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You didn't ask, but here's a list of my five favorite hymns:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
A Mighty Fortress Is our God
All Creatures of Our God and King
My Song Is Love Unknown
O Sacred Head Now Wounded

And, switching genres, my five favorite praise songs:

How He Loves
Oh Praise the Name
Rising Sun
Lord I Need You
What a Beautiful Name

These hymns and songs are amazing. They point me to Jesus. They tell me of God's incredible love for me. And they allow me to express my love and faith to God.

No doubt, you probably could make a list like these yourselves. What a gift music is, especially when it comes to worshipping God! It gives expression to our praise, and it conveys truth to our wandering souls.

Did you know that we have a whole collection of worship songs in the Bible? Of course you do. It's the Psalms! The book of Psalms is a collection of 150 different songs. Just like the hymns and songs above, the Psalms tell us of God's incredible love for us and allow us to express our love and faith—and even our laments—to God. Of course, the Psalms are in the Old Testament, written well before Jesus came into the world. But even so, did you know that a number of the Psalms actually point us to Jesus? It's true! Christ is present in the Psalms!

Join us on Wednesday nights this season of Lent as we look at **The Psalms and the Passion**, an exploration of key psalms that not only point to Christ, but also connect with Jesus' journey to the cross. Once again, as we have in the past, we'll be welcoming in pastors from our sister congregation, Christ the King, and our partner congregation, St. Matthew's in Fernando. And once again we will enjoy the energy and leadership of our confirmation students as they participate in and even help lead our Wednesday services.

The Lenten services are some of my favorite worship services at Faith Lutheran. They combine folks from all three services and also combine the styles of all three services. They feature traditional Lenten hymns alongside some of the best new worship music. Come and be a part of it! Sing praise to the Lord, worship with your brothers and sisters at Faith, and journey to the cross!

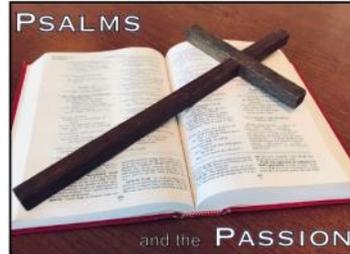
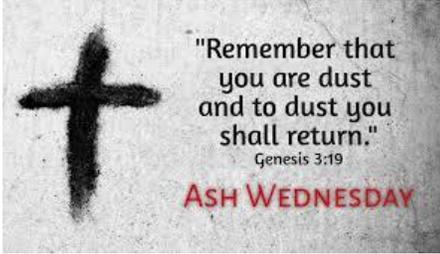
See you in church,
Pastor Dave

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It was reported at the annual meeting in January that the remaining pledges for the *Upon This Rock* capital campaign plus the remaining reserves held by the church and our lender, Thrivent, should cover all but about \$200,000 of Faith's mortgage on the building addition. Do you suppose it would be possible to receive that additional amount in the next two years, so that the mortgage could be completed during Faith's 150th anniversary year? It is a tall order, but a marvelous goal. It would mean retiring a 25-year loan in only 10 years. That would be a cause for celebration!



Lent and Holy Week

Psalms and the Passion

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday

on March 6 with services at 12 noon
and 6:30 p.m. with the imposition of ashes and holy communion.

Lenten services continue each Wednesday through April 10 at 6:30 p.m.
(Don't forget to come early on March 20 for the Lenten Picnic!)



Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ April 14, regular services times with children participating in a palm processional before each service

Maundy Thursday ~ April 18, services at 6 and 7:30 p.m.
students completing communion instruction will be receiving their first communion

Good Friday ~ April 19, services at 12 noon and 6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday ~ April 20, details TBA

Easter Sunday ~ April 21, services at 6, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
with breakfast served from 8 - 10 a.m.

Lenten Picnic

Our Annual Lenten Picnic will be on Wednesday, March 20 from 5:00-6:15 p.m. in the Faith Center. Come for grilled hotdogs, beans, chips, lemonade and bars and fellowship with the Faith family! Please join us for this taste of summer and then stay for the Lenten Worship service at 6:30.

