

Faith Journeys

Faith Lutheran Church -- ELCA
May 2014

Pastor Joy's Message

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Summer Worship Schedule begins
May 11, 9:30 service weekly

What's Good About Faith?

Have you ever noticed that it is all too easy to let the negative "stuff" in this world get you down? I don't know what it is, but for some reason, negative energy seems to get a much louder voice. Whether it is the stuff going on in the world around us or in our personal day-to-day lives, it can be so overwhelming.

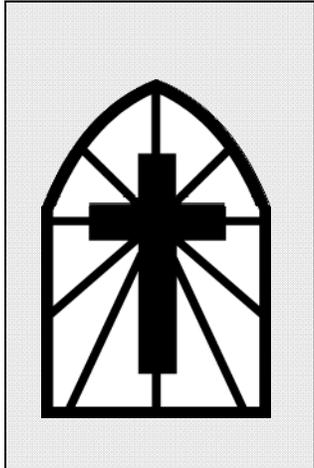
The church is no exception to this fact. In some cases, I think we, as church members may even be harder on ourselves. We point out all of the things that we believe are not working or the things that we think need to be changed about our worshipping communities. We tend to dwell on the negative, and unfortunately it takes our focus from all of the positive that is happening around us, too. It can even distract us from our mission as the people of God.

A few weeks ago, I received an article via e-mail entitled, What's Good About That? In the article it said this, "It's good to pay attention to what's going well. Most congregations – like most people – can accomplish more by building on their strengths than worrying about how to fix everything that could be better." It went on to say, "Instead of asking, what's the matter? Ask, what's good? What's going well?"

So, what's good here at Faith Lutheran Church? What is going well? I don't have a lot of experience at this point, but in my first 2 months here, I have been blessed to find several things. There are kind, generous, and friendly people who come through the doors for worship and who are willing to lend a helping hand when needed. There are many children with joyful hearts and hopeful energy – who are excited to be a part of this community and grow in their faith together. There is a focus outward toward our community and world, which is beautiful and inspiring.

Now, you tell me -- What's good about Faith Lutheran? What is going well? I would love to hear your answers. As we look forward to the future together, and how we will "Make Christ Known," these are the things that we can give thanks for and build upon. I wish you a blessed spring filled with the hope and joy of the Easter resurrection!

Pastor Joy



From Your Youth and Family Coordinator

What a great year! I am so wonderfully blessed to have been able to serve you and your children through our Sunday school and confirmation programs, and many other fun family activities for another year. I thoroughly enjoy seeing your kids each Sunday and spending time with them during service activities, minute to win it games, donkey parades, and late night retreats at LOMC and Youth Encounter.

One highlight from this year was seeing another great group of teenagers affirming their baptisms on their confirmation day. What's been great is that many of these high school kids continue to attend church and sit in confirmation classes! Many of them come and help at Sunday school and VBS as well. And still a few of them come with us to the WI Dells on our Youth Encounter trip. I love seeing these kids making choices to continue to be active in their faith well after their confirmation day. What I hope for next year is to have more opportunities for these young people to get together on a regular basis- and I hope that with the help from Pastor Joy that we can find ways to do this.

Another highlight was our Sunday school parent open house that was held last fall. I did not expect the turn-out of all the parents and even grandparents that attended! We were at full capacity in our classrooms and maybe needed a few more donuts! My hope for next year is for more family activities like our Palm Sunday Family Celebration- parents and children serving, playing, and learning together.

Service is always in the forefront of my mind- and with your offerings and donations we've been able to help many people around the world and in our community. This year we sponsored a child from Haiti named Daniel. We began collecting offerings for him last March, 2013 and you donated a total of \$290.00 for his well being. Our cookie exchange at Christmas time brought in around \$200.00 that went to help the folks at RACES (Rochelle Area Community Emergency Shelter) to put in a new drop ceiling in their kitchen area. Last month twenty kids and adults went and served at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora. What a great experience for kids to help pack food for starving children around the world! My hope for next year is to incorporate more service opportunities in our Sunday school and youth programs. It is vital that kids can see their own faith in action- to see what *they* can do- that even with the smallest of hands they can make a big difference in the world!

Sunday school may be going on summer vacation- but there is always opportunities for you and your kids to stay involved- VBS will be in July and we will have great things planned for them along with many volunteer spots open. We plan on helping with the once a month community dinner and another trip to Feed My Starving Children probably in August. I hope to see you all!

Thank you for a great year!

~Michelle

Sunday School & Confirmation

May 4th: 9:15 Last regular class before Mother's Day Worship service (Practicing songs, puppet skit, and assignment of worship roles* greeters, ushers, readers, worship assistants, and breakfast servers for the **May 11th 9:30** worship service and Mother's Day breakfast.

May 11th: Please arrive at 9:00am to practice songs and puppet skits. Kids will be greeters, ushers, readers, worship assistants, singers, puppeteers and breakfast servers during the 9:30 worship service. A Mother's Day breakfast will follow the service.



You're Invited to Our Annual

Mother's Day Breakfast!

Sunday, May 11th

Following the 9:30am

Worship Service

Menu includes:

Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice

Calling All Dads!

Seeking Dads with all cooking skills to help cook for our

Mother's Day breakfast!

See the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

F.R.O.G.

Mark your calendars now:

July 14-17

9:00am-12:00pm

Kids ages 3yrs-5th grade

Will need both adults & middle/high school kids volunteers.

Keep your eyes open for ways you can help!!!



Birthdays, Anniversaries & News

Birthdays

05/04	Pat Gosse Jennifer Tarvstad
05/05	Nedra Knapp
05/09	Linda Hoffman
05/10	Bill Messer
05/13	Jeremy Hale
05/14	Lisa Daub
05/15	Karen Ayala Ella Seebach
05/16	Meg Moorehead
05/19	Ethan Wittenberg
05/21	Ethan Bergeson
05/22	Abigail Bozinovich Colleen Esterday Bettie Helm
05/23	Jeff Monson
05/24	Angie Williams
05/27	Richard Ohlinger
05/29	Tim Heitter
05/30	Russ Lynn

Anniversaries

05/04	Brad & Emily Schabacker
05/08	Matt & Lisa West
05/13	Dave & Barb Kinn
05/17	Chad & Angela Dickmann
05/24	Bill & Millie Betian

Congratulations to Kimberly Grutter Bear & Jeremy Tollefson who were married on March 22nd. Wishing them much happiness and God's blessings.



Interested in Joining Faith Lutheran?

On Sunday, May 11th at our 9:30 worship service, we will be welcoming new members to Faith Lutheran Church. If you are interested in becoming a member of our community of faith, or have any questions, please contact Pastor Joy (Pastor@faithlcrochelle.org or 815.562.7575). We would love to have you!

Community Christian Supper

4-14-2014 Faith

Lutheran served at the Community Christian Supper. The Co-Chairs for the evening were Vivian Carlson and Nedra Knapp.

Team members present were: Diane Ruggerio, Shirley Le-



Mar, Virginia Good, Barb Cox, Kenny Hill, David Nelson and Steve Liezert.

A meal of Scalloped potatoes and ham was served along with green beans, peaches, dessert bars, lemonade, coffee and milk. 112 people were served.

We cook and serve the 2nd Monday of each month. If you would like to participate at one of these meals, please contact either the Co-Chairs or a team member.

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

Calendar

Lay Ministry

Worship Schedule for May

♦ **May 4th - 8:00 & 10:30**

♦ **May 11th thru September 7.**

Summer Worship Schedule - at 9:30 am.
(one service only).



**May 11th
New Member
Reception &
Mother's Day
Breakfast**

Greeters

8 am Pat Esterday, Marian Jarrett
10:30 am Doug & April Moorehead

Ushers

8 am Ed & Linda Hoffman
10:30 am Pam Bauer & Family

Altar Care

**Vivian Carlson, Barb Harms
& Shirley LeMar

Acolytes

May 4th 8 am Sam Hacaga, CJ Sedlock
10:30 am Samantha Carter
Alyssa Stechschulte,

May 11th 9:30 am 4th Graders
May 18th 9:30 am Brett Heinrich,
Derek Primrose
May 25th 9:30 am Isella Zepeda,
Teddi Hacaga

Worship Assistants

May 4th 8 am Doug Wood
10:30 am Barb Harms
May 11th 9:30 am Michelle & Youth
May 18th 9:30 am Michelle Heinrich
May 25th 9:30 am

Communion Assistants

May 4th 8 am Vivian Carlson
10:30 am Diana Arntzen
May 11th 9:30 am Michelle & Youth
May 18th 9:30 am Michelle Heinrich
May 25th 9:30 am Ed Hoffman

Readers

May 4th 8 am Linda Hoffman
10:30 am Diana Arntzen
May 11th 9:30 am Michelle & Youth
May 18th 9:30 am
May 25th 9:30 am Linda Hoffman

