



# THE Messenger

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## Good News...

We indeed live in frazzled and frustrating times. Just turn to whatever source you choose for the daily headlines. So frequently we are given reports of events that have devastated property and lives. We are told about individuals that have deviated from law and order. We are presented with so many stories that dampen our spirits. On a regular basis, most of the news is not good news. A depressed sigh first finds solace in the silence of a turned-off television or a tossed aside digital device.

Turns out, though, that we don't have to turn on a TV or open an app to

know any of that. We don't even need to be near it. As our consciences rerun the past, we see where our own deviations have caused devastating impacts on our own lives and other's. As a direct result, our spirits are dampened and depressed. Even life-long Christians will often feel the sting of past sins as their consciences cry a guilty testimony. That's the "news" we all may know by nature. That's God's Law working on sinful hearts. That's why stricken hearts crave more of the *good* news.

The calm to that craving is not attained by turning anything off. We actually secure it by tuning in. The answer is not in blocking out God's Word or dulling our consciences by

making sorry excuses. The solution is still found in what God's good news says to every individual — even to you. The calm, promise, and solution remains the message of the gospel! Hearts are calmed at the message of Christ living, dying and rising for us! It's in that message the apostle Paul, a very real sinner, would have sinners still take comfort and confidence. As he lifted his young friend Timothy's eyes and heart to the grace of the cross, so he lifts ours: "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the worst" (1 Timothy 1:15).

Craving more good news? Forgiven sinner, tune in to the Savior who carried your every sin! See him in his Word! Redeemed believer, tune in to the gospel — God's good news that quiets sin's accusations! Hear that saving message! Beloved child of God, tune in to the trustworthy message of the Bible. Let your heart sigh with thanksgiving. Jesus came to save sinners. Jesus came to save you! That's the

good news! Crave it. Enjoy it. And always stay tuned in!

## FAITH...



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### Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins This Week

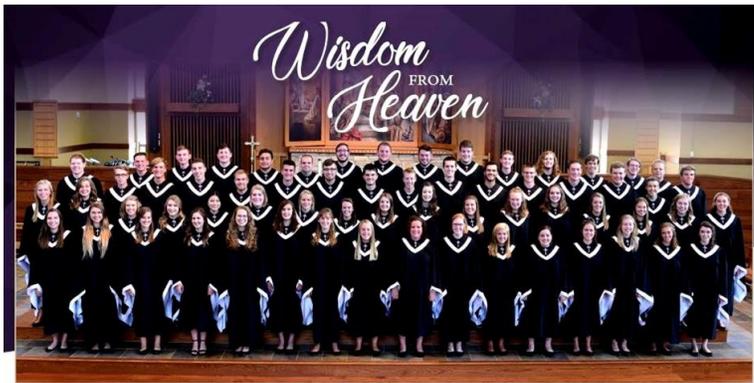
Easter falls almost as late as possible this year. That draws Ash Wednesday all the way to this first week of March. Faith's observance of the forty days leading up to Holy Week once again features weekly Wednesday worship services at 3:30 PM and 7:00 PM beginning this Wednesday, March 6.

Our mid-week Lenten service theme for 2019 is "**Three Words of TRUTH.**" We will examine the many three word phrases that arise in the Scripture lessons throughout the six week observance of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Faith groups will once again take turns hosting free fellowship meals in the Faith Christian Life Center from 5:30-6:30 PM each Wednesday. Everyone is welcome! We hope you will consider joining us along the way on our Lenten journey to the cross - and empty tomb!

## Join Us For a Very Special Concert Event This Friday

Faith is very pleased to be a host site for a concert of the **Martin Luther College** spring Choir Tour. Traveling from New Ulm, Minnesota the choir is making appearances in six Midwestern states this week. The concert performed at each stop is entitled: "Wisdom from Heaven." We hope you will consider joining us to hear one of the top College Choral groups in the country this



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE CHOIR  
2019 SPRING TOUR

Friday evening, March 8. The free concert begins at 7 PM but you may want to arrive a bit earlier to find your perfect seat! Pre-concert activities will help pass the time.

## Ministry for the Developmentally Disabled

Everyone is welcome to gather at Faith for monthly *Jesus Cares* activities. Intended for people of any age with intellectual and developmental disabilities, it all begins on our church campus the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 AM. These events consist of a specially constructed Bible lesson, a craft, music time and a light snack. "Jesus Cares" is an international ministry focused on providing those with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages with targeted worship and learning experiences. Faith has offered these events monthly since last October. If you would like to attend as a volunteer or invite anyone you know for whom you believe this event would be a blessing - EVERYONE is welcome at a Jesus Cares event! Faith and all of its facilities on our church campus are fully accessible. Caregivers are welcome to choose to drop off or stay. See you Saturday!

## March Staff Profile      Getting to know Faith Pastor of Worship & Administration...      Ed Ungemach

Born in Kenosha, Wisconsin Pastor and his five siblings grew up on the south side. Mom kept an eye on the growing household while Dad protected the community as a captain on Kenosha's Police Department.

The Ungemach family has a five generation history with Friedens (*German for 'Peace'*) Evangelical Lutheran Church and School of Kenosha. After elementary school at Friedens, Shoreland Lutheran High School in Somers (*Kenosha County*) was the next stop before his five college years at the former Northwestern College of Watertown, Wisconsin. Pastor completed his training for ministry during his four years at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary of Mequon, Wisconsin.

While at the Seminary, in summer 1988, he married Amy Schmidt, daughter of Bob & Louise Schmidt of Salem, Wisconsin. The Schmidt family operated Schmidt Implement (now MidState) of Salem for four generations.

