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## Dates at a Glance

- † **March.10, 2024**  
Daylight Saving time
- † **March 17, 2024**  
St. Patrick's Day
- † **March 19, 2024**  
First Day of Spring
- † **Match 24, 2024**  
Palm Sunday
- † **March 29, 2024**  
Good Friday
- † **March 31, 2024**  
Easter

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

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Emergencies Pastor Rita  
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## Letter From Pastor Rita

March 2024

*At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. (Mark 1: 12-13)*

### Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It is time for Lent again! Lent is a time to examine ourselves in the light of God. It is a time to receive God's forgiveness and renew our desire to serve God and serve our neighbor. This is also a time to reflect on how much God loved us, that He sent His only begotten Son to save us. The forty days of Lent mark the preparation for celebrating Christ's death, resurrection, and suffering. It is also a good time to renew our faith in Christ.

I want to share with you some updates and an invitation regarding our time at Faith this season. Throughout Lent, our Lenten devotions will focus on women in the Bible who knew Jesus. Through this series, we will learn about some women who played important roles during Jesus' lifetime. Our time together will begin with soup supper at 5 p.m. and devotions at 6 p.m. Thanks to all of you who have already signed up to bring soup each week.

If you need or are looking for devotional books during this season of lent, you will find Lutheran prayers books in the church entryway that contain daily scripture readings for you and your family. You are welcome to choose one or more or ask Ushers for guidance. Lastly, if you have any pastoral care needs, personal updates, or prayer requests, please contact me. May God's love and Word strengthen you this Lenten season. May you all rejoice and be glad in God's forgiveness and grace.

**Yours in Christ,**

**Pastor Rita.**



**Join us Sundays at 10:30am\***  
*You can watch live on Facebook*

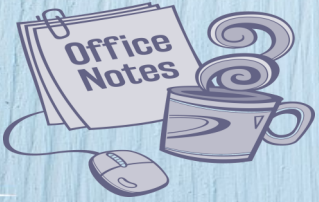
*\*We begin with organ music at 10:20am*  
<https://www.facebook.com/FaithLC1966>





February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024—  
group of ministers  
[Conference 7] with Bishop  
Katherine Flanagan and  
Jim Duehring at Faith Lutheran  
Church!

**Financial report:**



Faith Lutheran Church  
Fiscal 2024

	Projected Donations	Actual Donations
<b>Jan-24</b>		
The weekly collections to meet the Annual Budget		
Week One	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 3,470.00
Week Two	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 2,590.00
Week Three	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 3,260.00
Week Four	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 4,213.20
Month to Date	<u>\$ 11,880.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,533.20</u>
<b>Feb 2024</b>		
The weekly collections to meet the Annual Budget		
Week One	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 2,177.00
Week Two	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 2,610.44
Week Three	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 2,102.00
Week Four	\$ 2,970.00	\$ 2,879.36
Month to Date	<u>\$ 11,880.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,768.80</u>
February Year to Date	<u><u>\$ 23,760.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 23,302.00</u></u>

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date January 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Tibbett at 7:06 PM

Members Present: Pastor Rita Chirala, Cathy Tibbett, Sandy Lawson, Al Picotte, Wayne Olsen, Ken Randall

Member Absent: Ben Deatrack, excused.

Council Meeting: February 20, 2024

Devotions: Sandy Lawson February Cathy Tibbett

Minutes: Ken made a motion to accept the November 21, 2023 Council minutes.

Wayne Seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

A: A Chrism Mass for Conference 7 clergy only will be at Faith February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:AM. Lunch will be offered. The synod will cover the expense.

B: Annual kitchen inspection to be done on January 17, 2024.

C: Sault Printing will not be offering support for the office printer. Starting January 1, 2024 Van Business Machine from Petoskey, Mi. will be the contract support.

New Business:

A: Letter from Hospice House asking for people to consider volunteering.

B: Congregational Annual Meeting will be February 25, 2024.

C: Nomination Committee selected. Members are Wayne Olsen (out going council member), Vickie Luoma (voting member), Cathy Tibbett (Council President), Sandy Lawson (current council member), and Ken Randall (out going council member).

D: A written Ballot will be available for voting of council and synod assembly candidates. The vacant positions for council members are [2 for 3 years], [1 for 2 years] and [2 for 1 year.] Also for elections are 2 for synod assembly delegates and 2 alternates for synod assembly.

E: Faith is hosting the Hybrid Synod Assembly for Conference 7 on May 18, 2024.

Pastors Report: Pastor Rita gave her Pastors report.

Committee Reports:

Campus Ministry: No update.

Come to the Table: No report.

Christian Education: Still a few students attending. VBS plans will start in March.

Endowment: The month of January benevolence was sent to the Synod. Installment payment from 2023 funds for Pastor Rita's Green Card was sent to the synod. Housing payment of \$6000.00 was withdrawn from the Investment Fund. Council approved \$4065.00 for the yearly withdrawal from the Endowment Fund.

Fellowship: A chili luncheon to be held after Church Service on February 4, 2024.

Finance: Wayne gave the financial report.

Memorial: No report.

Membership: No report.

Outreach: Washington School greatly appreciated the items that were received. A Thank Note from the Board of Education and Washington School as been received and posted on the bulletin board. Plans for the annual Sherman Park Worship and Picnic are being discussed.

Property: The shower in the janitors' closet was removed as it was leaking and a new mop tub installed. The Orkin tech for pest control was here on January 25, 2024.

Staff Support: The names of the staff at Faith are being printed in the weekly bulletin and monthly Pathfinder.

Stewardship: No report.

