

Faith Journeys

Faith Lutheran Church -- ELCA

April 2014

Pastor Joy's Message

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Hope and a Plan

Hopefully, as you are reading this article, the weather is starting to feel a whole lot more like spring! I think that it is pretty safe to say that we are all ready for a break from the bitter cold and piles of snow that the last few months have brought. This month will also bring Easter (Be sure to check out our special worship schedule), a joyous and festive day where we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. There are lots of things to look forward too!

As we do that, I have also been asking people to take a look back. In early March, I offered a couple of sessions on Sunday mornings in an effort to get to know you - the people of Faith Lutheran Church. In these sessions, I asked a series of questions and was able to hear from several of you – long-time members, newer members, and everything in between. For those of you that were not able to join us, here are the questions that guided our time together:

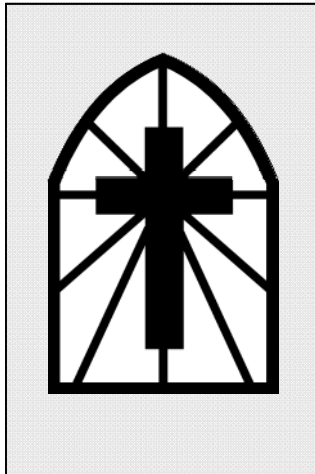
- ◆ What are your favorite memories here at Faith Lutheran Church?
- ◆ Why did you come to Faith Lutheran Church?
- ◆ What do you love about Faith Lutheran Church?
- ◆ What do you hope for the future of Faith Lutheran Church?
- ◆ How do we do it together (bring the hopes to life)?

It was wonderful to experience the wide variety of answers and ideas that were shared. It was also great to learn more about the history of this congregation and at the same time think about how we will grow together. If you were not able to come or have thought of additional items, feel free to send them my way.

One of the consistent answers that many shared had to do with the friendly and welcoming environment that they experience here at Faith Lutheran Church. This is what got people to come back and become a part of this community. This is what people love. The overall consensus was that this congregation strives to make people feel welcome and included. People of all ages, including small children are accepted and encouraged to be a part of everything and this is something that will lead and guide us into the future.

I recently attended a conference where I heard the following quote, "Hope without a plan is denial." You shared many hopes as we gathered and now it is time to start making plans. We will take a look at the things we want to explore and do as a congregation, make a plan, and give it a try. There is no guarantee how things will go, but when we venture out faithfully with a plan, there is always room for adjustment and growth, and we know that no matter what, the Holy Spirit will be stirring in the midst of it all.

Pastor Joy



From Your Youth and Family Coordinator

Who brought you to the church? Was it your parents, grandparents, a friend or co-worker? Many of us could answer that our parents brought us to the church when it was time for our baptism. Some of us could answer our grandparents. Even some of us could say that a friend invited us. My mother was invited by a neighborhood friend to attend church. Later on, it was my dad (at the time he was my mother's boyfriend in high school) who became her sponsor at her baptism along with his mother (soon to be my mother's mother-in-law, confused yet?) Along the way, at least most of us were either brought by a family member or invited by a friend to join the church.

Why do you attend church? I've talked about my journey- how I grew up in Lutheran schools all my life, and how in college and early adulthood I rarely attended church. It wasn't until I had my own children that I knew I needed to bring them to church. I needed to have them baptized, and I needed them to start attending Sunday school. So at that point in my life, my children and their spiritual welfare was the reason I attended church. I'm sure that is true for most families- that at some point when you start having your own children, you realize that your children need to learn about God because you feel that is important. We send our children off on Sunday mornings to learn about God and what wonderful things he's done for us, because we feel that it is important for our children to hear and learn these things.

What happens after our children are grown? Do we still feel that we need to attend church? Do we regard our own spiritual welfare as important as our children's? My children are certainly not grown yet (at least they think they are...) but at one point I came to the realization that I really didn't have a deep relationship with God. I was just doing what I was supposed to do: bring my children to church to get baptized and take them to Sunday school and make sure they get all their points for confirmation class. I was taking care of my children, but neglecting myself. It wasn't until I really got involved in the church beyond dropping off the kids, that I realized my own spiritual welfare was suffering.

This is an exciting time here at Faith Lutheran. There are many opportunities for youth and adults to deepen their relationships with God through Sunday school, confirmation class, and an adult Sunday school class (see their newsletter article). For many of us, our Christian education peaked during our confirmation years. Learning doesn't stop when we "graduate" from church. We have to take it upon ourselves to realize that learning and studying about God should never cease. God wants to have a relationship with us and that requires a two-way conversation. I would encourage you to seek out ways that are available to you here to help you strengthen your faith through either studying with a class, joining a women's book study, serving suppers in our community with our Faith In Action team (see article in this newsletter) or donating and delivering Easter Food Baskets to name a few.

