

# Faith FINDINGS

April 2025

**WED, APRIL 2** QUILTING, 9:00AM

GATHER TO PRAY, 10:00AM  
 LENTEN DINNER SERVICE, 5:30PM  
 FAITH IN ACTION, 5:30PM  
 CONFIRMATION, 6:30PM  
 YOUTH GROUP, 7:45PM

**SUN, APRIL 6** WORSHIP, 9:30AM

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM  
 CANTATA REHEARSAL, 2:30PM

**MON, APRIL 7** CHOSEN SERIES, 5:00PM

**TUES, APRIL 8** PRAYER TEAM, 10:00AM  
 WORSHIP TEAM, 11:00AM  
 WOW, 6:30PM  
 YOUNG ADULTS GROUP, 7:00PM

**WED, APRIL 9** CONNECT TEAM, 10:00AM

GATHER TO PRAY, 10:00AM  
 LENTEN DINNER SERVICE, 5:30PM  
 FAITH IN ACTION, 5:30PM  
 CONFIRMATION, 6:30PM  
 YOUTH GROUP, 7:45PM

**SUN, APRIL 13** PALM SUNDAY

WORSHIP, 9:30AM  
 COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM  
 CANTATA REHEARSAL, 2:30PM

**MON, APRIL 14** LOCAL & GLOBAL, 10:30AM

CHOSEN SERIES, 5:00PM

**TUES, APRIL 15** COUNCIL MEETING, 6:00PM

**WED, APRIL 16** QUILTING, 9:00AM

GATHER TO PRAY, 10:00AM  
 NO WEDNES NIGHT ACTIVITIES

**THURS, APRIL 17** MAUNDY THURS SERVICE, 5:30PM

**FRI, APRIL 18** GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 12:00PM

CANTATA, 7:30PM

**SAT, APRIL 19** EASTER VIGIL AT FIRST LUTHERAN

CHURCH IN HINKLEY, 7PM

**SUN, APRIL 20** EASTER SUNDAY

TRADITIONAL SERVICE, 8:00AM  
 EGG HUNT, 9:00AM  
 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE, 10:00AM

**MON, APRIL 21** CHOSEN SERIES, 5:00PM

**TUES, APRIL 22** YOUNG ADULTS GROUP, 7:00PM

**WED, APRIL 23** FAITH IN ACTION, 5:30PM

CONFIRMATION, 6:30PM  
 YOUTH GROUP, 7:45PM

**SUN, APRIL 27** WORSHIP, 9:30AM

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM

**WED, APRIL 30** FAITH IN ACTION, 5:30PM

CONFIRMATION, 6:30PM  
 YOUTH GROUP, 7:45PM



*United in faith,  
 our mission is to grow in  
 Christ and serve others.*

## THE Lamb



*REDEMPTION'S PRICE IS PAID*  
 PERFORMANCE ON GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 18, 2025, 7:30 PM

*At Faith Lutheran Church, 220 East Lake Street Isle*

**ISLE COMMUNITY LENTEN CANTATA**

*Director - Nancy Hendry*

*Accompanist - Shari Jensen*

**Faith Lutheran  
MONTHLY GIVING  
and Attendance**

**March 2**

Physical Attendance 31  
Online Attendance 158  
Giving \$1245

**Ash Wednesday March 5**

Physical Attendance 54  
Online Attendance 74

**March 9**

Physical Attendance 31  
Online Attendance 204  
Giving \$2390

**March 16**

Physical Attendance 52  
Online Attendance 156  
Giving \$3044

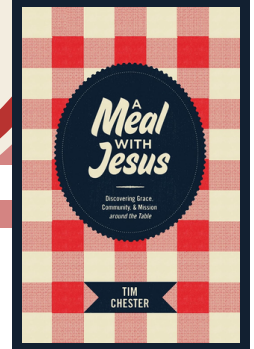
**March 23**

Physical Attendance 68  
Online Attendance 196  
Giving \$1877

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT | 5:30 PM

**MEALS WITH JESUS  
MID-WEEK LENTEN  
WORSHIP**

Dinner, Worship, and Optional Small  
Group Book Study Based on Tim Chester's  
*A Meal With Jesus*



