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Dr. Harry Wendt, the author of the *Crossways* Bible study, uses a fascinating image to describe the overarching story of the Bible. He calls it the “Divine Drama” which was performed on the “stage” of little planet Earth. The rest of the cosmos sat in the “audience,” watching this drama unfold as God revealed His own nature and His saving will for creation.

God’s “Divine Drama” reached its climax in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, the incarnate Son of God. As the very people Jesus came to save turned on him and had him crucified, the will of God was put to the ultimate test, and when God raised Jesus from the dead, it revealed His will in its ultimate grace and glory.

Christians observe those climactic events of the Divine Drama every year during Holy Week. In the season of Lent, we prepare ourselves through repentance from sin and meditation on Jesus’ suffering and death. Then, starting on Palm Sunday, the events of Holy Week lead us through the dramatic culmination of God’s salvation accomplished in and through Christ Jesus.

We urge you all to enter into the drama of Holy Week, attending the services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, before the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday. I have long considered it a minor scandal that Christian churches do not need to schedule as many services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as they do on Easter. While the resurrection of Jesus did reveal his ultimate victory over sin, death and the devil, the glory of Easter is incomplete apart from complete reckoning with Jesus’ suffering and death.

So be sure to make *all* of Holy Week holy by walking with Jesus through the final events of the Divine Drama in which he played the central, saving role. You will be blessed as you delve into the deepest mysteries and wonders of God’s gracious salvation, revealed and achieved in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace and peace to you,
Pastor Scott

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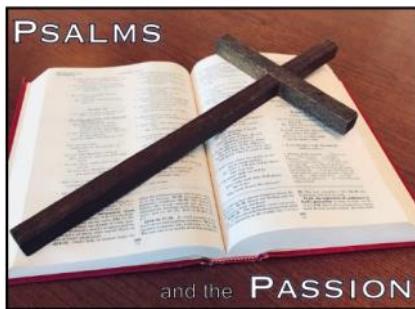
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Stewardship Snapshot

Have you noticed all the advertisements for retirement planning on television, the radio and the internet? Every financial firm promises peace of mind and security to its clients, but the ads themselves mostly sell anxiety. Are you saving enough? Will you outlive your money? Are you getting the best return? Have you considered all the pitfalls that might await you?

Those are important questions, of course, but they can also tempt us to put our faith in our financial resources and money management, rather than in God who provides it all for us and has promised to sustain us. One of the purposes of giving money away, generously and systematically, is to turn our hearts and trust back to God. It is more natural to hang on to whatever money we have, so to give it away is a powerful reminder that it all came from God and that we can trust God to continue to sustain us, no matter what. As Jesus promised us, “Your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:32-33)



Lent and Holy Week

Psalms and the Passion

Lenten services continue each Wednesday through April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

April 3 - Pastor Scott Grorud on Psalm 41, “The Son is Betrayed”

April 10 - Pastor Steve Olcott on Psalm 16, “Beautiful Savior”

Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ April 14, regular services times with children singing and 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 receive their first communion at these services)

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

Easter Sunday ~ April 21, services at 6, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Breakfast will be served from 7 - 10 a.m.



With summer just around the corner, it is time to think about summer plans. One way to share in amazing summer memories is to attend Bible camp. There are a number of options you can participate in with your faith family this year.

For kids: July 28-Aug. 2 for 1st-7th grade students at Shores of St. Andrews

For adults: Aug. 12-15, 19-22, or 26-29 at Mount Carmel

For families: July 13-19 (with Pastor Randy Freund and the Augsutana District) or July 27-Aug. 2 (with Pastor Dave Wollan) at Mount Carmel

There is also a Day Camp, Vacation Bible School, and the Mystery Bus. You can find more information and registration information for these amazing opportunities on the website or in the church office. Won't you unplug and get out to enjoy God's awesome creation this summer?

Stump the pastor

Q: Where did Maundy Thursday get its name? What does it mean?

A: Maundy is an old English word that has the same root as mandate. It means a command and refers to the new commandment Jesus gave his disciples in the upper room on that night. "I give you a new commandment, that you

love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34) Jesus gave this new commandment after he had washed his disciples' feet, a degrading and humiliating act that demonstrated his determination to serve without limit, especially in his impending death on the cross.

It is a bit unusual, though, that the name Maundy Thursday was put on this day, because only John's account of the Gospel includes either the foot-washing or the new commandment. In the other three Gospel accounts, the central event on that Thursday night was Jesus instituting the sacrament of Holy Communion, a key event which John does not mention at all. Holy Communion is more important theologically than the events John describes, so in most Lutheran churches, Maundy Thursday services have focused more on the sacrament than on the new commandment. That makes the name of the day seem even more obscure, but just because of that, it serves as an important reminder of the gracious words and actions of Jesus recorded in John 13.

