

FAITH ALIVE

March 2019

Our Mission

Our Mission is to lead people to Christ, incorporating them into the life of the church, and equipping one another for effective Christian living.

Our Vision

We are a vital, dynamic Christ-centered church reaching out to others and to one another in His name. Among us God is worshipped and glorified, faith is nurtured, and the abundant life is empowered.



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From the Senior Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ:

Many years ago, a popular pastor in California who was known for his "positive thinking" came up with a new acronym for the season of Lent. Some of you remember. He thought that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday were depressing and that people needed a happy message instead of focusing on the reality of the cross and our Lord's suffering. So he decided to make Lent into something upbeat and cheery:

LENT

"Let's Eliminate Negative Thinking"

I rather be around people with a positive attitude over against those who are negative. I'm all for optimism instead of pessimism. That said, my positive attitude cannot save me from sin and death. You cannot save yourself by your positive thinking either. We need Jesus. We need what He did for us on the cross. Lent is not negative. Lent is about truth. Jesus died to defeat death. Jesus went the way of the cross to save us and give us life.

I hope you will worship with your brothers and sisters at Faith when we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 6, with worship at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm. I encourage you to do so, especially if you have never been part of an Ash Wednesday service before. We won't be negative as we worship God, but we will be serious and sincere as we think about Jesus and the power of the cross.

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce".

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 Worship at Noon & 7:00 pm



Both worship services with Holy Communion

GENERAL NEWS

Deaths

† Henry Walters - February 16

Prayer Chain

To notify our confidential Prayer Chain of a prayer need, contact Barbara Peterson at 898-6093 or Cheryl Dix at 280-2101 or 771-2041, or call the church office at 296-0762.

Hospital and Home Visits

Our pastors make regular and faithful visits to our hospitalized members and those in rehabilitation centers. Communion is also brought to those who are homebound and physically unable to join us for worship. If you are in need of this pastoral care, please contact the church office with the location and room number. Thank you!

MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Month of December 2018	Year-To-Date as of 12/31/18	Year-To-Date Comparison of Offerings
Offerings	\$322,948	\$1,743,685	
Budget	\$154,101	\$1,849,218	(\$105,533)
Expenses	\$155,672	\$1,735,215	\$8,470

Please note: Expenses are subject to change pending the Annual Financial review.

MEET THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS



Dominic Anderson

My family and I have been members of Faith Lutheran since 2010. I serve as a Reserve Deputy for the Sandoval County Sheriff's office and work for the New Mexico Army National Guard full time. I previously served on council in 2013 until a deployment to Afghanistan cut my term short. My wife, Jessica, and I both volunteer our time with the youth in WEBS and SURF, are members of the EPIC adult Bible study, and most recently joined the Ambassadors Ministry Team. I also co-lead the new Men's Ministry of Bibles and Brews. Our children, Edan and Eli, enjoy all of the children's ministries and have attended Children of Faith School. I am extremely grateful for the home my family has found at Faith Lutheran and look forward to opportunities to continue serving the congregation.

Dominic

Jim Burrell

Jim, and his wife Lisa, have been members of Faith since their three daughters first attended Children of Faith Preschool in 2002. Jim and Lisa have been married for 25 years, and their children are now in high school and college. Jim has been in Federal Law Enforcement with the United States Marshals Service for the past 28 years and has been assigned to several duty stations throughout his career. He is currently the Chief Deputy in the state of New Mexico, where he and Lisa will retire.

Jim



PASTORS' GREETINGS



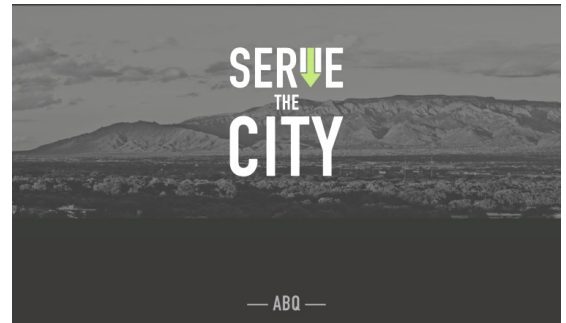
Pr. Jerry Watts

Blessed To Be a Blessing!

Our youth and families are striving to serve Christ all year long. Every year at the end of February, we work together at the "Feed the Need" event together with other congregations to share the love Jesus has given, by serving. This year was no different. After a wonderful evening of fellowship and worship, **69 SERVANTS** worked for over three hours on Saturday, February 23, at the Roadrunner Food Bank to pack **19,380 MEALS** providing of food that will feed our neighbors in in New Mexico. We thank God for this good work and pray that the Lord uses our service to bless others and help Glorify His name throughout all of New Mexico. We "Feed the Need" because we want the world to know that God loves them, cares about their daily needs, and can feed their greatest need by saving us on the cross; we are indeed blessed to be a blessing.



