

Faith Lutheran Church

The Parish News

This Month's Message from Pastor Josh Davis

Throughout the season of Lent, **we're looking closely at the different petitions of the Lord's Prayer** during our Wednesday evening worship services. This prayer that Jesus taught His disciples to pray is one that many of us have spoken hundreds or thousands of times during our lifetimes. It's so familiar that at times when we recite it, we might not even fully think about what we're saying.

Maybe you've asked yourself the question — **What's the point of saying the same prayer over and over again?** I've had that thought before. Sometimes it seems that frequent repetition of a word, phrase or prayer can make it lose its meaning for us. But there are good reasons to use and reuse a prayer as familiar as the Lord's Prayer:

1) **It's the way Jesus said we should pray.** "This, then, is how you should pray"

(Matthew 6:9). If Jesus taught His disciples to pray a certain way, it must be pretty important!

2) **It gives us words to say when we don't have any.** Have you ever wanted or been asked to pray, but you felt like you didn't know the right words? One of the beautiful things about using a Biblical prayer like the Lord's Prayer is that it gives us words to say — God's own words that were first given to us. Lauren Winner, a professor at Duke Divinity School, writes: "Perhaps speaking to God from God's own store of Scriptural words is a bit like the beloved who, upon hearing her lover declare, 'I love you,' says, 'I love you too.' She doesn't feel compelled to come up with an original response; she simply wants to return the ardor."

3) **It helps us to learn and remember God's Word.** Speaking words from the Lord over and over again is a good way to imbed

the Word of God deep within us. More than once I've been at bedsides in hospitals or nursing homes where a person was unable to respond to a question, but joined right in, word for word, when I began to pray the Lord's Prayer. What a wonderful gift it is to have God's Word imprinted on our hearts and minds - especially in moments of trial and difficulty. Praying the Lord's Prayer can be like walking a well-worn, familiar path that brings comfort and peace.

4) **It reminds us of unchanging truths in a changing world.** The words of the Lord's Prayer don't change from week to week — they remain the same. But we change. Every week, every day, our needs are different, our worries are different, our sins are different, our perspective is different, and how we hear those familiar words is shaped by what we're experiencing in that moment. One day, we might linger on the word Father, comforted by the image of our heavenly parent eagerly listening to us. Another day we might pause to ponder how we might properly hallow God's holy name. Each time we pray there may be different daily bread appropriate for that time to meet our needs. Each time we pray there are different trespasses for which we need to be forgiven.

5) **It unites us with believers around the world and throughout time.** For thousands of years, since Jesus walked the earth, His followers have spoken the words of the Lord's Prayer. When we pray together, our voices blend with one another, with Christians around the world, and with all the saints who have gone before us in a mighty chorus to the Lord. In the speaking we are united as one — the body of Christ — redeemed, forgiven, and renewed by our Savior, who graciously teaches us to pray.

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AFamilyofFaith.com

For your calendar:

3/4 ACLEA Fire Auction
3/12 Daylight Savings Time
SP Laser Tag
LLL Dartball Tourney
3/15 SP Extra Half
3/19 Mother/Daughter Tea
3/25 Red & Blue Auction
Enchilada Pick-Up
3/26 Casseroles & Crisps



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March Events

TheoPub - March 2, 6:30pm at Steeple Brewing. All men (21 & over) are invited to join others for informal Bible Study and Christian fellowship.

Priscilla Circle - March 7, 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to join with us for this month's meeting of Priscilla Circle.

Book Club - March 9, 7:00pm at Dally's on South Street. We'll be discussing - *The Martian* by Andy Weir. Contact Deanna Dirks for more information.

Mother/Daughter Tea - March 19, 2:00 - 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. See details on page 2.

Bible Study for Women - March 23, 6:30pm at Steeple Brewing. All women (21 & over) are invited to join together for a time of fellowship and informal Bible Study.

Enchilada Assembly & Pick up - March 25, 12:00pm Your enchilada orders can be picked up after 12pm on Saturday, March 25th. See articles on page 3 and 5 for more info.

Looking Ahead

Look for more details in April's Parish News

April 2-9—Holy Week: Details in the 3/19 Take Home Page.

April 23—Faith in Action: Join others from the family of Faith as we dedicate the day to serving our community.

April 23—Voter's Meeting: An opportunity for the church body to learn about the workings of the council.

April 26—Baccalaureate: A service honoring our graduating high school seniors.

April 30—New Member Lunch: A welcome meal for those completing Basic Bible Truths.



