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# Pastors Page

## Easter Eggs, Fan Theories, and How It Should End

This is Holy Week and YouTube. Bear with me. :)

The website YouTube is full of all kinds of different videos. As you surf through them, the website will track what you are interested in and filter more of that content your way. As a result, because of my interest in movies, my YouTube feed is full of three different kinds of movie content: Easter Eggs, fan theories, and “how it should end.” Let me explain:



**Easter Eggs:** These videos track little clues presented in movies. An “Easter egg” is some sort of image, line, logo, or reference that may become relevant in a future movie. These are particularly popular in series of movies, like Star Wars or Marvel movies.



**Fan Theories:** Everyone has an opinion, and when there are years between a movie and its sequel, people start to speculate as to what will happen. Fan theory movies are creative ideas from fans about the trajectory of their favorite movie plots.



**How it should end:** Of course, not everybody is satisfied about how a favorite movie ends. So in these videos, fans creatively give their opinion about how a movie should have ended.

When you get right down to it, Holy Week is the same way. As I hope you are learning during our Lenten series, “According to the Scriptures,” there are “Easter eggs” pointing to Jesus all over the Old Testament! From Genesis 3 right to the end, there are clues for what the people should expect the Messiah to be. It’s no surprise, then, that by the time Jesus was born, there were quite a few “fan theories” about what would happen. Some expected a conquering hero, some expected a great king. Interestingly, despite some of the obvious clues, no one expected a crucified Messiah. Jesus himself dropped hints and even flat-out explained what would happen, but the people—and even his

own disciples had their own ideas about “how it should end.”

**\*Spoiler Alert!\***

Jesus wins. But it was not easy. Jesus stuck to the script. He went to the cross. He died for you and me. And he defeated death by being resurrected! It is the ultimate drama, the passion story, and it’s the most real thing that ever happened.

So follow the Easter egg clues to the end, forget the fan theories and your own idea of what should happen and join us as we journey to Holy Week. Take in the spectacle of Palm Sunday. Join with Jesus at his Last Supper on Maundy Thursday. Stand in awe before Christ Crucified on Good Friday. And shout Alleluia on Easter Morning! See you in church!  
Pastor Dave

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## Imagine Capital Campaign

The 2015 Annual Report listed the remarkable progress the church has made in paying the mortgage on the new building addition. At the Annual Meeting, people were excited about the possibility (not yet a reality!) of paying it off completely by the time of Faith’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020.

This past progress and future vision all depend on your generous, committed support of the *Imagine* capital campaign. **Thank you!** Your ongoing and planned gifts make it possible for Faith not only to continue meeting monthly payments, but to achieve the goal of finishing our 25-year loan in only 10 years! What a great example of faithful stewardship and trust in God’s providing that would be!

## Faith-full Finances

Last month, we celebrated the astounding amount of giving that Faith Lutheran received in the last weeks of 2015. That flood of generosity overcame a big deficit in the General Fund, allowed the church to meet all of its mission commitments for 2015 and brought a helpful cash balance into 2016.

The concern is that this follows the usual pattern that will again leave an enormous deficit to be made up at the end of 2016—and, by God’s grace, it may well be made up again. But what a joy it would be to avoid that end-of-year burden by spreading those year-end gifts throughout the year.

It is not entirely surprising that we are now experiencing a kind of boomerang effect. What with snow-birds leaving, a couple of Sundays with bad weather, a steady schedule of sports tournaments, and people having given so generously in December, offerings were pretty low in January. The church had to use a significant chunk of its cash balance to make ends meet—which is why having that cash balance is such a blessing!

To help meet that goal, Faith is asking members to make a special **Alleluia!** offering at Easter time. Extra gifts made in celebration of Christ’s resurrection will help Faith during the leaner summer months and reduce the year-end deficit. We commend this **Alleluia!** offering to your prayers and generosity, as we continue to pursue the mission and ministry God has entrusted to us here at Faith.

# Stump the pastor

Where in the Bible does it say that Jesus went to hell?

A: Nowhere does the Bible include the exact phrase from the Apostles' Creed, "He descended into hell." But I Peter 3:18-19 testifies that Christ "was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison who in former times did not obey."

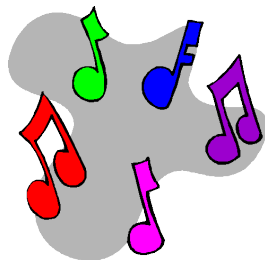
Many Christians understand that passage to mean that Jesus descended into hell. At the time of the Reformation, it was universally understood that way. Others have interpreted it to refer to Sheol or Hades, the place of the dead. They confess the creed as "he descended to the dead." The original Latin phrase is *ad inferna*, "to the inferno," which can be translated either way.

The important point is that Christ's descent was not some final humiliation or abandonment by God. It was instead the first leg of his "victory tour," proclaiming to those held by the power of sin and death that he had destroyed those powers by his death and resurrection. After humbling himself to the point of death and burial, the descent into hell was the first step in his exaltation back to the divine glory he had poured out when he was born as a human child.

# Music Notes

I had the opportunity to attend the Augustana District Theological Convention in Minneapolis this year along with several of our staff. It was truly a pleasure to hear these great theological minds speak about simple truths and complex ideas with a mixture of eclectic stories and textbook style analysis. What struck me during the conversations was something which wasn't tied directly to theology, but its construction as a language. Dr. Paulsen talked about how the Germans like to freeze ideas, and give them words, which makes translating their ideas more challenging for English speakers. What brought me down the proverbial rabbit trail was how that relates to music. In music theory we have what are called chords, which is the stacking of three or more notes. These combinations, in a way, freeze concepts or ideas which are all but impossible to translate into any language. The typical "understanding" of these chords is Minor = Sad and Major = Happy (I would beg to differ on this concept, but it does open the door for less trained ears to understand what is happening). This is simply the very beginning

of dozens of different combinations of notes in various orders which begin to evoke strange emotional responses from deep relaxation to teeth grinding discord, but, it's all just in twelve notes (in the well-tempered western system, that is. Don't get me started on the eastern system, or do. Stop by my office!). There is so much more to music than we can understand: there is a science and craft behind how sounds are generated, a theory for analysis, detailed pedagogies for any instrument under the sun and an almost linguistic approach to genres, but there is an intangible mystique to music after which musicians blindly chase century to century and fad to fad. There is no universal truth to music which we fully grasp, but there is something which grabs our attention and for some, grips us tight. In the same way, God's infinite grace and love is something we can really only pretend to understand, but it has a way of stopping us in our tracks, but the difference is for all, not simply some, His grace is freely given and never lets us go.



## Seniors' Scene

Let's be honest, now—how many times have you started a sentence with the words, "**Remember when.....?**" As older people, sometimes referred to as Senior Citizens, we can really have a lot of fun with recalling country school, 40's or 50's music and dance, confirmation testing before the congregation in the old white frame church where I was baptized, confirmed and perhaps married.

And how about farms with chickens, ducks and geese running all over the yard; and, oh yes, ...the outhouse...in the winter.

Why is that so important? Why do we spot something at an antique store and say, "We used to have a butter churn, or a milk separator, or an egg-gathering basket, like that. I've seen conversations extend a half hour or more than planned because "reminiscing" is so much fun. I have some ideas about why that is; but I don't think I know all about it. I would like for us to engage in some conversation about that at our March **SENIORS' POTLUCK** meeting, on **THURSDAY, MARCH 31.** beginning at **12:00 noon** with our usual potluck dinner.

Our special guest, who will lead us in remembering many things in our past, will be Brad Burch. He has put together a lot of stuff to stimulate our reminiscence spirit. He'll have it on Power Point for all to see; and give us opportunity to share our own memories. Something good happens in us when we do. Maybe YOU can tell us why that is.

**"See you at Seniors' Potluck"!** Bring a friend, or someone new.

## Faith Lutheran Church Women (FLCW)

### Rummage Sale

April 28,

4p.m.-8p.m.

April 29,

8a.m.-6p.m.

April 30,

8 a.m.-11a.m.

2 Levels-

Furniture & better things on main floor



The FLCW is serving a "Lut'ran" community meal on Sunday, March 6 from 4-6 p.m. Sign up on a poster outside the sanctuary to bring a hotdish, salad, buns, pickles, milk or bars, or to help with serving or clean up. If you have not been involved in a community meal before, this is a great way to show your love and care for others.



