



Faith Matters

November

Pastor's Page

It's November (already!), the month of thanksgiving. Last year, for the Pastor's Page, I shared some of the things I am thankful for. Now it's your turn! Here is a list of 26 things you can give thanks for. You'll notice it is a little church biased, but there is a lot to give thanks for in your church! Also, I encourage you not only to give thanks in prayer, but actually verbalize your thanks to those who deserve it!

Give thanks for:

1. The faithful witness of those who have gone before us.
2. The beautiful autumn we have enjoyed.
3. The freedom to vote, and for those devoted to public service.
4. Our confirmation guides, teaching our young people the faith.
5. The Spit-n-Shiners, who keep our church clean.
6. The bulletin assemblers, who put together hundreds of bulletins every Friday.
7. The folks who change the banners, water the plants, and work behind the scenes.
8. Our ushers and greeters, who make people feel welcome.
9. Our office volunteers, who answer phones and do a lot of important tasks.
10. Marsha Schmit, who does an exceptional job organizing pastoral care.
11. The money counters, who come every week to count and sort the offering.
12. Darlene Larson and the funeral volunteers, who provide such a vital ministry.
13. Our worship leaders, who use their gifts to lead us in making a joyful noise.
14. Gladys Bonnema, helping teens through important years of faith formation.
15. Our Sunday School teachers, committed to teaching our kids the faith.
16. Josiah Frusti, as he settles into his role as children's ministry director.
17. The many opportunities we have to dig deeper into our faith at Faith.
18. Our Church Council and Ministry Team members, who provide leadership.
19. Wendy Mayland, who sees to it that everyone knows what's going on.
20. The Faith Singers and Faith Ringers, who bless our worship with their gifts.
21. Diane Pederson, who does a ton, and most importantly, sees to it that I'm paid :)
22. Three distinct and awesome worship services on Sunday morning.
23. Mike Lauer, who makes sure we have great music and excellent worship.
24. Our wonderful, and wonderfully used, building.
25. Our pastoral staff, of which I am blessed to be a part.
26. Finally, we give thanks to God, who provides everything listed above, and so much more!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. *His love endures forever.* Psalm 136:1

See you in church,
Pastor Dave

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Jonathan Swenson

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Christmas Program

DEC. 24 & 25

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
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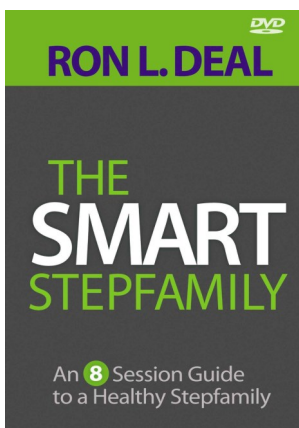
New Digging Deeper Classes

Beginning Sunday, November 1 at 9:15 a.m.

Christianity's Most Wanted

A History of Heretics

From Marcion to Pelagius to modern day false teachers, this class will examine the sometimes well-intentioned -- but nevertheless in the wrong -- heretics from the history of the church. We will look at the heretics' false teaching, how the church responded, and the vestiges of that heresy in modern-day theology. This class will be fun and interesting, but will also cause you to examine and define your own beliefs in the face of heresy. Meeting in the Faith Center.



The SMART StepFamily DVD Series

Discover the key steps to building a healthy stepfamily with stepfamily expert Ron. L Deal. Through eight engaging sessions, you'll learn useable solutions for everyday living and glean valuable insight and practical tips for raising your stepfamily the smart-not hard-way. 1) STEP Up to Discover a Redemptive God 2) STEP Down Your Expectations 3) STEP Through the Wilderness Wanderings 4) Two-STEP Your Marriage 5) Side-STEP Common Pitfalls 6) STEP in Line With the Parenting Team 7) STEP Over Into the Promised Land. Meeting in the Office Conference Room.

New Member Class

for those interested in joining Faith Lutheran Church

This three week class will meet November 8, 15 and 22
in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m.

New Members will be received on November 22
at the 10:10 Sanctuary Service .



music notes



"Mike Lauer's theory on Bach and the Gospels."

