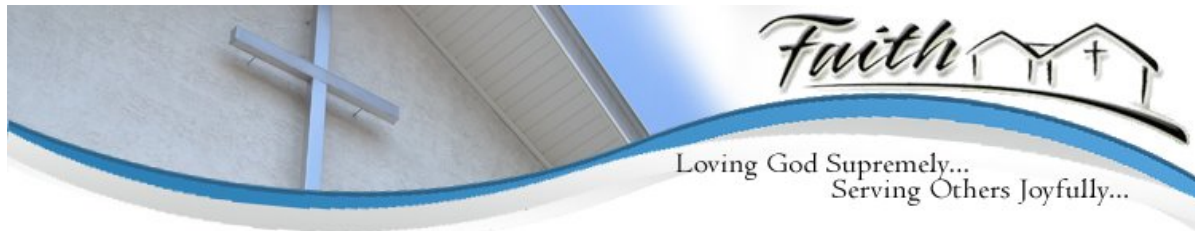


Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church's weekly update!
If you have a news item to include, send it by Tuesday
to office@faith-andover.org



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Worship this Sunday

9:15 AM Bulletin

9:15 AM Livestream

11:00 AM Bulletin

11:00 AM Livestream

This Week's Calendar

Saturday, April 18

8:00AM

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

9:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Pathways to Peace
Book and Mediation

Sunday, April 19

9:15 AM

Traditional Worship with Choir
and Sunday School

11:00 AM

Contemporary Worship with
Praise Band

Wednesday, April 22

10:00 AM - 12 Noon

Pastor Jen drop in Hours at
Caffe Nero

Thursday, April 23

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Andover's Interfaith Clergy
meet at Faith

3:30 PM

Andover Faith Communities
Stand Out for Justice
School Street & Central Street

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Candy Bar Bingo &
Mac 'N Cheese Dinner

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Confirmation

Tuesday, April 21

10:00 AM
Bible Study
(On-line and In-person)

10:30 AM - 12:00 NOON
NE Mass Clergy Conference Meeting

Sunday, April 26

9:15 AM
Traditional Worship with Choir and
Sunday School

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Young Organists Recital

New & Noteworthy



We are filled with gratitude for all who helped bring these holy days of Easter to life. To every person who worked behind the scenes—preparing the space, tending to details, setting up and cleaning up—thank you. To our musicians, worship leaders, readers, ushers, altar care team, tech team, decorators, and all who offered their time and gifts—thank you.

Your dedication, creativity, and care helped create a beautiful and joy-filled celebration of Christ's resurrection. We are grateful for each one of you and for the ways you help our community proclaim good news with hope and beauty.

Thank you for all you do, and for the spirit with which you do it!



Baby Arthur Robert Almy was welcomed by Amy, Isaac and Celia last week! Both mom and baby are doing well, but Arthur remains in the hospital feeding and growing for the time being. We'd love to support the family with some meals - sign up to drop off a meal or provide a Door Dash card: <https://mealtrain.com/deyn7v>



Last month, Pastor Cassandra Chavez led an education session highlighting the needs of our local immigrant community, especially in Lawrence, and inviting us to participate in "Mutual Aid." She shared how many of our immigrant neighbors are afraid to leave their homes to get groceries, medications, and other essentials.

As their neighbors, we have the opportunity to step in and help when called upon by joining Faith's Mutual Aid Team.

If you'd like to be part of this team, please let [Pastor Jen](#) or [Ed Knapp](#) know. When a need arises, you'll receive a text message, and you can decide each time whether you're able to

assist.

In recent weeks, our team has purchased groceries from lists provided by families and supplied clothing and bedding for a man released from detention with only the clothes he was wearing.



Thank you for bringing and sending in 3,730 diapers, 32 pair of underwear and 968 diaper wipes.

Communities Together picked up the diapers, pull-ups and underwear you donated and combined them with contributions from many churches in the Greater Lawrence area. They will divide what they have collected from regional churches and deliver them to local social agencies that distribute the items to families in need.

Diapers are a major expense for families with limited income, so thanks for your help.

P.S. The two boxes of goldfish cracker bags were delivered to the People's Pantry.