WELC: Faiths shut in members were visited in December and given Christmas cookies and a Christmas card.

Worship and Music: Worship and Music report was given. Hymns are selected through

March 10, 2024. Lenten days are as follows, Ash Wednesday Worship February 14, 2024 at 7PM. Soup suppers dates are February 21 and 28, March 3, 6, 13, and 23 at 5PM with devotions at 5:30PM followed by choir practice at 6PM. Palm Sunday is March 24, 2024.

Plans for Holy Week and Easter will follow. Next meeting is March 5, 2024 at 6PM.

Al made a motion to accept the committee reports including the Pastors Report and the Financial report. Ken seconded. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn: Al made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Lawson, Council Secretary



# 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.**

**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 a 15th of each month.**

**Please send articles, comment, news items**

**c/o Pathfinder Editor, 1600 Park St. Sault Ste. Marie, MI  
49783**

**Or e-mail to [faithlutheranchurchssm@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheranchurchssm@gmail.com)**

**Pastor: Rev. Rita Chirala**

**Church Office: Rebecca Booth (4hrs/week only)**

**Congregational Council:**

**Cathy Tibbett, Dennis Brindley, Kathy Flickinger, Sandy Lawson, Ken  
Randall, Ben Deatrick, Al Picotte,, and Cynthia wright.**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**is a member congregation of the  
Northern Great Lakes Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

**Synod website: [nglsynod.org](http://nglsynod.org)**

**Denomination website: [elca.org](http://elca.org)**

## **Online giving is here!**

You can now make an electronic contribution on our website. Just go to our website:

[www.faithlutheransaultstemarie.org](http://www.faithlutheransaultstemarie.org)

Scroll down to just above our videos. There, you will find a green button that says

**“Online Giving”.**

Click that and enter in your information, and Faith will receive your contribution within 48 hours. The online giving company we went with (Tithe.ly) is one of the largest and most secure companies who specialize in online church giving, so your information is safe and secure. If you would like any help going over this process, please call the church office and we would be happy to help you.

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**MARCH  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 2nd Tiffany Kagarise
- 4th Catherine Tibbett
- 7th Jason Markstrom
- 7th Annette Wojnaroski
- 8th Kenneth Lake
- 8th Linda Doran
- 11th Michael East
- 13th Mary Oja
- 13th Billy Norton
- 14th Jeanne Thompson
- 15th Gary Suriano
- 17th Bristol Hallesy
- 18th Heather East
- 18th Aili Allen
- 19th Ken Randall
- 24th Jack Bachand
- 30th Greg Brewster
- 30th Ashley Flickinger
- 31st Susan Cox

**ANNIVERSARY WISHES**

- Gail & Jim Knight**  
65 years                      3/28/59
- Linda & Michael Doran**  
49 years                        3/15/75
- Dave & Pat Deatrick**  
48 years                        3/13/76
- Matthew & Tiffany Kagarise**  
8 years                         3/12/16



Al Picotte playing the guitar for a musical offering

Join us for a **Healing Service**,  
March 3rd following our regular worship service.

**WELCA**  
March 13th  
Wednesday every month at **10:30am** for their bible study, meeting, and meal.

*Easter*

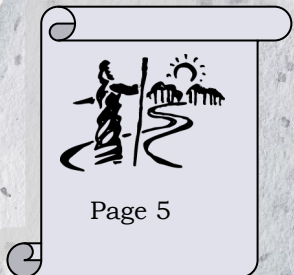
**HOLY WEEK**

Palm Sunday — March 24<sup>th</sup> worship service @ 10:30am  
Maundy Thursday — March 28<sup>th</sup> worship service @ 7pm with Holy Communion, foot washing, & stripping of altar.

*(Please bring your own towel)*

Good Friday — March 29<sup>th</sup> worship service @ 7pm  
Easter Sunday — March 31<sup>st</sup> worship service @ 10:30am

Brunch following service.



# MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Genesis 12:1-4	2 Psalm 121
3 Third Sunday in Lent <i>Worship</i> 10:30am	4 Romans 4:1-5  Quilting 1PM	5 John 3:1-17 Worship and Music Committee meeting 6pm  Yoga 9:30AM	6 Exodus 20:1-17 Choir Practice 6PM	7 Psalm 19 Yoga 9:30AM	8 1 Corinthians 1:18-25	9 John 2:13-22
10 Fourth Sunday in Lent <i>Worship</i> 10:30am	11 Numbers 21:4-9  Quilting 1PM	12 Psalm 107 :1-17  Yoga 9:30AM	13 WELCA 10:30AM Ephesians 2:1-10 Choir Practice 6PM	14 John 3:14-21  Yoga 9:30AM	15 2 Corinthians 5:16-21	16 Psalm 23
17 Fifth Sunday in Lent <i>Worship</i> 10:30am <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 Psalm 1 Quilting 1PM	19 Hebrews 5:5-10 Yoga 9:30AM Council Meeting 7pm	20 John 12:20-33 Choir Practice 6PM	21 Romans 8:6-11 Yoga 9:30AM	22 Ezekiel 37:1-14	23 Psalm 30
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Worship</i> 10:30am	25 Mark 11:1-11 Quilting 1PM	26 John 12:12-16 Yoga 9:30AM	27 Matthew 21:1-11 Choir Practice 6PM	28 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Worship at 7pm</b> Psalm 31:9-16 Yoga 9:30AM	29 <b>Good Friday</b> Worship at 7pm Mark 14:1-15	30 Mark 15:39
31 <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>Worship at 10:30am</b>						





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Happy  
Easter Day

