



Faith Abounds!

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March 2025– From the Pastor’s Desk

“Let us break bread together on our knees...”

This hymn has been running through my mind as I have been thinking about this year’s journey through Lent. Lent is a time of contemplation and a turning back to God – both individually and as a community.

We will do Lent differently this year by joining together with Zion, Central, and Trinity Lutheran Churches for Lenten Worship Services. Together we can offer more meaningful worship and the gift of hearing from different voices, because just as our Gospel writers all write from a different perspective and to a different audience, we as pastors all bring a different perspective, shaped by who we are as people. Holy Lament is the theme of Wednesday evening worship with Holden Evening Prayer.

In addition we will gather for soup and study on Thursdays at 11:30 looking at one (or more) of the coming week’s readings and how they speak to us as we journey through Lent.

Pastor Pam

Council Notes:

During Lent and Holy Week this year, Faith will team with the congregations of Zion, Central, and Trinity in Everett to host mid-week Wednesday services and Holy Week services. Here is the schedule:

Ash Wednesday: on 3/5 at 6:30 pm at our church, Faith Lutheran Church, Everett.

Lenten Wednesday services: on 3/12; 3/19; 3/26; 4/2; and 4/9 at 6:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church of Everett, 4634 Alger Ave, Everett WA 98203.

Maundy Thursday: on 4/17 at 6:30 pm at Central Lutheran Church, 2702 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA 98201

Good Friday: on 4/18 at 6:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2324 Lombard Ave Everett, WA 98201.

To arrange carpooling, please contact Holly at (206) 910-5293.

Holly Sullivan
President

Readings for March

Mar 2--Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2; Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Mar 9--Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Mar 16--Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Mar 23--Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Mar 30--Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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and Sundays*

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(Please note office hours may vary)

Sunday Morning Worship:

10:30am- Worship Service (online and in person)

My Lenten Sacrifice

Please use the designated envelope to set aside the suggested \$1 a day for the 40 days of Lent, and return your envelope on Easter Sunday. The money will go to the Operating Fund to offset the deficit.

Baby Shower

We are celebrating Amanda, Conrad and Elsa on the upcoming birth of their little girl with the gift of quilts after worship on Sunday, March 2nd.



Faith Lutheran Church

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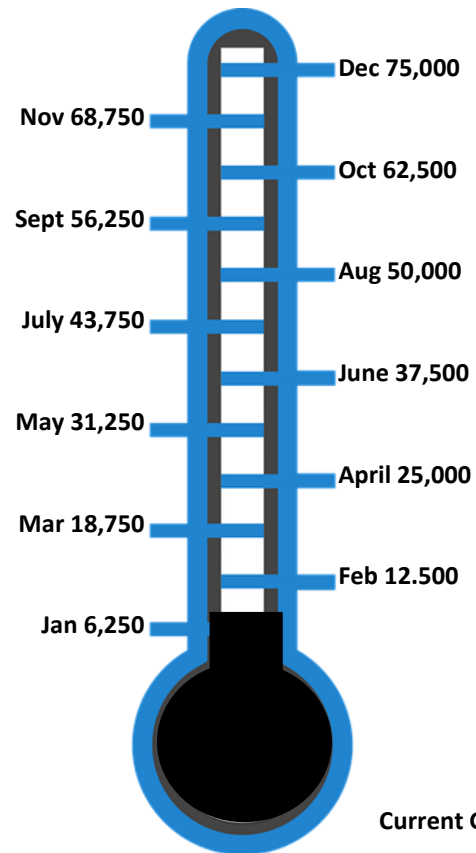
Ella Tuininga, Nancy Sunde, Ginni Hull.

Pastor Pam Karas

Council minutes are available in the office: if you would like them emailed to you, call or email the office.

