



WORK CAMP FUNDRAISER

**Bailey Binder + Friend
Taylor Gruenberg + Friend
Zach Hedrington + Friend
Rachel Strasser + Friend**

Tennessee in June

TURSDAY, MARCH 18

FAITH LUTHERAN - FELLOWSHIP ROOM

5PM TO 6PM & GAME SHOW: 6PM TO 7PM

MEET THE GANG FOR SPAGHETTI & SALAD & BREAD!

- ADULTS

- KIDS 12 & UNDER

- FAMILY OF 4+

Seating available today from Kelli and Craig Miller.



for dessert and some fun with our own

**“The Newlywed Game” which will feature
“married” couples from church:**

& Helen Meier - married 47 years

Todd Strasser - married 21 years

& Jeremy Naff - married 7 years

There will be a series of fun and revealing rounds of

questions to determine how well the spouses know

each other! Put this on your calendar!

**Save the date on the board to come, and if you'd like,
bring a dessert.**



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Second Sunday in Lent ~ 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the hearts of your people by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (A brief silence.) Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought and deed, by what we have done and by what we have not done. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy Father. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were sinners, and made us alive together with Christ. By your grace we have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your Son, forgive us. Almighty God strengthen you with power from the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

HYMN Lift High the Cross

gh the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
 world a - dore his sa - cred name.
 Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:
Refrain
 king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 on their brows the seal of him who died.
 thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
 n of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ON
 nt, we journey with all those around the world who will be
 at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus
 ust be born of water and Spirit. At the font, we are given a
 as daughters and sons of God. As God made a covenant
 nam, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to
 From worship, we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for
 rd.

THE DAY
 ray. (A brief silence.)

**our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you
 s to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our
 your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your
 ll the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our
 and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
 one God, now and forever. Amen.**



Heartfelt Prayers for....

**The family of Don Banker
 who recently passed away.
 We wish you comfort and peace**

**The Out To Dinner Group is going to Bravo's
 Restaurant, 376 Prairie Hill Rd., So. Beloit,
 on Friday, March 24th at 6pm. The Signup
 Sheet's on the board; deadline is March 19th.
 Please put it on your calendar & join us!**



**THRIVENT
 FINANCIAL®**

THRIVENT representative
 at church after worship ne
 March 19. Please plan to s
 hear how they can help ou

March 12-April 9 ~ Easter Candy Collectio

**Please help fill the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt
 which will be held on Saturday, April 15th at 1pm
 for kids in 5th grade and younger. Thank You!**



Because it is the 500th anniversary ye
 Reformation of the Church, begun by L
 our evening services will feature "Stan
 Cross," a worship series for Lent base
 from Luther. And we will view 10-minu
 each Wednesday of a special video pr
 travel author, Rick Steves, appropriately called, 'Luther
 Reformation." I urge you to set aside time in your busy
 to really live the 40 days of Lent. That might also includ
 something up or adding a service project to your itine
 consider making a nice donation to the ELCA world hur
 on Easter, especially if you have sacrificed some meals
 the Lenten season. Holy Week is April 9-16 this year, c
 Easter Sunday. I hope to see you often during these ne
 weeks, as together we live our Lent! Lenten Worship se
 each Wednesday through the remainder March, conclu
 5th. Simple Suppers at from 6-7, followed by Worship a
 Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Financials for Sunday, March 5 2017 - Week 10

Attendance - 80	
Offering Actual	\$2,602.80
Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
Actual Offering	\$20,169.45
Offering Needed	\$21,110.00
YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$755.00

Today's Worship Leaders

Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Audio Technician - Mike Banker
Worship Video - Helen Meier
Worship Leaders - Laurie and Pat Wicks
Worship - George and Sue Brunson
Worship - John and Lauray Coots
Worship - Betty Comins
Worship - Nicole Blakeman
Worship - Craig Miller and Shawn Guffey
Worship - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

PRAYER REQUEST
WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



Aaron Hill, AJ, Aunt Pat, Barbara, Ben & Bethany, Bill, Bob, Boyd and Inez, Rob Butz Family, Carl, Dani, Denise, Dennis, Devin, Diane Redieske, Dianne, Fran Banker Family, Donna, Florence, Fran Tranbarger, Gary, George, Gerry Cliffe, Harriet, Heidi, Ian, Irene, Janet, Janice, Jeff, Jenny, Joe Ostrum, Joyce Hatch, Juliet, June, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Ken, Kennadi, Linda, Lucas, Lyla Margis, Lyla W., Marjean, Mary, Mia, Mike, Nikko, Norvain, Patti, Robin, Sara, Sarah, Tom, Shirley, Stephanie, Sue, Ted, Ted Balk, Terri, Tom, Tristan, Vance, Vida, Viola, Witten, Zach, and all men & women, all homeless & unemployed, our college students, and those in the military and more. We pray God watches over them and keeps them safe.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

R: The first reading is from Genesis, the 12th chapter.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So, Abram went to the land of the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121 – A RESPONSIVE READING

R: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help?

C: My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

R: The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the watchman over you fall asleep.

C: Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

R: The LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shadow from this time forth and forevermore.

C: the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

R: The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your soul.

C: The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

R: A reading from Romans, the 4th chapter.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For the scripture says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who works not by works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is counted as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world was not made to Abraham or to his descendants through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

parents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, there is no violation. For this reason, it depends on faith, in order that we may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who believe in the promises of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I am the father of many nations") - in the presence of the Father, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence things that do not exist.

God, word of life.

to God.

LAMENTATION

to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and
 mer-ciful, slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in
 love, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

John 3:1-17

Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

to you, O Lord.

... a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do here unless he has the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having already been born? No one can enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born, can they?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from and where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

CLOSING HYMN "Choral Benediction"

**May the light of God shine on us today.
 May the light of God shine on us today.
 May it show us where to travel,
 lead us back if we should stray.
 May the light of God shine on us today.**

**May the love of God live in us today.
 May the love of God live in us today.
 May the warmth we feel within us,
 show in all we do and say.
 May the love of God live in us today.**

**May the peace of God be with us today.
 May the peace of God be with us today.
 May it guide us and protect us,
 as we go our separate ways.
 May the peace of God be with us today.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have you worship with us today! Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Room for beverages, snacks and conversation.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the ushers, receive the bread with an open hand then dip the bread in wine (dark) or juice (light). If you accidentally eat the bread without dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You do not need to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. We welcome all who are the host of the meal - ALL baptized believers are welcome.

Offering ~ As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** the next week. If you'd like, please mail it to the church office and write the amount on the envelope and it will be included in that week's offering report. Offerings are seen only by the designated counters for the day. Thank you for being faithful in giving generously to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church!

d be with you.

o with you.

our hearts.

hem to the Lord.

ive thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

at to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

S PRAYER

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy

me, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

re those who trespass against us; and lead us not

ion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,

er, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

~ COMMUNION ~

AFTER COMMUNION

ionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger

re, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the

grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

d of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.



Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive my testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Meaning of "Born From Above"

Hymn of the Day

In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry,
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me,
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing,
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure,



o'er the wrecks of time. All the
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er
love up - on my way, from the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peac
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time

ARTICLES' CREED

God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
crucified, died, and was buried;
descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
ascended into heaven,
and seated at the right hand of the Father,
who will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
in the catholic church,
in the communion of saints,
in the forgiveness of sins,
in the resurrection of the body,
and in the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for
the church, the earth, and all who are in need.
(silence.) God of Abraham and Sarah, God of all
families, bless your church to be a blessing and
your grace to a hurting world. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

For you love the entire cosmos. Help us to love all of
creation and life within it. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

For your help is in you. Keep the nations, their
governments, and their people from all evil (*especially*).
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

For your promises ease our pain and sorrow. Grant
us healing, and joy to all who are in need.
(*especially for . . .*) Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

P: O God, lead this assembly in its Lenten journey toward
works of love, and prayer. Let those gathered here
be nourished by your word. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: O God, we give thanks for the faithful departed who
have joined your saints in light. Let their lives be guides
for us. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for
which we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
"Amazing Love" by Chris Tomlin

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re -



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord,
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first -

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for
your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness,
called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into
death. For your Word of life, O God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise.**

Praise
and give thanks to
the Lord