

Faith Matters

April 2012



Pastor's Page

Ethiopia Bound

Call Waiting



Faith Lutheran's Pastor Paul Knudson on his upcoming travel to Ethiopia

"Come over to Ethiopia and help us." This call to us from the General Secretary of a vibrant, fast growing, 5.8 million member Ethiopian church was in some ways an unusual call. Indeed this national church body, Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), filled with the Spirit, centered in Jesus Christ and anchored in God's Word, is a People of God we need to ask to come and help us. The EECMY has added a half million members in the last two years alone. I know of no church body in any nation that has accomplished this! We need their help to bring a passion for Christ-centered and Spirit-empowered evangelical outreach back to Western Churches. The days of one way assistance are past. Nevertheless, this body of fellow believers is asking for our help.

This being said, representatives from Ethiopia, Tanzania, Cameroon, the USA, Canada, Sweden, Germany, Norway, Finland, Denmark and other nations are coming together for mutual encouragement in an International Mission and Theological Conference from April 21-26 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

I am thrilled with the opportunity to join with Christian leaders from all these nations to explore the partnership God has in store for us as we walk together and seek to respond to this Macedonian call. I will be traveling to Ethiopia with representatives of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). We leave on April 18 and return April 30.

The EECMY, having severed ties with the ELCA, is looking to the international Lutheran community for help in preparing their pastors and evangelists for the many challenges they are facing in their fast-changing world. They recognize their need for being grounded in sound doctrine, Biblical knowledge and other leadership tools. Worshipping, learning together and simply spending time in substantive conversations over these days will prepare us all for effective responsiveness to their call for leadership development.

We in the Augustana District and our Board of World Missions in particular are playing a specific role leading up to this conference. For us to learn of the needs it will be important to have many pastors and evangelists from the EECMY to be able to come. **To this end we are inviting anyone interested and able to respond to send one of these leaders to the conference. Your gift of \$60 will send one of these indigenous leaders.** To date we have received gifts enabling over 50 to attend.

I would covet your prayers for this event and that I might learn much. I look forward to reporting back to you upon returning.

In Christ,
Pastor Paul Knudson

Upcoming Dates to Remember...

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.

Faith@Home

Sun. April 15, 9:15 a.m.

Revolve Tour (for Middle School girls)

April 20-22

Church Council Retreat

Sat. April 21, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Community Forum: The Honorable G. Barry Anderson

Mon. April 23, 7 p.m. (see insert)

Rummage Sale

April 26, 27 & 28

Augustana District Convention

Sat. April 28, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Christ the King

College Scholarship Applications Due

Tues., May 1 (see FLY Page)

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Come to the Community Forum with the Honorable G. Barry Anderson.

April 23, 7 p.m.
See insert.

Sunday night Greenhouse services will be on Hiatus this Spring and Summer. Find out more: page 2.

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Church Business

Greenhouse on Hiatus

The Greenhouse/Faith on Grove Sunday night worship service has been a vital and successful worship offering of Faith Lutheran Church for over ten years. This service has served as an entry-point for many into this congregation and a home for many others, while providing a casual, contemporary worship experience. Lately, the Greenhouse service has struggled to establish a unique identity and to find musicians available to lead the worship. For this reason, and after much consideration, it has been decided to put the Greenhouse service on a hiatus, in a sense closing for “reconstruction.” The hope is that by closing the service, it will allow some time to evaluate the needs are of those who attend (and those who don’t) and how to best use our resources to meet those needs. During this hiatus time, please give any feedback you might have about the future of Greenhouse. In the meantime, please join us in the pre-hiatus Greenhouse worship on Sunday, April 1st.



Give-12

A monthly reflection on Biblical stewardship and the financial health of Faith Lutheran Church.

By Pastor Scott Gorud

Why Is It Important to Give in Proportion to My Income?

There are lots of reasons, actually. Here are six:

1. God recommends it. He called the people of Israel to give a percentage of their goods as an offering.
2. It keeps our offerings in relationship with how God provides for us.
3. Proportional giving allows for “equal sacrifice, not equal gifts” among people of different means.
4. Most often, proportional giving will result in giving away more of our money, which actually serves to lessen the power of money in our lives.
5. God has promised to “give us our daily bread,” so we can give proportionally without fear of hardship.
6. II Corinthians 9:8. (Look it up. It’s a great promise!)

Faith Fact: Your offerings to Faith Lutheran support at least 20 local, regional and global mission organizations!



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

Legacy of Faith... Moving Forward Update

In early March, a follow-up letter was sent to all the households of Faith Lutheran



who had not yet responded to the capital campaign. A few more responses have arrived, but many more are needed for the campaign to serve its full purpose. If you have not yet returned your Legacy of Faith...Moving Forward commitment card, please do so today. Thank you to all who have promised and given support this vital effort.

Council Highlights Topics from the March 20 Church Council meeting

Registration and promotional materials for this August’s FaithLife Camp will be released on April 15. A portion of the Council retreat on April 21 will be dedicated to developing ideas with the FaithLife Camp Taskforce.

Presentation of Long Range Planning committee purpose statement.

Augustana District Convention is being planned for April 28 at Christ the King (see insert for registration information).

The council approved a long-overdue upgrade of our video recording equipment to digital technology. This will much improve the services televised on HCVN.

