



Faith Lutheran Church

Newsletter February 2024

A Message from Pastor Chris

As we embark on our journey through the season of Lent in 2025, we move from the solemnity of ashes to the celebration of palms, walking on a steadfast journey towards the cross, and new life founded in the resurrection of Jesus.



This year we mark our transition from the time after the Epiphany into the season of Lent with the observance of Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras), followed by our celebration of Ash Wednesday. The Men's Breakfast group is hosting a **Pancake Supper at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 4th**. Any donations received will be used in support of St. Boniface Street Links.

We will gather at **7:00 pm on March 5th** for our **Ash Wednesday worship** service. Here we will be invited into the observance of the season of Lent, during which we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming festivals of Holy Week. During this worship service we will receive the sign of ashes, accompanied by the words "Remember, you are dust . . ." which serve as a potent reminder of both our mortal nature as well as our status as God's own creation, formed from the dust of the earth in and through the power of Word of God.



Thus in the season of Lent, as we move from the imposition of ashes, through these 40 days to the Easter joy which lies beyond the cross, we symbolically move from the old Adam, formed from the dust of the earth, to the new Adam (Christ) formed of God's own Spirit, underscoring God's redemptive acts to restore the wholeness and sanctity of creation through the gift of God's own self.



The season of Lent is fundamentally about spiritual preparation and growth, making ourselves ready for the celebration of the events of Holy Week and the joy of the risen Christ. We invite you to pick up practices that will help you to grow as a person of faith. We will gather each Wednesday during Lent (March 12-April 9th) at **5:30 for a meal of Soup and Bread**, followed by as service of **Holden Evening prayer at 6:30 pm**.

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There are many resources available to foster a life of prayer or daily devotional practices. Luther Seminary is providing a free, downloadable Lenten devotion entitled “There in God’s Garden,” which you can sign up to receive at <https://www.luthersem.edu/resources/2025-lent-devotional> Lutherans Connect offers online daily devotions through their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lutherans.connect> Finally, check out our own <https://www.facebook.com/faithlcwinnipeg/> page for daily *Faith Walks* devotions posted during Lent.

Our Holy Week services begin on April 13th with the celebration of Palm/Passion Sunday. Here we begin with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and end with the reading of an account of the arrest and trial of Jesus. The second half of the service allows those unable to participate in the services during Holy Week to hear the stories of the Last Supper, and the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus.



Our observance of the Three Days begins on April 17th as we gather at 7:00 pm for our Maundy Thursday service. In this service we find Jesus in the upper room with the disciples where he washes their feet and gives them the commandment to “. . . love one another.” We will participate in foot washing as a reminder that we too are made clean by Christ in order that we might demonstrate our love of God and our neighbour to the world around us. At the conclusion of this service, the altar area is

stripped of decoration as we prepare for Good Friday.

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Faith Lutheran Church *Newsletter*

This newsletter helps us achieve our vision: *Faith Lutheran, reflecting God’s grace, is seeking to reach out and serve people, primarily in southeast Winnipeg; to become a community of belonging and hope, built on caring and nurturing relationships, and spiritual direction and growth.*

Published periodically, *The Faith Lutheran Church Newsletter* provides spiritual reflection, helps build community, fosters caring and nurturing relationships, and promotes opportunities for fellowship and celebration. The newsletter encourages ways to support our community missions, and provides updates on how we are working towards achieving our vision.

We welcome your contributions, which may be edited for length or style. You can reach us at:

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A Message from Pastor Chris (continued from page 2)

The Good Friday liturgy (10:00 am, April 18th) invites us to reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus. Against the horrible background of death, we see the power of God at work, turning the cross, an instrument of cruelty and despair, into the very tree of life and a symbol of hope. We acknowledge the failure of humankind expressed in violence against each other and our Creator as we leave in silence to wait for Easter morning.

We celebrate the joy of the resurrection and give thanks for new and abundant life on **Easter Sunday (April 20th)**. We will have two worship services (**9:00 am and 11:00 am**) with a time to gather for fellowship (and **cinnamon buns!**) between services. Come celebrate with us!



We hope you can participate in some or all of our Lent or Holy Week offerings. However you are able to observe this time of preparation and growth, we pray that God's Spirit would be with you, that God would fill you with hope for the journey and equip you with everything you need to enjoy life in abundance, and all for Jesus' sake.

