



# Faith Family News

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## He Made All Things Beautiful!



Sometimes waiting is hard, but God has the perfect plan to help us grow and blossom the way He wants us to and become beautiful in His eyes.

*Isaiah 35:1-2*  
*<sup>1</sup> The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup> it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.*

Spring is not just the season for emotional, spiritual, and physical healing, but beautiful things that God has in store for us to step out and trust.

Praise be to God; winter does not last forever! In the depths of sorrow and pain that threatens to crush any remembrance of pleasurable times, one finds that the Man of all Seasons, Jesus, “waits with us, prunes us, and breaks our self-dependency.” He who raises the dead lets His glorious light shine into our lives, so we might see, hear, and taste the goodness He is about to give us. The moment God chooses, spring breaks forth and new life returns, and with it incredible hope.

*Ecclesiastes 3:1,11*  
*<sup>1</sup> To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: . . . <sup>11</sup> He hath made everything beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.*

Just like God has plans for the plants and flowers to grow and blossom and be beautiful, He has plans for us to grow and blossom and be beautiful to Him. We need to be patient and remember that God is the one who decides when things happen.

Be patient and wait for all the good and beautiful things He has planned for us.

Spring is the time of newness, growth, and splendor. How I love to smell the very subtle soft, sweet, musky scent of flowers blooming, brown grass giving way to green lawns, and birds returning and chirping their beautiful songs! It is a time to rest and a time to rejuvenate. Spring into what wonderful new things that God has in store for you.

God made beautiful things, and remember, one of them is you.

*Pastor Disha A. Rounds-Smith*

Many blessings,  
Pastor Trisha

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*Psalm 32:8 (NKJV)*

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Oh how great is Your goodness to us God! You are our faithful protector and provider.*

Hello Church, we praise Him for He is always at work. We praise Him for the faithful servants here at Faith Lutheran Church. Just take a look around

and you can see smiling faces that care for one another. I want to thank you all for the successful fundraising we have had and continue to have. Thank you to the Property team that picked up chairs to be used in various locations around the church. They were acquired at no cost to us!

The Council would like to thank the Endowment Committee for the generous donation that will provide the funds to replace the old Sunday School wing boiler with a modern heating and cooling system. Praise His name!

We would also like to thank the multiple families that have donated the money needed to buy a digital soundboard. We will worship Him with excellence! We must be a people that serve Him and others with our whole heart. To God be the glory! Amen.

*Elizabeth George  
Church Council President*

## NURSE'S CORNER

### April is Stress Awareness Month



Feeling STRESSED?? Yipes, can I relate to this topic! Can anyone reading this relate to feeling a little stressed-out at times?? How appropriate that there is even a month designated to address this issue!!

Stress can be felt differently for each individual. While one may be stressed easily in a given situation, another manages the stress better. Stress causes anxiety and when anxiety goes 'too far' it becomes paralyzing or inhibits the actives of daily living. It is important to "de-stress", especially when it becomes severe enough to affect your day-to-day life.

#### Here are some tips for reducing stress:

- Take 5 minutes and sit quietly, eyes closed, and breathe slow and deep
- Prioritize the most important things you need to do
- Don't "sweat the small stuff"

- Come to Church! People who come attend church often cope with stress better
- Be sure to take time to "play" – have some social outlet in your life, laugh!
- Protect your sleep! Your body's natural healing abilities require it!
- Take care of yourself. I realize that "Stressed" spelled backwards is "Desserts" but be sure to eat healthy so you can feel your best.

PRAY! Prayer is a stress-reliever. Learn to "Let go and Let God".

*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.  
– 1 Peter 5:7*



# The Annual Walk Begins April 1!



Our annual walk will be to Ukraine this year to support a ministry called “The Family Table.” As you may know, Ukraine is still at war and families and individuals are still struggling. This ministry reaches out to offer support and needs to those “overlooked by society”. The Walk begins April 1, so sign up now outside the Parish Nurse’s office.

*“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” Luke 14:13-14*



## Thank You Jim Hansen! April 7<sup>th</sup> Between Services

After over seven years, Jim Hansen is passing down the leadership of the Sunday Morning Bible Class. He has been faithful and devoted to sharing God’s Word with anyone walking through the door. He will still be mentoring the group and the new leader. If you would like to write him a note or bring a card, a basket will be on the table that morning.

Let’s gather to say thank you to Jim for a job well done!

## S.T.A.R.S. April Luncheon

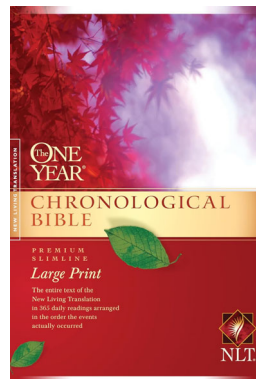
CALLING ALL STARS! Please plan to join us for our next event on Tuesday, April 9 as we welcome Roxann Ad- amson, Director of the Moline Activity Center. SO MUCH for seniors to do there! PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE PARISH NURSE BULLETIN BOARD!

