

# The Follower

"Come, follow me." Matthew 4:19



A monthly newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

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May 2025

NATIONAL Day  
of PRAYER



Thursday, May 1, 2025



HAPPY  
Mother's Day

May 11, 2025



May 5 - 9, 2025



Monday, May 26

School & Childcare Closed



## Worship Service Times

Sunday Worship Services

**Traditional - 8:15 am**

**Contemporary - 10:30 am**

Holy Communion is served on the  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

Livestream available at:

<https://faithlutheranlacey.online.church>

You can also dial in using your phone

**1 (571) 317-3122**

**Access Code: 326-609-037**

## 3M's Fellowship

The 3Ms are a group of **More Mature Members** and friends, ages 55+.

The group normally meets in the Community Center weekly on Thursdays at 10 am to share in fellowship and study God's Word, however, they will meet in the church during the season of Lent.

For more information, contact Jim Nordness at 360-923-0289 or leave a note in his church mailbox. You may also call the church office at 360-491-3552.

## Pinochle



If you play Pinochle, please plan to join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. We bring a bit of something to share with the group to eat, this starts around noon, and the playing starts around 12:30. If you do not know how to play, please do not let that stop you. We can teach you. It is a lot of fun, and we are normally finished by 2:00.

Our next game is on May 15 in the Community Center Cypress room

## Threads of Faith



Threads of Faith typically meets the *second Saturday* monthly to work on quilts.

*We'll see you Sat, May 10, 9 – 11 am!*

Contact Barbara Eriksen with questions at 360- 915-3333.



### May 4

**Set up:** Monica Materiale, Rachel Wilson

**Refresh:** Rachel Wilson

**Clear:** Erin Holmquist

### May 18

**Set up:** Marie Koehler

**Refresh:** Robyn Hofstad

**Clear:** Linda Albro

## Care Warriors on a Mission

You, as a congregation, are important to us! We want to support you in prayer and help when needed.

Would you kindly notify your family to please contact us when emergencies or even scheduled surgeries, medical procedures, etc. come up so we can be of service as an extension of God's kingdom?

Church office, 360-491-3552; Glenn Dunnam, 360-791-4175 or SuAnn Denning, 360-790-8982.

## Happy Mother's Day!

This month is a special one that provides an opportunity to celebrate all of you Moms, Stepmoms, Grandmothers fur Moms, or any other woman in your life. Thank you for what you do. Happy Mother's Day to you!

## New Sunday Bible Study

Please join our new Bible study, Sundays @ 9:30 in the Cypress room, beginning on May 4, led by Erin Holmquist. We will delve into the history, Bible references and meaning of 5 familiar hymns. This study will run through the month of May and possibly into part of June.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### May Birthdays

Megan Roberts	May 2
Ava Elmhurst	May 4
Jim Flaherty	May 8
Lisa Thiesse	May 8
Kristyn Abbott	May 8
Becky Kramer	May 9
Ellie Lewis	May 9
DeShae Nedrow	May 11
Ted Thomas	May 11
John Zander	May 15
Evan Zander	May 17
Christa Castanon	May 18
Brent Read	May 18
Janet Howald	May 19
Sarah Bevers	May 20
Yvonne Johanson	May 21
Gil Lensegrav	May 22
Ted Hansen	May 22
Amelia Stanley	May 24
Andrew Chappel	May 25
Carol Glitschka	May 25
Irma Brueckner	May 26
SuAnn Denning	May 28
Jennifer Cronquist	May 29
Juan Martinez	
Emmeline Borne	



### May Anniversaries

Andy & Suzi Green	May 3
Bill & Charli Hamaker	May 14
Alex & Crystal Bache	May 15
Jerry & Lisa Hadley	May 15
Morey & Shirley Juhlin	May 19
Jeb & Cindi Thurow	May 21
Alex & Shelby Wickett	May 21
Dave & Leona Carufel	May 28



*Don't see your name or birthday/anniversary up here? Contact the church office 360-491-3552.*

## VBS Save the Date

*June 23 – 27, 2025*

Many volunteers are needed to create an unforgettable experience. Please sign up with the link or QR <https://mrszanderteaches.my.canva.site/vbs>

## New Member Class

If you have recently completed new church member paperwork or have been considering it, we encourage you to join the New Member Class beginning Sunday, May 18, 2025, held between worship services at 9:30 am. Please contact Chuck Laguna, [Kopyjo@yahoo.com](mailto:Kopyjo@yahoo.com) or 360-350-2656 or the church office to sign up.

