

# Faith Journeys

## Faith Lutheran Church -- ELCA

march 2014

### **Pastor Joy's Message**

**In This Issue:**

Pastor's Message,	1
From your Youth and Family Coordinator	2,3
Sunday School Birthdays & News	3
Calendar	4
Lay Ministry	5
Prayer Ministry	6
Budget	7
Installation	8
Invitation & Outreach	9
Lenten Soup Suppers	10

#### Serving Together

It is so good to be here at Faith Lutheran Church! THANK YOU for the very warm welcome that you have given to my family and me! Your gracious and loving community has made the transition very easy and we look forward to serving together!

I especially look forward to getting to know each of you. Chatting with and caring for God's people is one of my favorite parts of ministry. So please, introduce yourself, tell me your stories, and tell me why you are a part of the Faith Lutheran community. Tell me what you love about this place. Tell me what your hopes and dreams are for the future. You have a beautiful mission statement as a congregation and it is my hope that we can live it out together.

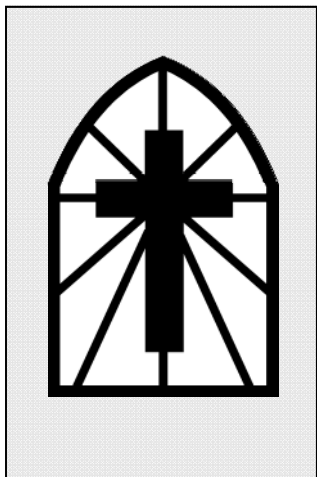
Since I am asking to hear your stories, I will tell you a little bit more about me. (I can't tell you everything in my first newsletter article though, or I would have nothing for my sermons ).

I grew up in Waterloo, Iowa where one of my first jobs was detasseling corn. I thought it was amazing that I could make what seemed like so much money (and I still have the bike that I bought with my first summer's earnings). I lived in Iowa until I moved to Chicago for seminary in 2005. While we are not from Illinois, we have found that it is a great place to live and we are happy to call it home!

Some of my favorite things to do include spending time with my boys (My husband Jake, Axel who is 3, and another boy who is due June 1<sup>st</sup>), shopping the clearance racks at my favorite stores, hunting for vintage wares and antiques to decorate my home, watching movies, and reading.

I also love serving for and with God's people. My job is filled with many blessings and privileges as people let me into their lives and journey with them through the ups and downs. I am sure that my ministry here will be the same. I am excited to serve together!

-Pastor Joy



## From Your Youth and Family Coordinator

Have you ever felt like hiding out or avoiding people when you knew you were going to be asked to help or participate in an activity? Have you ever seen me coming your way around VBS time and tried to run the other way? Have you ever just wanted to hide yourself away so you could just be- to hide under a big bushel to get away from all the needs of your family, church, community and the world?

Sometimes solitude is a good thing. There are many times in the Bible when you read about Jesus getting away from the disciples and the crowds to be alone to pray- and to rejuvenate. I think we can all learn that lesson from Jesus. We all need time for solitude and prayer to fill up our cups when they run empty. But here's the thing: After we fill up our cups- we have to re-enter the world where we have been called and **COMMISSIONED by God** to be the Salt and Light for the world. God has commissioned us (def. of commissioned= the act of granting certain powers or authority to carry out a particular task) God has given us the authority to carry out this task.

Salt? Light? What? Salt and light were both precious commodities in Jesus' time. Both sustain life. Neither can be produced easily on one's own. They are gifts of creation that require careful ingenuity to access and conserve. And they make all the difference.

Some of us aren't comfortable being put under a light stand on top of a hill for everyone to see but God says: **You're here to be the salt-seasoning** (hey-pick your seasoning- if you want to be the red hot pepper seasoning that adds zest- be the red hot pepper!) And we are to bring out the God-flavors of this earth! God also says: **You are here to be light** (let's think of it as that obnoxious flood light or spot light -we all carry it within us) and we are to bring out the God-colors of the world.

We are the tastiness that adds salt to lives around us. Jesus says we must be tasty and lit up in order to make a difference in the world, AND he is going to put us up on that hilltop! We are commissioned and called as Christians to do so.

God commissions us to be the Salt and Light of the World! How are we as individuals and as a congregation living out that mission? Some of you graciously turned in your Salt and Light questionnaires and here is what we'll call our **Salt and Light Log**:

What gifts are we using to contribute to the welfare of this congregation, community and the world?

- ◆ Using our gifts of love through listening, using positive affirmation, giving hugs, being hospitable to strangers and the lonely, being kind to our siblings, comforting those who are ill or sad, being a prayer warrior!
- ◆ Serving as ushers, communion assistants assistant ministers, acolytes, readers, council leaders, committee members, altar guild, book/bible study leaders, babysitters, VBS helpers, computer and writing skills for the newsletter, funeral luncheon volunteers
- ◆ Using our gifts of music in our choir, chancel choir, playing instruments: flute, piano, baritone

## Youth and Family Coordinator continued & Sunday School

- ◆ Using our gifts of service through volunteering and donating to the food pantry, serving dinners for the community, on school and community boards, music booster, caring for the elderly, fostering dogs, serve on fundraiser committees
- ◆ Using our gifts of creativity through Quilting, crocheting, and knitting prayer shawls, blankets, hats & gloves.

