

Faith Matters^{June 2015}

What's it like to be a Senior Citizen?? (or... WHERE'S THE "GOLD" IN THE GOLDEN AGE???)

I remember asking a man those questions once. His response was interesting. "I get discounts every place I go." He was in good health and had a good pension, so getting older didn't seem to bother him much. In fact, he was thoroughly enjoying his free and easy retirement.

Later the same day, I visited a lady in her home. Her family wanted her to relocate to an assisted living facility. She had numerous chronic illnesses, none of which were terminal in nature, but which put her in need of help with her ADL's ("Activities of Daily Living"). I didn't ask her about aging. Beating me to it, she volunteered, "Getting older is no picnic. And this is supposed to be the "Golden Age!" She went on and on, lamenting her loss of independence, declining energy and strength, and what felt like a disconnect with her church. "I can't get to worship any more. Thank God for the radio and TV broadcasts! But I wish....." Can you hear the pain of loss?

These are two entirely different reactions. How many different pictures of aging do you think we would hear if we were to ask 10 elderly people? Right....exactly 10. How aging touches us is an unknown from day to day. It can be "up" one day and less than enjoyable the next. As another Senior once told me, "Every day is an adventure." It's why the Psalmist prayed, *"Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent."* (Ps. 71:9)

It's good to know we have a God who promises He will never leave or forsake His children at any turn in life. Baptized into His saving love and fellowship, we experience a "safety" strong enough to weather any storm. But we have times in our lives, increasingly in old age, when that doesn't feel like it's true. It feels like God has forgotten us. At such times, we need flesh and blood people around us to help us trust God's love and goodness, in spite of trials.

So we thank God for this congregation, Faith Lutheran Church, because you take seriously our ministry to the elderly. We visit those with special needs, bringing to them the power of Word and Sacrament "in person." Pastoral visits, Befriender visits, free taxi rides to Sunday worship, radio worship broadcasts and so much more sends a message to our elders that they are important people — which they are. Their daily infirmities don't change that one bit. But we don't merely do things FOR them. We share worship and service WITH them. Those who are able assemble newsletters, clean, deliver bulletins, usher, read lessons, sing in the choir. These are sparkling examples of our elders using their God-given gifts as long as they are able.

St. Paul calls this earthly life a "*tent*," which is a temporary place to stay. He calls heaven a "*house*." A house is a permanent residence. We call it "*home*." We never know when we will leave our "*tent*" behind. But this we know: we are privileged by God's grace to live out this life on earth knowing that the best is yet to come. No matter what age we reach, we have a future with God. It's God's promise. That's why we're so sure of it.

We thank God for our elders! Give them your encouragement and friendship. Listen to their faith stories. Encourage them to tell you what it was like in the "old days." Ask what they learned as they lived through the good and the bad. They have some warm stories to share. Notice how they have high praise and respect for our youth, the "adults of tomorrow," They hope and pray for them to stay with Jesus and His church against all temptations or doubts that flow from colleges, media, etc. Elders understand. Their own trust in God has weathered many challenges through the years. Hats off, Seniors. Keep your prayers and witness going for FLC!!

Pastor Paulus Pilgrim

P.S. Check out our Spotlight on Aging interviews with Ruth McKay and Edna Lund on pages 6 and 7!

Coming Soon: Faith Lutheran's

Outdoor Worship Services

Sundays, May 24 - 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

There will be no Sunday School or Digging Deeper for the summer



Getting to know the Staff

Pastor Scott Grorud

Tell me about where you grew up, your family, your kids, anything interesting about yourself...

I grew up in Montana and northern Idaho, where my father served as a pastor in four different parishes. I came to the Midwest to go to college and have been here ever since. My wife, Shelly, and I have two children. Kirsten graduated from Wheaton College (the alma mater of Billy Graham!) on the west side of Chicago in 2013 and now lives in Alexandria, VA. Andrew is finishing his junior year at Wheaton. Besides my father, I also have a great-grandfather, grandfather, two uncles, two cousins, two brothers-in-law and a niece who have served as pastors. It appears to be my family's version of a genetic disease!

How long have you been working here?

I started serving at Faith in February, 2006. It is hard to believe that I am on my way to completing 10 years here.

Where did you attend college and seminary?

