

“Celebrating Faith in Christ by worshiping together and reaching out in love to all God’s people.”

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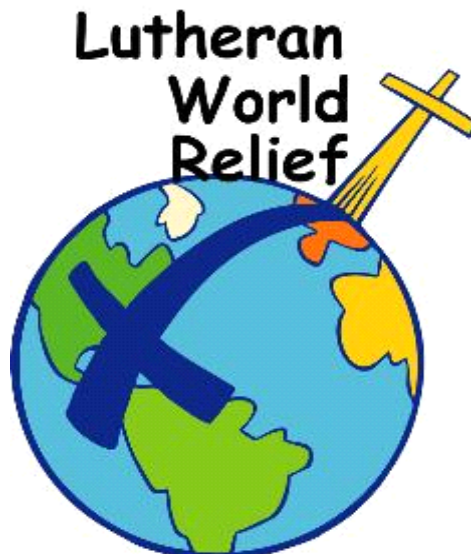
People of Faith,

Many of you have heard the famous starfish story first written by Loren Eiseley. He writes, “Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work. One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up. As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean. He came closer still and called out “Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?” The young man paused, looked up, and replied “Throwing starfish into the ocean.” “I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?” asked the somewhat startled wise man. To this, the young man replied, “The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don’t throw them in, they’ll die.”

Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, “But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can’t possibly make a difference!” At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, “It made a difference for that one.” The point of this familiar story is that the simple act can make a difference in the lives of others.

In 1945, Lutheran World Relief was founded with a simple goal—to respond to the needs of communities devastated by World War II. Since then, LWR has evolved from a relief agency shipping material resources to war-torn Europe to an agency that works with partners worldwide to respond to emergencies, seek lasting solutions to rural poverty, and work for peace and justice for all. The American

Institute of Philanthropy, an independent nonprofit charity watchdog and information service recently gave LWR its coveted ‘A’ rating for maximizing the effectiveness of every dollar contributed. LWR—supported primarily through the ELCA—is asking congregations to make Health Kits.



It is a simple request. Congregations are asked to gather an assortment of the necessary supplies, fold them together in a towel, and put a ribbon around them. Normally, congregations are asked to send these Health Kits to the nearest regional distributor but because of their shortage, they

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are willing to drive to Dodge Center to pick our kits up. So what does this mean for us? Is this the newest big ministry idea at Faith? Is making health kits some cutting edge ministry we are developing? No—our response is much simpler than this.

During the month of March, we will be gathering the required supplies in the narthex. You can find a list of supplies in newsletter or in the Sunday Bulletins. On Palm Sunday, the Sunday School Youth with your help will turn our congregation's supplies into Health Kits. Again, this is a pretty simple act we are undertaking but as the starfish story reminds us, even the simplest acts can make a difference in the lives of others. The kits we make will then be distributed by LWR to people in need all across the globe. Our simple project might not change the world on the grand scale...but it will make a difference to a few.

Blessings,
Pastor Justin

List of Supplies Needed for Health Kits

Each health kit needs to have the following items included:

- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- One washcloth, dark color recommended
- One bath-size bar (4 or 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery board for the file)
- Six band-aids, preferable 1/2 to 3/4 inch; secure together with a rubber band

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap smaller items in the washcloth; wrap washcloth and remaining items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. Do not enclose toothpaste.



Worship

Come to Worship Prepared to Hear God's Word

March 7 Luke 7:36-50 *Smells Like Perfume*

March 14 Luke 14:15-24 *Smells Like Food*

March 21 John 11 *Smells Like Death*

March 28 Luke 19:28-40 *Smells Like Trouble*

Mark Your Calendars!: April 4th is Easter! Worship will be at 6:30, 8:00, and 10:00!

Lent Schedule: Our Wednesday nights begin with a simple supper from 5:00-6:15. Worship begins at 6:30. We will be utilizing the Holden Evening Prayer Service with special appearances from characters who met Jesus.

