

The Follower

"Come, follow me." Matthew 4:19



A monthly newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

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April 2025

EASTER EGG HUNT



April 19, 2025

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Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday – April 17, 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

Good Friday – April 18, 10:00 am & 6:30 pm



Easter Morning Worship

Sunrise Service – 7:00 am

Communion Services – 8:15 & 10:30 am



Worship Service Times

Sunday Worship Services

Traditional - 8:15 am

Contemporary - 10:30 am

Holy Communion is served on the 1st, 3rd and 5th 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

Easter Breakfast



You are welcome to join us for breakfast Easter Sunday, April 9, beginning at 9:00 am in the gym.

On the menu: pancakes, scrambled eggs, mixed fruit, bacon, and sausage.

Faith men of all ages, if you haven't signed up to cook and serve during one of two shifts, sign up at the welcome table or contact Andy Green to reserve your spot! andygreen4416@hotmail.com.

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.

Threads of Faith



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

We'll see you Sat, April. 12, 9 – 11 am!

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



April 6

Set up: Monica Materiale, Rachel Wilson

Refresh: Rachel Wilson

Clear: Erin Holmquist

April 20

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?

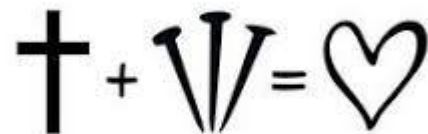
Church office, 360-491-3552; Glenn Dunnam, 360-791-4175 or SuAnn Denning, 360-790-8982.



Pinochle



If you play Pinochle, please plan to join us on the 3rd 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.



1 CROSS

3 NAILS

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

Eric Bache	April 3
John Schmedake	April 5
Kent Quindt	April 6
Andy Green	April 9
Connie Dougherty	April 17
Josh Green	April 20
Jeannette Cisneros	April 21
Silas Hansen	April 22
Patricia Clark	April 25
Gail Ehlers	April 28
Josh Gabel	April 30



April Anniversaries

Timothy & Natsumi Quindt	April 2
Dave & Ann Caruso	April 4
Quadalupe & Jeannette Cisneros	April 4
Evan & Sarah Zander	April 6
Bart & Sue Shrum	April 8
Jim & Becky Flaherty	April 12
Chuck & Jolene Laguna	April 23



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

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!



Egg Hunt w/A Message

Faith Lutheran Ministries is pleased to be hosting an egg hunt again this year! The hunt will be Saturday, **April 19, at 1:00 p.m.** Don't be late – once the hunt begins, it's over very quickly!

Though the actual hunt will take place outdoors, we will begin **indoors** (in the main church building, not the gym) with a short Easter message and hunt instructions. After the message, children ages 2 through 4th grade will be dismissed by age groups to hunt for eggs outdoors (rain or shine!). All children will receive prizes and candy just for participating. **Children should bring their own egg bag or basket for collecting eggs.**

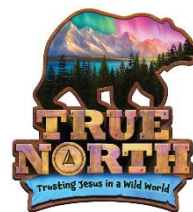
We are collecting **wrapped candy donations and cash/coin** for this event. Coins will be placed in eggs and cash will be turned into coin, candy, or prizes. Please place your candy donations in the marked box near the school office and donate cash/coin to Connie Dougherty (hunt coordinator) or the church office.

*We are also still in need of **volunteers** to hide eggs (12:00-12:45 pm) and hand out prizes at the egg hunt (12:45-2:15 pm). Please contact Connie if you can help (connie.mk@gmail.com).

Mark your calendars for April 19 and help the children in your life think of others to invite to this event. It's fun, it's fair, and it's a great way to share the Easter message. We hope to see you there!



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>

Auction 2025

Get ready to groove to the beats and bid on fabulous prizes! Put on your best 70's attire and show off those dance moves! Join us for an unforgettable evening of disco, dinner, drinks, live music, silent and live auction.

When: April 26, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm

Where: Faith Community Center



- Dinner catered by Bayview Catering
- Open bar
- Exciting auction items up for grabs include; Seahawks tickets, Mexico vacation, UW Football tickets, Great Wolf Lodge getaway and so much more!

The auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and, through this event, our church, school, childcare and community center come together to raise funds for parking lot upgrades, music equipment, school scholarships, youth group, and more.

