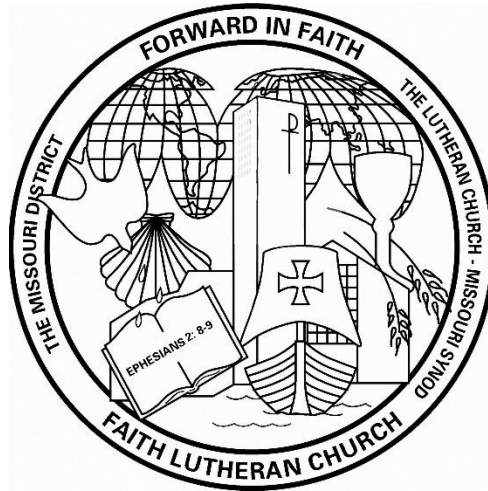


Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

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Kelly Hart & William Schatte, Youth Directors

Will Otten, Music Director

Our Mission Statement

“We live Christ’s love and proclaim His salvation to our community and world through Word and Sacraments.”

Announcements and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

Opening Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds – LSB 465

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

LSB – 203

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Acts 8:26-40 [ESV] — Pew Bible p. 1089

1 John 4:1-11 [ESV] — Pew Bible p. 1212

John 15:1-8 [ESV] — Pew Bible p. 1071

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill – LSB 698

Sermon

"Connected"

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of the Altar

(Please bring offerings forward)

(Children are invited upstairs to sing; everyone is welcome to sing along!)

Children's Choir

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another – AGPS 72

Into My Heart

Distribution Hymns

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won — LSB 490

Take My Life and Let It Be – LSB 783

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus – LSB 821

Postlude

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist:	Will Otten
Faithful Ringers Director:	Joanne Scheperle
Altar Guild:	Diane Fischer & Linda Hardwick
Greeters:	8:00 Jeanie Holt & Lila Pritchett 10:30 Jan & Gary Sonnenberg
Acolytes:	8:00 Lydia Spratt & Harrison West 10:30 Ava Metz & Oliver Metz
Audio/Visual:	8:00 Rebecca Mueller 10:30 Gage Pavely
Readers:	8:00 Janice Williams 10:30 Ada Skelton
Ushers:	8:00 Team 1 10:30 Team 2
Assisting Elders:	8:00 Gary Oberkrom 10:30 Keith Monson

Welcome to Faith Lutheran

We are glad that you are here to worship with us! Guests wishing to commune with us for the first time are asked to refer to the *Who Are We?* card in the pew racks. We offer both alcoholic (red) and non-alcoholic (white) wine, and gluten-free host is available upon request.

Tithes and offerings may be placed in the collection plate prior to communion or handed to an usher after service.

Families with Infants and Toddlers: Thank you for bringing your little ones to church! We're glad you're here! We offer a nursery on the lower level by the elevator, staffed during the Sunday School/Bible Class hour and late morning service. We also have a Cry Room located on the main level by the elevator.

Confirmation Sunday

May 5th will be Confirmation, during the 10:30 service. There will be a reception for the confirmands in the Fellowship Hall between services and ALL are welcome and encouraged to attend and celebrate with our confirmands! There will be no Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall, but **all other classes will meet that day.**

Congratulations and blessings on all our confirmands!!!

Pastor Rich will begin a Bible Class on Sunday, May 12th during the education hour. Join us as we investigate the Scriptures and better understand what we, as Christians, believe.