March 3 The Paralyzed Man

March 10 Martha

March 17 Mary Magdalene

March 24 Thomas



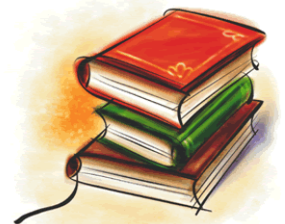
What is Lent Anyway?: Lent marks the forty days Christ spent in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. Historically, Lent has been used by the Church in two ways. First, Lent was the time of preparation for baptism of new converts to be held on Easter morning. Second, Lent was the time of intentional spiritual renewal. Christians are encouraged to use this time to refrain from anything that draws us away from God's Love and instead, recommit ourselves through prayer, fasting, giving, and worship to follow Jesus Christ.

Adult Opportunities

Marriage Recharge is Saturday, April 17th: Faith will be hosting the 1st Annual Marriage Recharge for couples wishing to grow in their relationship with God and one another. Cost will be \$25 a couple which includes a continental breakfast, snack, and a simple lunch. This one day retreat will begin at 8:30 (breakfast at 8:00) and conclude at 3:00. Pastor Justin and Jayne Boeding will lead this retreat. Registration is restricted to the first 50 couples who register. Registration forms are available in the narthex or can be found at www.dcfaiith.com.

Book Club: The next book club will meet Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00pm to discuss *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. Anyone wishing to join in the April book discussion on Tuesday, April 6th should prepare by reading the book *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. Jacob Jankowski says: "I am ninety. Or ninety-three. One or the other." At the beginning of *Water for Elephants*, he is living out his days in a nursing home, hating every second of it. His life wasn't always like this, however, because Jacob ran away and joined the circus when he was twenty-one. It wasn't a romantic, carefree decision, to be sure. His parents were killed in an auto accident one week before he was to sit for his veterinary medicine exams at Cornell.

He buried his parents, learned that they left him nothing because they had mortgaged everything to pay his tuition, returned to school, went to the exams, and didn't write a single word. He walked out without completing the test and wound up on a circus train. The circus he joins, in Depression-era America, is second-rate at best. With Ringling Brothers as the standard, Benzini Brothers is far down the scale and pale by comparison. <http://tinyurl.com/Elephants-Gruen>



Adult Opportunities

New Member Orientation: The next New Member orientation will be held March 7th, 14th and 21st at 9:05am. People wishing to join the church or learn more about Faith Lutheran are encouraged to sign up on the table in the Narthex and attend this 3 part orientation (new members are asked to attend all 3 sessions if at all possible). Contact Pastor Justin with any questions at pjboeding@yahoo.com.



Quilting Donations: Quilters are interested in any used quilting bedspread, flannel sheets and pillow cases. Leave any donations in the quilters room or contact VaLane Tyler at 633-9252.

Time & Talent

What's the Dream Team?: A new team has emerged at Faith called the Dream Team. This small group is beginning the process of developing a new long-range plan for the congregation. They meet the third Sunday of the month following worship. Please keep this important ministry in your prayers.

Choir Practice: The Praise Band meets the third Wednesday of each month following the worship service (approx. 7:15pm). Anyone who is interested in joining the band (to sing and/or play and instrument) is encouraged to contact Nadine Langworthy at npiano@kmtel.com.

Healing Hands for Haiti: Is an orthotic and prosthetic non-profit organization that has been working in Haiti since 1998. They focus on making artificial limbs and various kinds of spine and leg braces for those in need. The Minnesota chapter is holding a fundraiser at Events in Kasson on February 28th from 2-8pm. Live music and refreshments will be available. This is an opportunity to raise funds for this group's mission and for other relief needs in Haiti. Go to www.healinghandsforhaiti.org to learn more about this non-profit group.

