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Pastor's Page

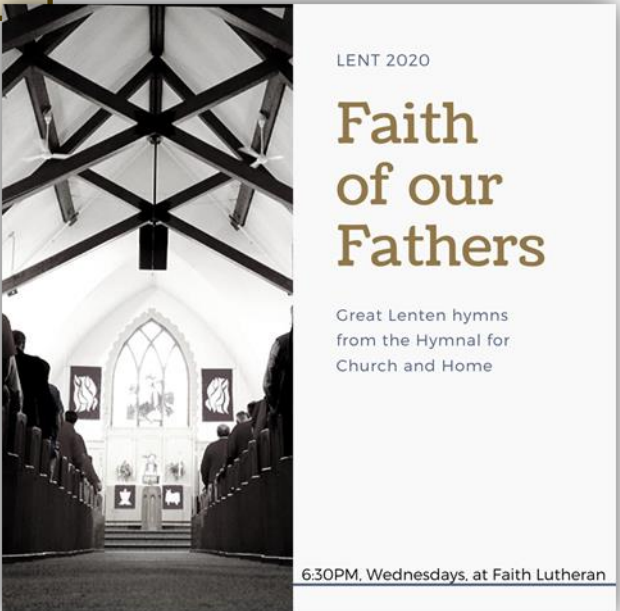
*"Ponder anew what the Almighty
can do.
If with his love he befriend you!"*

*"He is jealous for me
Loves like a hurricane, I am
a tree,
Bending beneath the weight
of his wind and mercy"*

Those are my favorite lines from my favorite hymn and favorite praise song: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* and *How He Loves*. They are words that - along with the rest of the hymn and song - inspire me, give me hope and encouragement, and speak truth to my soul. No doubt, you have some songs and hymns that do the same. Music is such a gift from God. With it, we praise the Lord. With it, he speaks truth to us in a way that sticks in our hearts and replays in our minds.

For this reason, I am excited to share that during Lent this year we will be immersing ourselves in some of the rich hymns of the faith that helped shape our congregation. For the Lenten season of our 150th year as a congregation we will be worshiping around the theme ***Faith of our Fathers: Great Lenten hymns from the Hymnal for Church and Home*** which was the hymnal used at Faith Lutheran up until 1958.

These days, with television monitors or projectors, many of us hardly ever open hymnals. But there was a time when hymnals were not only open in church, but also opened in homes, as families gathered around a piano, pump organ, or violin to praise the Lord! These hymns shaped individuals, families, and, as a result, the congregation.



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Q: How and why was the name Faith Lutheran chosen for this church?

A: The “how” is explained clearly in the history of the church. The original name of the church was not Faith Lutheran, but “Hutchinson Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church.” At times, it was also referred to as the “Danish Evangelical Lutheran Association,” which may reflect the first denomination the church joined in 1885. It was called “The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church Association in America,” but, no doubt in part because of that unwieldy name, it was popularly known as “The Blair Church.”

Our congregation also went by the short-hand name of the Danish Church, but in 1900, another Danish church was founded in Hutchinson, Nazareth Danish Lutheran Church. To distinguish the two, our congregation soon came to be known as Main Street Lutheran, a name which stuck until 1958. Then, however, it came to light that none of these names were ever legally filed, even though property had been bought in the name of Main Street Lutheran! So, on November 19, 1958, the church’s name was officially and legally changed to Faith Lutheran Church.

The “why” is not explained so easily. The church’s history does not say why the name Faith was chosen or if other names were also considered. There might, however, be some members of Faith who still recall that process. If you know any more about the choice of Faith as the name of our church, please pass on the details!



Looking Back



Do you recognize this longtime organist of Faith Lutheran Church? She began playing piano for Sunday School at the age of 14. After she was confirmed, she played the organ for church services for seven years with the support of her family who had to drive her 10 miles to church each time she played.

She joined Faith Lutheran Church with her husband in 1958. She started right away as a backup organist and, by 1966, she was playing full time, working for 15 different pastors. In the early years, she played for three services a week and later played just for First Word and some holy days.

This organist blessed Faith Lutheran Church with her gift of music for many years. We could not be more grateful for your years of service, Shirley Holtz.

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So this Lenten season, let's gather together as a Faith family. Let's sing these old truths together. Let's be shaped by the very same hymns that shaped our founders. Let's praise the same God, using the same words, as we journey to the cross of Christ.

Of course, we'll be singing the old truth in newer songs as well. We'll enjoy some visits by some surprise characters. And we'll crowd into the old Sanctuary, young and old. There's a reason these Lenten services are my favorite services of the year! It's a blend of old and new, young and old, and a beautiful, holy season.