A: Stump the pastor

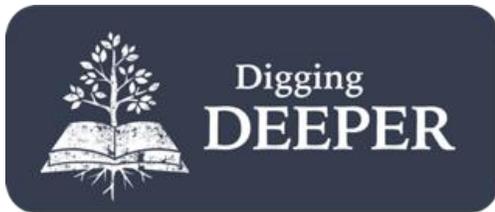
Q: Whatt actually happened to the ark of the covenant that sat in the Holy of Holies in the temple in Jerusalem?

The ark of the covenant plays an important role in the Bible from the time God commanded Moses to build it through the history of the southern kingdom of Judah. It held the tablets of the Ten Commandments that estab-

lished the covenant between God and Israel. It served as the “mercy seat,” a kind of throne on (or over) which God’s glory dwelt. It was carried by the priests into battle as a sign that God was leading the armies of Israel. It was so holy, i.e., so tied to God’s presence, that it was lethal to the people of Israel if they came too close to it.

When Babylonia conquered Jerusalem and destroyed the temple in 587 B.C., the ark vanished. There is no mention of it again in the Old Testament. When the Jewish people returned from exile and re-built the temple, the Holy of Holies no longer contained the ark. Instead, a low, flat rock called the Foundation Stone was placed there. The absence of any mention of the ark after the Exile suggests that it was taken and/or destroyed by the Babylonians. Because of Judah’s idolatry, God had withdrawn from the temple, so the Babylonians who handled it survived.

The disappearance of the ark has left many people dissatisfied and very curious over the years. Theories have abounded as to what “really happened” to it, most famously in *The Raiders of the Lost Ark*. All of them, however, are highly unlikely and most are entirely unbelievable.



“Faith Seeks Understanding”
Learning Opportunities for Adults
Sundays, March 10 - April 14 @ 9:15 a.m.

“The Holy Spirit He Is Always With Us!”

“The Holy Spirit is with us every day and in everything, from birth and baptism to death and resurrection. We will explore and discuss whether he is our puppeteer or parent?” Meeting in the Faith Center.

“A Land Flowing with Milk, Honey, and Chaos!” *A Brief History of Israel*

The Promised Land was everything God said it would be! Unfortunately, God’s people weren’t anything like how God wanted them to be! This class will examine the books of Joshua, Judges, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, and 2 Kings. Learn about the crazy events that shaped God’s people, their incorrigible unfaithfulness, and God’s steadfast faithfulness through it all. Meeting in the office conference room.

“Let the Reader Understand”



Making Sense of Scripture

**Faith Groups are
returning April 1!
Watch for details!**





This month, the Church in the World ministry team is excited to highlight a wonderful woman who grew up here at FLC and is now taking the love of Christ out into the world!

Hey Faith! Katie here, the shorter but older of the Weikle girls. (Laura is my sister!)

I've been abroad for most of the last 5 years, but I love coming back to Faith when I visit home. Now I live in Nuremberg, Germany. I'm a missionary with YWAM and I'm loving it!

Youth With a Mission or YWAM (sounds like: why-wham) is an international missions organization with projects or locations/bases in nearly every nation in the world. The focus of YWAM is simple, to know God and make Him known everywhere and to all people.

It began back in 1960 with a vision of waves of young people from everywhere going everywhere for the sake of the Gospel. A radical picture back in the '60s, but it's reality now. YWAM isn't just Americans going on summer missions trips (although there are Americans in YWAM on summer outreaches). It's Cambodians and Nigerians and Brazilians and Germans and Koreans and Indians and Norwegians and everyone else, going on outreaches or living as long-term missionaries in Norway and India and Korea and Brazil and Germany and Nigeria and Cambodia and everywhere else! It's international and interdenominational. It's broad-structured with hundreds of independent bases/teams connected like family, with the ability to respond quickly, and the faith to make seemingly ridiculous moves, always with the goal of reaching the lost and the hurting with the love of Jesus.

