

Faith Matters

October 2014

Pastor's Page



October 12 will mark the launch of the *Imagine* Capital Campaign, growing out of the *Imagine* theme we have explored at Faith this fall. The current capital campaign, *Legacy of Faith...Moving Forward*, draws to a close at the end of this year, but the church's mortgage still has a long way to go.

So, all of Faith's members will be asked to make new commitments toward capital expenses. Capital expenses are used only for mortgage expenses and are entirely separate from the General Fund (which supports Faith's day-to-day ministry) and the Building Maintenance Fund (which helps cover upkeep of the building).

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 am First Word Worship Service
9:15 am Digging Deeper, Sunday School,
and Confirmation
10:10 am Sanctuary Worship Service
10:10 am Foundation Worship Service

If you have not yet indicated your preference for receiving information about the *Imagine* Capital Campaign, please do so using the card that was distributed in worship and re-printed on page 2. You may receive the information by e-mail, at one of four meetings held at the church or in a personal visit either at church or in your home. This information will include possible new ministries in Faith Lutheran's future, the timeline of the campaign, along with lots of data on the state of the mortgage and the impact your gifts can have in reducing it as quickly as possible.

For now, I want to emphasize how closely the *Imagine* Capital Campaign is tied to the ministry that Faith is currently doing and to all those future opportunities we have imagined this fall. Capital campaigns are not an add-on or sideline to the church's ministry, but essential to them. They provide the space that makes it possible to do so much of that ministry.

Just imagine(!) trying to hold Sunday School or worship services, youth ministry or seniors' potlucks, counseling sessions or fellowship meals, weddings or funerals without the wonderful facilities made possible by the broad support of Faith's capital campaigns. Ministry requires space, and your commitment to the *Imagine* Capital Campaign will help reduce and eventually eliminate the cost of building the wonderful ministry spaces we have at Faith Lutheran. (And of course, the sooner we do that, the sooner we can think about how to complete the new sanctuary and the rest of Phase II!)

Please pray for God's blessing on the *Imagine* Capital Campaign. Watch for campaign information, however you have chosen to receive it. Ask any and all questions you may have. Seek God's guidance as you *IMAGINE* what part you are able to take in it. Then, join the family of Faith in grateful commitment to this shared responsibility of providing space for God to do the saving work of Christ Jesus among us.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott Grorud

If you have not had an opportunity to fill out an Imagine Card yet

Please detach, fill out the following and return it to the office.

stump the pastor

Q: Are there people who only believe the Old Testament? Only the New Testament?

A: Most Jewish people do not believe that Jesus was the Messiah God promised to send to Israel. (There is a small, but growing community of Messianic Jews who do.) Their Bibles include only what we call the Old Testament.

It is important to remember, though, that the Old Testament was also the Bible that Jesus and all the early Christians used. They did not have the New Testament—they were living it and writing it! The early church made the case for Jesus entirely on the basis of the Old Testament.

That is why the Christian Church declared long ago that it was wrong to reject the Old Testament. Scholars like Marcion (ca. A.D. 85-160) taught that Jesus had replaced the God of the Old Testament and so Christians should no longer read the Old Testament, but his ideas were entirely rejected.

Unfortunately, many Christians through the ages have acted like Marcion, even if they never accepted his teaching, by reading the New Testament almost exclusively. In fact, for many years, Lutheran liturgies did not include Old Testament readings in worship (even though Martin Luther was an Old Testament scholar!) The truth is that it is not possible to understand the New Testament fully without knowing the Old Testament basis of it. It remains for Christians an essential part of God's Word and a powerful witness to the Lordship of Jesus.

*(Shameless plug: If you want to learn a lot more about the Old Testament and how it prepares the way for Jesus, take the *Crossways* Bible study. It does a great job of making exactly those connections.)*

Giving = Mission
giving joyfully, growing ministry

The Bad News: at the end of August, Faith Lutheran had a \$22,000 deficit in the general fund.

The Good News: that is a smaller deficit than the church has often had at this time of year.

The Bad News: only three months remain to cover that deficit and meet all our mission commitments.

The Good News: for the last five years, Faith’s members have been amazingly generous at year’s end.