My wife and I attended Dana College in Blair, NE. Sadly, the college closed in 2010. It was founded by Danish Lutheran immigrants and was the college of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELC), the denomination to which Faith originally belonged. I attended Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary (now Luther Seminary) in St. Paul. I am a fourth-generation graduate of Luther, while my niece represents the fifth (and likely last) generation.

What are your job duties here?

I have sometimes said, only half-jokingly, that my main job is get out of the way and let our great staff do their work! I provide oversight to the entire ministry of Faith, so it is my job to know at least a little about everything that happens here. Beyond all the typical tasks of a pastor, I enjoy a special focus on teaching. During the school year, I lead

five to eight study groups each week. I find the Bible and the Christian faith to be endlessly fascinating, and I hope to help adults, especially, to explore the riches of both more deeply. For generations, adult Christian education has been a growth point in the Lutheran tradition and I hope to address that in some small way.

What do you like best about your position at Faith?

When I was in seminary, I was convinced that I was best suited to serve as a solo pastor in small, rural churches. Proving God's sense of humor, I have never served a day in that setting. Instead, I have come to treasure the opportunity to work on a church staff, especially one as gifted and dedicated as Faith's—not least because of how well it covers my weaknesses and makes me look way more capable than I really am! In whatever setting, though, to be able to proclaim God's forgiving love in Jesus Christ—and get paid to do it!—has to be about the best job in the entire world. Seriously, what's not to like?

What is the hardest part about your job?

Serving in the public ministry of Word and sacrament, and as one of the public faces of Faith Lutheran, the risk of misrepresenting either one weighs heavily. The possibility that some word or action from me could serve to drive someone away from Christ rather than to draw nearer is my worst nightmare. That is especially true in situations that call for "speaking the truth in love" (Ephesians 4: 15). It is always a challenge to get across that it really is love that drives the truth people may not want to hear. Lincoln warned that you can't please all the people all the time, but in the church it somehow still feels as if we should.

Do you have a favorite Bible verse?

I have many, but in terms of my ministry, a couple of verses from I Corinthians are certainly in contention: "We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength (1:23-25)... (So) I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (2:2)"

We are blessed to have you here, Pastor Scott!

Seniors' Scene

Can you believe it? Only one more meeting before we recess Seniors' Potluck for the summer. Then we need to be thinking about what programs and topics our steering committee should plan for next year. If you know of something that would be a good program, let us know. Our steering committee has done such a good job this year, as always.

Our May Seniors' Potluck meeting should push some interest buttons. What do you do when you see someone coming toward your door at home and you know it is a JW, a Jehovah's Witness? I know some who have welcomed them in to debate Scripture with them. Others run and hide. In between, some try to be kind and simply inform them you go to a Lutheran church, and hope they don't want to argue. Sometimes JW's throw out a biblical passage that you think is "out there" somewhere, and can't think of anything to say in response. And, of course, there's the endless supply of literature. I talked with one woman who said, "I always take it so it can't fall into the hands of someone who might be confused by it. Then I burn it." That's one way to do it.

As Christians we need to be concerned about the spiritual life of that "JW." We may be looking at an individual who has no idea who Jesus really is and the salvation he wants that very person to have. He may have fallen into a strange religion simply because he was going through some emotional struggle, and this JW seemed so convincing. How can Jesus shine the light of His saving love through you? That's the toughest question, but certainly not impossible. She may or may not respond to you positively — that's not up to us. But to bear a proper witness, through words, attitudes or prayers, that's always possible. I don't know about you, but I need to get a lot better at that. I too easily put JW's in the same category as mosquitos thinking I have to bat them away before they bite.

Get ready for Pastor Scott Grorud to help us understand who the Jehovah's Witnesses are and what they believe, at **SENIORS' POTLUCK** meeting, **Thursday, May 28**, beginning with potluck dinner at **noon**. As the pen says, "**See you at SENIORS' POTLUCK.**"

music notes



Hello Everyone,

The music department has been busy in March and April with all of the Holy Week music, Lenten Services, Hymn Sing preparations and more! Currently, we're looking forward to summer scheduling. If you or someone you know is interested in being involved in the summer worship team, please contact Mike Lauer or the Music and Worship Ministry Team. We'll need help moving the trailer to and from the park, as well as loading and unloading the equipment. The summer worship in the park is a staple of our worship year and it takes a lot of volunteers to make it work on a week-to-week basis. Prayerfully consider volunteering for a week.