Pastor's ministry training took the Ungemachs to Brookfield, Spooner, Tomah, and Oak Creek, Wisconsin. Daughter Rebekah was born during their vicar year in Tomah. In May 1991 the Ungemachs headed to Carmel, Indiana where Pastor had been assigned to establish a new mission church just north of Indianapolis. During their years in Carmel Pastor and Amy had the great pleasure of watching both their Bethlehem Lutheran Church family and their own family grow. Charlie & Laura are both 'Hoosiers' born during the Indiana years.

The Ungemachs returned to western Wisconsin when Pastor accepted the Call of Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church of La Crosse. During his 8+ years of service to Mt. Calvary he first served as associate and then head pastor. He was also involved in a number of ministry projects taken on by

the large WELS community of the La Crosse area. His favorite 'project' became service as a local volunteer chaplain and eventually a board member for the statewide Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries, Inc.

It was the "resident missionary" call that brought the Ungemachs to Faith of Antioch in late summer of 2005. While changes on the pastoral staff have added duties to Pastor's daily schedule, evangelism and membership classes are still a very significant focus of his time. He currently also service on the WELS Commission on Special Ministries.

For most of the years since the family settled in Trevor, just over the border, Amy has enjoyed being the Human Resources Coordinator at the Kenosha Menard's store. All three kids are alumni of their parents' alma mater, Shoreland Lutheran High School in Somers. Charlie and Laura are also both graduates of Faith Lutheran School. Rebekah and Charlie are now out of college. Laura is hoping to finish her HR degree at UW-Parkside in 2019.

When asked to list hobbies or interests both Pastor and Amy would first list family. When time allows, they both enjoy reading, music, gardening and outdoor activities of all sorts. Both big Packer fans, Pastor hopes his lifelong, diehard allegiance to the Chicago Cubs and Black Hawks earns him a little slack from the Illinoisans who surround him every day.

Being close to family and lifelong friends after many years living away is a very special blessing. Yet 'family' is also an excellent way to describe the relationships the Ungemachs experience with every congregation they've enjoyed. The "Faith family" continues to prove that true every day.



**EASTER 4 KIDS! Is April 13!**

Need some ‘kids free’ time for some Easter candy shopping or an early spring project? How about just a little quiet time for yourself? Your friends at Faith would love to help you out.

We would be happy to keep your children busy for a few hours on Saturday morning, April 13, during our annual Easter 4 Kids activity day for children who are currently three years old through those currently enrolled in fourth grade. Please also tell your friends and neighbors about this **FREE** opportunity. Advance registration will begin on-line and at a display in our church commons the second week of March.

**Considering a Fall 2019 Enrollment at Faith Lutheran School or Pre-K?**

Are you looking for a nationally accredited, state recognized Christian elementary school or Pre-Kindergarten program for your child? A place where learning humanity’s accumulated knowledge and a knowledge of man’s Creator hold equal priority? Did you know Faith Lutheran School is fully accredited and is also an *Illinois Invest In Kids* qualified school which means any qualifying child may obtain a grant which can add up to full tuition for a school year?

How can our staff be of help? An appointment to pursue more information? A tour of our school campus? Meeting the teacher of your child’s class level for next year? Perhaps even a walk through the paperwork of an enrollment application? A layout of the available resources for tuition assistance? More info on the many different schedules that can be chosen for PreK students? Please give our office a call at 847-395-1660. We’d be happy to be of help in your search for answers!

You are also most welcome to simply stop in at school to discover more during our advertised Spring registration times coming in May. You can also search for and find more enrollment information at [faithantioch.org](http://faithantioch.org) any time.



# Decode The days

At this time of year, God’s creation “springs” to life.

**Directions:** After reading Genesis 1:1–2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day’s total and write it on the correct blank below.


Day 1 (light) \_\_\_\_ Day 2 (waters) \_\_\_\_ Day 3 (land and plants) \_\_\_\_ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) \_\_\_\_  
 Day 5 (birds and water animals) \_\_\_\_ Day 6 (land animals and people) \_\_\_\_ Day 7 (God rested) \_\_\_\_

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2

**What’s In Your Wallet?**

Everybody is chasing something. Some want power. Some want fame. Some are plotting revenge. Some crave traveling. It’s money that makes these things happen. What are you chasing? Be honest. "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have" (*Hebrews 13:5*).

It’s not that money and position are bad things. But without faith in God they become gods themselves. If you have God, you have everything -- peace, forgiveness, and eternal hope for tomorrow.

**Pastor Mark Jeske**  
of *Time of Grace*

**Listen to “Time of Grace”**

Monday at 9 am - Tuesday at 9 pm  
 Thursday at 9 am - Saturday at 9 pm



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### Our Mission:

The mission of every Christian and of Faith congregation is to help make more and stronger disciples by sharing with everyone the good news of Jesus Christ.

## Highlighting Coming Events at FAITH of Antioch

*Please note at which facility the activity will take place... our **Church Campus** on Grass Lake Road or our **Lutheran Elementary School Campus** on Main Street...*

- ◆ March 6 **Ash Wednesday** worship at 3:30 & 7:00 PM (*church*)  
*(the first of six weeks of special Lent Wednesday services)*
- ◆ March 8 **Martin Luther College** choral concert at 7:00 PM (*church*)
- ◆ March 9 **MEN'S** Bible Breakfast at 7:30 AM (*church*)
- ◆ March 9 **JESUS CARES** activities at 10:30 AM (*church*)
- ◆ March 29 Faith School **Entertainment Night** at Bristol (WI) Elementary
- ◆ April 13 **Easter 4 Kids** activity day (*church*)
- ◆ April 14-21 **Holy Week & Easter Services** daily (*church*)

*We invite you to be with us for any of these occasions.*

*For questions look to our website [www.faithantioch.org](http://www.faithantioch.org) for more information or feel free to give Pastor Ungemach a call at 847-293-6101.*