So journey to the cross with your Faith family, around the Faith of our Fathers, beginning every Wednesday starting on Ash Wednesday.

See you in church!
Pastor Dave



Midweek Lenten services will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from February 26 through April 1.

Lent is followed by **Holy Week** which is filled with a number of special services.

- ♦ Palm Sunday, April 5: Sunday services at normal times, with Sunday school children processing with palms and singing.
- ♦ Maundy Thursday, April 9: services at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. Sixth-grade students will receive their first communion.
- ♦ Good Friday, April 10: services at 12 noon and 6:30 p.m., with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.
- ♦ Easter Sunday, April 12: services at 6:00, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Breakfast is served from 7:00-9:30 a.m.



Lenten Picnic

Make plans now to join your Faith Family for the annual Lenten Picnic on Wednesday, March 25, from 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. in the Faith Center. Come for grilled hotdogs, beans, chips, lemonade, bars, and fellowship! Please join us for this taste of summer and then stay for the Lenten worship service at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 AM, WEDNESDAYS DURING
LENT (BEGINNING MARCH 4TH)

Lenten Morning Prayer

Join Pastor Dave in the Sanctuary for a
half hour of prayer to begin your day

NEW THIS YEAR!
LENTEN MORNING PRAYER
Join Pastor Dave on Wednesday mornings
at 6:30 a.m. for a half hour of prayer
before you begin your day.



“Faith Seeks Understanding”
Continuing Learning Opportunities for Adults

These classes will begin on March 1, at 9:15 a.m. and continue through April 5.

A Manual for Church Life

Already in the New Testament era, the Christian church began to organize and become a more formal institution. Many of those developments still govern church life today. This study will examine the wisdom of I Timothy for how Christ’s Church should operate, then and now. Meet with Pastor Scott in the Faith Center

“The Worst Parents”

Learning what NOT to do from Old Testament parents

We’ve all been there as parents: you forget to pick up your kid from practice, you feed them fast food four days in a row, you lose your temper over trivial things... And every time it’s the same: you think you must be the worst parent ever! Well, take heart! After all, have you ever had your kids kill each other? Or sell one another into slavery? Join Pastor Dave as we learn from some Old Testament parents that will make our parenting look spectacular! We’ll learn what NOT to do, and encourage one another on what we can do to raise good and faithful kids. Meet in the third floor conference room.

Hymnology

The Word behind the Words

This class will look at the role of original Danish hymns as an expression of our faith. We will dig deep into hymns on Sunday that will be used in the following Wednesday night service and look at how those words link to Scripture and Gospel. Led by Jeff Amundson in the office conference room.



Faith Date Night!

Valentine’s Day has come and gone, but it is always time to plan a date night with your sweetheart.

Mark Friday, March 27 on your calendar now!

This Date Night is for married and pre-married couples. It will be a night of fun, encouragement and relationship building. Make a date, put it on your calendar now, and watch for more details to follow later in March!



Greetings, Faith Lutheran!

Lent is on the horizon. As I am sure you are aware, Lent is a time for self-contemplation and reflection as we recognize Christ's sacrifice for us. With that in mind, I want to have special music that is oriented towards that great tradition. Music with texts that not only is seeping drama reflective of the Passion of Christ, but also brings new facets that we may not have heard before. Much music to hear from Faith Singers, which is still not too late to join, as well as an offering from our confirmation bell choir before taking a short break.

I hope that you have noticed that we have been using new software to project slides of lyrics/text from songs and hymns. We have used Song Show for a very long time, but like all things in the computer age, we have grown so accustomed to living in, we have to update periodically to keep up with our congregational needs. However, I realize this is not a perfect system. For those of you who are watching the sanctuary services via television broadcast, it might be harder to read the screens. All I can ask is that you please be patient with us as we follow through with a solution. Growing pains like this are to be anticipated, but we are on it!

As always, please let me know how you can get involved, as there is a lot to do in the Lenten season and Easter!

Blessings, Will



2020 Funeral Server Groups

One of the many ministries of Faith Lutheran Church is the luncheon service for funerals. Each member of Faith has been assigned to a Funeral Group. You will see that members have been alphabetically divided into 10 groups and assigned to the callers listed below. Please make note of your assigned caller and prayerfully consider saying yes and serving your Faith family when you are able.

