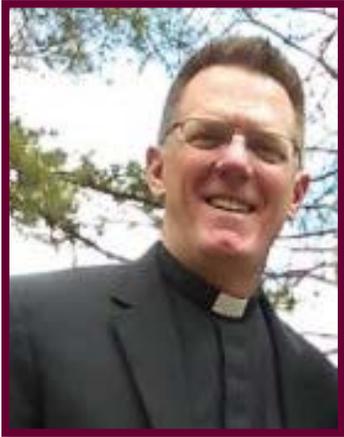


# FOLLOWING HIM IN FAITH

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Dear Faithful Followers of Christ,

As we've begun our "Following Him in Faith" campaign, many might wonder, "Just what does *following Him in faith* look like?" As I think about this question, I look around the place we gather for worship each week. I witness the parking lot filled with parents and grandparents dropping off and picking up their children at Little Lambs each weekday. I hear the sights and sounds of people keeping the temple God gave them healthy in their Body and Soul workouts. I see our neighbors in need coming to our doors, knowing they will find food, shelter, and the comforting word of God through our Food Pantry, the Compassion Trailer, Safe Nights, and other ministries. "Following Him in Faith" looks like these things and so much more as we "Joyfully proclaim God's Word and enthusiastically share Christ's love" among ourselves and with our neighbors.

"Following Him in Faith" though is not a destination ... a place where we arrive and stop. "Following Him in Faith" is a journey. It's a journey God's people who gather at First Lutheran and call it "home" have been on for over four decades. It's a journey we're energetically and excitedly continuing. We continue and extend the legacy of the generations who went before us... those who heeded the call, "Come and see" and helped transform First Lutheran from a small gathering of faithful followers meeting and worshipping in the Plusch's living room to a vibrant gathering of God's people being nourished by God's Word and Sacraments at the crossroads of Calvert County.

How will we continue to "Follow Him in Faith" these next four decades? "Come, follow us" on this amazing journey and see for yourself. There are several special events that will be taking place over the next two months in which we will be seeking your support, input, and participation as we come together as the Body of Christ. Join with me and your brothers and sisters to "Come and see" what God has in store for us all as He works through us to grow His kingdom. Starting April 14<sup>th</sup>, and continuing after Easter, we will begin an integrated series of sermons, Sunday School studies, and weekly prayers and devotions centered around God's Word – focusing on how God's people *follow Him in faith*. You will also hear how some of our members have *followed Him in faith* over the course of their journeys when facing new and challenging situations.

All of these activities lead up to a very special celebration ... our "Following Him in Faith" campaign will culminate on May 19<sup>th</sup> on Commitment Sunday. At all services, we will have the opportunity to take steps of faith in making financial commitments to "Follow Him in Faith." Then, after the late service, from 12:30-2:30pm, we will have a wonderful celebration at the church to praise God for His generosity. There will be music, food, and activities for everyone. This is an exciting time and I am looking forward to celebrating God's generosity with all of you.

Faithfully Following Him,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Jim". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



**Have you heard about the new campaign?** If not, please allow me to be the first to introduce some of what has been happening over the past several months as a result of what you, the members of the First Lutheran Family, have identified as some of our needs. We have embarked upon a Following Him in Faith campaign which includes many wonderful upgrades to our facilities.

Last week we held a number of “inform events” in an effort to share information about the Following Him in Faith campaign with many of you. Thank you to all who were able to attend one of these Inform Events. As it is important that we reach as many members of the congregation as possible during this phase of the campaign, I wanted to let you know we will have one more Inform event this coming Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, between services, at 9:25am in the narthex. It will be a brief presentation given by Pastor that explains what this campaign is all about. I hope you will be able to attend.

If you have any further questions in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other Campaign Directors.

You can also find helpful information about the Following Him in Faith Campaign on our website:

<http://www.firstlutheranchurch.org/following-him-in-faith>

This would also include a link to the slide that Pastor has used during these Inform events to date.

These are exciting times for our First Lutheran Family!

Also, as it is important that we have up to date information for all of our members, please take a moment to look over your information in the

members only section of the website to ensure we have the most up to date information for you as we will have other documents to share during this campaign that may require mailing.



