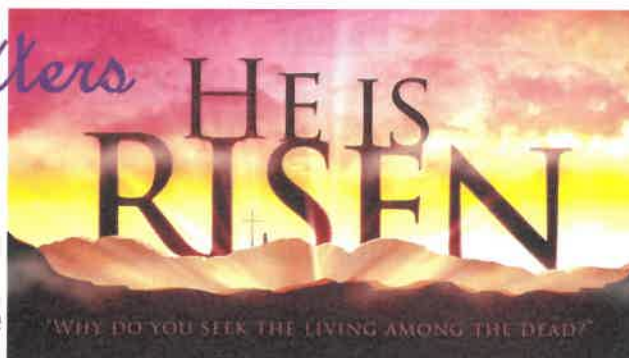


Faith Matters

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Pastors' Page



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Right around the time this newsletter arrives, Holy Week will begin. It starts with Palm Sunday (this year on April 2) and then follows the last days of Jesus' life. The four Gospel accounts all describe the events of those days in great detail—more than one third of Mark is devoted to that last week!

Yet, that time was mostly anti-climactic. Jesus made no play for the throne and the people became disillusioned, while his enemies plotted his execution. As the tension hit a boiling point, Jesus gathered his disciples for a final Passover meal, where he transformed the unleavened bread and wine from symbols of how God had rescued the ancient Israelites from slavery in Egypt into the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, in which he promised that the bread "is my body" and the wine is "the new testament in my blood," about to be given on the cross "for you."

Later that night, Jesus was arrested, put through two sham trials and condemned to death on a cross. It was a mystifying, heartbreaking end for his disciples and proof positive to his enemies that he was a charlatan and a failure. His entire ministry had collapsed and it seemed that the status quo had been preserved—until God turned the tables forever on Easter morning!

Holy Week recounts the central events of our salvation in Christ, and so the Christian Church has long made it the center of the church year. On Palm Sunday, we recall not only Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, but also read the story of his passion (suffering) and death. We gather for worship

again on Maundy Thursday, the night Jesus instituted Holy Communion, to focus especially on that life-giving gift of grace. On Good Friday, we gather again for worship at the foot of Jesus' cross, to grieve his suffering and to rejoice that by his death, we are saved from sin, death and condemnation.

On Saturday, we enter into the long, agonizing hours of that Sabbath day for Jesus' first followers as they tried to make sense of the disaster that had befallen him and them! Then, we walk with the faithful women who went to Jesus' tomb—clearly expecting to find only a dead body—and listen with them to the astounding words of the angel, "Jesus, who was crucified, is not here, for he has been raised!"

Sadly, many Christians neglect the poignant rhythm of Holy Week. I have always considered it to be a scandal that we do not have to schedule as many services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as we do on Easter. To overlook those powerful services is to miss out on much of the great divine drama that unfolded during that last week of Jesus' life.

Whether you have taken part in Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services in the past or not, I urge all of you this year to enter into the unfolding of our salvation in Christ. The schedule of services is listed in this newsletter, the bulletin and on-line. Do not deprive yourself or your family of this rich experience of God's surprising and surprisingly gracious work in Christ to save you.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott Grorud

RADIO BROADCAST
SUNDAYS 8 A.M.
KDUZ 1260 AM
(PRE-RECORDED)

LIVE TV BROADCAST
SUNDAYS AT 8 A.M.
NUVERA & MEDIACOM
ON CH. 7

**PRE-RECORDED
BROADCAST**
SUNDAYS 10 A.M.
AND 5 P.M.
TUESDAYS 5 P.M.
THURSDAYS 10 P.M.
NUVERA CH. 10
MEDIACOM CH. 8

**YOUTUBE SERVICE
RECORDINGS**
POSTED SUNDAY
AFTERNOONS

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Stump the Pastor

Q: During our Bible study today, someone recalled hearing the time between the Old and New Testaments called the “400 Years of Silence.” No one else had heard that label before. Can you explain anything about that phrase and why it was applied to the intertestamental period?

