

Second Sunday in Lent
Today's Theme: Gather the Children Together
March 17, 2019

Faith Lutheran Church
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Pastor Jaime Ventura
Pastor Scott Brayall
Lector: Pam Chabot

Prayer Requests:

- St Paul's Lutheran Church, Dawson Creek
- Health - Wendy Breikreutz, Alex and Karoline Bopp, Harold and Doreen Pfau, Bonnie Mattson

Announcements:

The Lutheran Hour ~ March 24th, 2019: "Death Doesn't End the Story" (John 11). Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
When you hear a person's story, it's hard not to like them. See what happens when you listen to the story of Jesus. Hear this inspirational message at www.lutheranhour.ca

Fellowship Coffee: Coffee and snacks for the month of March ~ Surnames beginning with I, J, K & L. Also, if you would make the coffee and juice and clean up afterwards that would be greatly appreciated!

Steak Supper Fundraiser: March 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Please speak to Elmer for tickets.

Mailboxes: The mailboxes have been reorganized. If you don't see one for your family, please let Cindy in the office know and we will make one up for you.

Vacation Bible School: Dates: August 19-23. Please speak to Maureen at 780-897-5958 for more information or to volunteer.

Help Wanted: FLC is looking for a full-time office administrator. Please speak to Donna or Cindy if you are interested.

Potluck Suppers 6:00 p.m. and Midweek Lenten Services 7:00 p.m.: Wednesday March 20 and 27, and April 3 and 10. Everyone's invited.

Interested in supporting the youth here at Faith? Please contact Karen Tarita or Pastor Scott if you have any interest in caring for youth here at the church. It doesn't matter if you'd like to lead Bible studies or games, drive students around or prepare food, or even just pray for them—we'd love to have you involved! Send an email to tphillbilly@hotmail.com or flag Karen or Pastor Scott down at church sometime!

This Week with Our Lord:

Monday, March 18	5:30 p.m. Bells Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 19:	1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday, March 20:	6:00 p.m. Potluck Supper
	7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
Thursday, March 21:	3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Saturday, March 23:	5:30 p.m. Steak Supper Fundraiser
Sunday, March 24:	10:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour
	11:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion
	Lector on March 24th: Tim Tarita

Attendance: March 10

Worship	103	Communion	83
Sunday School	11	Adult Bible Study	10
Lenten Service			

HOLY COMMUNION ~ Lent: Welcome to Lent, a season that holds no punches. Here we are invited to see our good shepherd and the perfect sheep walk straight through the valley of the shadow of death.

With eyes lowered, breath abated, and hands trembling we see Christ, the perfect sacrifice rejected by those He came to save; we see Him mocked by those who were awaiting the Messiah; we await the moment when He was finally abandoned by the Father to the grave.

This season strips us away of any pride we would like to hold onto; the mirror is held to our face when we hear that it was for *my sin* that Jesus Christ, was willing to endure such temptation and trials, such suffering, in order to bear my sin, swallow my death, and open the otherwise barred doors of paradise.

With humility we are stripped of our attempts and our excuses and are left with nothing but His grace; this Lamb joyfully walked into the single most extreme suffering that the universe will ever know, all that I may live. But from that pain comes the feast we have today; come receive His grace in His true body and blood, the Lamb sacrificed for you.

To this Lamb we cling; we watch and hear in remembrance His journey to Jerusalem and His Passion, all in anticipation of Easter this Spring, and ultimately that last Easter when we will all rise from the tomb just as He did.

May our eyes be ever fixed on Him, that our hope may be secure.

Today, as you come to the rail, trust that His sacrifice covers your sins. His body and blood, present in, with, and under the bread and the wine, forgives your sins, renews your life, and carries you on. Come today in repentant joy, knowing that for your sins, He died, that you would live.