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In the first week of October, three of Faith's pastors along with our three "FLIPterns" will be in St. Louis to attend the annual gathering of LCMC. Faith Lutheran has been a member of LCMC since it was founded nearly 25 years ago, but I find that many people here aren't really familiar with it.

LCMC stands for Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. That title is a little clunky, but it is highly descriptive of this association of churches. LCMC includes nearly 1,000 Lutheran congregations in the U.S., Canada and several other countries that are committed to the mission of proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

LCMC was founded in 2000 by churches that had become disturbed by the decisions and direction of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Most of the churches that originally joined LCMC withdrew from the ELCA, but Faith Lutheran did not. Our congregation remained a member of both bodies for ten years and Faith was a national leader in efforts to reform the ELCA. Only once it became clear that those efforts would not succeed did Faith withdraw from it and retain membership in LCMC only.

By design, LCMC is "an association of congregations." It is not organized as a typical denomination is, but, despite its large size, maintains a remarkably small national staff and a nearly flat structure. All but a handful of decisions are left to the congregations of LCMC. Because of that, its annual gatherings have famously short business meetings, allowing the gatherings to focus almost entirely on teaching and fellowship instead.

Faith Lutheran continues to play a significant role in LCMC. Pastor Randy Freund, who served here until 2013, currently chairs the Board of Directors. Pastor Dave has preached, spoken and led workshops at several gatherings. Pastor Paul Knudson has been involved with global mission efforts and I serve on its theological advisory team.

Since it was founded, LCMC has grown dramatically in membership and the number of congregations. By membership, it is now the third largest Lutheran church in America. Although its name is still not widely known, a number

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Seniors Scene

by Pastor Paulus Pilgrim

SENIORS' POTLUCK: WHAT'S AN INTERN?

The seniors' potluck steering committee has asked our interns, Courtney, Josh, and Trevor, to come and share with us some information about themselves.

Like: Who are you? Tell us about your family, your interests, your future goals. Why did you choose to come here, to observe and work with Faith Lutheran members and staff? What made you want to be an intern at Faith Lutheran? What do you hope you will accomplish here? How do you see Faith Lutheran as a congregation? How do you perceive your experience here will influence your future as a servant of Christ? What else would you like to share with us? We are looking forward to hearing from you!



SENIORS' POTLUCK meets **Thursday, October 26**, beginning with our usual potluck dinner at **12:00 noon**. You won't want to miss this one. Come, and bring your friends, we hope someone new as well. **"See you at Seniors' Potluck."**

Phase II Building Committee (P2BC)

The P2BC is meeting monthly with our architects, Brian Berg and Kevin Zachman.

They began with the plans for Phase II that were drawn 15 years ago and led the committee in carefully revising them in light of Faith's current ministry. The changes have improved the layout significantly, even though the overall footprint is much the same. The committee will soon be ready to present updated plans to the congregation. Look for those opportunities coming up and join in the vision for completing our church building.

Stewardship
A way of living

Stewardship Matters

It is a little hard to believe that we are in the last quarter of 2023. Each year seems to pass by more quickly than the last. For the church, this is the time when we begin looking toward year's end. The Nominating Committee begins seeking new elected leaders, the Personnel Committee considers salary and benefit changes, and work begins on the annual report.

This is also when the church council starts to gauge the offerings that will be needed by year's end to cover all of the church's ministry needs. So far this year, General Fund expenses have exceeded giving by about \$63,000. That is not unusual for this time of year and overall giving in 2023 is ahead of last year. Still, as a church, we would do well to cover the General Fund deficit by the end of the year.

Members of Faith will receive third-quarter giving statements about the same time that this newsletter is published. Please look over your giving for the year, consider it in light of how God has blessed you and continue to give generously so that Faith Lutheran can meet its expenses for 2023 and have the resources needed to do the ministry God has entrusted to us here. Thank You!