Wednesdays in Lent

5:15 Meal in the Fellowship Hall
5:50 Lenten Worship in the Nave
6:30 WOW classes and activities
8:00 Hot Talks

Just like last year, the meal and service will be separate. Soup will be provided first, then all will move to the Nave for service at 5:50. Parents are to remain with their kids until after the service is over.



Be still, and
know I am
God.
Psalm 46:10

Prayers

Health & Healing

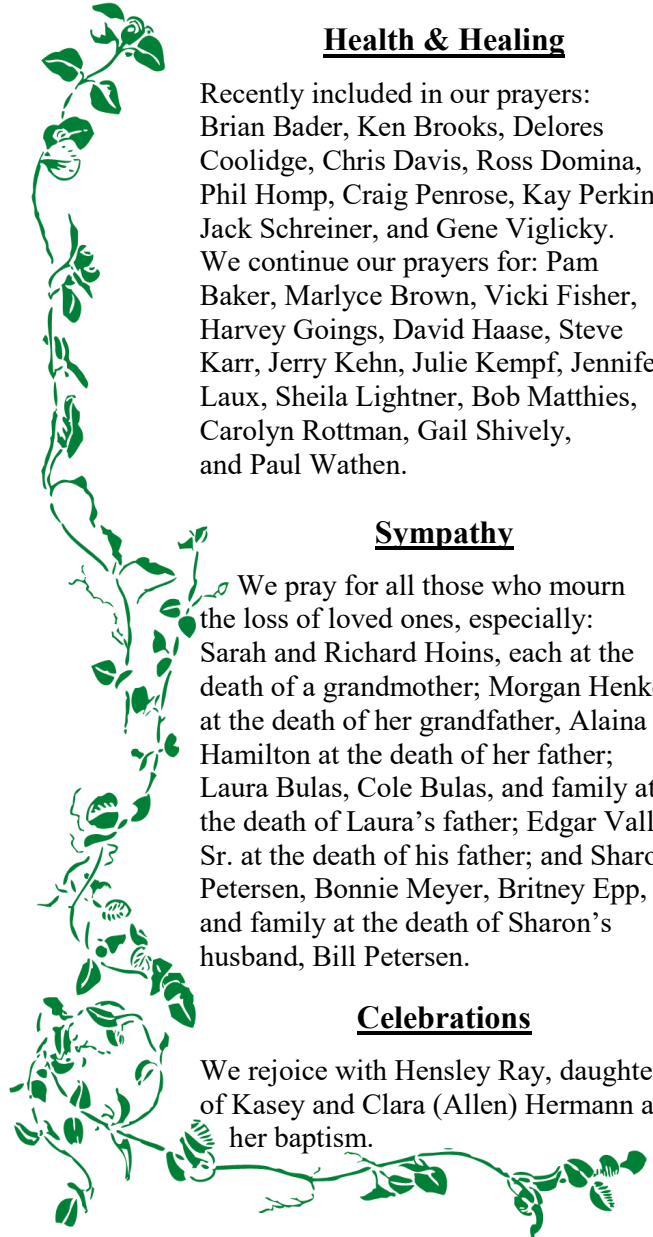
Recently included in our prayers:
 Brian Bader, Ken Brooks, Delores Coolidge, Chris Davis, Ross Domina, Phil Homp, Craig Penrose, Kay Perkins, Jack Schreiner, and Gene Viglicky.
 We continue our prayers for: Pam Baker, Marlyce Brown, Vicki Fisher, Harvey Goings, David Haase, Steve Karr, Jerry Kehn, Julie Kempf, Jennifer Laux, Sheila Lightner, Bob Matthies, Carolyn Rottman, Gail Shively, and Paul Wathen.

Sympathy

We pray for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially:
 Sarah and Richard Hoins, each at the death of a grandmother; Morgan Henkel at the death of her grandfather, Alaina Hamilton at the death of her father; Laura Bulas, Cole Bulas, and family at the death of Laura's father; Edgar Valle Sr. at the death of his father; and Sharon Petersen, Bonnie Meyer, Britney Epp, and family at the death of Sharon's husband, Bill Petersen.

Celebrations

We rejoice with Hensley Ray, daughter of Kasey and Clara (Allen) Hermann at her baptism.





Love & Logic Parenting Class
Sundays, March 5—March 26
2-4pm Cost \$25 per family

Parenting the Love & Logic Way is a course in parent training and offers an effective, low-stress way to communicate with children aged 2-20. Childcare is provided for those who indicate a need on their prepaid registration by MARCH 2nd.



