



Faith Lutheran Church
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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FROM PASTOR CATIE

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

-Jesus, Remember Me ELW #616

As I prepared to leave for my year of service through Young Adults in Global Mission, I was gathered with all the young adults who would be traveling about a week before our departure date. We discussed what it would be like to do a year of service, got to know others who were serving in the same country as us, and worshiped together. During a prayer service, we sang this song. The entirety of this hymn is one sentence sung twice. We repeated it multiple times as space was held for prayer. Ever since then, this short and powerful hymn has stuck with me and occasionally pops into my mind. I find this happening as we prepare for Holy Week and beyond.

This hymn comes from the Gospel of Luke. One of the men being crucified with Jesus asks Jesus to remember him, understanding that he has been condemned justly while Jesus has not. Jesus' response is, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43 NRSV). This promise of paradise is for the man being crucified then, but also for us. Jesus died so that our sins would be forgiven and through Christ we receive eternal life.

As we move through the season of Easter let us remember these words: Jesus remembers us, our sins are forgiven, and we will join Christ in paradise. Amen.

Peace,
 Pastor Catie

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am going to confess that it takes me time to really wake up and “get it” sometimes. Not just days or weeks but decades. I really enjoy the Lenten season as it leads up to Easter. And I have read the wonderful stories of the Bible for years as they cycle through the lectionary cycle. It took an excellent daily devotional written by Mary Jo Anderson of Maryland to help

me more fully understand the story from Mathew about the blind men that Jesus helped. Jesus asked the men “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” All the blind men had to do was to answer “Yes, Lord.” Mary Jo writes that God wants to walk with us through the hard times of life. God wants to surprise us with grace and reprieve. God is aware of hurts and concerns we have. Yet we are blind. I am finally learning (it takes a while for me) that the Giver of Light wants to restore my vision as well. All He needs to hear from me is “Yes, I believe.” I am very thankful that He is persistent and hasn't given up on me all these years.

The Church Council has overseen some big projects over the last few weeks as they continue to do the work of the church. The council has hired Sara Palubicki to be our new custodian. You may not recognize Sara's last name. She went by Wallschlaeger in her younger days in our church. And now she brings her professional skills to us to help keep our building clean and beautiful.

The Constitution Committee has completed their work and has handed the draft of a revised Constitution to the Church Council to look over for any additional revisions that are needed before submitting our Constitution to the Synod for approval. After approval by the Synod, we will be bringing the Constitution to you for final approval.

The Church Council also approved the replacing of the washing machine in the parsonage. We replaced the old machine with almost an exact duplicate with the help of Jensen-Aikins of Conover. Thanks go out to John Schuh for all his help in giving us a great deal on the new machine.

The hiring of Sara and the need to replace the washer in the parsonage are reminders of our responsibility to keep our giving at the levels needed to meet the many obligations we face as a congregation. Thank you so much for your continued support.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please bring them to our attention.

Robin Peterson

FROM THE BISHOP

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”
~Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

What time is it?

In our Synod Office, we have two clocks on the conference room wall, one set to Eastern Time and the other to Central Time. Between the two clocks is the above verse. I find this to

be a helpful reminder, not only that our Synod spans two time zones, but that all things have their time. And God's time, or rather God's timing, plays a part in what our time will hold.

So what time is it for you? In your life? In your congregation's life? In the life of the Church? In the context of our changing culture and world?

As I look back on the times of my family, we are now past the season of small children and the rhythm of school activities, events, and sports. I am glad for the time we spent watching games, choir concerts, piano lessons, and so much more. I'm both sad and relieved that I don't have to sit on the bleachers in a windy blizzard anymore, trying to distinguish the boy and the ball on a gridiron covered with falling snow. These seasons of life pass, and while we're glad to have had them, we know that time does not stand still. We expect that there will be different seasons in a lifetime.

It is more difficult, I think, to witness the end of a season that has spanned generations. When a congregation closes, it is easy to feel not only deep grief, but a sense of failure, that somehow the current generation has not done what is necessary. But what if that community of faith has accomplished all that was needful in its season? No congregation that was founded by the apostles in the first century is still in existence. Those communities of faith served for a time, the time that was given to them. And they accomplished what was needful for their time, planting seeds of future churches and future faith.

For everything there is a season; for people, for churches, for institutions. I grieved along with you at the announcement that Finlandia University will begin to end. The impact on the community, the blow to its economy, to its sense of self and pride, can hardly be estimated. It is a huge loss.

And yet, I find it helpful to put this loss within the context of Ecclesiastes. For Finlandia, its season is over, along with hundreds of other small colleges and universities that also will close because they cannot withstand the challenges and realities of our time. This is not the result of some failure or lack of creative strategy or dedicated effort.

This simply is. Finlandia's season is completed. And what remains is to end with grace and gratitude for all that was accomplished during its time. We celebrate the vision of its founders, the education excellence, the nurturing of character and integrity of so many students, the dedication of faculty, staff, management, coaches, and more.

No one and no thing lasts forever; not people, not congregations, not institutions. Kingdoms and nations rise and fall. Indeed, it is when something has existed for generations that we expect it to outlive us also. But this generation may well witness the end of many things whose seasons will be complete during our time.