I've begun planning the second installment of the Summer Worship and Music Camp for students 7th grade to 12th grade. The sign up will be available in the summer. It will be held at Faith during one of the later weeks of the summer, dates to come.

Other ministry expanding involves a potential worship night geared to Young Adults to start in the summer. This will be a partnership between Faith and Ctk.

The Ringers of Faith and Faith Singers will take their summer hiatus starting after Memorial Day/ However, if you're interested in joining, we will be starting after Labor Day and would love to have you join either (or both) group!

In other news, the FLCW have graciously donated a Lowrey Teenie Genie Organ to the music ministry! Expect to see and hear it at an upcoming Compline service!

All Best, Mike Lauer
Director of Music and Worship



June Community Meal
Watch for details to be coming as, weather permitting, we will be dining Al Fresco at one of Hutchinson's beautiful parks.



Imagine Capital Campaign

There is so much good news to report about the *Imagine* Capital Campaign.



Last month's *Faith Matters* noted that the church recently made an **additional \$300,000** principal payment on the mortgage.

The principal was reduced by **another \$90,000**, because Thrivent Financial, our mortgage lender, agreed to reduce the reserve funds the church is required to keep on deposit from 18 months to 12 months of payments.

After those reductions, the mortgage will be re-amortized, further reducing our required monthly payment and the required amount of reserve funds. That should return **about \$35,000** more to the *Imagine* capital campaign fund.

After these changes, Faith's monthly payment will comprise nearly **twice as much principal as interest!**

The church has paid off almost 1/3 of the mortgage in just the first five years of a 25-year loan.

THANK YOU to all who have supported the *Imagine* and previous capital campaigns. Your continued generous support could well make it possible *to finish paying the mortgage by the 150th anniversary of the church in 2020*. What a marvelous anniversary gift that would be! And what a great way to start the next 150 years of Faith's mission and ministry!



Why Give? A Reflection on Biblical Stewardship

Someone recently made an off-hand comment about growing the church and its financial health. The church needs to draw people to worship and other ministries first, this person said. Then, once they're here, "they may throw a few bucks in the offering plate."

There is no doubt that our first calling as a church is always to proclaim the Gospel, so the Holy Spirit can draw people into relationship with Jesus as their Savior and Lord. But once we confess Jesus as Lord, "throwing a few bucks in the plate" falls well short of the claim He makes on our lives.

Since Jesus is our Lord, it means that everything we have belongs to Him, not to us. A key part of our devotion to Jesus is to manage the resources He entrusts to us as carefully as we can, providing for our needs, but also for Christ's mission and ministry in the world.

So how has God blessed you to be a blessing? Does your giving reflect Christ's gracious Lordship over your life? How might God be calling you to manage the resources you have received to benefit Christ and His kingdom? That is the call—and the privilege—of committed, generous Biblical stewardship.



Q: *What was the first song about Jesus?*

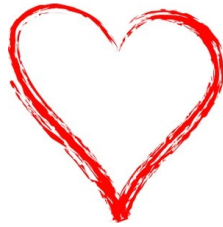
A: It is hard to pin down the first song ever, because those that are in the Bible do not have dates on them. A serious contender would have to be the angel chorus singing to the shepherds outside Bethlehem to celebrate Jesus' birth. Then again, it could be the *Magnificat*, the song Mary sang after the angel Gabriel told her that God had chosen her to be the mother of Jesus.

On the other hand, the Gospels were likely written well after Paul's letters. So was the "Christ hymn" in Philippians 2:5-11 actually written down first? Or were little snippets thought to come from early Christian songs, such as I Timothy 2:5-6 or II Timothy 2:11-13, composed earlier yet? One could also argue that some of the Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament are even earlier songs about Jesus—even though they do not include his name.

There is no way to know at this point. What we do know, however, is that songs about Jesus have been sung in the Christian Church from its earliest days. Colossians 3:16 urges believers to "sing psalms hymns, and spiritual songs" to the Lord. And the visions in the book of Revelation all suggest that singing endless, glorious praises "to God and to the Lamb" will be part of the glories of heaven. When we lift our voices in songs about Jesus, we are joined to all the saints in every place and time in joyful and inspiring worship of our Lord and Savior.