Caller:	Groups:
Kayleen Jensen	Adamek, Michael & Lisa--- Brinkman, Dan & Deaun
Sherry Schuetz	Brodd, Jim & Virginia---Eckhart, Ronda
Patsy Amundson	Ehlers, Jerry & Stacie---Hallquist, Mackenzie
Stacy Hammer	Hammer, Tracy---Kamrath, Jon & Rachel
Helen Kieper	Kaping, Adam & Dea---Lewerenz, Rodney & Lore
Jan McClure	Lien, Mike & Shannon---Neubarth, Darrin & Kari
Jeraldine Rohrbach	Neubarth, David & Susan---Redman, Randy & Becky
Mary Ann Ward	Reece, Cory & Cheryl---Schwarze, Matthew
Kay Karg	Schwarzrock, Gary & Nola---Uecker, Ryan & Misty
Maria Weikle	Vacek, Glynis---Zuehlke, Richard

Seniors’ Scene

Can you believe it? LENT is here! The word “Lent” means “spring.” So it’s a word filled with expectation and anticipation. Something good lies up ahead, even as we go through the doldrums of winter weather. We moan about grey skies, wind chills, etc., but we always look ahead to a change for the better. Spring always arrives, as God orders it in His majestic and marvelous arrangement of creation.



That’s also true of the passion events in Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. So much of the Lenten story seems harsh and dismal. Jesus endures an unfair trial, eventual beatings and mockery and unbelievable pain; including the pain of being rejected by His beloved heavenly Father. Who can look at Him on the cross and not wince?

BUT...Easter arrives! Easter...with its God-given message of Life bigger than death. Jesus, victorious in His dying and rising always, giving us the amazing message: “I’m doing this FOR YOU! This is YOUR victory! This is YOUR salvation! This is YOUR hope for life as it unfolds with its trials and joys.

When we ask things like “Why?” Why do I have this cancer? Why did he/she die so young? Why shootings, suicides, unfair trials, broken families, it’s always the “Why” that never gets answered. God’s wisdom is too high for our full understanding.

Remember this: when answers don’t come; and things about life and God don’t seem to fit together, God is always saying, “My child, trust Me! Trust Me! What lies ahead is Easter. New life. Eternal life. What you see on earth is simply not all there is. I have immeasurably more FOR YOU. This risen, living Jesus holds it in heaven FOR YOU.”

In this 150th anniversary year, knowing our congregation’s original Danish background, we’ll be using a unique way to hear the Gospel. We’re using Danish hymns, rich in the message of God’s grace FOR YOU. So we’ll read and sing (in English) the message of God’s gift of His beloved Son for our forgiveness and eternal life.

SENIORS’ POTLUCK meets **Thursday, March 26**, beginning with potluck dinner at 12:00 noon. Our program is “Revisiting Common Cup.” Common Cup has become a marvelous agency for meeting people with Christian love and relief in their times of need. Director, Bev. Bonte, will update and inspire us.

Come, and bring a friend!



Grief Support Group



A Sunday morning Grief Support Group ended on February 2. We met during Digging Deeper in the conference room. Those who attended were great participants, sharing their experiences, and helping each other work through some difficult feelings. They committed themselves to keeping everything private, to assure each person’s confidentiality.

As we reviewed and evaluated these sessions, the participants themselves wanted to share that many “grievors” could benefit from sessions like these. Not only grief from loss of a loved one, but grieving from other “losses,” like loss of employment, moving from a home one has occupied for many years to a nursing home or assisted living facility, receiving a diagnosis of cancer or other severe illness, loss of freedom to pursue individual activity due to becoming a caregiver, loss from fire or accident, and many more. Sharing tough feelings from such losses in a setting of privacy and confidentially is healing and freeing.

Looking ahead, Marsha and Pastor Paulus will be facilitating more grief support sessions in the future. Please watch for announcements in the bulletin and newsletter.



Do You Know What a Modest \$2,500 from FLC in 2020 Is Helping to Do in Madagascar?
Reflections from Pastor Paul

Friends of Madagascar Mission (FOMM) is a Lutheran mission that is working with the Malagasy Lutheran Church to amazing ends. In 2020, FOMM is celebrating ten years of witness that has grown immensely. Below you see how congregations and individual families are being used by our Lord to multiply what the Malagasy Lutheran Church is doing.

Evangelists: 50 evangelists are presently being sponsored either by families or congregations. At \$700 per year for each evangelist, the budget total for this witness is **\$35,000**.

Prison Ministry: FOMM is presently bearing witness in 15 of the country’s 83 prisons. Food is provided to the prisoners along with worship, Bible studies, and vocational training. The budget for 2020 is **\$48,000**, with the hope of having a presence in three to five more prisons.