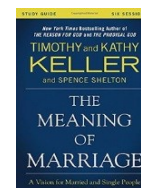
## Current Digging Deeper Options

### Paul's "Love" Letter: The Warmth and Wisdom of 1 Thessalonians

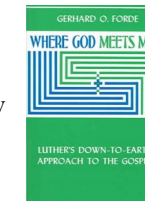
St. Paul had a contentious relationship with many of the churches he founded, but not with the Thessalonians. 1 Thessalonians reflects the warmth and gratitude that marked their relationship. Learn more about Paul's pastoral concern for the Thessalonian Christians and their continued growth in faith. This class will meet in the Faith Center and be led by Pr. Scott Grorud.

### Where God Meets Man - A book study on Luther's Down-to-earth gospel

We'll be reading through Gerhard Forde's short book "Where God Meets Man." Participants are encouraged to follow along with the readings each week. Class will meet in the office conference room and be led by Pr. Dave Wollan.



**The Meaning of Marriage** - A six session video series which brings forth practical wisdom for married and single people. Timothy and Kathy Keller are bestselling authors of the book by the same name and this series provides a "vision for marriage that is refreshingly frank and unsentimental—yet hopeful, beautiful, and relevant." Class will meet in the sanctuary.







## Lent and Holy Week Services

Lenten Services continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 through March 16. Holmes and Watson will help us search for clues in the Old Testament that point us towards Christ. On the 16th, just before the service, the Congregational Life Team will be serving a Lenten Picnic Supper. This will be followed by Holy Week which begins on Sunday, March 20 with Palm Sunday. Holy Week is a very sacred time in the church year. During this time we commemorate the last week of Jesus' life on earth. The greatest focus of the week is the Passion (suffering) and Resurrection of Jesus and the events that led up to it. On Palm Sunday, we remember the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem to the cheers of the people who hoped to see him rise as a new king. Maundy Thursday is the night that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper and the night in which he was betrayed. We will remember this night with two services at 6 and 7:30 p.m. At these services our sixth-grade students will take their first communion. On Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion and death of our Lord, we have two similar services. The first is at noon at Christ the King and the second is at 6:30 p.m. at Faith. These are somber services focusing on the last words of Jesus as he hung on the cross. Holy Saturday is a meditative day as we contemplate the darkness of a world without God and await the rising again of Jesus. There will be a Compline-style service at 7 p.m. that night. Finally, Easter Sunday, the most joyful time of celebration in the church year. We will celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior with services at 6, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Easter breakfast will be served by the FLYouth from 7-10 a.m. Holy Week falls during spring break this year, so make Holy Week worship a priority, whether at home or traveling.



## Important March 2016 Dates

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| <b>March 2</b><br>Lenten Service                            | <b>March 13</b><br>Change Clocks - Daylight Savings Time Begins<br>Faith Family Fun              | <b>March 24</b><br><i>Maundy Thursday</i><br>Services at 6 and 7:30                           |
| <b>March 3</b><br>Faith Serves High School Ecumenical Lunch | <b>March 15</b><br>Ministry Team and Council Meetings<br><i>April Faith Matters Articles Due</i> | <b>March 25</b><br><i>Good Friday Service</i><br>12 noon at Christ the King and 6:30 at Faith |
| <b>March 6</b><br>Community Meal And Compline               | <b>March 16</b><br>Lenten Picnic and Lenten Service  | <b>March 26</b><br><i>Holy Saturday</i><br>Compline Service at 7 p.m.                         |
| <b>March 9</b><br>Lenten Service                            | <b>March 19</b><br>Mugs and Muffins  | <b>March 27</b><br><i>Easter Sunday</i><br>Services 6, 8, 9:30 and 11<br>Breakfast from 7-10  |
| <b>March 11</b><br>56er's Lock-in                           | <b>March 20</b><br><i>Palm Sunday</i>  | <b>March 31</b><br>Senior Potluck   |

## We Welcome Pastor Dawit and His Wife, Tirunesh



In April, Pastor Dawit from our Tabor Congregation Partner will be with us. He will visit several congregations in our Augustana District from April 16–April 24. He will be the featured speaker at our AD convention, Saturday, April 23, in Marshall.

Put this date on your calendar: **Wednesday, April 20.** That evening he will be with us in Hutchinson, hosted by Faith and Christ the King. Area congregations will be invited to

## News from New Hope Mission Society by Dorothy Desens


Linda Dueterhoeft, Dick and I just returned from India, spending two weeks helping Pastor K.K.'s students increase their English speaking skills. Pastor K.K. has started a school for the very poor Christian adults of India, training them to become effective missionaries. At the completion of a 3 year course, the students will go back to their communities as missionaries and social workers.