Peace be with you.



WEDNESDAYS* IN LENT

MNO Synod Young Adults (age 18 - 30ish)

5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 Small Group Discussion

Faith Lutheran Church
1311 Dakota St
Winnipeg

*March 12, 19, 26
April 2, 9

questions? Contact Deacon Michelle
(mcollins@elcic.ca; 431-278-5146)



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Offering collected
in support of Street Links

6:00 pm March 4th



Soup and Bread

with
Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm

March 12-April 9th



7:00 pm March 5th



Palm/Passion Sunday

Worship Service

10:00 a.m. April 13th



MAUNDY THURSDAY

7 PM, APRIL 17

GOOD FRIDAY

10 AM, APRIL 18



CHRIST IS RISEN!

EASTER SUNDAY

9 AM TRADITIONAL

10 AM COFFEE

11 AM CONTEMPORARY

Greetings from our Council Chair

Hello Faith Family,

My name is Laurie Gorman and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Faith's new Council Chairperson. I have been a member at Faith for approximately thirty years and could not imagine worshipping anywhere else. Faith truly feels like home to me.

I look forward to working with the wonderful people serving on Council this year. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented team striving to continue to make Faith the wonderful place that it is. It is a privilege to be able to give back to the Faith community in a meaningful way.

Furthermore, we have been blessed with four new members for 2025!
Your new Council was introduced to you and installed at the February 23rd service.

In closing, I would like to thank our outgoing Chair, Chris Buffie, for the years of dedicated service and time he has spent leading Council. He has been an excellent example of how to efficiently chair the Council by making our meetings interesting, enjoyable, and productive. Hopefully I will be able to fill his position as capably.

Please feel free to come and say hello before or after service. Another way I may be reached is by e-mail at councilchair@faithlc.ca.

Peace & Blessings to you all,



Laurie Gorman, Council Chair

Treasurer's report

Hello Faith family,

I hope this report finds you well and you are like me and looking forward to Spring.

Our 2025 budget is projecting a deficit of \$15,000. There is some contingency built into our budget submissions, expect the year-end variance to be near zero.

For comparison ... In 2024, our budget projected a deficit of \$30,000, we ended up with a favorable balance of \$5,700.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, or meet me at the cookie table in the Narthex after the Sunday Service.

Ways to give

- Mail in post-dated cheques or contact our Office Administrator, Cathy, to arrange to drop them off at the office.
- Contact Cathy to set up Electronic Funds Transfer or Pre-Authorized Remittance.
- Donate through our website <https://www.faithlc.ca/> by clicking OFFERING
- Donate via Canada Helps <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/18521>



Bill Byers, Treasurer

Secretary's report

Here are some highlights from Church Council's meetings:

- **AGM:** Our Annual General Meeting was held on February 9, 2025 with 64 members present.
- **AGM Missional Direction Responses:** the responses have been received as information and discussion and discernment will begin at future council meetings.
- **2025 Council:** Our executive for this year is:
 - ◆ Chair: Laurie Gorman
 - ◆ Vice-chair: Wayne Magnuson
 - ◆ Treasurer: Bill Byers
 - ◆ Secretary: Melissa Ulrich
 - ◆ Our Members-at-Large are: Chris Buffie (Past Chair), Susan Care, Mark Essenburg, John Fagan, Mike Hollender, Ken Schmidt and Mark Steiman
- **Council Book Study:** For the past several months and for the next several months, Council is reading and discussing *Fishing Tips: How Curiosity Transformed a Community of Faith* by Rev. Dr. John Pentland.
- **Wednesday Lenten Journey:** will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th with a service at 7:00 pm. Services of Holden Evening Prayer will take place on Wednesdays, March 12th to April 9th at 6:30 pm after Soup and Bread Suppers (5:30 pm). Please note, these services are earlier than previously due to an ongoing bible study held on Wednesday evenings.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 11th.



Melissa Ulrich, Secretary

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An update on our Youth Ministry - Director of Youth Ministry

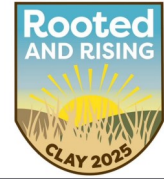
Hello everyone, I hope that everyone is staying warm as the weather is getting colder these days. Friendly reminder that, our events are for youth in grades 7-12 and youth are always welcome to bring along friends. The more the merrier! This youth group is open to all!

