

FOCUS ON FAITH

Gathered as a community living in God's love we serve all people, care for the earth and embrace the work of the Holy Spirit.

*Faith Lutheran Church will be recognized as a community of spiritual growth,
a gateway for environmental stewardship,
a creator of partnerships and an advocate for social justice and peace.*

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Personnel Committee – Al Gresch
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*So they left the tomb quickly
with fear and great joy...*

Matthew 28:8

Who could have imagined how our world has changed in a single month? The beginning of Lent seems so long ago. “Global pandemic” felt like a remote possibility, more the stuff of Hollywood than everyday experience. We are still awakening to the significance of quarantines, “flattening the curve” and social distancing. This impact is felt acutely where we look for comfort and familiarity, including church. It is hard to imagine Holy Week and Easter without palm branches and processions, special music, lilies and community gatherings. Yet this void is also revealing our ancient vocation in new ways.

The pageantry of Easter celebrations can conceal attributes similar to our own time. Jesus’ disciples were isolated in a locked room. The only ones who dared go out were women tending to his corpse. It wasn’t a quarantine, but fear had the community on lockdown. The Bible is no stranger to situations like this. From Exodus to the exile from Jerusalem, the vocation of faith has proven itself through the stress of trials and challenging times. God’s steadfast love isn’t dependent on your conception of it, but is born

anew through the risky and demanding experiences of your life.

As hard as it is, I believe that this experience is turning us again to the power of Jesus' resurrection. His disciples didn't stay in the locked room. Through their fear, the women realized a message of joy that would transform our world. Sin and death, though gripping and real, are not the ultimate powers. Through Jesus' death and resurrection God is raising a community of people who bear witness to the love that conquers death. It is unfolding around you and through you right now. Our celebrations will look different, but the power of this life still dwells in you, yearning to be shared.

Christ is risen!
Pastor John



April 5 – 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 9 – 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 10 - 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 12 – 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 19 – Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 26 – Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35



ALTAR FLOWERS

April 5 – OPEN
April 12 – Easter Lilies
April 19 – OPEN
April 26 – Ellie & Clete Anderson

BULLETINS

April 5 – OPEN
April 12 – Kathy Thiele
April 19 – LaVerne Gresch
April 26 – Ellie & Clete Anderson

VIRTUAL MEETINGS AT FAITH

Our congregation now has a Zoom account enabling anyone with a computer or device with a camera to participate in remote meetings. It is also possible to participate by telephone. We've already used it for Bible studies, committee meetings and even the Sunday morning forum time! If your group would like to convene a meeting using Zoom, let Pastor John know and he can schedule it when you would like and send an invitation to your participants.

Fun Facts From the Office
More germs are transferred by
shaking hands than by kissing.



PLEASE PRAY FOR Jim Groehler (LaVerne Gresch's nephew), Sara and her daughter Aimee (neighbors of Marcia and Bob Guse), Emily Elert, Shirley Burmeister, Rev. Erik Jelinek (Joe & Dottie's son-in-law), Daniel Warnimont (LaVerne Gresch's great grandson), Al Anderson and his daughter Missi (good friends of Schwengel's and Dorr's), Rita Huglen (Cindy

Dellegrazio's sister-in-law), Nathan Baggett (Ellie Anderson's son), Karrie (cancer, friend of Kelly Dennison), Dick and Ellen Haynes, Retta Strehlow, Susan Sear (Tom's sister) Diane Uden (friend of Ellie Anderson), Nancy Thiele, (cancer, sister-in-law of Chuck & Kathy), Ron Schmid (friend of Dennison's), Rev. Dale Erickson, Vickie (co-worker of Tom Dennison), Margaret Radke, Chris Grissum (LaVerne's granddaughter's boyfriend), Gwen & Wally (friends of Kathy Thiele), Jeanie (good friend of Carol Coutts), Marilyn Hagerman, BJ & Sherry Kumbie (friends of Al Gresch); for all those in mission work, especially Pam Alarcon, Karen Puhl; for local churches, especially Advent, Immanuel, St. John and Trinity; for all those effected by the Coronavirus.



APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH **Cedarburg Green**



Mission of the Month

Cedarburg Green was formed in 2012 to support the planting of public trees and care of city-owned woodlots in our community. Pastor John and Trinity Lutheran Church member Jeanne Mueller have served on the board, and members of Faith have participated in a variety of initiatives over the years. Currently the organization is leading "2020 Focus on Trees: Plant Trees As If Life Depended On It!". This project is raising awareness of the value of trees through presentations, student projects and hands-on planting of public and private trees. Members of the board will be with us on Sunday, April 19 to talk about this project and Cedarburg Green's impact.