I've been to a number of different places on short-term outreach trips, most recently to Lebanon. However the majority of my work is in Nuremberg. I'm involved in a bit of everything at our base and I joined the leadership team this fall, but my main focus is in training. YWAM runs Discipleship Training Schools (DTS). DTS is life-changing for people after high school, after college, half-way through college, instead of college, in their 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s... I love working with students, seeing them transformed by God and encouraged and equipped to impact the world. DTS and YWAM create space to grow these visions and make God's dreams reality.

Some big things coming up for me and my team at YWAM Nuremberg:

- I just finished leading a DTS with 37 students. I loved seeing how they grew over the 5-month school, how God worked through them and the dreams/plans they have for their next seasons.
- We are planning to double our staff team this year. Getting these 15-25 people established and integrated into our YWAM base and off and running ministries will be one of my main responsibilities.
- We've been renting our space for a while but are moving to buy the building this year! This is a 2.5+ million euro project. Please pray, and if any of you have advice or experience with purchasing property (in Germany) or with large fundraising projects, please e-mail me!

If you'd like to get e-mail updates from me, send me a quick e-mail. I'll send out another newsletter in late March. If you don't do e-mail, I could also get a printed version to you. Just let Laura or my parents (Owen and Maria) know.

All staff and ministries in YWAM are funded by financial supporters and donations. If you'd like to give to me specifically or to our overall work at YWAM Nuremberg, please e-mail me. Tax-deductible giving is possible by check and online.

And if you just like to chat or ask some questions, e-mail me about that too!

Auf Wiedersehen!

Katie Weikle

Oh, yeah, and here's my email: katie.weikle@ywamnuremberg.com





Seniors' Scene

Pastor Paulus Pilgrim



I know you were disappointed. Some of you told me so. You were looking forward to seeing the inside of the new high school. Brian Mohr was scheduled to show some power point pictures of the new high school. But weather, especially deep freeze temperatures, made it unwise to hold the potluck meeting in February.

But here's the good news (not the Gospel). Brian, high school Director of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation, has agreed to reschedule, and will be here for the March Seniors Potluck meeting. Pastors Scott and Dave were on the program to talk about the sacraments—baptism and communion. Those subjects are timeless, and they agreed to wait until next year. So you can look forward to a review of the sacraments later. Thanks, pastors!

So here's the scoop for March: **SENIORS POTLUCK on Thursday, March 28, 12:00 noon** potluck dinner. PROGRAM: Brian Mohr, from Hutchinson High School. Bring some friends along; some who are unlikely to see the high school in person. The more the merrier!

See you at **Seniors Potluck, March 28.**

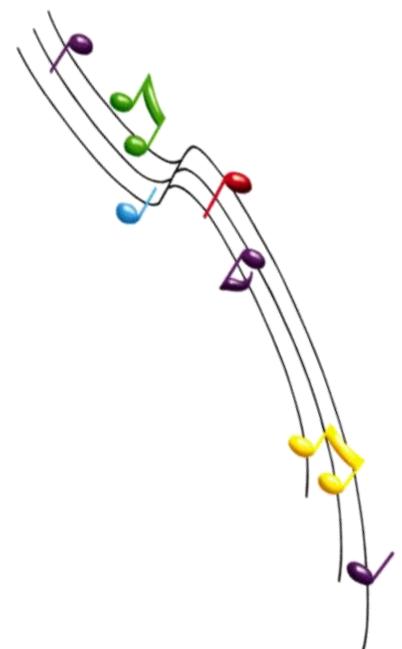
Hello Faith Lutheran!

With Ash Wednesday and Good Friday on the way, we have some exciting special music in store! Faith Singers will be singing as well as a potential collaboration with Christ the King! It's still not too late join! Even if you can't join right now, we would love to have you come sing with us at a later time. Faith Singers will be singing until May so feel free to join until then!