May 18-22 Check out KDUZ 1260 AM at 8:50 a.m. when one of our pastors will be leading the "Morning Meditation".

Share the Love Offering Pours Out Love



Thanks to the two Friday morning Women's Bible Study groups and several others, \$1,534 was received for the "Share the Love" project during Lent. These funds will be directed through New Hope Mission Society to assist young women in the Bible School in India and others whom our partners in mission there are seeking to assist.

Our partners in India have a well-developed plan to help young women come to the Bishara Center not only to learn sewing, but also to learn design through trained instructors. The gift from "Share the Love" will more than cover the set-up costs. The challenge for the board of NHMS is to see if there are ways to meet the ongoing \$150 per month costs of operating the program. It will be necessary to find designated gifts for this purpose that will not take from the other ministries NHMS supports. Creative minds are working on this. Your prayers, thoughts and financial gifts are welcome.

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Faith Lutheran Church Women

Thank you to everyone who donated, worked and bought items at our rummage sale. Thanks to Thrivent which provided shirts along with \$250 for expenses. Our profit was \$3,856.34 with \$1,200 going towards the mortgage principal. The rest will go towards women's ministries, needed items at church or kitchen repairs. One single mother said she just found an apartment that day and now bought many needed items at our sale. She was going home to cry. What a joy to be able to help those in our community this way.

Faith Lutheran Supports Preparing the Next Generation of Witnesses

Faith Lutheran is looking to the future. Unless we prepare a new generation of witnesses, Christian ministry cannot continue. The following are only some of ways Faith Lutheran is aggressively supporting the witness to and of the next generation. This does not include our commitment to children and youth ministry through the church.

\$500 will be given to Steven and Jennifer Freund to support their mission trip this summer in Ecuador. This is from a special Youth Mission Trip fund.

\$1,000 is being given to Katie Weikle now and an additional \$1,000 early in 2016 to support her work through Youth with a Mission (YWAM). This also comes from Youth Mission Trip designated funds.

\$4,000 from our annual Missions Budget supports campus ministry led by Pastor David Christensen in Marshall.

\$1,200 is budgeted for Guy and Leia Johnson working through CRU (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ).

\$6,500 is given to the Institute for Lutheran Theology to prepare the next generation of pastors.

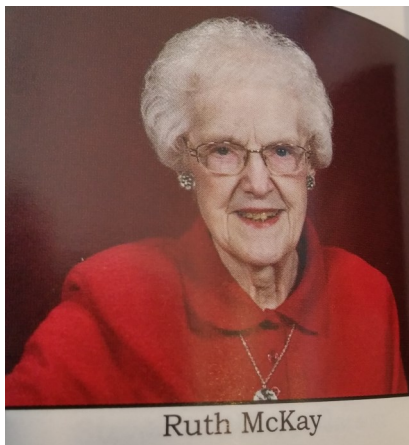
Smaller amounts have been given to other young adults engaged in witness

If you would like to help support these mission efforts through gifts to the Youth Mission Trip fund, contact Pastor Paul Knudson or Pastor Scott Grorud.

The Institute of Lutheran Theology announces a summer course:

"Ephesians for Preaching and Teaching," taught by the Rev. Tim Rynearson. The core of the course will be an intensive on-site class running from Sunday evening, May 31 through Thursday June 4 at Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN. We at Faith are so blessed to be able to host this class and it will be open to you if you would like to sit in on part or all of the class.





Spotlight on Aging - Ruth McKay

When I told Ruth she was one of two being featured as a Faith Lutheran Senior member for “Spotlight On Aging” this year she naturally wondered who the other one would be. When I told her it was Edna Lund, her response was, “Oh, I’ve known her all my life.” Curious, I asked how that came about. She told me her dad worked at a creamery in town and Edna’s dad delivered milk to the creamery. When the “Happy Danes” (former ULC synod) church closed, Edna joined Faith Lutheran, known then as the “Sad Danes” (former UELC synod). So Ruth and Edna shared church life ever since, in various ways. I did not realize that fact when we set out to feature these two sisters in the faith.

Ruth was born in her parents’ home, at 620 2nd Ave. SE, on August 31, 1924. She says her dad wanted a boy...“only a boy” he told his wife. Still, Ruth and her father were close. She had three siblings, to begin with. Two were older sisters. One brother, who was six years younger than she, died young. So, naturally, “only a boy” was his fondest wish.

As a child, Ruth remembers there weren’t many children in the neighborhood. Those who were would play “school” on the front steps. Children, in those days, went with their moms to ladies meetings and parties. She also went for long walks with her mom. Ruth attend public school and liked it. Her childhood home doesn’t exist anymore, as it was destroyed in the Hutchinson flood of 1965.

As for the church in her day, Ruth really liked Pastor Swenson. He was kind, and a good teacher. She recalls having to memorize and recite a “piece” for the Christmas Eve Sunday School programs. Memories of those days also bring to mind the confirmation classes held in the boiler room with 16 members in the class. Before confirmation day, she had to answer questions before the congregation. She thought she was ready for that, though nervous, since her class was required to memorize numerous Bible verses, *Luther’s Small Catechism* and some hymns. She was confirmed on Palm Sunday in 1938. Right after confirmation, she helped with Sunday School. She also taught for a two-week Vacation Bible School in the summer. There were Sunday School picnics in the summer. “Pastor Swenson was a good ball player,” she relates. “He was a wonderful person.”

Following confirmation, youth met as Luther Leaguers, most often at the parsonage, while the 1938 building we still worship in was being built. “In those days, we participated in Luther League until we were married,” she told me. They met once a week all year, for Bible studies led by Pastor Swenson and fellowship. Another youth opportunity following confirmation was singing in the choir. (You can see Ruth in a choir picture from her day on the south wall in the music room.) Ruth served as pianist for many musical presentations and also was a substitute organist. At age 9, she surprised her father with a rendition of “Silent Night” on the organ.

Ruth’s professional life could fill many pages on a résumé. She worked for JC Penney, for a lawyer, in the public school, for an optometrist, for her church, 10 years in a doctor’s office, and for Citizen’s Bank— first as a teller, later as a cashier, and did income tax returns to boot. Wow!

As for family, she has three sons. And if you can listen for 30 minutes or so, she’ll be glad to tell you about her great grandson, and show you his pictures.

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Spotlight on Aging - Edna Lund

Edna has been a member of Faith Lutheran Church for many years. She first belonged to the “river church, as people called to it. It was one of two Danish Lutheran congregations in Hutchinson. Edna’s congregation was named “Nazareth Danish Lutheran.” People thought of Nazareth as the “Happy Danes,” because they were more sociable and upbeat in their congregational life. The “Sad Danes,” now Faith Lutheran, were supposedly more somber and devout. However, Edna’s congregation could not survive, due to diminishing membership. Some, she says, joined Faith; but many just never joined another congregation. Like many in her church, Edna was baptized and confirmed in the river church, and a group, who were described as the “Illinois bunch”, just couldn’t let go of it. Edna was in the last confirmation class held at that church, in 1933, at age 13.

Edna was born at home, on March 22, 1920, on a farm northeast of Hutchinson, near the current Bernhagen addition. She had one younger sister. Interestingly Edna’s dad came from Denmark with his mother, who later married a Jensen. Her dad’s mother died young, so he was raised by an aunt and uncle who lived on Main Street, near Cashwise, on what is now Taco Bell property in Hutchinson. Her dad inherited that home when his aunt and uncle died. He later traded that home for a farm south of town, where they lived for many years.

Edna attended country school through second grade. Beginning with third grade, she rode to town with a high school student who drove a car to school daily. Still later, she remembers taking a “horse bus” to school. Classes were held in the historic Merrill building. She was in the last class that graduated from that building, in 1938.

Edna’s dad moved to Hutchinson later on and drove a milk route, which he himself started, and later added another truck and driver.

Edna’s husband, Orville, also started his own milk truck delivery business. That was temporarily discontinued when Orville was called into military service. He served in the military for four years. He and Edna were married upon his return from active duty. They had met at a wedding dance in the armory. Edna and Orville had two boys, Roger and Steven. She now has four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Prior to their marriage, Edna worked as a hair dresser. She attended a beauty school in Minneapolis and worked in several shops in Hutchinson. She also worked at Honeywell for a time.

