



FLC NEWSLETTER

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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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WORSHIP SERVICES

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



IN LIKE A LION OUT LIKE A LAMB

The month of March is said to “come in like a lion and go out like a lamb.” While this well-used phrase refers to the “typical” weather of this month, the two referenced animals also make me think of this season in our church calendar – Lent and Easter. As I thought about it, it dawned on me that these church seasons actually work in the exact opposite order. The season of Lent is all about the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), while Easter points to the “Lion of Judah” (Revelation 5:5).

Of course, these two images of Lent and Easter refer to the same individual – Christ Jesus our Lord! He is the offering – the sacrifice. And He is the King – the Conqueror. There are a lot of “mixed metaphors” when it comes to Jesus. He is both the Lamb and the Shepherd. He is the Lord of lords and the Suffering Servant. He is the Prince of Peace and the Defender against Sin, Satan, and Death.

These seemingly contradictory images of our Savior shed beautiful light on the mystery of our God, His love for us, His power and might, His grace and mercy, His plan of salvation. After all, the greatest paradoxes about God give us the greatest hope. Our God has revealed Himself as One God in Three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Godhead works together to bring about the hope of our salvation yet are each distinct in their role and function.

Jesus’ very essence is a paradox – fully God and fully human. What does that mean? What purpose does that serve? Jesus’ divinity means that God is fully present in Jesus’ ministry – in His teaching, in His healing, in His forgiveness. Jesus’ humanity means that He truly felt

PASTOR’S MESSAGE CONTINUES...

what we feel, suffered as we suffer, shed real blood and truly died a real death.

In these paradoxes, we find our hope. God accomplishes our salvation. The Lamb of God suffers and dies in sacrifice for our sins. The Lion of Judah rises victorious in power to conquer death itself. In fact, these are not paradoxes at all, but complementary images of our amazing God and Savior.

As we transition from winter to spring and from Lent to Easter, find hope in the images of the seasons – even in the paradoxes. Truly appreciate the depth of what it means that death leads to resurrection, that ashes lead to an empty tomb, and that the Lamb of God is raised in glory as the Lion of Judah.

Blessings on your Lenten journey.

Pastor

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

Please join us as we prepare for our Easter Celebration. We will have the following services in preparation for Easter...

DATE	SERVICE	TIME
March 7 th	Midweek Lenten Service	7:00pm
March 14 th	Midweek Lenten Service	7:00pm
March 21 st	Midweek Lenten Service	7:00pm
March 29 th	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00pm
March 30 th	Good Friday Service	7:00pm
March 31 st	Easter Vigil Service	7:00pm
April 1 st	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00am
April 1 st	Easter Festival Service	7:00am

We look forward to seeing everyone as we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- 7 – Sandra Toengmeyer
- 8 – Jennifer Dalby
- 16 – Mary Ann Ottolini
- 20 – Sean McGaughan
- 24 – Tom Patrick
- 29 – Matthew Wanzer

CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we rapidly pass through the Lenten season, we are encouraged to remember that as we do this, we do so moving toward that great day of Easter. May as we sacrifice things during lent remember that our God sacrificed His only son to die on the cross for our sins so that we could be saved from the punishment we all so deserve. Jesus gave His life so that we could live and that we would be with Him in all His glory for ever and ever. At our first Lenten service this year, we were reminded that we were loved and precious in the eyes of God and that we, each one as an individual had been picked by God to be part of His family because He loves us. Please join us each Wednesday during Lent to hear of how God loves us and takes care of our needs now and into the future.

The Church Council held its monthly meeting on February 18th with a lot of business covered and I would like to keep you up to date on the happenings:

- We were briefed by Pastor Thress and ask to keep in our prayers the possible ministry in Middletown. He stated that the district/circuit would be available for support and that the first step could be a possible Bible study offered by members in the local area of Middletown. We were also briefed on the Family Promise ministry. He had attended a meeting with them. He was informed that they had purchased a facility. They will need volunteers to help staff the home for families staying there. If you are interested in helping with either one of these ideas, please contact the Pastor.
- Our treasurer, Nick Turner reported that we did not meet our January budget in the offerings but that we were okay now due to the offset of previous months. He also reported that we have \$16,000 in the building fund even after a \$1,200 repair to the elevator. The new accounting software has been installed and seems to work great. Because of the new software, he is working on new ways for people to give through electronic transactions.
- Chris Moore, who heads our communications team reported that the new website is up and that the work on refining it continues. He stated that this will be a work in progress for some time to get it to the point he is striving for. Please that a look at it at www.Faith-Lutheran.church and give any feedback to Chris and his team. Chris also asks for anyone that would like to submit news for our monthly newsletter submit it to him at newsletter@faith-lutheran.church
- Sean Boyd reported that the elevator was repaired and that the outside lights were checked by an electrician. The roof will go on as soon as the weather turns good enough for the contractor to do it... Come on Spring!
- Amy Cannavo gave a report for Priscilla Circle and stated that all ladies are encouraged to attend the Zone Rally to be held in Seaford on April 14th. 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. Amy is reaching out to Our Redeemer and Concordia regarding having these

sister churches be involved in the LWML ministry. A Ladies Tea will be held on May 5th with more information to come. A survey was sent out to ladies and Amy has received 30 responses. If you would like a copy of the survey to complete and have not gotten it, please contact Amy. Amy also informed that we will have a replacement candelabra for Good Friday Services. It is being made by Chuck Ottolini and that it was being donated by him in remembrance of his brother, John and in honor of his parents, Roland and MaryAnn.