COMMON CUP MINISTRY, INC.

Common Cup Ministry is now in its 19th year of outreach and continues to grow and change, yet stay consistent with the mission of serving those in need through gathering community and church resources into one "common cup"!

Common Cup is supported by area congregations, individuals, businesses, United Way of McLeod County, Hutchinson Area Health Auxiliary, Thrivent Financial, I.J. Burich Foundation, Hutchinson Community Foundation, and the 3M Volunteer Match Program.

Community Outreach Programs include monthly diaper distribution (95 children served each month), warm coat distribution (525 people served), school supply distribution (515 served) PoPP (personal care products delivered to McLeod County schools monthly, approximately 175 served), backpack weekend feeding program. We give a hand up to those needing assistance with lodging, car repair, utilities, auto fuel, transportation, rent assistance, clothing, as well as health and medical needs.

Our total income for 2018 was \$253,530. Our total expenses were \$240,136.

THANK YOU for your prayer support of CCM and for caring about those in need throughout our county who are experiencing a crisis and need somewhere to turn.

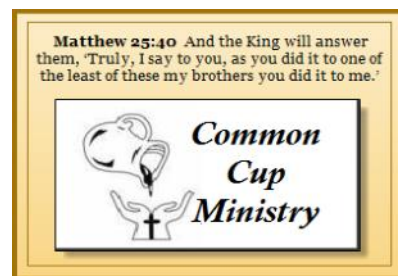
If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Director Bev Bonte at 320-234-8344.

...The Backpack program provides weekend breakfasts, lunches & snacks for 280+ kids in Hutchinson, Glencoe & Silver Lake. Please continue donating applesauce and fruit cups. They may be placed in the CCM corner outside the reception office.

...West Central Men's Chorus will present "Behold Our God" on Sunday, April 7th, 2:00 p.m., at Vineyard United Methodist Church. A free will offering will be taken with all proceeds going to support Common Cup Ministries.

...CCM's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Common Cup Thrift Store in Downtown Glencoe, at 712 ½ 11th Street East.

...THANK YOU for your continued support of Common Cup Ministry.



Geri Johnson, Faith's rep to CCM



Greetings Faith Lutheran Family!

We are thrilled at the opportunity to share with you all that God has been doing in our lives since we have last connected with your congregation and also to share more about the ministry He has called us to begin this summer. In the last four years, God has intensified the desire on our hearts to serve in international missions. God has been at work shaping and preparing us with gifts for ministry in areas of discipleship, music, and a passion for strengthening the church. He has also been shaping in us, a love for serving in an urban cross-cultural context.

“If we reach the cities, we will reach the nations.” D.L. Moody

The world is growing increasingly urban; more people live in cities than ever before. A UN report predicts that by 2050, nine out of ten people in Latin America will live in cities. Cities are centers of influence, global connecting points—strategic for the gospel to spread to every sector of society. With this mass urbanization comes a call to the body of Christ to share in the work of the harvest knowing there are more image-bearers per square-mile in cities than anywhere else. (Matthew 9:36-38)

This past summer we were appointed by South America Mission to serve a 2.5-year missionary commitment in Lima, Peru. South America Mission (est. 1914) longs to see dynamic churches multiplied across South America that transform local communities and the world as they embody the Kingdom of God. www.southamericamission.org.

Lima, a city of over 10 million people, is longing to hear the Gospel of Jesus. Lima is the third most populous city in South America. While six million residents currently live in extreme poverty, it is estimated that less than 5% of the population has heard the Gospel of Grace.



We will be sent to join the church planting team working with Iglesia de la Ciudad (Church of the City). This church plant is in partnership with Redeemer City to City. Iglesia de la Ciudad was launched in 2017. The next phase of this initiative will be to launch the next church plant in another key district of Lima in 2019/2020. We will be assisting with this next launch, serving in areas of discipleship, music, and hospitality.

We invite you to be a part of this next step of our journey as we continue to follow His call. We ask you to consider partnering with us through prayer and through monthly financial support. We need prayer warriors during this next season of preparation and ask that you pray in advance for hearts in Lima to be softened, lives to be transformed, doors to be opened, and spiritual boldness to proclaim His message of salvation! God has been faithful in providing support for us to go and we are currently 85% supported in our outgoing budget and have 40% raised for our monthly sustained giving need of \$5,100. By God’s grace and power, we plan to be sent in August of 2019 following our intercultural missionary training this summer at JAARS.