*April 2025*

**THE  
LAMB**



**REDEMPTION'S PRICE IS PAID**

**ISLE COMMUNITY LENTEN CANTATA**  
Director - Nancy Hendry    Accompanist - Shari Jensen

*You are invited to participate in the Isle Community Lenten Cantata. Singers and speakers are needed. Please make this a part of your Lenten journey.*

First Rehearsal March 2 at Faith Lutheran

**REHEARSALS 2:30-4:00 pm  
Sundays in Lent  
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13**

**PERFORMANCE ON GOOD FRIDAY  
APRIL 18, 2025, 7:30 PM**  
*At Faith Lutheran Church, 220 East Lake Street Isle*

**EASTER  
EGG HUNT**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20  
AT 9:00AM**

Faith Lutheran Church  
220 East Lake Street, Isle

**Faith  
Lutheran Church**  
*To Grow and Serve*

*United in faith,  
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**We Pray for:**

Palm Sunday, April 13  
 Holy Week, April 13-19  
 Good Friday service & Cantata, April 18  
 Easter Sunday Service, Brunch and  
 Easter Egg Hunt, April 20  
 Feed my Starving Children in Coon  
 Rapids, April 26

Bible Studies:  
 WOW, Tuesday, April 8  
 "Chosen" Mondays @ 5:30 p.m.  
 Lectionary Tuesdays @ 9 a.m.

Faith in Action - Wednesday 5:30 p.m.  
 Confirmation - Wednesday 6:30 p.m.  
 Youth Group - Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

Young Adults - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
 @ 7 p.m.

9:30 Worship  
 Sunday School  
 Sunday Coffee Fellowship

Church Council  
 Building & Property Ministry  
 Finance & Stewardship Team  
 Children, Youth & Family Ministry Team  
 Connect Ministry Team  
 Local & Global Missions  
 Memorial Ministry  
 Music Ministry  
 Prayer Ministry  
 Prayer Shawl  
 Quilters  
 WELCA  
 Worship Ministry Team

**"Common Prayer Time"**

Every Wednesday - pray from home or  
 at Church

**"Pray with your directory"**

Lift up individuals/families in the church  
 directory each time you pray.

**"Personal Prayer"**

Need of personal prayer: Seek prayer  
 during communion on Sunday's or  
 contact any prayer team member who  
 will pray with you.

**"Be Watchful and Pray - over God's creation"**

***"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden  
 to work it and keep it." Genesis 2:15***

When God created the universe and everything in it, he carefully planned that his beautiful creation would support and sustain all that he had created. God needed someone to care for it, to manage it, to oversee and protect it. Generation after generation, all humanity has had the honor and privilege to act as stewards of God's earth. For God's creation to continue fulfilling its purpose of providing for humanity now and in the future, then we are the chosen ones who have been granted the responsibility to care for and not abuse what God created.

Maybe we should ask ourselves, how well are we doing? All around us, we observe changes to the weather patterns. Across the world, people are dealing with unbearable heat and cold as well as destructive forest fires, major flooding and extreme drought. Disasters from storms, hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes have caused loss of property, lives and livelihood. And we wonder what has happened to our various food sources, our water and other natural resources. Could it be that we have not been good stewards in caring for the world God left in our hands?

This month, we celebrate Easter, our relationship with God, and our commitment to love, trust and give of our lives to serving others as Christ demonstrated for us. This month, we will also be celebrating Earth Day. Maybe, we should be asking ourselves, how well are we demonstrating God's love, respect and care for all of his creation.

Every day, we need to be watchful of our actions and the impact they will have on all that God has entrusted to our care. Our prayers should be on seeking guidance and wisdom to make the right choices in our lives that will protect and preserve all that God has created. May our eyes be opened to see this world, not as a resource that we dominate and exploit, but as a gift to be cherished by all generations.

***The world around us is a gift from God — let us take care  
 of that gift!***

*Children's Prayer Time*



Dear Jesus, thank you for this beautiful planet we live on. Help me to care for all you have made and help me to love this world as much as you do. Amen.



Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Jesus, his resurrection and for the forgiveness of our sins. We thank you for healing the brokenness in our lives and for restoring our relationships with one another. Today, more than ever, we need your continued presence in our lives, and we look for your help and guidance as we face the needs in this world.



- We are going through a time where financial support is diminishing for organizations and programs that have helped the poor, the elderly, disabled and homeless with food, clothing and shelter. Guide us in doing what we can, especially through supporting the local thrift store, by contributing to the food shelf and packaging food at the Feed My Starving Children on April 26.
- Bring healing and comfort to all who are hurting. We lift up all who are on our prayer network and those in our personal prayers. Ease their pain, restore their health, and grant them strength and peace during this difficult time. May they know that you are always with them.
- Continue to work in the lives of our young people. Give them the courage to face the challenges of today, and the ability to discern truth from falsehood. Guide their steps and show them your ways in serving others.
- We thank you for the gift of spring sports, the competition and the excitement. Help athletes respect their opponents, appreciate their teammates, and play each game with integrity. Bring safety to the playing field.
- We thank you for our Inspirational Wednesday Lenten meals with Jesus, for our worship time together, and for the Lenten daily devotional study. May we continue to use this time and these resources to draw closer to you through our prayers, reading and meditation.
- Help us continue to support the fund raising efforts for the ministry and mission work of our youth and their advisors.
- As we are each called to serve you in various ways, be with those who may be discerning a call into ministry. Guide and direct them as you have gifted them.
- Blessings on Karlie and Eleanor on their baptism and new life in Christ. May their faith be nurtured by their parents, sponsors, and their church family.

- We lift up the churches within our community. Continue to bless their work and guide them in spreading your word to those who reside in and visit our communities.
- May the work of this congregation continue to grow in ways that reach out to people of all generations. We lift all our members, friends and guests in prayer. In April we will be praying for the following:
  - Blake, Whitney, Kloey, Kobe, Karsen, Kora, Kenadie, and Karlie Phipps, Les and Donna Pinz, Kallan Pojanowski, Amy Proffitt, Klaus and Priscilla Rapp, Katie and Livia Raverty, James, Maggie, Scarlett, and Sage Rens, Jean Retka, Bruce and Laurie Richards, Nancy Rizer-Schmidt, Isaac, Amber, Rita, Maya, and Charles Robertson
- Continue to guide the planning for the ELCA church wide assembly this summer in Arizona. May their plans align with your plans for the church as we look towards the future.
- As the spring weather arrives, grant favorable planting conditions for our farmers, and nice weather for the resorts and businesses that depend on tourism to support our economy.
- Be with all who plan to travel over Easter. May we show hospitality by welcoming into our homes, those who have no family or place to go.
- As the snowbirds return, grant them wisdom and safety as they navigate their way back to us.

We are thankful for all you provide for us each day. We enjoy all of what you have provided for us through your creation. Help us to continue to treat and respect all of your creation with care and love. AMEN



Blessing: Ellory Christianson, Diane Gibas, Nancy Hendry, Dave Morneau, Doc Moss, Sandy Nies, Carolyn Nutt, Pam Peterson, Mary Sears, Cheryl Ten Bruin.

Note: Prayer shawls are available in the Chapel  
 Please take and give away to anyone whom you feel is in need of prayer.  
 We ask that you record in the Shawl book, the date and to whom the shawl is given.  
 (This helps to not deliver multiple shawls to the same individual.)



