

THE

FAITH HERALD

April 2026 NEWSLETTER



FAITH'S HAVEN HOUSE "PENNY" JAR

A whopping \$208.57 was collected from the Faith "Penny" jar for the Haven House Food Bank!

If you would like to drop some "pennies" in, the jar is located on the counter outside of the church office. Thank you Faith Family for supporting our neighbors!

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH (FLC), ELCA

FLC is a family of God built on love: worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving in Christ's name. All are welcome.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 AM

In Person: 171 Lewis LN

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Live Stream: YouTube @

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P a s t o r ' s P o n d e r i n g s



“Jesus said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” John 19:30

Aren't we grateful and thankful that this is not where this story ends, and we are living as people of the resurrection. God does something miraculous through Jesus Christ, so we are able to shout with joy-filled hearts on Easter Sunday, “CHRIST IS RISEN,” “HE IS RISEN INDEED.”

“He is not here; for he has been raised.” Matthew 28:6

This is what we celebrate on Easter Sunday and every day after. Because God's greatest proclamation to us is that he is not dead, but Jesus lives! And because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection we are granted grace upon grace. And it's through this unfailing, unconditional love we have been set free to be people of the resurrection, covered by grace and forgiven.

And it's in this grace we receive from Jesus the Christ that we give God our thanks and praise. For the light of Christ is found in the resurrection, we see Christ in his glory, and we receive the gift of grace. We sing and we trust that the light of Christ will never burn out, it will never be dim, it will not let us stumble in the darkness, no, Christ's light will shine and guide our steps. This is why Easter matters. God the creator of the world and liberator of all people has brought Jesus to new life, and through the resurrection of Jesus we are freed from our fears and ignited with the light of Christ. It's through Jesus Christ that we are forgiven, set free and saved by grace. There is no greater love than this and nothing compares to this grace.

On this Easter my we be rooted in the promises of forgiveness and grace that comes from a crucified and risen Savior. As we worship together, with all of the wonderful Easter hymns, remember that we worship a God who gave everything so we might know the comfort and promise of grace. Remember that when the fanfare of Easter fades and the work week resumes that we are still covered in God's abundant grace. Remember that as we go about our daily lives and Easter Sunday fades from our memory that God is still loving us and Christ still died and rose again so we might know this AMAZING GRACE! Take in the Holy moments of Holy Week and let the Holy Spirit wash over you as you worship on Easter Sunday and know that God's love is why Easter matters. Thanks be to God. I look forward to Easter Worship and the blessed sacred journey of Holy Week.

Partners in sharing God's grace,
Pastor Paul

COUNCIL CORNER

April 2026



Dear Faith family,

Grace and Peace to you! The council is so excited to be in place as Faith Lutheran Hamilton celebrates 75 years as a church. A church built first and foremost, as Peter says, of *living stones*. You and I, and the sisters and brothers who lived with us in the flesh years ago and now live with us in Spirit. The walls built on the foundation of our Cornerstone, Jesus.

We face the future from a place of abundance of resources, a growing family of new faces who have found a family here where we all have, Faith Hamilton. And new children and babies, oh my! What a joyful noise they make! We old-timers rejoice in the children!

Look for many opportunities, both to serve and to be fed, spiritually and physically, throughout the year. Pray for your pastor and staff, and your council, as we pray to be humble and faithful stewards of this beautiful family of God.

Respectfully submitted
Rick Brown LMA Steward of Discipleship

Thank you and Welcome to Susan Peterson and Barb Anderson! We are so grateful that our open council positions have all been filled! 🙏

Easter brunch is a long tradition here at Faith Lutheran, but did you know our Easter breakfast benefits our youth scholarship program? It's a wonderful way to gather and give back. If you missed it know you can still contribute your donation, just see Mark Livesay.

There also is a men's breakfast held once a month (see calendar) a casual wonderful opportunity for fellowship and connection within our church family. All are welcome.

-LaDonna Grotbo, Steward of Communication

FLC COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President/Convener: Cory Keith
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Finance: Susan Peterson
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If you would like to look at the Faith Lutheran Church Financial Statement, please email the Steward of Finance, Susan Peterson:

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GRATITUDE

A big shout out and **thank you** to Brooke Kimzey for organizing the Women's Book Study. It's nice to get together!

Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for my care package. It made my day and I shared the snacks with a few girls on my floor. Rice Krispie treats are my favorite, and I appreciate all the goodies. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers, it means a lot to me.

Sincerely,
Elaina Lewis

Hi!! I wanted to say thank you so much for the box you guys sent me. It makes me so happy and I have loved reading the scripture every day included in that little love outpoured book. I wish I had one for every day of the year! Thank you for always thinking of me. Love and miss you all

-Bella Sidoruk

COMMUNITY MEALS

Tuesday, April 28th will be the next time Faith volunteers prepare the Community Meal. Meal preparation begins at 1 pm in the Faith kitchen that day and serving is later from 5 – 6 pm at the Cornerstone Church. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, you can always check with Linda Beyer, the Community Meal Coordinator at 406-207-3471. Our members who give money to support this program, food to help cut costs, and their time to prepare and serve these meals do make a difference. In February our team served dine-in, take out, and delivered meals to a subsidized rent building for a total of 153 serving.

FAITH LADIES' LUNCH

The Ladies' Lunch will meet on Friday April 10 instead of the 3rd. We meet at the Coffee Cup at 1 PM. Questions? Call Sandy Russ at 406-531-0424 or Anita Bell at 406-961-4656.

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Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Quilting 9-noon	2 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm	3 Good Friday Service 7 pm	4
5 Easter Worship 8 am & 10 am Easter Breakfast between services Benefits Scholarship Fund	6 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	7	8	9	10 Ladies' Lunch 1 pm @ Coffee Cup	11
12 Bible Camp Worship 9:30 am	13 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	14	15 Quilting 9 am-noon	16 Men's Breakfast 9 am	17	18
19 Worship 9:30 am	20 Deadline to submit content for the newsletter Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 9:30 am	27 Simple Way 3 & 5:30 pm	28 Community Meal prep 1 pm serve 5 pm @ Cornerstone	29 Quilting 9 am-noon	30	<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>SAVE THE DATES! VBS 2026 JULY 6-10 @ FAITH</p> </div>	



Riggins E. 3
Shirley S. 8
Charles P. 10
Sally P. 11

Royal B. 12
Barbara L. 12
Jack L. 12
Brooklyn D. 13
LaDonna G. 13
Lila D. 15
Barb A. 16

Bonnie S. 18
Brady M. 20
Deb C. 21
Sue R. 21
Luke M. 22
Nicole L. 23
Emily H. 24

Robert M. 24
Jenny W. 24
Ryan F. 26
Carol M. 26
Seth M. 32
Bill M. 30