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of churches in our area also belong to LCMC, including our sister church in Hutchinson, Christ the King. If you would like to learn more about this association and its mission, check out www.lcmc.net or talk to any of the pastors. Please pray for LCMC, its member churches and the annual gathering, that all these Lutheran congregations might faithfully and effectively pursue our mission to proclaim Christ as Lord.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott Grorud



Update From the FLIPterns

To the congregation of Faith Lutheran,

I would be remiss if I neglected to start off my article with a sincere expression of my gratitude. The welcoming arms and outpouring of love that we interns have been met with over the last few weeks has filled my heart with amazement and joy. So many people have greeted us with genuine smiles, warm hugs, and the love of Christ. With that, I simply want to say thank you for making the initial few weeks of this program nothing short of beautiful.

Now that I have had an opportunity to express our appreciation, I will offer an update for what intern life has looked like thus far.

The first week was filled with introductions, tours, and settling in. Between making the Ansgar House our own and wandering around both the town of Hutchinson and the church, we are definitely feeling comfortable with this new community and home!

Following that first week, we officially began internship programming with two weeks of our first track: youth ministry!

During the two weeks of being on this track, Joshua, Trevor, and I had the pleasure of shadowing Kristen and assisting in some of her weekly youth ministry responsibilities and adventures. One of these, most notably, was helping with and being present during FLY on Wednesday evenings. During FLY, we had the opportunity to help plan and present the lessons for each night. The youth are currently going through

a series on world religions, which meant that we got to speak with the youth of different Christian denominations the first week, and Judaism for the second week. These topics brought forth wonderful discussions between the leaders and youth.

In addition to helping with FLY, we had the chance to serve the Free Lunch ministry on Thursday, September 14. This required the four of us to take a field trip to Cash Wise, where I was put in charge of pushing a shopping cart which held 34 individual bags of buns and 15 gallons of chocolate milk...this was quite the adventure as you can surely imagine.

After the adventure of preparing the lunch, we assisted Faith in serving over 380 high school students! Praise God! On a personal note, I think this an amazing outreach opportunity and was so impressed with it. The concept of multiple churches from Hutchinson coming together to serve youth (regardless of whether or not they believe or go to church) is extraordinary.

Whether we interns were speaking with FLY students about Lutheran beliefs or making 400 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, we have felt so sincerely blessed to witness and be a part of what God is doing in and through this congregation. Excited for the adventures to come!

Courtney Corrente



Family Fest Fan The Flame

Date Night is Back!

Friday, October 27 from 6:30-9 p.m.

Join us with your sweetheart for a fun and enriching evening with dinner and a speaker. We are welcoming Pete Larson of Family Fest Ministries for a "Fan the Flame" event. A catered dinner will once again be served before the presentation begins. The event is free, but you need to reserve your tickets before October 20. A free will offering will be accepted to help offset the costs.





Happy fall, Faith Lutheran family!

For October's article submission, I want to give you a glimpse into the newest program within the FLC Music Department – *Faith Kids Music Club*!

At the time of writing this article, we are two weeks into Music Club and the kids have been a blast to work with! As you can see by the pictures, they are an energetic bunch! There are currently 13 children registered and I hope to add more throughout the year. We have started building on music fundamentals they have learned in school; rhythm, beat, and melody. Each week, we begin with a snack and icebreaker questions, followed by brain yoga. Yes, you read that right, brain yoga! I haven't convinced Faith Singers to try brain yoga yet, but let me know if you're interested, we would love to have you join us! The kids then sing our Welcome Song together before diving into our lesson. There is always time for music games and even some bouts of freeze tag, as much as Andrea and I can keep up with! Speaking of, I want to extend a special thanks to Andrea Wollan. She has been my right hand in leading, teaching, organizing, and entertaining the kids during music club. Thank you, Andrea!



As we progress through the year, the kids will learn about our music department fall theme, *Led by the Spirit*. They will learn what it means to be led by Saint Paul's fruits of Spirit and how to live through those fruits every day. You may even see some displays of their learning and growth in the worship spaces along the way.