We have some updated information about CLAY 2025. This trip is Monday August 18th to Monday August 25th, 2025. The first portion of the trip August 18th to 21st is the MNO bus trip. This year we will tour around Western Manitoba exploring the CLAY theme “Rooted and Rising” which discusses reconciling with the land. We will visit Riding Mountain and a Lutheran Camp. There will be a mix of fellowship, recreation, reflection and mutual learning together. August 21st to 24th is the CLAY Gathering which is located in Saskatoon this year! CLAY includes large group gatherings, learning sessions, and worship that you get to choose from and more. Often there are evening activities such as crafts, dances, evening worship services. I will share about the CLAY itinerary when I have more information. Our bit together will be the travel home August 24th to 25th with one more overnight in the Western Manitoba area. Most meals and all lodging is included in the trip price. Youth are asked to bring their own spending money. Please reach out if you would like to join us on this great adventure!

This year we will be having more Soup and Bread evenings. The dates are Wednesdays from March 12th and the one last will be April 9th. These lovely evenings start at 5:30 for dinner of Soup and Bread that are served to you by the youth, then are followed by Holden Evening Prayer service. These evenings are also a fundraiser to support our youth group in attending the Canadian Lutheran Anglican youth

(CLAY) gathering this August.

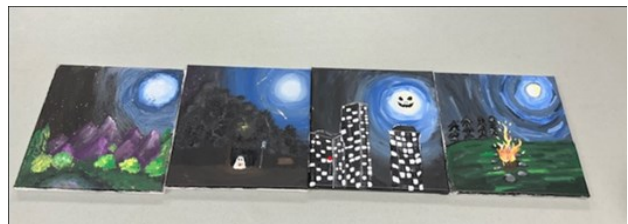
There will be an opportunity to make donations at your table, all support is welcome. You can sign up to bring soup and or bread on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex which will be posted shortly. Please come join a night of fellowship that you don't have to cook!



A highlight event was our paint night, please see an attached photo of our young artists that wanted to share their work. Recently our youth enjoyed attending the Winterquest event put on by the MNO Synod that was a day worship which discussed important themes such as Vocation and how we can use our talents and resources to serve God and those around us in need. We also enjoyed games and fellowship with St. Mark's youth group. Our focus for the next while will be on the Soup and Bread event. We will be volunteering at Harvest Manitoba Saturday March 29th from 1:30- 3:30 which is a great way to connect with the broader community.

We look forward to volunteering more, doing fun activities and enjoying the warmer weather when it comes. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at youth@faithlc.ca if you would like to join our youth group or have any questions! We would love to expand our group to anyone that is interested!

Thank you.



Women of Faith



Please join us on Saturday,
March 1st, 2025 at 10:00 am.

We will be sorting and packing the Layettes for the Mom and Me project.

Join us on Saturday April 5th, 2025 at 10:00 am for Bible Study. We will be doing an Easter Bible Study. All are Welcome!

If you are looking to study the Bible and hoping to meet some enchanting women for fellowship and friendship, we may be the small group you are seeking. We usually meet the first Saturday of the month unless it is during a holiday weekend.



Men's Breakfast



The Men's Breakfast Group will be hosting their next breakfast on **Saturday, March 8th** at 8:30 am with Alfred Kailer and Ken Schmidt as our guest chefs.

The breakfast is held at the church in the Blue Room. Breakfast commences at 8:30 am sharp and concludes usually between 9:30 – 10:00.

All men in the church, along with their sons, friends, and neighbours are invited and encouraged to attend. A breakfast is prepared each month by 2 of our members, followed by an invited speaker or a table topic of interest to all members. We would love to see you share in our fellowship, meal and conversation.

Cost is only \$5.00. Call, text or email Trevor, or contact the church office.

See you there!

Easter Morning Coffee Time



10 am Coffee and Fellowship with Cinnamon Buns and Hot Cross Buns.

Please stay after the 9 am service or come early for the 11 am service.



All are welcome!



Community Missions: How your donations and support are making a difference in our community

Over the past two years, Faith's Community Missions Committee has refined and strengthened the ways in which we support those in need in our community. We are so thankful for your continued generosity-- from financial support, to help preparing food; shopping for, packing or delivering hampers; knitting blankets, donating clothing and toiletries, or helping fill bins in the narthex with a wide range of 'most needed' items.