# April

Danie Powell, Faith Lutheran Church

Apr 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship 2:30pm - Cantata Rehearsal 7pm - JFK Dance	31 4:30pm - JFK Dance 5pm - Chosen Series +	1	2 9am - Quilting 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FiA @ Faith 5:30pm - Lenten Dinner 6:30pm - Confirmation @ 7:45pm - Youth Group	3 7:30pm - AA	4	5 9am - AA Big Book
6 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship 2:30pm - Cantata Rehearsal 7pm - JFK Dance	7 4:30pm - JFK Dance 5pm - Chosen Series +	8 10am - Prayer Team Ministry 11am - Worship Team 6:30pm - WOW 7pm - Young Adults Group	9 10am - Connect Team 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FiA @ Faith 5:30pm - Lenten Dinner 6:30pm - Confirmation @ 7:45pm - Youth Group	10 7:30pm - AA	11	12 9am - AA Big Book
13 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship 2:30pm - Cantata Rehearsal 7pm - JFK Dance	14 10:30am - Local & Global 1pm - Garden Club 4:30pm - JFK Dance 5pm - Chosen Series +	15 6pm - Council Meeting	16 <b>No Wednesday Night</b> 9am - Quilting 10am - Gather to Pray	17 5:30pm - Maundy Thurs 7:30pm - AA	18 <b>Newsletter Articles Due in</b> 12pm - Good Friday Service 7pm - Cantata	19 9am - AA Big Book 7pm - Easter Vigil at First
20 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship	21 4:30pm - JFK Dance 5pm - Last Chosen Series +	22 7pm - Young Adults Group	23 <b>Newsletter Sent Out</b> 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FiA @ Faith 6:30pm - Confirmation @ 7:45pm - Youth Group	24 7:30pm - AA	25	26 9am - AA Big Book
27 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship 5pm - Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm - JFK Dance	28 4:30pm - JFK Dance	29	30 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FiA @ Faith 6:30pm - Confirmation @ 7:45pm - Youth Group			



## April Anniversaries

- 4/03 Michael & Heidi Patrick
- 4/04 Brady & Aleia Haggberg
- 4/12 Craig & Jane Lemieux
- 4/14 Mark & Lori Menke
- 4/21 Blake & Whitney Phipps
- 4/23 Jim & Kim Leschak



## April Birthdays

- 4/03 Barb Magnan
- 4/04 Rayland Eklund
- 4/05 Karlie Phipps
- 4/06 Dorothy Haggberg
- 4/06 Luke Thompson
- 4/07 Karen Gabriel
- 4/08 Clinton Waddell
- 4/09 Sophie Soderstrom
- 4/09 Tucker Haggberg
- 4/12 Glenda Theis
- 4/13 Trace Rieman
- 4/14 Ivan Jablonski
- 4/15 Wesley Oswald
- 4/15 Debi Miller
- 4/18 Marilyn Exsted
- 4/19 Noah Borg
- 4/21 Dhondra Haggberg

**If you find that you are unable to fulfill the task on your given Sunday, please find someone to take your place and let the office know as soon as possible!!**

**SERVERS for Worship April 2025**

**Scripture Readers:**

April 6 - Karen Gabriel  
 April 13 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 April 17/Maundy Volunteer  
 April 20/Easter <sup>8</sup>Volunteer  
                           <sup>10</sup>Volunteer  
 April 27 - Karen Gabriel

**Ushers:**

April 6 - Russ & Janette Jackson  
 April 13 - Russ & Janette Jackson  
 April 20/Easter <sup>8</sup>Volunteer  
                           <sup>10</sup>Volunteer  
 April 27 - Les & Donna Pinz

**Greeters:**

April 6 - Elaine Freichels  
           Shari Strecker  
 April 13 - Elaine Freichels  
           Shari Strecker  
 April 20/Easter <sup>8</sup>Volunteer  
                           <sup>10</sup>Volunteer  
 April 27 - Donna Moore

**Acolytes:**

April 6 - Dylan Heise  
 April 13 - Rylan Heise  
 April 17/Maundy Volunteer  
 April 20/Easter <sup>8</sup>Volunteer  
                           <sup>10</sup>Volunteer  
 April 27 - Ryah Kuhlman

**Communion Assistants:**

April 6 - Sue Borgfelt  
           David Anderson  
 April 13 - \_\_\_\_\_  
 April 20/Easter <sup>8</sup>Volunteer  
                           <sup>10</sup>Volunteer  
 April 27 - Katie & Livia Raverty

**Coffee Servers:**

April 6 - Daron & Lori Stenvold Family  
           Karen Gabriel  
 April 13 - Don & Pearl Larson  
           Sue Temte  
 April 17/Maundy Potluck - need Volunteers  
 April 20 - <sup>9<sup>AM</sup></sup> Easter Brunch - Youth  
 April 27 - Katie & Livia Raverty  
           Geoff & Shanessa Gesell Family

*Thank you for serving!*



## Reconciling in Christ (RIC)

Our Northeastern Minnesota Synod has been working through the process toward becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Synod. Delegates, Doug Halvorson and Karen Gabriel, will be voting on the following resolution at the up-coming Synod Assembly on May 3 and 4.

