

FAITH at WORK

March 2020



FROM THE PASTOR

Sisters and brothers in Christ -

In early March, a meme going around social media said “Honestly I wasn’t planning on giving up this much for Lent.” At the time that I read it, I found it wryly amusing. Now it reminds me that in many ways, I still feel that I am in Lent.

Yes, the liturgical calendar reminds us in the Easter season. But at the same time, this is an Easter unlike any that many of us have ever known. Instead of lilies and the organ loudly playing “Thine is the Glory” I’ve found myself on many Sunday mornings quietly reading alone, waiting for the rest of the house to wake up and preparing for livestreaming. I have eaten the chocolate peanut butter eggs (a great weakness of mine), had the foods that Vanessa and I associate with

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Pentecost

Sunday, May 31, 2020



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Easter, read the readings, sung some of the hymns. I've looked at various paintings (three of my favorites you can find at the bottom of this letter).

But it hasn't felt like Easter. It's felt like an inbetween season as I stand in line to enter the grocery store, wearing my mask, looking at other faces with nervousness in the eyes. It's felt like a Lenten season as I look at colleagues on video conferences who are trying to learn how to be pastors in a suddenly digital only age. It's felt like Lent when I have spoken to members who are grieving a loved one, or people worried about whether they will have a job, or when they will see family again.

It's felt like Lent as we are here – in our own houses, with the doors shut, split into family units, safe at home, but knowing that we have a long season ahead of us. All of our leaders have noted that we have an uncertain road ahead of us, a season of starting and stopping, of moving together, cautiously, hopefully.

In this season – in all seasons we have the risen Christ with us as well. Remember that the women (who first came to the tomb) and the disciples were scared and uncertain in Easter. They didn't approach it as a time of trumpets blaring, but in solitude, in darkness before dawn. They went to cemeteries, they were at the edges, they were locked in rooms. In this Easter, we might feel a bit more like our ancestors in faith, wondering what will happen next. We know that Christ is raised but we also know that our reality feels different and uncertain.

Luther said “Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime.” In this inbetween time (and I write this as the rains are falling here in Oregon), look, listen, pray for the signs of the resurrection. Consider them in the scriptures, in God's good creation, in the love of family, friends and strangers. Look for them in flowers, in songs that give you hope, in the smile of those close to you and those separated by a screen. And work with me and the council for planning how we will be together again in. Know that for a while at least, things will be different – except for the Good News of God's Love in Christ Jesus our Lord. That is a constant.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Mark Bringman

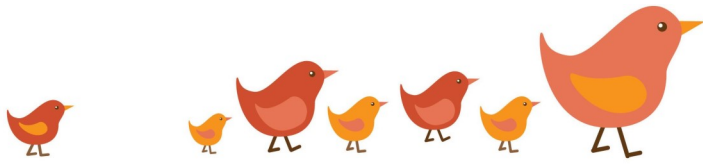
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PRAYER CHAIN

We are asking anyone in the prayer chain to lift up the concerns of Faith Lutheran Church weekly (which could be as little as taking a few seconds and asking God's to be with all of those concerns and as much as lifting them up by name) and to pray for other concerns as they are shared. Peggy Preston will be heading up the prayer chain. **If you are interested in being on the prayer chain, send her an email: pegpreston@aol.com**



MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

In the name of
JESUS CHRIST, we lift up all
MOTHERS today.

We thank them for their
sacrifices so that we can
have a life of contentment.
Grant them favor, Lord and
may they have a
wonderful place in existence
in Your heart of **GRACE**.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 2020

STAFF

Pastor	Mark Bringman
Office Manager	Nance G
Organist/Pianist	Cheryl B.
Custodian	Terry B.

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Worship & Music	Terry Virnig
Youth Facilitator	Kayleigh Cannady Shultz
Mission Endowment Fund	Gordy Gamet



Reach out to each other!



Undesignated Income: \$7,669.42

Budgeted Undesignated In-
come: \$8,416.67

Net Undesignated Income: (\$747.25)

Total Expenses: \$3,116.005

Total Net Income: \$8,123.96



Stay Home Except for Essential Needs

On March 23, Gov. Kate Brown issued [Executive Order 20-12](#), effective immediately until further notice. This is a statewide order. Failure to comply with the order will be considered an immediate danger to public health. For more information, read [the latest press release](#). In short, here is what is allowed and what is not. Staying at home as much as possible during this time will save lives.

Allowed

(must keep 6 feet from others)

- Hospitals and health care
- Grocery stores
- Banks and Credit Unions
- Pharmacies
- Take-out/delivery from restaurants and bars
- Pet stores
- Gas stations
- Certain retail stores
- Outdoor activities like walking your dog, jogging, or biking in your neighborhood
- **Child care facilities and babysitters (only if abiding by new rules)**

BE SAFE & WASH YOUR HANDS.

