

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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### Holy Week Schedule

April 5 - Passion/Palm Sunday  
9:00 am Worship

April 9 - Maundy Thursday  
6:00 pm St John's  
7:00 pm Faith

April 10 - Good Friday  
7:00 pm Service w/ Griswold Methodist  
Church

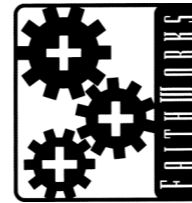
April 12 - Easter Sunday  
7:00 am Sunrise Service with St Johns and  
Faith

8:00 am Faith Easter Breakfast  
9:00 am Faith Holy Communion Worship  
9:30 am St Johns Easter Breakfast  
10:45 am St John's Holy Communion  
Worship

### Spring Concert

The Bell Choir and Chancel Choir  
will hold a Spring Concert at  
Griswold United Methodist Church  
Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m.

Refreshments will follow



## FaithWorks

April 2009

*The mission of Faith Lutheran Church is: To share the mes-  
sage of God's love and grace with the community and the  
world with our thoughts, words and actions*

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### Thoughts from Pastor Celeste

Sometimes we pretend, even with those we know fairly well, that nothing is wrong. It is often considered bad form to confess our weaknesses, so when we are asked we often say, fine, everything is fine - lying through our teeth. But on this first Easter morning, Jesus refuses to pretend. He refuses to pretend that nothing has happened.

After Jesus rose from the dead, the very first time he is with the disciples by appearing in front of them after they locked the doors - Jesus says, peace be with you. But no sooner have the words of peace reverberate in the disciples' ears, Jesus showed them his hands and his side. Look closely at John 20:19-31 and there is not even a hair's breadth between the words "Peace be with you" comforting words and the parading of his scars - his old wounds beginning to scab over from the wounds of the previous Friday. Jesus stands among them, shows off his palms, hikes up his shirt and let them take a gander at where the spear went in. "Peace be with you" he says, and then his wounds are immediately on display.

Jesus is offering peace and the assurance that, yes, the last week with the crucifixion did happen. Those disciples had to have wondered if this was the same person who they followed ("Peace be with you") and the same person who was put to death (see the wounds) all in one person.

True peace - and perhaps true belief - are possible only when we deal seriously with the wounds of Christ. We long to hear the words of peace and cringe when forced to look upon the wounds forged in that peace. But those wounds make peace possible.

Shall we pray? Risen Lord, we want to celebrate all the joys of Easter. We can so eagerly sing praises with the angels on that early first morning. But we need reminding of your wounds for our sake. Help us to realize those wounds reveal how much we are loved by You. In humble and humbling peace - thank you.



### Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday April 19, a special congregational meeting will be held following worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to approve the Stained Glass Windows and other building projects. Please plan on attending to give your thoughts.

**[www.lutheransonline.com/faithgrismold](http://www.lutheransonline.com/faithgrismold)**  
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## Faith Notes:

**Needed - Synod Assembly Delegate** - Sioux City, Iowa - all expenses paid by congregation - May 1 through 3. -3 days of being a part of the larger Lutheran Church body See Rob Mayhew or Pastor Celeste to answer ad.

**The Lord's Cupboard** needs: cereal, peas, mac & cheese, pudding mix, pork & beans, paper products.

**Fred and Wanda Gay** have transferred their church membership to St. Paul Lutheran in Homer, Nebraska. We pray for God's blessings in their new home.

### From a letter from Bishop Last

Mission Support for 2009 for Western Iowa Synod totaled \$1,236,784. .

For the third consecutive year, Mission Support has increased.

**Donna Reimers** shared this online Bible resource - <http://www.jrsbible.info/bible.htm>

It has the complete bible on one page.

When you look further on this website, you find that this is part of BibleGateway.com. At BibleGateway.com you can find how various publishers prefer their copyrights to Bible versions be followed. Most will allow Scriptures to be printed in church bulletins and private documents with minimal reference to the publisher.

