

Faith Journeys

Faith Lutheran Church -- ELCA

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Pastor's Message

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Welcome our
new Pastor—
Joy Alsop!
Joy begins her
ministry here at
Faith on
February 10,
2014!

Singing a New Song

Over the past year, I have had an incredible opportunity to walk alongside you all at Faith Lutheran Church, as you have discerned what you would like the future of your congregation to look like. Throughout the year, I know that I have grown in faith and experience, and am grateful for the opportunity that I have had to work among you. I am hopeful that God has worked through me to strengthen Faith for the future, and I am thankful for all the supportive remarks I have received over the course of my time with you.

But now our time together has come to a close. You have called a new pastor to serve as Faith's guide toward the future, and I am being given the opportunity to prepare another congregation for their long-term future, as I move on to interim work at Immanuel in Compton. While parting can be bitter-sweet, know that I hold nothing but excitement in my heart, as Pastor Joy comes to walk alongside you. I am certain that the Spirit is working in her and among you.

And where the Holy Spirit works, new things come into being. Among them, I hope, is a new song of joy and hope, as you all move forward into the future that God has in store for you. Faith Lutheran Church is on the verge of something new. May God bless you all as you journey into the future together.

Pastor Chris

From Your Youth and Family Coordinator

Faith is caught more than it is taught. What do you think of that statement? Do you agree that showing our youth what our faith means through our actions can help develop their faith life more effectively than just sending them to Sunday school or confirmation? Would that mean that all these Sunday school and confirmation classes are unnecessary? (Don't tell my kids!) I do not believe that is what that statement means. I believe that faith is caught when our youth see us making an effort to enrich our own faith lives and when our priorities reflect a life of faithfulness.

I was brought up in a Lutheran home and attended all Lutheran schools (elementary, middle, high school and college) my entire life. My parents sent me to these schools in hopes for me to flourish educationally and spiritually in a Christian environment. At home our faith practices included praying before dinner and bedtime and attending Sunday school and worship. Outside of those practices, we didn't talk a whole lot about our faith in our home. We were taught most of it all day long at school, so I'm sure my parents probably thought we were covered in the Christian education department. However, the things that stood out the most were my own parent's faith practices and priorities. They were faithful in worshipping God and made it a priority to do so every week. They were faithful in volunteering their time and talents to the church and school and also made that a priority. I may have been taught by the school educators about God, but I caught my faith by watching how my parents lived their lives.

We have all heard the saying- *do what I say not as I do.* We can tell our kids to do a lot of things- *do your homework, wash your hands, say your prayers, go to Sunday school and church, sign up to volunteer to help at the Easter breakfast or the church work day,* **BUT** if they do not see us participating along side of them and not making our faith life a priority, then why would we expect anymore from them? It's like piling a bunch of veggies on their plate and saying, "you better eat your veggies or you won't grow up healthy and strong," then you sit down next to them with a huge plate of ooey gooey nachos? That's like saying, well you better go to church and Sunday school and do some volunteer work so you can grow up and be a healthy Christian adult and then you shut the car door and yell, "Have fun- see you later!"

Imagine your child coming up to you with a ball in their hand and asking you to teach them how to play catch. Do you stand there and just explain the concept of playing catch and never throw them the ball? No. You throw them the ball. They learn by example. You even show them that it is okay to drop the ball sometimes, you can always try again. That's just like our faith- sometimes we may drop the ball, but by the grace of God we can always try again.

Our actions and priorities speak volumes of who we are- and our children and others in the world are watching us. It is important for us to remember that our faith in God needs to be nourished and tended to in order for it to grow. We need to dust off those bibles, read some scriptures, talk to God daily, go out and attend church or a new book study, or volunteer with your family in the community, and go out and be God's hands in the world.



If we all work together in Jesus' name, both at church and at home, our children's faith lives will flourish and they will catch that ball!

Wanna play some catch? *Michelle*

Faith in Action

**Our CALL has been answered!
Pastor Joy Alsop will begin her mission at
Faith on February 10th!**

WELCOME TO PASTOR JOY and FAMILY!

Pastor Joy graduated from Luther College in Iowa and went on to complete her Master of Divinity degree in Chicago. She has been an associate pastor at Christ Lutheran in Belvidere since 2009. She is originally from Iowa, and her husband, Jake, is from Minnesota. They have one son, Axel, and another son on the way! Jake is employed as a district manager for a division of Wirtz Beverage - Illinois. Joy comes highly regarded and we are very excited to have her join us here at Faith Lutheran in Rochelle. Be sure to wear your name tags and help them all get to know us. Thanks be to God for this great news!



**Join us at Faith's Packing Session
on Thursday, March 27th
(Spring Break) 2:30-4:30pm**

**Service Opportunity for
Children and Adults**

We have 20 spots reserved. We will leave early (TBA) from the church to go have lunch before we pack (Possibly at Fox Valley Mall). Minimum age is 5 years and FMSC recommends children grades 3rd and up. Any child under 2nd grade will need to have a adult chaperone present. We ask that if you sign up for a packing session that you would help fundraise. Please take an M&M container home and bring back filled with quarters. If you cannot attend the packing session and still would like to fundraise— you are welcome to take an M&M container home as well. Sign up in the fellowship hall.