The Bad News: giving to the church so far in 2014 is the lowest it has been since 2011.

The Good News: with careful spending, young staff and an efficient building, we have been able to do more with less.

The Bad News: as offering income remains flat, it is hard to expand Faith’s outreach and ministry.

The Good News: generous giving as a percentage of income could dramatically increase offerings.

Please give generously as God has first given to you to support the mission and ministry of Faith, knowing ...

The REALLY Good News: come what may, God will provide everything that we need, for ourselves and for the work of Christ’s kingdom (II Corinthians 9:8).



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

**PLEASE BE A PART OF OUR NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY—
WE NEED YOU TO MAKE OUR NEW FAMILY ALBUM COMPLETE!**

LET’S PUT NAMES WITH FACES. WE HAVE CHOSEN TO PARTNER WITH LIFETOUCH FOR PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY THAT WILL CONNECT OUR MEMBERS AND TELL OUR STORY.

IT IS CONVENIENT, AS LIFETOUCH WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHING AT FAITH LUTHERAN.

IN YOUR ONE HOUR SESSION YOU WILL: CHECK IN, BE PROFESSIONALLY PHOTOGRAPHED, IMMEDIATELY VIEW YOUR PORTRAITS AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL PORTRAITS.

EACH FAMILY WILL RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY 8X10 PORTRAIT AND DIRECTORY FOR PARTICIPATING.

SESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 THRU SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11.

ADDITIONAL DAYS MAY BE OPEN IN OCTOBER IF NEEDED.

VISIT: WWW.LIFETOUCH.COM

- ◆ **PLAN AND PREPARE FOR A SESSION**
- ◆ **FAMILY PORTRAIT AT YOUR CHURCH**
- ◆ **PORTRAIT SIGN UP**

OR CALL THE OFFICE AT 320-587-2093 TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Digging Deeper

Short-term studies are offered on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Have a question about these Bible studies or other ways to get involved at Faith Lutheran? Call the church (320-587-2093) or get in touch via our website (www.FaithLC.com). Dig deeper into your faith this fall at Faith Lutheran with these new classes: beginning October 19th @ 9:15 a.m.

C.S. Lewis-Eccentric Genius. Reluctant Prophet

Lewis was an extraordinary scholar, a convert to the Christian faith and the best known Christian teacher of the 20th century. Learn more about this great Christian author.

Faith Clichés

Does God only help those who help themselves? Did God really let this happen for a reason? When God closes a door, does he open a window? This class will examine some common clichés Christians use and the “Christianese” we speak. We’ll dig through scripture and Lutheran theology both to uncover the validity of these sayings and discover more useful alternatives.

Marriage Care: The Smart Step-Family

Are you a single parent thinking remarriage may be in your future? Have you married someone who already has children? Being in a blended family brings a whole new set of challenges to marriage. Join us for a video series by Ron Deal and learn how being in a blended family is like “cooking in a crock pot”.

New Member Class - Nov. 2—Nov. 23, 9:15am

A great joy of church life is welcoming new members into our family of Faith. A New Member Class will start on Sunday, November 2nd and conclude on November 23, followed by reception of new members at the 10:10am Sanctuary service.



FAITH LUTHERAN BOOK CLUB

BOOK REVIEW

By Gladys Pilgrim

Levi's Will by W. Dale Cramer was the discussion for this month's Book Club:

In 1943 Will Mullet escapes his Ohio farm, his strict, oppressive father and his Amish heritage. He leaves behind his family, a scandal and his beliefs to set out on his own. After serving in the army during World War II, he lives with his wife and two sons in the Deep South, but cannot shake the memories of his family in Ohio.

Will's roots stubbornly cling, pulling him back to Ohio, and he craves the forgiveness and acceptance of his father, despite knowing it will be a hard-fought battle which may destroy his relationships with his wife and sons. He tries for years to overcome the ban of his father and the Old Order Amish community with no success. At last, when he realizes God's love for him and that love forgives, he is able to experience forgiveness and peace.

This novel portrays the relationships between fathers and their children, the bitterness of rejection, and the redeeming power of friendship, faith and forgiveness.

