

2020 Faith Pictorial Directory - SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, April 23 from 2-8:30pm

Friday, April 24 from 2-8:30pm

Saturday, April 25 from 10-4:30pm

You will be called to schedule a time and date!



COMMUNION CUPS

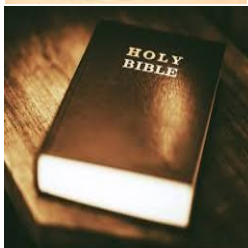
February 16 - Kelly Miller & Sue Miller

February 23 -

March 1 - Ruth Anderson

March 8 - Teresa Moffitt

March 15 -



READERS

February 16 - Marcy Reedy

February 23 -

March 1 -

March 8 - Becky Gruenberg

March 15 -



FELLOWSHIP TREATS

February 16 - Becky Gruenberg

February 23 - Sue Brunson

March 1 -

March 8 -

March 15 -



ALTAR FLOWERS

February 16 - Robert Schwarz

February 23 - Julie Wright

March 1 -

March 8 -

March 15 -



The Out to Dinner Group will meet Friday, February 21 @6:00pm at Pizza Ranch, 4797 Bluestem Rd., Roscoe; please sign up by TODAY Sunday, February 16. Thank you!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, February 16, 2020 ~ 9:30 am

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen. *(A brief silence.)* God who searches us and knows us,

C: you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child: + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

O God of Every Nation



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world,
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird,
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

C: Amen.



Please plan on attending our Lenten services, beginning with Ash Wed., Feb. 26, 7pm. Then, on the next 5 Wednesdays, we will have a light supper at 5:30 followed by a Lenten

service at 6:30pm featuring Faith Stories shared by our fellow congregation members. The sign up sheet is on the board for the suppers. You and your family are invited to join us for these Lenten gatherings!

TRIVIA NIGHT - Saturday, February 29 3rd Annual Dinner & Trivia Night

This years proceeds will be donated to
Family Promise (formerly known as **Hands of Faith**)

Dinner is at 5pm ~ Trivia begins at 6:30pm

Mostaccioli, salad, garlic bread, dessert, beverage

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

FOR TICKETS - SEE KELLY & CRAIG MILLER

Sign up your group today - 8 per table limit.

\$10 13+up \$5 4-12 Ages 3 +under are FREE

Limited space! FREE BABYSITTING!

Spread the word & sign up today!

VOLUNTEERS, Gift Baskets & Desserts Needed

Please bring gift baskets to church office next Sunday!

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HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

3–Bernie Parisot, 7–Tammy Dunkel, 9–Dean Birch, 10–Sue Miller
10–Shari Birch, 11–Cameron Gruenberg, 12–Becky Gruenberg
14–Lucy Naff, 16–Taylor Gruenberg, 16–Courtney Schuller
18–Zach Hedrington, 22–Autumn Marty, 22–Carol Frey
22–Ben Strasser, 27–Landon Cihlar, 28–Patti Dunaway

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church

We are happy to have you worship with us today!

Please join us for beverages, snacks and conversation after worship.

OFFERING ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your offering next week. Mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope to be included in that week's offering, seen only by designated counters. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

COMMUNION ~ ALL baptized Christians are invited & welcome to receive Communion at Faith Lutheran. Receive your bread or gluten-free wafer, take a disposable cup of either wine (dark) or grape juice (light), intinct your bread & dispose of cup in the trash.

Financials for Sunday, February 9, 2020 - Week #6

Attendance - 54

Actual Offering	\$1,920.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,198.00
2020 YTD Actual Offering	\$20,134.00
2020 YTD Offering Needed	\$13,188.00



We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with mental struggles, our shut-ins & all of our students, all military personnel, First Responders & their families. We pray for all of our friends, families & loved ones:

George, Ian & Family, Christie Family, Nickel Family, George, Rogalla Family, Kosmatka Family, Nate, Nap, Jimmy, Kenny, Heidi, June, Diane, Kathy, Don, Florence, Dick, Don., Larry, Rich, Tom, Debi, Jaymison, Kate, Chancy, Ruth, Janie, Marshall, Amanda, Randy, Shirley, Tammi, Irene A., Kahty, Adam, Patricia, Evelyn, Vicki, Denise, Sharon, Time, Selena, Aaron, Bert E., Scott, Mike H., Kyler, Gae, Ryker, Gabe, Kenny, Steve, John Claudine, Gail, Eloise, Payton, Lori, Pat, Jolynne, Claudine, Sherry Lou, John, John, Shirley, Julie, Zach, Jim & Sheri, Claudine, Irene, Inez, Gail, Donna H., Janice E., Deliene M., Jackie M., Jacki Y., Vickie U. Sam Erik C. Kevin, Sarah, Sue, Tammy, Tina, Kyle, Ann, Jan, Beth, Tina, Doug, Brad, Tallen, Brenda, Jess, Aaron, Pat, Lori, Payton, Meri, Leila, Gary, Zach, Taylor, Gavin, Barry & Shelby, Alyson & Jarrett, Shirley, Mandy, Jane M.



This money is used to help with emergency circumstances to help assist individuals or families, as determined by Pastor. To donate to this fund, please use the envelopes in the pew, and write in GOOD SAMARITAN FUND.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* O God,

C: the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy, the 30th chapter.

Moses said to the people: See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 119

R: Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

C: Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,

R: who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

C: You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

R: Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

C: Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

R: I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

C: I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 3rd chapter.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Shine, Jesus Shine"

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol and Roger Frey

Computer Tech - Helen Meier

Offering Video - Mike Banker

Reader - Marcy Reedy

Counters - Carol & Roger Frey

Fellowship - Becky Gruenberg

Greeters - Eloise Manley & Gail Krause

Musician - JoAnn Medernach

Ushers - Doug Congdon & Shawn Guffey

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



**In case of a
pastoral need,
please contact
Pastor Rick
815-566-5247**



**This week's altar flowers were donated by
Robert Schwarz in memory of
Marcy Schwarz**

P: God of growth, you nurture this community. Cultivate in us a spirit of service to one another, and bless us in the ministry we share. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel, we give you thanks for our forebears in the faith who now rest in your eternal grace and love (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

"If We're Honest" by Francesca Battistelli

Offertory Response

*We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thou bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
And gladly as thou blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our savior and Light.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA

***Alleluia! Lord and Savior open now your saving word!
Let it burn like fire within us; Speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord we sing for the good news that you bring.***

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ~ Choose Life, Find Blessing"

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,*

*suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. (*A brief silence.*) Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with your word. Lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: God of the cosmos, heaven and earth bear witness to the splendor of all you have created. Bless the ground, trees, waterways, and skies with abundant life. Restore synergy between humankind and the natural world, that we may live in harmony with the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: God of peace, you show solidarity with all who suffer. Bring an end to violence, war, discrimination, and all other forms of deadly hate, that we may experience your love through the power of justice. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: God of hope, you provide bountifully for all people. Use our lives to alleviate global injustice and eliminate poverty, that all benefit from the abundant gifts you pour out for your people. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**