



Faith Matters

August 2015

Pastor's Page

Another amazing FLY Mission Trip is in the books, and Queens, NY was a success. Thank you to all who supported the trip! We are so blessed to have such amazing youth at our church, and for the faithful and inspired leadership our Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Gladys Bonnema, provides.

You will hear much more about the trip at our Mission Trip Sunday on August 2nd, but I want to share some personal reflections of my own.

Here are five important lessons/reminders from the trip:

The Body of Christ, filled with the gift of YOU! In Ephesians 4:7-8, Paul discusses how Christ has given gifts. Then, in verse 11, he identifies the gift, and its people! The gifts are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, all whom contribute to the body of Christ. On the mission trip I witnessed many similar gifts. There were leaders, servants, energizers, encouragers, and comforters. There were people who planned meals, cleaned up, identified routes, and who attended to the sick. The body of Christ, gifted by people doing their part, was on full display! And it's no different at Faith. *You are a gift to the body of Christ at Faith Lutheran!*

Embraced vocation is a joy to experience. Across the street from our host-church was a stereotypical New York barbershop and it was awesome! The master barbers inside were artists, and meticulous at their craft. Each snip of the scissors was intentional and thought-out. As much as I appreciated the haircut, the experience of getting it was even better! It is a joy to see someone use their God-given gifts and position to the best of their ability. It was a powerful witness, as these men and women took their job seriously, and were concerned with serving me the best they could. *What gifts and position has God given you? How are you a witness by how you serve?*

Be Aggressive! As we were tending a community garden one day I asked one of our youth how he's changed in the past year. I love his answer. "I've learned that I have to be aggressive in my faith," he said. "I have to be on the offensive!" *Continued on Page 4*

DATES TO REMEMBER:

AUG. 2

Mission Trip Sunday
Community Meal
and Compline

AUG. 8

Mugs & Muffins

AUG. 9

Faith Family Fun Day
(Kickball & Swimming)

AUG. 14 - 16

(Office Closing at Noon on Friday the 14th)
Faith Life Camp

AUG. 18

Ministry Team & Council
Meetings - *All Members
Welcome*

SEPT. 13

Fall Extravaganza



Faith Lutheran's

Outdoor Worship Services

Continue through September 6, 2015
@ 10:10 a.m. in Library Square Park, Hutchinson

*Tell your friends, bring a lawn chair,
and worship the Lord!
In case of rain, meet in Faith's sanctuary.*



First Word @ 8 a.m. will continue in the Sanctuary
Fall planning for Sunday School and Digging Deeper are under way - Stay Tuned!

News from New Hope Mission Society

How Far Does \$80,000 Go Today in World Mission Witness?

Sometimes we are saddened that American church bodies are sending fewer and fewer missionaries. To send one missionary, following long established policies in our Lutheran history, would have a price tag of well over \$80,000 each year. This would include things like salary, medical coverage, pension, and other benefits like funds for travel to and from America.

Think about this as an expression of our witness at FLC through New Hope Mission Society and the Augustana District. Today the focus is on preparing and sending indigenous evangelists, pastors, and others. They already know the culture, the language, and serve for the most modest financial rewards.

Think about this. The Augustana District, with the support of congregations like Faith, is supporting half of the need now for 50 evangelists serving all over the country in Ethiopia through the Tabor partnership. Many of them are bearing witness to Muslims in communities that are predominantly Muslim. Our financial outlay as a District is approximately \$30,000 total this year.

Then consider our witness through New Hope Mission Society. Presently 40 young adults are residential students in the Shaliach Bible Institute fully funded through NHMS, supported in large measure with support from FLC and its members. The annual cost to train these witnesses is \$50,000, which covers their educational training, room, and board.

\$80,000 given this year is sending and preparing 90 witnesses to Jesus Christ in Ethiopia and in India. This is simply amazing.



Thanks be to God and everyone at FLC for your part in making this possible.

music notes

As fall approaches I've been reading in Ephesians preparing for how the music ministry might find application with such bold scripture. The obvious choice would be to schedule music for the ensembles to perform highlighting the verse, and potentially writing a worship song to be sung during the fall. However, this scripture does not ask to be simply noticed, it has specific instructions and a specific promise which hold true in this evolving world. Marc Vaillancourt has been a pillar of the worship teams in this church for many years, and just recently his son, Sebastian, said something which has taken the staff by storm. I'm paraphrasing, but he said he needed to be aggressive with his faith. The promises in Ephesians show us there is protection in our pursuit of an active and lively faith. How I see this aggressive faith playing into the music ministry is to pursue worship aggressively. Seek ways to expand worship both in numbers of participants and the cannon of songs, but expand worship into new levels of invitation and witness yet experienced in our congregation. I'm excited imagining the possibilities, considering the blessing all of our volunteers have been throughout the years and believing in their passion and abilities. With that said, there is always room for more involvement!

The choir will be meeting Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, beginning September 16th, 2015.

The bell choir will be meeting Mondays at 5:30 pm, beginning September 14th, 2015.

Do contact me with questions regarding ensembles, special music, and worship leading.

I encourage your prayers and participation this fall as we begin a new year in the church focusing on the Armor of God.

Best Wishes,

Mike Lauer

Director of Music and Worship



Until We Meet Again . . .

Members and Church-goers,

It has been a pleasure to serve the Lord with this congregation this summer. Unfortunately my internship and time in Hutchinson has come to a close. I sincerely thank you all for your generosity, welcoming me with open arms, and making me feel as if I have been a lifetime member rather than a temporary summer addition. This truly is a very unique (unmodified for Pastor Scott) church family, and one would be hard-pressed to find another comparable to the one at Faith.



FLY,

This summer has been a life-changing experience for me. The fellowship we've had together on Wednesday nights, as well as the memories made on the mission trip, are some of my most treasured from this summer. It was such a blessing to get to know each and every one of you, and to know your hearts. I am proud of you all for being the Godly young men and women you are, and I pray that you may know the Lord better each and every day. My hope is that I've had an ounce of the impact on you all that you've had on me. I will miss every one of you dearly, and should you need anything, I'm always just a phone call away.

God Bless,
Paul Scheidler



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Wow! What a great insight. Now, as Lutherans, we confess that we are passive when it comes to faith. We are the receivers. We cannot add to what God does for us. However, sometimes we have to be aggressive about putting ourselves in position to receive! I'm more likely to receive the gospel in church than I am in bed! I need to be where God has promised to meet me. *So be aggressive!*

Confession is good for the soul. Wednesday nights on mission trips is confession night. Our youth circle up in their crews and bare their souls to one another. It is powerful, and so important. For some, it is the first time they have shared their struggles, their burdens, and their shortcomings. For them to lay it out there, and then receive forgiveness, support, and encouragement is so important. *What are you holding on to? Come talk to me about it.*

God is awesome! We sang the praise song "Oceans" to Him in front of His powerful ocean. We worshiped under a picnic shelter, singing "Grace Like Rain" as the rains poured down around us, and as lightening illuminated the sky and thunder accompanied the guitars. God is awesome! But as awesome as those experiences were, God's awesomeness was most on display in the faith and love of our youth. As they served together, played together, cried together, worshiped together, and prayed together, they were a witness to God's power and goodness. *How have you experienced God's awesomeness?*

So there you have it, five of many lessons this wonderful trip revealed. These trips continue to be vital experiences for the life of our church. May their lessons endure!

See you in church!

Pastor Dave



Matthew 25:40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers you did it to me.'



**Common
Cup
Ministry**



HungerFree McLeod's **Backpack Program** provides weekend food for students on the free/reduced program in McLeod County schools. It currently serves around 200 children grades K-3. The cost is approximately \$5.00 per child per week or \$1,000 each weekend during the school year.

Groups to pack are always welcome and needed.

Provision of Personal Products or PoPP is a program started last year providing personal care products to students in grades 5-12.



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School Supply Distribution takes place **August 19 5-8 p.m.** and **August 20th 9 to 11 a.m.** Needed supply lists can be found on page 6 or in the Common Cup Corner at Faith and all donations can be dropped off there.



Laundry Love Ministry takes place the 3rd

Tuesday of each month from
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 6
-8 p.m. at the Maytag
Laundromat located at 1025
Hwy 7.



FREE COMMUNITY MEAL SCHEDULE:

Weekly Tuesday 11:15-1:00 p.m. @ Shalom Baptist Church
1st Sunday Supper 4:00-6:00 p.m. @ Faith Lutheran Church
2nd Saturday Breakfast 8:30-9:30 a.m. @ Bethlehem United Methodist Church
3rd Friday Supper 5:00-6:30 p.m. @ Peace Lutheran Church
3rd Saturday Breakfast 8:30-10:30 a.m. @ Christ the King
4th Friday Supper 5:30-6:30 p.m. @ Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Fare for All distribution takes place at the CCM Office between **4:30 and 5:30 p.m.** one Thursday a month.

August delivery will be on the 27th. Place an order by **August 21** at the CCM office. The four packages available are:

- 1) Combo-\$20 (4 meats, 5 fruit & 2 veggies)
- 2) Produce -\$10 (2 fruits & 5 veggies)
- 3) Mini-Meat-\$11 (4 meats only)
- 4) Mega Meat-\$25 (7-9 meats only)

Faith Lutheran Church Women News

Thank Yous

Thank you to everyone that helped clean the church kitchen on July 14. And also to those wonderful women who sign up to take a month at a time checking in and doing light cleaning in the kitchen weekly.

Thanks also to those who brought the delicious pies, donated money, ice cream, water and those who helped serve pie at Music-in-the-Park on July 6. We also appreciate Citizens Bank for donating cups and napkins. The profit from this event was \$340.

The Garden Tour was a great success with a profit of \$717. We are grateful to Thrivent for the \$250 Action Grant for supplies and the T-Shirts they provided for the volunteers.

Thirty percent of the funds raised will go to pay down the mortgage principal, the rest will go towards women's ministries and kitchen needs or repairs.

Fall Extravaganza

Our next event will be the Cake Walk at the Sunday School Fall Extravaganza on September 13. Start looking for your favorite recipe for cakes, cupcakes, etc. And thinking about what goodies you can bring to join in supporting the celebration of returning to Sunday School.



Faith Prayer Shawl Ministry and Quilting Group

You are cordially invited to coffee and treats on Wednesday, September 2 at 10:30 a.m.

We will have finished quilts and shawls on display for you to check out.

We have patterns, yarn and a large collection of crochet hooks and knitting needles in all sizes available FREE if you would like to give knitting or crocheting a try.

The Quilting Group appreciates donations of fabric pieces, used sheets and pillowcases, yarn and thread.

PLEASE JOIN US!



Imagine Capital Campaign



How many of us look at our home mortgage and wish we could pay it off faster? Did you know that making just one extra mortgage payment each year could reduce a 30-year mortgage to approximately 22 years? You could do that by making one extra payment sometime throughout the year or by making a 1/12 additional principal payment each month. Here at Faith, we do know that and that method has been applied to the church's mortgage. In 2010 we started with a 25 year mortgage. In 4 ½ years, we have reduced the length of the church's mortgage by 7 ½ years by being able to make four significant additional principal payments as well as making an additional principal payment each month with our regular monthly payment. By keeping our monthly payment at the original payment of \$19,413, we are currently making an additional principal payment of over \$5,000 each month or over four additional payments each year. Thank you for the support you have provided to help us reach this point and for your continued support that we may continue on this accelerated payment path. God has truly blessed this congregation.

Monthly Financial Update

	Actual YTD 7/22/2015	Budget 2015	Budget Remaining
General Fund Income	372,308.65	762,219.00	389,910.35
General Fund Expenses	416,633.86	762,219.00	345,585.14
General Fund Net Income/Loss	(44,325.21)		
Average weekly giving needed to reach budget		\$14,658.06	
Average monthly giving needed to reach budget		\$63,518.25	

Four Principles of Biblical Stewardship: 1) **Ownership** (24th Psalm: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.) 2) **Responsibility** (As God's stewards, we are called to manage that which belongs to God) 3) **Accountability** 4) **Reward**. During the summer months, with many people on vacation, at the lake, or out of town for all of those summer reasons, it is more challenging to maintain a balanced budget. Please prayerfully consider how you can help keep the budget balanced through these beautiful summer months.

Thrivent Members - Thank you for your participation in the Thrivent Choice Program. As of July 22, 2015, your choice dollars for 2015 have amounted to \$5,434.00. In addition, \$250 Action Grants have been used for the Easter Breakfast and the April and June Community Meals. To designate your dollars for 2015, call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice Dollars". Thank you for your support.

Needed School Supplies for CCM School Drive

Backpacks	Fiskar Scissors	Color Markers	Color Pencils
Calculators	Dry Erase Markers (4Pk)	Highlighters	Sharpie Markers (black/fine line)
#2 Pencils	Rulers	Erasers	Spiral Notebooks (college & wide)
Glue Sticks	Crayola Crayons	Pencil Boxes/Bags	
Pens (blue/black)	Prang Water Colors	Plastic Pocket Folders	
3-Ring Binders	Graphing Calculators	Pencil Sharpeners (w/covers)	



Thoughts and Prayers

Please remember all those who are serving our country
through active duty:

Sgt. Jason Gaulke (El Paso, TX - nephew of Alice Fransen)

Andrew Hantge (Navy, Virginia Beach, VA - son of
Marsha Schmit and Robert Hantge)

Lee Johnson (Fort Bragg, NC - son of Geri & Ralph
Johnson)



Anthony Settergren (Army National Guard in Croatia-
son of Richard and Jean Settergren)

SFC Guy Sing (Korea - nephew of Tony Sing & cousin of Darlene Karg)

Col. Rob Skaar (Duluth Air National Guard - son of Dave & Marian Skaar)

**Remember our Faith
members in Nursing
Homes & Health Care
Centers**

Cedar Crest - Cosmos

Patricia Lambert

Cedar Crest - Silver Lake

Nadine Dalin

Glencoe Nursing Home

Dorothy Christensen

Kathryn Wendlandt

Harmony River

Millie Blake

Valerie Fimon

Clarence Kulberg

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BUILDING FAITH

*“EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY, FOR BUILDING UP
THE BODY OF CHRIST”*

EPHESIANS 4:12

TO LIVE OUT THAT MISSION, GOD CALLS US TO:

FOLLOW JESUS

ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL

INVITE ALL PEOPLE

TEACH CHRISTIAN TRUTH

HELP ALL WHO ARE IN NEED