**MEAL:** 11:30 | **PROGRAM:** 12:15 | **COST:** FREE will offering



## Yearly Bible Reading Group for April

The group will meet on Tuesday, April 30 to discuss their thoughts on the past month’s scripture readings from the Chronological Bible. Please bring your own dinner and drink so we can spend our time focused on getting to know each other and our thoughts. Anyone is welcome to join the group. Contact Deb Case at 309.558.8476 or [debjim1277@gmail.com](mailto:debjim1277@gmail.com).



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Mon, April 1

- Church Office Closed
- Start tracking your miles for the Annual Walk

#### Tue, April 2

- Foot Clinic

#### Fri, April 5

- Funeral—Gary Forret, 11 am

#### Sun, April 7

- Thank You for Jim Hansen, between services

#### Tue, April 9

- S.T.A.R.S. Luncheon, 11:30 am

#### Sat, April 13

- Funeral—Eileen Lister, 11 am

#### Sun, April 14

- Communion Sunday

#### Wed, April 24

- Faith Angel Meeting, 10 am

#### Sat, April 27

- Celebration of Life—Kenton Riceman, 10 am Visitation, 11 am Service

#### Sun, April 28

- Communion Sunday

#### Tue, April 30

- Yearly Bible Reading Group, 5:15 pm

# A·P·R·I·L

## Birthdays

April 2	Keith Crews	April 19	Jewell Halsted
April 4	Faith DeBlieck		Alyson Leonard
April 5	Amy Anderson	April 20	Candy Smith
April 6	Dan Whalen	April 23	Sheila Cain
April 8	Cari Burgess		Doris Swinburn
April 10	Andrew Burchfield	April 25	Bruce Bogen
	Greg Hinz	April 27	Marcia Crews
April 12	Norine Randazzo		Cynthia McKittrick
April 14	Ian Leonard	April 30	Sarah Znaniecki
April 15	Triston Crews		Scott Appel
April 16	Bobbi Shock		
April 18	Sherry Benhart		

## Anniversaries

April 15	Kent & Kathy Breecher
April 22	Tom & Liz Winckler

### Faith Angel Meeting, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am



Each month the group meets to discuss who in our congregation might need an act of kindness in their life. If you know of someone that could benefit from the group's mission or would like to join the Faith Angels, please contact Deb Case at 309.558.8476 or [debjim1277@gmail.com](mailto:debjim1277@gmail.com).

### Hands Only CPR



Hands Only CPR will be Monday, May 6 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. It is free for all to attend, but please sign up outside the Parish Nurse's office or email the church office.

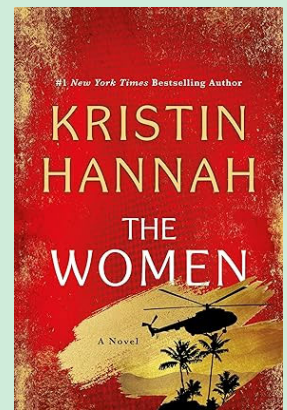
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### MEMBER SHUT-INS

Thelma Egeberg  
Judie Emmert  
Dorance Johnson  
Candy Smith

### MILITARY

Brady Barlow  
Drew Bogen  
Jeff Burchfield  
Cat Henry  
Doug Hoff  
Ray Rogers



### April Book of the Month

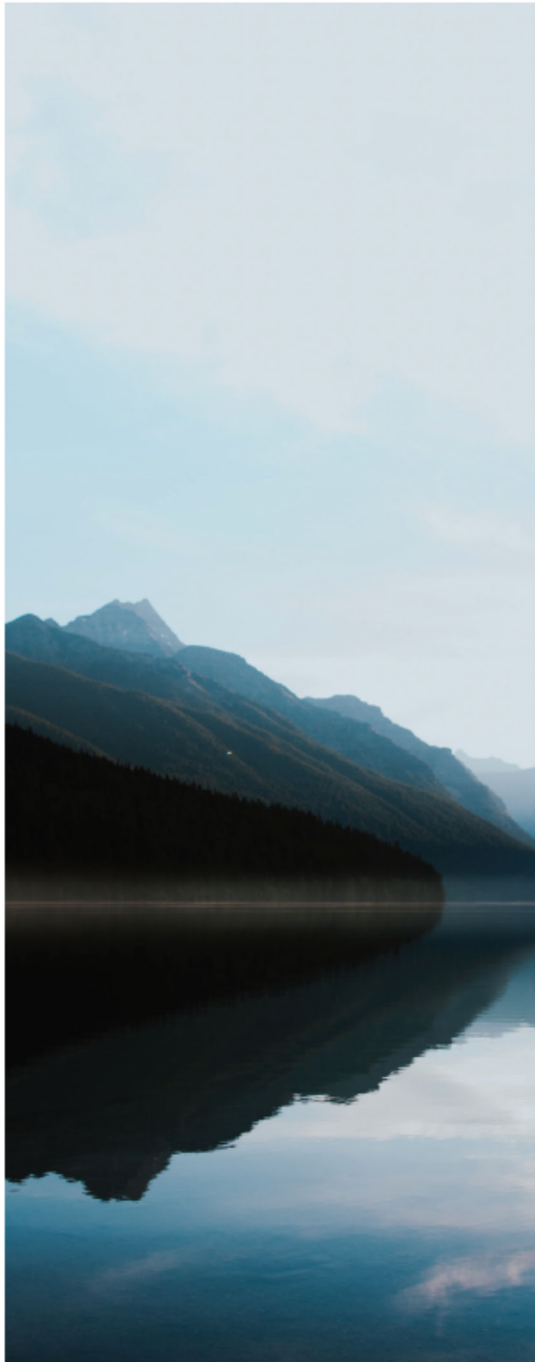
"The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable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

