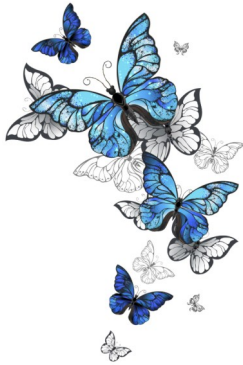


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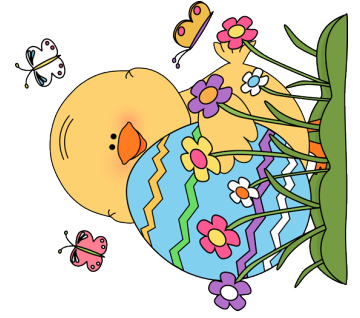
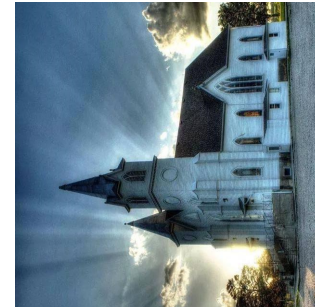
To be a SOLDIER of the cross,  
**S**erving **O**ur **L**ord **D**aily **I**n **E**very **R**espect



We would love having you worship with us!  
Please come and hear our Vicar Brent Ashby.

Sundays 9:00 am  
605-267-2277

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*April Emissary 2025*

We are so thankful....

**Hebrews 6:10** God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Brent Ashby for serving as our worship leader

Brent Ashby for teaching confirmation students

For April janitorial work this month: Katie Hoffman

Karen Habeck for decorating the fellowship room every month.

Lois Steenhoven for music leadership

April Ushers & Greeters, Readers, Communion servers

April Altar Guild: Joan Anderson



### **Important Dates - Mark your calendars!**

April 17 - Maundy Thursday at Faith United 7:00 pm

April 18 - Good Friday service at Vangen 7:00 pm

April 19 - Day of Prayer 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

April 20 - Easter Sunday service 9:00 am

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April 1 & 15 - Bible Study at Vangen 6:30 pm

April 6 - Deacons Meeting 10:15 am

April 8 - WELCA - 1:00 pm

April 13 - Council Meeting 10:15 am

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### **Gift Cards**

If you would like a gift card for groceries or school supplies,  
please contact the Church at 605-267-2277  
or contact Brenda Hoxeng

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We welcome articles from anyone who wishes to write  
one for the emissary. Articles are due to Brenda by the  
21st of each month.

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## Romans 7:7

*What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not! Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."*

## Romans 7:21-25

*So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another rule at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the rule of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

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The Apostle Paul has been setting us straight on how we ought to think about God's moral law now that the grace of God has redeemed us from our failure to keep that law. He has been answering a series of questions and defining the purpose of the law. Here in our first text he emphasizes once more that the primary reason God gave the law was to put a magnifying glass on just how corrupt we humans are. Paul acknowledges that the command to refrain from coveting showed him how really bad his coveting was. Have you ever tried not to covet? It is hard because it is an internal thing, not just some action like stealing we can physically avoid doing. In our society we should be thankful that modern manufacturing has given us a way out of coveting in many instances, because if we want something someone else has, we can say to ourselves, "I'll go to Walmart tomorrow and get one myself!" Of course, there are still things that others have that we may not be able to buy – fame, success, really pricey stuff. But this abundance we live with gives us a blessing that we often don't recognize as such. No, instead we often give in to the envious streak in ourselves and that sense of, "Poor me, I deserve better!"

## Vicar Brent's Message



Well, we do know what sin is then if we take the law seriously, and next the apostle gives us an insight in to his own internal dynamic. I am personally grateful that Paul did this. It is just good to know that a big guy in the faith, the apostle himself, struggled with sin. He saw the conflict in himself, felt the intense battle from within. In other places he may talk about crucifying or killing off that old corrupt part of our nature. He will even encourage believers to follow his example. Here, in our second text, we get a candid admission of the difficulty involved. Notice where Paul runs – straight to Jesus! He does not pretend before us that he can live that victorious Christian life on his own. No, he knows he needs to be rescued. He needs Christ to do it in him. So do we also.

Do you have sticky sins? You know, the ones you confess and put behind you only to find them returning to haunt you again? Keep running to Jesus. When we fall, let's get up, dust ourselves off, turn and run again to Him. It may take a while, even a lifetime of wrestling, but Jesus will end that sin sickness in us. Thanks be to God!

Vicar Brent



## FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS...

Our journey through the season of Lent continues into April. We begin Holy Week on **Palm Sunday**, April 13. Come join us in waving palm branches and remembering the jubilation of the people as they proclaimed “Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” on the day of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.

