



FLC NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

OUR MISSION

The Mission of Faith Lutheran Church & School is to share the word of Jesus Christ through a loving and caring ministry responding to the needs of all people.

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Contemporary: 8:15 AM
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 Sunday School: 8:15 AM &
 10:30 AM
 Adult Bible Class: 9:30 AM



CHRIST IS RISEN HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

Easter has officially arrived on the calendar. But the reality is that every day is Easter for us. We are Easter People – people of the Resurrection. Take away the Bunny and the Eggs, and nothing changes for us. We live in the hope of the resurrection – everyday!

This season of the year is a wonderful reminder of this ongoing truth in our lives. We bear witness to the glory of Jesus’ resurrection and cling to the promise that His empty tomb results in *our* empty tomb. Jesus said very clearly, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.” *John 11:25-26*

What an incredible gift! Perhaps we hear it so often we take it for granted. But this is the foundation of our faith. Paul makes the point: “And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.” *1 Corinthians 15:17* But then he goes on: “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.” *1 Corinthians 15:20*

I would encourage you to take the time to read the entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 15 – the great Resurrection Chapter of the Bible. This is Paul’s great testimony to the resurrection of Christ as well as the meaning and purpose of His resurrection – the gift of new and eternal life and the ultimate and final gift of our own resurrection on the Last Day.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUES...

Easter is a 50-day season. Notice that it's 10 days longer than the 40 days of Lent – and we're just getting started. As Spring arrives, let this be a time of new life for you. Spend time in God's Word and especially take the time to focus on the resurrection. Read the Gospel accounts of Jesus' resurrection and the events that followed – Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20-21 and 1 Corinthians 15.

Blessings on your ongoing Easter celebration. Let the hope of Jesus' resurrection wash over you and fill you to overflowing with life, peace, and joy.

Your fellow servant,

Pastor

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



5 - Nicholas Wanzer
 6 - Joshua Zurakowski
 7 - Betty Logan
 8 - Tanya VanSant
 10 - Caleb Zurakowski
 11 - Jeff Holsinger
 13 - Rich Andela
 13 - Jordan Dalby
 14 - Leila DeLuz
 20 - Jenna Borntreger
 22 - Kim Patrick
 23 - Trip Patrick
 23 - Ara Skinner



THANK YOU

Faith Lutheran Church would like to thank Chuck Ottolini, the son of Roland and Mary Ann Ottolini who donated his time and talents to make a new candelabra that was used in this year's Good Friday Service.

The candelabra is dedicated to his parents and in memory of his brother, John.

CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



As always with the help of God,
 Jeff Holsinger
 Council Chairman

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PRISCILLA CIRCLE/LWML NEWS –



Bake Sales Support LCS and Sunday Breakfast Mission

Upcoming bake sale - May 20, 2018.

This year we are splitting the funds raised through the bake sales between Lutheran Community Services and Sunday Breakfast Mission.

Mites

We will not be collecting mites on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. Our next mites collections will be Sunday, May 6, 2018

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Monday, April 16, 2018 at 7:00pm

Upcoming events:

LWML Delmarva Zone Rally – April 14, 2018 @ Christ Lutheran Church in Seaford, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm
The theme of this year's Spring Rally is "This Little Light of Mine- Let it Shine". A mite offering and a free will offering will be collected and an Ingathering of items to assemble hygiene kits for Orphan Grain Train has been requested. Attending this event is a great way to get to know our LWML sisters throughout the rest of the state! All women in our congregation are invited to attend. Visit <http://signup.com/go/ggwAnAG> to sign up to attend.

Viriden Center Retreat – April 27-28, 2018 in Lewes

This annual overnight event is hosted by the Christ Lutheran Church LWML (Seaford). There is a theme and a special speaker(s). It is a wonderful opportunity to dig a little deeper into the word and fellowship with other women in our area. Ellen Thress has attended regularly. Feel free to ask her or Amy Cannavo about this event, we highly recommend going.

Ladies Tea – May 5, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Our theme this year is Motherhood: The Timeless Journey. Bring a photo of your mother or yourself as a child. We will also be supporting Lutheran World Relief by ingathering supplies needed to make 25 school kits for children in need. Admission is \$8.00 and all proceeds will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. If you do not have access to a computer to sign up contact Amy at 302-388-5939.

To sign up to attend visit <http://signup.com/go/ZzoQUQb>

To sign up for school kit supplies visit <http://signup.com/go/tSTCnOc>

Annual Priscilla Circle Dinner – June 25

Mark your calendars to attend the annual Priscilla Circle dinner. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. We will be dining at Bertucci's in Newark this year.

To sign up to attend visit <http://signup.com/go/myuQczo>

Or contact Amy at 302-388-5939.

Priscilla Circle Email – The Priscilla Circle/LWML has a new email address for all things Priscilla Circle/LWML. The email is priscillacircle@faith-lutheran.church

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Online Giving Now Available – Faith Lutheran Church has taken another step into the online world as Online Giving is now available. Through Online Giving, anyone is able to make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations (or offerings). To take advantage of this new service just visit faith-lutheran.church and click on “Donate” at the top of the page.

Amazon Smile - Do you have an account with Amazon.com? Did you know that when you purchase items through Amazon.com you have the ability to assist Faith Lutheran Church as a financial resource? What? You didn't? Well, I'm here to tell you that you can!

By utilizing the Amazon Smile program, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your qualified purchases to Faith. That doesn't sound like a lot of money but consider the quantity of your Amazon purchases. Now also ponder the quantity of parishioners at Faith. It follows the model of “if everyone gave a little...the results will be substantial”. While it won't independently pay for big ticket items such as a roof or an audio/video upgrade to the sanctuary, it will definitely be put to good use in other forms. The old adage, ‘something is better than nothing’ and ‘free money’ ring very true in this case.

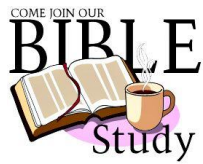
For more information about the Amazon Smile program, please visit <https://smile.amazon.com/> Prayerfully consider signing up (or changing your current charity organization) and assisting Faith in this venture. If you have any questions about the Amazon Smile program or have any general financial questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

God's Blessings,
Nick Turner
Treasurer



The Finance Team is looking for volunteers to count the offering after the late service on Sundays as well as after midweek services. We have received a preliminary list of volunteers but are looking to increase this list. The idea is that the larger quantity of assistants will lessen the burden on everyone. Please reach out via email (nkturner@gmail.com) if you are interested. Thanks.

BIBLE STUDY UPDATES



Our Midweek Bible Study will be coming to an end just after Easter. This year we studied to life of David, the great ancestor of Jesus. We saw in him a humble servant of the Lord, enduring severe persecution from King Saul. Even when given the perfect opportunity to take vengeance against the Lord’s anointed, he would not do so. We saw his failings as a parent with his children failing to address the evil things they had done, and most notable his plot to cover up his wrongdoing with another man’s wife. When confronted. David confessed and repented and the Lord restored him. In spite of all this, the Lord calls David a man after my own heart. What a wonderful example of the forgiveness of the Lord. As it says in Psalm 103 as far as the east if from the west, so far has the Lord removed our transgressions from us. Most recently we have been studying various Psalms. It is comforting to see that God includes in His Word the pleas for justice, the feelings of being unjustly harmed by sinful people, and our sorrows and sadness. He wants to hear from us and He cares for us. The turning point is when the Psalmist recognizes God’s faithfulness, care and justice. He remembers God's gracious acts of deliverance.

We have good, meaningful discussions on issues presented in the lessons, share in each other’s concerns and have precious fellowship. We have been using the Lifelight series of lessons. They involve a scripture reading for the lesson for 5 days and several questions to answer and think about. This helps each of us prepare for the lesson and gives more meaningful input into the lesson. We usually meet on Wednesday mornings and hope to start again in the fall. If you are available, please think about joining us from 10:00 to 11:30.

Thank you, Judy Andela

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT/MEETING	TIME
April 14th	LWML Zone Rally	See Info on page 8
April 15th	Church Council Meeting	9:30am
April 16 th	Priscilla Circle Meeting	7:00pm
May 5 th	Ladies Spring Tea	See info on page 8

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL EVENT/MEETINGS ARE AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



FOOD FROM FAITH/GROCERY CLUB

February's council meeting was attended by none other than yours truly, for putting forward a proposal for the Grocery Club pantry location. I presented the issues we are having with the fact that the pantry is in a, not so good place.

We were visited on our last distribution day Feb 10 by Natty from the Food Bank of Delaware to get us approved for ordering USDA food for our families. She mentioned that the pantry has to be in an area where it can be locked and where few people enter other than those who are helping with us on the food packing and distribution days. Having it where it is presently isn't one of those places so I presented a proposed option of moving the pantry down stairs to what is now the "Sunday School" room. It was approved by the council to do so and it is now being moved.

We have also been fortunate enough to be given an upright refrigerator for our USDA food to be kept cold as per the USDA also. It was donated by some lovely people from St Paul's Lutheran Church. We have sent them a thank you for such a wonderful gift to us.

Things are coming along nicely and we THANK all those who help every month to make our Grocery Club a place where local folks can come to get supplemental food for their families each month.

If you would like to help us....and we need help distribution days every month!!! We now have a sign up sheet on the clip board and we hope if you are able you will join us!!!!

We are also going to be hosting a THANKS YOU small party for the Brennan School young men who help every month to pack food. They will be in the April LCS newsletter as the VOLNTEERS of the MONTH of APRIL.

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

Kim Wanzer



2018 LWML DELMARVA ZONE SPRING RALLY

Saturday, April 14th 2018 from 9:30 am-1:30 pm - R.S.V.P. by April 6th

Join us for the 2018 Spring Zone Rally, graciously hosted by the LWML of Christ Church in Seaford, DE. Brunch will be included and served at 11:30 a.m. Also, a mite offering, and a freewill offering will be taken at the event.

This event will include a Gifts from The Heart (GFTH) donation, so please bring either small hygiene items or pre-made Orphan Grain Train Hygiene Kits. For more information, check out:

<http://www.oqt.org/help/projects/hygiene.html>

There is a volunteer that has agreed to pay for the registration for any lady attending the Rally, so this is a no cost event for any lady from our church



Ladies Spring Tea - Motherhood: The timeless Journey
 May 5, 2018 11:00 am – 1:00 pm - Admission \$8
 Visit <http://signup.com/go/ZzoQUQb> to sign up *

Please bring a photo of your mother or yourself as a child.
 Help Support Lutheran World Relief and Project Promise

With our goal to make 25 school kits for children in need.

Visit <http://signup.com/go/tSTCnOc> to view the supply list and sign up **

**If you do not have access to a computer to sign up contact Amy at 302 388 5939 or acannavo@comcast.net



Southeastern District Youth Gathering for 7th & 8th Grade Youth
 October 12 - 14, 2018
 at the Hilton Garden Inn
 Richmond VA

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

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