



Faith Abounds!

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April 2026– From the Pastor’s Desk

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

On that Easter morning as Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb, they could not have imagined that the grief and despair they must have felt would soon turn into joy. There at the tomb, suddenly an angel came from heaven, rolled back the stone, spoke to them – inviting them to see where Jesus had been laid telling them to go tell the disciples he has been raised from the dead. And suddenly they are met by Jesus who tells them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell...”

Believe the good news – He is risen!

The good news of that Easter morning invites us to go and tell – tell what we have seen and heard. The good news, Christ is risen! Alleluia!

In Christ,
Pastor Pam

Council Notes:

Council met March 22nd, review of the plumbing areas that were fixed was reported on, a new toilet was purchased for the upstairs church bathroom, along with one being fixed in the fellowship hall. We had another leak in the kitchen in the basement which is being worked on, the Property committee will be coordinating the work needed. The repairs do not require an insurance claim.

Diane reported on her meeting with Bethany of the Northwest. They are doing well and gave some options of areas that may be of interest to us.

Discussion was held on coming events and things needing to be completed. We will be forming a nominating committee after Easter, they will be working to replace 2 council positions this year. We will be voting on the nominees at our Annual Meeting on May 31st.

I will close this off with a request to you all, if you see something on the church grounds or buildings that needs repair or doesn’t look right please let the office, any council member or Pastor know. This will help us all out before a big problem arises. Thank you.

Ella

Easter Flowers

Easter flowers may be brought on or before Easter, Sunday, April 5th.

Please fill out the back of the green attendance form if you would like to include a name (s) to recognize in memory or honor.

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Office Staff: *Suzanne Gabbard—onsite Tuesdays*
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and Sundays

Office Days/Hours: *Tuesdays 10am–2pm*
(Please note office hours may vary)

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

Schedule of Upcoming Services

Palm Sunday's Service 3/29 at Faith, at 10:30am.

Maundy Thursday Service 4/2 at Faith, at 6:30pm (Joint Service with Trinity, Central Lutheran & Zion/The Gathering).

Good Friday 4/3 at Our Savior's: Self Guided Stations 5-6:30pm. Worship at 6:30pm (Collaborative with Our Savior's, Trinity, Central & Zion/The Gathering).

Easter Sunday Service 4/5 at Faith at 10:30am.

Faith Lutheran Church Council

President, Ella Tuininga

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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 2026

(Yearly Goal \$70,000)



Readings for April

Apr 5--Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

Apr 12--Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Apr 19--Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Apr 26--Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

From the Bishop: April 2026

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. John 20:1

When I ask people how they are, so often they say, “Well, I’m doing ok considering ...” Sometimes they confess to me that the world just feels so dark right now.

And I get it – I can feel this way, too. Sometimes it does seem the shadows are gathering around us and just getting scarier and more menacing and it is hard to see a path forward.

But then I am reminded of the gift of darkness.

Recently I read Conor Knighton’s book *Leave Only Footprints* where he talks about visiting all the national parks in a year. One of the most captivating chapters was about national parks that have been certified as Dark Sky Places. He describes areas where light pollution is carefully limited so people can experience the night sky as humans did for most of history. Standing in one of these places, the sky can be overwhelming. Stars multiply as your eyes adjust. Constellations sharpen. The universe stretches above you in breathtaking clarity. Conor says that what surprises many visitors is this: the darkness does not feel frightening. It feels beautiful. Everyone is standing shoulder to shoulder – strangers to one another in the daylight – but at night, all eyes are lifted to the heavens in wonder experiencing something extraordinary.

In these particular times that we are living in, this brings me hope. For in the light of day war is happening and people are dying and there is shouting on all sides and beliefs seem intransigent and we experience and participate in the hatred and greed and selfishness and bigotry that is everywhere around us. We see our enemy. We identify our enemy. We classify our enemy. The light shines harshly.

But in the darkness of night, we gather together. In the darkness of night, we huddle close. In the darkness of night, we sigh with wonder at the beauty and majesty of the heavens. In the darkness of night, we no longer can tell who our enemy is. And, while this could be scary, this is also liberating. For we remember the beginning of the story of God and creation – that for God darkness is not chaos beyond God’s reach – it is the very place where God begins midwifing new hope, new promise, new life – in spite of what happens in the light of day.

We experience this promise in the Easter story. (Let me remind you, the resurrection did not occur at sunrise even though many of us have attended a lot of sunrise services!). For even as Mary Magdalene started hurrying towards the tomb before dawn, the resurrection had miraculously already happened. The tomb was already empty. Jesus Christ was alive! For as we read in scripture, life was rising before the dawn. This is the strange and beautiful truth at the heart of our faith - and truly at the heart of the gospel. The power of death was broken even before the sun began to shine.

This is the hope of Easter. Even when the world feels uncertain, even when grief and fear weigh heavily on our hearts, even when the shadows fall, God is at work beneath the surface of things. Life is stirring. Hope is rising.

Go find a place of darkness. And there you will see God.

Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee | bishop@lutheransnw.org



Serving us in Worship for April



Assisting Minister (Reader) April 5—Ginny W. April 12—David April 19—Paul April 26—Holly	Ushers April 5—Ella April 12—Susan April 19—Russell April 26—Ella	Offering Counters April 5—Nancy/Susan April 12—Holly/Roger April 19—Jennifer/Susan April 26—Nancy/Holly
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Streamers April 5—Roger April 12—Roger April 19—Jennifer April 26—Roger	Altar Guild April 5—Ginny W. April 12—Susan April 19—Ginny W. April 26—Susan	Coffee Hosts April 5—Holly April 12—Ben & Paul April 19—Debbie April 26—Diane S.	Deacons April 5—Roger April 12—David April 19—Jennifer April 26—Roger
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April Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

- 3— Jennifer
- 7— Rick
- 8— Elsa
- 9— Bronwen
- 9— Rio
- 26— Gracie & Annabel



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