This is not protected, as I've only read a few books on this subject, so someone else could have (and likely has) made this connection. But here it goes:

Bach is famous for pioneering and writing fugues and adding fugal elements into the frame work of his writing for organ, choir, and instrumental ensembles. A fugue is taking a small idea or musical phrase and restating it in different variations throughout the work by stretching the phrase, condensing the phrase, flipping the phrase vertically or horizontally, and anything else the composer can think of while writing the piece. The gospels take ideas and examples of Christ's death and resurrection and how it corresponds directly to our salvation and restate them, reshape them, and rearrange them so that we can have a better understanding of what it all means. So, I think that Bach wrote fugues because of the way the gospels were written. Again, this is just my theory. We see the gospels as complex writing with stories, parables, arguments, sermons, letters, etc... and they're all trying to convey one message: Jesus Loves You! Bach's fugues can often, if not always, be broken down into one simple melodic passage.



Capital Campaign

We were recently surprised to realize that it has already been a year since the Imagine Capital Campaign was launched. The steady support of the congregation has led to amazing progress in paying off the mortgage on the new building addition. Thank you for all of your gifts!

As this first year of Imagine draws to a close, we would ask you to see if your giving has matched the pledge you made or even to see if you are able to make an additional gift. It is not impossible that Faith could pay off the mortgage by her 150th anniversary in 2020. It will take a surge of support to reach that goal, but what a celebration that would be!

Why Give? A Reflection on Biblical Stewardship

During our Cross†Fit theme this Fall, one of the faith practices we emphasized was giving. It may seem unusual to consider giving a *faith* practice. It is often seen simply as the necessary means to pay the church's bills—entirely practical and worldly, not spiritual.

In reality, giving is both. Faith Lutheran does depend on the generous, sacrificial offerings of its members to do her work. The church has no other source of income. Yet, even if Faith had an endowment that covered all of her ministry expenses every year, we would still emphasize giving as much as we do now.

Why? Because giving is, first and foremost, a *faith* practice that honors God as the Giver of all that we have and are. It is a spiritual discipline that helps keep money in its proper place in our lives—as a powerful tool God gives us to provide for ourselves, our neighbors in need and the work of the Kingdom—but nothing more than that. Giving is the most significant way to keep money from becoming (most often unintentionally) an idol in our lives. It is a habit that continually directs our trust back to God, while supporting the work God is doing in the world.

So, we urge you to develop or maintain dedicated, regular giving, based on a percentage of your income and made as your first expenditure each week or month. To do so provides far more than practical support for the church. It is a faith practice that will help draw you and keep you closer to the God who graciously provides all you need for life, health and salvation.

Help us keep you plugged in by updating your information . . .

Call Wendy at 587-2093 or email wendym@faithlc.com with changes

- ⇒ If you are a snowbird please contact the office with address changes and dates that you will be away.
- ⇒ If you have cancelled your landline in the past year please let us know so we can update our records.
- ⇒ If you want to receive weekly or monthly newsletters by email please let us know your preferred email address.

stump the pastor

Q: Why did Martin Luther decide to break away from the Roman Catholic Church?

A: Actually, he didn't. Luther's intention was never to start a new church. His goal was only to bring reform to the Roman Catholic Church (the only church in all of Europe at Luther's time).

Neither did he believe that he was introducing any new teachings into Christianity. He only wanted the Church to return to the doctrines of the New Testament and correct distorted teachings that had accumulated through the centuries.

Tragically, the Church made little effort to engage Luther, but only tried to silence him. He was not willing, however, to retract his teachings unless he was proven wrong on the basis of the Bible (rather than the Church's traditions and accumulated teachings).

Again, rather than trying to make that case, the Church declared Luther to be "a notorious heretic" (false teacher) and excommunicated him. That means he was expelled from the Church and not allowed to receive Holy Communion any more. Only then did Luther—reluctantly, but with the support of many people—start to create the structures of a new church.

Even so, Luther hated the fact that this new church came to be called Lutheran. He wrote, "I ask that people call themselves not Lutherans but Christians. Who is this Luther? My teaching is not my own, nor have I been crucified for anyone. Why should it happen to me, miserable, stinking bag of worms that I am, that the children of Christ should be called by my insignificant name? I am not anybody's master, nor do I wish to be. With the one church I have in common the teaching of Christ who alone is our master."

Nevertheless, the Lutheran name stuck, especially as more new churches formed and it was necessary to distinguish them from one another. It is still used nearly 500 years later, not to glorify Luther, but to thank God for the remarkable faith, insight and courage He gave to this great reformer, whose theology continues to speak so powerfully today.

The Holy-Days

We are entering that part of the year that we like to call "the holy-days." (The word holiday is actually a contraction of holy day.) Starting with Reformation Sunday on the last Sunday in October, we then celebrate All Saints' Day, Christ the King, Thanksgiving Day, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Day all in just over two months. It truly is a holy time of the year! The "3-Month Worship Challenge" issued as part of Cross†Fit covers most of this period, so be sure to join your Faith family for worship on all these Holy-Days. *You will be blessed for it!*

Thanksgiving Worship Services

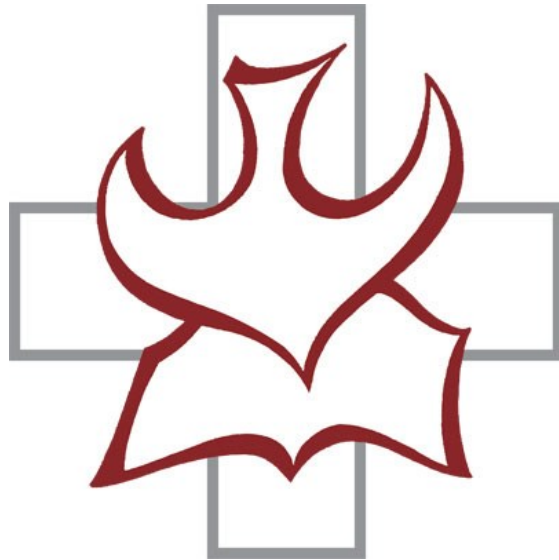
Wed. Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving Eve):

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Thurs. Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Day):

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion





*Confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church
October 25, 2015*

Kamryn Brecht

Dominick Curtiss

Tucker Gifferson

Mystery Guerra

Lucas Hoof

Caleb Inselmann

DaMar Magee

Jacob Ogren

Tyler Rath

Cade Ruppert

Lucas Schoettmer

Peyton Christie

Jackson Fabel

Lane Glaser

MaKenna Hammer

Isabel Huck

Sidney Lux

Presley Martinson

Maxwell Petersen

Riese Renville

Tyler Scheevel

Austin Vacek

Kalley Wigen

November 2015

FLY Page



Want to Come to Youth Night?

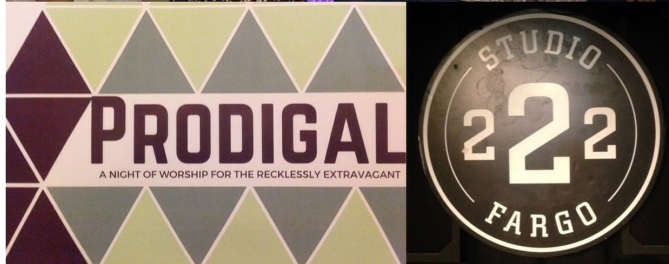
Tips to have a great experience:

1. Go with a friend
2. Go more than once
3. Dive into games and group discussion
4. Stretch yourself #rubberband



FLYouth meets every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the youth space at Faith Lutheran. Come join us!

Confirmation Retreat November 20th-22nd



Assembling Pizzas for Mission Trip Pizza Fundraiser

Saturday, November 14th 8 a.m.



Questions? Need more info? Want to grab coffee?
Contact Gladys at gladysb@faithlc.com

Faith Kids News

November 2015

Operation Christmas Child

Who: For Release Time Kids
before Late Start (2nd-5th Graders)

What: Packing Operation Christmas
Child Boxes

When: Nov. 4, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

A FLC worker will walk the kids to
school at 10:30 a.m.

Permission Slips to be sent home.

Breakfast Snacks and Drinks provided.

NOVEMBER 22, 3 - 4:30 P.M.

FAITH FAMILY FUN

- **JOIN US TO MAKE YOUR OWN FAMILY ADVENT LOG! ALONG WITH AN ADVENT BOOK!**
- **HOT CHOCOLATE AND BINGO WITH PRIZES AS WELL!**

Sunday Events

Sunday School- 3yrs-6th Grade

Time: 9:15-10:05 a.m.

