



Faith Journeys

Faith Lutheran Church -- ELCA

July/August 2015

Pastor Joy's Message

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Making Christ Known Through Lives of Faith

Summer Schedule

One Service Weekly
at 9:30 a.m.
VBS July 20 - 23
FMSC - August 5
Holden Evening Prayer
August 22
(details inside and on
back cover)

Loving Strangers

In Paul's letter to the Romans he shares the marks of a true Christian – some of the things that we are called to do as the people of God. He writes:

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers”
(Romans 12:9-13).

It is a list of important and at the same time challenging things, no doubt. Recently, I have been thinking about the last instruction - extend hospitality to strangers. That makes sense. It certainly seems like a Christian thing to do. In Greek the word for hospitality means to “love strangers.” The question though is what do we really mean we say it? What does it mean to extend hospitality – extend love to all?

By definition, hospitality is
“the friendly reception and treatment of guests or strangers.”

We do that at church, right? We have greeters at the door who shake hands and say good morning to all who enter the doors. We have a bulletin that is designed to help guide newcomers through the worship service. We offer coffee and snacks following the service(s) and a time for fellowship. Those things are certainly a friendly reception and treatment of guests and strangers. They are an act of love.

I think that one way to come up with ideas is to think of a time when you were treated exceptionally well. What happened? How were you welcomed? What did the person do to make it such a positive experience? How did you feel? Recall those things and then try to do the same to those whom you encounter. It can be intimidating, but it is also one of the most powerful ways to “make Christ known through our lives of faith.” Thank you for all that you do!

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it” (Hebrews 13:2).



Vacation Bible School 4 Day Challenge!

July 20-23
9:00-12:00

Come be a part of our Crew!

“Crews” will be challenged each day with team building games that will help them along their journey through the desert, the red sea, and the wilderness to hopefully reach the promised land quicker than the Israelites did!



Crew Members

Preschool– 5th grade

Crew Registration

\$8.50 each with T-Shirt purchase
\$5.00 each with no T-Shirt purchase

BIBLE STORIES

CRAFTS

SNACKS

GAMES

Service Challenge

The city of Rochelle was deeply affected by the tornado that touched down back in April. Since then there have been many people around the U.S. affected by numerous tornados, and since we experienced firsthand all the generous volunteers that came and helped and donated money to our community, we are challenging you to help other communities around the U.S.

Goal=\$100.00

To be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief (100% of that designated money goes towards those affected by tornadoes in the U.S.)

How the Challenge Works: We will collect donations throughout the week and once we reach our goal– everyone who donated will have the chance to throw a pie at Michelle!



Registration begins Sunday, June 28

Drop in M-F between 9-3:30

Or Mail in form



VBS Registration Form

Vacation Bible School 2015
4 Day Challenge! July 20-23
 Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 Family Celebration Thursday 6:30 p.m.
 Preschool-5th grade
 \$8.50 with purchase of T-shirt
 \$5.00 without T-Shirt purchase



Name _____

Grade entering in the fall _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Best way to contact you during VBS hours _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number _____

Special Needs/Allergies _____

T-Shirt \$8.50 Circle Size: Youth Size: XS Small Med Large Adult Size: Small Med

Or Fee with No T-Shirt: \$5.00 - Cash or Checks made out to Faith Lutheran Church

Photography Release Form: I hereby (circle one) GRANT DO NOT GRANT

Permission for Faith Lutheran Church, Rochelle to use pictures of my child on our church Facebook page (Faith Lutheran Church ELCA) to help celebrate and highlight what we have accomplished during our VBS challenge.

Parent's or Caregiver's Signature _____ Date _____

Copies of this form can be made for additional children. Drop off at Faith Lutheran M-F between 9-3:30 or mail to Faith Lutheran Church, 14206 Flagg Road, Rochelle, IL 61068. Contact info:

Michelle Heinrich, 815-562-7575 or y&f@faithlrochelle.org

Birthdays, Anniversaries & News

Birthdays July

07/01	Holli Duthie Shane Sedlock
07/05	Mike Valentine
07/06	Hillary Grutter Connie Wood
07/09	Laurie Gay Cora Watson
07/11	Julian Case
07/15	Kaylee Bergeson Mark Rogers
07/16	Orville Good
07/17	Alexis Zepeda
07/18	Brett Heinrich Jerrod Liezert
07/20	Derek Good Kathryn Groves Chris Sedlock
07/25	Kimberly Zepeda
07/27	Ava Albers Alex Groves
07/30	Pat Esterday
07/31	Harold Gosse



Birthdays August

08/01	Janel Mott
08/03	Kayla Ortega
08/04	Hannah Broome
08/06	Joyce Bialas
08/08	Linley Hale
08/09	Chuck McGrath
08/10	Olivia Valentine Morgan West
08/18	Julian Groves Rowyn Mott
08/20	Brian Sawlsville
08/21	Brian Heinrich
08/22	Jessica Rogers
08/26	Kameron Case
08/27	Buzz Harms
08/28	Pam Schupbach
08/31	Anne Anderson

Anniversaries July

07/04	Cayce & Jeremy Groves
07/06	Betty & Harold Helm
07/07	Gloria & Tim Tyler
07/08	Jennifer & Mike Valentine
07/11	Emily (Duthie) & Michael David
07/12	Margo & Bill Wilkinson
07/18	Judy & Duane Truckenbrod
07/20	Kim & Jose Zepeda
07/22	Angie & Jim Primrose
07/31	Cora & Chas Watson

Anniversaries August

08/01	Al & Holli Duthie Jon & Ashley Haws
08/21	Mark & Gail Rogers

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dylan Kemmerer and Rose Rogde who were married here at Faith on May 23, 2015. Wishing you many years of love and happiness.

Sympathy

The congregation wishes to extend their deepest sympathy to the following families: the family of Janet Roinas (sister in law of John Roinas), George Primrose (husband of Marilyn Primrose) and Judy Carter (mother of Cyndi Carter & grandmother of Samantha Carter). Please keep these families in your prayers.

2015 Graduations

Faith Lutheran would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following people who shared their good news with the congregation. Please hold these individuals in prayer as they move on to the next phase of life. We wish these and all of the graduates God's blessings!

Samantha Carter – Rochelle Middle School
Amanda Hayes- University Illinois, JD in Law
Brett Heinrich – Rochelle Middle School
Jessica Valentine – Western Illinois University, B.A.

Calendar

Lay Ministry

Calendar august

Lay Ministry

Prayer Ministry & Upcoming Events

Members: The family of George Primrose as they mourn his loss, Lois Rewerts, The family of Judy Carter as they mourn her loss

Friends & Family: Josh Byrd (grandson of Harold & Pat Gosse), John & Margaret Behrmann (parents of Cheryl Sparks), Leanne Primrose Brown (daughter of George & Marilyn Primrose), Marilyn Casey (sister-in-law of Nedra Knapp), Alberta Dummer (friend of Gail Rogers), Matt Heng, Al Hoffman (brother of Ed Hoffman), Golda Jolly (friend of Joy VonSeggern), Kevin Larimore (friend of Doug & April Moorehead), LaVonne Sell (mother of Andrea O'Reilly) Jean Stelter (mother of Heidi Stelter), Tammy Svela, Eric, Irene (friend of Pat Esterday, Kathy (step-daughter of Nedra Knapp), Marguerite (mother of Margo Wilkinson), Peggy (sister-in-law of Alice Arjes).



You are invited to pack food for:

Every day at least 6,200 children die from starvation, but we can make a difference by volunteering at Feed My Starving Children. In 2014, nearly 900,000 volunteers joined FMSC to package more than 229 million meals for malnourished children around the world.

We have reserved 15 spots for a packing session in Aurora on Wednesday, August 5th from 2:30-4:30. (We may leave around 12:00 to stop for lunch at Portillos!) All kids ages 3rd grade

through adults are welcome to attend. We ask that you bring in a donation of \$20.00 per individual or family. If you have not attended a packing session you can check out their website at www.fmsc.org. It is a fun way for kids and adults to serve together! Sign-ups will begin in June.



September Newsletter items are due to Shawn in the office by August 15.

Shawn e-mail: office@faithlcrochelle.org

Pastor e-mail: Pastor@faithlcrochelle.org

Michelle e-mail: Yandf@faithlcrochelle.org

Budget

General Fund

	Revenues		Expenses		Actual Net Income/Loss
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	
Month	\$16,688.65	\$16,200.00	\$17,068.72	\$16,452.00	-\$380.07
YTD	\$88,955.71	\$81,004.00	\$89,232.47	\$82,310.00	-\$276.76

Building Fund

	Revenues		Expenses		Actual Net Income/Loss
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	
Month	\$4,669.00	\$5,196.00	\$4,463.00	\$4,463.00	\$206.00
YTD	\$26,521.00	\$25,979.00	\$22,315.00	\$22,315.00	\$4,206.00

M&M (Building) Fund Balance **\$13,521.47**

Council Highlights

- ◆ It was decided to provide camperships for young people from Faith planning to attend Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center.
- ◆ The Property & Maintenance committee has been re-established and began to meet. If you are interested in participating in this important ministry please see Jerrod Liezert (P&M Liaison) or Laura Sawlsville (President). If you have a skill/trade that you are willing to share on an “as needed” basis, please let them know as well.
- ◆ It was decided to further investigate our insurance coverage to ensure that we have adequate coverage. We do have very good coverage but a few areas are being addressed after looking at a document produced by the ELCA. Our agent is working on this. Council also felt it necessary to have our roof inspected as a result of the April 9th storm. This has been completed and it was determined that there is nothing to warrant payout.
- ◆ The Tri-County Head Start lease was reviewed and we are in discussion with them regarding the 2015/16 lease.
- ◆ In an effort to be more hospitable, it was decided to stop collecting donations at fellowship time (with the exception of special occasions). Donations to assist with this ministry are always welcome and may be placed in the offering plate.

NAMI and Holden Evening Prayer

NAMI - A Community of Hope

Pastor Joy touched on the subject of mental illness a few weeks ago when she talked about how Jesus may have been perceived when he started proclaiming to everyone that he was the son of God. Each year 40 million Americans experience some form of a brain disorder including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorders, addictions, and anxiety disorders. Unfortunately, most of these Americans have never received the treatment or services their health needs require. Tragically, many will move from hospital to homelessness to jails and prisons.

What is NAMI?

NAMI stands for **National Alliance on Mental Illness**. It is a non-profit, grass-roots, self-help, support and advocacy organization with more than 200,000 individual members working through more than 1000 local and state affiliates. An affiliate was recently formed that includes Ogle County. It's called NAMI Sauk Area and serves the people of Carroll, Whiteside, Ogle, Bureau and Lee counties.

They offer a **Family Support Group** for families and friends with loved ones who suffer from a brain disorder. It meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, at 325 Il Rt. 2, Sinnissippi Center, Dixon, IL.

I have been a member of NAMI since 2008 and have found them to be an invaluable source of education and support. For more information you can contact me, Tracy Brooks at 815-761-7654, tbrooks429@comcast.net, or email namisaukvalley@gmail.com. You can also find out more about **NAMI** at www.nami.org or www.facebook.com/officialnami

"Holden Evening Prayer Around the World" Event

Join us for a Holden Evening Prayer service on Saturday, August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. as part of Holden Village's "*Holden Evening Prayer Around the World*" event. This is an opportunity to worship in solidarity with the global Holden community. This event will be hosted by David Roinas, who recently returned home from long term staff at Holden. After the service we will hear a brief sharing of his time in the village and enjoy ice cream and fellowship.

What is Holden Evening Prayer?

It was written in 1985-86 when Marty Haugen was the musician-in-residence at Holden Village. The simple vespers service follows a traditional Lutheran form while using contemporary and inclusive language. It has been adopted around the world and the liturgy is used weekly at Holden Village.

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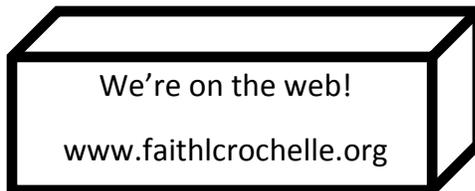
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Feed My Starving Children—August 5

Holden Evening Prayer Around the World - Saturday, August 22, 7:00 p.m.



OUTREACH MISSION FOR FAITH:

Rochelle Food Pantry

July Hamburger Helper & Paper Towels

August Cake Mix/ Frosting & coffee

Monetary donations greatly appreciated.