



April 19, 2026  
Third Sunday of Easter  
*Paul's Conversion*

**Welcome to Worship**

We are an intentionally inclusive community, proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, and ability into all aspects of our church life.

~ Faith Lutheran Church

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish people, including the Duwamish People past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.

# WELCOME

*We are so glad you're here!*

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church. Everything you need to **follow the service** is in this bulletin. Please take a moment to fill out the **information card** found in the pew rack. Place the card in the offering plate so we can be in touch with you.

**Prayer requests** to be offered during worship can be written on the prayer request card in the pew rack and passed toward the center aisle where it will be collected by an usher during the first hymn.

There are **coffee and treats** in the Library after the service. We would like to welcome you to continued fellowship. **Restrooms** are located on the far side of the Library or down the main stairs. Should an emergency occur an **AED unit** is located in the narthex on the wall by the main entrance. **Masks and sanitizer** are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

The **elevator** is located at the top of the stairs in the Narthex. Feel free to **explore** the building and ask questions of the pastor, ushers or anyone you see!

We encourage you to introduce yourselves and hope you feel **comfortable** here.

**Children are welcome and highly encouraged to be in worship.** We understand that children have the need to move and make sound; which we find to be a joyful and important part of worship. **Blessing Bags** are found near both entrances of the sanctuary filled with activities for children. A **cry room** is available at the back of the sanctuary should you need a brief respite.

Faith Lutheran Church is a **lively, caring and energetic** community.  
We are so glad you are here!

### **Overview of the Scripture**

*Acts 9 recounts Saul's dramatic encounter with Jesus, his temporary blindness, and his transformation into a chosen instrument for spreading the Gospel. For decades, scholars have debated whether this passage describes Saul's conversion or calling. It is best to describe it as both. The term "conversion" is described as, instead of seeing Jesus as a deceased leader of unfaithful and heretical Jews, Saul begins to recognize Jesus as the resurrected and living Lord. From there, his calling and commission led to active engagement and spreading the Gospel.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Sonata in D Major, Part I*

ANSELM VIOLA\*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism...

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

OPENING HYMN 384 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

PUER NOBIS

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.**

## KYRIE

*Assistant: In peace, in peace,*

*Assistant:* Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
*Congregation:* Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all... (Refrain)*

*Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)*

*Congregation:* Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ANTHEM

### *The Call*

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS\*+

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a Way as gives us breath,  
Such a Truth as ends all strife, such a Life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength; such a Light as shows a Feast,  
Such a Feast as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; such a Joy as none can move,  
Such a Love as none can part, such a Heart as joys in love.*

~ George Herbert, *The Temple*, 1633\*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### READING Acts 9:1-19a

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MARTY HAUGEN

**Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Matthew 6:24

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

The Word of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ**

### SERMON



1 Un - ex - pect - ed and mys - te - rious is the gen - tle  
 2 In a mo - men - tar - y meet - ing of e - ter - ni -  
 3 We are called to pon - der mys - t'ry and a - wait the



word of grace. Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain -  
 ty and time, Mar - y learned that she would car -  
 com - ing Christ, to em - bod - y God's com - pas -



ing is the peace of God's em - brace. If we fal - ter  
 ry both the mor - tal and di - vine. Then she learned of  
 sion for each frag - ile hu - man life. God is with us



in our cour - age and we doubt what we have known, God is  
 God's com - pas - sion, of E - liz - a - beth's great joy, and she  
 in our long - ing to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we



faith - ful to con - sole us as a moth - er tends her own.  
 ran to greet the wom - an who would rec - og - nize her boy.  
 watch with joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sav - ior's birth.

## APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

...Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer...**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of the peace as you are comfortable.*

## OFFERING

With thanksgiving we share our tithes and offerings with God for the work of ministry in the world.

## OFFERTORY

*Sonata in D Major, Part II*

ANSELM VIOLA\*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

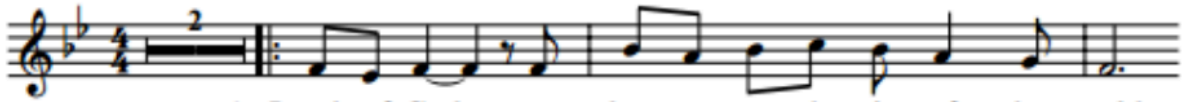
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORDS PRAYER

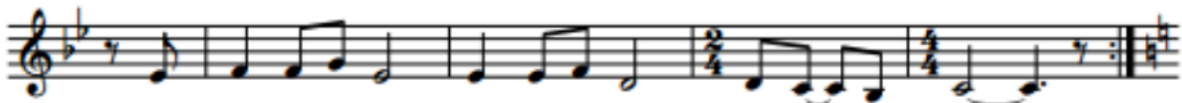
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**



