

Faith Matters

March 2012



Pastor's Page

For all who are thirsty...

Dear Members and Friends of Faith Lutheran Church,

On Sunday, February 26, we announced the results of the *Legacy of Faith...Moving Forward* capital campaign. As of that date, the congregation has pledged about \$675,000 toward this effort to pay our mortgage and reduce our debt. This amount is, all at the same time:

A Half-Full Glass—the amount pledged will cover Faith's mortgage payments for the next three years. THANK-YOU to all those who made a commitment to support this vital effort.

A Half-Empty Glass—the amount pledged is about half of what was required by Faith's lender to receive an interest rate reduction or make a significant reduction in the mortgage principal—either of which would save the church thousands of dollars over the years.

A Glass that Still Needs Filling—several hundred households have not yet responded to *Legacy of Faith...Moving Forward*, but it's not too late to do so. A follow-up letter will be sent soon to encourage further response to the campaign.

The best news, though, is that *Legacy of Faith...Moving Forward* is not over. It is just beginning. The previous capital campaign received significant support that was not pledged and from special gifts, like estates. It is entirely possible over the next three years for Faith to reach or even exceed the original goal of *Legacy of Faith...Moving Forward*.

If you made a pledge to support this important effort, THANK-YOU.

If you did not make a pledge, but plan to support the campaign, THANK YOU.

If you are able at any time in the next three years to help reduce the mortgage, THANK YOU.

If you invest your time, ability and presence in Faith's ministry, THANK YOU.

If you will hold Faith Lutheran, its members, ministries and mission in your daily prayer, THANK YOU.

Look for further updates on *Legacy of Faith...Moving Forward* in the months and years to come.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott Grorud

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

Faith@Home

Sun. March 11, 9:15 a.m.

New ILT class at Faith Lutheran: "Paul's Epistles: 1 Thessalonians"

Mon. March 12, 7 p.m.

Parent Day (Sunday School)

Sun. March 25, 9:15 a.m.

New Members Received

Sun. March 25, 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion

Thurs. April 5

6:30 p.m.

8 p.m.

Good Friday Service

Fri. April 6

6:30 p.m.

Easter Services with Holy Communion

Sun. April 8

6 a.m.

8 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11 a.m.

Revolve Tour (for Middle School girls)

April 20-22

Rummage Sale

April 26, 27 & 28

FaithLife Camps

Watch for more information this month at Faith Lutheran Church!

time to begin the tradition.

The Lord's Prayer

Why Pray... and against yourself?

6:30 p.m. Wednesday night confirmation services **for the whole congregation** during Lent.

Feb. 29 - First Petition: What's in a name?

March 7 - Second Petition: Whose Kingdom?

March 14 - Third Petition: Suffering in the world... God's will?!

March 21 - Fourth Petition - Daily Bread

March 28 - Fifth Petition - Forgiveness

Maundy Thursday (April 5) - Sixth]
Temptation

Good Friday (April 6) - Seventh
Petition: The Subtle Nature of Evil

Easter (April 8)



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Ministry & Mission **in action**

Join the Faith Singers for Good Friday!

The Faith Singers will be a part of our Good Friday service singing "Prayers at the Cross," and we're looking for people to sing with them! Practice will be Wednesdays in March from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the music room. Contact Sue Graff with questions: kssgraff@hutchtel.net or 587-6289.



ILT Course offered at Faith this spring!

"Paul's Epistles: 1 Thessalonians"

Paul is one of the most significant New Testament witnesses to the early church and to early proclamations of Jesus. He is also one of the most controversial. In this course, Professor Kyle Fever will introduce participants to the first of Paul's life letters in the New Testament.

This live online course will be held at FLC:

**Mondays, March 12 – April 23
7 - 8 p.m.**

Please contact Marsha Schmit at 234-8400 to sign up or for more information.

Baskets of Care

March is Minnesota Food Share Month, and the Congregational Life Team will be collecting new unopened personal items for the food shelf during this month. Look for laundry baskets in both East entrances and bring in your items to share.

Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Combs, Brushes, Lotion, Mouthwash, Tissues, Depends, Bandages, Hand sanitizer, Bubble bath, Ensure nutrition shakes, Feminine hygiene products, Shaving cream, Disposable razors, Unopened complimentary hotel personal items

Thank you for sharing with those in need!

Give-2012

(A monthly reflection on Biblical stewardship and the financial health of Faith Lutheran Church.) By Pastor Scott Grorud

Why does God call us to make offerings?

It's a fair question. Since "the Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Psalm 24:1), why has God always asked for offerings from his people?