Tickets are \$60 each and can be purchased in the school or church office and [online](#)

We are now collecting auction donations. Don't know what to give? Donate what you would want to bid on! We do ask that items be new, and can be brought to the school or church office. We are requesting donations such as gift baskets, services, tickets, giveaways, getaways, etc. These items will be auctioned off the night of the auction. We also offer four levels of sponsorship you can purchase to support our mission. Each level of sponsorship offers additional incentive that you will not want to miss out on!



Purchase Tickets

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.



Youth Nights

5th through 12th grade students are welcome to join us Saturday, April 12, 6 – 8 pm for youth night.

High School and NYG participants meet Sundays April 13, 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 & sarsh04@yahoo.com.

Auction 2025

The Faith Lutheran auction, Saturday Night Disco, is set for Saturday, April 26, 2024 and the excitement is palpable. At this fun event, you will have an opportunity to bid on silent auction items as well as items in the live auction. There will be items to bid on that will fit into every budget. Each class puts together a class project. These class projects are one-of-a-kind items that you will treasure forever. An example of this is from the kindergarten class. Each year, Miss Kravitz takes photos of her students forming words like Grace, Faith, Love, or Hope. They are very precious. Other class projects vary from year to year, but they are all very special. Most of the class projects will be featured in the live auction.

The auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and, through this event, our church, school, childcare and community center come together to raise funds for campus improvements and school scholarships. Last year, the generous people attending the auction raised over \$12,000 that went directly to families in need of scholarships.

Who benefits from Faith's auction?

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: School Scholarship fund

Paddle Bids: School Scholarship Support

Raffle: (Raffle winner to receive \$1000 off school tuition or childcare expenses); School library renovation

Wine Pull: School Music program

If you still need to purchase your ticket or know a business that would like to sponsor this event, please visit the auction website at <https://faithlutheranlacey.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/FaithLutheranAuction2024/tabid/1408354/Default.aspx>.

If you have never attended an auction, I urge you to come to the FLS auction on April 26. Find a friend and come to have a great time. You may come home with a fabulous item, while at the same time supporting Faith Lutheran Ministries.

Dessert Dash

We are in need of dessert donations.

One of the many highlights of the evening! The dining table that places the highest bid gets to choose their dessert first! Calories don't count at fundraisers!



Auction Menu

Appetizers:

Charcuterie board
meats, cheese, fruit
Variety of Flatbread



Thanks to: Veronica's Charcuterie Boards

Dinner:

Baked Salmon with lemon dill sauce
Grilled boneless chicken breast
with honey sesame glaze
Rice Pilaf with almonds
Mashed potatoes with roasted garlic
Tossed green salad
Dinner rolls

Thanks to: Bayview Catering



Childcare News

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 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!



North Clackamas Choir

“We are so excited to be able to perform for your school as we tour the Pacific Northwest this spring.”

The North Clackamas Christian Choir is an annual treat for FLS. 23 kids & 5 adults will be utilizing our Community Center to include meeting rooms, showers and gym from Sunday April 6 through Tuesday morning, April 8.

It is a privilege to have the means and an honor to support groups like this!

Happy Spring to all of you! This month brings such great joy in so many ways. We celebrate the change in season, the beautiful flowers coming up, the growth happening in school and most importantly the joy of Easter. I am so thankful for the hope that comes with why we celebrate Easter. Please, pray for all of our families that don't know Jesus. We hope to be a blessing and a seed planted to those who need to hear his good news.

In childcare we are seeing so much growth in the children we care for both emotionally and physically. Watching children conquer new skills brings such confidence to them and such joy to our staff.

I am currently working on our plan for summer childcare, which at this time is full, which is great news. Physical growth is definitely in our future. I would love to be able to meet this need for more families.

It is April now which means our auction is right around the corner! Don't forget to invite your friends, family, neighbors and anyone else that you can think of. We would love for this year to be a great success! Tickets are on sale now, don't wait!

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



What's Up Around Campus?

By Matt Koehler, Campus Manager

Spring has arrived, so we have a lot going on around campus as usual! We are building a walking/running path around the perimeter of the ballfield, so the kids will have a good place to get some exercise. Tim Nonn, owner of Veteran Tree Service, has generously donated large truckloads of wood chips to help make the path. The Partners In Education (PIE) parent group has also donated toward the project, along with Barckley Electric and Meyer Professional Services donating use of their tractors to help spread the chips. A group of volunteers came out on Saturday, March 29 to help spread the chips and get the project started. It will be an ongoing project, as Mr. Nunn is bringing a truckload of chips every week. If you have some time and would like to help spread the chips in the next few weeks, please let me know!