COVID-19 DONATION AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Lutheran Opportunities:

Please continue to support **Faith Lutheran Church** through your offering. You can donate online through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) and by sending your offering through the mail.

Lutheran Disaster Response

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Coronavirus>

Lutheran World Relief

<https://lwr.org/>

Local Opportunities:

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Ozaukee County

They need volunteers to deliver meals in Port Washington and Grafton.

Contact:

Kari Dombrowski

Aging Services Manager

262-284-8120

Family Sharing

<https://www.familysharingozaukee.org/>

Family Sharing has temporarily closed their resale shop, but their food pantry is still open. The need for food assistance is going to increase. They are asking for monetary donations to purchase food.

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin

<https://feedingamericawi.org/>

They need donations and volunteers.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation

<https://www.greatermilwaukeefoundation.org/>

The Greater Milwaukee Foundation is helping organizations meet basic needs such as food, shelter, and medicine.

Hunger Task Force

<https://www.hungertaskforce.org/>

They need donations and volunteers for their food bank.

Saukville Community Food Pantry

<http://saukvillefoodpantry.org/>

The Saukville Community Food Pantry is now doing curbside food distribution. Donations and volunteers needed.

United Way Fund of Greater Milwaukee

<https://www.unitedwaygmwc.org/>

The United Way of Greater Milwaukee is raising money for the group's partners. This money will be used for emergency food services, increased costs for such things as staffing, medical equipment, and cleaning supplies.

Versiti

<https://www.versiti.org/>

Right now, blood donations are desperately needed. There is a blood donation center in West Bend.

Saukville Community Food Pantry and United Way of Northern Ozaukee

[Volunteer Sign-up](#)

DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES

Christ in Our Home

[Augsburg Fortress](#)

You can get the daily devotion sent for free, via email, during March and April.

ChurchNext

<https://www.churchnext.tv/p/churchnext/>

ChurchNext is a source for online faith based courses. Individuals can pay a monthly fee to participate. However, they offer free courses as well. Here are three free suggested options:

Bridging the Political Divide with Parker Palmer, Make Me an Instrument of Peace: A Guide to Civil Discourse, and Prayer and Worship in Our Homes.

God Pause Daily Devotions (Luther Seminary)

<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/>

Illustrated Ministries

https://www.illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve?ck_subscriber_id=769097989

Illustrated Ministries is providing free Sunday school lessons for families to do at home. All you need to do is sign-up. They will send a weekly email with readings, a lesson, activities, and coloring pages.

Vibrant Faith

<http://vibrantfaithathome.org/>

Vibrant Faith offers activities and devotions for adults, couples, grandparents, and families.

AT HOME ACTIVITIES

Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts

<https://www.wiquiltmuseum.com/the-quarantine-quilt>

The museum is sponsoring a quarantine community quilt project. They are requesting people make a 12" by 12" quilt square to help make the quilt.

LaSata

LaSata is in need of hand sewn face masks. Please contact Christine Howell Kuemmerien at 262-305-0823. Patterns and material should be approved first. [Face Mask Patterns](#)

Faith now has a You Tube channel called "Faith Lutheran Church, Cedarburg" where you can participate in our ministry by video, and you can stay connected through the Facebook group "Faith Families".



- 4/02 Shelley Blank
Sandra Downey
- 4/04 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
Jacquie Becher
John Zarling
- 4/14 Marsha Williams
- 4/15 Jacqueline Samuel Zarling
- 4/16 Jon Zarling
- 4/23 Mitchell Mallouk
- 4/25 Cynthia Faraglia
- 4/26 Wayne Krueger
- 4/28 Caden Rappold

April 17, 1960 - Dick & Carol Bury 60 years

April 29, 2006 - Steve & Dr. Joanna Guse
14 years



With the **Cure for Cabin Fever 2020** in our shadow, we'd love for you to start saving your Rummage items for the sale next year!! Our annual event has been and continues to be a very rewarding financial and social occasion and a wonderful opportunity to introduce and share our church with hundreds of visitors. We are confident this WILL take place next February!! Let us keep moving our Faith Forward!! We accept mostly everything except adult clothing and electronics. Please bring your clean items to the lower level anytime during business hours or before or after a service. Thank You!



