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Mutual Ministry – Esther Rusch
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Stewardship – Cindy Dellegrazio
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and ran to tell his disciples.

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy,

Matthew 28:8

The herald played an important role in the ancient world. Before the advent of newspapers, broadcasting, or computers, these servants were entrusted with sharing news, making official announcements and calling others to action. Being a reliable messenger was a sacred responsibility, and the god Hermes (or Mercury) oversaw and protected heralds. The herald's integrity was vested in symbols of the god's winged helmet, shoes and distinctive scepter.

Of course, heralds could take less official forms as the Easter story reveals. The women at the tomb were the first commissioned to announce the good news that Jesus was raised. Though dismissed by some as an "idle tale", their proclamation set the stage for countless lives changed by an experience of the risen Christ. It says something that the words "gospel" and "gossip" share a common root! Though the task of proclaiming this message may fall to designated preachers, its most effective form is as it originated: in the testimony of ordinary people.

Today we have multiple sources of news, yet our sense of integrity has eroded. Accusations of “fake news” breed uncertainty and foster division. Anyone has a platform to share just about anything with an unimaginably wide audience. Yet the power of a personal testimony endures. The power that raised Jesus from death inhabits the experiences you share with others; of hope, of love, of grace, of God at work. May the message that surprised the women at the tomb also surprise you with its power as you receive it and share it: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

God’s peace,
Pastor John



BIBLE READINGS

April 2 – Fifth Sunday in Lent
 Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 130
 Romans 8:6-11
 John 11:1-15

April 9 – Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday
 Matthew 21:1-11
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 or
 Matthew 27:11-54

April 13 – Maundy Thursday
 Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 14 – Good Friday
 Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12
 Psalm 22
 Hebrews 10:16-25 or
 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
 John 18:1 – 19:42

April 16 – Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day
 Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
 Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

April 23 – Second Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2:14a, 22-32
 Psalm 16
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 John 20:19-31

April 30 – Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2:14a, 36-41
 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
 1 Peter 1:17-23
 Luke 24:13-35

Fun Fax From the Office

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

YOGA FUNDAMENTALS RETURNING TO IMMANUEL ON MONDAY EVENINGS

Starting on Monday, April 3rd and continuing through May 22nd, a Yoga Fundamentals class will again be offered at Immanuel Lutheran Church, starting at 6:30 p.m.



The cost per class is \$10 and you can attend as many or as few as you like. Bring your yoga mat if you have one or mats will be furnished.



ALTAR FLOWERS

April 2 –
 April 9 – Kathy Thiele
 April 16 – LaVerne Gresch
 April 23 –
 April 30 -

BULLETINS

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PLEASE PRAY FOR Fran Collins (Toni Schnorr's sister), Erik Jelinek (Joe & Dottie's son-in-law), Allen Thiele (Chuck's brother), June Groehler (LaVerne Gresch's niece), Jessica Struhar, Fred Krueger (Wayne's brother), Rita Huglin (Cindy Dellegrazio's sister-in-law), Jim Groehler (LaVerne Gresch's nephew, stomach cancer), Ellen and Dick Hanes, Clare (good friend of the Christie's), Daniel Warnimont (LaVerne Gresch's great grandson),

Kathy Taulu, Lucille Olewinski (Al Gresch's mother-in-law), BJ (Al Gresch's friend), Jennifer Eisenheim (LaVerne Gresch's granddaughter), Alex (grandson of Jacquie Becher's friend), Lynn Wagner (Virginia Anderle's daughter), Jenny Zarling, Lois Krueger, Retta Strehlow, Laura (Margaret Radke's daughter, cancer), Fritz Gronbach, Emily Elert, Ken Oberheu, Rev. Janis Kinens (Advent), Stephanie (co-worker of Dena Baule), Sara (neighbor of Marcia and Bob Guse), Walt Becker, Franklin Krueger (Wayne's brother); for all those in mission work, especially Pam Schwalbach, Karen Puhl.

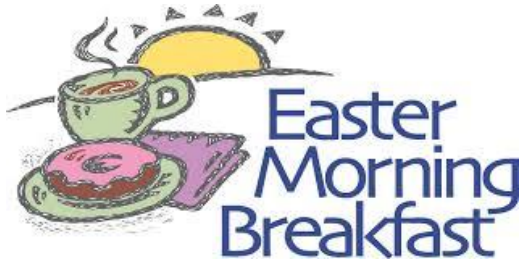


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JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY - APRIL 16
FROM 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.