This six-week schedule is led by several Faith leaders and is laid out for you here:

**May 18th:** Learning about you and your church experience: Leaders, Chuck Laguna and Andy Green (Elders)

**May 25th:** The basics of salvation and Christian life. Leader: Michael Kramer (former Christian school teacher)

**June 1st:** What is Lutheran and why it is important to us. Lutheran vs Reformed. Leader: David Hinz (retired Lutheran pastor, councilor & author)

**June 8th:** LCMS structure and history. Leader: Tim Quindt (Licensed Lay Deacon)

**June 15th:** FLC 4-fold ministry. What your membership implies to you and us. Leader, Pastor Greg Strand

**June 22:** Next steps: How you can be involved and people you will get to know. Pastor Greg & church leadership

This is a chance to meet all the church, school and office leadership and get involved in serving the Faith community that is of interest to you. This will be held after 2<sup>nd</sup> service (11:30) and will include a BBQ.

## Vote For Faith

We are so excited that our community has once again nominated Faith Lutheran in the [2025 Best of South Sound contest](#) partnered with The Olympian!

**Voting continues until May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.** Please hop online and vote for Faith at: [VoteSouthSound.com](http://VoteSouthSound.com)

**Education;** Daycare, private school, elementary school, middle school (vote under all 4 sub-categories)

August 3<sup>rd</sup> - WINNER Results Published.



## Youth Nights

5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to join us Saturday, May 3, 6 – 8 pm for youth night.

High School and NYG participants meet Sundays May 4 & 18, 4:30 – 6 pm.

Justin & Sarah Bevers lead a lesson, provide snack, and offer a welcoming & fun evening. Contact them with questions or to volunteer at [jbevers02@yahoo.com](mailto:jbevers02@yahoo.com) & [sarsh04@yahoo.com](mailto:sarsh04@yahoo.com).

## Youth Group News

As we continue to prepare for the national youth gathering in New Orleans this summer, we are very fortunate to have the funds to cover this trip. A lot of these funds have been raised in past years from previous youth group fundraising activities and the generous people at Faith. The gathering takes place every three years and my goal is to continue to raise money for ongoing youth activities and for future youth gatherings.

I've only been the youth leader at Faith for a little over a year, and I can feel the love and support for the youth at Faith. I truly appreciate everyone's prayers and support!

## National Youth Gathering '25

This summer our high school youth will attend the LC-MS National Youth Gathering on July 19 – 23, 2025 in New Orleans. They will experience worship alongside roughly 20,000 other teens. It is powerful to be part of such a large body of Christ and often a once in a lifetime experience.

The youth will have the opportunity to participate in many breakout sessions, classes, Bible studies, hands on activities, service projects, and so much more. They will do some site-seeing as well as gain a small perspective of authentic New Orleans culture.



## Auction 2025 Results

**Thank you to our many supporters and all those who attended our Groovy Night of Disco!**

**Live Auction:** (Classroom Projects, Vacation Packages, Sporting Event Tickets, & More!);  
Parking lot improvement

**Silent Auction:** (Gift Baskets, Weekend Getaways, and More!); Youth Ministry

**Dessert Dash:** Sanctuary Improvements

**Paddle Bids:** School Scholarship Support

**50/50 Raffle:** School Library Renovation

**Wine Pull:** School Music program

## Egg Hunt in Review

Connie Dougherty, Hunt Coordinator

The Easter egg hunt went very well! The weather cooperated and about 115 children participated. Many families were not already connected to Faith Lutheran, so we were able to introduce them to Pastor and 2 of our teachers, and showcase our property.

The families that came seemed to enjoy themselves and loved their candy and prizes. Three children won door-prize drawings. Pastor Greg did a wonderful job with the Easter message.

I want to thank everyone who donated candy, prizes, or money to the hunt. We had extra prizes for hunters this year, thanks to generous donations from Tumwater Walmart and several congregation members. I also want to thank those who gave their time before or at the hunt: the Carufel family, Matt Koehler, Gaye Todd, Evan and Isaac Bevers, Pat Strand, Chris Jenkins, the House family, the Zander family, Shelly and William Bramham, Jessa and Jasmine Thayer from our FLS family, Chris Read, Nick Cronquist, Shannon and Zoe Green, FLS teachers Amy Suelzle and Jodi Grubb, Linda Wilder, Donna Barckley and Rachel Barckley-Miller, Tom Hendrickson, Mark Dougherty, Troy and Yoshiko Schulz, Lisa Hadley, Judy Freed, Sharon Humphrey, and the FLS students in Mrs. Strand's class. I surely hope I didn't leave anyone out. It takes a team of volunteers willing to serve the community and you are all appreciated!