Here's an update on what's been happening over the last couple of months.

- **Baby Layettes for Healthy Start**

Healthy Start is a parent support program that facilitates 9 drop-in groups throughout Winnipeg neighborhoods. These groups provide information, resources and support to prenatal moms and families with children under 1 year of age. Our congregation has been making baby layettes for the past 11 years. This year we made 60 layettes that are given to Newcomer families as a welcome, as well as to families in need. The Wednesday morning fellowship group and friends knitted and crocheted 68 baby blankets to be included in each layette. The layettes are very appreciated by the families that receive them.



Christmas hampers

- Thanks to those who shopped for, assembled and delivered 27 Christmas hampers, which included larger families than in prior years.

Rene Deleurme Centre

- We shop for grocery and household items on a quarterly basis for the pantry at the Rene Deleurme Centre, which supports families in need in the surrounding neighbourhood on St. Anne's Road. Our most recent delivery, shortly before Christmas, included dairy products, frozen foods, diapers and other items on their *most needed* list.

The Urban

- Your generosity made it possible to help fill gift bags for people of all ages at *The Urban* at Christmas. As well, your continued donations of specific clothing needs have been very appreciated.

Refugee sponsorship

- One refugee sponsorship application was approved recently. There are no more in our queue, while the federal government agencies involved clear their backlog.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

- Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a volunteer organization that with the help of monetary donations and the giving of time from people, make beds for children that don't have a bed of their own to sleep in. With group builds of 25-35 volunteers they can make up to 30 beds in approx. 4 hours. Then a team from SHP will install these beds to the people in need. All tools and materials will be provided. Experienced or no experience in building. All are welcome to help people in need.



- We have booked a build date for SHP on **Saturday April 12th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Will be in an indoor facility at the Bowman industrial park.
- SHP ask that we arrive at 9:30 a.m. to share in coffee and pastries supplied by them.
- Donations of **new** twin bedding including sheets, pillows and comforters are greatly appreciated. You may also make a financial donation towards these items and well as the supplies needed for building the beds.
- Watch for a sign up sheet in the narthex for this SHP build!

Street Links

- As colder weather arrived, our support for Street Links and the homeless community they serve shifted to smaller, more frequent deliveries of chili, shepherd's pie and sandwiches, along with your donations of winter clothing.
- Three members of Faith attended an Open House at Street Links in December. We had an opportunity to tour the facility at 604 St. Mary's Road. Women are housed in rooms that previously served as offices in the old St. Vital City Hall, while men are housed dorm-style in an open area surrounded by office dividers providing privacy. Everyone has a military style cot and a large plastic tote for personal possessions. Once or twice a week those staying at the site are driven over to the YMCA on Fermor Avenue for a shower, as there are no shower facilities in the building. Street Links once again expressed their sincere gratitude on behalf of the homeless community, for our continued support.

Thanks for joining Coffee and Chaos Save the date for the next one on April 13th!

Thank you to all our Faith Family for joining us in our first *Coffee and Chaos* activity after church. It was a wonderful time of visiting, sharing, and learning together. We hope you will all plan to join us on Palm Sunday, April 13th for another *Coffee and Chaos* to learn and share together. Stay tuned for more details about April 13th!



Children are invited to grab a Busy Bag and use the Play Room during service!

Families attending worship services, please use the Play Room during service. A speaker allows you to hear and participate in service from the Play Room. Children are also encouraged to grab a Busy Bag to use and explore while in service.





March Monthly Appeal

Luther Village is located on Dogtooth Lake, near Kenora, and is owned by the Manitoba/ Northwestern Ontario Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada. As the camp's web-site describes:

Under God's grace, Luther Village exists to provide Christian ministry in a harmonious outdoor setting to give all individuals the opportunity for growth and renewal of mind, body and soul. Luther Village is God's sanctuary! It is a vibrant Christian community where all are welcome!

Fellowship and community are two common words adults and youth alike use to describe Luther Village. Our summer programs available for families, adults and youth campers encourage individuals in their lives while playing at the waterfront, hiking, fire building, learning new skills in the archery range, singing at campfires, joining with others at our nightly campfires and worshipping together under the majestic pines.

Luther Village relies on donations of synod members like us to fund its staffing, maintenance, and programming. Special offerings can be made directly through the church - just mark your designated donation "Luther Village" and it will be directed and receipted accordingly.