I encourage all of you to personally invite people to participate in these studies or servant activities. If I was not personally invited to serve on our church council back in 2007, I don't think I would have heard the call to Youth and Family ministry. You never know what God has planned for you!

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Easter Blessings to you and your families! ~Michelle

Sunday School

April Sunday School Schedule & Palm Sunday Family Celebration!

4/6: 9:15 Classes



4/13: Palm Sunday Family Celebration at 9:15-10:15

- ◆ Everyone in your family is invited for a morning full of service, games, food, and a visit from a secret guest! Don't forget to bring in your Lenten Family Challenge cards to receive an extra special prize!
- ◆ Service- Help pack Easter Food Baskets
- ◆ Games- Get ready for some Minute to Win it games
- ◆ Food- Enjoy some donuts and juice
- ◆ A special/secret guest will arrive around 10:00
- ◆ During our 10:30 worship service the kids will participate in a special Palm Sunday processional.

4/20: Easter Sunday- No Classes: Join us for our worship services at 7:00am or 9:30am. Easter Breakfast will be served from 8:00-9:00.

Confirmation Class April Schedule

4/6: 9:15 Class- Prep for Palm Sunday activities

Palm Sunday 4/13:

9:15- Packing Easter Food Baskets, Running Minute to Win it games for Sunday school classes

2:00pm- Help deliver Easter Food Baskets (25 Service Points given) Parents are invited to help.

4/17: 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service (32 pts with sermon notes)

4/18: 7:00pm Good Friday Worship Service (32 pts with sermon notes)

4/19: (Saturday): 10:00am Easter Breakfast Set-Up (Attendance is expected)

4/20: (Easter Sunday): Arrive at 6:50am to help serve breakfast. This is a youth fundraiser- all are expected to attend unless you are out of town.

4/27: 9:15 Class

Birthdays, News & Thanks

April Birthdays

04-01 Katelyn Primrose
 04-07 Margo Wilkinson
 04-08 Mary Lowe
 04-09 Shirley LeMar
 04-12 Julia Livingston
 04-14 Megan Sieg
 04-15 Chayton Mott
 04-17 Bill Wilkinson
 04-21 Al Duthie
 Randy Monson
 04-23 Lily Haws
 Sandi Wohlford
 04-26 Eric Duthie
 Denny Wittwer
 04-27 Pam Bauer
 04-29 Tracy Brooks
 04-30 Kim Bear Toffelson
 Alexa Schmitt

Anniversaries

04-01 Jeff & Judy Payne
 04-12 Brad & Lisa Dyer
 04-13 Tara & Mike Schmitt
 04-16 Tara & Michael Mims
 Doug & April Moorehead
 04-24 Tim & Paula Albers

Help Wanted-

I need someone to take over the job of washing the acolyte robes three times a year. No ironing necessary. Please see me at church and I'll explain the routine. Ellie Hynson

Thank You

We wish to thank our Faith family for your prayers, thoughts, emails & cards while we have been here in Alaska. We appreciate them very much. We are where God would have us be. He's in charge. Gene & Bea Chaplin

News to Note...

The beautiful Lenten banners in the sanctuary were purchased with memorial money in memory of Glenn Esterday. The family worked with Artist Anne Anderson of Interwoven Studios.

Welcome - We would like to welcome our newest members to Faith Lutheran. They are:

Pastor Joy Alsop, her husband Jake and their son Axel and Ken Hill.

Congratulations— to Jillian and Sean Condon on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Elizabeth on March 11th!

WELCA: The Central Conference Women of the ELCA will be meeting here at Faith Lutheran Church on Thursday morning, April 24th. Registration will be at 9:00 with brunch following. All ladies welcomed.

Blood Drive Report-

Faith Lutheran held a blood drive on Wed. February 19th. The total units collected was 17. Number of lives saved 43. Thank you to all who donated.

Our Friends at Faith Lutheran,

Thank you for hosting our first concert on our Spring 2014 tour! We appreciated your hospitality and for you helping us share our music with this community. Most Sincerely, The Bradley University Chorale Spring Tour 2014



Thank you to DNA Communications for the donation of our phone and internet service.

Calendar

Lay Ministry

Ushers

8 am Brian & Karen Fransen
10:30 am Jeremy & Cayce Groves

Altar Care

**Ellie Hynson, Alice Arjes & Laurie Gay

Acolytes

04-06

8 am Teddi Hacaga, Samantha Carter
10:30 Ethan Albers, Mason V.

