



## **Faith Lutheran Church Women's Retreat**

**Date: Saturday, April 29**

**Time: 9 am - 1 pm**

**Salad Bar Luncheon**

**Place: Faith - Fellowship Room**

**Cost: Free**

**Retreat Leader; Helen Meier**

**Assistant Retreat Leaders:**

**Anne Strasser, and Sue Miller**

**Please sign up today. We look  
forward to seeing you!**





## A Prayer for Easter Eyes

My Lord, Jesus,  
You have risen to new life!  
Give me new eyes with which to recognize  
your presence in the world around me.  
Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the  
ordinary events of each day and into the  
extraordinary reality of your grace.  
Brighten my view of the world with renewed  
hope in the coming of your Kingdom.  
Soften my gaze so that I view others with the  
kind of tenderness and compassion you  
showed to so many.  
May each day of this Easter season provide  
glimpses of your glory.  
In your sacred name, I pray.  
Amen.

## 2017 Easter Sunday Altar Flowers

Alexander, Kariane – Tulip - In Memory of Grandpa & Grandma Banker  
Balk, Irene & Ted – Tulip – In Memory of Our Son, Gregory  
Banker, Dawn & Mike – Lily – In Memory of Donald & Frances Banker  
Bartram, Linda – Lily – In Memory of Donald & Frances Banker  
Brunson, Sue & George – Tulip – In Memory & Honor of Our Loved Ones  
Comins, Betty J.- Kalanchoe  
Congdon, Rachel & Doug – Kalanchoe & Tulip – In Memory of Gladys Martinez  
Coots, Laurray & John – Kalanchoe – In Honor of Our 2 Grandchildren  
Dittmer, Sandy & Don – Kalanchoe – In Memory of Goldie & Hans Hansen  
Dittmer, Sandy & Don – Tulip – In Memory of Delhia and Franklin Dittmer  
Frey, Carol & Roger – Kalanchoe – In Memory of Hilbert & Rosella Frey,  
Delbert & Loretta Geiser  
Gilbert, Linda – Lily – In Memory of All My Loved Ones  
Gill, Colleen & Larry – Lily – In Memory of Guy & Marie Gill, Cliff & Ruth Eversoll  
Gruenberg, Becky & James – 2 Lilies – In Memory of James' Father, Marv &  
Baby Drew Gruenberg  
Guffey's – Kalanchoe – In Memory of Our Loved Ones  
Hatch, Tina and Tammy Dunkel – Lily – In Memory of Joyce & Jeff Hatch  
Hedrington/Dittmer/Rowlett/Stubendick/Nolan Families – Kalanchoe –  
In Memory of Donna Hedrington  
June, Patti, Debi, Terry – Kalanchoe – In Memory of Robert Brady  
Kelce, Gail & Dennis – Lily & Kalanchoe – In Honor of Our 5 Daughters  
& Their Families  
Krause, Gail – Kalanchoe – In Memory of Wayne Krause  
Krause, John – Kalanchoe – In Memory of My Wife, Shirley  
Lampher, Betty – Lily – In Memory of Harold, My Husband  
Marquis, Bill – 2 Lilies – In Memory of Bill & Betty Marquis and Irene Ainsworth  
Miller, Kelly & Craig – 2 Kalanchoes – In Memory of Our Loved Ones  
Miller, Inez & Boyd – Kalanchoe and Tulip – In Memory of Deb & Edna Waller,  
Joyce, Karen, Wayne, Jim Kraus and In Honor of Alvin & Audrey Krause  
Olson, Ellen & Ole – 2 Lilies – In Honor of the Olson Family & Dixon Family  
Parisot, Pat/Bernie – Kalanchoe – In Memory of Our Loved Ones and  
In Honor Of Harold Johnson  
Schuller, Courtney – Lily – In Memory of Denise Schuller  
Strasser, Kathy & Bob – Lily – In Memory of Our Loved Ones  
Todd Strasser Family – Kalanchoe and Tulip – In Memory of Our Loved Ones  
Wright, Julie – Tulip – In Memory of Jim Wright, Ruth & Arnold Wells,  
and Kay & Ted Wright



*If you have a prayer request, write it on the Welcome slip in the bulletin or contact the church office at (815)389-1824 or email: us at [faithsouthbeloit@gmail.com](mailto:faithsouthbeloit@gmail.com).*