Please check out the Luther Village web-site (www.luthervillage.ca) for more information, including costs. Brochures are available for pickup in the Narthex at the church.

Our Theme For 2025

God's Word Come Near

Theme verse:: "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart." —Romans 10:8



Lutheran Urban Ministry (the Urban) - April Appeal



A few weeks ago, Pastor Chris preached a sermon on being kind, loving your enemies, doing good. He left us with homework to ponder in the coming week- where are the places where love is found, where goodness is evident, where service is paramount (not his words exactly lol).

One of the places where love is found and goodness is evident is right in our building every day of the week, all year long. Bins are found under a table and in small places and cupboards where the goodness is evident in socks, baby layettes, food and blankets, and everything a person in need would require for shelter, food and security. Those places of goodness reveal a community in service meeting a community in need.

One of those places of love and goodness held all kinds of things that were needed to fulfill the ministry of the Urban; where the vulnerable needed supports, encouragement and needs for everyday life. This winter love was found in coats, boots, Christmas gifts, toys, books and food. Many times the gifts of goodness and love were brought to Faith Lutheran Church and lovingly packed up in vehicles that took the journey to the Urban, found at Lutheran Church of the Cross on Arlington. Many times over, the people of Faith, a community in service, answered the call to serve the Urban, a community in need.

This journey of goodness and love is a call from God to be the people of God in and among the vulnerable. Thank you to those who have heard this call and to those who love and share their abundance to those who live in scarcity. Please continue to watch for the call to serve in giving what is requested from the Urban. If you want to go beyond the giving of goods aspect of service, they would certainly welcome you at their many sharing circles as well. Please pray for those who manage this ministry of hope, and for those who enter the doors of the Urban each day. And pray that God will continue to be in our hearts and minds as we serve the Urban again and again.

Elaine Sauer



“Reconciliation is getting to know one another”

Mary Simon, Governor General



February 2025 News from your Ministry Manager

Vulnerable: (adjective) *easy to hurt or attack physically or emotionally*

Everyone reading this has experienced and knows the sensation of feeling vulnerable. This feeling has no boundaries of status, race, or wealth. Within our lives we can experience vulnerability within relationships, during times of national economic instability, or in workplace, school, social, or health situations. For many of us it's an anecdotal memory, *“I remember whenhappened”* or *“I remember feeling....”* – and maybe not experienced often.

But we might remember that our own feeling at the time might have created a paralysis of action, or a feeling of foreboding, or fear, or of defeat, or the awful feeling of the need to have our guard up. Loneliness can also increase the sense of vulnerability. Sometimes a topic in our sharing circles will touch on a subject that includes the factors that can cause the feelings of vulnerability in various situations in life.

For people who live with housing and/or food insecurity, or job insecurity, or experience racial bias, or who live with mental and/or physical health challenges - that feeling of vulnerability, of not knowing what is ahead in life (or the next day) - that vulnerable feeling can feel like it's constant. It can be compounded by past or current trauma, grief or loss.

In the Christian faith we are reminded that Jesus spoke of - and focused on - the vulnerable and those living in the margins of society. He often picked them out of the crowd and got up close and personal. The scribes and priests stayed in the synagogues and focused on the law. **On January 21 at the National Cathedral, Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde** spoke truth to power to the newly inaugurated president. Her words of appeal for mercy, care, and compassion to the vulnerable created the anger, unease, vitriol and retaliation that has occurred throughout history when truth is spoken to the powerful with agendas not aligned with fair and equitable treatment toward others.

To our MNO Congregation Members and Clergy: A wonderful opportunity to have fellowship with our Urban Community - please drop by anytime to our:

Sunday Worship Service: door opens at 1:00 p.m. with coffee/tea. Worship service 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Men's Lunch/Sharing Circle every Wednesday - Downstairs at Noon

Please stop by at 12:00 p.m. Noon (*ring the doorbell*) for lunch and great fellowship and conversation!

Women's Sharing Circle every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. (until 3:30 p.m.)

Please arrive at 2:00 p.m. (*ring the doorbell*) for coffee/tea/dessert and great fellowship and conversation!

Women's Drop-in every Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Please drop in (*ring the doorbell*) for coffee/tea/cookies and visiting together! Kids & grandkids welcome to come with you and we have colouring and arts and crafts to keep them busy.