It's Enchilada Time!
Sales in the Forum after services
March 5 & 12

XYF (the High School Youth Group) will be selling Faith Lutheran Church's famous enchiladas in March to help offset costs for their summer mission trip. Cost is \$25/dozen. Enchiladas will be sold in the Forum on March 5 and 12. Numbers are limited, so find yourself a high schooler and order early!



LLL Dartball Tournament
March 12, starting at 5pm
Zion Lutheran Performance Center

All men, high school age and above, are welcome to play at the LLL annual Dartball Tournament. A meal will be served and registration starts at 5pm.



Mother/Daughter Tea
March 19, 2-3pm

All girls in grades Kindergarten through 5th and their mothers are invited to join us for a delightful Mother/Daughter Tea Party.

This event will include 'tea' and treats, devotional time, and crafts. This will be a time for mothers and daughters to spend intentional time together while learning of their identity as God's beloved children. Please RSVP to DCE Leah by **March 5th**.



Casseroles & Crisps
March 26, 11am-1pm

Join us for lunch in the lower level fellowship hall. This event is hosted by the Chestnut Corner Bazaar committee. Your free-will donations go to support this year's mission project—Threads of Grace.

Threads of Grace is a nonprofit organization that serves children birth to 19 years of age, providing brand-new outfits and other necessities that children may need when moving to a new foster home or going into a shelter. We are also providing diapers and wipes, car seats and booster seats when needed. Every single item that we give each child is brand new with tags.

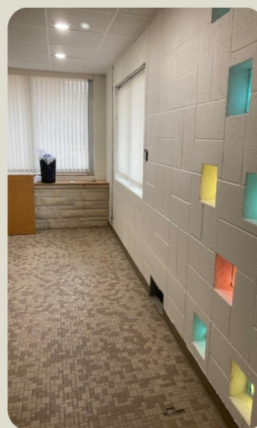


March 12 - Spring Forward to DST
 March 13-14 - Pastors' Conference
 March 18-25 - Pastor Paul is away

Thank-you Notes

Dear Family of Faith, Thank you sincerely for the multiple ways we felt your love and support during dad's months of receiving hospice care and recent passing into the open arms of Jesus. What a privilege for my family that we had a kind, faithful, humble and compassionate dad and grandfather. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, messages, etc. all are so deeply appreciated and will always be remembered. We are grateful for our dear Family of Faith! ~ **Harlan Stoley's family - Laura and Blaine, Cole and Lisa, Nolan, Sophie and Isaac Bulas**

Faith Lutheran Foundation recently approved a \$10,000 grant for renovation of our church library located near the east entrance of the church. The funds will purchase software, shelving, a computer, furniture, a rug and flooring. Stop in to see the progress!



Thanks for all who donated, served, and participated in the Soul Patrol Pie Auction to raise funds for the South Dakota Service trip.
 ~ **Soul Patrol**

Thank You to all of those who helped in the kitchen, those who brought desserts, and those who came for the fellowship and the food. We are grateful for your great generosity and participation!
 ~ **Paul Schmidt, LLL**

Kids' News & Events

Sunday school offerings in March will go to Crossroads Rescue Mission. Crossroads serves Hastings and surrounding areas providing shelter and food for the community. They help people to learn the skills needed to become self-sufficient.

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT



Perfect Attendance

Sunday School –

Beginner's: Lily Mangels, Pria Strand.

Pre-School: Brady Henkel.

Kindergarten: Autumn Davis, Stella Jones.

8th: Eva Magallanes.

Weekday School –

Pre-School: Isaac Bulas, Levi Martin.

Kindergarten: Aubree Brooks, Autumn Davis, Stella Jones, Harper Martin, Holly Valentin. **1st:** Harrison Bartunek, Sophie

Bulas, Andy Klabenes, Audrey Konert, Lena Perez, Chloe Wahlmeier. **2nd:** Julia Jabs, Blake Williams, Ellie Wilson. **3rd:** Logan Arneson, Hudsyn Bockerman, Nolan Bulas, Emmery Jacobitz, Carter McIntyre, Quinn Oakeson, Abraham Schenk, Gentry Timmerman, Claire Valentin. **4th:** Hannah Jabs, Kaleb Kapustka, Cady Klabenes, Ava Valentin. **5th:** Ben Kuehn, Davis McIntyre, Jax Schenk, Ryker Timmerman, Ella