You are cordially invited to attend a Continental Breakfast that will guarantee great food, fun, and fellowship prior to the Easter Sunday Service at 9 a.m.

The following beverages will be provided: milk, orange juice, ice water, and coffee.

Guests are asked to bring their favorite item from this list: coffeecakes, breads, donuts, muffins, quiches, or fruit salads. Please, do not plan to either bake or heat anything at church due to the limitations of the kitchen facilities.

These food items can be homemade or purchased. Please, bring your choice of food item cut and ready for the serving table. Feel free to bring more than one item if that is your choice.

There is no cost for this event, and there will be no Free Will Offering. The only request is that you sign up for this event, and there is no sign-up deadline. If you forget to sign up for the Easter Breakfast, please come anyway.

As you make your plans for Easter Sunday, this event promises to be a great way to connect with the many wonderful members of your Faith Family. Please, sign up and let us know what you want to bring.

We will need help setting up tables on Saturday-April 15 at 9 a.m. The clean-up process will be simplified with individuals reclaiming their serving containers after the breakfast. We would appreciate volunteers to assist with clean-up efforts: washing dishes, clearing tables, and vacuuming. If you are willing to help, please let us know.

Looking forward to a fun-filled Faith fellowship event for our Continental-Style Easter Breakfast on April 16th!

Laverne Gresch (377-2967) and Judy Johnson (377-7231)
Easter Breakfast Co-Chairwomen - 2017



Spring Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE! The 3rd Annual **Spring Luncheon for Girls of All Ages** will be on Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. (The day before Mother's Day.)

A great lunch and program is planned so you won't want to miss it! Tickets will be sold before and after services in April and will again be \$10 each, or \$5 for girls age 10 and under. We hope to see you there!



FAITH TRUST FUNDS: OUR LEGACY TODAY --- TOMORROW --- THE FUTURE

April 2017
SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

And it is that time of the year, once again, that the Faith Trust Funds committee is busy, busy, busy.

January and February, the two months when we accept requests for grants for those in need who will benefit from them, are now behind us. Thank you to those who followed our time line and filled out the request forms.

In March the requests are reviewed by the committee, noting any questions or further information that might be available. At the same time, the committee also needs to review the 2016 financial report in order to set the amount that is available for grants as well as scholarships. There is a certain amount that is allotted for “occasional requests” that may come up later in the year. The funds that are given as grants and scholarships are from the Benevolence Fund earnings. The gains from the Hope Fund are available for capital improvements when we are unable to include those amounts in the annual budget.

In April the TF committee does a final review of the available funds and all of the requests to determine the various amounts to be granted. The scholarships request is reviewed by a separate committee of three TF members. This year we had twelve requests. Requests must come from Faith members who are connected to the listed recipient.

In May, the Trust Funds secretary will inform people of the results of their requests, approved or disapproved. Scholarships are presented at a May Sunday church service.

Although Faith Lutheran Church Trust Funds was established in the mid 1980’s, and we have a history of fulfilling requests along the way, this is only the second year of the newly updated method of acquiring requests and responding with grants. As a member of Faith, this is your Trust Funds. The initial funding came from various gifted amounts. In the past more recent years, we have received several very generous gifts, allowing us to establish this very charitable program. We thank each and every one that has gifted us and encourage you to remember Faith Trust Funds as you review your estate plan. Our Trust Funds truly is the Legacy of our church.

Comments and/or questions are always welcome.

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Family Sharing Coat Drive

Thank you for all of your coat donations. We collected 17 new coats and 4 new snow pants. These will be given to children in need next winter. We also collected several used coats. The used coats will be sold in the Family Sharing resale shop.

**Faith Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2017**

Present: Cindy Ball, Joe Dorr, Joan Dorsey, Rick Mallouk, Pastor John Norquist, Esther Rusch,
Treasurer Carol Coutts, Michelle Burton, Cindy Dellegrazio

Absent: Joyce Caldwell, Ed Downey

1. Call to Order

- A. Devotion – Pastor led with a devotion, based on his Ash Wednesday reflections; we are dust. It's not about our accomplishments but God's grace and power working in us. As leaders, we need to work out of a place of confession and forgiveness.
- B. Opening Prayer
- C. Approval of Minutes (February 9th 2017) – approved as amended: 6)a) new business – spring ladies luncheon – council approved funds raised goes to daily ministry.

2. Treasurer's Report

- A. Budget presented by Carol. Motion was accepted to approve Treasurer's report.