A: I am not familiar with the phrase “400 Years of Silence,” either, but it has long been traditional to say that 400 years elapsed between the testaments. It is calculated roughly from the last historical events recorded

in the Old Testament (in Ezra and Nehemiah) to the first historical references to Herod the Great in Matthew and Caesar Augustus in Luke.

The notion of silence arises from the lack of Old Testament books dated during that time. In those years, Israel was no longer independent, but a province of various foreign empires. The Jewish people were mostly poor, oppressed and really not in charge of their own affairs. Plus, the Jews themselves believed that prophecy was in decline and the priests finally declared that the era of prophecy was over. (They did not reckon with John the Baptist appearing!)

Still, to call that an era of silence is badly misleading. One reason is that some Old Testament books were surely *written* during the time. Some of them are *set* in an earlier era and others are simply hard to date accurately. For example, the stories in Daniel are *set* at the time of the Exile to Babylon, but they were likely *written* sometime in the 160’s B.C. God called Malachi to prophesy after most of the Jewish people had returned from Exile, but it is very difficult to pin down exactly when. He might well have served after the time of Ezra and Nehemiah.

The idea of “400 Years of Silence” is also misleading because many Jewish writings survive from that period, but they are not included in our Bibles. One group, called the Apocrypha, does appear in Bibles used by Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox. The Lutheran Reformers even translated the Apocrypha into German, but agreed with the Jewish rabbis that those books are not inspired at the level of the 66 canonical books. Another host of writings is called the Pseudepigrapha (meaning “false title,” because many were ascribed to ancient figures like Enoch or Moses). No one considers them to be inspired Scripture, but they were widely read in the years leading up to the New Testament and clearly shaped the Judaism of Jesus’ day.

It is pretty clear how the phrase “400 Years of Silence” originated. In a simplistic way, it even makes sense, but it is really not an accurate judgment or a helpful description of that time.

Stewardship Matters

One of the many gifts of Christian stewardship teaching is that it both deepens our appreciation of the possessions we have and also detaches us from them. With the psalmist, we rejoice that everything we need for life comes to us as a gift from God. “You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.” (Psalm 104:14-15) Because God created this world and all the blessings in it, we can enjoy them fully with thanksgiving and praise to Him.

Stewardship
A way of living

At the same time, because everything we need for life comes *from God*, we are freed from trusting in our wealth and from anxiety over whether we have enough of it. We know that, in the long run, we do not *own* anything; everything we have is *loaned* to us by God. I Timothy 6:7 states the surest proof of that: “We brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it.” All that we have is entrusted to us by God during our lives on earth, but we have no lasting claim to it. That awareness allows us always to put our trust in God and not in our possessions, while we strive to manage the goods God has put under our care as responsibly and generously as we can. That leads to a life of joy and freedom within God’s good creation.



Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Palm Sunday, April 2 (regular Sunday worship schedule and children are invited to process with palms)
Breakfast served from 8:30 a.m. -12 noon

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.
(includes first communion)

Good Friday, April 7, 12:00 noon at Faith,
 and 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King

Easter Sunday, April 9 at 6:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.



Faith Groups: Solomon

Join a spring Faith Group! This new series will explore the reign of King Solomon, a king who had it all, but lost sight of God's heart. Learn from his life, get to know others in the congregation, and deepen your faith during this six-week series.

There are opportunities for you to join any of a number of groups (or start your own). Watch for sign-ups or contact Marsha at marshas@faithlc.com or 320-587-2093 for more information.

A Faith Lutheran Faith Group Study

New Member Orientation and Reception

Faith Lutheran Church will receive new members on Sunday, April 30, following orientation sessions on April 16, 23, and 30 during the Sunday morning education hour, beginning at 9:15 a.m. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Faith Lutheran, please contact Marsha at 587-2093 or marshas@faithlc.com.