Speaking of volunteering, the coming of spring means things start growing. Grass needs mowing, bushes and trees need trimming, and weeds need to be pulled. If you enjoy doing these activities, please let me know and I will gladly give you an outlet for your enthusiasm! I will be publishing a list of areas around campus that you can "adopt" to volunteer to keep up with the weeding and trimming in a particular spot on campus, so hopefully we can get enough volunteers to make the load light for everyone. Contact me at mattkoehler@flschool.org or 360-951-0521 if you'd like to help!

You may have noticed the new projector in the sanctuary. After the old one broke down, we spent a Saturday morning putting up a new one that projects twice as big and twice as bright! Many thanks to John Schmedake, Brian House, and Pastor Greg for all their work. It's not easy on ladders 20 feet up in the air!

We did a minor upgrade to the floor in the Community Center last month. The hallway carpet in front of the kitchen between the entryway and the bathrooms gets a lot of use, and had become significantly stained. It needed to be replaced. We used the same company and the same product for the entryway floor and area between the bathrooms that was installed in 2023, creating a nice seamless look that will last much longer and be much easier to clean. In hindsight, we should have done that

originally, but this was a relatively inexpensive fix that will improve the life and look of the floor.

Don't forget to get your auction tickets and join us for a fun night!

Month of the Military Child

During the month of April, we will be celebrating the military children and their families here at Faith.

Wear purple on **April 23** to celebrate our military kids!

Purple references the join environment of the military, encompassing all service branches, Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, & Veterans. Purple combines each branch's colors into one: the Air Force, Navy, & Coast Guard all use shades of blue, the Army uses green, & the Marines use red.

The official flower of the military child is the dandelion. Why? The plant puts down roots almost anywhere, and it's almost impossible to destroy. It's an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It's a survivor in a broad range of climates.

Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military, planted swiftly and surely. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.

Fellowship

First, I must thank Cherry and Jim Pedrick for stepping up to clear after the second service for me while I was gone for surgery. I really appreciated their willingness to help. I also thank all who prayed for me for a good outcome and recovery. Praise the Lord as I did much better than anticipated and have been humbled by God's grace.

Spring has arrived and activities pick up with Lent here and Easter arriving on April 20th. Please look for opportunities to help. The Easter egg hunt will definitely need many volunteers. VBS at the end of June provides another opportunity to volunteer. Please check the sign-up sheet located by the water fountain in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday treats.

"You are Blessed to be a Blessing"

Linda Albro, Fellowship Coordinator,
360 701-7882 laalbro@gmail.com

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 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.





April 2025

Faith Lutheran Church & School



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 8:15a Traditional w/HC 9:30a Gather & Grow 10:30a Contemp w/HC	7 9a N Clackamas Choir	8 3:30p FLS Faculty 6:30p Elders	9 8:45a Chapel 2:30p Chapel 6:30p Praise Team	10 10a 3M's in Church 5:15p Wiggle Church 6p School Board	11	12 9a Threads of Faith 6p FLYouth
13 8:15a Traditional 9:30a Gather & Grow 10:30a Contemporary 4:30p FLYouth - FH	14 6:30p Life Group	15	16 8:45a Chapel 2:30p Chapel 6p Council 6p PIE 6:30p Praise Team	17 <i>Manny's Thursday</i> 10a Worship 11:30a Pinochle 6:30p Worship	18 <i>Good Friday</i> 10a Worship 11:30a FLS Early Out 6:30p Worship	19 1p Egg Hunt Easter Egg Hunt!
20 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 7a Sunrise Service 8:15a Traditional w/HC 9a Breakfast in Gym 10:30a Contemp w/HC	21 <i>Easter Monday</i> Campus Closed	22 3:30p FLS Faculty	23 8:45a Chapel 2:30p Chapel 6:30p Praise Team	24 10a 3M's Bible Study 5:15p Wiggle Church	25 Auction Setup	26 5p Auction
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Community Center

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Gym Floor Waxing</i>					
<p><i>6</i></p> <p>9a Casa de Alabanza 9:30a Gather & Grow 12p Cristo Vive 12:45 Lacey Outreach 4p Roller Derby 4p IA1 Church 7p NCCC Arrives</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>NCCC</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>3:30p FLS Faculty 3:30p FLS Track 5:30p Roller Derby 6:30p Elders 7p SS Roots BB</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>3:30p FLS Track 7p SS Roots BB</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>5:15p Wiggle Church 7p SS Metal Detect.</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>6p Roller Derby</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>11a PATH Bingo 6p FLC Youth</p>
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