We will be visiting Faith Lutheran on April 28, 2019. We would love to see you and share more about our call! You can reach us for more information at sjfreund@southamericamission.org or call us at 320-223-1455.

Blessings,
Steven & Jennifer Freund





Seniors' Scene

Pastor Paulus Pilgrim

As I write this I notice the snow covering on our parking lot has turned to slush, and is quickly turning to nothing. The parking lot has reappeared! Yay! That parking lot is ready for your feet to make their way across it, and on into the Faith Center for the next **Seniors' Potluck** meeting.

It should be very interesting. After seeing our new high school last month we will see what's new at Harmony River. Linda Krentz, the Director of Nursing at HR, will be with us to share new visions of service to our elders who need nursing care. Since Hutchinson Health sold Harmony River to Presbyterian Homes developments may surge ahead faster as they seek to develop a continuum of care that will include more levels of living—such as assisted living, regular apartments, even a mini shopping center, etc.

Our hopes are that we'll have nicer weather (could it have been worse; so it has to be better) so that we can make our way safely to the Faith Center, where we'll savor the wonderful aromas of the food you bring; and following friendly conversation (and digestion) and hear about the Harmony River of the future. I'm excited about that. Aren't you? So is Linda. She told me so.

Circle **Thursday, April 25, 12:00 noon potluck meal** on your green Seniors Potluck schedule, and don't miss it. Check to see if your friend(s) are available to join you in the Faith Center. They'll love you for it!

"See you at Seniors Potluck"



It's Lent! A time of deep reflection and remembrance of the sacrifice Christ made for us. I'm not sure if you have noticed, but recently I have adorned a new outfit orchestrated by Pastor Dave. I shall not divulge any more, but come to the Lenten services to see what we have been scheming!

There is still time to join in on the excitement of being in choir! Faith Singers has plenty of openings and there are still special music openings to be filled, especially during Holy Week. Stop by or give me a call to get plugged in. Blessings to you all as we journey into Holy week!

by: Will Holt



New Member Reception

We will receive new members on Sunday, May 12, with orientation sessions on April 28, May 5 and 12 during the education hour. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Faith Lutheran, please contact Marsha at 587-2093 or marshas@faithlc.com.



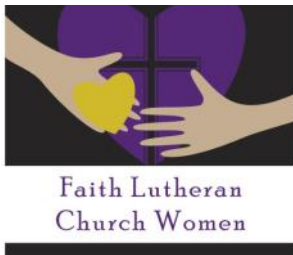
Faith Groups are returning April 1!

Contact Marsha Schmit at 587-2093 to join a group today!

"Let the Reader Understand"



Making Sense of Scripture



Free Community Meal

The FLCW will be serving the April 7 free community meal from 4-6 p.m. They will be serving a delicious homemade spaghetti and meatball supper. Volunteers are still needed for set-up, serving and clean-up. Join the work, enjoy the food, and have a little fun, all at the same time.

This free meal is open to everyone in the community.



Mugs and Muffins

The next Mugs and Muffins event will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. Speaker to be announced!

Faith Lutheran's Annual Rummage Sale Thursday, April 25, 2-7 p.m. Friday, April 26, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 8-11 a.m.



What to do with the gadgets, gizmos, whozits, whatzits or thingamabobs you've cleaned out of your drawers and closets? Donate them to our rummage sale! Donations will be accepted Monday-Wednesday, April 22-24, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. We will have greeters at the door to help you unload your cars and move items to the sale areas.

Items not accepted are: large appliances, TV's, computers, exercise equipment, electronics, cribs, car seats.

The rummage sale takes many hands from beginning to end. Can you be a part of it, if only for an hour or two? Come on in and we will find a place for you to help. Any time you can spare would be much appreciated. Men, women and youth are all needed to help.

Set-up times will be 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Wednesday April 22-24. Tear down will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Did you know that any leftover items are donated to the library, hospital thrift shop, Twice Is Nice, Wings, Common Cup, Animal Shelter, Operation Christmas Child, and the DAV?

For those who like to bake, donations are needed for the Bake Sale. Make sure and watch for a separate Plant Sale at a later date.



Please Remember in Prayer



Please remember all those who are serving 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)
- 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
- Buffalo Lake Nursing Home
Shirley Holtz
- 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
Irene Christensen
Betty Jensen
Karol Nolte
Joanne Olesen
Jean Pittman
Doyle Thielman
Charlie & Harriet Thor
- Olivia Rehab & Healthcare Ctr.
Jerome Lindquist
- Oaks
Arlyce Drahos
Ellsworth & Delores Lorentzen
Barb Ryan
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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