## 2025-26 Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2025–2026 academic year has been open for several weeks and we are pleased to report strong interest in our programs. Our Junior Kindergarten class is currently full and has a waiting list, while our Kindergarten class is nearing capacity. We look forward to welcoming both returning and new families in the fall and appreciate your timely attention to the enrollment process.

[Flschool.org](http://Flschool.org) or 360-491-1733

## Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Did you know that if you shop at Fred Meyer, you can link your rewards to Faith Lutheran and earn money for the school just by doing your normal shopping? Talk to the FM service desk for more info!



## Mileage Club Fun Run

Beginning Tuesday, May 27 all students, their families and supporters are welcome and encouraged to participate in the annual Mileage Club Fun Run. Participants walk or run around the inner perimeter of the playground to earn punch card points for each lap. This is a fun way to interact with students and get a little exercise!

## Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher appreciation week is May 5 -9

It takes a big heart to shape little minds and lots of prayer! You are welcome to help us thank our teachers by dropping little notes or gifts in the school or church offices.

## Dates To Note

May 3 – International Festival (Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup>)  
May 5 - 10 – Middle School WA DC Trip  
May 15 - Last PIE Meeting & Dinner  
May 27 – Memorial Day, No FLS or Childcare  
May 31 – Moms & Muffins, 8a

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation is scheduled to take place on Monday, June 2 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend!

### 2025 Graduates

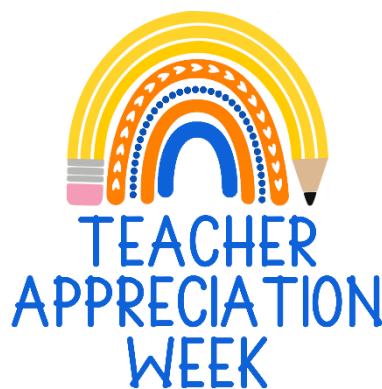
Isaac Bevers  
Hunter Cushing  
Shannon Green  
Cherry Meyer  
Aurinia Shiplet

## Childcare News

Another fun upcoming event is our attendance at the Lacey Spring Fun Fair on the weekend of May 17th and 18th. We will have a booth set up in the kids' section of the fair. This is a great way to meet new people, get our name out into the community and bless some families with a fun project and a smile. Please, let me know if you would like to participate this year.

I hope this is a wonderful month for all of you, please keep us in your continued prayers as this busy season is upon us.

In Christ's Service and Yours,  
Mrs. Julie



## Wiggle Church

Wiggle Church is thriving thanks to our many volunteers! Families with children 5 years and younger are welcome to join us in the Community Center gym two Thursdays each month.

**April 10 & 24**

The evening begins at 5:15 with a free kid friendly dinner followed by play time and a brief but fun worship experience concluding at 6:30.

No need to RSVP, just bring the kiddos and enjoy the fellowship! Public is welcome so invite your friends & neighbors!



## Fellowship

Jim and Cherry Pedrick will cover the kitchen the first Sunday in May while I am out of town.

So many enjoyed our Easter breakfast served by the Men of Faith, who do a fabulous job feeding a large crowd with a delicious meal. A wonderful time of fellowship and celebration of our Risen Lord!

Hospitality added the decor. Many thanks to all who made it come together!

May is close to our graduation season and we will be preparing to celebrate our 8th grade and high school graduates in an upcoming June worship service.

Fellowship can always use help after the second service so please contact me if you attend the second service and would like to help with the cleanup and "put away" process.

If you prefer to volunteer for an individual event that Hospitality coordinates, let me know and you could be called to help. It is fun and not a big commitment.

Thank you,

Remember, "You are Blessed to be a Blessing"

Linda Albro 360 701-7882 [laalbro@gmail.com](mailto:laalbro@gmail.com)

Fellowship and Hospitality Coordinator.

## Giving is a *Breeze*

The Church uses a software program that deals with social needs of the Church. This software is called Breeze. It allows for an easier way of getting information out to the Church members as a whole as well as small groups.

One aspect of this software is it has a modular that we can track church contribution.