On May 4th, not only will we be saying "May the 4th be with you," on what has come to be known as Star Wars day, we will be more accurately saying, "May the Lord be with you" as we serve together as a congregation at an event very much like "Feed the Need." The event is called "Serve the City" and beginning in April, at <http://servethecityabq.com>, you can choose from different projects you can serve at on **Saturday, May 4**, with your friends or family members. We will join hands with other Christians throughout Albuquerque to bless our city and glorify Christ so that His great love might be known to all of our neighbors. With the example of our youth at Feed the Need, and with the love of Christ in our hearts, join us as we serve our city in partnership with other congregations and let Christ's love be known to all. Let's also pray that it will open hearts for folks to come to know God's heart for them to have a saving relationship with Christ and live out our mission to lead others to Jesus!



Pr. Jerry



Pr. Carol Clark

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6, which is Ash Wednesday. As we keep this season of Lent, we focus on the cross and our need for God. The idea of a 40-day period of Lenten preparation leading up to Easter dates back to the early Christians. One of the traditions during this season of Lent has always been to "give up something" or fast.

In this season of Lent our eyes are fixed on the cross. We do not feast as we stand in sin and shame at the foot of the cross. We do not feast as we remember the innocent, bitter agony and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The time for feasting will come, but it is not now.

In Matthew 6:17-18, we read these words of Christ: "But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

This is part of the sermon on the mount. Please note that Jesus says when you fast, not if you fast. Fasting is a part of life for the believer, just as worship and prayer are. A public demonstration of fasting is not what is important. It's the unseen, heartfelt, inner hunger for God that pleases Him.

Fasting is not just about the physical action of self-denial. It's not just an outward, physical response. Fasting is not just about what goes in or doesn't go in our mouths. The essential part of fasting is actually inward, an action of the heart. Doing the outward action without making the inward change is useless!

A successful fast is not about meeting a goal to abstain from a particular food for a period of time. A successful fast is recognized by the fullness of faith that comes from drawing near to God. What makes fasting such a gift is its ability, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to focus our feelings and their expression toward God in prayer. Fasting always walks arm in arm with prayer.

Fasting isn't for people who feel they have it all together, and their relationship with God is just where it should be. It's for those of us who are broken and kneeling at the foot of the cross. It's for those of us who are poor, miserable sinners and cry out for Jesus.

Fasting is for all who believe that Christ died for us, and that our sins are written in the blood of the cross. We fast in this life because we believe in the life to come. With repentance and hungering hearts, we seek the Almighty One, the One who made us and who redeems us from our sin. With humility, we fast and pray, remembering that we are dust.

Dominus vobiscum.

Pr. Carol

MILITARY SUPPORT MINISTRY TEAM

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Dominic Anderson	Joshua Fanning	Faun O'Brien
John Bohnhoff	William Fink	Ryan O'Brien
Daniel Brinson	Russ Graef	Carl Powell
Jeremiah Brinson	James Hansen	Jason F. Ruetschilling
Brandi Brown	Chris Hinnerichs	Sean Ryan
James Butcher	Robert Krause	Brandon Saxton
Rebecca Castillo	Phillip Levison	Courtney Werth
William Cheshire	Ryan Loyd	William Werth
Chad Craner	Matthew Lueders	Craig Wheeler
Melissa Craner	Gaetano Mangano	Canyon Wilder
Bria Day	Jonathan McDivitt	Patrick Winkels
Timothy Everhard	Daniel Miranda	Shane Zimmerman

Military Support Ministry Team Mission Statement

To support our men and women of the United States Military through sharing the word of God and encouraging their morale and welfare.

THANK *You!*

Dear Faith Lutheran Quilters,

Thank you so much for the 2018 Quilt Auction donation of \$785 given to Basket of Hope. We are so thankful for your church family, your kindness and your generosity! Thank you and blessings,

Shelly Boeglin, Albuquerque Branch Coordinator

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the staff of Doctors Without Borders, I want to thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000 to assist our work with the Syrian population. Our critical work to deliver emergency care to people caught in crisis wouldn't be possible without your support. Thank you for being part of our important lifesaving mission.

John Lawrence, President

Dear Partner in Mission,

Every year nearly 25,000 patients are seen by Faith in Practice volunteers. Countless lives have been changed – for volunteers, patients, family members alike. Your \$900 gift will have a significant impact on so many individuals. On their behalf we extend our heartfelt thanks. Very truly yours,

Rev. Linda McCarty, President & CEO

Dear Faith Quilters,

Thank you for wanting to help the children of Albuquerque Christian Children's Home with your 2018 Quilt Auction gift of \$785. Your support of the work here helps the lives of at-risk children. We could not care for them without your support. All the best to you!

Everett White, Executive Director

Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you for making an investment in the ministries of East European Mission Network through your 2018 Generosity Initiative gift of \$10,450. You are helping enable the many volunteer team members, career missionaries and international ministry partners of EEMN to continue connecting people through Christian missions.