### **The resolution states:**

*The Northeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is committed to the inclusive hospitality of God which welcomes all people into the work of the church to proclaim Christ, serve the neighbor, and strive for justice and peace in the world. We embody this hospitality in our life together as synod through unapologetic welcome and affirmation of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions, races and ethnicities, ages and abilities, and social-economic or citizenship statuses. We embrace the calling to work for welcome and reconciliation through our commitment to anti-racism and inclusion.*

### **So what does it mean if the Northeastern Minnesota Synod becomes a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) synod?**

In short: nothing changes for Faith Lutheran. The synod's decision to adopt a Welcome Statement and pursue RIC status reflects a public commitment made at the synod level—it is *not* binding on individual congregations. We are not automatically enrolled in the RIC program, nor are we required to adopt any specific statement or practice.

If Faith Lutheran were ever to consider becoming RIC, it would be a separate, congregational process that would begin with deep listening, learning, and dialogue. It would involve opportunities for education, discussion, and discernment—and ultimately, it would require a vote by the congregation.

We recognize that people in our congregation hold a variety of views on this topic. That diversity of thought is part of what makes our faith community strong. Our commitment is to continue walking together in love and respect, trusting that the Holy Spirit meets us in our questions, our conversations, and our care for one another.

## What is RIC?

RIC stands for Reconciling in Christ, a designation offered by *ReconcilingWorks*, a Lutheran organization that works to promote the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church.

Congregations, ministries, and synods that become RIC commit to publicly and intentionally welcoming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. But the welcome doesn't stop there—RIC also includes a commitment to racial equity, accessibility for people of all abilities, and a broader vision of justice and inclusion in the life of the church.

Becoming RIC is not a one-size-fits-all process. It involves deep listening, education, relationship-building, and reflection on how our words and actions reflect the Gospel. For many churches and synods, the journey begins with crafting a *Welcome Statement* that explicitly names who is welcome—and why.

At its heart, RIC is about creating church communities where *everyone*—especially those who have historically felt excluded—can trust that they belong, are seen, and are loved as they are.

## What does this resolution mean for the Northeastern Minnesota Synod?

Adopting a Welcome Statement and pursuing a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) designation is not just about adding a label—it's about deepening our identity as the Body of Christ in Northeastern Minnesota.

For our synod, this means making a clear, public commitment to welcome and affirm all people, especially those who have often felt unwelcome or unseen in church spaces—particularly our LGBTQIA+ siblings, people of color, individuals with disabilities, and others who have experienced exclusion. It's about living into the Gospel call to love boldly, to listen deeply, and to stand with those on the margins.

If the resolution passes, the synod will continue walking a path of education, relationship-building, and spiritual growth. This includes engaging congregations in conversation, offering resources for learning, and cultivating a culture where every person can trust that they belong and are beloved.

This does not mean every congregation is required to become RIC. Each community continues to discern its own journey. But as a synod, we are saying clearly: everyone is created in God's image, and everyone deserves to hear the good news of Jesus' love in a place where they are fully welcomed and affirmed.



### **What does this mean for Faith Lutheran Church?**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is often described as a “big tent” church—a community where people with a wide variety of theological, political, and cultural perspectives are welcomed and held together by God’s grace. We take seriously the image from 1 Corinthians 12 that we are *one body with many parts*: diverse, yet united in Christ.

The ELCA is made up of three expressions—congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization—each with its own responsibilities and authority, yet all working interdependently to support the mission of the church. While we collaborate across these expressions, congregations like Faith Lutheran remain self-governing. We call our own pastors, elect our own councils, manage our own ministry, and discern our own direction.