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Newsletter Deadline: April 19

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## Lutheran Center Visit

The Western Iowa Synod has put together a road trip to Chicago to visit the ELCA Church wide offices. Here are the details ..

April 23-25th. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Cost \$175 per person, this includes lunch on Friday. All other meals extra.

Leaving Storm Lake at 10 AM with another pickup in Fort Dodge at 11:15 AM.

There is the possibility of a 3rd pickup in the southern part of the synod if needed. You will return to Storm Lake at approximately 3:30 on Saturday.

We are looking for people willing to drive. You will be reimbursed at .50/mile.

Registration Deadline - April 8th. The church office has registration forms.

## February Worship Attendance

February 1 46  
February 8 48  
February 15 40  
February 22 30

Total 164/ Average 41

## Read the Bible in One Year - 2009

April Biblical Books - 2 Samuel chapter 16 to end, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles to chapter 10  
A study note from my Bible concerning 1 Kings chapters 5 and 6, building the great temple of Solomon.

A house for God. As a man who was almost always at war, David was never permitted to build a temple for the worship of God. But Solomon rules a peaceable kingdom, and thus he decided to build the house God had promised that the son of David would build in his name. People often want to know the facts about a large or important building, and here the historian obliges by telling us how much timber and stone went into the temple. How much it cost, where it came from, and how large a labor force was used in the actual construction. A careful inventory like this a common convenient in literature of the court. from the Literary Study Bible, English Standard Version

## April Birthdays

April 1 Jill Grove  
April 2 Josh Bierbaum  
April 4 Viola Silk  
Miley Ruth Kelly  
April 5 Lovella Tye  
Virginia Askeland  
April 8 Kristi Hoffman Reiken  
April 9 Mark Kreutzian  
April 11 Nick Demanet  
April 18 Nollan James Smitt

## Believers Prayer

Oh, God,  
I believe that you **can** give me what I'm asking for.  
I'm not sure that you **will**.

I know you've told me  
that you always have my best interests  
in your heart,  
and that if I only trust you  
everything will work out  
to a solution that's even better  
than the best thing I could choose.  
But I am having a hard time **feeling** that trust.

## February Offerings

Feb 1 \$316.00  
Feb 8 \$395.10  
Feb 15 \$850.00  
Feb 22 \$3463.12

## Quarterly Servers

April-May-June

Chairperson: Pastor Celeste Waymire

Charlotte Evans Katie Kelly  
Jessie Evans Byrde Ireland  
Vicki Keeney Ruby Kinzer  
Betty Barnes Tina Reiber  
Michelle Mayhew

## This Month at Faith

April 5 Passion/Palm Sunday  
9:00 am Woreship  
10:00 am Sunday School  
April 7 10:00 am Lenten Bible Study  
6:00 pm Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study  
April 9 Care Center Service  
7 pm Maundy Thursday Service  
April 10 7 pm Good Friday Service w/GUMC  
April 12 Easter Sunday  
7:00 am Sunrise Worship  
8:00 am Faith Easter Breakfast  
9:00 am Holy Communion  
April 14 8:30 am Lord's Cupboard @ GUMC  
6:00 pm Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
April 19 9:00 am Holy Communion  
10:00 am Special Congregational Meeting  
10:00 am Sunday School  
6:30 pm Church Council  
April 21 6:00 pm Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
April 23-25 Synod Trip to Chicago  
April 26 9:00 am Worship  
10:00 am Sunday School  
3:00 pm Spring Concert @ GUMCV  
April 28 6:00 pm Bell Choir  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

## April Worship Leaders

Ushers Scott Hanson  
Bob Reimers  
Kenny Evans  
Acolyte Brooke Hanson  
Altar Guild Linda Pelzer  
Peggy Hansen  
Lector April 5 (Palm Sunday) Ann Jones  
April 12 (Easter Sunday) Judy Duhn  
April 19 Josh Bierbaum  
April 26 Allan Olson