Not Allowed

- Social gatherings (parties, celebrations) with people from outside of your household
- Dine-in restaurants and bars
- Nightclubs and concerts
- Shopping at outdoor or indoor malls and retail complexes
- Gyms, sports and fitness centers, health clubs, and exercise studios, dance and yoga studios
- Hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, day spas and massage services, non-medical wellness spas, cosmetic stores, tattoo parlors
- Theaters, amusement parks, arcades, bowling alleys, music concerts, sporting events, museums, skating rinks
- State parks, playgrounds, campgrounds, pools, skate parks, festivals

Path Forward

A robust public health framework: increased testing, contact tracing & effective isolation. West Coast states unveiled a unified approach to lifting lockdown orders and combating COVID-19 on Monday. The governors of Washington, Oregon, and California said they will only re-open their economies once COVID-19's rate of spread is on the decline.

"This effort will be guided by data," Washington Gov. Jay Inslee's office said in [the announcement](#). "We need to see a decline in the rate of spread of the virus before large-scale reopening, and we will be working in coordination to identify the best metrics to guide this."

The states will focus on four objectives now that their rates of new infections are slowing. They include protecting vulnerable populations, supporting the healthcare industry, mitigating the indirect health impacts of the pandemic on disadvantaged communities, and implementing a system of testing and tracking to protect the general public.

May 3rd Communion Service in Your Car

11:30 - 11:50 a.m. for people with the last name A - G,

11:50 - 12:10 a.m. for people with the last name H - O

12:10 - 12:30 a.m. for people with the last name P - Z

(these times are all rough guidelines, if you are early or late, no worries, this is just a rough outline)



We are looking to do a communion service in your car on Sunday May 3rd.

- a) Every household would come in their car and would not leave their car.
- b) Cars would BRING THEIR OWN COMMUNION ELEMENTS that would not leave the car (bread/crackers and grape juice/water/coffee [no alcohol because of open container laws/safe driving]).
- c) Cars would roll down their window to hear Pastor Mark (who would stand at least 10 feet away)
- d) Cars would distribute communion entirely within their own car (we want their to be no risk of infection going either way).
- e) This service would be very brief (a few minutes). Pastor Mark has spoken to a volunteer about helping to organize traffic. The brevity of the service would reflect the liturgy that Pastor Mark uses for homebound communion: scripture, prayer, the Lord's prayer, the meal, benediction. It is a full liturgy, but shorter to reflect health needs.
- f) Cars should enter the parking lot from the 18th street entrance and exit on the Queen Street side.

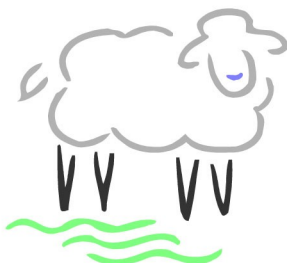
Good Shepherd Sunday (May 3rd)

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

THE GOOD
SHEPHERD
LAYS DOWN HIS

LIFE FOR
THE SHEEP.

JOHN 10:11



Dear to the *Heart* of the *Shepherd*

Dear are the *Lambs* of his *fold*

Some from the pasture are straying

Hungry and helpless and cold,

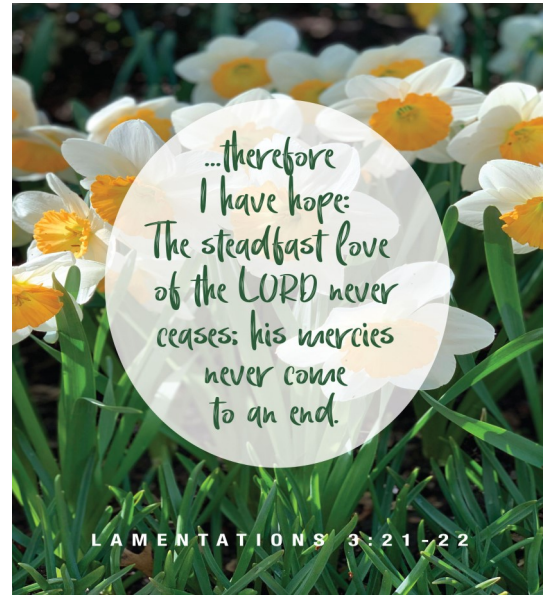
See the *Good Shepherd* is seeking,

Bringing them in with rejoicing

Saved at such infinite cost.

Today we face the trying times
Of heartache and pain.
Many hopes and dreams are shattered,
And prayers seem to be in vain.
With the hope of peace diminishing,
The heart has no definitive song.
We've waited for an end to hostilities,
But the struggle seems so long.

Yet - there is hope for the future,
Liberty and freedom are still in command,
But God will make the ultimate decisions.
He will evaluate our worldly demands,
And he holds the future in his grasp.
Why should we despair?



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Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo, (Spanish: "Fifth of May"), also called **Anniversary of the Battle of Puebla**, holiday celebrated in parts of Mexico and the United States in honor of a military victory in 1862 over the French forces of Napoleon III.