THIS WEEK at FAITH

Today	8:00 a.m. Worship Service*
	9:00 a.m. Fellowship
	9:30 a.m. SS/Confirmation/Bible Classes
	10:30 a.m. Worship Service
	6:00 p.m. New Member Class
Monday	9:00 a.m. Pickleball (C)
	1:15 p.m. Artists Helping Artists
	6:00 p.m. Faithful Ringers
Tuesday	5:00 p.m. Pickleball (R/C)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Dorcas Hand Quilters
	9:00 a.m. Pickleball (C)
	11:00 a.m. Prayer Group
	5:00 p.m. Pickleball (R)
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Men's Coffee
	9:00 a.m. Schubert Braille
	4:00 p.m. Scrappy Quilters
	5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
	6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
Friday	9:00 a.m. Pickleball (C)
	9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
	5:00 p.m. Pickleball (R/C)
Saturday	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study @ Dunn Bros. Coffee
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m. Worship Service*
	9:00 a.m. Fellowship
	9:30 a.m. SS/Confirmation/Bible Classes
	10:30 a.m. Worship Service
	6:00 p.m. New Member Class

Have you joined the Faith Family since 2020?

This includes youth Confirmands too! If so, you are invited to our New Members catered meal on Sunday, May 19 from 12-2pm. New members will get a chance to meet many of our Congregational Leaders. Please RSVP to the church office by May 10th.

2024 ELDER ZONES

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1	Don Ittner	A-	Boyum
2	Rodney Hart	Brandes	Dlouhy
3	Gary Oberkrom	Doering	Gottman-Carlson
4	Pat Martens	Grimes	Hubbard
5	John Eddy	Ittner	Knotts
6	Steve Erhart	Kral	McKinney
7	Stan Cowan	Mehmert	Pavely
8	Matt Skelton	Persinger	Scott
9	Earl Schuessler	Sebastian	Thompson
10	Keith Monson	Tipton	-Z

WHO IS MY ELDER? Faith Lutheran Church currently has 643 members. To assist and aid our fellow members in their time of need – whether spiritual or informational, the Board of Elders has divided our membership into “Zones” or groups of about 65 individuals per each of the ten Elders.

It is the responsibility of each Elder to be your “point of contact” when you seek information about the church, spiritual beliefs, or you simply need someone to talk with and/or just listen. Elders try hard to communicate with each of its zone members, but sometimes contacts cannot be made in a timely fashion.

Therefore, the Board of Elders want to share the above chart with you which provides the necessary information you need in the event you wish to contact your specific Elder.

For contact information about your Elder please call the church office.

Jr. High Youth and PATCH are coming together for a fishing afternoon on Saturday, May 18 from 3-5 at the Lake of the Oberkroms. Bring life jackets for the kids and your own bait and poles. It's o-FISH-al ... you'll have a *fantastic* time! Talk to Holly or Gary for more information or questions.

The 23rd annual Faith Family Floatcation is July 28 - 31 at Circle B Campground in Eminence, MO. Through the years we have had over 100 people be part of our trips at least once. If you're interested in joining us or just getting more details, talk to the Oberkroms or Haenchens. There are camping sites available. There may be some cabins available, but you may be put on a wait list.

Directory Photos

Congratulations, we have reached 62%! We are getting close. The Photo Booth will remain in place for April. Please send pics to: office@faithinjeffcity.org
Photos from home are welcome as well.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY:

Donate broken or unused jewelry (costume included) and put it in the "Butterfly Box" in the Narthex. The jewelry will be given to MONARCH in St Louis where it will be recreated or repaired and sold with the monies going to support children and adults who are abused and exploited. Thanks for your help!

Annual Youth Rummage Sale

May 30 - June 1. Please bring your donations to the church gym between May 12 and May 29.

Just a Reminder!
Bulletin items and announcement slides are due to the church office by Wednesday at noon! Thank you!

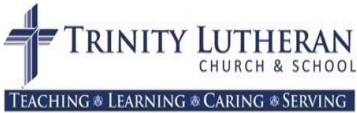
Nicaragua - Church Pews

Faith Lutheran Church has an opportunity to help provide a place to sit for our brothers and sisters in Christ. The small Lutheran congregations in Nicaragua often have no permanent seating, leaving worshipers to rely on plastic lawn chairs or to stand. During a mission trip to Nicaragua in June, we hope to help finance and build pews for several churches. The pews cost about \$150 each. Our goal is to supply 32 pews, spread among four congregations. So our fundraising goal is \$4,800. You can help by making a donation for a pew – or a part of a pew – during the month of April. Donation slips are available near the Welcome Table in the church entryway. Checks can be made to Faith Lutheran Church with a notation in the memo line for the CALMS/International Fund.