Contributions To Date 2025

(Yearly Goal \$75,000)



Current Giving



Letter Calling for Compassion by Bishop Wee and Other Washington State Religious Leaders

This ecumenical letter was recently shared with local news outlets:

As Christians, we are called to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ, who welcomed strangers and emphasized love, mercy, and justice for all people. We believe that every human being, regardless of their country of origin or legal status, is created in the image of God and has inherent dignity and worth. This foundational truth compels us to approach the issue of immigration with compassion and a commitment to the common good.

Scripture repeatedly instructs us to love our neighbor and show the stranger hospitality. God commands the people of Israel, "The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself" (Leviticus 19:34). Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) shows us that caring for people in need is central to who we are as Christians. The parable also challenges us to acknowledge the goodness in all people because the "foreigner" in the story is the one who acts in the most Christlike way.

Christianity emphasizes both mercy and justice. Justice requires everyone, including immigrants, to be treated fairly and equitably. While upholding the rule of law is important, it must not be done in ways that dehumanize or exploit vulnerable people. We are especially concerned about the possibility that places of worship, hospitals, and schools could be the target of deportation raids. A policy that allowed such raids would increase the suffering not only of undocumented people but also of many people who would fear being unjustly targeted and thus would avoid those places. Denying people the opportunity to attend worship, be educated, or receive medical treatment violates individuals' fundamental rights. We urge those in government and law enforcement who are responsible for the detention or deportation of undocumented persons to consider how their actions might be seen in the eyes of God.

We are all members of the same human family. Therefore, we approach immigration not merely as a political or legal issue but as a matter of human solidarity. The health and prosperity of the United States are intertwined with the contributions and lives of immigrants. Immigrants bring diverse gifts and play an essential role in our communities and economies.

As people who have received God's mercy and grace, we are called to extend that same mercy and grace to others. This means offering opportunities for new beginnings, particularly for those already present in the United States without legal documentation. A just immigration policy would provide pathways to citizenship for those who have lived in the U.S. for years, contributing to the country and integrating into our communities. It should also guarantee protection for those fleeing violence or persecution, ensure that immigrant families remain united, and make sure that children are not punished for their parents' actions.

We are called, as individuals and as a society, to remember that the immigrants among us are not intruders or enemies but bearers of the image of God, deserving of our care, respect, and advocacy.

Find this letter on our website - along with other Immigration Resources here:

<https://www.lutheransnw.org/resources/immigration-resources>

Find it here posted by the Herald here:

<https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/forum-state-church-leaders-call-for-compassion-for-immigrants/>



Serving us in Worship for March



Assisting Minister (Reader) Mar 2—Jennifer & Stan Mar 9—Holly Mar 16—Mary Mar 23—Paul Mar 30—Andrea	Ushers Mar 2—Ella Mar 9—Roger Mar 16—Ella Mar 23—Ella Mar 30—Roger	Offering Counters Mar 2—Mary/Susan Mar 9—Andrea/Roger Mar 16—Jennifer/Holly Mar 23—Nancy/Susan Mar 30—Andrea/Roger
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Streamers Mar 2—Roger Mar 9—Jennifer Mar 16—Jennifer Mar 23—Roger Mar 30—Jennifer	Altar Guild Mar 2—Susan Mar 9—Mary Mar 16—Susan Mar 23—Ginny W. Mar 30—Susan	Coffee Hosts Mar 2—Baby Shower Mar 9—Holly Mar 16—Debbie Mar 23—TBD Mar 30—Ginny W.	Deacons Mar 2—Roger Mar 9—David Mar 16—Stan Mar 23—Stan Mar 30—David
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March Birthdays



BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

Happy Birthday to...

5—Carol
11—Yvette
22—Ginni H.



Please continue to hold the following friends in prayer....



We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.

2 Thess 1:3

We pray for our friends and family who are sick, have loved ones who have passed, or those in need of comfort.

If you have prayer concerns please contact Pastor Pam at 425-870-5335 or the church office at 425-353-4758. For the confidential prayer chain: contact Ella at (425) 231-2072 or email: getuininga@gmail.com

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