Fellowship

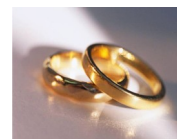
Roller-skating: We are planning a roller-skating outing in Brownsdale on Sunday, March 14th from 2-5pm. Cost will be \$5 per individual which includes skates and entry fee per church rate. We need a total of at least 25 people. Please call Vickie Gross at 633-9355 and leave a message or e-mail at bearsredman@kmtel.com. This is a family event, open to all ages. There will be no bus service, each family is responsible for their own travel arrangements. Food, concessions, in-line skates, arcade, pool tables and video games are available. This is a time to have some fun and fellowship! Hope you can join us.



Faith Family Recognitions

Birthday Celebrations

1—Carli Kruckeberg	14—Ryan Johnson	21—Barb Scheiber
2—Jaci Gosse	15—James Fate	22—Steve Johnson
2—Janet Johnson	15—Katy Erdmann	27—Nancy Erdmann
4—Erin Monson	15—Colton Erdmann	31—Val Langworthy
7—Jeremy Wahlstrom	16—Dallas Barber	
7—Sandy Lee	16—Laurie Rahlf	
8—Stephanie Krause	18—Ellie Fate	
10—Joseph Schweiger	20—Don Pischke	



Anniversary Celebrations

11—Rick & Lisa Wolf
11—Zak & Jessica Midthun
31—Arlyn & Barb Scheiber

Youth

GIFT Sunday School GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) Schedule for March: Come and Join us as we continue the stories of Moses. We gather at 9:00am and have our opening and lesson time then break out to small groups following the schedule below.



March 7th Family Groups The 10 Commandments *Ex 20:2-3*
March 14th Age Groups – Art The Golden Calf *Leviticus 19:2*
March 21st Family Groups The Golden Calf *Leviticus 19:2*
March 28th Palm Sunday – Age Groups – Songs Easter Theme
April 4th Easter No Sunday School

Lent Confirmation Schedule: We will have worship only during Lent for our confirmation youth. There will be no small group time. You are required to worship each week. Sign in each week with Pastor Sue.

8th and 9th Grade Mentor Project: The 8th and 9th grade classes and their mentors will meet each week during Lent. Please pray for our 23 youth and their mentors as they journey in faith this Lent.

Youth Council: We will be meeting Monday, March 1st at 6pm. We meet the 1st Monday of every month at 6pm. Youth are invited—we need youth representatives on Youth Council. Please consider serving on this board. Come to a meeting and give us your ideas for your youth program at Faith! All ages are welcome!

After School Program (3rd -5th Grade): Adult Help is Needed!! We need more help on Wednesday afternoons any time during our program from 3:30-5pm. Sign up for the Wednesday that you can come and join us for games, small group Bible lesson, songs and crafts. Sign up or please let Pastor Sue know if you could help at least one Wednesday afternoon a month! swallager@gmail.com

2nd Graders Mark you calendars for the After School Program Preview Day: You are invited to come after school on Wednesday, April 7th to experience the After School Program. Watch your mailbox and bulletins for more information.

Summer Camp 2010: There are brochures available for Good Earth Village on the information table in the gathering area as well as check out their website for more details on summer camp: www.goodearthvillage.org. There are camperships available to all who would like to attend camp this summer. Please pick up a campership application form and turn in by April 4th.

Senior High Events: Come March 3rd and March 17th for Senior High Gathering Times. You can hang with your friends and Pastor Justin as well as find out more about the upcoming youth trips!!!

Adventure Weekend with Britton Wolf: This is open to grades 9-12. Friday, April 30th - Sunday, May 2nd. Cost \$25 per person. It will be a weekend of camping, climbing the rock wall at UW Lacrosse, going through a ropes course, hiking in the bluffs and worship. Sign up in the Narthex and watch for more information to come in bulletins and on the website!

Sonshine Festival 2010!: For grades 9-12. July 14-17th in Willmar, MN. Sonshine Festival 2010 is going to be an amazing spiritual, worship and music experience. They have a fantastic line-up of artists booked for 2010, including newsboys, Skillet, Casting Crowns, Family Force 5, The Devil Wears Prada, Tenth Avenue North, Superchick, August Burns Red and Thousand Foot Krutch....Watch for more information coming in newsletters, bulletins and on our website!!!

