

Faith Journeys

Faith Lutheran Church -- ELCA
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Pastor Joy's Message

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Summer Schedule
One Service Weekly
at 9:30 a.m.



Last month, my newsletter article was in response to the tornado that struck Rochelle and the surrounding communities. There are still days where I am in disbelief that this happened. That so many in our community had to endure such devastation. Yet, as time passes, it is powerful to watch the clean-up continue and the re-building take place. I continue to be impressed and humbled by the response from so many – working together to move on.

Then, just a few weeks after the natural disaster here, Nepal, a country about 7,500 miles from Rochelle, experienced a devastating earthquake. First on April 25th and then another on May 12th. Thousands have died and many more are injured or displaced. This too is unbelievably sad and the thought of how to help can be overwhelming.

Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of our church, the ELCA, sent an update about the ways that we (the churches) have responded. She reported that \$400,000 has been collected by congregations and individuals to aid those in need. She writes:

“It is in these moments that I am heartened to see the profound way our long history of mission has put us exactly where God would have us to bring help and hope. Our prayers continue for the people of Nepal, especially for those who serve neighbors through our partners and companions.”

Bringing help and hope – it is a powerful, important, and joyous part of our call and duty as Christians. The ways that we are able to do this are numerous. Sometimes it is the way that we respond in the face of natural disaster. Other times, it is the way that we offer love and care to those in need.

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Pastor Joy's Message Continued

When you think about any given day in this life, the options for providing help and hope are numerous. The day after the tornado here in Rochelle we were in the drive-thru line at McDonalds. We didn't have power at home and needed coffee and breakfast. When we went to the window to pay, the cashier said that the car ahead of us had taken care of it. Something about that small gesture meant so much.

Soon it will be summer here in Rochelle. Summer is a great time to find ways each day to bring help and hope to those around you. Perhaps you plant a garden and could share the produce with friends or local food pantries. Maybe you have a neighbor who could use a hand with some of the outdoor chores and maintenance. You could find some time to volunteer or help out with a project going on in the community. The list goes on and on.

In all things, we remain strong in the promise that brings us help and hope - God's promise to be with us always. Have a great summer!

VBS

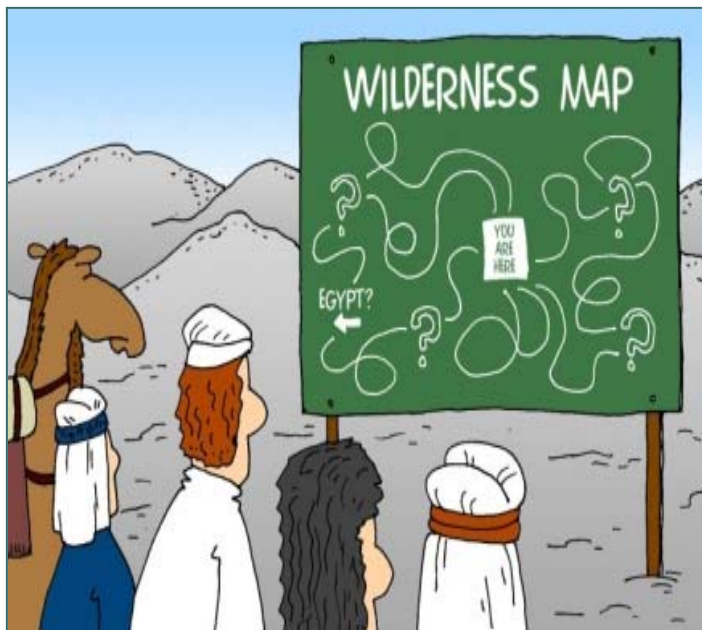
VBS 4 Day Challenge

The challenge begins on July 20-23
Kids ages Preschool-5th grades
\$8.50 with T-Shirt purchase
Or \$5.00 with no-shirt purchase

Kids will discover that with God all things are possible! We will follow the story of the Israelites as they wander for 40 years through the wilderness and learn that even though things were tough that God was with them and provided for them.



VBS and Service Project



The kids will be divided up into “Crews” and each day the crews will be set in a unique environment (wilderness, desert, water, mountains) and will have different set of challenges (team building games) to complete. Each challenge will have something essential they’ll need to use throughout the morning. Oh yeah, don’t forget the crafts, games and snacks too!

They will also hear inspirational stories from kids and adults about challenges they faced and that when we trust in God that we can overcome any obstacle in our lives.

Service Project:

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. These kits are distributed to people who have lost everything- in natural disasters or other situations where their homes were overtaken. The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew.

During the week the kids will have the opportunity for their crew to earn the supplies for the Personal Care Kits and at the end of the week we will wrap them up to get ready to send out.

Volunteers Needed:

- 4 Adult Crew Leaders (kids will not be divided by grades-the crews will consist of a variety of ages)
- 2 Adult Craft Leaders
- 2 Adult Kitchen Helpers
- 2 Adult Registration table helpers on Monday & Tuesday from 8:30-10:00

Middle school (6th-8th grades) and high school students are needed for helpers.

Please check the fellowship hall for sign-up opportunities or contact Michelle at y&f@faithlcrochelle.org

Birthdays, Anniversaries & News

Birthdays:

06/01	Norma Brooks Lois Heitter
06/03	Ethan Albers Brittni Sticka
06/05	Deanie Springmire
06/07	Payton Wohlford
06/08	Barb Cox Anthony Zilis
06/09	Logan Haggstad
06/11	Lenora Pawlak John Prabhakar Virginia White
06/12	Katie Zilis
06/14	Barb Kinn
06/15	Jeremy Case Tom Lower
06/17	Diane Monson
06/18	Betsy Roinas
06/19	Alison Dyer
06/21	Alexis Bergeson Chad Brooks Matthew Lynn Richard Schutte
06/23	Doug Tarvestad Gloria Tyler
06/25	Tami Geer April Moorehead Laura Sawlsville



Anniversaries:

06/03	Jake & Pr. Joy Alsop
06/10	Jeff & Tasha Hacaga Eric & Rachel Livingston
06/13	Ed & Linda Hoffman
06/14	David & Laura Sawlsville
06/16	Joyce & Gene Bialas John & Esther Prabhakar

06/19	Claudia & David Nelson
06/26	Art & Kari Ortega
06/27	Ed & Lois Heitter Brian & Karen Fransen
06/30	Gary & Shelley Haws Nick & Angela Haws

Baptism

On Sunday, April 26th, 2015, Wriglee Mae Castillo was received through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Her parents are Meg Moorehead & Marcelo Castillo, her grandparents are Doug & April Moorehead and her sponsors are Brittni Sticka & Michael Staley. Wishing you many blessings Wriglee.

Spirit's Harmony June 21.

Spirit's Harmony, an acapella vocal group, will be sharing their talent with Faith Lutheran once again. They will be leading worship on June 21st at 9:30 a.m. There is no charge to have the group with us but they do accept a free-will donation. Please plan to join us as we worship God with the gift of music.

Open house Invitation.

This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes. Ps. 118: 23. You are cordially invited to attend our 50th wedding anniversary open house at Faith Lutheran church fellowship hall on June 14 Sunday between 1- 3 PM. Please come and partake of a light lunch and celebrate with us. Please omit gifts. John and Esther Prabhakar

Happy Graduation!

Faith would like to celebrate with all of the 2015 graduates – middle school/high school/college/etc. Please submit your good news to office@faithlcrochelle.org or 815.562.7575 by June 15th to be included in the list.

Calendar

Lay Ministry

Prayer Ministry & Upcoming Events

Members: Judy Carter, Nedra Knapp, George & Marilyn Primrose, Lois Rewerts, John Roinas & family as they mourn the loss of his sister in law Janet.

Friends & Family: Josh Byrd (grandson of Harold & Pat Gosse), John & Margaret Behrmann (parents of Cheryl Sparks), Marilyn Casey (sister-in-law of Nedra Knapp), Alberta Dummer (friend of Gail Rogers), Connie Hansen (mother of Angie Primrose), 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 Sveta, Eric, Kathy (step-daughter of Nedra Knapp), Marguerite (mother of Margo Wilkinson), Peggy (sister-in-law of Alice Arjes)



Affirmation of Marriage Service



On Sunday, June 7th, immediately following the worship service, all couples are invited to participate in a brief Affirmation of Marriage Service (Vow Renewal). Our hymnal, the ELW has a service for this occasion. It says, "Affirmation of a Marriage may be used in a variety of settings to celebrate a wedding or anniversary or to mark a significant life passage within the marriage." Please plan to stay after service on that day if you would like to take part in this event. Questions? See Pastor Joy or Linda Hoffman.

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.

July/August Newsletter items are due to Shawn in the office by June 15.

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Budget

General Fund

	Revenues		Expenses		Actual Net Income/Loss
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	
Month	\$16,042.85	\$16,201.00	\$14,135.23	\$16,464.00	\$1,907.62
YTD	\$72,267.06	\$64,804.00	\$72,163.75	\$65,858.00	\$103.31

Building Fund

	Revenues		Expenses		Actual Net Income/Loss
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	
Month	\$3,885.00	\$5,196.00	\$4,463.00	\$4,463.00	-\$578.00
YTD	\$21,852.00	\$20,784.00	\$17,852.00	\$17,852.00	\$4,000.00

M&M (Building) Fund Balance \$13,315.47

Council Highlights

Council Highlights – April Edition

- ◆ A Youth Task Force was put together to assist our Youth and Family Coordinator. The first task for the group is Vacation Bible School.
- ◆ The council is working to re-establish the Property & Maintenance committee to oversee and plan for the care and maintenance of the building. If you are interested in participating in this important ministry please see Jerrod Liezert (P&M Liaison) or Laura Sawlsville.
- ◆ Discussion was had regarding the April 9th tornado. A fund with donations is being held in the church account and will be distributed as needs arise in the community. Council also discussed an emergency plan if storms should take place when the church building is occupied.
- ◆ Weight Watchers approached the council about using the fellowship hall for their meetings. Council approved their request. They will be meeting on Monday evenings from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

FASTBREAK & In Touch

FASTBreak (Faith's After-school Tutoring Break) finished its sixth year on April 29th. The year began on October 6th, with one student, but quickly grew to eight. Students involved are recommended by their teachers' for additional help in math and reading. They range from grades second through fifth. The students arrive by bus at approximately 3:40 pm. They enjoy a snack with lemonade, and then are paired to work with their mentor/tutor. At 5 pm a parent/guardian picks up their student. The program tries to keep the student with the same mentor throughout their time together. Homework is completed first. This helps the mentor to know additional areas in which the student may need help. The program concentrates on learning math facts and improving reading skills. FASTBreak has numerous educational games and activities in which to engage the students. We try to make it fun as well as educational. In February our numbers were reduced by two when these students no longer needed the extra assistance. Thus, our FASTbreak year ended with six students. There were three 4th graders, one third grader and two second graders. Several of the students have been in FASTBreak previous years.

The program is blessed to have faithful mentors. Many have been with us from the beginning. I thank Pastor Steven Dow for his dream of a program to help children learn outside of the school setting. Thank you to Holli Duthie who works with the teachers and administration for our student referrals. Thank you to Jeremy Groves who takes care of our computers. The biggest thanks goes to my mentors. FASTBreak works because of all of you!

Barb Harms. FASTBreak Coordinator



FASTBreak students and mentors

In Touch Home Care Services

Have you heard about Lutheran Social Services In touch Program?

We're a statewide non-profit agency here to help with your household needs, In touch provides Personal Care, Housekeeping, and Companionship for adults of all ages. Hours can range from 1 to 24 hours. We are very proud of our Respite Care giving services. We also can take care of meal preparations, transportation and shopping, as well as medication reminders. Our home maintenance service consists of both indoor and outdoor projects. Our cleaning services can help you in your office or home. There is no deposit or contract required, so please take time and compare our low price rates. You are sure to be pleased! For more information, please contact Audrey at LSSI @ 815-289-1679.

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Summer Schedule
Sundays - 9:30 a.m.
Spirit's Harmony - June 21



OUTREACH MISSION FOR FAITH:

Rochelle Food Pantry

Ketchup & Mustard

Monetary donations and shopping
bags are always appreciated.