Bible Schools: Presently support is given to three of the Malagasy Lutheran Church’s Bible Schools. 20 to 25 students are in each of these schools being prepared in two year programs to be evangelists. The budget for FOMM for these schools: **\$30,500**.

Ejeda Hospital Nutrition Program: This mission hospital is in a remote arid area of a country constantly facing malnutrition. Families of patients are required to provide food for patients. FOMM seeks to meet this basic need for food, as well as modest support for patients unable to cover any cost of care. Budget for this effort: **\$8,400**.

Drip Irrigation Project: A very low cost, low tech irrigation program at the Ejeda Hospital and at one of the Bible Schools is showing how scarce water can be directed to plants and the food that can come from this project. It also teaches those seeing it to replicate it in their local communities. Budget for this effort is **\$5,000**.

Miscellaneous Expenses: Approximately **\$6,500**.

With a budget of \$132,500, our partner, FOMM, is doing truly wonderful work. We are privileged to give them our support. In 2019, we added \$1,500 for the Prison Ministry feeding program as a result of our November hunger appeal. Thank you FLC members.



New Hope Mission Society E-mail List

New Hope Mission Society is building a new e-mail contact list in order to get news about the mission out more frequently and inexpensively. If you would like to be added to this new NHMS contact list, please let Pastor Scott or the church office know. NHMS is one of the main mission efforts of Faith Lutheran and we would like as many members of Faith as possible to be informed about it.



Let's "Grow" our Food Donations!

March Food Drive

During the month of March, the Congregational Life Ministry Team is asking everyone to participate in the March Spring Food Drive. Look for the Spring Display located in the southeast entrance (Door 2) (thanks to Dick Desens for making the garden box) and bring your items to share with others in our community from March 8 - March 29. All food collected will be brought to the Food Shelf in time for it to receive additional grant funds. Thank you for helping to provide food for those in need in Hutchinson and the area.



**ALL FOOD and FINANCIAL
SUPPORT RECEIVED
BY 1:00 p.m. MONDAY,
APRIL 13, 2020
IS ELLIGIBLE FOR
ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS**

Most Needed Items:

Cereal, crackers, pasta, rice, canned and dry or garden fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts, nut butters, canned meat, canned and dry beans, condiments and sauces, seasonings and spices, baking items, meals and sides, personal care and household items.



Upon This Rock Capital Campaign



By the end of February, the balance on the church's mortgage will be under \$400,000! That is an amazing achievement after only nine years of a 25-year loan.

That's the good news. The not-so-good news is that giving to the Upon This Rock capital campaign has fallen far short of the monthly payment in the first months of 2020. In January, almost half of the payment had to be taken from reserve funds rather than offerings. The capital campaign account is not large enough to subsidize our monthly payments at that level for long. Please continue to support Upon This Rock, even if you have completed your original pledge, so that Faith can pay off this remaining mortgage as quickly and efficiently as possible. Thank You!!



Changing the Pattern

Due to astounding offerings during December, Faith Lutheran ended 2019 in a strong financial position. However, the imbalance between how much was given in December compared to the rest of the year is concerning. One goal for the church this year is to begin to change that pattern.



Starting this year, Faith's leaders are asking the family of Faith to make three commitments:

- 1) Pray God to inspire and equip us to begin to change this famine-feast giving pattern;
- 2) Give in proportion to your income, whether 1%, 5%, 10% or more, not a set dollar amount;
- 3) Spread your giving as evenly as possible over all 12 months of the year.

It would be so great to reach the end of Faith's 150th anniversary year and *not* need to plead for huge year-end offerings to avoid a financial crisis. Will you commit to helping change this pattern?

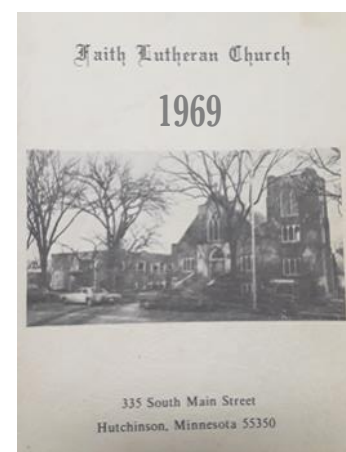


Save the date

to be photographed for the new
Faith Lutheran Church directory

Photography begins May 26.
Watch the bulletin for more information!

Lifetouch.



Pictorial Directory Time Coming Soon!