Youth...continued



Birthday Boxes and Bags



Last year for a Sunday School Service Project we made Birthday Boxes which we gave to the Food Shelf. They were so successful that we have decided to make them again this year!

During some of our Family times and Art times in March and April we will be putting together the packages. We need your help in gathering items for the Boxes/Bags. Listed below are the items we need. Please drop off any donations at the church in the old office. Be sure to label it "For Sunday School Birthday Boxes."

Thanks for your help!

ITEMS NEEDED

- Shoe boxes or Birthday themed gift bags
- Wrapping Paper
- Cake Mix
- Frosting
- Balloons
- Small gifts for children or Gift Cards to places like Subway, McDonald's, etc.
- Birthday Candles
- Sprinkles

Please contact Kory Graham, 633-9306 or korygraham@yahoo.com, with any questions!



January Financial Corner



January 2010 Financial Corner

Congregational Income YTD \$16,477.52 **Both figures include \$1,358.00 for Building Fund.
Congregational Expenses YTD \$15,135.95

Council Minutes

Faith Lutheran Council Meeting
February 15, 2010, 6:00 pm

Council Members:

Present: Dan Fredrickson, Vickie Gross, Grant Erler, Missy Pflaum, Del Steen, Paul Olson, Pastor Justin, Mike Otto, Carl Freyholtz, Aaron Maixner, Jill Hukee and Pastor Sue

Absent: Monica Fitzwater and Joan Henderson

- **Call to Order – Pastor Justin**
- **Open with Prayer – Pastor Sue**
- **Introduction of guests – Bryon Wolf**
- **Insurance – Bryon Wolf** - Reviewed bid from Bryon to move insurance to Claremont Agency.
- **Devotions – Pastor Justin**
- **Secretary Report** – Grant Erler moved to approve, Paul Olson 2nd motion. Motion to accept was approved by all. Motion carried.
- **Treasurer Report** – Del Steen moved to approve, Dan Fredrickson 2nd motion. Motion to accept was approved by all. Motion carried.
- **New Janitor** – Amy Woxland has taken over the Janitorial job and is working out well.

Committee Reports:

- **Get to know you** - Team activity to get to know new and previous council members.
- **Brainstorming - Dreams for 2010:**
 - **What are your greatest hopes for 2010:** Install a large pipe organ, we could own the entire block, preschool, full afterschool program, more involvement from all of those who worship, growing the high school opportunities, have juniors and seniors lead a service around graduation time and a mortgage burning ceremony.
 - **Biggest challenge or opportunity for 2010:** Ensuring we have enough volunteers so volunteers do not get burnt out. Getting the 1st and 2nd services folks to get to know each other.
 - **What are your hopes for 2010:** Giving stays positive, growth in active attendance, having more festival Sundays in the church, working on getting more involvement, “Dream Team” for long term planning, new members will be during Sunday mornings, new stewardship drive this year, and ability to listen to the services on the internet.
 - **Pastor Justin** – Visions for 2010 - having more festival Sundays in the church, working on getting more involvement, “Dream Team” for long term planning, new members will be during Sunday mornings and new stewardship drive this year.
- **Elect new members:**
 - **President:** Nominated by Del Steen, 2nd by Paul Olson, Motion Carried – Grant Erler is new President.
 - **Vice President:** Nominated by Missy, 2nd by Mike Otto, Motion Carried – Paul Olson is new Vice President
 - **Secretary:** Missy Pflaum will continue as Secretary.
 - **Treasury:** Jill Hukee will continue as Treasurer.