Pr. David Breidenbach, Director

Dear Friends at Faith Lutheran,

What a tremendous blessing it was to Care Net Pregnancy Center of Albuquerque to receive the \$6,050 gift through your 2018 Generosity Initiative. What a true blessing it is to know that your congregation supports, with both your prayers and financial support, our far-reaching efforts to help pregnant women in our community *choose life*. May God bless you all!

Laurie Duffy, Community Outreach Director

Thank You for All the Prayers!

It takes a medical set back to remind us what a comforting, caring staff of Pastors and congregation we have at Faith. Bob is regaining his strength after the stroke, but it takes time. Thanks for all the prayers; you all have been a blessing to us.

Bob & Gail Barnes

Dear Faith Family,

Your caring words, cards, calls, love and prayers are very comforting during this difficult time since our son, Derek's passing. With heartfelt gratitude,

Diane & Jim Wilder

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mid-week Menu						
6 - Soup Supper 13 - Chef Surprise 20 - Taco Salad 27 - Pizza						
3 8:00, 9:30, 11:00a - Worship 8:00a - Adult SS* 8:30a - Blood Drive 9:30a - Groundfloor YW* 9:30a - Youth SS* 9:30a - EPIC*	4 9:30a - Dorcas Needlework Grp 6:30p - Cub Scout Pack 166 7:00p - Boy Scout Troop 166 7:00p - SOS Men's AA 7:15p - Campanas de Fe	5 8:30a - Faith Quilters 8:30a - Martha Mission 5:00p - REFUEL 6:30p - Stephen Ministry 7:00p - Enmaus Band	6 Ash Wednesday 8:30a - Faith Quilters 9:30a - Ruth & Sarah BSG* 12:00p - Noon Worship 1:00p - Soup Supper 5:00p - Soup Supper 7:00p - Evening Worship	7 9:00a - Raising God's Miracles 10:00a - Mission & Service MT* 6:30p - Greeting Card Group OS*	1 7:00a - Men's Breakfast OS* 9:30a - Friday Morning BSG* 8:00p - Smokeless AA	2 7:00a - Men of Faith OS* 8:30a - Stephen Ministry Training 9:00a - Back to Basics AI-Anon 5:00p - Saturday Worship 6:00p - Chili Cook-Off
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* Abbreviations BSG - Bible Study Group, EPIC - Encouraging People in Christ, MT - Ministry Team, OS - Off-Site, SS - Sunday School, YW - Youth Worship, WTLT - Welcome to the Lord's Table Mid-week Programs include: Dinner, WEBS, Grapple, SURF & Refuge						

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Happy Birthday!

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| 2 Alan Lampson, Brenda Williams | 12 No Birthdays | 22 Taylor Bombard, Herman Haase |
| 3 James Gehrke, Stefani Hausermann, Bob Oberdorfer, Calvin Shaneyfelt | 13 Zach Crow | 23 Sylvia Adair, Bradley Benson, Bev Imbert |
| 4 Connie Heller-Zeiger, Amy Schwendenman | 14 Bryce Byrd, Lori Scalia | 24 Kevin Cox, Kyle Kreitinger, Randy Remiker, Paul VanDenburg |
| 5 Lloyd Bonzon, Avery Erben | 15 Alanah Leyba, Faheem Shahzad, Kendrick Walter | 25 Michael Fleming, Wynne Wood |
| 6 Carolyn Hasey, Josh Mahler, Mary Reinhart, Ekasha Saroea, Marty Shaneyfelt | 16 Laura Boldt, Clare Castiglia, Vicki Hedin, Evan Kist, Jennifer Mahoney, Alice Strack | 26 Darlene Cox, Kurt Deshayes, Len Schwab, Tim Webb |
| 7 Raymond Caster, Gary Dannenbaum, Logan Lasher, Kaitlyn McLeod | 17 Zeria Humelsine | 27 Megan Johnson, Justin Mahler |
| 8 Anita Austin, Mackenzie Hendrex, Gwen Peterson, Jeri Riney, Linda Stefoin | 18 Brady Gear, Dale Heincelman, Lavonne Huber, Peggy Kociscin, Gail Krekel | 28 Cheryl Mattison, Miranda Piper, Betty Sesma, Jim Smith |
| 9 Luna Dawson, DeDe Gear | 19 Kara Clavert, Camille Carstens, Mitch Costino, Liam Fink, Lauren Harstad, Judy Swenson, Gavin Webb, T.J. Williams | 29 JoAnne Anderson, Brady Griffith, Amanda Stavig |
| 10 Lonnie Dennis, Matthew Harding, Pat Orell, Vincent Ramirez, Lisa Walters | 20 Greg Archuleta, Lindsey Johnson, Tom Walker | 30 Dale Abbott |