

Faith Matters ^{July 2014}

Pastor's Page

As I write this Pastor's Page I am also preparing for a big family vacation to Yellowstone. As you read this, I've (hopefully) returned relaxed, refreshed, and renewed for ministry! That's what summer is all about! We need time to get out in the sun, sit by the lake, and spend quality time with family and friends, especially after this winter!

The Wollan household has a full slate of summer plans. In addition to our trip out West we'll be spending a lot of time at the ball field, visiting with family from out of town, spending time around the fire-pit, volunteering with Club 218, VBS, music camp, reading, and some summer jobs. Needless to say, there shouldn't be too much time for boredom!

I pray that God blesses your summer plans, but I also want to remind you of one important thing. *As you enjoy your rest and recreation don't forget the God who grants rest and re-creation!* Inevitably, attendance in worship dips during the summer- even with an amazing outdoor service. We understand that and even accept that, but what we cannot accept is the idea that God is less important, less worthy of our worship, and that we need him less during the summer!

In Matthew 11:28, Jesus invites, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Lawn chairs and beaches are relaxing, but rest- true rest- can only be found in the One who created it. St. Augustine famously said, "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you." So how does this happen?

It was God who, after creating the world, set aside a day of Sabbath rest. In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther explains that, for us, this means setting aside a day to rest in God's Word, to "hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it." Resting in the Lord involves resting in his Word. And when we do that an amazing thing happens; we find recreation! I'm not talking about softball games or croquet matches, I'm talking about re-creation! We arise anew, strengthened by God's word to live as his children.



Compline

evening praise

First Sunday of the Month
7:00pm @ Faith Lutheran Church
335 Main St. S. in Hutchinson

A monthly worship experience at Faith.
Music Driven. Candlelit. Jesus Centered.
Come as you are. We'll provide the music.

Visit FaithLC.com/Compline for full details.



So what does this mean for your summer? Let me suggest some ideas to help you find rest and recreation in the Lord this summer:

Worship! Whether in the Sanctuary, at Library Square, or at a church near the cabin or along the route of your vacation; go to church!

Read the Bible! It goes good with a lawn chair or on the beach.

Start a devotional plan using the YouVersion Bible App on your smart phone. If you don't know how I'd be happy to show you.

Pray. You can't beat the quiet of a fishing boat or the inspiration of a sunset to share some time in conversation with the Lord.

Family Talk. As a family, share some "Yay God" time together, pray together, be re-created together.

Find real rest and recreation this summer. As the author of Hebrews says, let us "not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

See you in church!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Giving = Mission

giving joyfully, growing ministry

This week at Faith Lutheran:

- 60 young children from Faith and Christ the King are attending **Vacation Bible School** each evening. **Wendy Toops**, Faith's Director of Children and Family Ministry—with help from Gladys Bonnema and others—worked herself to (and maybe past!) exhaustion to plan, prepare and coordinate the many volunteers needed to make VBS work;
- 20 children began another year of **Club 218**, a day camp for children from low-income families founded and run by high school students from Faith and other churches. **Gladys Bonnema**, Faith's Director of Youth and Family Ministry—with help from Wendy Toops, Shelly Grorud and student leaders—is coordinating the many aspects Club 218;
- Gifts totaling more than \$50,000 from Faith and other Augustana District churches were sent to the Tabor Church in Hawassa, Ethiopia, to support their amazing evangelistic outreach;
- The youth mission trip to Cortez, Colorado is just around the corner and the final details are being planned at a furious pace.

Much more could be added to the list, but what ties these ministries of Faith together is that they are all made possible by church members faithfully giving of their time, ability and money. All the resources Faith has are those freely given and without that support, they could not happen.

Giving = Mission is not just a slogan. It is the reality of the Church. Every ministry depends on the gifts of the faithful. How has God blessed you to be a blessing to the many ministries of Faith?

Legacy of Faith—Moving Forward

There are just six months left in the *Legacy of Faith...Moving Forward* capital campaign. Faith's members pledged just over \$800,000 in gifts and, as of now, the church has received all but \$100,000 of that amount! **Thank you** to all who have supported this effort for your generosity and commitment. Let's come together at Faith to put *Legacy of Faith...Moving Forward* over the top by the end of this year as we seek to pay the mortgage of the new building as quickly as we can.