April Council Highlights

- expressed appreciation for all who helped plan the wonderful Easter worship services
- continue to encourage congregation members to offer ideas for the use of Redeemer Funds - all are welcome to share a description of your project, how it supports Faith's mission, and estimated cost with Council President **Kevin Maschhoff**
- approved formation of a Mutual Aid team to assist local immigrants in need of support (i.e. groceries, home goods)
- supported suggestion to offer additional training for CPR/AED use and Narcan training
- reviewed checklist for council members who will serve as Council Member of the Week during Pastor Jen's sabbatical



Ongoing Service Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity

Tom Baird is our contact for Habitat for Humanity. People from Faith volunteer on the second Saturday of each month, though you're welcome to volunteer anytime. Contact **Tom** to get onto the email distribution list to have an idea of the planned activities and where and when to show up.

Bread and Roses

Faith Lutheran serves at Bread and Roses on the 2nd Monday of every month. Volunteers arrive at 3:45 PM and help put together meatball sub sandwiches which we then hand out to folks from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Bread and Roses at 58 Newbury St. in Lawrence.

We'd like to have 3-4 Faith members and friends each time - staff members from Bread and Roses are always on hand as well. Contact **Edward Knapp** if you'd like to help.

Musicians

Faith has several musical groups (choir, bell choir, chime choir, praise band) as well as opportunities for people to provide special music. You are encouraged to share your musical gifts! Contacts are **Ingrid Marstaller** or **DJ Cleavinger**.

Ongoing Learning Opportunities

The **Tuesday morning Bible Study** will resume on September 16! We will begin a new study, looking at the Acts of the Apostles, often referred to simply as "Acts." You are welcome to take part, and as we meet both in-person at Faith Lutheran and via Zoom, you can participate from home or while on vacation. For more information about the Tuesday morning Bible Study, including its Zoom link, contact the church [office](#).

Sunday School

Children are invited to be part of our Sunday School on Sunday mornings at the 10:00am summer service. All children begin worship with their families in the worship space and then go to their class after the children's message. Contact is [Olivia Janvrin](#).

The **Meditation Group's series "Pathways to Peace"** each month we will look at a chapter of Mariann Edgar Budde's book, "How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith," which talks about the decisions we make and how our faith influences them. Each discussion time will end with a guided meditation. Contact is [Pastor Jen](#).

Quarterly Devotionals

Daily devotionals are available in the church narthex. If you are unable to pick up a copy at church and would like us to mail you one. Contact the church office [here](#) by email. Please specify if you prefer want to receive the large print edition.

Ongoing Connection Opportunities

Friday Night Socials

We have a Friday Night Social on the first Friday of every month, from 6:00-8:00pm. If you have an idea for another event let us know! Contact is [Laura Schulte](#).

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Please come join us. Once/month, typically on the 3rd Saturday at 8:00 AM, men of the church and community gather at church for a time of fellowship and conversation. Contact [Kevin Maschhoff](#) or [Mark Morgan](#) for further information.

Pub Spirituality

Typically held on the the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM from September-May. Pub Spirituality is an opportunity to talk about topics related to spirituality on an informal basis as we enjoy dinner or beverage. We meet at Lee Chen Chinese Cuisine in Lawrence. Past topics have included prayer, heaven/hell, evil, wisdom, and more. Contact [Pastor Jen](#) for more information.

Connection Time

Every Sunday morning at 10:15am - there is a time for coffee, snacks, and conversation. We often have a scheduled activity during this time - it could be a game, a learning opportunity, or a service opportunity. Most are intergenerational. Sometimes there is a separate activity for children.

Chick Lits

Looking for a fun, engaging way to explore new books and connect with others? Join ChickLits, the Women of Faith book club! We read a wide range of books—mostly fiction with a dash of non-fiction—which spark great discussions. Whether you're into Zoom meetings or inperson gatherings, you'll find a welcoming space to share your thoughts and discover fresh perspectives. If you would like to get on the email distribution list, please email [Dawn DiPersio](#).

Church Office Hours
Tuesday - Thursday - Friday
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
OFFICE is closed on - Mondays and Wednesdays

Any scheduled changes for the coming week are posted in the calendar at the top of this email.

Call the church (978) 475-4059 in advance to be sure the office is open the scheduled time.

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Pastor: [Jeanette Leisk](#)

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Co-Worship Livestream Operator: [Sara Bidwell](#)

Co-Worship Livestream Operator: [Bill Mark Langdell](#)

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