**The book club will meet Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am.**

# APRIL

JESUS' RHYTHMS OF RENEWAL

## READING PLAN



### WEEK 1

SATURDAY	MATTHEW 1-4:11
MONDAY	MATTHEW 1:17-25
TUESDAY	MATTHEW 2:1-12
WEDNESDAY	MATTHEW 2:13-23
THURSDAY	MATTHEW 3
FRIDAY	MATTHEW 4:1-11

### WEEK 2

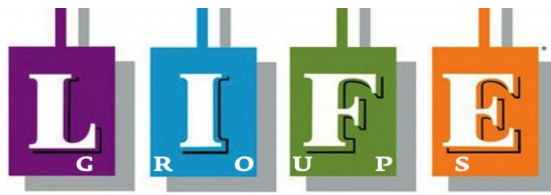
SATURDAY	MATTHEW 4-5
MONDAY	MATTHEW 4:12-25
TUESDAY	MATTHEW 5:1-12
WEDNESDAY	MATTHEW 5:13-20
THURSDAY	MATTHEW 5:21-32
FRIDAY	MATTHEW 5:33-48

### WEEK 3

SATURDAY	MATTHEW 6-7
MONDAY	MATTHEW 6:1-13
TUESDAY	MATTHEW 6:14-34
WEDNESDAY	MATTHEW 7:1-12
THURSDAY	MATTHEW 7:13-20
FRIDAY	MATTHEW 7:21-29

### WEEK 4

SATURDAY	MATTHEW 8-9
MONDAY	MATTHEW 8:1-13
TUESDAY	MATTHEW 8:14-27
WEDNESDAY	MATTHEW 8:28-34
THURSDAY	MATTHEW 9:1-17
FRIDAY	MATTHEW 9:18-38



Please check with instructor on when/if class is meeting.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP · SATURDAY 8:45 AM**

Men's Fellowship meets Saturdays in the Smart Room at Faith & goes out for breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. This is a group you will look forward to every week. All are invited. Contact the church office for more info.

**WOMEN'S GROUP · SATURDAY 8:45 AM**

Join Linda Cothron as they enjoy coffee and Bible study each Saturday morning at Faith. One Saturday they meet out for breakfast. Contact Linda at (309) 738-9425. All are welcome to attend.

**BOOK CLUB · LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

This group reads the book of the month and meets to discuss the book. Books can be purchased on the church bookstore. Questions? Contact Peggy Bartels at (309) 737-5286.

**THE LAZARUS CONNECTION · MONDAY 5:30 PM**

This VDC Men's Reunion Group meets every Monday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the church. This casual group is for men who want to stay connected and accountable on their weekly walk with Christ. For more information contact Jim Case at (309) 798-4176 or [jcase1277@gmail.com](mailto:jcase1277@gmail.com).

**SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER · MONDAY 5:00 PM**

Come pray with our prayer warriors as they confidentially pray for members, our community, and our leaders each week. All are welcome. Have a request for prayer? You can contact Beth George at (563)209-2083 or by leaving a prayer request in the heart shaped pray box.

**FAITHFUL QUILTERS · TUESDAY 9:00 AM**

This group meets each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am for several hours to work on quilting and crafting. Contact Sandy Perry at (309) 762-6563.

**MEN'S GROUP · THURSDAY 6:30 PM**

Cool Dudes coffee group is meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. Contact Todd Rittenhouse at (309) 721-2006 to join in. All are welcome to attend.

**WOMEN'S CONNECTION · DAILY ON FACEBOOK**

The greatest of these is love! Join us for a daily devotion! Visit our Facebook page at Faith Lutheran Church and press the "join" button or feel free to call Barb at (309) 738-4228.

**SUNDAY MORNING LIFE GROUP · SUNDAY 9:40-10:40**

Join this Life Group in the smart room for a video-led Bible study. Join the group anytime. Books are available for purchase in the church bookstore. Contact the church office for more info.

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**Sunday Services**  
8:30 am  
10:45 am  
9:40 am Sunday School  
*(5<sup>th</sup> Sunday is one service at 10:00 am)*

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE