

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Following Faith

April 2019





REFLECTING AND DWELLING ON THE WORD

Luke 13: 31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Musings

I have always found this passage to be one of the most haunting, achingly beautiful, heartbreaking stories in the Gospels. This is a passage that invites us to enter into Jesus' story and feel his pain, his sadness, his desire that those he came to save would run to him and shelter under the wings of his love.

This is a story of radical vulnerability. And courage.

There are two "moves" in this story. First, the Pharisees approach Jesus with a warning that Herod is out to get him. Faced with this reminder that his own life is in danger, Jesus stands his ground. "Go and tell that fox" that I must be about the business of being who I am, and nothing else. Jesus knows that his mission will include a horrific death, whether at the hands of Herod, Pilate or the people he came to save. He knows that he came to die, and where that death will happen. He understands and accepts that the city he loves will be the location for his own suffering, humiliation and death. And he knows that is not the end of the story!

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**Sunday morning worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: during worship**

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That's courage in its truest sense. The word comes from the Latin *cor*, or *heart*. Courage means living a heartfelt life. Courage means embracing who we are and believing that we are not only loved but loveable. Courage means trusting what we know to be true and making that truth our foundation. Jesus knew who he was and who his Father was and what that meant for the living of his life and the giving up of his life in order to be raised from death for the sake of the world. This knowing allowed him to face what lay ahead and walk into it, trusting that God the Father was there.

APRIL SCHEDULE AND COVERAGE

We look forward to seeing beloved, familiar faces in the Pulpit

April 7 Rev. Rahel Hahn

April 14 Rev. Rahel Hahn

April 18 Rev. Rahel Hahn

April 21 Rev. Andrew Nelson

April 28 Rev. Andrew Nelson

The second move in this story portrays Jesus weeping over Jerusalem. He will weep again, once he enters that great city on his way to the cross. The image of Jesus as a mother hen gathering her chicks under the safety of her wings evokes memories of ourselves as small children, gathered into our mothers' arms, secure in her love and trusting that that love will be enough to save us. If only our human mothers could shield us from the hurts and violence of this world! Jesus as mother hen stands tall, facing whatever threats come at her brood, spreading her wings wider and wider so that none are left behind. Her courage comes from her heart, a heart that beats for every little one she loves. Her willingness to confront the forces of evil that seek to destroy her children is courage incarnate - courage that reflects the love of God who gave his one and only Son so that all who believe in him do not perish but have eternal life. It is heartfelt life in all its fullness.

The Word of God does not stand alone, disconnected from those who receive it. It is Living Word, addressing us, helping us name our brokenness, and inviting us into a new relationship, a new way of living in this world. And so, in this passage we hear Jesus' call to courage. We who have sheltered under his wings and who abide in his love are called to live courageously. We are called to own our identity in him and to spread our wings wide so that all who desire abundant life are included, fed, nurtured, loved. We are called to stand alongside the most vulnerable among us, and to speak truth to the powers that would destroy them. We are called to live as Jesus lived and love as he loved, knowing that our greatest joy is experienced when our lives reflect the power of his love and that nothing can ever separate us from that great gift. Amen!

**The Rev. Debi Turkey
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Synod Secretary**

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sympathies, and prayers to Karen and Austin Cordes on the Loss of Karen's Mother Helen Smuss.

Prayers are needed for Peter Edelman as he continues his Cancer treatment and Janet Erickson who recently had Heart Surgery/ Also, please pray for Carol Karpies Mother as she recovers from a health setback in her hip surgery recovery. Marty Hempel who has undergone testing to determine her medical needs, Tom Martin (John Martin's Brother) who has Leukemia, John Hostettler as he continues his recovery and Pr. Jennifer Wegter-McNelly who continues her courageous battle with Cancer.

Continued Prayers are requested for Larry Boord who continues on (what now seems to be) a Long journey back to health, and Paul Molesky who continues his health progress.

Prayers of encouragement for success of the joint Call Committee of Faith and Evangelical during their diligent search for a permanent Pastor.



OUR FAITH at WORK

The featured mission for the month of April will be in support of the work of Lutheran World Relief. LWR provides aid in emergencies and helps families restore their lives. They also partner with communities to build and grow rural economies and work to break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive.

Your continued support of the “Pull Tab” and “Box Top” missions is most appreciated. Both missions are receiving donations from the congregation each week. You will find the collection containers on the table in the Narthex.

The Bread of Life Food pantry is asking for the following items this month: Fruit juice (low sugar), canned fruit (in own juice), stew, hash or chili (canned), canned vegetables, baked beans (like Bush’s), snacks and baking mixes, sugar and cooking oil, tuna fish (in water), mayo, mustard and ketchup. The following non-food items are always needed: laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, toothbrushes (adult), toothpaste, soap, shampoo and deodorant.

Diana Rieker, Missions



Hello all. Hopefully by the time this newsletter reaches you the spring time weather will be here. All of the Sunday School kids are certainly looking forward to spring and the Easter season.

This year, the Sunday School and Kid’s Council are sponsoring an Easter fundraiser called “Fill a Pig”. Cardboard “piggy” banks were passed out to the Congregation to be used to collect coins to buy piglets for needy families. A piglet can be purchased for a mere \$30, and all the coins collected in the piggy banks will be used to purchase some of these pink, chubby little guys.

If you did not receive a pig, you can ask any of the Sunday School kids to get one to you. The banks will be due back to church by Easter Sunday. The kids will then count up all the change and update the Congregation on the grand total.

See everyone soon – oink oink!

Sara Martin
Education Director

SERVING FAITH in APRIL

APR. 7 TH	Altar	Donna Gibson and Roberta Hayward
	Lay Assistant	Bill Maloney
	Ushers	Barb Boord and Stephanie Wagar
	Counters	Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Doug and Kathy Ademak
APR. 14 TH	Palm Sunday	
	Altar	Polly Hayward and Evelyn Jarosz
	Lay Assistant	Mitch Cieminski
	Ushers	B. Morgan, B. Speanburg and B. Stevens
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
	Coffee Hour	Dinner Club Committee
APR. 18 TH	Maundy Thursday	
	Altar	Polly Hayward and Evelyn Jarosz
	Lay Assistant	
	Ushers	Not Available
	Counters	
	Coffee Hour	Easter Breakfast Council

APR.21st	Altar	Janet Walsh and Stephanie Wagar
	Lay Assistant Ushers Counters	Not Available
	Coffee Hour	Easter Breakfast Council 10:00 AM
APR.28 TH	Altar	Donna St. John and LouAnn Behrens
	Lay Assistant Ushers Counters	Not Available
	Coffee Hour	Janet Walsh and Merilyn Niles

A new flower chart for 2019 has been hung in the Narthex. If you would like to place a bouquet of flowers on the Altar in honor of or in memory of someone during the year, please place your name and who will be remembered with these flowers on the appropriate line. Bouquets continue to be \$19.00 each.

Should you have any questions, see Donna Van Zandt

CHOIR

To all congregants who enjoy singing to the Lord. Faiths' Choir is about to begin again. If you would like to join the choir this year, we would love to have you! Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m.

If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please arrange to trade dates with another assistant. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

*Worship Chairperson.
Roberta Hayward, Altar Guild
Coffee Hour*



FLOWERS for APRIL

- APR. 7TH** **In Memory of Bob Lynch
Given by Janet Walsh**
- APR. 14TH** **In Honor of Adam and Joshua
Cordes's Baptism**
- APR. 21ST** **Easter Flowers -To the Glory of
God**
- APR. 28TH** **To the Glory of God**



JOINT PRAYER GROUP

Faith Lutheran and Evangelical Lutheran have a Joint Prayer Group that has been active since June 2016. There are approximately 12 of us that pray on a regular basis for our churches, for a new Pastor and for healing for our members and others in need of prayer.

Most of our group pray at home although several of us have been meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm.

Please contact Michele Howard for further information. (518-753-4288)

BOTTLE CAP COLLECTION

Please post in the Faith newsletter that I am now collecting plastic bottle caps (water bottles, soda bottles, laundry detergent) and the pill bottles. I am donating these to Harmony Hills school in Cohoes.

Thank you,
Kathy Adamek

VISION MISSION TO HONDURAS

The First Presbyterian Church of Chili (near Rochester) will be missioning to rural Honduras mid-March 2019. The issue at hand in the community is lack of vision care with reports of children dropping out of school because they cannot read the board nor their books. Their needs are listed as: a mobile Autorefractor and Phoropter, lenses, glasses, eye patches and lensometer.

If anyone would like to donate any of these items, there will be a box stationed in the Narthex.

NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

Barbara Boord is coordinating the Newsletter efforts. Hard copies of the Newsletter will be available at church for pick up when you are present.

You may go to the church web site at:

www.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com any time and view the newsletter.

We will email you a copy if you send your email address directly to Barbara at:

barbboord@hotmail.com.

At your request, we will be happy to send you a copy via the USPS.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter item deadline for the May newsletter is Monday: April 22nd. Please email your articles to: barbboord@hotmail.com.

APRIL 2019

Christ is Risen!

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	2	3	4 Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	5	6
7 Rev. Rahel Hahn <i>Council 9:00 AM</i>	8 <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	9	10 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	11	12	13 DINNER CLUB 6:30 PM
14 Rev. Rahel Hahn <i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	15 <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	16 WELCA 10:00 AM	17	18 Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM Rev. Rahel Hahn <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	19	20
21 Rev. Andrew Nelson <i>EASTER</i> Breakfast 10:00 AM	22 NEWSLETTER Articles Due <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	23	24 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	25	26	27
28 Rev. Andrew Nelson	29 <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	30		<i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>		





A variety of spring plants will be placed at the Altar for Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a plant in loving memory of or in honor of someone please fill in the information below and return it to Donna Van Zandt no later than Monday, April 15, 2019.

The price for each plant will be \$12.00.

I would like to purchase _____ Easter Plant(s) at \$12.00 each in loving memory or in honor of

Given by _____

My plant(s) may be given to the sick or shut-ins. ____ Yes ____ No

If possible, please fill out a separate order form for each plant purchased.

Make your check payable to WELCA.