Faith News and Notes for April 28, 2024

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Welcome, welcome in the name of the Lord! We are so glad you are here with us and our prayer is always that the sweet presence of the Lord would be manifested here every time we gather together. May you be encouraged and equipped in your faith today!



Sign-up in the Narthex for movie night

PLEASE INCLUDE OUR FAITH FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



Our Homebound: Alma Coates, Dennis Litzenberg, Carla Sesola, Paul and Donna Van Bommel

<u>Other Requests</u>: Faith Lutheran Teachers, Students and their families; Sandra Aiken, Gail Bolognese, Bill and Barbara Cahill, Jan Cunningham, Judith Gonnerman, June Johnson, Gordon Lerner, Kathy McCoy, Ernie Munter, Carole Satterthwaite, Mary Lou Schaffer, Tricia Shankin, Sally Schwartz, Laura Tegart, Sharon Wiley, and Ron Woita.



Have a notice for News and Notes?

We would love to hear from you with your meeting notices, meeting date changes, your upcoming events, information about blessing those in need, or just about anything else! Please email your requests to office@faithnpb.com by the end of the day on Tuesday for the following week's News and Notes.

Holy Communion

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. Jesus instituted this when he celebrated Passover with his disciples, and assures us that each time we receive it, we again remember his death and receive the full benefits of His grace and all that he offers. In keeping with the Scripture and the teachings of the Lutheran church, we ask each person to consider these questions:

*Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sins?

- *Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?
- *Am I trusting in Jesus' promise that I receive full forgiveness and strength through this Sacrament?
- *Do I believe and agree that the body and blood of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine?
- *With the Lord's help, will I seek to amend my sinful life and live in conformity with His holy will?

If you answer yes to all these questions and are baptized, you are welcome to come and receive all that Jesus offers in Holy Communion. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing.

We offer assistance for the **hearing impaired**. Just speak to one of our ushers, who will be able to help you. Please return the hearing device to an usher as you exit. We have a **Nursery** for infants through age 3 that is available during of our services for you to use. The nursery is through the hall on the right side of the sanctuary (facing the altar).



First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:1-11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."



A Life Quote for Sunday, April 28: "It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives." *Deaconess Bethany Stoever, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas*

A Life Thought in the Church Year for April 28 – Easter V: It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord's perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.

Right Now Media

Here are three different ways to sign-up for "Right Now Media"

- (1) Custom Link: https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/faithlutheranchurchnp
- (2) text the code **FAITHNPB** to **49775** and you will receive a text back, welcoming you to "RightNow Media" and provides you with the invite link to register.
- (3) Use this QR code: hover your phone's camera over the code and it will prompt you to open a mobile browser, select that prompt and the registration page will appear for you to sign up.



Canasta Club! Join us Thursdays at 11:00 AM in the Upper Room (formerly the Youth Room), for Canasta Club! We break for a brown bag lunch at noon, and then continue playing. Don't know how to play? We will teach you! Cost? \$.00! What should you bring? Yourself and a friend! Enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship! Any questions? Call Fran Hickman 561-234-7349 or June Johnson 561-329-7521.



Farm Days Fundraiser Sponsor/Volunteer Opportunities



May 11, 2024 4:00pm-8:00pm

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring one of the following:

Bounce House \$400 Green Market \$300 Midway Prizes \$ 300



You can also volunteer your time and talents in the following ways:

Selling 5-10 Chicken Dinner Tickets? Providing homemade arts/crafts for sale? Provide local farm harvested green market items?

____Setting up or taking down event

Helping serve the Dinner

Helping with Popcorn sales.

Providing homemade jams, jellies, pickles for sale?

____Baking 1 (or 2) cake(s) for Cake Walk

_Making desserts for dinner

Helping with Sno Cone sales.

Please contact Pilar Tucker at 561-842-2487.



Join us next Sunday for Faith's Congregational Breakfast

@ 10:00 AM

Let's help the Van Bommel's



Members of our family here at Faith need our help. Paul and Donna Van Bommel are in need of meals. We are asking for donations of prepared or purchased meals to be delivered to their home on Thursdays. If you are unable to deliver to their home, meals may be dropped off at the church before noon on Thursdays or the day before by 4PM. Meals should be ready to eat or microwaveable. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. This is an ongoing request. Thank you so much to all who have already prepared meals as they have been so appreciated by Paul and Donna.



Alma Coates Parry Bolognese Connie Luneke Kathy Knudtson Tom Weber

John & Jessica Dillahunt



Happy Anniversary Enjoy your special day!



CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES AT FAITH

30 Days With Jesus - Experiencing His Presence Throughout the Old and New Testaments, by Lysa Terkeurst and Joel Muddamalle is the title of the Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study that meets at 10:00 a.m. every Tuesday, upstairs in the Youth Room.

When world events seem chaotic and scary... When you feel crippled by fear and anxiety... When you feel hurt by the very people you thought you could count on... It's tempting to wonder "Jesus are you here? Do you care?".