## LAMB OF GOD



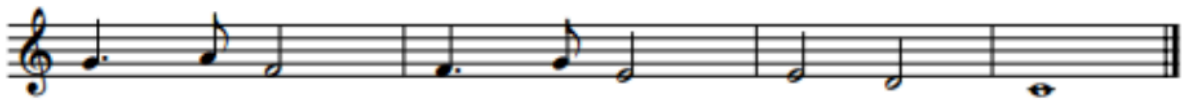
1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

## COMMUNION INVITATION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. All are welcome to this table of compassion and unconditional love.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*As we gather for communion, all are invited to come forward to the bottom step near the baptismal font. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please place your hands over your heart as a sign of requesting the blessing. You will receive the bread (host) and the wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available and the baked bread is gluten free. If you are communing from another location, we trust that Christ is present through the Holy Spirit in the bread and the wine/grape juice. Please note the importance of the words of institution and the invitation to communion, holding holy worshipful space within this sacrament.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever, Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

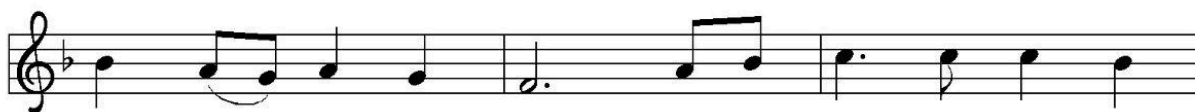
**Amen.**



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go now as Easter people, ambassadors of Christ's kingdom of forgiveness, healing and hope, and witnesses of what we know to be true. May the almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Come, My Joy, My Love, My Heart* RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS\*+

## SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

**Thanks be to God!**

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**\*WORSHIP NOTES:** *Padre Anselm Viola* is known primarily for a bassoon concerto, but his solo keyboard works are gradually being discovered and played as well. The *rococo* style of the sonata heard in this morning's worship service strikes the ear as "Italian opera meets Domenico Scarlatti".

The registration and division of parts over two keyboards is actually in service of approximating the sound of the single manual organs that predominated on the Iberian peninsula. Unexpected voicings result from the right hand playing the trumpet at sixteen, eight and four-foot pitch, and the left hand playing primarily at eight and four-foot pitch. The fiery sound of trumpet, combined with the cornet registration of octave and mutation pitches, makes for a powerfully colorful presentation.

**Ralph Vaughan Williams'** musical setting of **George Herbert's** short poem *The Call* was published in 1911. The simple, direct text is almost completely composed of words of one syllable. Allusions to the Old and New testaments, as well as to the Church of England liturgy, abound in Herbert's poetry. *The Call* references Revelations 22:26 – *Come, Lord Jesus* – and John 14:6 – *I am the way, the truth and the life*. It has been considered the call of the poet to God, but it is also the response of the poet to a call *from* God. (Friends of St. Andrew's, © 2024).

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## TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Priscilla Austin

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir

Reader: Kea Manahan

Ushers: Dallas & Carl Presley

Fellowship: Barb & Rick Friedhoff

Altar Guild: Suzanne Phillips

Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter

Tech Operator: Rick Brandstetter

## NEXT WEEK:

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 23

Luke 6:18-19, 22-23



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# SALISH SEA

— EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2026 —



## TELEMANN PARIS QUARTETS

Susie Napper ~ *viola da gamba* + Elisabeth Wright ~ *harpsichord*  
David Greenberg ~ *baroque violin* + Jeffrey Cohan ~ *baroque flute*

Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 7:00 PM

✦ Faith Lutheran Church ✦

✦ 8208 18th Ave NE in Seattle ✦

\$20 to \$30 suggested donation/a free will offering. all are welcome ✦ youth 18 and under always free

✦ [www.salishseafestival.org/seattle](http://www.salishseafestival.org/seattle) ✦





# University District Food Bank

## FAITH VOLUNTEER DAY!

All ages are invited to help at the University District Food Bank. We will be volunteering when the food bank is closed to the public and while we are prepping for our home delivery programs to serve those that are homebound. Task may include, boxing up food, sorting donations, stocking shelves and other tasks that will help the food bank get ready to open the following week. We have **12 volunteer spots** available. Scan QR code below or click link in weekly email to sign up!

**SAT MAY 2 | 11 AM - 2 PM**  
5017 ROOSEVELT WAY NE,  
SEATTLE, WA 98105





## Bloodworks Northwest Blood Drive

Join us for the Faith Lutheran Church blood drive on Wednesday, May 6. Appointments are available between 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Imagine the warm Hawaiian sand between your toes as a thank you for saving lives in the Pacific Northwest! In gratitude for your blood donation in May, you can enter to win roundtrip airfare for two plus a 3-night stay in a lush ocean-view room at Oahu's beautiful Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort. Your donation makes a real impact in our local hospitals and could turn into the getaway of your dreams.

Schedule your appointment today by clicking link in the weekly email or scanning the QR code below:

SCAN QR CODE



NW Washington Synod Gathering

**Life in God's Garden:  
Seeds of Generosity**

Saturday, May 30 | 9am-5pm



Worship

Workshops

Rev. Tim Brown, Keynote

Lunch included  
\$40/person

at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood  
& Lynnwood Neighborhood Center

[lutheransnw.org/events](http://lutheransnw.org/events)

**NW Washington Synod Gathering**

Saturday, May 30 | 9am-5pm

Please join us for this full day to celebrate, learn, and connect around the theme of generosity. This is generosity rooted in God's abundant love for creation. Generosity of time, space, talents, and money. Generosity of our hearts.

We will be gathering at **Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood AND the new Lynnwood Neighborhood Center**. We will center our time in worship at 9am with song, communion, preaching by Bishop Shelley, and gratitude and blessing for our Synod VP Kay Edgerton who will be concluding her term this summer.

We will welcome our keynote presenter, Rev. Tim Brown, ELCA director for congregational stewardship. Following

lunch, there will be 2 afternoon workshop times - with a total of 22 options from local leaders (**including Pastor Shannyn!**) As we prepare to close the day, we will re-gather for a sending service - including time to install our newly elected synod council officers and members.

All are welcome to register - lay members and rostered leaders. There are so many wonderful workshop options, you will want to bring a group from your ministry site to capture as many of the offerings as you can!

Cost will be \$40/person - includes program and lunch.

**To REGISTER & read about the workshop options** click on link in weekly email or scan QR code below. During registration, you will be asked to select your workshops (and your lunch.) Registration will close at 12noon on Monday, May 18.

*Register  
Now*



# Happenings at Faith Lutheran Church

All Zoom links can be found on the main page [faithseattle.org](http://faithseattle.org)

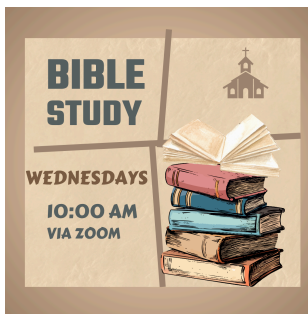


## MORNING DEVOTIONS

**Monday-Friday, 7:00-7:10a**

Start your day with a short morning devotion led by different church members.

Join via Zoom for a brief devotion and prayer time.



## BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays, 10:00a**

Weekly Bible Study gives background information and discussion on the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.



## GENTLE YOGA

**Tuesdays 9:45a, Wednesdays 5:30p**

Led by certified instructor, Christa Wells, find some quiet, gentle movement to restore your body and soul.

Make yourself comfortable in any location and join via Zoom.



## FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

**Friday, 11:00a**

Join for conversation and fellowship online each week at 11:00a.

It is a time to connect with one another, have information conversation and stay connected in community!



## RUTH CIRCLE

**3rd Thursday, 12:00noon**

Ruth Circle meets online on the 3rd Thursday of the month. A fellowship gathering begins at noon followed by Bible Study together using the [Gather Magazine](#).

Contact Donna Shy with questions!



**TEA TIME on TUESDAYS**  
**Tuesdays 11:00a-12:00p**

Stop by the office for a cup of tea or coffee and chat with Pastor Shannyn and Emily. You can join online as well!

**\*\*NO TEA TIME APRIL 21st\*\***



**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
**Wednesdays 7:00p**

All voices are invited to be part of the choir! Choir meets in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7:00p and practices again on Sunday morning before church.



**QUILTING**  
**Wednesdays 10:00a-2:00p**

All are invited to join the quilters in the social hall on Wednesdays. No sewing skills are necessary. There are projects for all levels, interests, and ages. These quilts are distributed locally and globally.



**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP**  
**3rd Tuesday, 7:15p**

The Women's Book Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month rotating between different homes. Each month a new book is chosen for conversation and fellowship. You are invited to join regularly each month or come as your schedule allows.

Contact Sheryl Schmeling to get on the reminder email list.



**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation may begin in 6th grade, though you are encouraged to begin when you feel ready. We partner with Maple Leaf Lutheran, Central Lutheran, and Immanuel Lutheran.

**April 12:** Whole Group, Synod Office. Carpool meet at church at 3:40p

**May 2:** Faith Group: University District Food Bank

**May 17:** Whole Group, Maple Leaf Lutheran

**June 14:** Firepit Family Gathering for all the Confirmands and their households at Pastor Shannyn's backyard.



**THE LIVE PROJECT**

The Northwest Washington Synod offers adult education and learning opportunities through the LIVE Project year round. Faith has a congregational membership so it is free for you to participate. Look at upcoming sessions at [lutheransnw.org](http://lutheransnw.org)