Council Minutes...continued

- **Committee Designations:**

- **Youth:** Joan Henderson
- **Personnel:** Dan Fredrickson
- **Outreach:** Monica Fitzwater-Rhodes and Vicki Gross
- **Worship:** Aaron Maixner
- **Building and Grounds:** Del Steen and Mike Otto
- **Fellowship:** Vicki Gross
- **Dream Team:** Carl Freyholtz
- **Stewardship:** Paul Olson

Old Business:

- **Treat Schedule:** Missy to create and send out with the minutes Vicki for March
- **March 21st – 2pm to 5pm** – Council retreat located at Bethel Lutheran church
- **Confirmation Inquisition:** The council made a decision that the Pastor will no longer have the decision on who gets confirmed. The council will make the final decision if the child gets confirmed. We will have the council meet with each confirmation students wanting to be confirmed and the council will ensure all requirements are met and agree if the child is ready to be confirmed.
- **Need someone to manage the rental house.** Suggestion was to ask Art Hall.
- **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, March 8, 6:30 pm.
- **Adjourn** – Motion by Paul Olson and 2nd by Jill Hukee.
- **Lords Prayer** – Led by Grant Erler

Thank You

Thank You: A big thank you to Mary Head, Kate & Roy Henderson, Dennis & Patti Midthun, Chuck Rhodes 😊, Gary & Mary Norstad & Bill Ketchum for helping with Meals on Wheels in February.

Thank You: Jim & I want to thank all the Weigh-In group and all who helped put on the wonderful benefit for Jim. We can't say thank you enough for what you all did for us. All the cards, money and visits to our home and hospital. It really means a lot to know that we have people that care. Thanks for Pastor Justin's visits and prayer for us and the wonderful sermon he had for Jim. God Bless You All—Jim & Sandy Rasmussen

Thank You: Your gift will help make possible the continuing ministry of Peace & Power, televised Lutheran worship of southern Minnesota and Northern-Iowa. Thank you, First Lutheran Church Staff

THANK YOU!!!

February Calendar

March 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 – Youth Council Mtg	2 8:00 – Weigh In 9:00 – WiseGuys 12:00 – Bulletin Deadline 1:30 – Ruth Circle 7:00 – Book Club	3 Triton Prechool Screening 10:00 – Staff Mtg 10:00 – WOW 3:15-5:00 – After School 5:00-6:30 – Meal 6:30 – Worship 7:15 – Mentor Project 7:15 – Sr. High Meet	4	5	6
7 8:00 – Worship 9:00 – Fellowship 9:00 – C.I.F.T. 9:10 – New Member Orientation 10:00 – Worship	8 6:30 – Council Mtg 7:00-8:00 – Minnster/Miller Group	9 8:00 – Weigh In 9:00-3:00 – Quilting 12:00 – Bulletin Deadline 6:00-8:00 – Quilting 7:00 – Deborah Circle	10 10:00 – WOW 3:15-5:00 – After School 5:00-6:30 – Meal 6:30 – Worship 7:15 – Mentor Project	11	12 3:30-5:30 – Brownies	13
14 Day Light Savings 8:00 – Worship 9:00 – Fellowship 9:00 – C.I.F.T. 9:10 – New Member Orientation 10:00 – Worship 2-5 – Roller-skating	15 Newslatter Deadline	16 8:00 – Weigh In 9:00 – WiseGuys 12:00 – Bulletin Deadline	17 10:00 – WOW 3:15-5:00 – After School 5:00-6:30 – Meal 6:30 – Worship 7:15 – Mentor Project 7:15 – Sr. High Meet 7:15 – Praise Band Practice	18 9:00 – Saska Ladies	19	20
21 8:00 – Worship 9:00 – Fellowship 9:00 – C.I.F.T. 9:10 – New Member Orientation 10:00 – Worship 11:10 – Dream Team 2-5 – Council Retreat	22	23 8:00 – Weigh In 8:00-3:00 – Quilting 9:00 – WiseGuys 12:00 – Bulletin Deadline 6:00-8:00 – Quilting	24 10:00 – WOW 3:15-5:00 – After School 5:00-6:30 – Meal 6:30 – Worship 7:15 – Mentor Project	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 8:00 – Worship 9:00 – Fellowship 9:00 – C.I.F.T. 10:00 – Worship	29 1:00 – Home Extension	30 8:00 – Weigh In 12:00 – Bulletin Deadline	31 10:00 – WOW 3:15-5:00 – After School	1 Maundy Thursday 5:00-6:30 – Meal 6:30 – Worship	2 Good Friday 6:30 – Worship	3