Williams. **6th:** Hadyn Bockerman, Abby Jabs, Rylan Kapustka, Ava Konert, Josh Muske, Anna Sidlo, Jaxen Valentin, Emma Wilson. **7th:** Kayden Bartunek, Jaxon Brooks, Ashton Kapustka, Audrey Keilig, LJ Martin, Harper Rundle, Rowyn Schenk, Ellie Wahlmeier. **8th:** Isaac Ablott, Azul Amaya, Kiley Ayres, Gracie Craig, Maddie Groff, Kolt Hudson, Mady Karr, Grady Krueger, Eva Magallanes, Barrett McIntyre, Sarina Wilson

Kindergarten—1st Grade Sunday School

This month we are highlighting the Kindergarten-1st grade Sunday School class taught by Sarah Ayres and Laura Schenk. Sarah enjoys getting to know the kids and being able to help them learn about Jesus and the stories of the Bible. She does this through hands-on activities that help the children apply the Bible to their lives.

Although this is Laura's first year teaching, it is something she has wanted to do for so long! She said "it has been a learning curve but I have really enjoyed the time spent with the children and am so thankful that I get to be a part of their journey in faith through our church." In their time together, they have had wonderful opportunities to grow in faith and in their relationships with one another.

The children have been learning about Jesus' baptism. Coming up, they will be learning of Jesus calling His disciples.





Soul Patrol Laser Tag & Go Carting
March 12, 12:00—4:00
Cost: \$20

Soul Patrol will travel to the Big Apple Fun Center in Kearney to play Laser Tag and drive Go Carts. We'll meet at the church following the late service, eat a quick meal, and head to Kearney. Parent drivers will be needed. It's encouraged to bring friends. Cost is \$20 per person for two rounds of Laser Tag. Please RSVP with your money by March 8 to reserve a spot.



Soul Patrol – the Extra Half
March 15, 7:30 – 8:00

We will have an extra half hour of service in the Fellowship hall.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

HIGH SCHOOL
 YOUTH MINISTRY
XYF



Enchilada Assembly Day
March 25, 9-1pm

in the Fellowship Hall

ALL hands on deck! XYF will be selling and assembling enchiladas March 25th to help offset costs for their summer service trip. We are looking for upwards of 60 volunteers to help prep and assemble the enchiladas, so grab family and friends to help with this fast paced, but fun event! If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up in the forum, speak with DFL Leah Werling or call the church office.



Enchilada Dates to Know

- 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 Sales in Forum
- 3/22 Hamburger Distribution
- 3/25 Enchilada Assembly & Pick-up

Individual Opportunities

Nebraska Lutherans for Life Essay Contest

Entry Deadline: April 1

All students in grades 6-12 and members of a Lutheran congregation or attending a Lutheran school in Nebraska are invited to participate in this year's Lutherans for Life Essay Contest, based on the 2023 Conference theme: *Just as ... I Am* based on *Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*

One winner will be selected for grades 6-8 and one for grades 9-12. Winning entries will be entered in the national contest. Nebraska winning entries will be awarded \$100 each. For more information, please request a copy of the rules and rubrics from Bob Saeger, Nebraska LFL president, at saeger001@windstream.net. Entries must be submitted electronically by April 1, 2023.

LLL Scholarship Opportunities Application Deadline: May 1

The Nebraska Lutheran Laymen's League Zone 8 and the Nebraska District Lutheran Laymen's League are both offering scholarships to current and future college students going into church vocations (such as pastor, teacher, or DCE). Students must be a member of a local LCMS Lutheran church and attending a Concordia University college or seminary. Aid is in the amount of \$500 per school year per scholarship. *Applications must be submitted by May 1st of every year and updated each year.*

Email Paul Schmidt for an application for the LLL Zone 8 scholarship at psflatwater@inebraska.com

Email Virginia VonSeggern (listed below) or visit Nebraska District LLL's website for more info. ndlcms.org/resources/scholarships/LLL or Virginia.vonseggern251@gmail.com.

Sundays

BASIC BIBLE TRUTHS [P-100] - Room 11

This class serves as adult confirmation for those wishing to become new members. It is also attended by members who want a review of our faith and teachings. Pastor Josh leads this class.

THE SUNDAY LESSONS [E-100] - Fellowship Hall

This class takes an in-depth look at the Sunday morning scripture lessons.