Edna’s memories of her church life included reciting “pieces” for the Christmas Eve Sunday School program. Confirmation instruction included a lot of memory work— *Luther’s Catechism*, Bible verses, hymns, etc. There was no public exam before the congregation before confirmation day. In the visit preparing for this article Edna showed me her confirmation picture, delightedly naming each member of the class. The differences in age stood out. Edna explained that confirmation was based more on readiness than grade level.

The church Christmas tree wasn’t in the sanctuary, but in the social hall. She remembers that they would dance around the tree at Christmas time. As for her congregation today, she says she is so glad we didn’t move Faith Lutheran from its present location. Like the “river church,” this current building stands as a visible reminder of God’s presence in her life.

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RUTH MCKAY *Continued from page 6*

What makes your faith in God so important to you? How did that all come about? She spoke of her struggles, as when her husband, Kenneth, died in 1990. Life was hard, but she never felt alone. "God has always been with me; how awesome is that?" She went on to tell me how that faith developed over the years. Her parents were strong believers. There was an atmosphere of godliness in her home, as parents read Bible verses daily and those passages governed their lives. There was never a question about the highest and first priority on Sundays. "We always attended worship." She fondly remembers her good Sunday School teachers as well.

If Ruth could have one wish, it might well be that she could attend worship on Sundays. As with so many of our Seniors, Ruth feels she is growing distant from her church due to her absence. She appreciates the media broadcasts and Faith's pastors conduct a communion worship service at Woodstone, her current place of residence. But Ruth is like the Psalmist who sang, *"I was glad when they said to me, let us go up to the house of the Lord."*

Ruth also knows that the time is coming when Jesus will receive her into the place He has prepared for her in heaven. That will be the fulfillment of all her longings. Thanks for the small glimpse into your life, Ruth. God bless you.

EDNA LUND *Continued from page 7...*

She listens to the worship broadcast every Sunday; and was surprised when her 95th birthday was announced recently. The applause from worshippers brought tears. She says Faith Lutheran friends still visit her. Edna tells us she cannot remember a time when she didn't believe in God. She grew up in an extended family that took church-going and faith seriously. Her faith held her during trying times, such as when Orville left for military service for four years, knowing they wanted to be married, and fearing he might not return from action.

Again, her faith was tested when Orville died suddenly. He seemed well, but needed surgery, after which he died at age 64. That was five years after he had quit the milk route. He and Edna spent a brief retirement together taking care of her parents.

Despite some serious health issues of her own, Edna spends her time productively. In addition to her love of reading, she likes to knit. In 1989, she began knitting caps for newborn babies at the Hutchinson nursery (now the maternity wing at Hutchinson Health). Every baby since she started has had a cap knit by Edna or by one of the ten ladies she used to have with her. Now, she is still knitting those caps, and says she still has two other ladies doing the same. She counted the number she personally knitted at the end of 2014 and says the total is 2,000 caps. She wants to continue as long as she can.

Edna, thank you for your witness. God has loved and held you in His care and you have given back. Your faith and service are an inspiration to us all! God bless you.

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Thoughts and Prayers

Please remember all those who are serving our country
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Lee Johnson (Fort Bragg, NC - son of Geri & Ralph Johnson)

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

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

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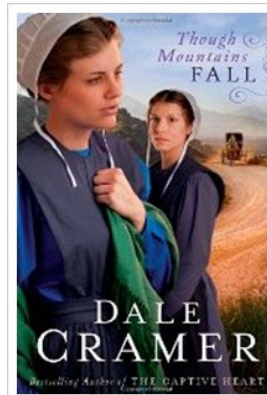
by Dorothy Desens

The Faith Lutheran book club's March selection was ***Though Mountains Fall*** by Dale Cramer.

The final *Daughters of Caleb Bender* series concludes with the Amish settlement leaving Mexico. In the first novel, Caleb Bender's family and friends leave the United States because of new Ohio education laws. During the four years of living in Mexico, the Amish learn that their way of life is at the mercy of a corrupt Mexican government on the brink of war, and Caleb and his family experience tragedy and death while living there.

Caleb comes to understand that the kingdom of God isn't found in farm land, gold, rebel armies or fire; nor is it found only in the Amish faith. All three *Daughters of Caleb Bender* novels are based on actual events that occurred in Dale Cramer's family during the 1920's.

This book is available to borrow from the Luther Library on the third floor.



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