As far as special music goes, I encourage you come talk to me about how music has been and especially if you have ideas about what you would like to see in the future! The quality of music can only come so far without the engagement of our congregation, so please let me know if you would like to be involved with the process!

Drop by, call, or e-mail me if you have any questions!

Blessings,
Will



There have been a number of Sundays without a Sprouts leader for one or both of the 10:10 services. If you would be able to help with this ministry to our youngest members, please sign up by following the QR code to the right or contact Laura at lauraw@faithlc.com or call 320-587-2093.



Stewardship Snapshot

In December of last year, Faith Lutheran received an amazing outpouring of support. It allowed the church to meet all her expenses and bring a larger balance than last year into 2019. **Thank you** for all your support. Even after that flood of generosity, offerings received in January were higher than in January, 2018—not quite enough to meet all our expenses for the month, but close. It is so helpful to have giving spread out more evenly through the year so that the church is not as dependent on massive late-year giving. Please continue to give in proportion to how God first blesses you to support the work God has entrusted to us here!



Mugs and Muffins/Men of Faith

To Decorate or Not to Decorate, that is the question!
Mugs and Muffins will join forces with the Men of Faith
on Saturday, March 16 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Faith Center.

Men - This may be a bit early on a Saturday morning for you.

Women - You may have to tone down the decorations just a bit.

We are looking forward to time with a very special couple who will share some of the similarities and some of the differences between men and women that we all experience.

There will be food, there will be beverages, there will be time in the Word,
and no doubt a lot of laughter with pastor Dave and Andrea Wollan.

Bring your spouse, bring a friend and bring a mug, or one will be provided for you!

Hope to see you ALL there!



Faith Lutheran Church Annual Rummage Sale

This event is just eight short weeks away!

This year's sale will run April 25-27. Collection of donations
will begin the day after Easter, April 22.

That means you have just eight weeks to sort through your basement,
closets, and cupboards to decide what you can part with.

Keep that week on your calendar open if you are interested in helping
organize or work the sale or the bistro during this week that just buzzes
with activity.



Thoughts and Prayers



Please remember all those who are

servicing our country through active duty:

Braiden Bjorge (Marines - grandson of Sandy Curtiss)

Corporal Colin Bos (Marines, Camp Pendleton, CA - son of Dawn Bos)

Sgt. Jason Gaulke (El Paso, TX - nephew of Alice Fransen)

Petty Officer 3rd Class Mason Rutledge (Navy, Norfolk, VA - son of Lenny & Patti Rutledge)

Pfc Anthony Settergren (MN National Guard, Kuwait - son of Richard and Jean Settergren)

Col. Rob Skaar (Minneapolis/St. Paul Air National Guard - son of Dave & Marian Skaar)

LT Brett Stadsklev (Navy, Norfolk, VA - son-in-law of Judy & Tom Felber)

Corporal Nathan Thunstrom (Marines, Camp Pendleton, CA - son of Andy & Shelly Hedin and grandson of Dennis & Barb Hedin)

PFC Ryan Wersal (Army, Fort Meade, MD - son of Roger & Laurie Wersal)

Remember our Faith members in nursing homes & health care centers:

Birchwood House

Ardell Novotny

Cedar Crest – Silver Lake

Patricia Lambert

Janice Rohrbach

Bernice Vorbeck

Lucille Wehking

Dassel Lakeside

Doris Betker

Glen Oaks–New London

Lois Hoefs

Harmony River

Margaret Alrick

Myrt Bauer

Pearl Betker

Irene Christensen

Betty Jensen

Ruth Moen

Karol Nolte

Joanne Olesen

Doyle Thielman

Charlie & Harriet Thor

Olivia Rehab & Healthcare Ctr.

Jerome Lindquist

Oaks

Arlyce Drahos

Ellsworth & Delores Lorentzen

Barb Ryan

Charlie & Harriet Wixcey

Pines

Margaret Grorud

Doris Strand

Prairie Senior Cottages

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Prince of Peace

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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