Pictured at the right is one of the first pictorial directories made for Faith Lutheran in 1969. In this year of celebration in 2020, it is once again time to put together a new pictorial directory of Faith's members. Watch for exact dates coming in May and September and make sure to find a time to get your picture taken for this special 150th anniversary edition. There is no purchase required and all those who have their picture taken will get a free copy of the anniversary edition of the directory. The more people who participate, the more accurate this special edition will be.



Mugs and Muffins

The next gathering of ladies for Mugs and Muffins will be on Saturday, April 4. Keep watch in your weekly church bulletin for more details!



FLC Annual Rummage Sale

April 23-25, 2020

NEEDED - MEN WITH STRONG BACKS AND MUSCLES!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 19, after the 10:10 services to lend a hand bringing tables, clothes racks, etc. to the third floor. It should not take very long and the more hands we have the faster we will get things moved.

Donations for the sale can be dropped off beginning Monday April 20, at 8 a.m.

No exercise equipment, appliances, TV's or computers please.



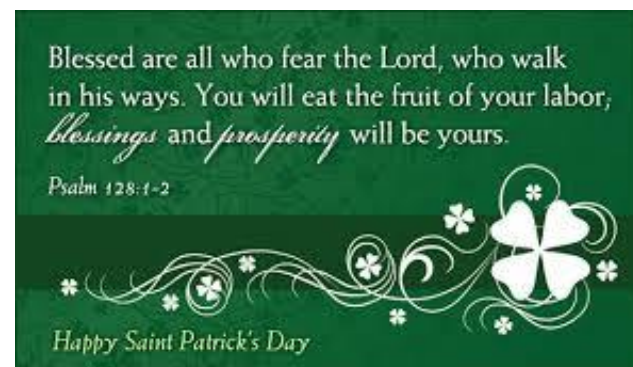
Heartsaver® First Aid CPR AED

First Aid / CPR / AED Training

Faith Lutheran Church is sponsoring a First Aid / CPR / AED training session on Saturday, March 21, from 9-12 noon in the Faith Center. Anyone who is interested is invited to participate in the training. We would like to especially encourage ushers, Sunday School teachers, confirmation and youth leaders to attend. This training is open to students as well as adults and can be invaluable at home, work, school, anywhere you go, not just when you are at church. Thanks to a non-profit discount from the American Heart Association and a Thrivent Grant, this class is being offered for just \$25 per person (normally \$65). We do need to get registration numbers to the instructor by March 9 so that she can have the appropriate number of supplies on hand. If you are interested, please contact the office and *register before March 9!* Please plan to participate, you just might save a life!



Don't forget to Spring Forward on Saturday, March 7!



March 17

Sundays at Faith Lutheran Church:

**8:00 a.m. First Word
(Traditional Service in the sanctuary)**

**9:00 a.m. Sunday School and
Confirmation Class**

**9:15 Multiple Adult Education
Opportunities**

**10:10 a.m. Sanctuary Service
(Blended service in the sanctuary)**

**10:10 a.m. Foundation Service
(Contemporary service in Foundation)**

For the Youngest Members of Faith

Activity Bags: A Biblically themed bag of activities hanging by the church entrances for children to use.

Activity Sheets: Work pages found near the Bible Bags geared for children 5-10.

Faith Seeds: A time during each service when children of all ages are invited to come forward for a lesson geared towards them. Parents and "big kids" are invited, too!

Sprouts: During the 10:10 services, children ages 3-6 can leave after Faith Seeds for a short hands-on lesson. They will return to their families after the sermon. (Sprouts leaders needed for this activity!)



Please Remember in Prayer

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

Braiden Bjorge (Marines - grandson of Sandy Curtiss)
Mike Bjorge (Air Force, Qatar - son-in-law of Sandy Curtis)
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, New Orleans, LA - son of Lenny & Patti Rutledge)
Col. Rob Skaar (Minneapolis/St. Paul Air National Guard - son of Dave & Marian Skaar)
LT Brett Stadsklev (Navy, Corpus Christi, TX - son-in-law of Judy & Tom Felber)
SPC 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
Bernice Vorbeck
Lucille Wehking

Harmony River
Margaret Alrick
Myrt Bauer

Irene Christensen
Betty Jensen
Ruth Larson
Jerome Lindquist
Karol Nolte
Joanne Olesen
Jean Pittman
Doyle Thielman
Harriet Thor

Meeker/Manor Litchfield
Harold (Swede) Sandgren

Oaks
Gordy Bauer
Marcella Brede
Arlyce Drahos
Beverly Kirchner
Ellsworth & Delores Lorentzen
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*“EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY,
FOR BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST”*
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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

**Newsletter via
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