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## Dates at a Glance

- + April 15  
Tax Day
- + April 22  
Earth Day

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

**Incase of Pastoral  
Emergencies Pastor Rita  
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## Letter From Pastor Rita

April 2024

<sup>5</sup> *The women<sup>a</sup> were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. (Luke 24:5-6)*

### Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Spring is a beautiful time of year, a reminder of God the creator, who created everything from nothing and gives life in the midst of death and adversity. The springtime brings a feeling of renewal, rejuvenation, and new life. We are also celebrating the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at this time of year.

It is exciting to witness the beginning of new life as spring begins to shoot forth all around us. In addition to that, I am also excited to see a few new people who have visited us during this time. It was wonderful to see such a good turnout for Soup Supper and Lenten devotions this year.

Our Good Friday and Maundy Thursday services were well attended by few visitors, as well as many congregants who were moved by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is very much present and active amongst us.

Seeing the church grow as more volunteers do church work and council members do their best to keep things running smoothly is exciting to me. We are looking forward to a great summer for Vacation Bible Schools and youth ministries

I pray that God continues to give you new life, raising you up with signs of His grace, love, and hope every day of your life. And may your Easter season be blessed!

Your's 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>





*<sup>6</sup>I planted,  
Apollos watered,  
but God gave the growth.*

*<sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants  
nor the one who waters is anything,  
but only God who gives the growth.*

*<sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who  
waters have a common purpose, ....*

*<sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants,  
working together;...*

*~I Corinthians 3: 6-9*

Dear People of the Northern Great Lakes Synod,

At the risk of getting too personal, I share with you that my mother joined the Saints Triumphant on February 11. As the deadline for this article is February 12, I cannot help but approach this task with thoughts of my mother at the forefront.

In this year, as together we as a synod consider what it means to be a Seed Sower and what it means to plant, and as I make plans with my siblings to celebrate the life of my mother, I can think of no better example of one who planted seeds and one who witnessed the yield of seeds planted by others long ago.

My mother was born in India in July 1932, the daughter of missionaries. She, along with her four siblings, was brought up in the faith. She was taught the love of Jesus, the value of compassion, and the expectation of sharing the love of God in a way that makes a difference.

The seeds of faith planted in her bore fruit as she became a nurse, the wife of a seminary professor, the mother of five children, and a generous giver of time, talents, and treasure. She sang in choirs, kissed scraped knees, worked church funerals and became a matriarch of her community of faith. She was a parish nurse at Luther Seminary and her church library was named after her in honor of the hours invested in cataloging, arranging, and gathering literature.

I could go on. But of course, it is the rare mother that doesn't inspire the accolades of her children. My mother was no exception. But in this season of Seed Sowers, I am grateful for the seeds of faith, and the example of generosity, that my mother gave me and all who knew her.

She not only planted seeds but enjoyed the fruit of seeds planted by others. She witnessed the seeds planted by missionaries when years later, she returned to India to visit the church and seminary founded by my grandfather and others. She saw how many pastors, native to India, had graduated from that seminary and students that are attending.

We give thanks for the churches that were planted and the people who came to know Jesus through their efforts.

And now? I invite you to consider what seeds of faith you are planting. Whether you are working to pass on the faith to the next generation, or enjoying the fruit of seeds planted long ago, I invite you to intentionally plant seeds for future faith, future ministry. This can happen in many ways:

- Volunteer
- Share your story of faith with a stranger, doubts and all
- Support a ministry effort with your financial gift.
- Share your story of faith with a loved one.
- Remember THE Church or Your church in your will.
- † Work on your own discipleship. Take a class, go to church, invite a friend.

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In this time of great change, I am grateful for the seeds of faith planted long ago, and the seeds of faith planted now which will bear fruit in the future. We are part of a great cycle of life, this shape of the Christian life that involves dying and rising, Good Friday and Easter, death and resurrection, planting and harvesting.

The spirit of my mother lives on in those who remember her, and the Spirit of the Living Christ lives as only the son of God can - to call, enlighten and sanctify those who gather and are sent in his name, to plant seeds that someone else will water, and someone else will harvest.

I give thanks for the blessing of my mother, and for all who have planted seeds of faith.

