

# Newsletter

## THE FAITH HERALD

February 2024



### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



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Dear Members and Friends of FLC

As we enter into February, we enter the season of Lent, we often think of a spiritual practice we may focus on as we spend the next 40 days journeying to the cross before Easter. A word that comes to mind for me during this time is "solitude." For me it fits nicely with Psalm 96:10 "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

Henry Nouwen writes this about solitude. "Solitude is very different from a 'time out' from our busy lives. Solitude is the very ground from which community grows. Whenever we pray alone, study, read, write, or simply spend quiet time away from the places where we interact with each other directly, we are potentially opened for a deeper intimacy with each other."

Lent can be a season set apart to rediscover the gift of solitude. To set aside time each day or week to read, reflect and pray. Give yourself permission to experience the meaning and message of silence as an expression of God's presence, grace, and peace.

Remember, even Jesus took time for solitude, to immerse himself in God's presence and allowed prayer to fill, inform, direct and shape his life, his ministry and his teaching. Solitude is, for Jesus, at the heart and center of his strength and the source of his energy, focus and inspiration.

Lent is a season to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus as we follow him. Solitude is a way to rediscover the power of connection with the one who made us, the one who loves us and the one who invites us into relationship with one another.

In this way, leaning on Nouwen's quote solitude is one of the qualities of becoming "Beloved Community." Time apart with God, indeed, helps us to be present fully with one another and to recognize the gift of God's loving presence and purpose in our sisters and brothers. Solitude is not about being cut off, but instead, it's about opening our hearts more fully, so that, as we socially interact, we can connect and reunite as beloved children of God.

"Be still and know that I am God."

Partners in sharing God's grace,  
Pastor Paul.

PS. Our February calendar has a lot of ways for you to join us for fellowship and sharing in the ministries God has called us to here at Faith Lutheran Church.

## Quilters' Thank You!

Thank you to those who bid on the two seasonal quilts made by the Faith "Love Day" quilters. The quilts generated \$450 with an added \$23.50 from generous souls who placed money in the donation can on the table. The money generated from these quilts and donations was given to our local S.A.F.E. for the continuation of their mission in our community.

# February

## Faith Lutheran Church

2024

| SUN   | MON            | TUE   | WED   | THU                  | FRI                                  | SAT |
|---|----------------|---|---|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|
|   |                |   |   | 1                    | 2                                    | 3   |
|   |                |   |   |                      | Emmaus Students overnight (2 nights) |     |
| 4   | 5              | 6   | 7   | 8                    | 9                                    | 10  |
| Worship 9:30 am<br>College Care Box Packing after worship | WW 3 & 5:30 pm | Golden Group Salmon Lunch 12 pm<br>A Cappella 7-9 pm                | Quilters 9 am-noon<br>Women's Bible Study 6-7:15 pm           |                      |                                      |     |
| 11  | 12             | 13  | 14  | 15                   | 16                                   | 17  |
| Worship 9:30 am<br>Annual Mtg. after worship              | WW 3 & 5:30 pm | A Cappella 7-9 pm   | Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm                                    | Men's Breakfast 9 am |                                      |     |
| 18  | 19             | 20  | 21  | 22                   | 23                                   | 24  |
| Worship 9:30 am   | WW 3 & 5:30 pm | Bitterroot Chorus Board Mtg. 7 pm<br>A Cappella 7-9 pm              | Quilters 9 am-noon<br>Soup Supper 6 pm<br>Holden Service 7 pm |                      |                                      |     |
| 25  | 26             | 27  | 28  | 29                   |                                      |     |
| Worship 9:30 am   | WW 3 & 5:30 pm | Comm. Meal Prep @ 1<br>Serve @ 5 @ Cornerstone<br>A Cappella 7-9 pm | Soup Supper 6 pm<br>Holden Service 7 pm                       |                      |                                      |     |



"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat".

With the increase of food insecurity and hunger in our area, Faith Lutheran Church has decided to challenge our members with the Souper Bowl of Caring program. Beginning January 21, 2024 and for the next four weeks we will be collecting cans of soup, stews, heat 'n eat cans of Spaghettios / raviolios, plus boxes of crackers to go with that soup. These will be displayed in the church and on Super Bowl Sunday, February 11 we'll offer a blessing over the collection and distribute it to several of the food pantries in our area. Let's support this worthwhile outreach and collect a mountain of soup!