Flowers

May 4th S. Haws
May 11th
May 18th V. Carlson
May 25th D. Ruggerio

Fellowship Hosts

05-04 Angie Primrose
05-11 No treats today. Please join us
for **Mother's Day breakfast**
05-18 Kim Zepeda
05-25 Angie Williams

Prayer Ministry

Our Family

Ellie Hynson, Duane Truckenbrod, Mary Lowe,
 George Primrose, Mel & Betty Letheby, Bob Daub, Claudia Nelson,
 Lori Johanning, Shirley Frahm, Diane Ruggerio,
 The family of Norma Jean Smith (sister of Virginia Good) as they mourn their loss,
 The family of Vaughna Roberts (Deanie Springmire) as they mourn their loss,
 The family of James Thomas (uncle of Doug Wood) as they mourn his loss.

Our Friends

Keith Haggstad (father of Todd Haggstad), 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), 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, Bob Snipes,
 Marilyn Casey (sister in law of Nedra Knapp)

Prayer Ministry for May

05/04 Mel & Betty Letheby
 Steve & Eileen Liezert
 Eric & Rachel Livingston;
 Julia & Rebecca

05/11 Mary Lowe
 Samantha Lower
 Tom & Deb Lower

05/18 Brad & Marilyn Lynn
 Russ & Betty Lynn; Ava,
 Matthew & Kailee
 Fred McNamee

05/25 Bill & Sue Messer
 Randy & Diane Monson
 Beck Moore; Nick & Savannah



Outreach

OUTREACH MISSION FOR FAITH: Rochelle Food Pantry

May: Soap & Toilet Paper



If you would like to make a donation to the food pantry, items may be placed in the shopping cart located in the fellowship hall.

Monetary donations greatly appreciated also.

Budget

General Fund

	Revenues		Expenses		Actual Net Income/ Loss
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	
Month	\$16,355.25	\$15,099.00	\$16,773.00	\$15,188.00	-\$417.84
YTD	\$48,302.43	\$41,244.00	\$50,044.60	\$45,576.00	-\$1,742.24

Building Fund

	Revenues		Expenses		Actual Net Income/ Loss
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	
Month	\$5,389.00	\$4,437.00	\$4,463.00	\$4,775.00	\$926.00
YTD	\$14,763.00	\$8,874.00	\$13,389.00	\$14,324.00	\$1,374.00

M&M (Building) Fund Balance **11358.47**

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 Michelle e-mail: Yandf@faithlcrochelle.org
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June Newsletter items are due to the office or Diana Arntzen by May 15.
office@faithlcrochelle.org
darntzen63@gmail.com

Thank You

Blessings by Car

The food basket delivery on Palm Sunday went so smoothly thanks in great part to the coordination and hard work of Cayce and Jeremy Groves and we owe them a note of thanks. Everything was so well-planned as all drivers were given maps with detailed instructions on how to find the various folks who were to receive this stewardship gift from friends at Faith. No time was wasted and all were blessed. Thanks much, everyone!

The Lumberjacks Are At It Again

When the big autumn wind took down our bell tower, one of the huge pine trees on the east side of our driveway had its top snapped off as well. That part of the tree got air-mailed into the adjoining field. Thanks to the expertise of David Kinn and George Bigelow, the many branches and big trunk were sawed into manageable parts and removed. Thanks so much to both of these guys for both their time and their quick moves with a chainsaw!

The Easter Lily Tree

As long as we've been worshipping in the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday, we've had the joy of the big lily cross as part of our worship experience. Steve Liezert built this version [as well as an earlier one which didn't measure up to his fairly high standards.....] in several big pieces which are then assembled after the Good Friday service and sometime before Sunday morning. Duane and Judy Truckenbrod, Steve and Eileen Liezert and Ed and Linda Hoffman got the job done again this year and we thank them for assembling this special part of our Easter Sunday.

The Puzzle

When the west side of our low landscape block wall was hit recently and discombobulated the job of reassembling the blocks in their correct order and re-glued fell to Ed Hoffman. After a bit of very manual labor [the little rascals were very heavy] the wall was again together. Thanks, Ed!

Spring Work Day

Thank you to Dave Kinn for scheduling a spring work day on April 26th and to all of those who participated. Your help was greatly appreciated!

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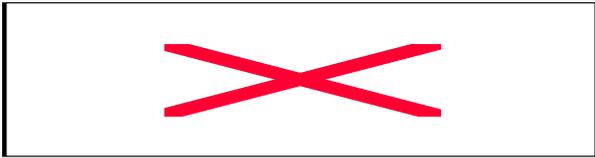
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Summer Worship Schedule—May 11—September 7,
one weekly service Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