Jesus isn't hiding from us; He's waiting to be seen by us. Let this Bible Study help you experience His presence every single day.

The last day of the current Women's Bible Study is April 30, and we will be on hiatus until October 1.

AND



The **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** series featuring Dennis Rainey's *Stepping Up* video series, continues the second Saturday of each month. The next session will be held on May 11. Each session is jam-packed with skits and vignettes, street interviews and discussion, as well as lecture. There is a workbook that accompanies the study. The church pre-bought 15 at a cost of \$15.00 each. You can also go to ChristianBook.com and order for yourself. There is a sign-up list in the Narthex and on our web page. Looking forward to our time together.

Upcoming sessions: May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10 and September 14

AND

Bible Study Fellowship



Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) is an international organization offering Bible-study opportunities to men, women and children. BSF meets Mondays at Faith beginning at 6PM. This year's program is focusing on the Gospel of John and runs through the Spring. If you would like more information, you can visit their website: bsfinternational.org. There you can sample curriculum, look at the history, as well as request to join the group. The last day of the Study is April 29.

2024 Flower Chart

The 2024 Flower Chart calendar is in the Narthex, with open spaces to sign-up for your meaningful dates (*In Memory of / In Honor of / To the Glory of God*.) The Altar flowers are \$25 per Sunday. Please make your checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and put "Altar Flowers" in the memo line. <u>Open dates in June: 16th</u>:



This week Altar Flowers

To the Glory of God by Keila Harvey

Faith's Backpack Drive



If you are interested in donating items to Faith's Backpack Drive, visit the display table in the Narthex.

We love to bless others.



New Day Job Posting

Position Title: Program Assistant

Brief Job Description: Enthusiastic, cheerful and hardworking individual needed to assist with activities of daily living, running activity programs, food service and cleaning in an adult day care program. One year experience working with elderly population and/or Alzheimer's and related dementia preferred. Must be a CNA or HHA.

Position Title: Facilitator

Brief Job Description: Enthusiastic, cheerful and hardworking individual needed to implement all components of the Integrative Memory Enhancement Program including leading the activities and over sight of the program. Experience in small group facilitation and/or education. Knowledge of and or experience with Alzheimer's and related disorders. Must have some experience working with elderly and or disabled adults.

Person to whom calls and/or resumes should be directed: Julie Tombari Phone number: 561-844-0012; Fax: 561-844-4912; E-mail: <u>itombari@faithnpb.com</u>

Faith Lutheran School Job Postings

Infant - Toddler Teachers (Full-time). Must be over 21 years old. Experience preferred. Willing to train and obtain necessary DCF trainings.

Substitute Teacher: Must be over 18 for 3 and 4 year old program. Must be over 21 for infants and toddlers. Experience preferred. Willing to train and obtain necessary DCF trainings

Send resumes to ptucker@faithnpb.com



Faith's Book Nook



Have you visited our Book Nook lately? We have many great finds that are sure to peak our many different interests.

This week's featured book is "Angel Walk" by R. Elwood found in the Fiction section as F ELW

"The Book Nook is located on the second floor of the Michel Building and will be open during today's Congregational Breakfast. Everyone is welcome to visit.



Faith's Book Club

Book of the month — *The Women*



Faith's Book Club selection for the month of May is *The Women,* by Kristin Hannah. The Club will meet on Wednesday, May 29, starting with dinner at 5:30 PM at La Bamba, followed by Book Club at 7 PM in the Conference Room.

Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is over-whelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost.

But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protestors, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Sunday, April 28

8:45 AM Traditional Worship10:45 AM Contemporary Worship10:45 AM Valle Baptism12:00 PM Contemporary Music Practice

Monday, April 29

6:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Campus-Wide) 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous (Chapel)

Tuesday, April 30 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study (The Upper Room)

Wednesday, May 1 10:00 AM—12PM Food Pantry

Thursday, May 2

9:30 AM—11:00 Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B) 11:00 AM Canasta (The Upper Room) 11:00 AM Law Enforcement Assistance Foundation (MB—Classrooms)

Friday, May 3

9:30 AM—12:30 PM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B) 5:30 PM Movie Night!

Saturday, May 4

8:00 AM—11:00 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B) 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM Kairos (Gym) 5:30 PM — 9:00 PM Ultreya (Gym)

Sunday, May 5

8:45 AM Traditional Worship Service10:00 AM Congregational Breakfast10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service

12:00 PM Contemporary Music Practice

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NEW DAY ADULT CARE CENTER — 844-0012

Julie Tombari: Administrator

	<u>8:45 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Altar Guild	Deb Weier	Fran Hickman
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OUR VISION

We believe God calls us to engage, encourage and equip our church, community and world with His unfailing love.

We will engage all people in meaningful relationships with God's unfailing love as the foundation.

We will **encourage** all people to a closer relationship with Jesus.

We will equip all people to live a loving, powerful, Spirit-filled life.