



Faith Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

May 2026

FROM PASTOR CATIE

"I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say
Word of God speak
Would you pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see
Your majesty To be still and know
That you're in this place
Please let me stay and rest In your holiness
Word of God speak"
-Word of God Speak by: Mercy Me

As I reflect on Esther's baptism, I am finding myself at a loss for words. I have talked to people about their baptism, having their children baptized, or what baptism means. I have written papers about the theology of baptism in seminary. I've talked about Esther's baptism as we thought about who we would want to baptize her. Would it be me or someone else so that I could be mom. Then of course there was all the planning that goes into having family and friends present both physically and online.

After all this talking the day has come and gone. And now I sit a little speechless. At first, I was surprised that I couldn't put my feelings about this day into words yet. But then I remembered this song. It is okay to be at a loss for words. It's important to slow down, to hear what God has to say, and to stay and rest in God's presence.

Maybe you too have found yourself at a loss for words after a big life experience. Or maybe you are feeling the busyness of this season, finding yourself speechless as you go from one thing to the next and the next.

I hope that you can be reminded, like I was, to take that speechlessness as a good thing. Take this opportunity to not worry about speaking, and to listen to what God is saying. To sit and rest in the presence of God. What is God saying to you in this moment?

Peace,
Pastor Catie

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Faith Lutheran,

Spring has officially sprung! Despite a few winter storms, we had a wonderful Holy Week and Easter Sunday celebration. We also were able to celebrate five more first communions for our younger congregants followed by an Easter brunch to wrap it up.

On April 18th, we hosted a craft event to raise funds for our education program; thank you Jacque for putting this together! The event was well attended and a great time. We will be looking to continue offering exciting events for our church and community.

As we look forward to the warmer weather and our snowbirds returning to the Northwoods, we have an event coming up. On May 3, we will be doing our highway cleanup paired with a church and grounds cleanup. Many hands make light work, and we could really use your help. Please consider participating and making Faith shine!

The parking lot will be repaved sometime soon, and we are still asking for donations to cover that cost. Marge Anderson has donated her time and talent by creating five beautiful quilts that we are hoping to auction off. To get the most out of her hard work, we need a committee to assist with the planning and implementation of this auction and or sale. Please consider joining the committee.

Together, we can make great things happen!

Peace,
Amy

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.

QUILTING - Please join us every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the lower level of the church. No experience necessary!

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday school is based on availability of teachers. Please check the bulletin board for the most accurate schedule and consider signing up to teach a Sunday or two. Invite your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to join in the fun!

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!

ONLINE GIVING - You can support our mission easier than ever with our donation platform! You can visit faith3lakes.churchtrac.com and contribute securely online. When utilizing ChurchTrac to electronically donate to Faith Lutheran Three Lakes, please take the following into consideration:

Go to: faith3lakes.churchtrac.com

Go to: "On-Line Giving" click "Give Now"

Enter: "User Name and Password" OR "Create a New Account"

Complete Donation Details: (Prayerfully consider "Clicking" on the "Help Cover the Card Processing Fee")

Thank you for your continued support!

COMMUNION ASSISTANT - We are creating a new way to serve in worship! In the past, the reader also served as the communion assistant. However, some folks have expressed interest in serving communion but are not interested in reading. Moving forward, anyone who would like to be a communion assistant can let the office know! If no communion assistant is assigned, we ask that the reader continue to serve in this way as well.

BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH

May 8 – Jacque Deditz & Marshall Rawoens

May 9 – Hunter St. Louis & Linda Fowles

May 19 – Peyton Erikson

May 24 – Hannah Peterson

May 26 – Kathy Gilbertson & Kari Volk

May 29 – Kallie Volk

OUT OF THE OFFICE – Pastor Catie will not be holding office hours the week of May 4th.

LIGHT THE FIRE – On Sunday, May 31st at 6:30 pm we will host a "Light the Fire" event. This is a way to kick off the summer and support Fortune Lake.

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

Year: 2026

Month: March

of Services: 4

Average: 21

Average online: 30

Year: 2026

Month: April

of Services: 5

Average: 38

Average online: 34

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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

Patrick Iverson, Brittany, PJ Kasmarek, Sherry Family, Dale Raatz, Eric Swanson, Trudy Klauk, Vickie Ganske, Ken Moak, Karen Hren, Marge Czernicki, Ann Woelfel, Duane Bonack, Rick Gensler Sr., Ruth Sammetinger, Beth Schomisch, Kris Tenges, Dianne Passehl, Nancy Hartman, and Jackie Sunn.

ALL THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS AND WORRIED ABOUT MANY THINGS OUR CHURCH MINISTRIES

Congregation Council
Board of Worship Life (BOWL)
Board of Outreach
Board of Trustees
Board of Education
Faith Filled Backpack Program

OUR PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, INCLUDING

St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church
Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church
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 CONGREGATION

Treasurer's Report

GENERAL FUND YEAR-TO-DATE REPORT*

*Numbers in (...) are negative

Month	Donations	Expenses	Net/Month
Feb	\$7,130.07	\$9,212.39	(\$2,082.32)
Mar	\$6,867.61	\$10,786.63	(\$3,919.02)
Fiscal YTD	\$59,376.15	\$74,809.75	(\$15,433.60)

Stewardship Calendar for May 2026

	5/3	5/10	5/17	5/24	5/31
<u>Reader</u>	Jan Harris	Johnathon Coggins	Karen Meyer	Phoebe Pettingell	Linda Swanson
<u>Communion Assistant</u>	Jan Harris	Johnathon Coggins	Karen Meyer	Phoebe Pettingell	Vickie Johnson
<u>Greeter</u>	Jan Harris	Amy Davis & Debby Carlson	Linda Fowles	Amy Davis & Debby Carlson	Tom & Miriam Bredesen
<u>Acolyte</u>					

<u>Music</u>	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss
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<u>Livestream</u>	Brad Bisnette	Kristi Erikson	Gretchen Dobbins	Brad Bisnette	Kristi Erikson
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WEEKEND BACKPACK SCHEDULE

1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Victoria Sherry	Diane Kliss	Deb Carlson	Marge Anderson
Rob Peterson	Jan Harris	Linda Swanson	Donna Liedtke
		Vickie Johnson	
Last day of school: 6/4/26			

May 2026

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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3 9:00 am Holy Communion Highway Clean Up	4 Pastor Catie does not have office hours this week	5	6 12:30 pm Quilting	7	8	9
10 9:00 am Holy Communion	11	12 Council 7:00 pm	13 12:30 pm Quilting	14	15	16
17 9:00am Holy Communion Sunday School	18	19	20 12:30 pm Quilting	21	22	23
24 9:00 am Holy Communion	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26	27 12:30 pm Quilting	28	29	30
31 9:00 am Holy Communion Sunday School Light the Fire 6:30 pm						



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WORKING TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL HERE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

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Three Lakes, WI 54562

Church Office: 715-546-2770

Office Administrator hours:

Tue/Wed 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Pastor Catie office hours:

Mon 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (at Mugs*)

Tue/Wed 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Thu 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

*if Mugs is closed, an alternative coffee shop
will be utilized.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am

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