



**LOST**  
**AND FOUND**

***MORE Important  
Than  
MOST Important***

**WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Inviting all People to Faith ... Come and Worship – Go and Work*

Pastor – Ben Unseth | Ministers – All

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March 10, 2024 | 4th Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “Come Thou Fount”

\*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

**We praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\***Litany**

The Chosen One grew up in the LORD’s presence like a tender green shoot,  
like a root in dry ground.

**There was nothing beautiful or majestic about His appearance,  
nothing to attract us to Him.**

He was despised and rejected – a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.

**We turned our backs on Him and looked the other way.**

**He was despised, and we did not care.**

Yet it was our weaknesses He carried; it was our sorrows that weighed Him down.

**And we thought His troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for  
His own sins!**

The Righteous Servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous,

**For He will bear all our sins.**

When He sees all that is accomplished by His anguish,

**He will be satisfied.**

The Chosen One was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins.

**He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.**

\*Prayer of the Day

**Holy God, You are the hope of all who seek You, and the joy of all who are**

**found by You. Find us, we pray. Wherever we have been, whatever we have  
done – find us, reclaim us, and gather us back into Your love and certainty.**

**Grounded in You, let us love, enjoy and adore You, through Christ Jesus our  
Lord. Amen!**

Song – “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 24:1-5

New Testament Lesson - 1 John 4:13-17

Children’s Message

Song – “The Gift of Love”

“Super Evangelism Man” Skit

\*Gospel – Mark 12:28-34

Sermon – “MORE Important Than MOST Important”

Song – “Chain Breaker”

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

\*Lord’s Prayer

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song – “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Welcome to Faith Lutheran!***

Live Stream: [youtube.com/@flcspencer](https://youtube.com/@flcspencer)

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

712-580-4316 | [office@flcspencer.org](mailto:office@flcspencer.org)

[www.flcspencer.org](http://www.flcspencer.org) | Instagram: [@flcspencer](https://www.instagram.com/flcspencer)

Facebook: Faith Lutheran Church LCMC

Watch us on SMU: Monday @ 8:30 p.m. and

Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.

Text your giving to Faith at 712-214-4317

## ***Welcome Visitors!***

We are glad you are  
worshiping with us  
this morning. Please  
scan the QR code to  
help us connect with  
you, or find the



“Guest Connection Form” on the  
Welcome Center and leave the  
form in the Offering box.

## Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 24:1-5

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; <sup>2</sup> for He founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. <sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in His holy place? <sup>4</sup> The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. <sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior.

## New Testament Lesson – 1 John 4:13-17

<sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in Him and He in us: He has given us of His Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

## Gospel – Mark 12:28-34

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

<sup>29</sup> “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

<sup>32</sup> “Well said, Teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but Him. <sup>33</sup> To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”



FAITH  
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Maundy Thursday  
DINNER &  
WORSHIP

We will share a meal  
together while  
remembering Jesus's  
last meal with  
His disciples.

March 28 - 6:30 p.m.



# Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting

## Wednesday, March 13 | 7:00 p.m. | SON Room/Zoom

All church members are welcome to attend the council meeting. Topics may also be shared with any council member for discussion at the council meeting.

***Council Members!*** Please submit your team report to the Church Office by Monday, March 11.

# Easter Garden

## Order deadline: March 10



***Easter Lily – \$20.00***

***Pink or Blue***

***Hydrangea – \$38.00***



***Mixed colors***

***Hyacinths or Tulips***

***\$19.00 each***



## Order Form

Tulips – \$19.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Hyacinth – \$19.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Blue Hydrangea – \$38.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Pink Hydrangea – \$38.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Easter Lily – \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Dollars \_\_\_\_\_

## **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER!**

Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church, earmark them “Easter Garden.” Turn in your order form, with payment, to the green box on the Welcome Center.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_



### Prayer Chain

Please send your prayer request to Linda & Dave Susie at 712-363-1130 or [djlsrs74@yahoo.com](mailto:djlsrs74@yahoo.com) or to Doreen Scribner at 712-262-3488 or [doreenscribner@outlook.com](mailto:doreenscribner@outlook.com)

To be placed on the Sunday morning Prayers of the Church, please contact the church office at 712-580-4316/[office@flcspencer.org](mailto:office@flcspencer.org)

### Free WiFi Connection

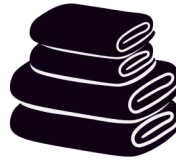
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### Christian Counseling TEAM Restoration Ministries

TEAM Restoration operates out of Faith. It is a Christian counseling service facilitating the healing and strengthening of marriages, families and individuals, both children & adults. For an appointment, please call 515-238-9010.

### LifeKids Spencer

Cheryl Jackson, Director – 712-580-4316  
3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday  
An after-school program for children in KinderKids through 5th grade (no preschool age children) that follows Spencer's school calendar.



## Item of the Month ~ Dark colored Bath Towels

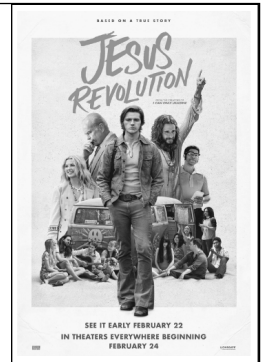
The towels are used in the personal care kits and should be a minimum of 20" x 40" and a maximum of 27" x 52". Donated items for both Lutheran World Relief and Upper Des Moines Opportunity can be put in the yellow Missions box near the front doors.

### Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Pantry is in need of the following items for our community:

Cream Soups, Tuna, Egg Noodles

# DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT

## SHOWING:

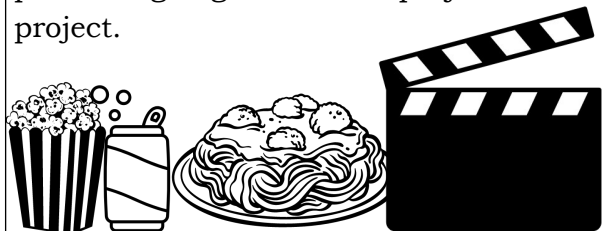


## JESUS REVOLUTION

Saturday, March 16

Dinner 5:30 | Movie 7

Spaghetti and meatball supper provided. A free-will offering will be taken with proceeds going toward the projector project.



## Birthday Blessings

March 11 Luke Ketcham \_\_\_\_\_  
March 12 Kim Rye, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Daxton Simcox \_\_\_\_\_  
March 13 Shawn Meislahn, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tanya Vos \_\_\_\_\_  
March 14 Sierra Ruhs \_\_\_\_\_  
March 15 Kenzie Hoppe \_\_\_\_\_  
March 16 Mark Heilman, Lee Ketcham \_\_\_\_\_

# 2024 GENERAL OFFERING & ATTENDANCE – BUDGET: \$420,894.00

***Thank you for generously supporting Faith Lutheran in 2024!***

\*Wednesday Lenten Offering Total: \$552.00 for Grand Ave. Community Outreach & Upper Des Moines Opportunity.

Date	February	March 1-3	March 4-10	March 11-17	March 18-24	March 25-31
Attendance	149	148				
Live Stream Computers	19	21				
General Giving	\$22,546.56	\$8,920.00				
Year to Date	\$60,447.18	\$69,414.63				

**Worship partners for today are ...** Altar Prep: Gene & Patty Englin | Children's Message: Nathan McKenney  
Counters: Shanna Kooker, Larry Wigen | Fellowship: Marlene Thorson, Trisha Rohmiller  
Greeters: LaVonne Clark, Cindy Essick | Instrumentalists: Gloria McKenney, Jared Hansen, Anna Quanbeck  
Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Prayers of the Church: Lindsay Neiderheiser | Scripture Reader: Cindy Essick  
Camera: Cindy Tigges | Computer: Katie Eilts | Sound: Brett Eilts | Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks  
Vocalists: Emily Quanbeck, Brittany & Ellie Spieker | Worship Leader: Jake Jacobson

***Worship partners for Wednesday Lenten Worship, March 13, are ...*** Altar Prep: Gene & Patty Englin  
Greeters: Annabelle Simington, Kris Behrens | Instrumentalist: Gloria McKenney | Message: Pam Hanson  
Prayers of the Church & Worship Leader: Pastor Ben Unseth | Scripture Reader: Isaiah Rustad  
Camera: Kevin Swancutt | Computer: Brittany Spieker | Sound: Isaac Storley | Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks

**Worship partners for Sunday, March 17, are ...** Altar Prep: Gene & Patty Englin  
Children's Message: Pam Hanson | Communion Servers: Bill Neiderheiser, Joy Kelsch  
Counters: Barb Solberg, Jolynne Eilts | Fellowship: Sharon Cameron, LaVonne Clark  
Greeters: Dave & Linda Susie | Instrumentalists: Jolynne Eilts, Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley,  
Anna Quanbeck | Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Prayer Intercessors: Jake & Karen Jacobson,  
Darla Kurtenbach | Prayers of the Church: Brittany Spieker | Scripture Reader: Cryss Quanbeck  
Computer: Becky Simons | Camera: Nathan McKenney | Sound: Cheryl Stueven  
Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Brett Eilts, Lacey Johnson, Kirby Fueston  
Worship Leader: Dennis DeWitt

## ***Faith Lutheran Staff***

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## ***This Week at Faith***

### **Tuesday, March 12**

1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study – SON Room

### **Wednesday, March 13**

11:30 a.m. Community Lenten Lunch at Sacred Heart  
Catholic Church – 12:15 p.m. Worship Service

5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper

6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Service with Pam Hanson

7:00 p.m. Confirmation

High School Youth Group

Worship Vocalist Rehearsal

Council Meeting

### **Thursday, March 14**

9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Coffee Fellowship

### **Saturday, March 16**

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Dinner – Spaghetti & Meatballs

7:00 p.m. Movie with popcorn – “Jesus Revolution”

Please contact the church office (712-580-4316) for a current calendar of events.  
Or, check the online calendar at [www.flcspencer.org/our-calendar/](http://www.flcspencer.org/our-calendar/)



## AND FOUND

### ***Lenten Schedule***

March 13	5:30 Potluck Supper	6:30 Worship with Pam Hanson
March 17	5th Sunday in Lent	
March 20	5:30 Potluck Supper	6:30 Worship with Dan Antoine
March 24	Palm Sunday	
March 28	6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner and Worship	
March 29	6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship	
March 31	7:45-8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast ( <i>Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs</i> )	
	9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday worship	