Faith Lutheran youth board is looking for a mission-minded individual with a desire to work part-time with Jr. High School youth. Tasks include organizing and communicating information about monthly activities and Bible Studies. For more information, contact Trina Lieb at 12345liebs@gmail.com or 573-619-5926.



Today's altar flowers are given by Steve and Elaine Erhart in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.



2024-2025 ENROLLMENT & PRE-K OPENINGS

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in Trinity Lutheran School contact the school office at 636-7807. We would be happy to schedule a time for you to tour our school and learn more about what we have to offer! We are enrolling for PK-8th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. The Pre-K class has a few openings, so call today to reserve your spot.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

As we look forward to the 2024-2025 school year, Trinity Lutheran School is seeking to call Christ-centered individuals to fill the following full-time position: Middle School math or science. Successful candidates will provide spiritual leadership in all relationships with students, parents, faculty, and staff as they carry out plans and programs to achieve the responsibilities assigned. The constitution of the congregation requires that every member be given the opportunity to suggest names to fill the position. If you have questions or concerns about this process, or would like to suggest a name for consideration, please contact Jonathan Sprengel, Principal at 573-636-7807 or jsprengel@trinityjc.org.

POSITION AVAILABLE – Calvary Lutheran High School is seeking a mission-minded individual to teach one credit of Art for the 2024-2025 school year. Interested applicants can contact Principal Erich Ahlers at (principal@calvarylhs.org) or 573.638.0228. Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled. They may also be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

TWENTY YEARS OF CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENTS! – Assemble your team and shine your clubs! The **20th** annual Calvary Benefit Golf Tournament is ***Friday, May 31, 2024*** at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton! Consider entering a team, sponsoring a hole, or volunteering your time to help! We would love to have you! Contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org with your interest. To register your team, go to calvarylhs.org/golftournament
Space is Limited!

SPRING CONCERT ON FRIDAY – Join Calvary in celebration of the arts this Friday, May 3 at 7:00pm. Calvary's band, choirs, soloists, dancers, and artists will present a beautiful night of entertainment. Come join us!

Prayer Requests

Pat Wojciehowski, Jenny Custard, Eddie Mueller, Bobbie Strobe, Elizabeth Beach, David Opel, Judy Meisel, Marvin Loesch, Mervin Seidel, Carol Seidel, John Leary, Sheryl Grimes, Linda Ruland, Winston Rutledge, Sherrill Hackett, Stephen Hopkins, LC Stalcup, Hans Weber

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Garrett Johnson, Robert Williams, Brad Bates, Beau Monson, Jason Thompson, Mary Williams, Micah Davis, Don Mueller, Jim Weber, Wyatt Byrum, Rebecca Ittner, Ben Reifschneider, Alicia Rodriguez, Marissa Schnieders, Mary Kate Rathmann

Last Weeks' Attendance & Weekly Offering

Sunday Service Attendance: 8:00 – 181 / 10:30 – 154 / **Total – 335**

Sunday School & Bible Class - 131

Offering: Regular & Building - \$15,121 / Special – \$7,522

Year-to-Date Contributions through March 2024

Actual Contributions \$268,493

Budgeted Contributions \$225,000

Over / (Under) \$ 43,493

CONNECTING WITH FAITH FOR MEMBERS

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b CHMS app for your phone: subdomain: **faithinjeffcity**

This is an online Directory for Faith Members.

Contact the office to sign-up by calling (573) 636-4602

or email: office@faithinjeffcity.org