Co-ed Sharing Circle every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. (please arrive at 4:30 p.m.)

(*ring the doorbell*) Join us for great fellowship and conversation! And coffee/tea/dessert.

- Rhonda Gorham, Ministry Manager,
Lutheran Urban Ministry Corp.

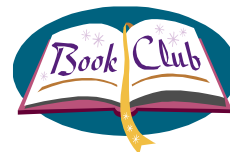
Faith Book Club Chapter 1

Faith Book Club Chapter 1 meets in the Blue Room at the church on the 4th Tuesday of the month September to June (except for December) at 7:00 p.m. We are a small group that comes together to share our love for reading. Our upcoming reading list is below. Please consider joining us, we would love to have you. Contact Bernice or the church office with any questions.

Along with other small groups and the congregation, we collected baby layette items for Healthy Start during the months of January and February.

Faith Book Club Chapter 1 Schedule for 2025

February 25, 2025	<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i> by Bonnie Garmus
March 25, 2025	<i>The Phoenix Crown</i> by Kate Quinn and Janie Chan
April 22, 2025	<i>The Humans</i> by Matt Haig
May 27, 2025	<i>The Women</i> by Kristin Hannah



June Potluck and book selections – date to be determined

February 25, 2025 – *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results. But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.

March 25, 2025 - *The Phoenix Crown* by Kate Quinn and Janie Chan

San Francisco, 1906. In a city bustling with newly minted millionaires and scheming upstarts, two very different women hope to change their fortunes: Gemma, a golden-haired, silver-voiced soprano whose career desperately needs rekindling, and Suling, a petite and resolute Chinatown embroideress who is determined to escape an arranged marriage. Their paths cross when they are drawn into the orbit of Henry Thornton, a charming railroad magnate whose extraordinary collection of Chinese antiques includes the fabled Phoenix Crown, a legendary relic of Beijing's fallen Summer Palace.

His patronage offers Gemma and Suling the chance of a lifetime, but their lives are thrown into turmoil when a devastating earthquake rips San Francisco apart and Thornton disappears, leaving behind a mystery reaching further than anyone could have imagined . . . until the Phoenix Crown reappears five years later at a sumptuous Paris costume ball, drawing Gemma and Suling together in one last desperate quest for justice.

Faith Book Club Chapter 2



Faith Book Club Chapter 2 meets offsite usually on the fourth Thursday of the month. Please join us for a lively book discussion and fellowship. Contact Nancy, Debbie, or the church office @ 204-253.1491 for location.

The selection for March 27th, is *The Chancellor; The Remarkable Odessey of Angela Merkel* by Katie Marton

Angela Merkel has always been an outsider. A pastor's daughter raised in Soviet-controlled East Germany, she spent her twenties working as a research chemist, entering politics only after the fall of the Berlin Wall. And yet within fifteen years, she had become chancellor of Germany and, before long, the unofficial leader of the West.

Kati Marton sets out to pierce the mystery of Merkel's unlikely ascent. With unparalleled access to the chancellor's inner circle and a trove of records only recently come to light, she teases out the unique political genius that had been the secret to Merkel's success. No modern leader so ably confronted Russian aggression, enacted daring social policies, and calmly unified an entire continent in an era when countries are becoming more divided. Again and again, she cleverly outmaneuvered strongmen like Putin and Trump, and weathered surprisingly complicated relationships with allies like Obama and Macron.

Famously private, the woman who emerges from this account is a role model for anyone interested in gaining and keeping power while staying true to one's moral convictions. A riveting political biography, an intimate human portrait, and a revelatory look at successful leadership in action, *The Chancellor* brings forth one of the most extraordinary women of our time.

The selection for April 24th, is *State of Terror* by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny

State of Terror follows a novice Secretary of State who has joined the administration of her rival,

a president inaugurated after four years of American leadership that shrank from the world stage. A series of terrorist attacks throws the global order into disarray, and the secretary is tasked with assembling a team to unravel the deadly conspiracy, a scheme carefully designed to take advantage of an American government dangerously out of touch and out of power in the places where it counts the most. This high-stakes thriller of international intrigue features behind-the-scenes global drama informed by details only an insider could know.

