

*He is not here,  
but has risen*

LUKE 24:5



# FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

April 4, 2010

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## **WELCOME!**

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it. A red Fellowship Pad is at the end of each pew, please pass it down the pew so everyone can sign for the day, this helps us know visitors and have vital information

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The Flowers today are given in celebration of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

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## **LAST WEEK AT FAITH:**

### OFFERINGS:

|         |                   |
|---------|-------------------|
| Current | \$ <b>2626.55</b> |
| Other   | \$ <u>85.00</u>   |
| Total   | \$ 2706.55        |

### ATTENDANCE:

|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| Worship | 85       |
| Nursery | <u>0</u> |
|         | 85       |

We need at least \$3236.00 in **current** each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for His many blessings.

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## **SERVING THIS WEEK AT FAITH:**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pastor ... Scott Meier     | Acolyte.. Lorissa Sigler  |
| Assistant... Veronica Rife | Crucifer.. Kristina Peter |
| Organist... Barb Brewster  | Greeters.. Hayes          |
| Fin. Asst... Kate Scott    | Social.. Youth            |
| Nursery .....Lisa Peter    | Audio.. Bill Holman       |
| Altar Guild..Veronica Rife |                           |
| Ushers... Volunteers       |                           |

**Next week:** Assistant; P. Smith , Crucifer; W. Czerwonka Acolyte; C. Peter Greeters; C. Nix Social; Hayes, Audio; B. Holman

## Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

|               |          |  |
|---------------|----------|--|
| Today, Apr. 4 | 9:30 am  | Easter Breakfast   |
|               | 10:30 am | Worship<br>After; Easter Egg Hunt                                |
| Mon., Apr. 5  | 10:00 am | Faithful Quilters  |
| Tues., Apr.6  | 9:00 am  | WCS  |
|               | 7:00 pm  | Christian Ed. Meeting  |
| Wed. Apr. 7   | 7:00 pm  | Confirmation   |
| Thurs., Apr.8 | 9:00 am  | WCS  |
|               | 2:00 pm  | Bible Study  |
|               | 6:00 pm  | Girl Scouts  |
| Sun., Apr.11  | 9:15 am  | SCS  |
|               | 10:30 am | Worship<br>After; Coffee Fellowship,<br>Council & Youth meetings |

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty McLaughlin      Norma Boehme      Edie Maas

Our Service Men & women and all those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith Family and beyond.

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## Announcements

**CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES:** The 6th Annual Celebration of the Bliss House Ministry will be held on April 11 at 300 Spring. For more information see Sue Neathamer or call Barbara at 280-7098.

Also, the pantry is in need of Mac & Cheese so we are making this our special item to collect for the month of April. The eggs you received today are for an offering for Center for Lay Ministries

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** The next Christian Ed. Team meeting is scheduled for April 6 at 7 pm. Please plan to attend this important meeting

**PROPERTY TEAM:** There will be an outside clean up this month, watch for more information

**VISITATION TEAM:** This team met and is beginning their visits. . This team will work in conjunction with Pastor and Council in making visits to those needed.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor is leading the Bible Study once again on Thursday afternoon at 2:00. See Pastor for more information

**NOISY OFFERING** will be collected next Sunday.

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*or* Isaiah 65:17-25 [not printed]

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*or* Acts 10:34-43 [see above]

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women 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. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they

*continued*

# The Audacity of Alleluia

Christ is risen. Alleluia! Year after year, Christians end their Lenten fast with a giant and profound “Alleluia,” sung with enough gusto to make up for forty days of lost time. Easter Sunday is the mother of all Sundays: the church is packed, the music is festive, and joy seems to be in the air—or is it? Is it hard for you to say “Alleluia” this year? If so, you’re in good company.

While the women who returned from the empty tomb proclaimed the good news with boldness, the apostles just politely smiled and nodded and thought to themselves that it was an “idle tale” (Luke 24:11). Like some of us, they looked at the world around them and wondered how the resurrection could possibly be true. Sometimes we talk about Easter as if it erases what happened on Good Friday, much like the “Undo” key on a computer. But deep down, we know that even after all the lights come on and all the hymns are sung, we’re still living in a Good Friday world. Christ is risen, but there are days when it sure is hard to say “Alleluia.”

“Alleluia” doesn’t mean that everything is right with the world or that all of life is fixed. “Alleluia” does mean that we are not alone and that there’s no place we could ever go that the arms of Jesus won’t reach us. Were we left to our own devices, we might forget that. But in this assembly, gathered around the living presence of Jesus, we find the audacity to sing “Alleluia” while the rest of the world laughs and shakes their heads. We find faith to see new life sprouting in what looks like total wilderness. We find courage to be fully alive even in the face of death. Here, in this assembly, our hearts are lifted up and we know that Christ is risen from the dead!

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*Gospel, continued*

remembered his words,<sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.<sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.<sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.<sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*or John 20:1-18 [not printed]*

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *or* Psalm 150; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12.

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