# FAITH MATTERS Weekly Newsletter



April 14, 2024 Worship Service 10:30am

Prelude: The Lost Chord

Choral Call: Praise

Welcome & Announcements

\*Greeting One Another

\*Praise Songs: Lord, I Need You

Yet Not I, But Christ in Me

\*Invocational Prayer

Scripture Readings: *Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7*Our Reader this morning is Cheryl Richardson

Choral Anthem: *The Power of the Cross* 

Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

Children's Church (for Kids 4 years old - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Offerings: My Savior's Love

Sermon: Children of God

\*Hymn #306: And Can It Be That I Should Gain

\*Sung Benediction: The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

## Praise Report

Rita Shipman's recent CAT scan showed "a substantial reduction in all areas"!

## Keeping in Our Prayers

Steve LaPointe, Rita Shipman, Karlene Marsh, Fran Cabot, Herb & Jane Lenon, Linda Rogers & her dad, William Statetzny, Bev Johnston's sister Carolyn, and Jane Kuriger.

### This Week's Ministries Calendar

Sunday, 04.14.24

9:00am: Praise Band Practice 9:30am: Sunday School Classes

10:00am: Choir Warm-up (Choir Room)

10:30am: Worship Service (Nursery is available)

Monday, 04.15.24

3:00pm: GriefShare (Room 6)

Wednesday, 04.17.24

10:00am: Women's BSF (Choir Room) 12:00pm: Faith Matters Newsletter Deadline 5:30pm: Dinner for Faith Kids & Youth Group

6:00pm: Faith Kids 6:00pm: Youth Group

Thursday, 04.18.24

6:30pm: MOPS

6:30pm: Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Friday, 04.19.24

9:00am: Men's Breakfast (Bungalow Inn)

Saturday, 04.20.24

9:00am: Men's Bible Study (Room 2)

Sunday, 04.21.24

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10:00am: Choir Warm-up (Choir Room)

10:30am: Worship Service

#### **ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS**

The Kingdom of God and Our Place In It Sunday mornings at 9:00am in Room 2. Led by John Gautz.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

This week, 04.17.24: Dinner for Faith Kids & Youth Group (No Adult Study)

Next week, 04.24.24: Potluck Dinner for

Everyone

Wed., 05.01.24: Dinner for Everyone:

Italian Subs / Turkey Subs

# **Mutual Ministries Staff Highlight:** Sarah Eix, Director of Children & Family Ministries

"It's my joy to help kids pursue Jesus: to learn the whole story of Scripture, to see how they are a part of it, and to experience what it means to follow him. Marc and I are grateful to be 'home' again with all of you. When I look out the sanctuary windows, and see the old treehouse, I'm reminded that our own kids, Emily, Nathan, and Laura, spent most of their growing up years here. After 5 years at First Covenant in Red Wing, MN, we felt God's call back to Portage Lake Bible Camp, another special place for our family. In a full circle way, Marc and I are again doing ministry together here with you here in Michigan - and we are grateful! I'd like to think we haven't changed much since those days, but our grown kids remind me that's not the case. Emily graduated last year from North Park University (the Covenant denomination's school) in Chicago, and is now working as a NICU nurse at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. Nathan is finishing his sophomore year studying engineering at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. And, we are really glad that someone still lives at home: Laura, our senior, is graduating in May from Manistee High School. Both Laura and Nathan will be working on staff at camp this summer. It's my prayer, for all of our church kids, that they love Jesus with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strengths. Thank you for all your help in this important ministry!"



Nathan, Sarah, Marc, Emily, & Laura



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CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT **APRIL 26-28, 2024** 

SPEAKERS: Jennifer Anderson **Keith Foisy** 

**REGISTRATION:** Portagelake.org/ contemplativeretreat/

## WORK & WORSHIP

MAY 24-27 ENJOY FREE FOOD & HOUSING Help get camp ready for summer on Memorial Day weekend!



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Begin with Prayer. Listen with Care. Eat Together. Serve with Love. Share Your Story.

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