Upcoming Events



Handel's MESSIAH

Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 3 p.m.
PERFORMED AT CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONCERT PRESENTED BY CHRIST THE KING
 AND FAITH LUTHERAN CHORAL ENSEMBLES





We Are Called to Bear Witness to Christ Through Our Vocations *A Mission Reflection from Pastor Paul Knudson*

There are likely jokes out there about lawyers that make out like bandits through what they charge for services. I need to share with you a story about working with a Christian lawyer who sees his work with us as his calling as a “confessional” Christian.

Some of us were tasked to work with this lawyer on visa issues for Abdul Messiah. We spent an hour with him, and received excellent counsel. He had done his homework and knew we were “confessional Lutherans.” That is, he knew we confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of all. He applauded our witness in places like far away India through New Hope Mission Society. He made clear that he was a confessional Christian in a sister family of Presbyterians.

We needed professional counsel to deal with a complicated matter in this messed-up world with nations at odds with one another. He offered us great professional counsel and offered his services at half of his normal rate. We knew his experience and joyful attitude would serve us well.

It hit me that we at Faith Lutheran come to our callings as witnesses using very different gifts, but these gifts can be put into the service of our witness to Jesus Christ. We don’t have to be “professionals,” either. All of us are called by our Lord, and together we bear witness.

We are “confessional Lutherans”, as our lawyer noted. In Christ, empowered by the Spirit, we have the privilege and honor of serving and witnessing to lift up that name that is above every name. Thanks be to God.

Would You Want to Support Katie Weikle’s Mission Work?

Katie Weikle, a daughter of Owen and Maria Weikle and of Faith Lutheran Church, is approaching ten years of witness to Jesus Christ through a Youth with a Mission (YWAM) base in Nuremberg, Germany. She is not paid a salary, but needs to raise her own support. Faith Lutheran has committed to providing her with \$3,000 in benevolence gifts in 2023. She is seeking new partners to add to her support, mostly so she can afford more adequate health insurance. One-time gifts are helpful, but her greatest need is for more donors who give regularly on an on-going basis. Any amount would be much appreciated.

Checks can be sent to YWAM, P.O. Box 3000, Garden Valley, TX 75711-3000. ***Do not put Katie’s name anywhere on the check. Add a separate note indicating your gift is for her.*** Support can also be given on-line and by automatic withdrawal. You can send a note indicating your plan of support to Katie at katie.weikle@ywamnuremberg.com. Thank you!

Katie speaking to a full house during Digging Deeper.



Annual Rummage Sale

The Faith Lutheran 2023 Rummage Sale is set for April 27 and 28 with cleanup on Saturday April 29. Donated items can be brought in April 24-26 from 8 a.m. -5 p.m. Acceptable donations include furniture, garage items, indoor plants, kitchen items, craft & sewing supplies, books, decoration & holiday items, toys, and baby items.

Please do NOT bring TV’s, computers, large exercise equipment or appliances.

You can also help by 1) setting up tables, clothes racks, dividers, and bringing up items from storage 2) helping set up for the sale M-W ~ come in anytime you are available 3) being a cashier during the sale ~ five people are needed on Thursday and three on Friday 4) helping clean up on Saturday from 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Contact Bobbi Knudson at 320-587-2227 with any questions.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Dates



Planning your summer? Mark your calendars for our summer children's ministries! More details will come later



Vacation Bible School

June 26—29 from 9 a.m.—noon
at Christ the King Lutheran Church
for Preschool through 4th grade students



Bible Camp

Faith plans to go the week of July 16—21
at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps
for 2nd through 6th grade students



Mystery Bus

July 24—26
For 5th through 7th grade students



Day Camp

August 7—10 from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.
at Faith Lutheran Church
for Kindergarten through 5th grade students



Palm Sunday Breakfast
Sunday, April 2 in
the Faith Center
from 8:30 a.m.—
12:00 p.m.



Powerhouse
Friday, April 14 from
7 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
For all current 6th –
8th grade youth.
\$5/student, register
by April 7

UNITY GATHERING

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 for the Hutchinson
Area Youth. A night of worship, comedy, and
fellowship.