CHANGES THAT HEAL: FOUR PRACTICAL STEPS TO A HAPPIER, HEALTHIER YOU [P-400] - Rm 101-102

We will be discussing this book and the Bible passages referenced in it. It provides a down-to-earth plan to help us recover from the wounds of the past and grow more and more into the image of God. Renowned psychologist Dr. Henry Cloud guides us through four basic ways to become joy-filled, mature followers of Christ: Connect more deeply with others, separate from others in healthy ways, understand the good and the bad in ourselves and others, grow into greater emotional and spiritual maturity. With fascinating case studies and helpful techniques we can start using immediately, Changes That Heal reminds us that God promises to complete His good work in us. You can order a copy of the book through Amazon or by contacting DCE Wade Johnson.



Key to Adult Bible Studies

C= Cultural

contemporary issue/
current event

E= Exegetical

study of the Bible

H= Historical

chronological study

P= Practical

a specific issue or
practice in life

100 level

No prior knowledge of
subject needed

200 level

Some basic Biblical
knowledge helpful

300 level

More challenging and
uses own Bible

400 level

Homework and a "dig
deep: attitude

Mondays

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - meets in Room 102-103 from 6:30pm—8:00pm.

Running from February 6-March 27, we will be working through the book, "Open Your Bible" by Raechel Myers and Amanda Bible Williams. Anyone interested in joining can contact Lisa Bulas.

Tuesdays

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - Russ's Market at 7:00am; done promptly at 7:50am.

Gather each week for coffee or breakfast. The group is watching and discussing season 1 of the fascinating "CHOSEN" video series.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - meets in Room 11 from 6:30pm—8:00pm.

From February 21 – April 11 we will be studying, "The Risen Christ: Jesus' Final Words on Earth." Jesus' words on the cross were not his last words uttered on earth. This 8 week study focuses on the words of encouragement spoken after the resurrection to His disciples and followers.

Wednesdays

MORNING BIBLE STUDY [E-100] meets in Room 11 at 9:00am.

Pastor Dunbar leads the group. This is a time of prayer, devotion, and sermon discussion. All are welcome to be a part of this wonderful group of friends.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY - HE CHOSE THE NAILS [E-100] meets in Room 11 at 6:30 pm.

For the five Wednesday nights in March, which carries us through the season of Lent, we'll open our Bibles to more deeply appreciate Christ's willing suffering and sacrificial death for us, in a class called "He Chose the Nails." This video based study, based on a Max Lucado book of the same title, will help us see how blessed we are to have the Savior we do.

Thursdays

Young Adult Ministry



YAM is a group for young men and women, ages 18-30, who want to learn more about God through scripture, connect their faith and life, and develop meaningful relationships. It provides opportunities for you to meet other young people in our congregation through Bible study, serving, and social events.

Community News

ACLEA FIRE Auction XVIII

Live Auction
Saturday, March 4, 2023

Adams County Fairgrounds
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Banquet at 6:30 p.m.

Ticket Information

Individual ticket - \$75

Corporate table of 10 - \$1,100

Christ Lutheran School 402-744-4991
Zion Classical Academy 402-462-5012

Online at: <http://bidpal.net/fire2023>

Check us out on facebook at
ACLEAFIRE



Orphan Grain Train

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships needed donated items to people all over the world. Your OGT donations can go in the upstairs kitchenette of the church for delivery to GI.

Food Pantry Ministry

Keep up the great work! 460 pounds of food has already been sent to the Food Pantry this year. Collection carts are located at the back of the sanctuary and under the coat rack at the west entrance.

Heartland Lutheran High School's 25th Annual Red & Blue Gala

BANQUET, AUCTION, SOCIAL
Saturday, March 25th, 2023

Doniphan Events Center

Doors open 5:00 Banquet 6:00
Live Auction 7:00 Social until 11:30

Online auction @ <https://one.bidpal.net/redandblue2023>

Exclusive Live & Silent Auctions @ Gala!

Tickets on sale at the high school office 308-385-3900

Or via the QR code below

Online Auction Bidding
& Ticket Sales >>>



**You see, at just the right time,
when we were still powerless,
Christ died for the ungodly.**

Romans 5:6



Easter Lily Order Form

Given by: _____

Please Check ONE:

☐ In Memory of:

☐ In Honor of:

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make check payable to: Faith Lutheran Church



Easter Lilies will adorn our chancel again this Easter. You are invited to place a lily in honor/or memory of loved ones. We will take orders for the lilies from **Feb. 26-Mar. 26**. Order yours today (\$9.00 each) by filling out the information on the right and mailing or dropping it off to the church office. Plants may be taken home **anytime after Easter and by April 16**.



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Our Mission Statement: Faith Lutheran Church is the body of Christ,
called to be the caring hands and loving voice of Christ in this world.

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