

Christian Life Management

Dr. Harry Wendt, author of the *Crossways* Bible study, has an interesting perspective on stewardship, which is really Christian Life Management (CLM). He emphasizes two aspects of it. First, he urges Christians to keep their bodies healthy and their minds engaged in learning *so that* we are able to serve others for Jesus' sake. We maintain our health and strength the best we can, not for our own sake or even for God's sake, but so that we are able to be instruments of God's love for the world.

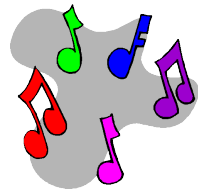
The other aspect of Dr. Wendt's CLM thinking concerns Christian giving. He insists there is no such thing, because we cannot give to God. God made it all and still owns it all. The possessions he entrusts to us are not really ours, because we did not bring them into the world and we will leave them all behind when we die. So, instead of asking, "How much should I give to God?" and then consider all the rest to be mine, Wendt says we should ask, "How much of what God has entrusted to me do I need for daily living?" and then consider how I can put the rest to work for God's mission in the world!

Imagine Capital Campaign

We have entered the third and last year of the *Imagine* capital campaign, and it started with a bang. Thanks to the generous support of the congregation and with the cooperation of our lender, Thrivent Financial, the church was able to make an **additional** principal payment of **\$212,000!** That will reduce the amount of the mortgage to about \$1.75 million and the length of the loan by nearly ten years. **Thank You** so much for your faithful support as we pursue the goal of paying off the loan by Faith's 150th Anniversary in 2020. That would be a full 15 years early and a great cause for celebration!



Music Notes



We've got a lot of exciting things coming up this month in Faith's music ministry. Compline will meet on March 5 at 7:00 p.m., and as we move forward it will continue to be held on the first Sunday of each month. Both the choir and bell choir will appear in services, and both continue to eagerly welcome any interested newcomers. Faith Singers will be participating in the Foundation Service on April 2 and helping to lead worship there – so if you typically attend that service and are curious about the choir, this would be the perfect time to come check it out! Finally, working with the FLY Band over the past month has been an inspiring and empowering experience for all involved. We are continuing to grow as an ensemble, and very soon will be helping to lead worship beyond youth night. Stay tuned!



FLY BAND

Digging Deeper Options

*Dig a little deeper into your faith and see how you can grow! Pick a class and plug in.
This series of classes will run Sundays, from March 5 - April 9 at 9:15 a.m.*

Table Talk for the Twenty-first Century

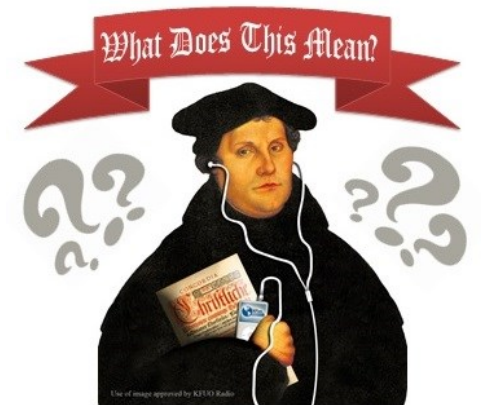
Martin Luther wrote, taught, and preached. He and Katie also welcomed many people into their home for conversation on matters of faith. His witness includes these informal times of sharing recorded as *Table Talks*. It is likely, however, that Luther was the main one doing the talking.

Today in our wired world it would seem everyone sees themselves as authorities and willing to expound endlessly on how they view the world and our place in it. Os Guinness, a faithful witness of our times asks us this question: "Are Christians ready for this new age? We, who are followers of Jesus stand as witnesses to the truth and the meaning of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as central to our calling. We are spokespersons for our Lord, and advocacy is in our genes." (from his book, *Fools Talk*)

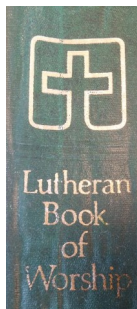
Could there be new things to learn and various approaches for effective witness in this wired world? We will explore these matters making use of excerpts from Guinness' book. Come prepared for interaction.

Lenten Faith Group

You can join this group on Sunday's and be a part of a Faith Group before or after you worship. Watch a brief video starring your favorite pastors and then dig into some thought provoking theological questions on the Reformation Gospel.



The Reformation Gospel



The What and Why of Worship

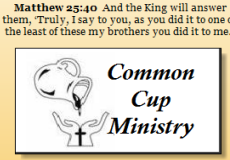


What is the Kyrie? Why is there confession and absolution every week? Where did we get the creeds? How does Holy Communion work? Dig deeper into the elements that make up Christian worship and what they mean, to see how worship supports and shapes our faith.

Faith Lutheran Church Ministry Team and Council Members for 2017

Names in Bold are on the Church Council as well as a Ministry Team

Church in the World Team: **Bill Petersen, Dean Winter,** Tiffany Waller, Emma Wollan, Katie Brecht, Ken Holler, Kay Karg, Mollie Terlinden ***Congregational Life Team:*** **Joy May, Marlys Miller,** Sue Alrick, Jolene Mielke, Bonnie Knorr, Erika Kellen ***Discipleship Team:*** **Cheryl Buboltz, Andrew Weckwerth,** Dick Lennes, Sandy Lennes, Kent Jacobson, Tessa Ewert, Lynne Lange, Christina Weckwerth ***Management Team:*** **Niki Pokornowski (President), Wade Eastman (Vice President), Ron Anderson (Treasurer), Jan Kreie (Secretary),** Dave Westlund, Roger Tiede ***Children, Youth and Family Team:*** **Jon Kamrath, Dan Moe,** Jodi DeMeyer, Angie Elton, Kevin Elton, Brooke Frusti, Tom Gifferson, Donna Moe ***Worship Team:*** **Amanda Schueler, Megan Piehl,** John Muske, Shelly Kirchoff, Carl Horton, Sherry Schuetz, Doreen Ziegler, Melissa Bradford

THANK YOU ALL FOR SERVING!

 <p>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.'</p>	<p>Hutchinson 105 Second Avenue SW Suite #2 Hutchinson, MN 55350 320-587-2213</p> <p>Website: www.common-cup.org</p>	<p>Glencoe 925 13th Street East Glencoe, MN 55336 320-864-5511</p>	<p>Community Meal @ FLC Sunday, March 5 4-6 p.m.</p>
<p>BACKPACK PROGRAM Students served each week = 212 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</p> <p>LENTEN REQUEST Once again we have asked each member church has been asked to select one of the items from the backpack list and collect as much of that item as possible during Lent. Faith Lutheran has again selected the fruit/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.</p> <p>Donations can be placed in the tote in either Common Cup Corner.</p>		<p>HELP SUPPORT THE "BACK PACK" PROGRAM</p> 	<p>Fare for All Delivery Thursday, March 30 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. At the CCM Office</p> <p>Annual 5K Walk/Run will take place on Saturday, May 13, at Masonic West River Park in Hutchinson. Registration forms are available in the church office, CCM office, or on the CCM website.</p> 
<p>The Summer Feeding Program is looking for a Coordinator (this is a stipend position) for 12-15 weeks beginning May/June and running through mid-August. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. If interested, please contact Bev Bonte at the Common Cup office for more information or to apply.</p>			

Thrivent Action Plans

Have you heard of Thrivent Actions Plans? If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you are eligible to sponsor two each year. It is a simple online application that you need to fill out. Then Thrivent will send you a \$250 card to use as "Seed Money" for an event or activity. This money can be used for fundraising events, educational events and other church/community activities. This year, we will run a monthly list of different opportunities at Faith that could use sponsorship. If you are a Thrivent Member, please contact the office if you are willing to sponsor one of these events. Please note that it can take a couple of weeks for this to be processed through Thrivent, so you will want to apply early for these events.

Coming up in March and April: Community Meals, Hunger Free Fruit, Faith Family Fun Activities, Mugs and Muffins, Compline, Release Time Celebration, Easter Breakfast, HEY Speaker, FLY leader meeting, and High School Free Lunch.



Faith Lutheran Church Women
Only a little over a month to go! The FLCW Annual Rummage Sale will be April 27-29 this year. Donating to this event is a great way to support women's ministries at Faith and clean your house at the same time. Some new additions this year will include an outdoor garden area and a bistro for your dining pleasure while shopping.

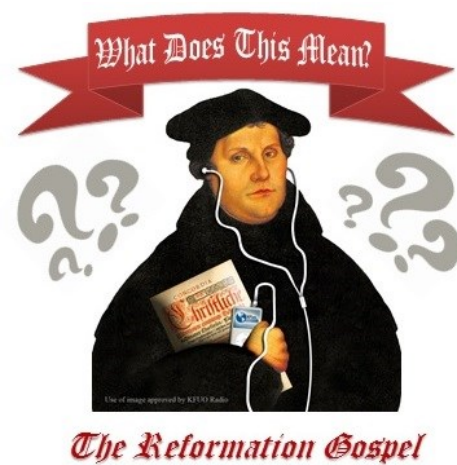


Mugs and Muffins
Saturday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m.
Bring a Mug and Bring a Friend, we'll take care of the rest.
Speaker: Wendy Magruder



New Lenten Faith Group Study *(A Seven Week Series beginning March 1)*

The Lenten Faith Groups are beginning! You can still join a group and dig into the Reformation Gospel. New this year is a large group meeting in the Faith Center to watch the weekly DVD on Wednesday's after worship. Then the group will break down into smaller discussion groups Plan to join us! You can also contact Marsha for more information on how to get plugged into a group: 587-2093 or marshas@faithlc.com.



Lenten Services and Themes

All services are at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
 March 1 (Ash Wednesday) - services at 12 noon and 6:30 p.m. with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes ~ Theme: Bondage of the Will
 March 8 - with confirmation following ~ Theme: Vocation and the Two Kingdoms
 March 15 - Theme: Justification by Faith and the Freedom of a Christian
 March 22 - with confirmation following ~ Theme: Law and Gospel
 March 29 - with confirmation following ~ Theme: Election
 April 5 - with confirmation following ~ Theme: Simul iustus et peccator
 April 13 (Maundy Thursday) - services at 6 and 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion (the first for sixth grade students) ~ Theme: Priesthood of all Believers



Thoughts and Prayers

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

- Lance Corporal Colin Bos (Marines, Quantico, VA - son of Dawn Bos)
- 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 (Navy, Norfolk, VA - son of Lenny and Patti Rutledge)
- TSgt Patrick Scharn (Air Force, Qatar - husband of Elizabeth Scharn)
- 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

Bernice Vorbeck

Cokato Manor

Patricia Paulson

Cottagewood (Buffalo)

Eleanor Lack

Dassel Lakeside

Doris Betker

Glencoe Nursing Home

Kathryn Wendlandt

Harmony River

Valerie Fimon

Ruth Hackbarth

Dave & Betty Jensen

Joanne Olesen

Harold Sanken

Harvey Skorheim

Charlie & Harriet Thor

Prairie Senior Cottages

Pat Fimon

Prairie View (Hector)

Jerome Lindquist

Woodstone

Don Fitzgerald

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