MISSION TRIP DETAILS

July 7—15, 2023
\$550/participant
Logan County, WV

Reach out to Kristen if you have any questions!

Questions?

If you have questions about programs for children
birth through 6th grade, please contact Laura
Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministry.

If you have questions about programs for 7th grade
through young adult, please contact
Kristen Durst, Director of Youth and Family Ministry.



Parent Huddle: Easter! That Came Up Quick!

Have you ever heard someone say ... “It’s time to listen to Easter music?” Probably not.

It's interesting that families can start preparing for Christmas Day MONTHS in advance, but the extent of preparing for Easter in some homes is dying hard-boiled eggs and snacking on anything sweet that looks like an egg or bunny. Easter should have the same hype as Christmas, but it rarely if ever does.

So how can we help prepare our children for Easter?

Pictures and Art

Just like putting up art and decor for Christmas, do it for Easter! Before your children can read, they rely on pictures to understand what is going on. So make your own, hang up your child's Sunday School art or find some on-line.

Dessert and Snacks

My favorite Easter treats are the Empty Tomb Rolls! As you make the treats with your child you can tell the story of Jesus rising from the grave. You can also bake bread and talk about Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper, or make cross-shaped snacks and talk about Jesus dying on Good Friday.

Read Picture Books and Bibles

Children's Bibles such as *Baby Bible*, *Read With Me Bible*, and *Beginner's Bible* are great options to read to your child. You can also get children's picture books like, *The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross*, *The Donkey Who Carried a King*, *The Easter Story*, *The Tale of the Three Trees*, *Easter Is Coming!*, *A Very Happy Easter*, and so many more!

Worship

You can attend worship services on Wednesdays and Sundays, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

So how are you getting ready for Easter?

Laura Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Kristen Durst, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 ~ Palm Sunday 8:00 First Word Service 8:00 HCN TV LIVE Broadcast 8:00 KDIZ 1260 Radio pre-recorded broadcast 8:30 Palm Sunday Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School and First Communion Class 10:00 HCN last weeks worship broadcast 10:10 Sanctuary Service 10:00 Foundation Service 2:00 Faith Family Fun - Pool Day 4:00 Free Community Meal 5:00 HCN today's worship broadcast 9 ~ Easter 8:00 Sunrise Service with Holy Communion 8:00 HCN TV LIVE Broadcast 8:00 KDIZ 1260 Radio pre-recorded broadcast 9:30 Easter Service with Holy Communion 10:00 HCN last weeks worship broadcast 11:00 Foundation Style Easter Service 5:00 HCN today's worship broadcast	3 10:30 Bible Study on Acts: The Thirty Years that Changed the World 6:30 Crossways Year 3	4 9:00 Today's Faith Encouragement 9:00 Exercise 12:00 Lectionary study 2:30 Worship planning meeting 5:00 HCN worship broadcast 5:30 Ringers of Faith	5 7:00 Morning Prayer 9:00 Faith Quilters 10:45 Pastoral Care meeting 11:30 Staff meeting 3:00 Sear's 5:30 Faith Singers 7:00 Elyoung Night	6 ~ Maundy Thursday 6:30 Men's Bible study 9:00 Today's Faith Encouragement 11:00 High School Free Lunch 12:00 Theo Thursday 2:00 Communion at Woodstone (Faith) 4:00 Grifd Support Group 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 Maundy Thursday Service 10:00 HCN worship broadcast	7 ~ Good Friday 12:00 Good Friday Service at FLC 1:00 Bulletin Assembly 2:00 Easter Flowers Delivered 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service at CLK	1 9:00 Palm Sunday Rehearsal 10:00 Visitation 11:00 Funeral 12:00 Luncheon 8 10:00 Easter service practice
16 8:00 First Word Service with Holy Communion 8:00 HCN TV LIVE Broadcast 8:00 KDIZ 1260 Radio pre-recorded broadcast 9:00 Sunday School and B23 9:10 Digging Deeper and New Member Class 10:00 HCN last weeks worship broadcast 10:10 Sanctuary Service with Holy Communion 10:10 Foundation Service 5:00 HCN today's worship broadcast	17 10:30 Bible Study on Acts: The Thirty Years that Changed the World 7:00 Book Club	18 8:00 Middle School Release Time 9:00 Today's Faith Encouragement 9:00 Exercise 10:30 Faith Group 12:00 Lectionary study 2:00 Communion at Harmony River 3:00 Worship planning meeting 4:00 Faith Group 5:00 HCN worship broadcast 5:30 Ministry Team Meeting and Church Council Retreat	19 7:00 Morning Prayer 10:45 Pastoral Care meeting 11:30 Staff meeting 3:00 Sear's 3:45 Confirmation 5:30 Faith Singers 6:30 Ringers of Faith 7:00 Elyoung night	20 6:30 Men's Bible study 9:00 Today's Faith Encouragement 11:00 High School Free Lunch 12:00 Theo Thursday 2:00 Bible study at the Pines 5:30 Faith Singers 10:00 HCN worship broadcast	21 7:00 Women's Bible study 9:00 Women's Bible study 1:00 Bulletin Assembly	22
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30 8:00 First Word Service 8:00 HCN TV LIVE Broadcast 8:00 KDIZ 1260 Radio pre-recorded broadcast 9:00 Sunday School 9:10 Digging Deeper and New Members Class 10:00 HCN last weeks worship broadcast 10:10 Sanctuary Service 10:10 Foundation Service with Holy Communion 11:30 New Member Lunch 1:00 Messiah full rehearsal at CLK 5:00 HCN today's worship broadcast						