Once again this year we share Holy Week services with Vangen, **Maundy Thursday, April 17**, at 7 PM at Faith United, **Good Friday, April 18**, at 7 PM at Vangen. On Maundy Thursday as we remember Jesus’ institution of the Lord’s Supper, the third graders who completed First Communion classes will join us in receiving the Sacrament of the Altar. On Good Friday we remember Jesus’ crucifixion.

Saturday, April 19, we observe our annual **Day of Prayer** here at Faith United. The church will be open from 9 AM to 6 PM for anyone who wishes to come and sit quietly in prayer. No individual times will be assigned, if there are others present, just find a quiet spot to pray.

Sunday, April 20, we celebrate Easter. **ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

On Sunday, April 27, we celebrate the beginning of a new growing season with the **Blessing of the Seed** during our worship service. Please come and join us in praying God’s blessings on soil and seed, on farmers and equipment.

**Adult Bible study** continues on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, with a possible change of date during Holy Week. Current topic of study is “Christ in the Old Testament”.



## SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

### WELCA

### SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, April 5, 2025

8:30 AM Registration – 1:30 PM

Scandia Lutheran Church

251 Broadway Street, Centerville, SD

All women of the Southeastern Conference are invited to attend and celebrate God’s World with our sisters in Christ. Guest speaker will be Anghy Aragon, recent graduate from Luther College and a member of one of our companion synods in Nicaragua.

Love offering will be to the Centerville Food Pantry.

Cost is \$10 per person.

RSVP is appreciated to 605-359-0386





## FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION...

Children will be singing on Palm Sunday, April 13th. On Maundy Thursday, three students will receive their first communion.

There will be no WOW on Wednesday, April 16th. There will also be no youth group this month, due to Holy Week.



## ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

A reminder for those students who have completed their first semester of college to apply for the one-time \$250 Faith United Celebration Scholarship!

Email [faithunitedlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:faithunitedlutheran@gmail.com) to get an application.



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

**April 6 - Fifth Sunday in Lent:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

**April 13 - Palm Sunday:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

**April 17 - Maundy Thursday:** Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**April 20 - Easter Sunday:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

**April 27 - Second Sunday of Easter:** Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

### Worship Schedule:

April 6	Worship, Holy Communion
April 13	Worship
April 17	Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion
April 20	Worship, Holy Communion, Easter Sunday
April 27	Worship



### Ushers/Greeters:

April 6	Need Volunteer
April 13	Need Volunteer
April 17	Need Volunteer
April 20	Need Volunteer
April 27	Need Volunteer

### Lay Readers:

Lois Steenhoven
Karen Habeck
Need Volunteer
Carol Sarringar
Kathleen Gorsett

### Altar Guild:

Joan Anderson

### Janitor:

Katie Hoffman

### Bread Bakers/Providers:

Joan Anderson

### Communion Assistants:

April 6	Brad Tronvold
April 17	David Hoxeng
April 20	Nancy Steffen

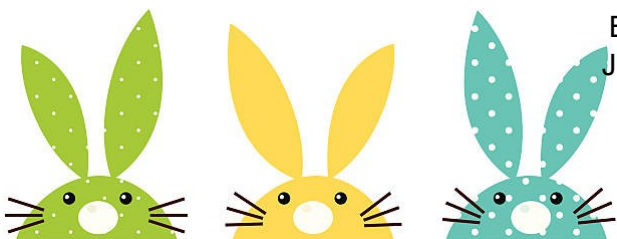
### Acolyte:

April 6	Emily Oien
April 13	Cody Hoxeng
April 20	Kensi Pederson
April 27	Westin Mehlhaf

### Work Group

**Chair** - Brad & Michelle Tronvold  
665-3639

Gloria Snoozy  
Dave & Anna Patterson  
Kari Nelson  
Deanna Huether  
Bill & Robin Huether  
Jack & Dana Huether



**Philippians 4:6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

If you or family/friends are in need of prayer and would like to be on our prayer chain please call:

**Lois Steenhoven 605 267 2336**

Extended Care Facility:

Norma DeJong

Each month we pray for a random list of members from our congregation, not because they are sick or having problems, but to lift them up to God, give thanks for them and pray for their well-being. We pray for our members: Chris, Destiny, Madeline, Caden & Bradley Tronvold; Dean, Braenna, Adraine, Emery, & Ashton Tronvold; Pam & Gary Truman.

Work Group for April

### **Military personnel and those serving stateside or overseas and their families:**

Ryan Habeck, Jeffery Heier, Kyle Huether, Derrick Mehlhaf and Trevor Habeck

We pray for our friends and family members with recent or chronic illnesses or who are recovering from surgery:

Terry Altena (Karen Habeck), Autumn Silverstrom (Trudie Jones), Jonathon Green (Trudie Jones), Raymond Habeck (Bob Habeck), Ron & Janet Jentsch (Karen Habeck), Dave Julian, Lela Peters (Trudie Jones), Cregg Getman, LaVon Peak (Trudie Jones), Dan Brown, Brian Resch, Sharon Crissey (Nancy Steffen), Delores Loague, Doyle King, John Klein, Jordan Hussey (Elan Ashby), Joel Ashby, Raymond & Vernon Habeck.



