

Easter Breakfast will be served by the Elders of our congregation. It will be held after both the sunrise and 8:00 AM services. They are in need of volunteers to help and also donations. Please watch for a sign up for these needs in the near future.



Second Sunday in Lent

March 5 & 6, 2023

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Monday 7:00 PM

Gathering Time Between Services

Bible Study

Sunday 9:15 AM

Pastor Gary Bender

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Welcome and Announcements

10:30 Service is followed on the screens

Provided in our pews for your convenience are:

LSB- Our hymnal title Lutheran Service Book; hymn numbers are listed below.

PB- Our Pew Bible; page numbers of each reading are listed below.

Opening Hymn "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" LSB 708

Matins Preface LSB 219

Confession of Sins

Venite LSB p. 220-221

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 12:1-9 PB 8

Epistle Lesson Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 PB 941

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17 PB 887

Sermon Hymn "Salvation unto Us Has Come" LSB 555 v. 1-4

Sermon "Works vs. Faith" Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

Apostles Creed Found inside the back cover of the hymnal or on the screens

Hymn of Praise "Salvation unto Us Has Come" LSB 555 v. 8-10

Kyrie/Lord's Prayer/Collect LSB p. 227

Benedicamus/Benediction LSB p. 228

Closing Hymn "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven" LSB 877

10:30AM Service Worship Songs

When I Survey; Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus; Do It Again;
See A Victory

Faith's Week Ahead

Sunday	3/5/2023	8:00 AM	Worship		
		9:15 AM	Bible Study		
		10:30 AM	Worship		
		11:45 AM	Public School Confirmation		
		Monday	3/6/2023	7:00 PM	Worship
		Wednesday	3/8/2023	9:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
		5:20 PM	Lenten Dinner		
		6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship		
		Thursday	3/9/2023	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
Sunday	3/12/2023	8:00 AM	Worship w/Communion		
		9:15 AM	Bible Study		
		10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion		
		11:45 AM	Public School Confirmation		

Managing God's Blessings

General Fund as of 2/28/2023

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
RECEIPTS NEEDED TO MEET			
OUR MINISTRY BUDGET	\$ 27,966.00	\$111,864.00	\$898,370.00
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
RECEIPTS/OFFERINGS/			
TUITION	\$ 47,738.00	\$103,624.00	\$813,219.00
DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 2,007.00	\$111,972.00	\$907,792.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE		\$144,562.44	

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Elders for March Randy Schmidt/John Mueller

Ushers March 5

8:00AM Don Flory, Rick Pavlik, Nik Caspers, Marty Caspers

10:30AM Scott Sturm, Barry VanWert, John Mueller

Ushers March 12

8:00AM Don Flory, Rick Pavlik, Nik Caspers, Marty Caspers

10:30AM Scott Sturm, Barry VanWert, John Mueller

Ushers March 8

6:30PM Randy Schmidt, Marilyn Schmidt, Steve Beyer, Jane Beyer

Greeters March 5

8:00AM Pat Schlicker

10:30AM Jack & Lynn Kidwell

Greeters March 12

8:00AM Perry & Bonnie Bruneel

10:30AM Bill & Doris Horneber

Readers March 5

8:00AM John Kowalczyk

10:30AM Beth Gettel

Readers March 12

8:00AM Rande LaPrairie

10:30AM Cameron Munholland

Altar Guild March 5 Kathy Kube

Altar Guild March 12 Lynn Kidwell, Linda Kelly

Organist March 5 Sue Miller

Organist March 8 Laurie Habedank

Organist March 12 Laurie Habedank

Cleaners March 5 Terry and Sue Miller

Cleaners March 12 Ty and Pam Gerard

Old Testament Reading from Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said^[a] to Abram, "Go from your country^[b] and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Epistle Lesson from Romans 4:1-8,13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the

and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Gospel Lesson is from John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.² This man came to Jesus^[a] by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again^[b] he cannot see the kingdom of God.”⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.^[c]”⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You^[d] must be born again.’⁸ The wind^[e] blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you^[f] do not receive our testimony.¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.^[g]”¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world,^[i] that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Come Sing With Us!- Our choir will be singing on Easter Sunday. We will be rehearsing on Wednesdays after worship, beginning on March 1. Everyone is welcome to sing! Any questions?-call Laurie, 989-225-4508.

Giving Envelopes- 2023 Faith Lutheran Giving envelopes are now available on a table in the back of church. You may also use your box of envelopes from last year! A QR code is available for you to scan if you choose to give electronically.



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Women’s Bible Study will meet on Thursday, March 9th at 10:00AM. We will be studying Chapter 12 in “Finding Rest in a Busy World.” All ladies are welcome!

Wednesday Lenten Service and Dinner- Our March 8th Lenten worship will be held at 6:30pm. Join us for a Lenten dinner beforehand of Loaded Baked Potato Bar served by the Board of Education from 5:20-6:20pm.

Sunday screen help needed- We are in need of someone to work the screens for the 8:00 AM service on April 9th. If you are able to help, please let the office know.

Endowment Fund: The Faith Lutheran Endowment Fund committee will be accepting grant applications. If you are a member of the congregation, or on a Board, Committee, or on the staff here at Faith and have an idea for a need that is non-budgeted, please feel free to request a grant. Our next grant request period will be March 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023. Our next grant request review will be at our April 3rd Endowment Fund meeting. Thank you for your prayers, contributions and support. The Endowment Committee

All Ladies of Faith are invited to an evening of fun, fellowship and Bible Study on March 14th at 6:30 pm. Parish Service Guild will host a surprise guest who will lead us in Bible Study. We will also be collecting 80 cans to celebrate 80 years of LWML so bring your cans of food. Please also bring your mite box if you have one. Refreshments will be served.