Yours in Christ,  
Bishop Katherine Finegan



### Financial report:



#### Faith Lutheran Church Income & Expenses Thru February 29, 2024

	Feb-24	Feb-24 Year-to-Date Actual	Feb-24 Year-to-Date Budget	Net Activity Over (Under) Budget
General Fund Revenue	\$ 9,804.00	\$ 33,961.72	# \$ 26,117.00	\$ 7,844.72
Expenses	\$ 12,782.24	\$ 25,800.22	\$ 26,361.00	\$ (560.78)
<b>Operating Revenue</b>				
<b>Over ( Under) Expenses</b>	\$ (2,978.24)	\$ 8,161.50	\$ (244.00)	\$ 8,405.50
Total Other Non Operating Revenue	\$ 1,793.82	\$ (8,742.15)	\$ -	\$ (8,742.15)
Other Non Operating Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Balance with Non operating</b>	\$ (1,184.42)	\$ (580.65)	\$ (244.00)	\$ (336.65)



Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date February 20, 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, Ben Deatrick

Member Absent: None

Council Meeting: March 19, 2024

Devotions: Sandy Lawson April TBA

Council Meeting: March 19, 2024

Minutes: Ken Randall made a motion to accept the January 16, 2024 Council minutes.

Wayne Olsen seconded. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

A: Congregational Annual Meeting will also have voting for new Council members and delegates to the Synod Assembly.

**New Business:**

A: Wayne is working on the sound system.

B: A review of the weekly collection procedure.

C: Youth Choir, Jubilation is touring round Lake Superior. Faith was contacted about having a concert on June 10, 2024. More information will be coming.

D: Church copy machine has been upgraded. Part of the upgrade is the copy machine now has the capability to print, staple and fold the bulletins. Vans Business furnished this upgrade plus the staples free of charge.

Pastors Report: Pastor Rita gave her Pastors report.

**Committee Reports:**

Campus Ministry: Ken Randall to contact Pastor Marty at Central Methodist Church.

Christian Education: VBS plans will start in March. This year VBS will be held at First Presbyterian Church.

Soup supper and devotions are continuing until March 20<sup>th</sup> from 5PM to 6PM with Devotions at 6PM. Devotions are about 5 women from the Bible who knew Jesus.

Come to the Table: No report.

Endowment: No report.

Fellowship: Chili luncheon was a success. Several new members taking part in providing treats after Worship Service on Sunday. More are learning how to use the dishwasher and cleaning up after fellowship hour.

Finance: Wayne gave the Financial Report. The yearly audit was done.

Memorial: No report.

Membership: No report.

Outreach: A Payment of \$250.00 for Ecumenical Service at Sherman Park on July 21, 2024 has been paid. The Salvation Army and St. James Church agreed to share the cost.

Property: Orkin Tech completed the February monthly inspection. The annual boiler and maintenance was completed

Stewardship: No report.

WELCA: A donation of \$1000.00 was given to Faith to help with cost of the Church insurance. We are grateful to WELCA for all of their help.

Worship and Music: Next meeting is March, 2024.

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

Ben made motion to adjourn. Ken seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM 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**

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**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.**

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is a member congregation of the  
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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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**Tony & Lorna Bricco**  
04/20/1985 39 years

**Jeff & Kristina Benoit**  
04/28/2001 23 years

**Lori & Corey Strickland**  
04/24/2004 20 years



**A P R I L**  
ANNIVERSARIES

- 4th Ken Kinnear
- 5th Loretta Hallesy
- 8th Ruth Ann Brindley
- 9th Andrew Skidmore
- 12th Kyle Flickinger
- 14th Brian Marken
- 14th Bill Markstrom
- 15th Mike Lawson
- 18th Kristina Benoit
- 18th Victor Gordon
- 19th Shelley Peterman
- 20th Lakeisha Richards
- 21st Margaret Laursen
- 24th Linda Sumner
- 25th Steven Markstrom
- 26th Nicholas East
- 26th Aiden Lawson
- 27th Aurora Kelly
- 28th Genevieve Kinnear
- 28th Jackie Sanderson
- 28th Dan White
- 30th David Deatrick
- 30th Darren Keller

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPER AND DEVOTIONS



**Healing Service**  
will be on  
**April 7th**  
following worship



## 2024 Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly-

This year the Synod Assembly will be a hybrid assembly. There will be virtual workshops during the week of the assembly. We will see voting members, in-person at their conference's designated Host Church, connected to the Synod "base of operations" and the other Host Churches via Zoom. Faith has been designated our conferences Host Church. More details will be forthcoming. The business meeting of the assembly will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> 10am.



# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Psalm 119:9-16	2 2 Corinthians 3:4-11	3 John 12:34-50	4 Psalm 133	5 Daniel 2:1-23	6 Acts 2:42-47
7 Second Sunday of Easter Worship 10:30am	8 Isiah 26:1-15  Quilting 1PM	9 Mark 12:18-27	10 1 John 2:3-11	11 Psalm 95	12 Mark 14:36-31	13 Psalm 4
14 Third Sunday of Easter Worship 10:30am	15 Daniel 9:1-19	16 Acts 3:1-10	17 Luke 22:24-30	18 Psalm 150	19 1 John 3:10-16	20 Psalm 150
21 Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship 10:30am	22 Mark 16:9-18 Quilting 1PM	23 2 John 1:1-6	24 Psalm 23	25 Genesis 30:25-43	26 Acts 3:17-26	27 Mark 6:30-34
28 Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship 10:30am	29 Acts 4:1-4  Quilting 1PM	30 1 Peter 5:1-5  Yoga 9:30AM Resumes				



# 2024 Spring Synod-Wide Hike



A joint event between the  
NGLS and U.P. Wild.



*Don't forget a  
water bottle!*

## Conference 1 – Iron - Gogebic – Ontonagon

Contact: Loraine Mussatti, lorainemussatti@gmail.com

Date: Saturday, May 11

Start Time: 10:00 a.m. Central

Meeting Location: All Saints Lutheran Church - 1202 Putnam St, Wakefield, MI

## Conference 2 – Copper Country

Contact: Rob Bishop, rmbishop@mtu.edu

Date: Sunday, May 19

Start Time: 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Meeting Location: Porvoo Park (waterfront across from intersection of Tezcuco and Navy Streets), Hancock, MI

## Conference 3 – Headwaters

Contact: Pr. Grant Van Lishout, grantvanlishout@gmail.com

Date: Saturday, May 18

Start Time: 3:30 p.m. Central (following Synod Assembly)

Meeting Location: Ascension Lutheran Church – 7937 US-51, Minocqua, WI

## Conference 4 – Four Rivers

Contact: Amanda Rasner, campdirector@fortunelake.org

Date: Wednesday, May 15

Start Time: 7:00 a.m. Central

Meeting Location: Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp - 138 Fortune Lake Camp Rd, Crystal Falls, MI

## Conference 5 – Menominee Valley

Contact: Karen Anne Hanson, hansk@northlandlutheran.org

Date: Sunday, May 19

Start Time: 3:00 p.m. Central

Meeting Location: Wickman Family Farm – W4410 Panske Rd, Porterfield, WI

## Conference 6 – Delta

Contact: Pr. Mike Markwell, mike.j.markwell@gmail.com

Date: Sunday, May 19

Start Time: 2:00 p.m. Eastern

Meeting Location: Rapid River Ski Trails - 8181 US Hwy 2, Rapid River, MI

## Conference 7 – Three Lakes

Contact: Sharon Babbitt, beachgal260@hotmail.com

Date: Saturday, May 11

Start Time: 12:00 p.m. Eastern

Meeting Location: Upper Tahquamenon Falls - 41382 W M-123, Paradise, MI

## Conference 8 – Superior Central

Contact: Lanni Lantto, lanni@upwild.org

Date: Saturday, May 11

Start Time: 11:00 a.m. Eastern

Meeting Location: Eagles Nest Trail (intersection of Hwy 550 & Eagles Nest Rd.) Marquette, MI



*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.*  
1 Corinthians 3:6





Maundy Thursday Choir Practice

### Quarters for Hunger

During the Season of Lent, we put out boxes to be taken home, and kept for the 40 days of Lent. We ask that you collect quarters, or any kind of change, that will go towards the ELCA's World Hunger Campaign. Please turn in you Quarter for Hunger Boxes on April 28th.

### Summer Camp 2024 Early Bird Deadline Fast-Approaching!

Summer Camp will be here before we know it, and there are options for everyone including traditional youth camps, intergenerational camps, Victory Camp (for adults with special needs), and **NEW! Evergreen Camp (for adults age 55+)**. This year's theme mirrors the youth gathering: "Created to Be" based on Psalm 139:14: "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."

**Campers are encouraged to register by April 1** to get the best program selection and price. An **Early Bird discount of \$25** will be applied to 5-night programs, and \$15 to 3-night programs.

April 2024

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