The Numbers from 2012 : * 6,200 children die from starvation every day *163 million Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) meals were produced. *More than 657,000 volunteers packed FMSC meals. *22¢ pays for one life-giving FMSC meal.

The Meals: MannaPack™ Rice

Our fortified meals are nutritionally complete with a blend of 20 vitamins and minerals to fuel healthy development. In addition to MannaPack™ Rice, we offer MannaPack™ Potato-D for diarrhea patients, and MannaPack™ Potato-W for weaning toddlers.

The Volunteers

Children and adults hand pack meals in Coon Rapids, Chanhassen, Eagan, MN; Aurora, Libertyville, Schaumburg, IL; Tempe, AZ and around the country at MobilePack events. More than half of volunteers are under age 18.

The Distribution

These meals are sent to nearly 70 countries around the world, and distributed through our partners in orphanages, clinics, relief centers, and schools.

Birthdays & News

February Birthdays

02/01	Gretchen Tyler McGinnis	
02/06	Edna Papke	Steve Liezert
	Gene Bialas	
02/10	Tara Schmitt	
02/11	Vivian Carlson Erin Rittschof	
02/12	Eric Winterton	
02/13	Bob Daub	Matthew Malaker
02/14	Linda Good	Cherryl Sparks
02/15	Paula Albers	
02/25	Shirley Frahm	
02/26	Betty Letheby	
02/27	Emily Duthie	Brad Dyer

News to Note & Upcoming Events

Help needed! We could use a couple more Altar bread bakers. It would be only once or twice a year. Ask Ellie Hynson for the recipe. Thank you to our loyal bakers who are baking now.

Super Bowl Sunday Snack & Bake Sale February 2nd!

To all the Women of Faith- We are having our annual Super Bowl Sunday Snack & Bake Sale on February 2nd. We need more members of Faith to contribute food for the sale and for everyone to buy the goodies.

The money raised helps keep the quilters supplied with batting and helps toward shipping them. It enables us to give to some WELCA projects and help with various needs of our church. For Example: we were able to give \$500 towards the general fund and \$250 towards Michelle's youth Leadership Workshop in St. Louis at the end of January.

Thank You!

The staff here at Faith would like to thank the congregation for the generous gift we all received. We appreciated it greatly. With grateful hearts- Pr. Chris, Shawn & Michelle.

Pastor Joy joins us!

Sunday February 16th Pr. Joy Alsop joins us here at Faith as she leads her first worship service with us as our new pastor. Welcome!

March 8th will be the **Congregational Resource Event** @ Kishwaukee College. This is one of the synod's finest yearly events. Church council members, teachers, musicians, volunteers and leaders—just about everyone in the congregation can take advantage of this learning event to strengthen skills, gather resources, network with others, and discover new ways to enhance congregational and individual ministries. Come, experience and bring home new ministry tools. Watch your upcoming bulletins for more details on registration.

Sunday, April 27th@ 3pm the Kantori Boys Choir will be performing her at Faith. This is an opportunity for the community to come and listen to this wonderful group. There will be a free will donation and refreshments served following the concert. Everyone is welcome and is encouraged to bring a friend.

Address Changes:

Gretchen [Tyler] & Tim McGinnis
121 Stratford Lane SE, # D102
Olympia, WA 98513

Save Three Lives with one pint of blood

The Blood Mobile will be here at Faith on Wed. Feb. 19th from 3-7 - m. Call the office @ 815-562-7575 to donate! It takes less than an hour and does so much.



Calendar July

Lay Ministry & Sunday School

Greeters	8 am	Nedra Knapp & Lois Rewerts
	10:30 am	Jeremy & Caycee Groves and Family
Ushers	8 am	Tom & Deb Lower
	10:30 am	Virginia Good
Altar Care		*Lynsey Wittenberg, Cayce Groves & April Moorehead
Acolytes		
02/02		
8 am		CJ Sedlock, Alyssa Stechschulte
10:30 am		Ethan Albers, Samantha Carter
02/09		
8 am		Mason Van Dierendonck, Mark Hopkins
10:30 am		Matthew Malaker, Brett Heinrich
02/16		
8 am		Logan Ortega, Samantha Carter
10:30 am		Isella Zepeda, Alyssa Stechschulte
02/23		
8 am		Shane Sedlock, Matthew Malaker
10:30 am		Derek Primrose, Brett Heinrich
Worship Assistants		
02/02	8 am	Eileen Liezert
	10:30 am	Barb Harms
02/09	8 am	Nedra Knapp
	10:30 am	Barb Harms
02/16	8 am	Claudia Nelson
	10:30 am	Barb Harms
02/23	8 am	Al Duthie
	10:30 am	Barb Harms

Communion Assistants		
02/02	8 am	Ed Hoffman
	10:30 am	Laurie Gay
02/09	8 am	Holli Duthie
	10:30 am	
02/16	8 am	Ed Hoffman
	10:30 am	Gloria Tyler
02/23	8 am	Holli Duthie
	10:30 am	Laurie Gay

Fellowship Hosts

02/02	Eileen Liezert
02/09	Anne Anderson
02/16	Gail Rogers
02/23	Cayce Groves

February

Sunday School/Confirmation Schedule

2/2:	Sunday School 9:15, No Confirmation class (Michelle gone)
2/9:	All classes: 9:15
2/16:	All classes: 9:15
2/23:	All classes: 9:15



Confirmation Pizza Fundrasier with Ro Ma Villa Pizzas

Sale Kick-Off: Sunday, Feb 9th with Hot Samples after both worship services! We are fundraising for our Youth Encounter Trip to Wisconsin in March.