The selection for May 22nd is *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang

White lies. Dark humor. Deadly consequences...Authors June Hayward and Athena Liu were supposed to be twin rising stars. But Athena's a literary darling. June Hayward is literally nobody. Who wants stories about basic white girls, June thinks.

So when June witnesses Athena's death in a freak accident, she acts on impulse: she steals Athena's just-finished masterpiece, an experimental novel about the unsung contributions of Chinese laborers during World War I. So what if June edits Athena's novel and sends it to her agent as her own work? So what if she lets her new publisher rebrand her as Juniper Song—complete with an ambiguously ethnic author photo? Doesn't this piece of history deserve to be told, whoever the teller? That's what June claims, and the New York Times bestseller list seems to agree. But June can't get away from Athena's shadow, and emerging evidence threatens to bring June's (stolen) success down around her. As June races to protect her secret, she discovers exactly how far she will go to keep what she thinks she deserves.

Faith Gardens Inc.

A look back at some of the fund raising events we have had over the years. We have also supported the Spiritual Care Program by securing grants from organizations such as The Winnipeg Foundation. A large part of our support comes from Faith Lutheran Church by way of volunteers and congregational budget. Individuals and families continue to donate on a regular basis.



A FUN FILLED FUNDRAISER

in support of the River Park Gardens Personal Care Home
Spiritual Care Program

Sat. May 2, 2015 7:30 pm
at
Neil Bardal Inc.
3030 Notre Dame Ave.

Tickets \$20

Contact

<<REWIND>>

5 part vocal harmony with instrumental accompaniment
We bring back the golden era of Rock, Pop and Doo Wop from the 60's, 60's & 70's in an experience combining timeless tunes spiced just right with trivia quizzes and a hearty helping of humour.

A show unrivalled in the City of Winnipeg
"You would have to go to Toronto or New York to see a band like this!"
- Mike Pagan, Pagan Entertainment Group

Come to listen. Come to dance
Come to have fun!

Evening will also include
refreshments
desserts
&
silent auction

Seating limited
tickets \$25

Faith Lutheran Church

All proceeds in support of River Park Gardens PCH
Spiritual Care Program
a Ministry of Faith Lutheran Church

**Saturday
May 14, 2016**
Faith Lutheran Church
1311 Dakota Street
7:30 PM
doors open @ 7:00pm

Welcome!

2nd Annual Fashion Show & Tea

Saturday May 2nd, 2020
at
Faith Lutheran Church



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Fall Fundraiser

Food & Wine Pairing Gala Evening
Thursday, September 28, 2017
7pm to 9pm
Riverwood Square Retirement Living
1778 Pembina Hwy

A stunning event at a beautiful venue, creative food menu with tastefully chosen wines and excellent local entertainment. A fundraising effort for community and a wonderful evening to share with friends. Tours of Riverwood Square Retirement will also be available.

Fundraiser in support of the Spiritual Care Program at River Park Gardens Personal Care Home.

SAMPLE MENU

Pinot Grigio Paired with Crisp Shrimp Skewers	Chardonnay Paired with Crab Cakes & Honeydew Cucumber	Pinot Noir Paired with Mushroom Branzino	Shiraz Paired with Smoky BBQ Chicken Dinnerettes	Dessert Wine Paired with Mango Banana Sobit	Non-alcoholic beverages and vegetarian options provided.
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\$20 per ticket
Decadent
Dessert Table

Silent Auction
Fundraiser in support of the Spiritual Care Program at
River Park Gardens Personal Care Home
For tickets please contact Faith Lutheran Church
204.253.1491

Parking is located
off Admar Road,
South entrance
door at
Riverwood Square,
1778 Pembina Hwy.

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Saturday May 13, 2023
1:00 - 4:30 pm
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Tickets \$25 *Silent Auction payment by cash or cheque only*

for tickets
call

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<<REWIND>>



the Show Band!

www.rewindharmonies.com

Concert & Dance
Refreshments to follow

Sept. 28, 2024
7:00 PM

Faith Lutheran Church
1311 Dakota Street

Tickets \$25

A "REWIND" fundraiser in support of the residents of River Park Gardens Personal Care Home

Please consider Faith Gardens Inc. when planning your charitable giving options. The Spiritual Care Provider at River Park Gardens provides an invaluable service to the residents, their families and the staff. Help us keep this good work going.

Use this QR code to donate online by credit card and CanadaHelps will issue tax receipts immediately by email.



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