Thanks so much!  
Tammie Lauer  
Inform Director

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 31** – Inform Forum,  
9:25-10:25am, Narthex

**April 14** – *Following Him in Faith* Bible Studies,  
Sermon Series, & Other  
Inspire Events

**April 26, April 27, May 3,  
May 4, & May 10** –  
*Following Him in Faith*  
Home Visits

**May 10** – Initial  
Commitments Event

**May 19** – Commitment  
Sunday & Celebration

**June 2** – Commitment  
Dedication



# Following Him in Faith Prayer Calendar

“Philip said, ‘Come and see!’”  
~ John 1:46b

## APRIL 2019 – MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Please pray with us...</b>			<b>10</b> Lord, fulfill your purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Ps 138:8b	<b>11</b> Provide laborers for Your harvest, Lord. Matt. 9:37b	<b>12</b> Help us to know the immeasurable greatness of Your power toward us. Eph. 1:19a	<b>13</b> Help us be good stewards of Your grace to serve one another. I Peter 4:10
<b>14</b> O guilt-less Savior, forgive my sins. ‘Remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Luke 23:41-42	<b>15</b> We trust you, Lord, to do immeasurably more than we can imagine in and through us! Eph. 3:20-21	<b>16</b> Enlarge our hearts O God! Help us run in the way of your commandments. Ps 119:32	<b>17</b> Re-focus our minds on You and Your faithfulness when the circumstances seem uncertain. Gen. 50:19	<b>18</b> O Lord, can we drink from the cup and taste what You endured? Help us be grateful. Matt. 20:22	<b>19</b> Lead us to quiet waters, O God. Provide Your best for Your sheep! Psalm 23	<b>20</b> For by grace You have saved us through faith. This is not our own doing. Thank you, God. Eph. 2:8
<b>21</b> Lord, we remember Your words, that You would die and on the third day, rise. Luke 24:6-8a	<b>22</b> We know that we cannot serve You, O God, and the gods of this world. Help us to serve You alone. Matt. 6:24b	<b>23</b> Help us to invite others to ‘come and see’ dear Lord. John 1:45-46	<b>24</b> You see us and know us God. Provide for all of our needs. Ex. 2:25	<b>25</b> Intercede for us O Holy Spirit, when we don't know how to pray. Rom. 8:26-27	<b>26</b> Father, give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Jesus. Eph. 1:17	<b>27</b> Prosper us and refresh us, O Lord. Help us to be generous as You are with us. Pr. 11:25
<b>28</b> Help us to go as You send and speak as You command. Jer. 1:7b	<b>29</b> Strengthen our faith and hope in You, Lord and our love for each other. I Cor. 13:13	<b>30</b> Shine through us and a new sign on the hill, O God. Matt. 5:14	<b>MAY 1</b> As we fear You, God, prosper us and our descendants to Your glory. Ps. 25:12-14	<b>2</b> We want to live by faith, not by sight. Help us O Lord! 2 Cor. 5:7	<b>3</b> Counsel us with your loving eye on us, Lord. Ps. 32:8	<b>4</b> Allow our generosity to produce thanksgiving to You, God. 2 Cor. 9:11
<b>5</b> Keep us blameless before You, Lord. Phil. 2:14-16	<b>6</b> Help us to walk in the light of Your face, O God. Psalm 89:15	<b>7</b> Help those who worship with us hear Your word clearly O God. Romans 10:17	<b>8</b> Enhance our outdoor worship space where we can meditate on Your Word. Ps. 1:1-2	<b>9</b> Thank you for our resources. Help us to give generously. 2 Cor. 8:3-5	<b>10</b> Help us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with You. Micah 6:8	<b>11</b> You love a cheerful giver! Help us give as You call. 2 Cor. 9:7
<b>12</b> Make new disciples through our joyful proclamations, Lord! Matt. 28:19-20	<b>13</b> Show us the best way to love our neighbors. Matt. 22:37-39	<b>14</b> Help us provide excellent space to teach Your children dear Lord. Deut. 6:6-7	<b>15</b> Help us to faithfully tend to all that You've given us. Gen. 2:15	<b>16</b> Master God, we want to be Your ‘good and faithful servants!’ Matt. 25:23	<b>17</b> Lord, help us to ‘lay up treasures in heaven’, not on earth. Matt. 6:20	<b>18</b> All things are Yours, dear Father. Help us offer willingly. Chron. 29:14
<b>19</b> With the voice of thanksgiving I will sacrifice to You; what I have vowed I will pay, O Lord. Jonah 2:9a			<a href="http://www.firstlutheranchurch.org/following-him-in-faith">www.firstlutheranchurch.org/following-him-in-faith</a> <a href="mailto:flc@firstlutheranchurch.org">flc@firstlutheranchurch.org</a>			

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