Would You Like to Be Part of a Live Studio Audience?

During July, Pastor Scott will film a six-session series on the Ten Commandments for the Institute of Lutheran Theology. The presentation will be more effective with a live audience present. The exact schedule is not yet set, but watch for the times to be posted. Anyone is welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

JULY 4 – JULY 13

Fly Mission Trip to Cortez, Colorado

SAT. JULY 12

Garden Tour & Salad Luncheon

JULY 21-24

Vacation Bible School (see Faith Kids News insert)

JULY 28 – AUG. 1

Summer Music Camp

AUG. 5 – 9

Portrait Sessions (see LifeTouch insert)

TUES. AUG 12

Stroke Screening (see Life Line insert)

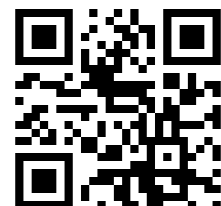
AUG. 15 – 17

Faith Life Camp

AUG. 25 – 28

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Faith Lutheran's Outdoor Worship Services

Sundays, May 25 - August 31, 2014

10:10am

Library Square Park, Hutchinson

Tell your friends, bring a lawn chair, and worship the Lord!

In case of rain: meet in Faith's sanctuary.



Getting to know the Staff

Mike Lauer, Director of Music and Worship, started working at Faith Lutheran in January of this year. He majored in Jazz and Studio Studies with an Emphasis in guitar at Minnesota State University in Moorhead and also did an exchange and studied at the University of Oregon before coming to Faith. Mike says although he studied guitar in college, he usually tells people that he “plays jazz, as it is a language and can be ‘spoken’ on any instrument.”

Growing up in Hutchinson, he and his family attended Peace Lutheran although Mike was active in the youth program here. His parents, Brian and Cyndi, have been members at Faith since 2012 and his two brothers have both helped lead worship here a few times.

While in High School, Mike worked at Main Street Sports Bar and Grill and then three of his summers between years in college were spent working with YouthWorks!. If this sounds familiar, Faith kids have been going on Mission Trips with YouthWorks! for many years, so he is excited to go along as a chaperone with the youth to Cortez, Co. this summer.

When I asked him what he likes best about his job here he said “Being a part of the Compline Service” which he helps to plan and facilitate on the first Sundays of the month at 7:00 p.m. He also helps to plan the Sunday morning

worship services including scheduling the worship leaders. You’ve probably heard him playing and singing and often accompanying special music on Sunday mornings as well, and he leads Confirmation and FLY (Faith Lutheran Youth) music. “Every week has something different,” he says.

The hardest part of his job? “Remembering to check my mailbox,” he quips. (I suppose growing up in this electronic age makes checking for actual paper mail hard to remember!)

What does Mike do for fun? He really enjoys reading and has been persistently working through his reading list for the year. Playing Jazz at the Veranda Lounge in St. Cloud on Monday nights is something he looks forward to each week. He also enjoys disc golf and actually played on the Disc Golf team at the University of Oregon!

His favorite Bible Verses are from Ephesians 5:19-20: *Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Appropriate wouldn’t you say?

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SENIORS SCENE

Spotlight on Aging

Note: “Spotlight on Aging” usually appears in the May issue of Faith Matters. However due to illness the selected couple for this year was unable to be interviewed, and postponement became necessary. We are delighted to highlight the Petersons, Earl and Sylvia this month.



Earl Peterson takes pleasure in being the oldest living continuous member of Faith Lutheran. He has been a member ever since he was born, even though he briefly lived away from Hutchinson a couple of times as he began his career as a barber.

Earl was born in his parents' home on March 5th, 1929. His father was a long time barber in Hutchinson. He knows he was baptized shortly after he was born, but couldn't recall the pastor's name. His certificate shows it was the "pastor with the funny, round collar"---Pastor J. TH. Lund.

Childhood memories include learning to swim by age 4, at the old mill pond on the

Crow River. Two memories that stand out are when at age 4 he went on a bike ride with a black friend who was about 12 years old. Apparently the ride went on for quite a while, having lots of fun.. However, his dad thought he was lost since he hadn't been told of the ride before they left. So dad organized a search party... Another incident involved his cousin, who was the proud owner of a red car a child could drive. Unfortunately his cousin died young, and every time they visited that family Earl would admire the red car. One Christmas he discovered that very car by the Christmas tree. Earl's dad had convinced his brother to sell the car to him.

While memorizing didn't come easily for Earl, he really liked confirmation instruction with Pastor Swenson. His class of 5 students met every Saturday morning for 2 years. When confirmation day came each class member was assigned a Bible verse to memorize, and tell the congregation what that verse meant for their life of faith. That same day Earl picked up his confirmation Bible, dressed in the suit his mother had made for him. Later, Earl was active in Luther League. Besides attending meetings with a focus on Christian faith he remembers going Christmas caroling, and trick or treating on Halloween for a penny at each door, to be given to the hospital.

Sylvia Peterson was born in a farm home near Mayer, MN. Her birth date is December 27, 1930. She moved with her family to Hutchinson at age 3 and has lived here ever since. Like Earl, she has memories of swimming in the mill pond. On Sundays her family would take a ride in the car, and always stop for a 5-cent ice cream cone. When she and Earl started dating they loved roller skating at the old armory. They continued skating after they were married.

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Summer Music and Worship Camp

The Summer Music and Worship Camp is a week-long opportunity to study an instrument and biblical teachings, as a way to prepare for leading peers and congregations in worship. During this week, your student will be immersed in group lessons, band lessons, private lessons, and Bible studies all focusing on two concepts: being better musicians, and being better disciples. Instruments of study will be Guitar, Bass, Drums, Keyboards, and Vocals. If your student would like to study a different instrument, please contact Mike Lauer, before registration, and accommodations can be discussed. At the end of the week, the students will lead a worship service. Grades 7-12 are welcome; the student must be going into 7th grade, and graduates are welcome as well.

The camp will take place at Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN. The dates are July 28 to August 1 and will run from 9am until 2pm. Lunch will be provided. If you want to be a part of the camp, you must pay the price in full to attend. The cost for the week is \$60, which includes a t-shirt.

To register or if you have questions, please contact Mike Lauer at Faith Lutheran: mikel@faithlc.com.

FaithLife Camp

Aug. 15-17
2014

Mount Carmel
Ministries

Registration is open for the 2014 FaithLife Camp. Carve out a weekend for time away from all the busyness of everyday life.

Full Brochure:

www.faithlc.com/ministries/faithlife-camps
Brochures are also available at Faith Lutheran Church. With questions, call 320-587-2093.

FLCW

Tickets for the Garden Tour / Salad Luncheon are available in the Church office. Treat your family & friends to a special time together as you enjoy God's beautiful creation.

Adults \$10.00

Children 12 & Under \$5.00

stump the pastor

Q: *A member of Faith cites Matthew 24:40-41 ("Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and will be left") and asks, "I believe this refers to the rapture. What is our position on the rapture?"*

A: The rapture is a belief that, at the Last Day, Christians will suddenly be taken from this world to the next. Those "left behind" (which is where the *Left Behind* books and movies get their name) will suffer great tribulation before Christ finally defeats the forces of evil. Matthew 24:40-41 is one text used to support belief in the rapture, so, in that sense, it does refer to it.

The whole idea of the rapture, though, has little support, either in the Bible or Christian theology. Although it has taken root and is widely taught in America, it stands on a narrow and unusual interpretation of just a handful of Bible verses. Only a small part of the wider Christian Church upholds it as a correct Biblical interpretation.

Rather than divine rapture out of this world, Matthew almost surely used "one will be taken" to mean sudden death. He was vividly portraying that life is unpredictable and not in our control. The larger section of Matthew 24-25 is filled with warnings that Christ will return abruptly and unexpectedly. People cannot predict his appearing and quickly prepare for it, so it is vital for believers to be constantly faithful and vigilant. Even though Jesus' second coming has been long delayed, the next verse, Matthew 24:42, is still the operative message: "Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Faith Lutheran Church</i></p> <h1>July 2014</h1>						
<p>6 8:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Ch. 10 Worship Broadcast 10:10 Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion @ Library Square Park 4-6 Community Outreach Meal 5:00 Ch. 10 Worship Broadcast FLY Mission Trip</p>	<p>7 9-2:00 Club 218 5:00 Fellowship Team Mtg FLY Mission Trip</p>	<p>1 9:00 Morning Exercise 12:00 Lectionary Study 1:00 Middle School Kickball 5:00 Ch. 10 Worship Broadcast 7:30 FLY Alumni Softball</p>	<p>2 9:00 FLCW Sewing 9-2:00 Club 218 10:45 Pastoral Care Mtg 11:30 Staff Mtg 6:30 FLY Mission Trip Potluck 7:00 FLY Youth</p>	<p>3 6:30 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Spit & Shine 1:00 Bulletin Assembly 6:00 Ch. 10 Worship Broadcast</p>	<p>4 6:30 Women's Bible Study 8:00 Send-off prayer for FLY Mission Trip</p>	<p>5 FLY Mission Trip</p>
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<p>27 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Ch. 10 Worship Broadcast 10:10 Outdoor Worship @ Library Square Park 5:00 Ch. 10 Worship Broadcast</p>	<p>28 9-2:00 Club 218 9-2:00 Music & Worship Camp 5:30-7:00 Relay for Life</p>	<p>29 9:00 Morning Exercise 9-2:00 Music & Worship Camp 12:00 Lectionary Study 1:00 Middle School Kickball 5:00 Ch. 10 Worship Broadcast</p>	<p>30 9-2:00 Club 218 9-2:00 Music & Worship Camp 10:45 Pastoral Care Mtg 11:30 Staff Mtg 7:00 FLY Youth</p>	<p>31 6:30 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Spit & Shine 9-2:00 Music & Worship Camp 1-3:00 FLY Softball 6:00 Ch. 10 Worship Broadcast</p>		

(Spotlight on Aging continued)

Sylvia was baptized in a Lutheran church in Mayer soon after birth. Her confirmation was at Peace Lutheran here in Hutchinson, where her family walked a block to church every Sunday morning. Sylvia remembers having to memorize the entire catechism, under Pastor Shulte. She was age 12 when confirmed. Pastor Schulte's perspective was that if they didn't know the faith by then they never would. Girls wore white dresses and boys wore suits for confirmation day. In addition to singing in the choir at Peace Lutheran she has fond memories of the congregation and building. But, I am happy at Faith Lutheran, she tells us. They were married at Peace Lutheran, but joined "Main Street" (former FLC name), because Earl was very active here. He taught Sunday School for 26 years, and both taught and served as superintendent for 3 terms.

Both Earl and Sylvia have fond memories of their church life. Earl tells how his parents and family always sat by the third window on the south side. Once, he was allowed to sit in the balcony, if they behaved. Apparently that got out of hand, and a pastor asked the "boys in the balcony to come down." Earl felt the anger of his mother at that one.

Earl and Sylvia were in grade school together, but never dated until their junior year in high school. They were married in 1950 after Earl finished barber school. Following high school Earl, unsure of what to pursue as his life's work, drove a dry-cleaning route for a while; and later worked at a gas station. His dad wanted him to attend barber school, so that he could always give haircuts as something "to fall back on to earn a living." So he did, and stayed with the occupation. He worked in a barber shop in Hector; later in Mound, Minnesota. When his dad's partner left, he came home to Hutchinson to help and never left. People throughout Hutchinson know his history of barbering with warmth and conversation. Some say he was as much counselor as barber.

Sylvia worked at Ben Franklin after they were married but quit when she was pregnant with their son, Gary. She became a stay at home mom. Later she worked at the soda fountain in a drug store. She has also been known as a good clothing store worker.

Together, Earl and Sylvia enjoyed traveling; even owning a motor home for a while. Living at Lake Jennie was a good chapter in their lives as well.

Their faith was sorely tested when their son, Gary, was diagnosed with cancer. Gary, they report, was positive, bright and solid in his faith. His cancer went into remission for three years, before they got a call one day that it had returned and the doctor's reports were not good. For a long time they felt hurt and disillusioned, even in their faith. Why did this have to happen to a couple with an only son? Today, while the pain is not gone, they try to focus on all God gave them through a beautiful son, who dearly loved his parents, and God's faithfulness to them throughout. Some of their hardest days are when others speak of their children, grand children and great grandchildren. They think of the help they could have now as they deal with aging losses. Who could blame them?

Today, Earl lives in Harmony River, and Sylvia lives in Lake Ridge Homes. While Earl loves his room and the view out the second story, he wishes he and Sylvia could live together. Sylvia certainly does too, for this is a couple deeply in love. Together they share 64 years of marriage which, along with great joys, has also been beset with heavy trials. Through it all they know that they cannot explain reasons for trials, but that God continues to come to them with promises bigger than their sorrows. They know this gracious God will never forsake them.

Brief Update on Augustana District Tabor Congregation Partnership

An outpouring of generosity is enabling the AD to send over \$21,500 to extend the evangelical witness of the Tabor Congregation in Hawassa, Ethiopia. This brings the total to \$53,100 for the year.

The biggest addition since the last report is that we now are able to add 17 more evangelists of this congregation's outreach to other areas in Ethiopia. With this the AD is now giving half of the support for 39 evangelists. Think about this. For approximately \$22,000, 39 evangelists receive half of their income for a year. It is amazing what a modest investment is doing for the Kingdom.

Pray for these witnesses working in challenging communities.

Rejoice with the Beginning of the Shaliach Bible Institute and Seminary in India.

Note the beginning students and leaders of the "Bible School" led by Pastor K.K. Alavi and supported through the New Hope Mission Society. It is expected that in the next weeks the number of students will increase to 20.



Top: Students

Bottom: Teachers



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)
Colten Hughes (Fort Carson, CO - son of Curt & Tressa Hughes)
Lee Johnson (Fort Bragg, NC - son of Geri & Ralph Johnson)
SGT Tyler Lauer (Hohenfels, Germany - 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, OK - son of Matt Schwarze and Barb Schwarze)
Col. Rob Skaar (Duluth, MN - son of Dave & Marian Skaar)

BOOK SPOTLIGHT

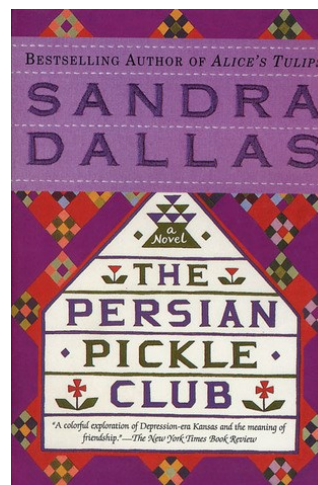
Written by Alice Fransen

Summertime in Harveryville, Kansas during the drought and Depression days of the 1930's formed the background for this month's Faith Book Club selection, *The Persian Pickle Club*.

Local ladies from the area, gather around a quilt frame one day a week to sew, visit, share, and learn from each other.

When a body, buried in a nearby field is discovered, a new member involves the group in trying to identify the murderer. The ladies of the Persian Pickle Club must band together tightly to support and protect each other.

Through her story, author Sandra Dallas recognizes the importance and value of friendships which, through good times and bad, unite and enrich each of us.



Want to read along with the next book? The Faith Book Club meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Luther Lounge (near the 3rd floor elevator). Questions? 320-587-2093.

Remember our Faith members in Nursing Homes & Health Care Centers

Dassel Lakeside

Dorothy Getz

Glencoe

Betty Garberich

Harmony River

Valerie Fimon

Charles Kisling

Clarence Kulberg

Ruth McKay

Joanne Olesen

Carol Otto

Earl Peterson

Agnes Rettman

Otto Streseman

Charlie & Harriet Thor

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Delores Saar

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Jerome Lindquist

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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