Ultimately, the goal of *Faith Kids Music Club* is to cultivate an appreciation and understanding of music in worship. In a world where we are continuously challenged with growing competition for church involvement and activity, it has never been more important for our children to feel a sense of ownership in the worship experience. This goal can be met through participation in such activities, supported by parents, like the music club. Another way we hope to reach this goal is through intergenerational connectivity. *Faith Kids Music Club* will partner with Faith Singers, Ringers of Faith, and even the quilting group at Faith. I am eager to see how they grow in their faith and leadership and how we as a congregation can grow and learn alongside them. Here's to a great year!

Soil Deo Gloria!
Austin

STUMP THE PASTOR

Q: Where did you get the name of the Ansgar House? What does it mean?

A: The Ansgar House is named for St. Ansgar, a monk who was born in northern Germany around A.D. 800. He is known as the Apostle of the North, because he led several attempts to evangelize Denmark and Sweden. As part of his evangelistic efforts, he also worked to stop a horrific slave trade. In A.D. 854, he was named papal legate, the official representative of the pope, to Scandinavia. Although the Scandinavian countries relapsed into paganism for a time after his death, Ansgar is remembered as the pioneer evangelist who brought the Christian Gospel to those northern countries.

Ansgar seemed like a fitting name for Faith Lutheran's internship house for several reasons.

- It reflects Faith's Danish heritage. Had Ansgar not laid that Christian foundation, Danish immigrants who came to Hutchinson might never have founded Faith Lutheran.
- It is a distinctive name, yet it is simple and easy to pronounce. It seemed to be memorable without sounding too obscure.
- The educational component of Faith Lutheran's Internship Program (FLIP) ties back to St. Ansgar College, which was founded by Danish Lutherans in Hutchinson in the early 20th century.
- Most of all, the goals of FLIP are quite similar to those of St. Ansgar's mission. Our intention is to help train Christian leaders to serve as pastors, evangelists and/or lay ministers, bringing the Gospel of Jesus to people who always need to hear that good news.

As we thank God for the courage and bold witness of St. Ansgar, we pray that He will use FLIP, the Ansgar House and the ministry of Faith Lutheran to raise up courageous and bold witnesses for our day.

MISSIONS

Our Faith Responses to Tribal Warfare Far and Near *From Pastor Paul Knudson*

Multiple interactions in the past weeks have made it evident that our partners in Ethiopia are experiencing long-standing tribal conflicts that too often erupt into bitter strife. That challenges the Christian witness of our partners in mission. It would seem that our brothers and sisters in Christ, like the rest of us, remain saints and sinners, even as we go forward as the baptized.

Two major tribal groups make up much of the land of Ethiopia. Both the Oromo and Amharic people make up much of the Ethiopia Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus the national Lutheran church. Our prayers are needed to inspire local pastors, and regional and national church leaders to be used by our Lord to bring healing and strength to persevere in witness. The peace that is freely given to us through the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior does not come from within our still sin-filled hearts. Pray for deep and lasting peace that passes all human understanding.

Lest we become self-righteous in these matters, it may be well for us to consider the strife we face within our own beloved country and Christian communities. Could it be that what divides us could also in a real sense be expressions of tribal animosities? It would appear to some of us that our convictions about what power can do to defeat our enemies may be misguided at best and dismaying to our Lord at worst.

We also are called to confession of our sin, prayers for forgiveness, and pleading with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to forgive, renew, and lead us to work for healing of divisions that, in the end, only our God can bring.

“Faith Seeks Understanding”

Continuing Learning Opportunities for Adults



Digging
DEEPER

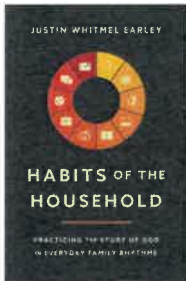
Digging Deeper sessions are held between services on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. A variety of topics are offered throughout the year. Continue to watch *Faith Matters* and Sunday bulletin announcements for the current opportunities and locations.

Continuing through October . . .