- Please remember 3 year olds-4th graders need to be signed out by someone 7th grade or older.

Sprouts

- This is a time for 3 year old - 1st graders to experience the Bible text in an interactive setting. During the sermon @ the 10:10 a.m. Foundation and Sanctuary services.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Deadline to turn in Operation Christmas Child Supplies is the 4th of November. Contact Josiah Frusti or Pastor Paulus with questions

Can you say: "Parents' Night Out"

Keep a lookout for a big new event coming December 13th!

Pray for:

- That staffs', teachers', and parents' hopes, dreams, and goals for Sunday School would become a reality.
- That Christmas Programs start off well and proceed smoothly.
- 56er's and Release Time continue to be great chances for outreach to all those who need God's love and grace.

Stay tuned NEXT
month for:
Christmas Programs
and
Parents'
Night Out



Questions Contact: Josiah Frusti 320.234.8413 josiahf@faithlc.com

Monthly Financial Update

	Actual YTD <u>10/23/15</u>	Budget 2015	Budget Remaining	2014 YTD	2014-2015 Difference	
General Fund Income	523,376.47	762,219.00	238,842.53	524,606.58	-1,230.11	
General Fund Expenses	<u>582,574.18</u>	<u>762,219.00</u>	<u>179,644.82</u>	<u>546,608.15</u>	<u>35,966.03</u>	
General Fund Net Income/Loss	(59,197.71)			(22,001.57)	(37,196.14)	
				<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Average weekly giving needed to reach budget	\$14,658.06	Property	89,581.31	87,933.16	1,648.15	
Average monthly giving needed to reach budget	\$63,518.25	Personnel	400,167.58	366,759.49	<u>33,408.09</u>	
					35,056.24	

Thrivent Members—Thank you for your participation in the Thrivent Choice Program. As of October 23, 2015, your choice dollars for the year have amounted to \$6,354.00. In addition, \$250 Action Grants have been used for the Easter Breakfast, the April and June Community Meals, and the fall campfire. To designate your dollars to Faith Lutheran for 2015, call 1-800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice Dollars.” Thank you for your support.

Fall Sunday Morning Schedule at Faith Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m. First Word Service in the Sanctuary

9:15 a.m. Sunday School, Confirmation and Digging Deeper Classes

10:10 a.m. Simultaneous Sanctuary and Foundation Services

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.’



Community Meal
Sunday,
November 1
4 - 6 p.m.
at
Faith Lutheran
Church

Hutchinson

105 Second Avenue SW Suite #2
Hutchinson, MN 55350

Glencoe

925 13th Street East
Glencoe, MN 55336

Thank you to everyone who provided a warm coat for the distribution that took place on Thursday, October 15th. We were able to provide over 500 warm coats to those in need. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.



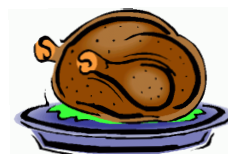
November is [diaper collection](#) month here at Faith Lutheran. When you are out shopping this month, please remember those who struggle to provide for their family. Diaper **Distribution** takes place on the **last Tuesday** of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parents can receive one bag of diapers per child.



Ninth Annual **Coming Together in Song Concert** to be held at **Christ the King Church** on **Sunday, November 22 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Come and enjoy a great concert and help support Common Cup’s largest fundraiser. Hope to see you there!



Time to start planning your **Thanksgiving meal** so why not get it through [Fare for All](#). For **\$30** you will get your turkey and most of the fixings for a full meal, including a pie. November distribution takes place on **Thursday, November 19**, at the CCM Office between **4:30 and 5:30 p.m.** Place your order by **Friday, November 13** at the CCM office. Happy Thanksgiving!



SENIOR'S SCENE

Remember when you were a child (I know, that's a long time ago) and you couldn't wait for Christmas to arrive, so you could see what Santa brought in all those brightly-wrapped packages? Of course, you grew up and learned Santa was an imaginary character, and that all things good actually come from God, often through family members and friends. But you still get excited about watching small children experience what you did long ago by your Christmas tree.



Now imagine a similar experience by a child in a far away country. No Christmas tree, probably; but people delivering a small box with "goodies" in them. The children are told that those simple boxes and gifts come from people who believe in Jesus, and they want the toys and such to open their hearts to God's love through a Savior named Jesus. It's a simple way to bear witness to Jesus. And you and I can be a part of it. Can you see the children's smiles and excitement?

At our **November Seniors' Potluck meeting, November 12th**, we won't have our usual speaker. Our "program" will be to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes. We hope you will buy some simple items ([see the list we distributed at our October meeting, or get a brochure from the church](#)) and bring them to the meeting. HOWEVER, if you don't wish to do that, come anyway and help pack.

We'll begin with our usual potluck dinner and fellowship at **12:00 noon**. After a brief devotion we'll have fun packing as many boxes as we can. **Thrivent Financial** will also provide supplies, so we will have more than we ourselves bring.

Come for an enjoyable activity, and bring someone with you to share in the fun!

Let's Fill the Boat! Thanksgiving Food Drive

During the month of November, the Congregational Life Ministry Team is asking everyone to participate in the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Look for the boat located in the southeast entrance (Door 2), and bring your items to share with others in our community.



All food collected will be brought to the Food Shelf in time for Thanksgiving.

Thank you!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

Operation Christmas Child is under way here at Faith Lutheran, along with churches in Hutchinson and throughout the country. Thrivent Financial is assisting us with funds to buy items to pack for two packing sessions. Our thanks to Thrivent and Patsy Amundson, who is facilitating Thrivent's involvement.

Two group box-packing opportunities:

One box-packing is an intergenerational opportunity, with Release Time students, on **Wednesday, November 4**. Adults, Seniors or otherwise, work together with the students to assemble and pack as many boxes as possible beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Secondly, our Senior Citizens will join in packing boxes at their regular Seniors' Potluck meeting on **Thursday, November 12**. *Come for one or come for both!*
NOTE: NO big boxes this year.

What can you do?

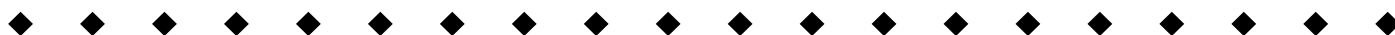
Pick up a brochure from the church (they're all over). They give complete information on items to purchase for packing. Please follow those instructions exactly.

If you don't wish to pack a box completely, you can still provide boxes and a variety of articles that others can pack. Bring boxes and items to pack to the church office.

You can help with shipping costs. Make checks payable to "Samaritan's Purse," or bring cash to the church office. Each box costs \$7.00 to ship.

*****DEADLINE** for bringing completed boxes is **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**.

THANK YOU for your contributions!!



Thank you to all who attended and worked at the Meatball Supper. A special thanks to Laurie Gelschus and Darlene Larson for all their planning, time and organization. It was a delicious meal and was well attended. The event made a profit of \$3,293 of which 30% will go toward the mortgage, the rest will go toward supporting women's ministries here at Faith and kitchen needs.

Mugs and Muffins is on November 21 at 9:30 and the speaker this month will be Sue Graff.

Faith Lutheran Church Women are still looking for two more people to share the funeral coordinator position. Thank you to Patsy Amundson who has volunteered to serve during the summer. Please contact Bobbi Knudson at 587-2227 for more information or if you are able to help.



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)
- * Scott Schwarze (Fort Huachua, AZ - son of Matt Schwarze)
- * SFC Guy Sing (Korea - nephew of Tony Sing & cousin of Darlene Karg)
- * Col. Rob Skaar (Duluth Air National Guard - son of Dave & Marian Skaar)



Remember our Faith members in Nursing Homes & Health Care Centers

Birchwood

Doris Strand

Cedar Crest - Cosmos

Pat Fimon

Patricia Lambert

Cedar Crest - Silver Lake

Nadine Dalin

Cokato Manor

Patricia Paulson

Dassel Lakeside

Doris Betker

Joanne Thomas

Glencoe Nursing Home

Kathryn Wendlandt

Harmony River

Millie Blake

Valerie Fimon

Ruth Hackbarth

Dave & Betty Jensen

Clarence Kulberg

Joanne Olesen

Otto Streseman

Charlie & Harriet Thor

Prairie Senior Cottages

Delores Saar

Prairie View - Hector

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*“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