## OFFERING TOTALS

February 23	\$410
March 2	\$1,637
March 9	\$347
March 16	\$899
March 23	\$302

## ELECTRONIC EMISSARY

If you wish to receive the Faith United Lutheran Church monthly emissary electronically, please email [faithunited-lutheran@gmail.com](mailto:faithunited-lutheran@gmail.com) and let me know!

I'll email your emissary to you each month instead of the paper copy in the mail.

## IF YOU NEED HELP

River City Domestic Violence Center (605) 665-1448

24 Hour Crisis Line

Suicide and Crisis Hotline



988

Local Resources and Services Helpline



211

Thank you to our work group members for providing treats and hospitality following worship.

### January / May / September

**Chair** - Kathleen Gorsett

267-2370

Carol Sarringar

Steve & Joan Anderson

Kristine Brock

Dana & Ariel Pederson

### March / July / November

**Chair** - Butch & Lois Steenhoven

267-2336

Crystal Mensch

Adam & Kelly Christ

Trudy Jones

Nancy Steffen

Judy Brock

### February / June / October

**Chair** - Bob & Karen Habeck

760-3218

Julie & Bryan Derby

Darlene Hoxeng

Brenda & Brian Hoxeng

### April / August / December

**Chair** - Brad & Michelle Tronvold

665-3639

Gloria Snoozy

Dave & Anna Patterson

Kari Nelson

Deanna Huether

Bill & Robin Huether

Jack & Dana Huether

Please review, if you wish your name to be put on or taken off, please contact the chair for the group you are in, or leave a message on the church phone.



# Easter Word Search

F L O W E R S G N I R P S Z O  
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Basket  
Bonnet  
Bunny  
Candy  
Chicks  
Chocolate  
Daffodil  
Decorate  
Ducks



Dye  
Easter  
Egg Hunt  
Eggs  
Family  
Flowers  
Grass  
Happy  
Jellybeans

Lily  
Parade  
Peeps  
Rabbit  
Spring  
Sunday  
Tradition  
Tulips



## Kids Corner

### EASTER CROSSWORD

Jesus on the cross

Complete the crossword  
by reading the Bible and answering  
the questions below.

Jesus answered,  
Thou couldest have  
no power at all  
against me, except  
it were given thee  
from above.

- JOHN 19:11A, KJV -



Do you need help on  
the crossword?  
Ready through your  
Bible to find the  
answers to the  
questions below. You can find  
them all if you read through  
-JOHN 19:1-42, KJV



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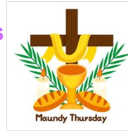
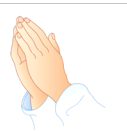

ACROSS

1. What colour was the robe Jesus wore?
2. "When the chief therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, \_\_\_\_\_, crucify him." -JOHN 19:6A, KJV
3. What was the crown made of that Jesus wore?
4. "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and \_\_\_\_\_." -JOHN 19:34, KJV
5. How many others were going to be crucified with Jesus?
6. "The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law, he ought to die, because he made himself the \_\_\_\_\_." -JOHN 19:7, KJV
7. "Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in \_\_\_\_\_ clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury." -JOHN 19:40, KJV



# April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study at Vangen 6:30 pm	2 WOW / Confirmation 6:30 - 7:30 pm	3	4	5 SE WELCA Spring Gathering at Scandia in Centerville
6 Worship with Communion at 9:00 am Deacons Meeting 10:15 am Dean Tronvold	7	8 WELCA 1:00 pm	9 WOW / Confirmation 6:30 - 7:30 pm Grace Dangel Kaila Nelson	10 Tim Oien Brantley Porth	11 Bobbi Dangel	12
13 Worship at 9:00 am Palm Sunday Council Meeting 10:15 am	14 Michelle Tronvold	15 Bible Study at Vangen 6:30 pm Otto Huether	16 Brian Snoozy	17 Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 pm at Faith United Autumn Wells 	18 Good Friday Service at 7 pm at Vangen	19 Day of Prayer 9 am - 6 pm 
20 Worship with Communion at 9:00 am Easter Sunday Sherry Haas 	21 Emissary articles due	22 Charlie Logan	23 WOW / Confirmation 6:30 - 7:30 pm	24	25	26
27 Worship at 9:00 am Blessing of the Seeds	28	29	30 WOW / Confirmation 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<b>Hebrews 4:16</b> <i>Let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy.</i>		