The day is celebrated in the state of Puebla with parades, speeches, and reenactments of the 1862 battle, though it is not much noticed in most of the rest of the country. In the mid-20th-century U.S., the celebration of Cinco de Mayo became among Mexican immigrants a way of encouraging pride in their Mexican heritage.

It's an opportunity to break out your favorite Mexican food and have a feast. Do you have a favorite? Share the recipe with your friends, then set a date and time to make it. Connect with each other via your favorite communication tool, then cook and eat together. It's a way to connect with friends and have a little fun.

Spring Planting: Salad Days

Spring in the Pacific Northwest gives us the opportunity to experiment with growing a wide diversity of quick growing, cool season loving vegetables, but wait too long to plant and the opportunity for the quintessential salad will pass you by as things heat up in early Summer.



Many of these vegetables are among the easiest to grow as long as they are planted early in the Spring and not maturing during hot weather. With proper planning and a little follow through you will be well on your way to an abundance of fresh veggies in as few as 4-6 weeks!



What does Jesus say about seeds?

Mark 4: 1-9 (Parable of the Sower)

Mark 4: 10-20 (The Purpose of the Parable)

Mark 4: 26-29 (Parable of the Growing Seed)

²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

May's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Janitor Cleaning	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	15	16

All activities suspended until further notice.

24	25	26	27	28 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Janitor Cleaning	29	30
31	1	2	3	4 8:00 AM Reports to Council Due 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Boy Scout District Mtg.	5 Pastor (Synod Assembly) 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM String Band Practice 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Janitor	6 Pastor (Synod Assembly) 10:00 AM Altar Guild Meeting

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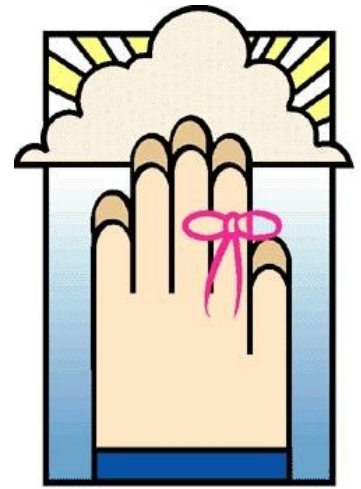
[visit our online calendar](#)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE NEEDING
STRENGTH, GUIDANCE AND HEALING:**

Tim B
Brenda Carroll
Sandy Hina
Robert Jon
Daniel Sullivan
Linda Gail Voet
Melba Wright
Brandon Crawford
Christopher
Noah Holman
Susan Johnson
Barbara Rose
Jerry Sheffield
Pat Norby
Eleanor Barr

Ray Barr
Gigi Douglas
Ron Wold
Chiera Family
SangSau Tran
Donna Zolotoff
Vern Zimbleman
Silas Haynes
Edwarda Prochnau
Cindy Harms
Lori Guerrero
Izzy Covalt
Mona Crawford
Kris Waskosky
Shedd Waskosky

Shirley Brudvig
Kristy Bishop
Oliver
Madielynn
Stephan Selvage
Patrick Selvage
Alberta Oster
Garrett Baarsch
Rosemary Aaberg



**PLEASE REMEMBER
THESE FRIENDS IN
PRAYER**

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND: Lou C, Bonnie K, Rita E, Betty K., Ruth Irwin

OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES.

Vicky Heintzman and Zolotoff Family

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord,

Make me an instrument of Your PEACE,
Where there is hatred, let me bring LOVE;

Where there is injury, FORGIVENESS;

Where there is discord, UNITY;

Where there is doubt, FAITH;

Where there is error, TRUTH;

Where there is darkness, LIGHT

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled, as to CONSOLE;

To be understood, as to UNDERSTAND;

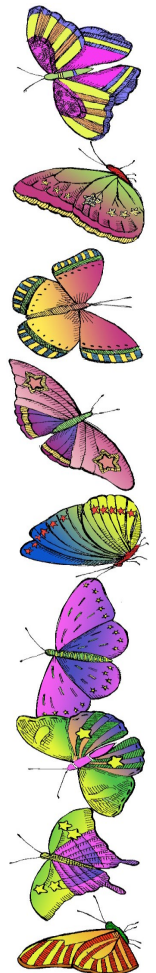
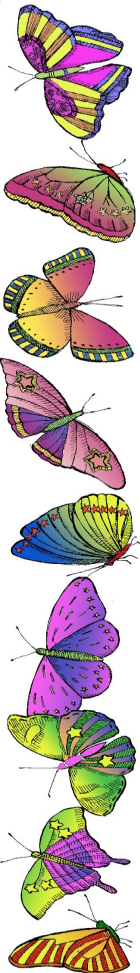
To be loved , as to LOVE;

For it is in giving, that we RECEIVE;

Its in forgiving ,that we are FORGIVEN;

And it is dying, that we are BORN to ETERNAL LIFE.

Amen.





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Sundays
Sunday School
9 am
Worship 10:15
am

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