04-13

8 am CJ Sedlock, Shane Sedlock
10:30 am Isella Zepeda, Alyssa Stechschulte

04-17 Maundy Thurs.

7 pm Teddi Hacaga, Samantha Carter

04-20 Easter Sunday

7 am Teddi Hacaga, Sam Hacaga
9:30 am Matthew Malaker, Mason V.

04-27

8 am Mark Hopkins, Derek Primrose
10:30 am Logan Ortega, Brett Heinrich

Worship Assistants

04-06

8 am Eileen Liezert
10:30 Barb Harms

04-13

8 am Gloria Tyler
10:30 am Barb Harms

04-17 Maundy Thurs.

7 pm

04-18 Good Fri.

7 pm

04-20 Easter Sunday

7 am Eileen Liezert
9:30 am Barb Harms

04-27

8 am Al Duthie
10:30 am Barb Harms

Communion Assistants

04-06

8 am Susie Wittwer
10:30 Katelyn Primrose

04-13

8 am Virginia Good
10:30 am Gail Rogers

04-17 Maundy Thurs.

7 pm

04-20 Easter Sunday

7 am Steve Liezert
9:30 am Holli Duthie

04-27

8 am Holli Duthie
10:30 am Laurie Gay

Readers

04-06

8 am Claudia Nelson
10:30 Gail Rogers

04-13

8 am Brittni Moorehead
10:30 am Pam Bauer

04-17 Maundy Thurs.

7 pm

04-18 Good Fri.

7 pm

04-20 Easter Sunday

7 am Claudia Nelson
9:30 am Gary Peterson

04-27

8 am Brittni Moorehead
10:30 am Gail Rogers

Flowers for April

04-06 Arntzen/Fike
04-13 Palms/ Organ: Harms
04-20 Easter Lilies
04-27 Lilies/ Organ: Wilkinson

Prayer Ministry

Our Family

Ellie Hynson, Duane Truckenbrod, Mary Lowe, George Primrose,
Mel & Betty Letheby, Bob Daub, Janine LeMar, Claudia Nelson, Lori Johanning,
Shirley Frahm, Geneva Brune

Our Friends

Keith Haggestad (father of Todd Haggestad), Karen, Carl (brother in law of Susie Wittwer),
Dave (uncle of Margo Wilkinson), Al & Bev (parents of Al Duthie),
Connie Hansen (mother of Angie Primrose), Steven Groves (brother of Jeremy Groves)
Tim Primrose (son of George & Marilyn Primrose), Marguerite (mother of Margo Wilkinson),
Bruce Anderson (son in law of Vivian Carlson) Gayle Powers (mother of Traci Sedlock),
Greg Stockton (step father of Traci Sedlock), Jack & Cindy Case (In laws of Katherine Case),
Doug Fisher, Laura Hewitt (Gene & Bea 's daughter),
Marilyn Casey (sister in law of Nedra Knapp)


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May Newsletter items are due to the office
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Prayer Ministry	
04-06	Michelle Heinrich; Brian, Brett & Jennifer Ed & Lois Heitter Tim Heitter
04-13	Harold & Bettie Helm Ed & Linda Hoffman Jim & Solveig Hopkins; Doug, Dylan & Mark
04-20	Ellie Hynson Marion Jarrett Dave & Barb Kinn
04-27	Nedra Knapp Ken & Janine LeMar, Lindsey & Lexy Shirley LeMar

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

4-19	Maundy Thurs. Worship	7 pm
4-18	Good Friday Worship	7 pm
4-20	Easter Sunday	7 & 9:30 am
	Breakfast 8:00-9 am	



Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School invitation

We, the members of what has usually been called the adult Sunday School class, wish to extend an invitation to all members and guests of Faith Lutheran to meet with us Sunday mornings at 9:25, for 45-50 minutes of study and discussion about themes and topics selected by the class itself. The class provides a respectful forum for growth in understanding the Christian faith, the Bible, the world, and relationships with one another.

Different members may lead the class, depending on the theme and interests of the presenters. If you are new to the class, you will not be required to lead a discussion, but may choose to listen and join in the discussion at those points of special interest to you. You may choose to attend regularly, but we have participants who attend occasionally. You may choose to worship before or after the class. You may have children in Sunday School or not. You may be a student of the Bible or not yet. Your particular life experiences are valuable to the group. You will find friendly faces around the table. Differences in opinions are welcome and respected. Your coffee cup can accompany you.

Budget

General Fund			Expenses		Actual Net Income/Loss
	Revenues		Actual	Budgeted	
	Actual	Budgeted			
Month	\$15,965.17	\$15,099.00	\$19,981.70	\$15,914.00	-\$4,016.53
YTD	\$34,703.18	\$30,198.00	\$33,271.58	\$30,388.00	\$1,431.60

Building Fund			Expenses		Actual Net Income/Loss
	Revenues		Actual	Budgeted	
	Actual	Budgeted			
Month	\$4,144.00	\$4,437.00	\$4,463.00	\$4,775.00	-\$319.00
YTD	\$9,374.00	\$8,874.00	\$8,926.00	\$9,550.00	\$448.00

M&M (Building) Fund Balance **\$10,432.47**

IN CASE YOU MISSED 'FAITH IN ACTION' TWO MONTHS AGO.....

Faith Lutheran's involvement in the Monday night Rochelle Community Christian Supper was highlighted in the February newsletter. How many hot meals for Rochelle residents have been served since you read that article? A moderate estimate is—more than 500! It would have been more, but inclement weather and really cold temperatures combined to hold the count down. In fact, two scheduled had to be cancelled for those reasons. Two churches, St. Patrick Catholic and Faith Lutheran, are faithfully prepared to keep up this rhythm of a hot meal every Monday night in Rochelle for those who need it. No questions of those coming are asked. We simply say, 'Welcome to this meal' and then offer a table prayer. Another local church has been invited to consider joining the effort. We all know the motto: many hands make light work.

You can be assured that all of those 500 plus meals have been greatly appreciated. Faith Lutheran food teams (six to eight persons) have been at work the 2nd Monday night of each month since August, and have served an average of 75 meals each time. That includes the initial serving to the 35-40 persons who regularly show up at the Fire Department's Social Hall on 6th Avenue, followed by their 'seconds', and 'take-outs,' the latter so important for the shut-ins who thereby benefit as well. In addition to a main entrée (e.g. scalloped potatoes and ham, cabbage rolls, pork roast, lasagna, or the like) vegetable, fruit, bread, bars/brownies/cookies, and drinks are available.

About a dozen members of Faith have been involved to date, either every time we have served, or several times, or at least once. We are confident and hopeful that another dozen may soon be willing to contribute time (and maybe some bars, brownies, or donations) to keep this Faith in Action opportunity growing. We meet at 4 PM for setup, serve all-comers at 5 PM, prepare take-out boxes at 5:40 PM (four meals go to the Fire Department, which donates the space), and eat ourselves about 6:15 PM. Then all hands to the clean-up. Things are pretty well wrapped up by 7:15 PM.

Can you volunteer three hours for this mission outreach, either on a regular basis or on an occasional basis? Just remember this schedule: every second Monday of every month. To make it easier to volunteer, here are the team leaders at this point: Steve and Eileen Liezert, Nedra Knapp and Vivian Carlson, Bea and Gene Chaplin, and David and Claudia Nelson. We are confident there is someone on this list you know and can approach to ask your questions. Or contact Pastor Joy or Shawn in the office. Nedra and Vivian are up as team leaders next on April 14 (Holy Week). Maybe you would prefer May 12 or June 16 or July 14? Talk to either of the Nelsons or the Chaplins or the Liezerts. It's exciting to be a part of FAITH IN ACTION in our Rochelle community. Sign up on the Adult Sunday School bulletin board to express your interest. We will contact you.



OUTREACH MISSION FOR FAITH: Rochelle Food Pantry

April: 2 Boxes of Pasta and 1 Jar of Sauce
Monetary donations are always appreciated

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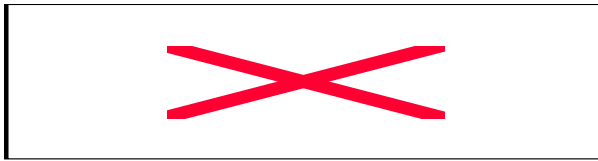
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Easter Sunday Breakfast

April 20th, 2014

8:00 a.m.

A Confirmation Youth Fundraiser

Cost:

Adults	\$5.00
Children	\$3.00
Seniors	\$3.00
Family Option	\$20.00
Under age 3	Free

Food Donations Are Needed- Please look for the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Thank You!

- 17 Egg Casseroles (brought in that morning already baked)
- 6 Gallons of Orange Juice
- 2 Gallons of Milk
- (6 packages of 25) 10 inch Chinet brand plates
- 9 Coffee Cakes or Cinnamon Rolls