Consider the rotary dial phone, the 35 mm film camera and the end of Kodak, the manual typewriter, cassette tapes, and the whole polyester fashion debacle of the 1970's. These things that were so essential to their time are not only obsolete now, but they only exist in antique shops, thrift stores, and dusty garage boxes.

By the grace of God, our ministry efforts of the past, and those that will end in our time, will plant seeds for future churches and future faith. The assets of one whose season is ending will provide new life for one whose season continues for future ministry. The work of Christ and God's purposes are far bigger than any single person, congregation, or institution. God in Christ Jesus is in the business of new life, and has a particular flair for new life after death. As the season of ministry ends for beloved efforts, traditions, congregations and institutions, God brings new life, new energy, new possibilities, new opportunities.

So we contribute what we can, we participate as we are able, in the time that we have been given, to further the work of Christ that we know will continue long after we are gone.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

The church of Christ in every age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
~Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book,
Hymn #729

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FACEBOOK

It's true! Faith Lutheran Church now has a Facebook page. "Like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/faith3lakes/> and watch the page for updates about what's happening in the life of our faith community.



LIVE STREAMING

Did you know that when you're away, you can watch the entire service as it's delivered LIVE on Sunday morning? You can! Simply go to our church's website (<https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org/>) and click "Click here to watch live streaming during worship (Sundays at 9:00 am)" right on the front page. Just put in a name and hit "Enter Live Service". Streaming will start which usually happens around 8:55, 9:00 am, give or take a few minutes, so if nothing is happening yet when you start watching, just wait a few minutes. You can also watch a recording of many of our services on our website. Simply go to our church website and click "Click here to view recordings of worship" to watch any past services. It's that easy!

QUILTING

Quilting is back in session! Please join us every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the lower level of the church. No experience necessary!

ONLINE GIVING

You can support our mission easier than ever with our donation platform! You can visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHQE/home> and contribute securely online. Thank you for your continued support!

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is offered following Sunday church services EVERY Sunday! All are invited and welcome to attend! No bible required! Please join us for some lively discussions!

BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH

On the cross and in the empty tomb, Jesus Christ triumphs over sin, death, and the power of evil. In our baptism we share in the death of Jesus – and have the promise of new life through his resurrection!

Celebrate your freedom from sin, death, and the power of evil through your baptism into Christ Jesus. And remember in your prayers those who celebrate the anniversary of their baptisms this month.

- 1st – Aimee Bauknecht
- 3rd – Melanie Fogerty and Stephen Kortenhof
- 8th – Vinnie Terlizzi
- 9th – Jerry Gilbertson
- 11th – Olivia Terlizzi
- 16th – L.J. Terlizzi
- 24th – Paul Bredesen and Marny Miles
- 27th – Linda Wilkowski
- 30th – Jacob Madl

MONTHLY OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 2022	MONTH	YTD SEP – AUG.
INCOME	\$7,945	\$50,012
EXPENSES	\$7,679	\$44,410
NET	\$166	\$5,601

DECEMBER 2022	MONTH	YTD SEP – AUG
INCOME	\$15,028	\$65,040
EXPENSES	\$10,493	\$35,254
NET	\$4,543	\$29,785

****THIS WILL BE PROVIDED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS**

Year: 2023
 Month: Feb.
 # of Sun.; 4
 Average: 21

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT:

Kyle Smith, Paul Kragh, Ollie DeMuth, Megan Schiller, Ann Woelfel, Duane and Colleen Bonack, Abby Swanson, Debbie Koslowski, Rick Gensler, Sr., Hailey Schultz, and Ruth Sammetinger

ALL THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS AND WORRIED ABOUT MANY THINGS

OUR CHURCH MINISTRIES: Congregational Care, Congregation Council, Board of Worship Life (BOWL), Board of Outreach, Board of Trustees, and Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center

OUR PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, INCLUDING: St. Theresa’s Roman Catholic Church, Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church, Union Congregational Church, and Grace Lutheran Church

OUR SYNOD, THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD OF THE ELCA, AND ITS CONGREGATIONS.

OUR COMPANION SYNOD, THE EASTERN AND COASTAL DIOCESE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TANZANIA, AND ITS CONGREGATIONS.

STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

APRIL 2023

	4/9/23	4/16/23	4/23/23	4/30/23
Reader	Phoebe Pettingell	Jan Harris	Gretchen Dobbins	Robin Peterson
Greeter	-	Jan Harris	-	-
Music	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Jane Crosson	Rhonda Buss
Video-stream	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford

** If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement, then notify the church office. **

APRIL 2023

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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2 9:00 am Holy Communion	3	4	5 12:30 pm Quilting	6 Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday Office Closed	8
9 Easter Sunday 9:00 am Holy Communion	10	11	12 12:30 pm Quilting 5:15-7:15 pm Wed. night Connect @ Trinity Luth.	13	14 Office Closed	15
16 9:00 am Holy Communion	17	18	19 12:30 pm Quilting 5:15-7:15 pm Wed. night Connect @ Trinity Luth.	20	21 Office Closed	22
23 9:00 am Holy Communion	24	25	26 12:30 pm Quilting 5:15-7:15 pm Wed. night Connect @ Trinity Luth.	27	28 Office Closed	29
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WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am
Holy Communion

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