That said, all ELCA congregations do agree to some core principles of structure and governance that help us walk together as a church. For example, every congregation follows a shared process for calling or ending the call of a pastor, in coordination with the synod. Congregations are expected to have a church council, including an executive committee, to oversee governance and ministry leadership. Membership is handled in similar ways across the ELCA, with common practices around baptism, confirmation, transfer, and active participation. In addition, congregations follow consistent approaches to financial reporting, constitutional guidelines, and maintaining a relationship with the wider church. These shared structures create stability, accountability, and a sense of belonging to something larger than ourselves, while still allowing each congregation to reflect its own unique context and culture.

### **You might be wondering, *If nothing is changing at Faith, why are we talking about this at all?***

That’s a fair question—and an important one.

Our congregational leadership believes that transparency, communication, and participation matter. As members of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, we have the opportunity to be part of important conversations happening in the wider church. This includes hearing what is being proposed at the synod level, offering feedback from our own local context, and making sure our voices are part of the discernment process.

We didn’t want this resolution to be something that’s voted on “out there” without you knowing it’s happening. We don’t want decisions made in isolation—or surprises down

the road. Instead, we believe in being open and honest about the work our synod is engaging in, even when that work doesn't directly change our life together here at Faith.

There is one more opportunity for anyone who wants to hear more, learn more, and offer feedback, to attend an RIC workshop at Synod Assembly on Saturday, May 3rd at Breezy Point Resort. These workshops are open to all—not just voting members—and are designed to create space for honest conversation and shared understanding. A specific time for the workshop has not yet been announced, but we will share that information as soon as it becomes available.

If you have thoughts, questions, or feedback, we encourage you to reach out to our synod assembly voting members, Karen Gabriel and Doug Halvorson. They will be representing Faith at the assembly and would be glad to hear your perspective as they prepare for those conversations.

Karen Gabriel 612-245-3428 or [ksgabriel47@gmail.com](mailto:ksgabriel47@gmail.com)

Doug Halvorson 320-492-5440 or [doughalvorson67@gmail.com](mailto:doughalvorson67@gmail.com)



**Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes** (unapproved)

**March 18, 2025**

**Present:** Pastor Josh, Karen Gabriel, Aliesha Holbert, Kortney Sawatzky, Diane Gibas, Elaine Norman, Natasha Kuhlman, Laura Heise, Guest- Dorothy Haggberg

**Absent:** Doc Moss, Tara Soderstrom, Nancy Hendry, Tonya Eklund

- **Call to Order** at 6 p.m. by Karen
- **Devotions** - Karen
- **Guest Comments** - Dorothy Haggberg joined us to share her concerns and show her support.
- **Agenda – Modifications and Approval**
  - Diane makes a motion to accept the agenda with the addition of a closed meeting regarding personnel under new business, Second - Aliesha, motion carried.
- **Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting on February 18, 2025**
  - Motion to approve - Diane, Second - Kortney, motion carried.
- **Receive Treasurer’s Report – February 2025**
  - Our property insurance was paid this month at \$4352. Pastor Josh spoke with Dale and Diana after concerns were expressed last month about offerings being low. They both said this is typical this time of the year and that it picks back up after Easter.
  - Treasurer was not present so there is nothing to accept.
- **Pastor’s Report**
  - Pastor Josh has been working hard on the devotional book for Lent. It has been a lot of work, but we have had great feedback from it. Pizza with pastors continues to work well and have a great outcome. In June there is a young adult leaders conference. The ELCA will be paying for one leader to go from each young adult Gather group. This is all paid for by the ELCA and Colby Hubbel will go as our leader from Gather Mille Lacs. Lots of planning is happening for Easter coming up, as well as graduation. We will recognize our seniors on May 18<sup>th</sup> during service. Baccalaureate is on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

➤ **Old Business**

1. Personnel Policy, Employees (March 30<sup>th</sup>)
  - Pastor Rollie will be here on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> after worship. This will be an information session where he will discuss the Synod’s reasons for employees not serving on council or the call committee. After Pastor Rollie talks about these reasons, it will be opened up to the congregation to ask questions.
2. RIC
  - We have received the resolution from the Synod regarding RIC (Reconciling in Christ). We now need the congregation to reach out to our Delegates from Faith, Doug Halvorson and Karen Gabriel, with feedback on this subject. Karen and Doug will use feedback from our congregation and vote on the resolution at Synod Assembly. We strongly encourage everyone to reach out to either Doug or Karen with your thoughts and concerns. The council will continue working on getting information out there for all of the congregation regarding this topic. Lastly, IF the Synod becomes RIC, this DOES NOT mean we at Faith will also become RIC.
3. Discussion on Council Vacancy
  - We still have one vacant council position following the resignation of Tim McArdle. Kallan Pojanowski has said he is interested in joining council.

- Kortney makes a motion to fill our vacant council seat with Kallan Pojanowski. Diane - Second, motion carried.

➤ **New Business**

4. Council April Meeting Date
    - April 15, 2025
  5. Post Prom Donation Request
    - Isle High School's post prom committee is asking for a donation. We do not have a budget set aside for community donations, so instead we will ask the congregation for a special offering the next 2 Sundays to help with this.
  6. Revisioning
    - It might be time to think about a revisioning within our church. Rethinking what our vision is now compared to what it has been in the past. Strategic planning for revisioning. More to come with this.
  7. Personnel
    - Motion to close the meeting at 7:04 p.m. by Karen, Second - Diane, motion carried.
    - Motion to open the meeting at 8:02 p.m. by Diane, Second - Elaine, motion carried.
    - Based on our closed meeting discussion, Aleisha makes a motion to terminate Kristi Pedersen, as administrative assistant, effective Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, unless a resignation is given by her which we would accept. Second – Natasha. The motion carried with 6 votes in favor, 0 against, and 2 abstentions.
    - Motion to close the meeting at 8:08 p.m. by Pastor Josh, Second - Kortney, motion carried.
    - Motion to open the meeting at 8:10 p.m. by Kortney, Second - Elaine, motion carried.
- **Meeting Feedback** - Next Regular Meeting - April 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
  - **Devotions** - Elaine
  - **Closing Prayer/ Adjournment of Meeting**
    - Motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. - Elaine, Second - Pastor Josh, motion carried.



We would like to say a big **Thank You** to all of those who volunteer in our Church and in our Community. We especially want to thank **Joan Lundquist** who gives many hours of her time at ONE MORE TIME in Isle. Each month Faith Lutheran Church receives a donation that goes into the Good Samaritan Fund.

This donation helps Faith Lutheran Church give to those in need.



**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE  
OR EMAIL WITH ANY CHANGES IN YOUR  
CONTACT INFORMATION.**

**Isle Food Shelf**  
Old Fire Hall, across from Post Office in Isle  
(must be a resident of Isle School District) 1st +  
3rd Tuesday of the Month from 3:30pm-5:30pm  
250 2nd Ave S, Isle, MN, 56342

**Fare for All**  
Fare For All is a pop-up grocery store. We sell packs of  
fresh produce and frozen meat at up to 40% off of retail  
prices.

Monthly on a Wednesday from 3pm - 5pm.  
**Fare for All at Onamia Vets Club**  
**2025 Sale Dates**

April 9	September 10
May 7	October 8
June 11	November 5
July 16	December 3
August 13	

*Thank you!* 

Faith Lutheran now has online giving set up. It can be accessed by going to [www.faithisle.org](http://www.faithisle.org) or click or scan the following QR with your smartphone.




**ONAMIA, MN  
1ST MONDAY OF  
THE MONTH  
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

ONAMIA COMMUNITY CENTER  
806 W. KATHIO ST.  
ONAMIA, MN

**2025 DATES**


JANUARY 6	APRIL 7	JULY 7	OCTOBER 6
FEBRUARY 3	MAY 5	AUGUST 4	NOVEMBER 3
MARCH 3	JUNE 2	SEPTEMBER 2*	DECEMBER 1

\*Date Change

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**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**  
**9:00am-2:00pm**  
**Monday & Friday - Closed**

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