- We had a guest to our council meeting, Kim Wanzer who reported on the Grocery Club. Kim stated that we are trying to obtain USDA approval to receive frozen and refrigerated foods for distribution. We need to comply with certain requirements to be able to do this and one of the requirements was to have a lockable room for the grocery club to work out of. It was suggested that the room that is currently used for the youth room downstairs be used for this purpose. It was approved by the council after discussion was held and a vote was taken. We want to thank Kim and all the volunteers that work with this outreach mission for the outstanding job they are doing!
- It was reported that the Worship Committee and the Education Committee have both met and are working hard to come up with plans for our Church Family. Both committees ask that we keep them in our prayers as they do this important work.
- In new business, a motion was made that a committee be formed to review the current constitution and by-laws of our church and that they present recommendations that will allow for more purposeful and efficient administration of the church's affairs.

Please remember that we need people to help with the trustee duties and to form a Fellowship Committee as well as a committee to work on the constitution and by-laws. If you would like to serve in these or any other way, please contact myself or the Pastor.

In closing this news article, I would ask that each of us remember that as we read the headlines of the daily newspaper or the internet of how violence surrounds us, and we wonder where we could read some good news ... that we open our Bibles and read how God has delivered His people from evil throughout history and remember that as stated in the opening of this news article "God Loves us and will protect us now and forever".

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

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PRISCILLA CIRCLE/LWML NEWS –

“Souper Bowl” Soup Sale: The Priscilla Circle hosted a “Souper Bowl” soup and bread sale on Sunday, February 4. Thanks to the generous support of the congregation nearly \$350 was collected. All proceeds support the “Beautification Fund” which the Priscilla Circle uses to purchase various items the church may need.

Bake Sales Support LCS and Sunday Breakfast Mission: Upcoming bake sales will be March 18 and May 20. This year we are splitting the funds raised through the bake sales between Lutheran Community Services and Sunday Breakfast Mission.

Mites: The next Mites collection is Sunday, March 4.

“PC Nook”: A bookshelf has been placed in the narthex for use by the Priscilla Circle. Place items for your secret sister on these shelves and remember to check to see if your secret sister has left something for you!

LWML Delmarva Zone Rally – April 14, Christ Lutheran Church in Seaford, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: 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 fantastic way to get to know our LWML sisters throughout the rest of the state! All women in our congregation are invited to attend and I hope we have at least 10 go this year. If you would like to attend, please sign up @ <http://signup.com/go/ggwAnAG>

Virden Center Retreat – April 27-28 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: We will be supporting Lutheran World Relief this year! More details will be provided soon.

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. More details about the restaurant and menu will be provided soon.

Calling all Faith-ful Women!!

The Priscilla Circle has organized a Women's Ministry committee to explore ways to develop a stronger community among the women of Faith Lutheran Church. We have an earnest desire to see the women at Faith connect with one another and foster relationships that promote Biblical love and service to God and to each other. Our major goals are:

1. Plan events and fellowships to provide opportunities to connect with each other and welcome newcomers.
2. Develop a structured way of communicating and meeting needs among the women at Faith
3. Reach out to those in our community/world and demonstrate the love of Jesus to all those God brings our way

To begin this process, we are inviting every woman to complete a brief survey. The information will be used to implement the major goals listed above. Please visit <https://goo.gl/ozVscC> to complete the survey. If you do not have access to a computer, paper surveys are available, simply contact Amy Cannavo at 302-388- 5939. We look forward to hearing from you!

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

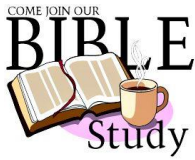
Do you have an account with Amazon.com? Did you know that when you purchase items through Amazon.com you have the ability to assist Faith Lutheran Church as a financial resource? What? You didn't? Well, I'm here to tell you that you can!

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

BIBLE STUDY UPDATES



The Wednesday morning Bible Study will begin meeting again on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. We will be studying the Life Light study of Selected Psalms, learning about the various types of Psalms written by inspired authors. Some are calls to the Lord for help, many are Psalms of praise and thanks, there are calls for God’s mercy and forgiveness. Several Psalms ask God to judge those who have wronged the psalmist. He is trusting God to judge rightly, but let’s God know that he feels wronged. Some of the Psalms rejoice in the worship of God in His temple, some look forward to the coming Messiah who will reign as King. The final category of psalms is known as wisdom Psalms, encouraging God’s people to look to Him and His word for help in all situations. Psalm 119:105 states “Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. “Telling us that God’s Word will give us guidance in every situation.

Each of the 9-week studies will look at about 4 Psalms. All are welcome, and we hope you will join us at 10:00 am on Wednesday beginning on January 10, 2018. Please see Judy Andela for lesson materials or call at 410-996-9748

Meeting Dates: January (10, 17, 24, 31). February (7, 21, 28). March (7, 14)



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT/MEETING	TIME
March 18 th	Priscilla Circle Bake Sale	After Early/Late Service
March 31 st	Community Egg Hunt	10:30am
April 14 th	LWML Zone Rally	See info below

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



PRISCILLA CIRCLE BAKE SALE

Sunday, March 18th After Early and Late Services

Funds support:
Lutheran Community Services
Sunday Breakfast Mission

COMMUNITY EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31st

@ 10:30a.m.

Location: Faith Lutheran Church
2265 Red Lion Rd, Bear DE 19701



This is a free event that is open to the community. The festivities will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Michael Thress sharing an Easter lesson followed by an egg hunt.

Light refreshments will be served.
For more information please email

outreach@faith-lutheran.church

We look forward to seeing everyone for lots of fun!!!



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Date: Sunday, April 1st

Sunrise Service: 7:00 a.m.

Festival Service: 10:30 a.m.

We hope you join us to celebrate our risen Lord!

2018 LWML DELMARVA ZONE SPRING RALLY

Saturday, April 14th from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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.ogt.org/help/projects/hygiene.html>

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