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

Prayer Ministry

Our Family

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



Our Friends

Keith Haggstad (father of Todd Haggstad), 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),
Keith (son in law of Chaplin's), 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),
Art Haws (father in law of Shelley Haws),
Gayle Powers (mother of Traci Sedlock),
Greg Stockton (step father of Traci Sedlock),

Prayer Ministry for February

- 2-02 Laura Broome; Hannah
Carl & Geneva Brune
Vivian Carlson
- 2-09 Cyndi Cater; Samantha
Judy Carter
Jeremy & Katherine Case;
Julian & Kameron
- 2-16 Gene & Bea Chaplin
Barb Cox
Bob & Linda Daub
- 2-23 Al & Holli Duthie; Eric
Emily Duthie
Brad & Lisa Dyer

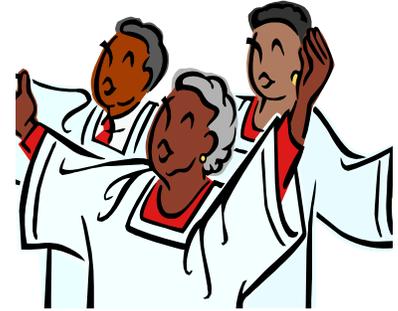


March newsletter items are due to the
office or Diana Arntzen by February 15.
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MARK YOUR MUSIC CALENDARS!

Friday evening, March 14, Faith Lutheran will have the privilege of hosting the Bradley college Chorale for a 7:30 concert. Cory Jones, Choral Director at RTHS, is coordinating the event and we look forward to a splendid evening of top-notch music. Mark the date and invite anyone in your family, circle of friends, or neighborhood to join us. Refreshments will be provided by the RTHS Music Boosters Club.



Budget

General Fund

	Revenues		Expenses		Actual Net Income/ Loss
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	
Month	\$21,747.29	\$14,541.00	\$17,284.70	\$15,268.00	\$4,462.59
YTD	\$178,470.70	\$174,500.00	\$188,276.78	\$183,419.00	-\$9,806.08

Building Fund

	Revenues		Expenses		Actual Net Income/ Loss
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	
Month	\$4,889.00	\$4,931.00	\$4,463.00	\$4,774.00	\$426.00
YTD	\$55,779.00	\$59,186.00	\$53,817.24	\$57,290.00	\$1,961.76

M&M (Building) Fund Balance \$9,984.47

What is the Rochelle Community Christian Supper???

Monday night football? Taco Tuesdays? Sleep-in Saturday? Everyone has their favorite day of the week. Some Faith Lutheran members have a new favorite Second Monday activity. Adults from Faith's Sunday School class have joined St. Patrick Catholic Church members in an ecumenical endeavor to put Christian faith into Christian service for a weekly Christian supper. Since last fall, on the second Monday of each month, 8-10 members of Faith have been preparing and serving an average of 50-60 hot meals at the Rochelle firefighters' hall to anyone who shows up. No questions are asked. No pressures are applied. What is clearly happening is a nutritious and respectful Christian welcome to Rochelle residents who might need a special meal for themselves that day or even to take-out a meal for a shut-in friend or relative.



St. Patrick Catholic Church has been doing this for a time on the first and third Mondays. Last September Faith picked up the invitation to provide a meal on the second Monday of the month. We're hoping that another church will soon join this venture on the fourth Monday night of each month.

Faith members are taking turns heading up the meal planning. Everyone who wishes to do so joins together in the preparation, purchasing and/or serving. Faith is next scheduled for Monday night, February 10, at the firefighters' hall. Newcomers are welcome. Yes, you get to eat also! Please contact the church office about whom to contact to help, since Shawn will know who the team leader is for the month. You don't need to give money because your presence is worth much more. Join us for Feb. 10, March 10 and/or April 14---always on the second Monday of each month.

OUTREACH MISSION FOR FAITH: Rochelle Food Pantry



February: Cleaning supplies & paper towels

March: Chili and Crackers

Monetary donations accepted.

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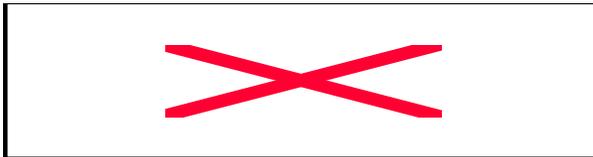
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