Adam, Angie, Barbara, Beth, Bev, Billy, Bob, Brayton, Brett, Brittany, Brian, Cheryl, Cindy, Claudine, Courtney, Family of Henry Gonzales, Debi, Denise, Devin, Diane Ablett, Donna, Elonna, Gary, Gerry, Heidi, Howard, Irene, Jackie, Janie, Jeff, Jeremy & Family, Jean, Jim, Joe, Juliet, Kari, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kennadi, Kenny, Kevin, Larry Coots, Linda, Lucas, Marion, Marjean, Mary, Maureen, Melissa, Patty, Peggy, Rob, Roger, Sam, Sarah, Sharon, Shirley, Stephanie, Stephany, Tari, Teresa, Terry, Tim, Todd, Tom, Tom & Gale Miller, Vicki, Vida, Von, Zach, all service men & women, all homeless & unemployed, our shut-ins, our college students, and those in the military and their families. We pray that God watches over them all and keeps them safe.



Thanks to all who made all of this week's special events so successful. The Easter Egg Hunt, the Spring Clean-Up, the installation of the butterflies, and today's annual Family Pancake Breakfast were the work of faithful volunteers. Today's breakfast was also a fundraiser for the Work Camp Mission Trip. We appreciate your generosity!



Thank you to everyone who donated flowers to decorate our altar in festive Easter fashion. You may take yours with you following the service today.

The next Out to Dinner event is Friday, April 28th at 6pm at Road Dawg, 2956 Milwaukee Rd., Beloit. Sign up by Sunday, April 23rd. Everyone is invited to join us!



## Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*  
Resurrection of Our Lord ~ Easter Sunday  
Sunday, April 16, 2017, 9:30 am

**PRELUDE VIDEO: "Hallelujah!" by Kelly Mooney**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

C: **And also with you**

## INTRODUCTION

P: On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

C: **Amen.**

## Worship

**Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church ~ We're so happy to have you worship with us today!**

**Communion** is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the ushers, receive the bread with an open hand, then dip it in the wine (dark) or juice (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is 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. Or, if you'd like, please mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope and it will be included in that week's offering and 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!

### Today's Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild** - Carol & Roger Frey

**Computer Technician** - Helen Meier

**Offering Video** - Mike Banker

**Counters** - Carol & Roger Frey

**Fellowship at 8am** ~ Easter Sunday Family Breakfast

**Greeters** - Gail and Dennis Kelce

**Musician** - Betty Comins

**Reader** - Craig Miller

**Ushers** - Ray Wendell and Craig Miller

**Pastor** - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

### Financials for Sunday, April 9, 2017 - Week 15

**Attendance** - 106

**Weekly Offering Actual** \$2,371.51

**Weekly Offering Budget** \$2,111.00

**2017 YTD Actual Offering** \$31,693.69

**2017 YTD Offering Needed** \$31,665.00

**Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan** \$1,600.25



## CLOSING HYMN

### Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (A brief silence.)

**C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 - A Responsive Reading

R: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**C: Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

R: The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**C: Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

R: The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

R: **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

**C: The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

R: "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

**C: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

R: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**C: By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

R: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from Colossians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## 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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



## COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

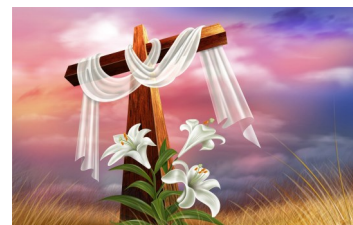
P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

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

### BLESSING

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



P: For this assembly. Free us from fear, and renew us in faith.  
Bless the newly baptized, those who seek to know your love,  
and all who come to your holy table. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died  
(especially) and all who yearn for the fulfillment of your  
Easter promise of resurrection and life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and  
place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

*“Because He Lives (Amen)” by Matt Maher*

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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



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

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your  
gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and  
deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to  
your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and  
the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

**“ Get a Free Faith-Lift!”**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!



## APOSTLE'S 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: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church,  
the world, and all who are in need. (A brief silence.) We pray for  
the church. Unite all Christians in our shared calling to proclaim  
the gospel. Raise up women and men to serve as faithful leaders.  
Make us bold witnesses to the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the earth. Renew your creation with seasonable weather  
and growth. Protect plants and animals from the damage of  
excessive heat or cold, drought or flooding, windstorm or hail.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For the nations. Bring peace to communities torn apart by warfare  
(especially). Guide all refugees to safety. Bolster the courage of  
those who put themselves in danger to preserve the lives of  
others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: For those in need. Shelter the homeless. Protect those who  
suffer abuse or neglect. Befriend the lonely. Give peace to the  
dying, comfort the bereaved, and heal the sick (especially).  
Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**