One reason is that your tithes and offerings provide the resources for the church to do its ministry. That was true for the temple in Jerusalem in the Old Testament. It was the case in the early church, as we read in Acts. And it has been true for churches ever since. Without faithful, generous offerings, the church could not fulfill its mission. Faithful, generous offerings are the only source of income a church has.

As Christians, though, there are two more important reasons

we give. One is that giving freely and generously reminds us that, in fact, "the Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." Nothing we "own" is really ours. It is a trust from God, who will always provide for our needs. We are called to put our trust in God, not in our possessions.

That leads to the other key reason for giving. Since money can buy almost anything we want or desire, it is a prime candidate for idolatry. Nothing has the power to replace our trust in God as easily as money does. Giving generously reminds us that money is a good tool God gives us to provide for our needs and the work of His kingdom—nothing more or less.

As Christians, we do not only give because there are needs. We also have a need to give, because giving helps keep money in its place—and that helps us keep God in His!

Follow this QR code with your mobile device for a simple way to give to Faith Lutheran Church.





Bulletin Board



Faith Lutheran Church Women



Kitchen cleaning will be done on Tues. March 6 from 8 to 11 a.m. Join the FLCW for a time of working together, fellowship and coffee.

The rummage sale will be April 26, 27 and 28. You may bring items to the church on Mon. April 23 and throughout the week. Call Bobbi Knudson (587-2227) if you need help to transport items. Items include furniture, clothes, toys and household goods. No large appliances, large exercise equipment, TV's or computers will be accepted. A sign-up poster is in the gathering area to help.

The Garden Tour/Salad Luncheon date has been set for Aug. 4. Consider having a tour of your beautiful yard!

Please complete the green survey included in this issue of Faith Matters, so we can make plans for the year. We want the FLCW to be a meaningful ministry.

Coming Soon to

Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Faith Center

“Pray at Your Own Risk”

This Adult Forum series focuses on the Lord's Prayer, “A Dangerous Prayer.”

The well known author, Pastor Frederick Buechner, once called the Lord's Prayer a “dangerous prayer” to pray. How can a prayer we so easily say Sunday after Sunday be all that? Radical? Dangerous? Countercultural? A prayer against ourselves? Adult forums during Lent will wrestle with this dangerous prayer.

March 4: **“Have I Reached the Party to Whom I Am Speaking?”**

March 11: **“Losers, Keepers”**

March 18: **“We Tremble Not with Fear”**

March 25: **“Forgiven Sinners, Forgive Sinners”**

April 1: **“I Am Weak, but You Are Strong”**

The Revolve Tour / April 20 - 22, 2012 / \$120 per person

It's back! Don't miss ***Dream On***, the 2012 production of The Revolve Tour! We'll be in Omaha, Nebraska, with real-life stories, dance-worthy **music** and more **fun** than you can handle combined in a **high-energy**, inspirational, **life-changing Saturday event** for teen girls!

Any Middle School girls interested in attending the Revolve Tour should contact:

Andrea Wollan (234-6734) or Penny Stuber (582-2493).



KidPower is a supervised, faith-based Christian program for children in grades K - 5 whose parents work when schools are not in session. KidPower is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on non-school days, and costs \$10 per child for 5-10 hours, or \$5 per child for up to 5 hours. For families with several children, the maximum payment is \$25 per family per day.

Upcoming KidPower dates for 2011-2012 school year:

March 9, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16

April 6

Applications are available in the Faith Lutheran Church office. Call the office with questions: 587-2093. Only one application is needed per family per year. *However, you will need to contact the church office to register for the individual days your child attends.*



Council Highlights

Topics from the Feb. 21 Church Council meeting:

First meeting with 2012 members

Congregational Life team will hold a “Baskets of Care” drive in March for personal items.

The *FaithLife Camps* taskforce is finalizing information and will have more information available to the congregation in March for the first *FaithLife Camp*.

Discussed making online donations more accessible to FLC members.



Seniors Scene

DID YOU KNOW that we have a company in Hutchinson that makes and markets greeting cards? Maybe you know, but I'm surprised at how many did not know that Lynn Card Company operates out of the industrial park on the east end of our community. It is now in the second generation of operation. Eric Knutson, who now leads the company, will be with us at our March Seniors Potluck meeting. He has an interesting story to tell. I have toured the facilities and was really impressed that we have this quality company, led by a committed Christian family, marketing unique greeting cards in bulk to places all over the nation. The meeting is Thurs., March 29, 12:00 noon.



Please notice that we have switched our March and May meeting speakers. Jan Novotny will be with us on May 24. Come see and hear an interesting "Know your community" program. Bring your friends for good fellowship, food and learning.



New & Noteworthy

Family Workshop Series:

FAITH @ HOME

A once a month discussion meeting in February, March and April in order to equip parents as the primary teachers of faith.



March 11: Teaching Your Children How to Pray

When: 9:15

Where: New North Entry (Door 1)

What: A casual discussion about faith in our families.

Announcing: A new opportunity for you!

Faith Lutheran Players

Like to act? Work with costumes? Build props?

We would love your time, talents and abilities with this newest ministry venture! Faith Lutheran Players is a new ministry group that will help lead congregational skits, scenes and dialogues. Last year people were on hand to help with reenacting the Lord's Supper, recreating the Bethlehem market place, staging a wax museum of Reformation characters, creating a live Nativity and being contestants on American Bible Idol.

If you find yourself interested in this kind of activity, we would love to hear from you! Simply email or call Julie at the church office (julieg@faithlc.com or 234-8403) to indicate your interest in being in a pool of participants. As character parts, costumes and props are needed, an email will be sent out. Simply volunteer for the part as the need arises.



Thoughts and Prayers

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

Andrew Hantge (Navy, Everett, WA - son of Marsha Schmit and Robert Hantge)

Sam Butler (Iraq - Nephew of Matt Butler)

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

Lt Col Katie McCormick (granddaughter of Liz & Don Krasen)

CAPT Gail Hathaway (Pearl Harbor - daughter of Marlin & Ruth Torgerson)

CAPT James Lepse (active duty - nephew of Lorraine Burch)

Jerod Paulson (Navy - nephew of Jeanette Fauskee)

Willy Eckstrom (Afghanistan - son of Dean & Karen Eckstrom)

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

Colten Hughes (Iraq & Kuwait - son of Curt & Tressa Hughes)

Justin Olsen (Behring, Kuwait - son of Sharon Grivna and Jerry Olsen)

Remember our Faith members in
Nursing Homes & Health Care Centers

Prairie View
(Hector)

Jerome Lindquist

Lakeside (Dassel)

Eloi Hamre

Emmanuel

(Litchfield)

Pete Hoefs

Prairie Senior

Cottages

Delores Saar

Peg Tapper

Harmony River

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Q: What is Jesus' last name?

A: In Jesus' day, the Jewish people did not use last names. People were identified by their given name and their father's name. (Scandinavians used the same practice, which is why so many of their names end in -son.) In the Aramaic language Jesus spoke, the word for "son" is "bar." So, Jesus' full name would have been Yeshua bar Yosef or Jesus son of Joseph.

It may be more important to note that Jesus' last name was not Christ. Christ is a title, based on the Greek word Christos. It has the same meaning as the Hebrew word Meshiach or Messiah. They are translated as "anointed" and refer to the anointing kings in Israel with oil when they came to the throne. When Israel no longer had its own kings, its royal hopes focused on the Savior—the Anointed One—God had promised to send, the Messiah.

Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah or the Christ. So, saying Jesus Christ is not saying a first and last name, but confessing our faith that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of the World.

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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



Faith Kidz News

March 2012

6TH GRADE 1ST COMMUNION CHALICE MAKING

Remember we will be making chalices to use at your first communion! Parents are encouraged to attend these sessions with your child and you may also make one for yourself! Each chalice is \$4.00—to cover the cost of the clay, glaze and the expensive firing process the Clay Coyote so graciously does for us.

March 7: Make-up day for making a chalice (if you are unable to come on March 11) after school.

March 11: Making chalices in the Youth Gathering Space during Sunday School

March 18: Glazing chalices in the Youth Gathering Space during Sunday School

March 21: Make-up day for glazing a chalice (if you are unable to come on March 18) after school.

Please let Kacie know if you are going to attend either make-up day! Thank you!

Keep your eyes open for these **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

PARENT DAY— MARCH 25

Parents are invited to attend Sunday School with their children. See what your kids have been up to this year!

The 1st—5th graders will also be doing a few fun activities to tell everyone about Green Lake Camp and the many different opportunities they offer! This will be held during the regular Sunday School hour.

ATTENTION RELEASE TIME STUDENTS!

Our end of the year celebration will be held on April 11 at Peace Lutheran. A letter with more information will be mailed to you soon!



FAITH FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Bring your family for a meal on Wednesday evenings before the 6:30 p.m. Lenten worship service. Dinner starts at 5:30.

Questions? Please contact
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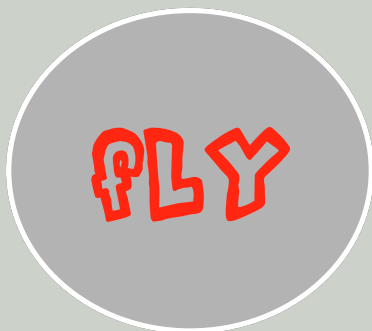
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