

Faith Journeys

Faith Lutheran Church -- ELCA

October 2014

Pastor Joy's Message

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LOMC Fall Fest 10/12
11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

"First, We Give of Ourselves"

Exciting events and grace filled days are happening at Faith Lutheran Church! It is hard to believe that fall and the month of October is already upon us. I hope you and your families are enjoying all of the fun and festive things about this great season.

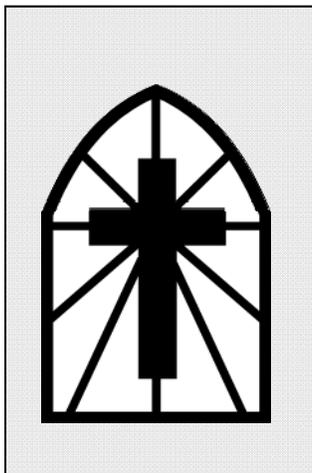
We have kicked off a new program year here at Faith and are excited for all that the weeks and months ahead hold in store. As we look ahead to the many ways that we will continue living out our mission, we are embarking on an initiative together. This initiative is a three year discipleship and generosity growing opportunity for the whole congregation. Our ministry initiative is called **"First, We Give of Ourselves"**. It is a program that was provided by the Northern Illinois Synod, and includes some wonderful tools as we think about stewardship. As we consider the gift of grace in Christ, we will also explore the joy of our giving in grace.

This fall, the focus of **"First, We Give of Ourselves"** will be **"Giving in Grace"**. We will explore together, the wonderful gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ and how it is the foundation of our discipleship and giving. Then, next year, our focus will center on the second facet of our ministry initiative, **"Giving in Gratitude"**. We will explore the spiritual nature of gratitude and how it encourages us to give of ourselves in response to God's grace in Christ. Finally, during the third year, we will follow through with the focus of **"Giving in Generosity"**. What does it mean to experience God's generosity and to give with generous hearts? These are questions that will engage our sense of discipleship and invite us to grow in the sharing of gifts for ministry.

Our Kick-Off Sunday for **"First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Grace"** will be Sunday, October 12th. Our fall emphasis will culminate with a celebration of ministry and the sharing of commitments of how we can "give of ourselves" in ministry on Sunday, November 23rd.

There are several components to this stewardship emphasis, one of which is Bible Study. The **"Giving in Grace"** Bible study will be held on October 26th, November 2nd, 9th, & 16th from 9:15-10:00 a.m. everyone is invited to be a part of these conversations.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful first fall together! I look forward to sharing more with you from this important initiative **"First, We Give of Ourselves"**. How exciting it will be to grow together in discipleship and the joy of generosity!



From Your Youth and Family Coordinator

Its October- my favorite month of the year! However, as I look at my calendar, it looks like this month is the kick-off for the busy months to come. I wanted to highlight a few events that are coming up soon:

Youth Sunday, October 19th: Youth Sunday is an opportunity for our Sunday school and confirmation students to actively take part in a variety of ministries that are usually reserved for adults during our worship services. We always say that “the kids are the future of the church”, but I believe that they are the “here and now” of the church. They are here now learning each week at Sunday school and worship what it means to be a follower of Jesus, and they need to be greeted with opportunities throughout the year (not just on a day we call “Youth Sunday”) to experience these ministries of being greeters, ushers, readers, communion assistants and assisting ministers. Along the way, they may discover their spiritual gifts that God has blessed them with.

In addition to the children participating in the 10:30 worship service, we are asking the parents to participate in our 2nd Annual Open House. This is a chance for parents to check out their kids classrooms, meet their teachers, help with a craft, and to enjoy some fellowship (and donuts). The goal is for you to become invested in your child’s spiritual journey here at Faith in attending worship services together and talking about the things they learn in Sunday school.

Affirmation of Baptism, October 26th: At each of these confirmation student’s baptisms, their parents answered “yes” to the following questions for them: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? Do you believe in God the Father? Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? After two years of studying God’s word, attending worship, participating in service activities in the community, and attending a variety of youth events, they will have the opportunity to affirm their faith by answering these same questions themselves. This day is not the end of their faith journey, it is just the beginning. They still need to be encouraged to attend worship and to participate in different ministries and service projects. This is not a graduation from the church- it is an invitation for them to continue their journey as they mature into Christian adults. Blessings to you on your new journey: Teddi, Alyssa, Emma, Mason and Matthew!

Community Drive-Thru Live Nativity Scene: On my continued journey to think “out of the box” from the non-traditional Christmas programs, I have come up with an idea that not only includes the children of our church, but the adults as well. This is also an opportunity for us as Faith members to evangelize (uh oh I said the “E” word) to our community about the true meaning of Christmas. There will be a lot of logistics to work out along with looking for volunteers to participate. I hope that in the spirit of Christmas that you will jump on board with this idea. I have included in the newsletter a preliminary list of things that we will need for this event. Please check out that list and see if you can help. As the planning goes, please watch for additional ways that you can volunteer.

Well, looks like I have a lot to do- so I better get to it!

Blessings to you this October!

Michelle

Sunday School Schedule

- 10/5: 9:15 Class
- 10/12: 9:15 Class
- 10/15: 6:00-7:30 pm Confirmation Class (7th & 8th grades)
- 10/19: 9:15 Parent Open House/Youth Sunday at the 10:30 worship service
- 10/26: 9:15 Class



Confirmation Sunday
 Affirmation Of Their Baptism
 October 26th
 10:30 Worship Service
 Cake Reception to follow



Candidates are:

- Theadora Hacaga
- Matthew Malaker
- Alyssa Stechschulte
- Emma Valentine
- Mason VanDierendonck

Youth Sunday
 October 19th

- 9:15 Parent Open House/ Come visit your child's classroom (more info & specific times to follow)
 Confirmation Class Bake Sale Fundraiser
- 10:30 All kids will be participating in our worship service/ singing, greeting, ushering, reading, etc.

First Day of
 Sunday
 School
 "Selfie" with
 Michelle!



Birthdays, Anniversaries & News

Birthdays

10/02	Emily Bigelow
10/03	David Nelson
10/04	Pr. Joy Alsop Donna Nass Mikaela Rogers
10/07	Esther Prabhakar Chas. Watson
10/08	Ralph Papke Maggie Suneson Mason VanDierendonck Riley Wittenberg
10/10	Brian Fransen Doug Wood
10/11	Alberta Taylor
10/14	Andrew Good Ava Lynn Natalie Spartz
10/16	Tara Mims Mike Schmitt
10/21	Alexandra Liezert Duane Truckenbrod
10/22	John Roinas
10/23	Eric Livingston
10/24	Alice Arjes
10/29	George Bigelow
10/30	Bryar Good Katherine Suneson



Anniversaries

10/01	Dennis & Susie Wittwer
10/07	Harold & Pat Gosse Jerrod & Tawnya Liezert Ralph & Edna Papke
10/18	Russ & Betty Lynn
10/25	Bob & Linda Daub
10/28	Steve & Colleen Esterday



Thanks to everyone who brought envelopes for the cards for the troops & VA hospitals they are greatly appreciated.

Do you knit or crochet?

We are getting cool weather very quickly here in mid-Sept, reminding us that we will be knitting & crocheting scarves & hats for the Rochelle school children. If you have yarn we could use that, please.

Ladies, SAVE the date Nov. 30th for an event at church. Details later.

Welcome New Members:

We welcome Steve & Pam Schupbach to our congregation. They've lived in the Belvidere area for 24 years. Steve will be retiring soon from Aqua Aerobic Systems. They have 2 sons & have joined Faith because they knew Pastor Joy. They enjoy water sports.

Sympathy-

The congregation would like to extend their deepest sympathies to Ken Hill who lost his brother Lester Hill of Dixon. Peace be with Ken and his family during this difficult time.

Thank You

The **Memorial Committee** would like to thank the following memorial funds that contributed a total of \$3,600.00 to reduce the debt on the building fund of Faith Lutheran Church: Special Gifts, Ruth Schoohoven, Helm Helms, Dorothy Carter, Genevive Richmond, Clara Johnson, Glenn Esterday, Don Terry, Norma Jean Smith, Al Duthie, and Thrivent. Once again, a grateful thanks for your generosity.

We also express our thanks for the new banners and communionware that was purchased from the Don Terry Memorial Fund.

Calendar

Lay Ministry

Prayer Ministry

Praying for You

Members:

Pam Bauer as she mourns the loss of her cousin Pat Helms Tanaka,
 Carl Brune,
 Ken Hill as he mourns the loss of his brother. Mel & Betty Letheby,
 Mary Lowe,
 Lois Rewerts,
 Diane Ruggerio

Friends & Family:

Marlene Cahoon (sister of Judy Carter),
 Marilyn Casey (sister in law of Nedra Knapp),
 Keith Haggstad (father of Todd Haggstad),
 Linda Hammer,
 Connie Hansen (mother of Angie Primrose),
 Tammy Svela,
 Marguerite (mother of Margo Wilkinson),
 Carl (brother in law of Susie Wittwer)



Discipleship Gathering

Each fall, the Northern Illinois Synod offers Discipleship Gatherings. Each year these events have a different topic and are designed to help all disciples of Jesus Christ grow in faith. This year's topic is, "Conversation as hospitality – Helping make the faith Connection." Pastor Joy will be attending the gathering on Thursday, October 16th at Trinity Lutheran Church (200 N. First St., Rockford). The event is from 6:30-8:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact Pastor Joy.

November Newsletter items are
 due to the office by October 15:
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Budget

General Fund	General Fund		Expenses	Actual Net Income/Loss	
Revenues	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual Net Income/Loss
Month	\$15,540.25	\$15,097.00	\$15,809.60	\$15,172.00	-\$269.35
YTD	\$128,713.16	\$120,784.00	\$136,435.56	\$106,292.00	-\$7,722.40

Building Fund	Building Fund		Expenses	Actual Net Income/Loss	
Revenues	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual Net Income/Loss
Month	\$5,449.00	\$4,436.00	\$4,463.00	\$4,774.00	\$986.00
YTD	\$39,480.00	\$35,492.00	\$35,704.00	\$38,194.00	\$3,776.00

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\$13,760.47

Live Nativity



Community Drive-Thru Live Nativity Scene
Sunday, December 14th, (Time to be determined)

This year our children’s Christmas program is an evangelism opportunity for everyone at Faith to spread the news of Jesus’ birth. Right now, we are at the planning stages for this event- the list below is for things that you may already have that you could lend to us.

Donations of supplies are welcome too.

- White or colored Christmas lights
- Large lighted star
- Lighted window décor (no Santa’s or reindeers)
- Bales of straw
- Easy up canopies
- Tarps to enclose canopies
- Saw horses
- Space heaters
- Live animals
- Empty gallon milk jugs (no lids & rinsed out please)

If you have any of these supplies please contact Michelle y&f@faithlcrochelle.org or 562-7575 (church office). Lights and lighted décor could be dropped off anytime. Thank You!

News

World Day of Prayer/Global Mission Sunday

Pastor Rui Bernhard of Porto Alegre, Brazil, will bring greetings to Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 5, 2014, at both services. October 5th has been designated as World Day of Prayer and Global Mission Sunday at Faith. Pastor Bernhard and his wife Susanne, a high school teacher, will be accompanied by Professor Flavio Magedanz and his wife Marli, who are members of Pastor David Nelson's former parish in Tres de Maio, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

Mr. Magedanz is Dean of the Lutheran University "Setrem" in Tres de Maio, a city of about 25,000 in Brazil's most southern state. Marli Magedanz owns a retail clothing store. The two couples are friends and former pastoral colleagues of David and Claudia Nelson during the Nelsons' call to parish ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brazil in the 1970s. They are house guests of the Nelsons in Grand Detour during the first ten days of October.

An informal get-acquainted time with the Brazilian Lutheran guests will take place between the two services on that Sunday. A sub-committee is planning other ways to observe the Global Mission and World Day of Prayer on October 5th, both in the services and at the fellowship hour.

Community Suppers

David and Claudia Nelson report that over 100 hot meals were served on Monday, September 8 at the Social Hall of the Rochelle Fire Department. Faith is an active participant in this monthly ministry in conjunction with Rochelle's Roman Catholics and United Methodists, who together have teams to cover all the other Monday nights (there is only no meal when a Monday falls on a national holiday). Faith has four revolving teams and our assigned day is the second Monday of every month. Seven or eight persons are needed to prepare the food, set up the tables and chairs, serve the 40 plus individuals who regularly come, clean up, and take it all down. On September 8th the menu included bratwurst, BBQ pork, buns, chips, jello, dessert, milk, coffee, and lemonade.



How do 40 individuals result in over 100 meals being served? First of all, many are served second helpings (also counted as meals). Then all are invited to take out full meals for those friends and family members who are unable to attend. Finally, the servers themselves get to eat! This average weekly count is almost always between 85 and 110.

We invite you to speak with Vivian Carlson or Nedra Knapp, the Chaplains, the Liezerts, or the Nelsons for more information. If you cannot be directly involved, you are also welcome to make a donation. We are getting better about scheduling how many and who will be needed for each of our "Second Monday" community dinners. Stay tuned!

Outreach—Crop Walk

Michelle, Pastor Joy and Laura took pies in the face to help raise money for the Crop Walk! They raised more than 300! Below you can see the view from the throwers and the view from the receivers. Way to go ladies (and all who donated so the pies could be thrown).



OUTREACH MISSION FOR FAITH: Rochelle Food Pantry

October: Tuna Fish & Laundry Soap

Items may be placed in the shopping cart located in the fellowship hall.

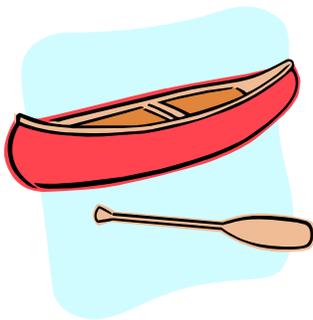
Council Highlights

Council Highlights – August Edition

- ◆ Laura Sawlsville has assumed the role of Council President. Jeremy Groves will serve as Vice President. If you need to contact Laura, her e-mail is: javajunkie8587@yahoo.com.
- ◆ An extra \$10,000 principal payment on the mortgage will be made (\$3,000 from the Memorial fund and \$7,000 from the M&M fund)
- ◆ Bids were presented and approved for some repair and maintenance to the church parking lot.
- ◆ The building suffered a lightning strike in August and repairs to one of the AC units as well as the phone system were needed.
- ◆ It was discovered that due to FCC regulations, the church is no longer eligible for a substantial discount we were receiving on our phone/internet bill. We will see a new rate take effect in the next month or so.

Autumn Fest at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center!

**Sunday, October 12th
11 AM- 4:30 PM**



Join LOMC in celebrating their 40th Anniversary!

Enjoy a day of:
Wagon Rides
Pumpkin Carving
Cider Pressing
Canoeing
Zip Lining
Lunch
Worship



All this great family fun is free!

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We are back to our regular Worship Schedule

Service Times are 8:00 and 10:30

9:15 Sunday School (all ages) and Confirmation