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February Service Volunteers

March 2010 Service Group

Date	Service	Acolyte	Greeters	Reader	Fellowship
March 7	8:00am	Jessica Paulson Cody Schaefer Caroline Adams	Roy & Kate Henderson		Youth David & Jeremy Wahlstrom Erin & Jon Monson Robert & Angie Cohenour
	10:00am	Ellery Wealot	Robert & Angie Cohenour		
	8:00am	Ellery Wealot	David & Jeremy Wahlstrom		
March 14	10:00am	Cody Schaefer Katelyn Butler	Lisa Amundson		Alice Johnson Eugene Young Jean Wicks
	8:00am	Guy Carlsson	Eugene Young		
March 21	10:00am	Jordan Deno Dylan Quaaile	Lori Wolle		Mike & Pam Justice Pat Schweiger Lonnie & Bev Oakland
	8:00am	Lindsay Hickey	Lonnie & Bev Oakland		
March 28	10:00am	Hailey Redican			

Attendance/Offering

Date	Attended	Offering	Building Fund	Date	Attended	Offering	Building Fund
2/3	65			2/14	/ 152		
				2/17	215 (Ash Wednesday)	\$3,242.87	\$830.00
2/7	78 / 120			2/21	102 / 165		
2/10	65	\$2,722.84	\$926.00	2/24		\$2,347.98	\$978.00

Altar Guild

Jeremy Wahlstrom
Rod & Wendy Myer Family

Communion Helpers

March 7 8:00 Carol Johnson
 March 7 8:00 VaLane Tyler
 March 7 10:00
 March 7 10:00
 March 21 8:00 Jeremy Wahlstrom
 March 21 8:00 David Wahlstrom

The Bridge



WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

From www.ELCA.org/What-We-Believe/New-or-Returning-to-Church/Dig-Deeper/The-Church.aspx

The Christian church is made up of those who have been baptized and thus have received Christ as the Son of God and Savior of the world. Sometimes it is referred to as "the Body of Christ." Lutherans believe that they are a part of a community of faith that began with the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's presence with his people, on the day of Pentecost. The church, regardless of the external form it takes, is the fellowship of those who have been restored to God by Christ. Indeed, to be called into fellowship with Christ is also to be called into community with other believers.

To Lutherans, who subscribe to the Augsburg Confession, Article VII of that document defines the Church:

It is also taught among us that one holy Christian Church will be and remain forever. This is the assembly of all believers among who the Gospel is preached in its purity and the holy sacraments are administered according to the Gospel. For it is sufficient for the true unity of the Christian church that the Gospel be preached in conformity with a pure understanding of it and that the sacraments be administered in accordance with the divine Word. It is not necessary for the true unity of the Christian church that ceremonies, instituted by (people), should be observed uniformly in all places. It is as Paul says in Eph. 4:4, 5, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism." *

The church is essential to Christian life and growth. Its members are all sinners in need of God's grace. It has no claim on human perfection. The church exists solely for the hearing and doing of God's Word. It can justify its existence only when it proclaims the living Word of Christ, administers the Sacraments and gives itself to the world in deeds of service and love. ELCA Lutherans recognize a wider fellowship of churches and are eager to work alongside them in ecumenical ministries and projects, in response to Paul's description of the Church in Romans 12:4-5: "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."

* *The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*, translated by Theodore G. Tappert, 1959, Augsburg Fortress.

MONTHLY BIBLE VERSE

This Bible verse was selected by Harold Usgaard, bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, for everyone in the synod to study.



"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism"
EPHESIANS 4:4-5

ABOUT OUR SYNOD

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod is a faith community of 131,000 baptized people in 184 congregations as well as related institutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Its geographic area includes 15 counties in the southeastern corner of Minnesota.

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Lent Schedule

Wednesday Evenings

5:00-6:15 - Lenten Meal

6:30 - Lenten Worship

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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