All of us have been given certain gifts from God and we as the church are here to help you develop them and to find avenues for you to use them in the world. Use these examples to examine your own gifts to help you discern ways that you can be a light in the world.

See you out on the hilltop,

Michelle



### **Sunday School & Confirmation Class Schedule: This Month's Offerings will go to Feed My Starving Children**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:15 Class– \*PreK-4th grades sing at 10:30  
 March 9<sup>th</sup> 9:15 Class  
 March 16<sup>th</sup> 9:15 Class –  
 March 23: **No Class** (Spring Break) Confirmation/High School Trip to WI Dells  
 March 30<sup>th</sup>: 9:15 Class

### **Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser**

Sunday, March 9th

Raising Funds for our Youth Encounter Trip to the WI Dells

### **Ro Ma Pizza Fundraiser**

Pizzas will be here on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to all who purchased!

### **Feed My Starving Children Service Event**

Thursday, March 27th

We will be going to lunch before our packing session at 2:30. Please plan on bringing lunch money. We will leave from the church around 11:00am (time may be adjusted closer to date) Please let Michelle know if your plans have changed and cannot attend.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

Vacation Bible School will be on July 14-July 17th!

## Birthdays & News

### Anniversaries

03-17 Steve & Diana Arntzen  
Carl & Geneva Brune

### Birthdays

03-01 Caleb Esterday  
03-02 Ellie Hynson  
Becky Zilis  
03-09 Jennifer Heinrich  
Harold Helm  
03-10 Doug Moorehead  
03-11 Sienna Seebach  
03-12 Art Ortega  
03-13 Tim Albers  
03-14 Ari Esterday  
Cayce Groves  
Gary Haws  
03-18 Ethan Sieg  
Alyssa Watson  
03-19 Derek Primrose  
03-21 Rebecca Livingston  
03-22 Amy Zilis  
03-23 Diane Sieg  
Abigail Tarvestad  
03-25 Mikaela Rogers  
Gary Tarvestad  
03-26 Rachael Livingston  
03-30 Teddi Hacaga  
03-31 Jeremy Groves  
Lynn Smith  
Jonathan Haws

### Lenten Book Study: "The Story"

Join us this Lenten season as we read *The Story* – the Bible as one continuing story of God and His people. Condensed into 31 chapters, *The Story* sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the clear, accessible text of the NIV Bible, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel.

Reservations to purchase the book for \$5.00 began in Feb. Please see the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall to see if books still available. You can find the books at [FamilyChristian.com](http://FamilyChristian.com).

We will meet for one evening in April to discuss (TBA)

### Family Lent FAITH5 Challenge:

Challenging all families this Lenten season beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 5th) through April 16th to take 5 minutes each evening to do 5 things:

1. Share your highs and lows every night
2. Read a key Bible verse or story every night
3. Talk about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows every night
4. Pray for one another's high and lows aloud every night
5. Bless one another before turning out the lights on the day

Watch for resources and examples to come your way this Lent beginning March 5th!

## Calendar

# Lay Ministry

## Greeters

8 am Vivian Carlson & Shirley LeMar  
10:30 am Ken & Janine LeMar

## Ushers

8 am Pat Esterday, *we could use a volunteer*  
10:30 am Jim & Angie Primrose

Altar Care \*\*Pat Esterday, *we could use a couple of volunteers*

## Acolytes

### 03-02

8 am CJ Sedlock, Samantha Carter  
10:30 am Ethan Albers, Isella Zepeda

### 03-05 Ash Wednesday

7 pm Brett Heinrich, Mason VanDierendonck

### 03-09

8 am Mason VanDierendonck, Mark Hopkins  
10:30 am Matthew Malaker, Logan Ortega

### 03-16

8 am Alyssa Stechschulte, Samantha Carter  
10:30 am Ethan Albers, Brett Heinrich

### 03-23

8 am Matthew Malaker, Shane Sedlock  
10:30 am Isella Zepeda, Mark Hopkins

### 03-30

8 am *Healing Service*  
10:30 am Logan Ortega  
Derek

## Worship Assistants

### 03-02

8 am Deb Lower  
10:30 am Barb Harms

### 03-05 Ash Wed.

7 pm

### 03-09

8 am Nedra Knapp  
10:30 am Eileen Liezert  
Barb Harms

### 03-16

8 am Al Duthie  
10:30 am Gloria Tyler

### 3-23

8 am Eileen Liezert  
10:30 am

### 03-30

8 am Claudia Nelson  
10:30 am

## Communion Assistants

### 03-02

8 am Tom Lower  
10:30 am Virginia Good

### 03-05 Ash Wed.

7 pm Holli Duthie

### 03-09

8 am Shirley LeMar  
10:30 am Virginia Good

### 03-16

8 am Holli Duthie  
10:30 am Gail Rogers

### 03-23

8 am Ed Hoffman  
10:30 am Cherryl Sparks

### 03-30

8 am Healing Service  
10:30 am Healing Service

## Readers

### 03-02

8 am Linda Hoffman  
10:30 am Gail Rogers

### 03-05 Ash Wed.

7 pm Pam Bauer

### 03-09

8 am Nedra Knapp  
10:30 am Claudia Nelson

### 03-16

8 am Al Duthie  
10:30 am Gail Rogers

### 03-23

8 am Linda Hoffman  
10:30 am

### 03-30

8 am David Nelson  
10:30 am Angie Primrose

## Fellowship Hosts

03-02 Ellie Hynson & Laurie Gay  
03-09 Claudia Nelson  
03-16 Shirley LeMar & Janine LeMar  
03-22 Virginia Good  
03-30 Gloria Tyler



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

# Prayer Ministry



## In Our Prayers

### 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),  
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 (daughter of Bea & Gene Chaplin)

### Prayer Ministry for March

03-02

Pat Esterday

Betty Fike

Shirley Frahm

03-09

Brian & Karen Fransen

Doug & Laurie Gay

Virginia Good

03-16

Orville & Linda Good

Harold & Pat Gosse

Jeremy & Cayce Groves; Alex, Kathryn & Julian

3-23

Jeff & Tasha Hacaga; Michaela, Teddi & Sam

Todd & Teresa Haggstad, Logan & Hunter

Rachael & Jeremy Hale; Ainsley & Linley



3-30

Barb & Buzz Harms

Shelley Haws

Lowell & Jeanne Hayes

April newsletter items are due to the office  
or Diana Arntzen by March 15.

[office@faithlcrochelle.org](mailto:office@faithlcrochelle.org)

[darntzen63@gmail.com](mailto:darntzen63@gmail.com)

**Shawn e-mail: [office@faithlcrochelle.org](mailto:office@faithlcrochelle.org)**  
**Pastor e-mail: [Pastor@faithlcrochelle.org](mailto:Pastor@faithlcrochelle.org)**  
**Michelle e-mail: [Yandf@faithlcrochelle.org](mailto:Yandf@faithlcrochelle.org)**



**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.

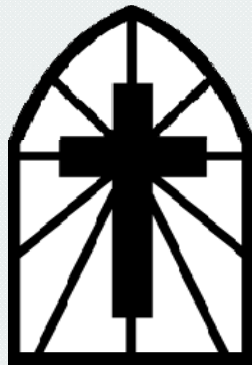


**Budget**

General Fund		General Fund				
Revenues				Expenses		Actual Net Income/Loss
	Actual	Budgeted		Actual	Budgeted	
Month	\$18,738.01	\$15,099.00		\$13,289.88	\$15,194.00	\$5,448.13
YTD	\$18,738.01	\$15,099.00		\$13,289.88	\$15,194.00	\$5,448.13
Building Fund		Building Fund				
Revenues				Expenses		Actual Net Income/Loss
		Budgeted		Actual	Budgeted	
Month	\$4,730.00	\$3,603.00		\$4,463.00	\$4,775.00	\$267.00
YTD	\$4,730.00	\$3,603.00		\$4,463.00	\$4,775.00	\$267.00
M&M (Building) Fund Balance				\$10,751.47		



## Invitation & Outreach



You Are Invited To An  
***INSTALLTION SERVICE***  
FOR  
**Rev. Joy Alsop**  
AS

Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church  
Rochelle, IL – 14206 E. Flagg Rd.

**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> -- 2:00 p.m.**

Clergy are invited to vest and process.  
The color of the day is purple.

A reception will follow the service.

### **OUTREACH MISSION FOR FAITH: Rochelle Food Pantry**



**March: Chili and Crackers**  
**Monetary donations accepted**

**Faith Lutheran Church --ELCA**  
**14206 Flagg Rd**  
**Rochelle, IL 61068**

Return Service Requested

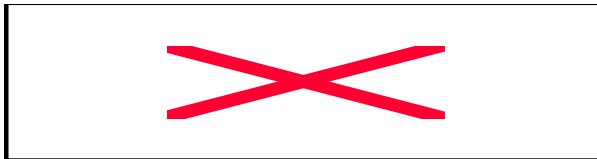
Phone: 815-562-7575

Fax: 815-561-9166

Email: [office@faithlcrochelle.org](mailto:office@faithlcrochelle.org)

Web: [www.faihlcrochelle.org](http://www.faihlcrochelle.org)

*Making Christ Known Through Lives of Faith*



U.S. Postage  
PAID  
ROCHELLE, IL 61068  
PERMIT No. 105  
Non Profit  
Organization

## Ash Wednesday and Mid Week Lenten Soup Suppers

Ash Wednesday Services will be held on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m., including Communion and distribution of ashes.

Our mid week soup suppers will begin on Wednesday, March 12th . Soup will be served from 6-6:45 pm. Volunteers will be needed to cook and serve. Please watch your upcoming bulletins about the sign up sheet. This is a great time of fellowship and worship—we hope everyone can join us. Mid week Lenten services will be at 7 pm and we will be doing ***Holden Evening Prayer.***