Dusting Off Theology—The Sacraments

This series of taped presentations by Dr. Jim Nestingen will continue to meet *in the sanctuary* to view the presentations on Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

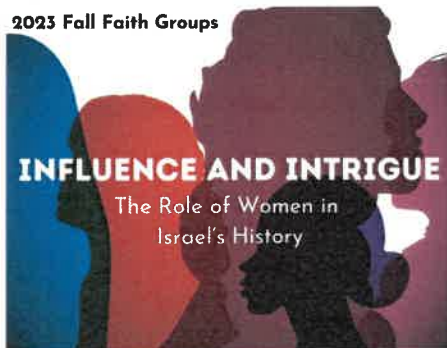
Habits of the Household (a Digging Deeper especially for parents)



Join Pastor Dave as we continue to discover simple habits and easy-to-implement daily rhythms that will help you find meaning beyond the chaos of family life as you create a home where kids and parents alike practice how to love God and each other. Based on the book by Justin Whitmel Earley. Meeting in the Faith Center.

October B23—B23 families are again invited to join the Digging Deeper class in the Faith Center.

2023 Fall Faith Groups



Fall Faith Groups

A new Faith Group series began the last week of September. This series focuses on some of the women of the Bible. There are a variety of days and times of the week when groups are meeting. There is again a Tuesday evening option including dinner and childcare. It is not too late to plug into, or start a new group. You can contact Marsha Schmit at 587-2093 for more information



Mugs & Muffins

Saturday, October 7, 2023
9 – 11 a.m.

Pull out your favorite mug, call a friend and come to enjoy some time together with your sisters in faith at Faith.

If you were at our Mugs and Muffins in August, you heard Sarah Hingst's story. Join us for the sequel as her daughters Abby and Ava share their story. (A child's perspective into family struggles.)

Faith Lutheran Church Women

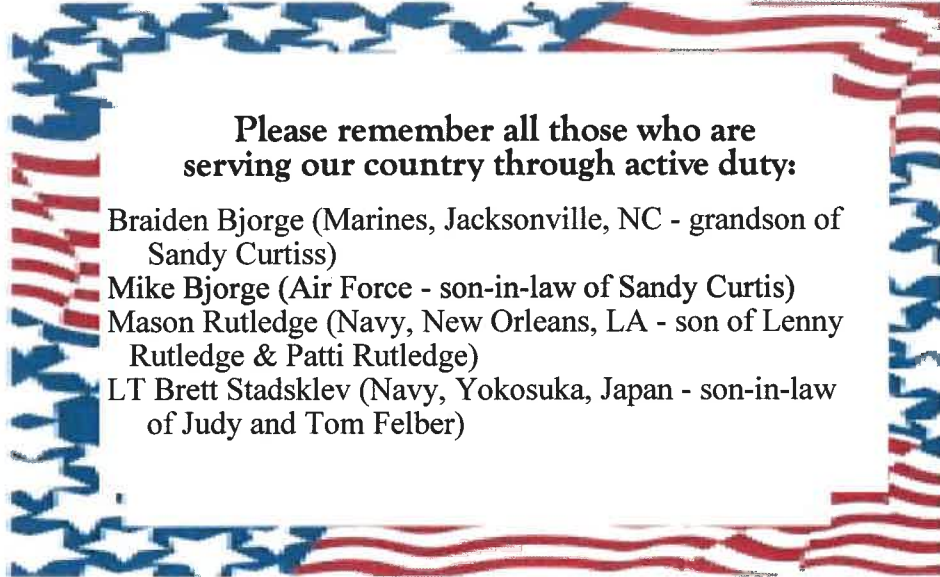
Common Cup Ministry Winter Coat Drive

Faith is currently collecting winter coats, snow pants, boots, mittens and hats for children.

All donations must be received by Friday, October 13 so that CCM can distribute these winter necessities on Thursday, October 19, from 9 a.m. –2:30 p.m. at the Hutchinson Armory. Recipients must be present to receive this winter apparel.