The Faith Book Club meets the second Monday of each month. Please contact Marsha Schmit for more information.

SENIORS SCENE

How important is it to you that God's saving love through Jesus is shared and proclaimed? How important is it to know that you, personally, can contribute to such a high task?

As Christians, every time we make out a check and place it in an offering envelope, we have that very thing in mind and heart. Our prayers are diligent (though maybe not often enough) that God will actually use our offerings to make His love and will known...somehow. Right? How long will you be doing that? "Until I die," one could say. But how about AFTER I die. What if my opportunities to share in mission could continue far beyond my time here on earth. Well, actually...they can! And that's the focus of our next Seniors Potluck meeting, on **Thursday, October 30**, beginning with potluck dinner at 12:00 noon.

In the fund raising part of our "Imagine" thrust this fall, we are thinking about being serious concerning how my estate--no matter the size--can contribute to the witness of the Gospel. Paul Knudson will address a Biblical stewardship perspective on "Estate Planning," sharing his thoughts on how he expects his assets as "tools" for doing mission work far beyond his lifetime on earth. Should be very interesting. The hopes are we all can be motivated to follow suit, since we know we all share that passion for missions as God's beloved servants. Come join us on

Thursday, October 30th; and bring a friend.

We'll distribute copies of the 2014-2015 program year.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Yup. It's that time of year again. Before you've had opportunity to make out your own Christmas list, we have a list of items children all over the world would love to receive, in the Name of Jesus. Operation Christmas Child (Christmas boxes) give us opportunity to brighten the lives of many children who would otherwise receive little or nothing. And to provide gifts in Jesus' Name is a special thing. Through this program, children are informed that it is Christians, people who belong to Jesus Christ, who provide their Christmas cheer.

SO...we hope you will get involved. Let's provide a list of possibilities for your involvement. There are a number of ways you can contribute, according to your wishes.

First, you can pick up folders entitled, "*How to pack your shoebox gift.*" Distributed throughout the church, this folder tells you everything you need to know to pack a Christmas box. You will need a folder for each box you pack, as the back page contains labels for male/female, and age levels. The labels need to be taped on your boxes.

Second, you may bring extra shoe boxes to the church office for others to use. OR, if you want to pick some up from the church office to pack, you may do so.

Third, you may wish to make a check to "*Samaritan's Purse*" for shipping costs. Each box costs \$7.00 to send. You may give for multiple boxes...\$14, \$21, etc.

Fourth, you may not want to pack a box, but want to bring items others can pack for you. Items include pens, pencils, crayons, markers, writing pads, solar calculators, coloring books, picture books, small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, jump ropes, yo yo's, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, comb, wash cloth, small towel, etc., etc.; you get the idea. **DO NOT** send or bring knives, toy guns, soft candy, liquids, lotions, glass or aerosols.

Fifth, Pray. Pray that God's love will warm eager children's hearts, and they will come to know Jesus as Savior and Giver of all.

On Wednesday, November 5, Release Time students and FLC Seniors will work together to pack boxes--a great intergenerational activity! All Seniors are invited to join the fun with energetic students focused on serving their Lord .

Everything has a deadline. Please mark your calendars. **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th**. All boxes must be completed by that date, as they will be transported to the Christmas Child warehouse.

MUSIC NOTES

Things are getting into full swing here at Faith in the music department. Faith Singers and Ringers of Faith have gotten underway. Also starting its first full year is the FLY Band. If you're interested in joining any of these ensembles contact Mike Lauer for information at mikel@faithlc.com or 320-587-2093.

Ringers of Faith – Mondays at 5:30 in the Music Room

Faith Singers – Wednesdays at 6:00 in the Music Room

FLY Band – Rehearsals scheduled before performances

Special music is an integral part of our services and helps showcase the talents and gifts God has given our members. Anyone is welcome to sign-up to sing or play at any service, or all three! Music, rehearsals, and even an accompanist can be provided; all you need is the courage to sign up! Again, contact Mike Lauer to schedule a date. Our goal is to have special music every Sunday, so sign up today.

“Faith by the Fire”

Faith Lutheran is hosting an evening by the campfire on Wednesday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. It will be held where the new sanctuary will be built, on the brick patio. The evening will consist of fellowship, a campfire, and singing. S'mores and Hot Apple Cider will be served, but you'll want to bring your lawn chair. Everyone is welcome and invited to join for a relaxing evening by the fire.

Ron & Ben have the wood ready!



ANNUAL MEATBALL SUPPER

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

335 Main Street South, Hutchinson, MN

TUESDAY, October 7, 2014

SERVING FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

MENU:

Meatballs . Mashed Potatoes/Gravy . Corn .
Coleslaw/Bun . Dessert

TICKET PRICES

Adults	9.00
Seniors 62 and up	8.50
Children 6-10	5.00
5 years and under	FREE

DELIVERY

IS AVAILABLE
4:00-6:00 P.M.

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

CALL 587-2093

FAITH IN ACTION

Paper Drive

In the Church Parking Lot

Start saving your newspapers and cardboard.

Look for the semi trailer parked in the church parking lot on the following dates:

November 7 from 3-6 p.m.

November 8 from 8-4 p.m.

November 9 from 8-noon

Newspaper: Newspaper, magazines, envelopes, copier paper, construction paper, soft covered books, hard cover books with the covers torn off (place cover with the cardboard), coloring books, catalogs, telephone books, junk mail, office paper, notebooks and more. (Please put in paper bags, not plastic)

Cardboard: Corrugated cardboard, food container boxes, pop cases, egg cartons, tissue boxes and more.

The Proceeds will help pay India Mission Trip expenses.

Any questions call Roberta Yukel 583-9103

Community Service Sunday

Sun. Oct. 12, 11am - 3pm

Mission work in your own neighbor's backyard. Following a light lunch volunteer teams from Faith Lutheran will once again provide services to members. Jobs might include washing windows, packing backpacks with Common Cup or making treats and bringing them to our members who are homebound or in a nursing home. Watch for more information to follow.

If you are a baker, we are looking for baked goods for the shut-ins's and would appreciate donations of your favorite goodies.

Common Cup Ministry Inc.

The mission of *Common Cup Ministry* is to gather and share spiritual and financial resources of area churches into one "Common Cup" so that we may minister to those in need.

The programs and services supported through Common Cup include Hunger Free McLeod, Food Outreach, School Supply Drive, Coat Drive, and Diaper Distribution, as well as financial help for those who are struggling. This is only possible because of the generosity of people like you and your continued support.

Have you heard if you "Like" Citizen's Bank on Facebook they will make a donation to the McLeod Hunger Free backpack program? What is the backpack program you ask? It is a service provided to students in grades K-3 who qualify for free meals through the schools. Each Friday, these students are discretely provided with a bag of food to take home so they have meals and a few snacks over the weekend. Currently around 200 students are served. If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, these 200 bags need to be packed by Wednesday each week as they are delivered to the schools Thursday for Friday distribution. It usually takes a group of 5 or 6 people 1 1/2 to 2 hours to pack the bags and it can be done at the convenience of your group.

Common Cup also participates in a community food outreach program. Currently, this program is free and open to anyone. The last scheduled date is October 16 in the Commercial Building at the Fairgrounds. The coat distribution will be taking place at the same time in the same building. The food outreach will be taking on a new name and look. On September 22, the new food outreach program called "The Country Table" will be making its debut at Christ the King from 11 a.m. - noon. This program is a pre-order program that offers four varieties of food packages for a small fee of \$13 for a vegetarian pack to \$28 for a mega meat pack. If interested in ordering, contact Sherry Kenney @ 320-583-4139.

Once again, the school supply drive was a huge success. Approximately 500 students received a backpack and their necessary supplies to start the year. THANK YOU to all who helped make this possible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Feel Free to check us out on the web at Common-cup.org.

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)
- Sgt/ Tyler Lauer (Fort Hood, TX—son of Brian & Cyndi Lauer)
- Justin Olsen (Behring, Kuwait - son of Sharon Grivna and Jerry Olsen)
- SFC Guy Sing (Korea - nephew of Tony Sing & cousin of Darlene Karg)
- Scott Schwarze (Fort Sill, Oklahoma - son of Matt Schwarze and Barb Schwarze)

Confirmands

**9th grade students will be confirmed at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, Oct. 26.
Worship times are at 1 and 3pm.**

Mikayla Anderson	Matthew Binder	Kyle Christensen	Olivia Dostal
Benjamin Hjerpe	Paige Jurek	Tamika Krueger	Devon Markgraf
Jack Olberg	Logan Teubert	Wyatt Teubert	Tanner Timm
Brianna Wright			
Cody Anderson	Braiden Bjorge	Alexis Crims	
Dylan Deopere	Emily Ehlers	Kennedy Graphenteen	
Brendan Marcotte	Tyler Miller	Maguire Petersen	
Oscar Salazar III	Claire Trudeau	Evan Westlund	
Emma Wollan	Brady Ziemer		

Faith Lutheran Church Women

Thank you to all who donated the wonderful cakes & cupcakes for the cake walk on Sept. 7. What fun to watch our young people pick out a special treat! - the FLCW

Remember our Faith members in Nursing Homes & Health Care Centers

Cedar Crest-Hutchinson

Omar Peterson

Cedar Crest—Silver Lake

Nadine Dalin

Harmony River

Valerie Fimon

Charles Kisling

Clarence Kulberg

Agnes Rettman

Charlie & Harriet Thor

Joanne Olesen

Otto Streseman

Lakeside (Dassel)

Dorothy Getz

Prairie Senior

Cottages

Delores Saar

Prairie View (Hector)

Jerome Lindquist

Woodstone

Betty Garberich

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF:

By: Marsha Schmit

Did you know that Wendy Mayland used to sneak into the balcony of the “off-limits” sanctuary at her Lutheran church and elementary school in Faribault, MN when she was having a stressful day? She found staring at the stained glass windows brought her peace, and appreciates having the opportunity to do that when needed now that she works at Faith!

Wendy’s three younger brothers and her mom still live in Faribault. Unfortunately, her dad was killed in the line of duty over twenty years ago (he was a police officer). She is the single mom to “three amazing children”, Mitchel (25 – works at Main Street Sports Bar in Hutchinson), Theresa (freshman at the University of Montana in Missoula) and Katherine (16 and just started driving). Wendy has been a member at Faith for eleven years and has been volunteering since day one. She says, “I have been passionate about this place and the ministry that is happening here since I arrived in Hutchinson.” Over the years, Wendy had many conversations with staff members trying to discern where God was leading her. She knew that she wanted to help others find a relationship with God.

Wendy had been working at BusinessWare Solutions for ten years, in charge of warranty processing, parts ordering/ inventory and technician scheduling, when the Administrative Assistant position opened at Faith. She thought about applying and then decided the timing wasn’t right. When the position still wasn’t filled in mid-July, Wendy wondered “Is now the time?” She kept hearing a “resounding yes” so she decided to apply and see what happened. We are so thankful she did, and she is a great partner to have on staff!

In her job at Faith, Wendy prepares all of the bulletins for Sunday mornings and for funerals. Each month she spends a considerable amount of time gathering information, typing, formatting and printing the monthly newsletter, Faith Matters. She also creatively works on the “social media stuff” and calls herself “an old dog learning new tricks”, so asks for your patience! Other responsibilities are: preparing baptism documents, working with our many volunteers, and sending out communication and working on other projects for the Augustana District.

When I asked her what she likes best about her position at Faith she responded, “I love the way people just come in, grab a cup of coffee, sit and chat a bit. The interaction from day to day with all of the amazing people at Faith is wonderful, and I love the staff and the fast-paced, busy way my day goes.”

What is the hardest part about her job? Wendy says her routine has always been to have her email box cleaned out and her desk cleared off by the time she leaves at the end of the day. She’s found that doesn’t seem to be “the norm” here so she has learned to be ok with leaving some things unfinished until the following day.

Although she has many Bible verses she loves, one of her favorites is her confirmation verse: *“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will do this. He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn.”*

Psalms 37:5-6a

Christ shines through Wendy in all that she does and is!

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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