3. Pastor's Report - Pastor highlighted the following in his report; there are 3 kids from Faith who are interested in going to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this summer, Pastor was elected Dean of the Northshore Cluster, he encouraged Council members to come to Lenten worship and to help with providing soup. He is also working on his bike ride fundraiser.

Esther asked that information be shared with Council on the Cluster Assembly which Joe Dorr, Esther Rusch and Pastor John attended with Bishop Paul Erickson. The Bishop indicated that from listening sessions there appears to be five main areas that are being explored in the Greater Milwaukee Synod: questions being asked in the SE Synod at this time:

- Listening Theme # 1: Youth and Young Adults
- Listening Theme #2: Fear of the Future
- Listening Theme #3: Racial and Ethnic Diversity
- Listening Theme #4: Faith and Politics
- Listening Theme #5: God's Activity in Our Communities

It is recommended that Council members refer to the link to the Milwaukee Synod ELCA website on Pastor's report to become familiar with these five initiatives.

4. Committee Team Reports: reports were submitted to Council with the following additional information:

- A. Property Management – The bathroom updates in the basement cost approximately \$700 and the Sunrise Circle donated money to cover this expense. Painting in hallway and storage in lower level cost approximately \$800 and this was paid out of Capital Improvements.
- B. Music and Worship – The Committee is in need more members to join their team. With Schnorrs leaving, there are things that Toni has done which someone needs to take up. Toni had spearheaded the loop system for the hearing impaired project and we now need someone else to champion this. Their monthly meetings were changed to 6:00 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday of the month to hopefully encourage more people to be able to attend. It was recommended that someone contact Toni to find out everything that she does at Faith so we know what needs to be covered in her absence. Cindy Ball said she would reach out to Toni and do this. The Cantata is scheduled for April 9th.
- C. Stewardship – In April Stewardship will briefly present on Missions of the Month to Council. Pastor John gave Stewardship books on Asset Mapping which the committee intends to use.
- D. Trust Funds – will be selecting recipients of grants this month
- E. Education/Church in Society – no update
- F. Evangelism – Joe Dorr has started gathering materials and thinking about who might work with him on this project. He hopes to find interested parties who are willing to explore Evangelism. He is also gathering materials and asked if anyone has recommendations to please let him know.

G. Mutual Ministry – Cindy Ball and Esther Rusch are working on the Reformation celebration with quite a few other churches in the area. There is currently a plan for a worship service at St. Francis North and they are looking for a local project to participate in.

5. New Business

- i. Workshop available next Saturday March 18th at Holy Trinity in West Allis. The topic is “Lead and Learn”. <https://milwaukeeesynd.org/events/lead-and-learn-2/> Cindy Ball anticipates going and encouraged other Council members to also attend.
- ii. LVC is coming to Faith this Sunday.
- iii. Elect members to attend the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly held June 1-3: Cindy Dellegrazio volunteered to go. Rick Mallouk stated he may be able to attend as well but felt it would be difficult for him to attend all three days due to his work schedule. He may come for part of the Synod Assembly.
- iv. Thank you notes to Sunrise Circle and Rummage Sale Group – Cindy Ball is intending on sending these out.
- v. Retreat follow-up: We had a good meeting at Christ Pond. It was discussed that we need to bring the members of Council who were unable to attend up to speed on the retreat.

7. Next Council meeting: **Thursday, April 20th @7:00 PM** - Note that we will be dedicating a significant portion of time during this meeting to reviewing the bylaws, constitution and handbook. All Council members are asked to please read these documents prior to the Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Dellegrazio



SAVE THE DATE!

Trinity will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, July 15 from 8am-noon. More information will be coming, but if you'd like to donate blood, you can sign up now at bcw.edu/trinity.



Thank you to everyone for your concern, prayers, cards, flowers, food and help in any way during my long illness and rehabilitation. Thank you, also, for supporting Wayne as he was keeping up our home and somewhat of a normal life for himself for 5 months. Wayne was a rock for me, so thankful for him. Also, a big thank you to Pastor John for his frequent visits, inspiring talks and prayers.

All of you give me the encouragement to keep fighting to get back my life. God is definitely working in our lives and NEVER fails us.