Bulletin Board

Faith Lutheran Church Holy Week & Easter Sunday



Palm Sunday, April 1

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Worship

6:30 p.m. Greenhouse Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 5

Worship with Holy Communion

(6th Grade First Communion)

6:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.



Good Friday, April 6

Joint Worship with Christ the King

Noon—Christ the King

6:30 p.m.—Faith Lutheran

Easter Sunday, April 8

Worship with Holy Communion

6:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 8

7:00-10:00 a.m.



John 3:16-17

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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.

April 15: Worship with Your Kids—When: 9:15—Where: New North Entry (Door 1)

FAITH



Faith Lutheran Church Women

Thank you to everyone who cleaned the church kitchen on March 6. Your work is appreciated.

Our Rummage Sale is April 26-28. Items include clothes, furniture, toys and household goods. A sign up poster to help is in the gathering area. Bring items to the church the week of April 23.

Please return the FLCW survey to the church office so we can plan events. The survey was sent out in March's Faith Matters.

The Friday, 9 a.m. Bible Study is beginning a new book by Kent Groethe on Genesis. This will be 12 sessions beginning March 30 and going through June 22. We will not meet on Good Friday. Books are available in the church office for \$9. Join us in the conference room as we study this wonderful book.

The Garden Tour/Salad Luncheon will be August 4. Consider having the tour come to your yard. There are many talented gardeners in Hutchinson. Call Bobbie Knudson if interested (587-2227).

THE COMMON CUP 5K

WALK OR RUN

Saturday, May 12, 2012

Masonic West River Park,
Hutchinson

5K walk begins at 10 a.m.

5K run begins at 10:30 a.m.

\$20 per individual

\$30 per couple

\$50 per family



Registration forms are available now in the Faith Lutheran Church office.

For more information call Ralph Johnson 320-587-6733



Save all your excess *stuff* from Spring Cleaning for the Faith Lutheran Church Rummage Sale, April 26 - 28 in the upper level at Faith Lutheran. Donations will be accepted from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. beginning Monday, April 23. Please drop them off in the church office or entry outside the office. No large appliances, large exercise equipment, computers or televisions please.

The Rummage sale will be held:

Thursday, April 26

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 27

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

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Q:What are the beginning and ending dates of the Bible?

A: That is actually a hard question to answer. Unlike modern books, the books of the Bible were not published with dates in them. No one knows exactly when any of them were written.

There are, however, two possible answers to the question. One is when the books were likely written. Biblical scholars say that the earliest books in the Old Testament were put in their current form around 1,000 B.C., although some verses or accounts in them are much older. The latest books in the New Testament were probably written in the late 90's or early 100's A.D.

The other answer concerns the content of the Bible, the story that it tells. The Bible starts "in the beginning..." (Genesis 1:1), before the world was created and ends with "a new heaven and a new earth" (Revelation 21:1) at the Last Day. In telling the story of God, it stretches through all of time...and more!

April 2012

FLY PAGE

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Youth

One Homeless Night

a homeless simulation to raise money for,
and awareness of, poverty.

6pm, Saturday, April 14- 8am Sunday @ Library Square

**Spend the night sleeping in a box
so that others don't have to.**



Free Bright Light Parade Concert!!

7pm, Wednesday, April 18th

@ Riverside Church

For Middle School and High School

Mission Trip News

**6:15 Wednesday, April 4th - Mission Trip
Meeting**

Lots of forms, t-shirt orders, Easter Breakfast
sign up, and info

Sunday, April 8- Easter Breakfast
Parents and Youth - Sign up to help us serve!

Attention Seniors and College Students:

Scholarships!

Faith offers a few scholarship
opportunities for those going
into or currently attending
college. Applications are
available in the church office
and are due May 1.

Questions? Need more info? Contact Dave @ davidw@faithlc.com

Faith Kidz News

April 2012

6TH GRADE 1ST COMMUNION

The 6th graders will be completing communion instruction on April 1. If your child misses 2 or more classroom instruction days please attend the make-up day on Sunday, April 1 at 10:30.

Please contact Kacie Lange or Wendy Mayland if you are going to attend this session.



MAUNDY THURSDAY~ APRIL 5

“ The sixth graders will be receiving their 1st Communion at either the **6:30 or 8:00** **worship services** that evening. Please meet in the Faith Center a **half hour prior** to the service (parents and students) for final instructions from one of the pastors and to pick up your chalices. ”

**Questions? Please contact
Kacie Lange at 587-2093
kaciel@faithlc.com**

HE IS RISEN!

Easter is a time to celebrate that Christ has risen!

We will not be having Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 8. Worship Services are at 6:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00.

The youth are putting on a breakfast Easter morning so join us for pancakes: 7:00—10:00 a.m.

RELEASE TIME STUDENTS!

Our end of the year celebration will be held on April 11 at Peace Lutheran. It is not too late to sign-up! Any child that participated in Release Time or our M.A.P. program is welcome to attend!



PALM SUNDAY

The 3 year olds—5th graders will be processing with palms on Palm Sunday (April 1) during the 9:15 service.

CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

We had a great Camp Day on March 25 with information about all of the camp opportunities! If you missed it, please call Kacie to hear about the various ways your child and/or family could go to camp this summer!

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Easter Sunday is April 8.

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worship times for Holy
Week and Easter
Sunday on page 3.