To establish your on-line giving using the Breeze on-line giving program, follow the link:

<https://faithlutheranlacey.breezechms.com/give/online>

Please be aware the Breeze on-line giving bank transfer feature does include a processing fee of 1%. The processing fee for credit cards is 2.9% plus a small transaction fee. Faith will absorb these fees but you have the option to give back both the transfer and credit card processing fees by simply checking the box. Upon doing so, the fees will be added to your donation.

If you have any questions, please contact either Veronika Dunnam, financial secretary at [financialsecretary@faithcampus.org](mailto:financialsecretary@faithcampus.org) or Becky in the church office.

## Texting is a *Breeze*

With this software, we have an extended opportunity to communicate with you through text messaging. We are able to generate messages through the app directly to your phone. These messages are legitimate and not spam or fraudulent. Please make sure your information is up to date with the church office so you don't miss important notifications.



## Text to Give

To donate by text, a donor simply:

1. Text the amount they'd like to give to **(360) 732-8020** (e.g. \$50). Remember to include a space between your dollar amount and your keyword. If a user submits \$50Missions, they will receive a "Sorry, not sure what you meant" error message. The proper format must be \$50 Missions in order for the command to be received properly.
2. If a person has donated by text before, they'll receive a text in response confirming that their gift has been received successfully and they're done.
3. If it's the first time a person is donating by text, they'll be sent a message that says, "It looks like you are a new giver; to begin: (link provided). It will be a link to the church's online giving page. Clicking on the link they will be asked to supply their payment method (credit card, debit card, or bank account). This payment source will then be linked with their phone number so that, in the future, all they will need to do is text in the amount. (They will not need to re-enter their payment information.)"
4. If the donor didn't specify a fund by keyword, donations will automatically go to the default fund in Breeze. **Example giving by keyword: \$50 missions** Note: *Donors can only give to one fund at a time.*

We've made giving easier! Scan the QR code with your mobile device for instant access to Breeze Online Giving.








# May 2025

Faith Lutheran Church & School



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<div>1</div>  10a 3M's Bible Study 6p School Board	<div>2</div> 2p Last Popcorn Fri. 	<div>3</div> 11a Spurgeon Recital 6p FL Youth
<div>4</div> 8:15a Traditional w/HC 9:30a Gather & Grow 10:30a Contemp w/HC 4:30p FL Youth – FH	<div>5</div> 	<div>6</div> 3:30p FLS Faculty	<div>7</div> 8:45a Chapel 2:30p Chapel 6:30p Praise Team	<div>8</div> 10a 3M's Bible Study 5:15p Wiggle Church	<div>9</div> 11a All Staff Lunch	<div>10</div> 9a Threads of Faith
<div>11</div> <i>Mother's Day</i>	<div>12</div> 6:30p Life Group	<div>13</div> 6:30p Elders	<div>14</div> 8:45a Chapel 2:30p Chapel 6:30p Praise Team	<div>15</div> 10a 3M's Bible Study 11:30a Pinochle	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div>
<div>18</div> 8:15a Traditional w/HC 9:30a Gather & Grow 10:30a Contemp w/HC 1:30p Lynette Recital 4:30p FL Youth – FH	<div>19</div> 3:15p District Track Meet  <i>FLS Achievement</i>	<div>20</div> 3:30p FLS Faculty	<div>21</div> 2:30p Chapel 6p Council 6p PIE Dinner 6:30p Praise Team	<div>22</div> 10a 3M's Bible Study 5:15p Wiggle Church	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div>
<div>25</div> 8:15a Traditional 9:30a Gather & Grow 10:30a Contemporary	<div>26</div>  <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Campus Closed</i>	<div>27</div> 5p FLS Athletic Band.  Mileage Club Fun Run	<div>28</div> 8:45a Chapel 2:30p Chapel 5:30p MS Perform. 6:30p Praise Team	<div>29</div> 10a 3M's Bible Study	<div>30</div> 3rd-8th Grade <i>Presentations</i>	<div>31</div>



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Community Center

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p> <p>9a Casa de Alabanza 12p Cristo Vive 12:45 Lacey Outreach 4p IA1 Church 4p Roller Derby 4:30p FL Youth</p>		<p>6</p> <p>3:30p FLS Faculty 5:30p Roller Derby 7p SS Roots BB</p>	<p>7</p> <p>3:30p FLS Track 7p SS Roots BB</p>	<p>1</p> <p>3:30p FLS Track</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6p Roller Derby</p> <p><i>Last Popcorn Fri</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>3p Cda Ladies 6p FL Youth</p>
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