Thanks so much from *Wayne & Lois Krueger*

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April Mission of the Month

Our April Mission of the Month is Vacation Bible School. VBS is offered here at Faith for one week (Monday through Friday mornings) during the summer. Faith, Immanuel and Advent churches collaborate on this project. VBS is typically attended by about 50 children ages 3 through 5th grade. Children participate in Bible studies, songs, crafts and games. This year, VBS will be led by Lisa Wegner, a member of Advent. She will need volunteers from all three churches.

In addition to volunteers, contributions are needed to purchase study materials and supplies for crafts. Contributions can be made in your April Mission of the Month envelope or a pew envelope marked "VBS."

A list of items needed for snacks will be coming out at a later date.

You are invited to support this outreach ministry in whatever way you can.



April 17, 1960
April 29, 2006

Dick & Carol Bury 57 years
Steve & Dr. Joanna Guse 11 years

Capital Improvements

Among your April contribution envelopes, you will find a canary colored envelope for making a contribution to the Capital Improvements Fund. Your support is especially needed now as we approach spring and summer, the time when several projects will need to be done in order to maintain our church home.

The following need to be done in the next few months:

1. Clean up the basement, focusing on mold removal.
This will include removing some of the carpeting.
2. Repairing the parking lot. Fill cracks.

In the future:

Refinish the wood floor in the nave.

Future projects being studied:

1. Install a “hearing-assistance system” in some pews in the nave.
2. Install video screens in the chancel.

Long-range plan:

Continue to investigate possible uses for our land.
Possibility of a Columbarium.

The Property Management committee always welcomes suggestions from members.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Capital Improvements Fund, you are invited to use the special Capital Improvements envelope, or you can make a contribution using a pew envelope. Please mark the pew envelope “Capital Improvements.”

Your faithful support of needed property maintenance and improvements is greatly appreciated this month or any time.

Special thanks to the Property Management Committee: Ed Downey, Rick Mallouk, Fred Rusch and Aaron Gresch.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Rev. Larry Price (former Pastor at Faith), he passed away on March 19th and to the family and friends of Stephanie, Dena Baule's co-worker, she died unexpectedly on March 29th.

WaTeR Announcements for April

Our next **Confirmation Object Lesson** is on Sunday, April 2nd from 12:30-1:30pm at St. John Lutheran Church.

There is NO **Monday Meet Up** on April 10th.

Wednesday Confirmation Classes start back up on April 19th.

Starting at 5pm April 28th until 5pm on the 29th we will be doing the **30 Hour Famine**. We will fast for the majority of the lock-in to raise money for those suffering in poverty. We will play games and learn about what poverty looks like while competing for great prizes, and doing a small servant event. Bring \$8 to pitch in for dinner on Saturday, the deadline to register is April 24th. Sign up now and start fundraising!

For more info on any event, or to register for an event, check out the WaTeR website at weaveteachreach.org.

4/02	Shelley Blank Sandra Downey
4/04	Ann Becker Patti Gilbertson
4/05	Samantha Downey
4/06	Marshall Mallouk
4/10	Kathy Thiele
4/11	Patricia Gierach
4/12	Avery Anderson Jennifer Dellegrazio Emily Sear
4/13	Bryan Dorsey
4/14	Marsha Williams
4/15	Jacqueline Becher John Zarling Samuel Zarling
4/16	Jon Zarling
4/18	Anne Campbell
4/23	Zachary Garrett Mitchell Mallouk
4/25	Cynthia Faraglia
4/26	Wayne Krueger
4/28	Caden Rappold



2017 April

PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

USHER TEAM - 3

Aaron Gresch, Tom Sear, Tom Dennison, Kelly Dennison

Altar Care: Bev Yurske, Jean Benz, Virginia Anderle

DATE	TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	PRAYERS	READER	CUP DEACONS	ACOLYTES	GREETERS
April 2 COM	9:00 AM			Cindy Ehlers	Cindy Ehlers	Aubrey Cerda	LaVerne Gresch
April 9 COM	9:00 AM				Jeff & Amy Fischer	Ryan Fischer	Julie Allen
Maundy Thurs. April 13 COM	7:00 PM					Olivia Norquist	
Good Friday April 14	7:00 PM	X X X X X X	X X X X X	See Additional Sign-up sheet	X X X X	Rachel Yurske	Vangie Sherman
E. Vigil April 15 COM	7:00 PM			See additional sign-up sheet (narthex)		Marshall Mallouk	
Easter April 16 COM	9:00 AM					Olivia Norquist	

April 23 COM	9:00 AM					Aubrey Cerda	
April 30 COM	9:00 AM					Ryan Fischer	

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES