

FAITH CHURCH OF ELMHURST
A Global Methodist Community
March/April 2026

A Pastoral Word for the Holy Season of Lent

☐*From the Pastors Heart to the Faith Family*☐“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” – *Romans 8:1-2 (KJV)*

Dear Beloved Faith Church Family,

As the crisp air of March begins to soften and we see the first subtle signs of spring in our beautiful community, I find my heart turning toward each of you with deep gratitude and prayer. We are currently walking through the sacred season of Lent, a time of reflection, repentance, and preparation. I want to ask you today: How is your Lenten journey going? How is your soul?

In the quietness of this season, our Faith Church family has been united in a truly special way. Through our “**Holy Challenge**,” we have been meditating on the same Word of God every day. Seeing you share your reflections and lift one another up in prayer has been a source of immense joy for me as your pastor. It reminds me that even when we are in our own homes, we are never truly alone; we are bound together by the Spirit and the Word.

I am also deeply moved by what is happening in our **Tuesday Bible Study and Prayer Meetings**. Each week, as we gather to dive into the Scriptures and bring our petitions before the Lord, we are witnessing the miracle of answered prayers.

More importantly, we are tasting the true freedom and joy that comes only from the Truth. I have seen tears of relief and smiles of hope as we realize that God’s Word is not just an ancient text, but a living power in our lives today.

As we look toward the cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter morning, I want to leave you with three vital truths from the heart of the Gospel—truths that I pray will be anchored in your souls as you go out into the world.

First, embrace the assurance of Complete Forgiveness. Many of us, as we grow older and have more time to reflect, find old memories or past failures resurfacing. We might whisper to ourselves, “Could God really forgive someone like me?” The answer from Calvary is a resounding “Yes.” On the cross, Jesus didn’t just cover our sins; He canceled the debt. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Please, do not carry the heavy chains of guilt or shame any longer. You are God’s beloved child, fully accepted and completely forgiven.

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Second, stand firm in the Victory already won. We live in a world that feels increasingly uncertain. We worry about our health, our families, and the future of our nation. But we remember that the grave could not hold our Savior. Because He rose again, death is defeated and sin is conquered. Our salvation is not based on how strong we feel, but on the finished work of Jesus Christ. As you walk through your neighborhood or speak with your friends, carry that victory in your step. The outcome is already decided: He is Risen!

Third, rest in the Comfort of His Everlasting Arms. Right now, at this very moment, Jesus is at the right hand of the Father, speaking your name in prayer. He knows your journey, and He knows the "dust" of your daily struggles. Even if your body feels weaker or your days feel quieter than they used to be, your soul is safe. You are held by the same hands that were pierced for you. This is the message the world is starving for—a love that stays, a love that prays, and a love that holds us forever.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us not keep this Good News to ourselves. As we approach Easter, I challenge you to share this assurance with someone who is struggling. Tell them their debt is canceled. Tell them there is hope beyond the grave. Let us continue to be a community of light, walking boldly into the presence of God. I look forward to seeing you all as we celebrate the glorious Resurrection together.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forevermore.

With much love and blessings,

Pastor Kim



Announcements



Prayer Hugs

The Prayer Hugs group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 1 to 2:30 p.m., in The Makery at the Elmhurst Public Library. The group is making prayer shawls, baby afghans and fleece blankets. All women are invited to join whether you crochet, knit or want to tie blankets.

In the beginning of the year, prayer shawls were given by individuals to friends or family members suffering a loss or health challenges. Prayer shawls and afghans were also donated to Elmhurst Extended Care Center for their residents.

If you know someone who may be in need of a prayer shawl, the shawls will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to take one to pass along. There will be a notebook there for you to sign your name, who you are giving it to (first names only are okay) and the date. We want to make these available to anyone who would like to give one of our prayer shawls. If you know of an organization that can benefit from the items we make, please contact a member of the group. For any questions, please contact Jane Ahrens.



Tuesday Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group is continuing to meet on Tuesdays, from 12:30 to 2 p.m., in the lower level of the church. The group is continuing in the study of the Gospel of Matthew. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Fred Sullivan.



Prayer Group

The weekly Prayer Group is meeting on Tuesdays following the Bible Study group. Everyone is invited to join in this time of sharing prayer concerns and praying together.



Church Council Meeting

The Church Council's most recent meeting was on Monday, March 16. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Jane Ahrens.



Announcements

Holy Week 2026 - We gather to celebrate the most important moments in our Christian life as we reflect on the sacrifice Christ made for us and the amazing gifts of salvation, redemption and eternal life that He shares with us.

Please join us in this wonderful time of reflection, renewal and joy!



Volunteers Needed!

- Help set up for Maundy Thursday Community meal - side dishes are also needed
- Help set up tables/decorations on Saturday April 4 for Easter Breakfast
- Help prepare breakfast food, Saturday afternoon April 4
- Help with cleanup after each meal



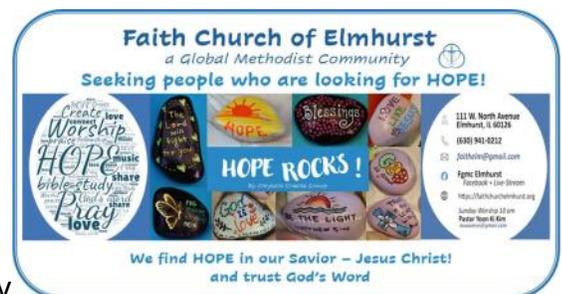
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Chrysalis Create

We continue to meet Saturday mornings and our group is growing! Dianne is sharing “Diamond Painting” projects with us as we create table decorations and gifts for Easter and Mothers Day. Skylar has become our champion diamond creator!

A card-making friend with “Rocky’s Paper, Scissors” will be sharing her expertise with us on a Saturday event in May. (Check out Rocky’s amazing creations on Facebook)

Join us for a Saturday morning or every week. Supplies donations are always welcome.





Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March:

- 21 Daniel Kim
- Fabiola Salazar
- 31 Sandy Wiech

April:

- 9 Nancy Cichy
- 18 Lola Magee
- 19 Joanna Leonor
- 20 Rod Kingzette
- 22 Andy Majernik
- 24 Donna Larson
- John Ahrens
- 26 Lucy Leonor*



- 3 Pastor Yoon Ki & In Sook Kim
- 15 John & Latha Sangha

*Income is
behind
Expenses
by
-\$1,406
through
February*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2026 Giving Statistics

End of the February Giving Numbers:



	Weekly	Income	Budget
5-Jan	970.00	970.00	3368.73
11-Jan	5922.32	6892.32	6737.46
18-Jan	3262.00	10154.32	10106.19
25-Jan	1862.25	16755.72	16843.65
1-Feb	6490.91	129366.97	147041.83
8-Feb	5137.42	21893.14	20212.38
15-Feb	2506.00	24399.14	23581.12
22-Feb	785.00	25184.14	26949.85
1-Mar	2323.00	27507.14	30318.58
8-Mar	5219.00	32726.54	33687.31
11-Mar	2849.03	35575.17	37056.04

End of February Financial Summary:

Budget:	\$26,949
Expenses:	\$27,548
Income:	\$26,142
Deficit	-\$1,406

Missions and Outreach



March's 5th Sunday Offering

March's, 5th Sunday missionary is Pastor Peter Pieria with Global Hope Partners. Pastor Peter will be sharing about Global Hope Partners during the March 22, 2026 worship service. There will be an offering collected both March 22nd and March 29th for Global Hope Partners.



May's 5th Sunday Offering

Mays 5th Sunday missionary is Rachel & Rollin Mayes. Maybe highlighted with pictures of their new arrival.



Caring Network

Baby Bottle Drive for Caring Network will be Mother's Day to Father's Day.



Easter Sunday Special Offering

April 5, 2026 is Easter. Faith Church Easter tithe will be sent to Global Methodist Ethiopian pastors.



Community Outreach

Door Hangers to tell others that they have been prayed for during your neighborhood prayer walk; on the office table.



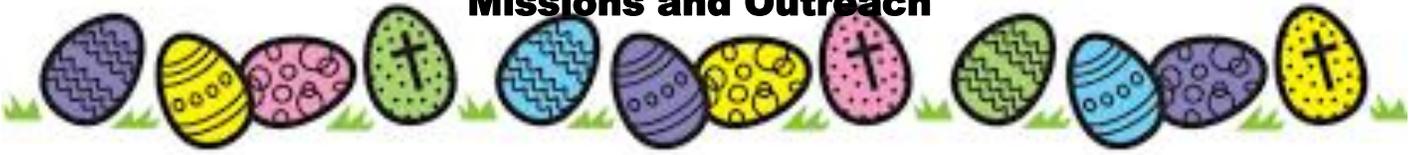
Chrysalis Create

Chrysalis has been keeping warm on Saturday mornings making Easter cards and crafts for the church to deliver/mail, to Extended Care, Shut-ins, College Students, and friends. Look for cards to sign on the snack table.

Everyone is welcome to choose a card to give. Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Celebrate! cards are also on the table.



Missions and Outreach



Photos from Soup-er Bowl Sunday

At Faith Church, the soup may be warm, but the Spirit is warmer



Come Worship with Us

**Sunday
Worship
Services
@
10 a.m.**



Come join us as we worship
online or in person on
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

For our online service, please go to our Facebook page:
FGMC ELMHURST

For our in person service, please join us at the corner
of North Avenue and York Road. Parking is available
behind the church and the entrance is on the North
Avenue side with the red double doors next to the driveway.

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Sunday Worship @ 10 a.m.

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