Please Remember in Prayer



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

Braiden Bjorge (Marines, Jacksonville, NC - grandson of
Sandy Curtiss)
Mike Bjorge (Air Force - son-in-law of Sandy Curtis)
Mason Rutledge (Navy, New Orleans, LA - son of Lenny
Rutledge & Patti Rutledge)
LT Brett Stadsklev (Navy, Yokosuka, Japan - son-in-law
of Judy and Tom Felber)



**Remember our Faith
members in nursing homes
and health care centers:**

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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



Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Dates



Sunday School

2nd-grade students will receive their Hands-on Bibles on October 29 during worship. Students and their parents should attend the Bible Introduction class prior at 9:10 a.m. on the 3rd-floor multi-purpose space.

Sunday School students will be collecting items for Operation Christmas Child to be used at the packing event on November 5, right after the 10:10 a.m. worship services. A pizza lunch will be served, too.

B23

B23 typically meets on the third Sunday of the month in the nursery, but we are encouraging parents to continue to attend the parent Digging Deeper class in the Faith Center.

Childcare is still available in the nursery during that time.

56er's

There will be no 56er's on October 18 due to MEA nor on October 25 due to Trick-or-Treat for the Food Shelf. However 6th-grade students are welcome to participate in Trick-or-Treat for the Food Shelf. If your child is interested in participating or you are willing to be a driver, please contact Laura Stowman.

Great Start

The first Great Start is on October 4 from 7:45 a.m.—10:20 a.m. at Faith. This is for students in Kindergarten—5th grade. Students must be registered to attend. You can find the form on the church website or contact Laura Stowman.

At Great Start, child will have breakfast, snack and go through rotations of Bible Story time, crafts, games and more!

We are also looking for volunteers to help with breakfast and the rotation. Please contact Laura Stowman if you are able to help.



Confirmation

First Mentor Meeting—Wednesday, October 4 for our current Confirmands!

Reformation Day – Confirmation Day
October 29 at 1:30 p.m. for our current 9th-grade class.

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR THE FOOD SHELF

October 25, 2023

Meet at church at 4:30 p.m. for pizza and instructions before heading out to collect food.

FLY Night

Faith Lutheran Youth night continues for all high school students on Wednesdays from 7:00—9:30 p.m.

High School Fall Retreat

Join us for our annual HS fall retreat! We are going to Camp Okoboji on October 20-22.

Register on the Augusta District website or contact Kristen with questions!



Ansgar Community (Young Adult Community)

This group of college and young adults will meet on Sunday nights at 7 p.m. at the Ansgar House. Contact Kristen with any questions.

Questions?

If you have questions about programs for children birth through 6th grade, please contact Laura Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministry.

If you have questions about programs for 7th grade through young adult, please contact Kristen Durst, Director of Youth and Family Ministry.



REST IN THE RACES

I cannot believe that it is October already! The time has gone so unbelievably fast. The feeling of starting a new school year has already washed away. The excitement for the start of all fall ministries has become routine. Yet, here I am wondering when does time ever slow down? Personally, the summer months zipped by. From the mission trip, to Mystery Bus, to my husband and me buying our first house, countless weddings, grad parties, sending kids off to college, and so much more; I can't even comprehend how we are here and when I will finally get rest in the busyness of the day to day of our lives.

I notice busyness in my youth as they are involved in countless activities in and out of school. I see them when they apply for National Honor Society and I see all the things going on in their lives. Parents often tell me that they feel like they are their kids' taxi drivers. So where does rest come from?

Rest comes from intentionality and consistency. In the busyness of this world, we are reminded to go, go, go, but Jesus says, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) True rest comes from HIM. In the chaos, He is our strength, our energy, and our hope. He will provide in moments of weakness and when things feel heavy. He is enough to give us strength for today and hope for tomorrow!

These years, weeks, and days will fly by, but we have this hope as an anchor that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow! No matter what, whether you're shuttling kids around, involving yourself in the community or the church, or living life daily; God is with you. He is for you and not against you! He is the one who gives you rest in the races.

Kristen Durst, Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Laura Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministries