

INSIDE

- p. 1 “From Pastor Rita”,
Dates at a glance
- p. 2 “About Faith Lutheran”,
Homebound members
Office Notes
- p. 3 Ways to worship during
Lent and News from the Synod
- p. 4 Important dates,
Upcoming Events
- p. 5 Martin Luther’s Seal
- p. 6 March Calendar

Dates at a Glance

- † March 13, 2023
Daylight Savings
- † March 17, 2023
St. Patrick’s Day

**Office hours for
Faith Lutheran Church:**
Mon. through Thurs.
9AM—2PM

**Incase of Pastoral
Emergencies Pastor Rita
can be reached at
1(312) 478-6212
Or by email at
critawilliam@gmail.com**

Letter From Pastor Rita

March, 2023

“Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.....He fasted forty days and forty nights”
(Matthew 4:1-2)

A reflection on the Lenten season:

There is a great significance to the forty days of Lent. In fact, the number forty has a great biblical connection: The people of Israel wandered in the desert for forty years in search of the promised land. Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness for forty days before Jesus began His public ministry. It was on the 40th day after Jesus’ resurrection that He ascended into heaven.

During these forty days of the Lenten season, many people come together to do good works and provide assistance to those most in need. However, one of the most important things we need to remember is that our biggest fast during these forty days will be offering our hearts to God in thanksgiving and repentance.

The season of Lent is a time for us to renew our faith in God. For Lutherans, Lent is a penitential season, but it is not a time of punishment; rather, it is a time of reflection, a time to reflect on sin, forgiveness, love, and reconciliation.

We enter into Lent intending to renew our hearts, minds, and souls. During lent, our church offers an opportunity to deepen our faith and walk more closely with God through our Wednesday Lenten bible study. Each week, we will reflect on one of the seven sayings of Christ on the Cross. You are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity. A soup supper will be served before the bible study at 5 p.m.

As we journey through Lent, may the Lord be with us.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rita.



Join us Sundays at 10:30am*
You can also watch live on Facebook
* We begin with organ music at 10:20am
Later the service may be watched on our website
<https://www.faithlutheransaultstemarie.org/>



THE PATHFINDER is the monthly newsletter of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America community at :

**Faith Lutheran Church, 1600 Park Street,
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. (906) 632-7246**

The deadline for the Pathfinder is
the 15th of each month.

Please send articles, comments, news items
c/o Pathfinder Editor, 1600 Park St. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783
or e-mail to faithlutheranchurchssm@gmail.com

Pastor: Rev. **Rita Chirala**

Church Office:

Rebecca Booth (4 hrs/week only)

Congregational Council: Cathy Tibbett, Will Karr, Vicki Luoma,
Wayne Olsen, Ese Osumili, Steve Sanderson, Ken Randall
and Sandy Lawson.

Homebound



Our homebound and nursing home members are often so isolated that your phone call, visit, even a card can mean the difference between lonely existence and continued life in our faith community. What can you do? Please reach out to those who have been such a vital part of our congregation and give back.

Beverly Tankersley– Medilodge– Rm A10
1011 Meridian St. SSM, MI 49783

Copper Garrett- 5036 W. Five Mile Rd.
SSM, MI 49783 (906)632-8727

Linda Doran- 590 Three 1/2 Mile Rd.
SSM, MI 49783 (906)632-6483

Ruth Ronquist- Merlin Home– 1703 Hyde St.
SSM, MI 49783 (906)253-2331

Mary Oja - McKinley Manor, 110-E 2023 W 4th,
SSM, MI 49783
(906) 632-7496

Louise Rogers- 332 Arlington Ct. #102
SSM, MI 49783
(906) 253-1580

Faith Lutheran Church
is a member congregation of the
Northern Great Lakes Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
Synod website: nglsynod.org
Denomination website: elca.org



Shown above is some of our confirmation kids helping set up for the valentines bingo and meal.



Annual Meetings are Coming Up!

As congregations prepare for annual meetings, keep in mind the following:

- Electing/appointing voting members to Synod Assembly, **May 18-20, 2023** in Marquette, MI.
 - This in-person assembly includes a Bishop's election. Bishop Finegan is available to serve another term.
 - Registration will be online. Materials and information will be available beginning in March.
 - Plan to cover the expense of travel, registration, and lodging for your voting members.
 - The theme is "Love."

We will be holding 5 weeks of Lantern Devotions starting March 1st to March 29th with soup supper at 5pm. Followed by the devotion 6-6:30PM.



Ways to worship during Lent

Sunday Mar. 6th in-person and online at 10:30AM

Wednesday Mar. 1st Mid-week Lenten Soup Supper & Devotion at 5-6PM

Sunday Mar. 5th in-person and online at 10:30AM

Wednesday Mar. 8th Mid-week Lenten Soup Supper & Devotion at 5-6PM

Sunday Mar. 12th in-person and online at 10:30AM

Wednesday Mar. 15th Mid-week Lenten Soup Supper & Devotion at 5-6PM

Sunday Mar. 19th in-person and online at 10:30AM

Wednesday Mar. 22nd Mid-week Lenten Soup Supper & Devotion at 5-6PM

Sunday Mar. 26th in-person and online at 10:30AM

Wednesday Mar. 29th Mid-week Lenten Soup Supper & Devotion at 5-6PM

Holy Week

Palm Sunday April 2nd in-person and online at 10:30am

Maundy Thursday April 6th worship service @ 7pm with Holy Communion, foot washing, & stripping of altar.