We were most impressed with the quality of students at the school. They are learning to become leaders and increase their Christian understanding. The students have group devotions/worship each day at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The students led the worship: singing, Bible reading, devotions, prayer. We saw these young adults (ages 18-31, men and women) interact with one another during free time and in classes. They were helping to serve and clean up from their meals, keep the outside area clean, wash their clothes, etc. We saw willingness to serve, kindness, happiness.

Pastor K.K. personally interviews students during the school year to check on how they are progressing in their faith and their understanding of how to reach out to others. His son, Abdul, is the person who is making certain that everything is running correctly. Abdul is currently enrolled in ILT classes to earn his degree in theology. He plans to teach at the Bible School.

Thank you for all of your prayers during our trip. We felt your prayers and that lifted us up both during our travels and during our teaching time.

**Matthew 25:40** And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers you did it to me.'



**Common Cup Ministry**

<b>Community Meal</b> <b>Sunday, March 6</b> <b>4-6 p.m.</b>	<b>Fare for All Delivery</b> <b>Thursday, March 17</b> <b>4:30-5:30 p.m.</b>
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The Summer Feeding Program is looking for a **Coordinator** (this is a stipend position) for 10-12 weeks beginning June 13 and running through August 5 or 12. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. If interested, please contact Bev Bonte at the Common Cup office.


**5K Walk/Run** takes place on Sat., May 7, at Masonic West River Park in Hutchinson. Registration forms are in the Common Cup Corner.

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**BACKPACK PROGRAM**  
Students served each week = 200  
Cost per student per week = \$5  
Cost per week = \$1,000  
Remaining weeks in this school year = 15  
Total expense remaining for this school year = \$15,000  
Hunger Free funds remaining = \$13,000

**LENTEN REQUEST**  
Each member church has been asked to select one of the items on the attached list and collect as much of that item as possible during Lent. Faith Lutheran has selected to collect **fruit cups / applesauce cups**. In order to provide each child with one fruit cup and one applesauce cup for the remainder of the school year, we will need to collect **500** six packs of **applesauce** and **750** four packs of **fruit cups**. Please consider helping provide these needed items for the children of McLeod County.

**Donations can be placed in the tote in either Common Cup Corner.**





April 20 - Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7 p.m. at Vineyard Methodist Church

May 13 - 11th Annual Hammer & Nails Dinner 5:30-9 p.m. at the Crow River Country Club (Reserve your seat by calling 320-587-8868)

May - Nov. 2016 Building our 24th home for the Moreno Family. Find more information or sign up to volunteer at [www.crhfh.org](http://www.crhfh.org)

# Thoughts and Prayers

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

- Private 1st Class Colin Bos (North Caroline - Marines)
- Sgt. Jason Gaulke (El Paso, TX - nephew of Alice Fransen)
- Andrew Hantge (Navy, Virginia Beach, VA - son of Marsha Schmit and Robert Hantge)
- Mason Rutledge (Pensacola, FL - Navy - son of Lenny and Patti Rutledge)
- SFC Guy Sing (Korea - nephew of Tony Sing & cousin of Darlene Karg)
- Col. Rob Skaar (Duluth Air National Guard) son of Dave & Marian Skaar
- LTJG Brett Stadskev (Navy, Norfolk, VA - son-in-law of Judy and Tom Felber)
- Nathan Thunstrom (Marines, San Diego, CA - son of Andy & Shelly Hedin and grandson of Dennis & Barb Hedin)



Remember our Faith members in nursing homes & health care centers

Cedar Crest – Cosmos

Patricia Lambert

Cedar Crest – Silver Lake

Nadine Dalin

Cokato Manor

Patricia Paulson

Cottagewood (Buffalo)

Eleanor Lack

Dassel Lakeside

Doris Betker

Glencoe Nursing Home

Kathryn Wendlandt

Harmony River

Millie Blake

Valerie Fimon

Ruth Hackbarth

Dave & Betty Jensen

Joanne Olesen

Harold Sanken

Otto Streseman

Charlie & Harriet Thor

The Pines

Doris Strand

Prairie Senior Cottages

Pat Fimon

Delores Saar

Prairie View (Hector)

Jerome Lindquist

Woodstone

Deloris Askew

Dorothy Christensen

Betty Garberich

Ruth McKay

Lucille Yukel

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OUR MISSION IS:  
**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