The Relevance of Hymns and the Future of Contemporary Worship

One characteristic of worship at Faith that I appreciate is the differing styles of music at each service. Tried and true hymns with chant-based liturgies at First Word, blended music incorporating classic hymns with contemporary piano at Sanctuary, and the uplifting praise songs from the top of the music charts at Foundation allow Faith to be a place where all can feel included in worship on Sundays. But which style is better? I'm sure you have your own opinions on the answer to this question. For now, put those aside and let me challenge you as I work to unpack the truth behind the "Worship Wars."

Let's start with the basics. **HYMNS** are known for their poetic language and scriptural basis. The text is contained within the music and traditionally written out in 4-part harmonies, optimal for large group singing. Many hymns in the Lutheran church are centered around doctrine and the truth of the Gospel. They lift the Word of God and *supplement* confession and prayer. **CONTEMPORARY SONGS** use a different approach. The lyrics are not as dependent on the structure of the music and often have catchy melodies that make them memorable. These songs lift up our emotion and expression from hearing the truth of the Gospel and *become* confession and prayer. Let's look at some examples.

Reckless Love – Cory Asbury, written 2017

When I was your foe, still your love fought for me.
When I felt no worth, you paid it all for me.
The overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God.
It chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,
leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it.

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed – Isaac Watts, written 1707

Alas! And did my Savior bleed and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinner such as I!
Was it for sins that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing Pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!
But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe;

These two lyric sets give a perfect example of a hymn and a contemporary song that *supplement* confession and prayer. Though written 310 years apart, both lyric sets speak to the Lutheran doctrine of justification and point to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The belief that we are saved from death by God's grace alone, through faith alone, and granted for the sake of Christ's merit alone. Here is another example of two lyric sets that serve a different purpose.

So Will I – Hillsong, written 2017

If the stars were made to worship so will I
If the mountains bow in rev'rence so will I
If the oceans roar your greatness so will I
For if ev'rything exists to lift you high so will I
If the wind goes where you send it so will I
If the rocks cry out in silence so will I
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times

This Is My Father's World – Maltbie Babcock, written 1901

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

These two lyric sets give a perfect example of a hymn and a contemporary song that *become* confession, prayer, and in this case, praise! Though written 116 years apart, both sets of lyrics in this example do not center a message around doctrine or even Gospel. Each set still has scriptural basis, but only speaks to the emotional response of praising God with nature imagery and poetic language.

Back to our question of which is better, hymnody or contemporary song? The answer is both! We need to embrace each style with the other. Contemporary artists release hymn-based worship songs and composers release new hymnody every day. The idea of one out-living the other is not an argument to be settled. Hymnody will maintain relevance when contemporary song is embraced, and the future of contemporary worship is dependent on traditional hymnody. Neither style can live without the other in the modern worship world; following is one example.

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Cornerstone – Hillsong, written 2011

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less – Edward Mote, written 1836

My Hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim,

These two lyric sets give a perfect example of how a song dependent on the foundation of hymnody can promote a substantial future for contemporary worship. Also, how a hymn can once again become relevant 175 years after its initial publication. The revised words and new music written by Hillsong give the hymn revival, but also a new purpose as it introduces new generations to hymnody, whether the new generations know it was once a hymn. If not revived, the hymn and tradition may be forgotten entirely.

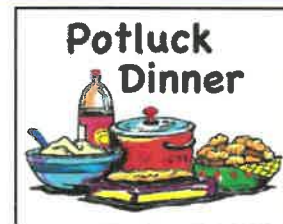
I challenge you to reconsider those opinions that you put to the side at the beginning of this article. This doesn't mean you cannot have a worship style preference. I simply urge you to make room to embrace a new one. This will allow worship to grow and become a deeper part of your life, the greater church, and society. Go to First Word! Go to Sanctuary! Go to Foundation! Each of these services have their different attributes that make them special and unique, but all serve the same purpose; to worship God, preach the Word, and unite the church. Come, and be a part of the united church body of Faith Lutheran. See you in worship!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Austin



Seniors Scene

Bless The Years Sunday is straight ahead on **May 7**. Our Seniors Task Force is planning that event. It is an annual time to focus on the special part our older members play in helping us all know that being a disciple of Jesus Christ is the most important place we have in life. So when people, young and old, see SENIORS at Sunday worship every Sunday, and watch as we find those places where we can serve our Lord, they realize, consciously or not, that this is something very important for all human beings, and that it is important for them to walk in faith and faithfulness as well. Be watching for **Bless The Years Sunday**, and for who is chosen for the 2023 **"Spotlight on Seniors."**



Thursday, April 27 is **Seniors' Potluck**. The program will be different from what our pink schedule sheet shows, due to a change. We were forced to cancel our February meeting (weather) at which our pastoral intern, Jeff Amundson, was scheduled to speak to us about "FACE", or "Fellowship Against Cancer." Your steering committee made the difficult decision to push Pastor Scott's topic on Confirmation at FLC out to next year's programming. Thanks, Pr. Scott. The reason is that we want to hear from Jeff now, as the cancer support group is currently growing and expanding in ways we couldn't have imagined; and we need to hear about that. So come to hear how God has taken hold of what Jeff and his group are doing, and how He is bringing understanding and peace to hurting people in their relationship to God.

PLEASE, bring friends with you. **Potluck dinner at 12:00 noon.** "See you at Seniors Potluck!!"

Please Remember in Prayer

**Please remember all those who are
serving our country through active duty:**

Braiden Bjorge (Marines, Jacksonville, NC - grandson of Sandy Curtiss)
Mike Bjorge (Air Force - son-in-law of Sandy Curtis)
Mason Rutledge (Navy, New Orleans, LA - son of Lenny Rutledge & Patti Rutledge)
Pat Scharn (Air Force Reserves, Africa - husband of Elizabeth and son of Allen and Nicki Scharn)
LT Brett Stadsklev (Navy, Yokosuka, Japan - son-in-law of Judy and Tom Felber)
Trevor Wersal (MN National Guard, son of Roger and Laurie Wersal)



**Remember our Faith
members in nursing homes
and health care centers:**

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TEACH CHRISTIAN TRUTH

HELP ALL WHO ARE IN NEED

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