Easter Sunday April 9th in person and online at 10:30am

Northern Great Lakes Synod News

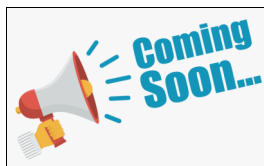
Help for Earthquake Survivors

Right now, your congregation can rush aid to our neighbors devastated by the earthquake in Turkey. Lutheran World Relief teams are already coordinating a response, and it is your congregations' compassion and generosity that will rush emergency care.

Gifts to LWR's emergency response fund will deliver critically needed care for families like water, medical care, shelter and essential supplies. Congregations and their members can give online at lwr.org/quake or mail a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write QUAKE in the memo.

A New Cohort of Faithful Innovations

Registration deadline is June 1, 2023 Gain training in listening skills and discerning God's movement in your congregation and neighborhood. Gather a team of 4 to 7 lay people to join your rostered leader or licensed minister and experience the process of Faithful Innovations. The next cohort takes place **June through November**. For more information on Faithful Innovations and to download the flyer for Cohort #5, please [visit our website](#).





Martin Luther's Seal

The first thing expressed in my seal is a cross, black, within the heart, to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saves us. 'For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness.'

◆◆◆ Now, although the cross is black, mortified, and intended to cause pain, yet it does not change the colour of the heart, does not destroy nature—i.e., does not kill, but keeps alive. 'For the just shall live by faith,'—by faith in the Saviour.

◆◆◆ But this heart is fixed upon the centre of a white rose, to show that faith causes joy, consolation and peace. The rose is white, not red, because white is the ideal colour of all angels and blessed spirits.

◆◆◆ This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-coloured ground, to denote that such joy of faith in the spirit is but an earnest and beginning of heavenly joy to come, as anticipated and held by hope, though not yet revealed.

◆◆◆ And around this groundbase is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all joys and treasures, since gold is the best and most precious metal. Christ, our dear Lord, He will give grace unto eternal life.

Martin Luther

While a professor at Wittenberg, Luther devised this seal which he declared was meant to be "expressive of his theology. This explanation is the gist of a letter written to his friend, Herr Spengler, town clerk of Nuremberg.



MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 <i>Second Sunday in Lent Worship</i> 10:30AM	6 Numbers 21:4-9 <i>Monday Quilters</i> 1PM	7 <i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i> Yoga 9:30am <i>Confirmation Class</i> 3:30pm	1 WELCA 10:00AM Soup Supper with Lenten Devotion 5pm Yoga 7pm	2 <i>Isaiah 51:1-3</i> Yoga 9:30am	3 Micah 7:18-20	4 Isaiah 51:4-8
12 Third Sunday in Lent <i>Worship</i> 10:30AM Annual Meeting	13 <i>Genesis 24:1-27</i> <i>Monday Quilters</i> 1PM	14 Genesis 29:1-14 Yoga 9:30am Confirmation Class 3:30m	8 Ezekiel 36:22-32 Soup supper with Lenten Devotion at 5pm Yoga 7pm	9 <i>Exodus 16:1-8</i> Yoga 9:30am	10 Exodus 16:9-21	11 Exodus 16:27-35
19 Fourth Sunday in Lent <i>Worship</i> 10:30AM	20 <i>Isaiah 59:9-19</i> <i>Monday Quilters</i> 1PM	21 Isaiah 42:14-21 Yoga 9:30am Council meeting 7pm	15 Jeremiah 2:4-13 Soup supper with Lenten Devotion at 5pm Yoga 7pm	16 1 Samuel 15:10-21 Yoga 9:30am	17 1 Samuel 15:22-31	18 1 Samuel 15:32-34
26 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Worship</i> 10:30AM	27 <i>1 Kings 17:17-24</i> <i>Monday Quilters</i> 1pm	28 2 Kings 4:18-37 Yoga 9:30am ConfirmationClass 3:30pm	22 Isaiah 60:17-22 Soup supper with Lenten Devotion at 5pm Yoga 7pm	23 Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3 Yoga 9:30am	24 Ezekiel 33:10-16	25 Ezekiel 36:8-15
			29 Jonah 2:1-10 Soup supper with Lenten Devotion at 5pm Yoga 7pm	30	31	

PATHFINDER



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH*

YEAR A

Epiphany

Phone: 906-632-7246

Email: faithlc1966@att.net

Website: <http://www.faithlutheransaultstemarie.org>

*** A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
1600 PARK STREET
SAULT STE. MARIE, MI 49783