



FLC NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019

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.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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



PLANS, FUTURE, HOPE

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11 ESV

Jeremiah wrote these words about God's steadfast love and faithfulness as God's people were in exile in Babylon. As a prophet, Jeremiah was called to speak both the full truth of the challenges his people would face, but also the promise that God would never cease His persistent care for His people. These were words of true hope in the midst of challenge, struggle, and grief.

As God's people today, gathered together as Faith Lutheran Church, our situation is very different from Jeremiah and God's people in exile. However, God's promise of plans, future, and hope stand true. Ultimately, that plan, future, and hope is about our salvation in Christ – God delivering us from our exile of sin and death and rescuing us once and for all by bringing us home to Himself forever. And, in the meantime, God gives us opportunities, just as He did for His people in Babylon, to work together and to minister both to one another and to the community into which He has placed us.

On October 13, please join us as we gather at 9:30AM for a combined worship service followed by a luncheon and an exciting "Visioning Workshop" as we reflect on God's Mission among us and our community. We will look together at the future and hope that God has in store for us both ultimately and while on His Mission together as a congregation. We will begin to plan together for where God is leading us in mission.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUES...

This is an exciting time for us as we explore God's call to action through His Gospel. He calls us as He called Jeremiah to carry His truth of Law and Gospel to our community through our ministry that we call Faith Lutheran Church. Rev. Don Schaefer and Director of Christian Outreach (DCO) Tina Jasion will lead us through this process of discovery as we seek God's guidance and discernment for our ministry together.

Right now, I would ask you to pray. Pray for our church leadership – me, our council, and our elders. Pray for all current members of our congregation – those who are "regular" and those who may have grown distant. Pray for our community, especially those who don't yet realize the future and hope that God has promised and planned for them in Christ. Pray for Pastor Schaefer and for DCO Tina Jasion as they prepare for their time with us. Pray for God's Spirit to guide our dreaming together as we seek His will for our future and hope, both as a congregation and as members of the Body of Christ.

Please mark your calendars now and join us on October 13 at 9:30AM for an exciting day envisioning God's plan, future, and hope for us.

In His Service,
Pastor Michael Thress

PRAYER LIST:

Let us pray...

Gracious Lord, we lift up to You all who are connected to our congregation who stand in need of Your care, whether their need is healing of body or spirit, or we seek protection for them in the difficult and dangerous work they do. Certainly, this list is not exhaustive and You, O Lord, know our every need. Let Your Spirit shine down in mercy. Let Your Light scatter darkness, Your strength fill every weakness, Your hope cease despair, and faith conquer our fears. We ask these things in Your Mighty Name, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Shut-Ins: Carol Anderson; Betty Fowler; Helen Knapp

Sick: Denise Barnes; Carolyn Boyd; Mary Beth Cichocki; Joanna Cormier; Arlene Delgado; Joe Giorla; Maria Godwin; Ed Gutosky; Georgia Isaac; Joe Lewis; Dale Maclary; Rex Maclary; Cooper Marvel; Nancy McCrea; Roland Ottolini; Sheila Privett; Joan Rinehart; LaRinda Sheahan; Bill Showalter; Aimee Smith; Matthew Urbanek; Liz Waguespack; Joyce Wells

Recovering: Jeff Holsinger; Patricia Holsinger; Pam King; Evelyn Smith

Special Needs: Jeff Bossler; Kip Moore; Trip Patrick; Sarah Zurakowski; Those struggling with addictions

Military: Robert DiEnno; Allyse Elder; Sarah Figgs; Anthony Goebel; Anna Gregg; Shaun Gregg; Kristine Graham; Gary Kujan; Sean McGaughan; Tye Moore; Jerome Swierczek

Grieving: The family of Jonathan Mallory for the death of his mother.

COUNCIL CHAIR MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Relax," God is in control!"

That is so simple for us to say to each other when we think there is a problem and yet so hard for us to live. When we have difficult, times we look at each other and say this. We then walk away thinking that we have solved the problem. Not so simple, because...unless we put it all in God's hands and open up to Him in prayer, we are just kidding ourselves. Over the past nine months, I have had some very difficult times that you are aware of... with the accident I had and with the surgery that was needed, and I continue to work each day to heal. At times, I would get very angry and ask why did this happen to me? What was wrong with everyone for not understanding what was happening to me?

I know that I have changed and do pray that I can fully understand that "God is in control". Sometimes I ask myself if this may have been Gods way to slow me down and allow me to become more active in His work... a kind of stop and smell the roses and give thanks to God for the roses in the first place! I have always been told that God never gives us more than we can handle and always thought that was the way it was. But now I have come to believe that it is more like, God never gives us more than "HE" can handle! I have come to understand that difficult times and things are meant to either teach us a lesson or show us the way that God wants us to go and do His work.

So, with that and with the time that God has blessed me with... I will try to be a better disciple for Him in any little way I can and to try to help all that I encounter. At the same time, I wish to thank everyone who has prayed for my healing and I want to thank you all for the support that you have extended to both Betty Ann and I through this. I have learned even more and do now understand that... "God is in control!"

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

SERVICE SCHEDULE CHANGE

Envisioning Workshop: On Sunday, October 13th we will be having a combined service starting at 9:30am. Following service, bring a dessert to share as we will enjoy food and fellowship. Following lunch, Rev. Don Schaefer and Director of Christian Outreach (DCO) Tina Jasion will lead us through an Envisioning Workshop as we seek God's guidance and discernment for our ministry together.



ETERNAL CANDLE SPONSORSHIP

When we see the eternal flame, we are reminded that God is always present in our lives, and He promises to never leave us. God is especially present in His sanctuary where we hear His living Word and receive His wonderful Sacraments. If the candle burns out, we re-light it or put another one in its place. In other words, we do our best to keep it lit 24 hours-a-day.

To sponsor an Eternal Candle, visit the bulletin board in the narthex and sign up for a date on the provided sheet. Once you have signed up, just place \$5.00 in the offer plate marked "Eternal Candle." Eternal Candles can be placed in honor of lost or loved ones.

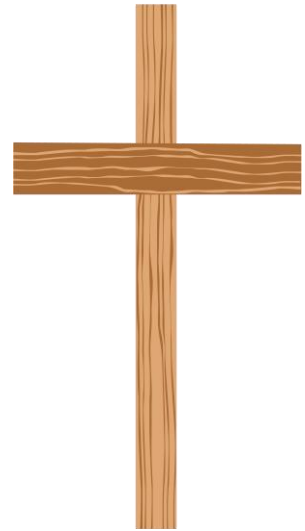
WOODEN PLATFORM CROSS

Share your fond memories of a piece of Faith history!

The Priscilla Circle would like to learn your remembrance about the cross on the platform in the narthex. So many of us current members were not members of the congregation when the cross was dedicated and would like to hear from those of you that were. So, if you were there that day, please tell us what it happened and how you felt, and what it reminds you of when you see it now.

Email your responses to Amy Cannavo at cannavoam@gmail.com or hand deliver on any Sunday. And if you have a photo of it we would love to see it.

We look forward to hearing from you!!!



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY



Our Midweek Bible Study has gotten off to a good start. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew and have about 11 attending. We have welcomed several gentlemen to our group, so if there are any other interested men please know that you are welcome.

Our lessons for October will be on October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. The topics will be: Proclaiming that the Kingdom is at Hand, Teaching Kingdom Living, Seeking Only His Kingdom, Presenting Jesus as Messiah through His Miracles, and Sending the Disciples on His Mission. We meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 and begin with a time of prayer and worship. Please join us.



PRISCILLA CIRCLE/LWML NEWS

Mites: Mites are collected on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Monday, October 21, 2019 @ 7:00pm. As always, all women of Faith Lutheran are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Events:

LWML Sunday – October 6

A special worship service is planned for Sunday October 6, 2019, to celebrate all that God has done through the LWML. The author of this service, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy selected the theme, "Faith Like a Mustard Seed" LWML Sunday 2019, based on Jesus' words in Luke 17:6 that faith as small as a mustard seed can move a mulberry tree. We may long for a greater and more heroic faith, but what about the faith we have right now? LWML Sunday 2019 celebrates the power of a daily walk with Jesus to transform lives and multiply disciples. Little faith or great, there are mulberry trees to be moved!



A HUG FROM MATT

A Hug From Matt is currently collecting fleece blankets to give out to our homeless population in the city. I started doing this to honor my son Matt. His generous heart taught me to see beyond the stigma by reaching out to those beautiful people the world seems to have forgotten. Please donate a blanket if you can.

To hear more about the great work A Hug From Matt is doing, take a moment to visit https://www.wdel.com/news/video-a-hug-from-matt-mother-helps-homeless-to-honor/article_88d87138-ff0b-11e8-b887-e3c5edadadbf.html



TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH @ 6:00PM

LOCATION: FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The annual Trunk or Treat returns this year with lots of fun in store for all. The festivities will begin with a light meal at 6:00pm followed by a short message. For this event we will also be reaching out to the local community to join in the festivities.

After the indoor festivities have taken place, we will proceed outdoors (weather permitting) for lots of treats and maybe a trick or two.



*2018 Trunk or Treat Winner
The Boyd & McCormick Family*

Everyone is encouraged to come up with a theme and to dress up, as we will have a trunk decorating contest that will be voted by the children. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners!!!!

RSVP is requested this year by visiting <https://forms.gle/nzr5oMjdAmE5h1xB6> and completing the requested form.

This is a large event for FLC and lots of help is needed for the event to run smoothly. If you are able to help with setup on Friday, October 25 @ 7:00pm or at the event, please contact Christie Moore at outreach@faith-lutheran.church



SUPPORT AFTER ADDICTION DEATH SUPPORT GROUP

This Support Group was started after I lost my son, Matt from an OD of prescription drugs. I realized my grief was unique. Until you have lived the Roller Coaster of having a loved one suffering from the disease of **Addiction** you could never understand the hopelessness and helplessness, we experienced while trying to save them. Our ending is not the one we dreamed of. We are left with feelings of failure.

Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month from 6:30pm-8:30pm

FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL UPDATE



Friends in Christ

It's been a great Month in preschool. God is great!!

As you may have noticed we have been updating the downstairs. We still have more to do. In order to do this, we need to raise some money. So, the preschool has a fundraiser coming soon. We are going to be selling discount cards. The cards are \$10 each. Just a preview, 10% off at Red Robin, Grain restaurant, Texas Road House, \$8 off jiffy lube oil change, \$2 off any hair cut at sports clips and many more great discounts, 18 total. The nice thing is the card is credit card size, so it fits in your wallet. No coupons to carry. Unlimited use and good for 1 year. The funds will be used to update the boy's bathroom downstairs. We hope we can count on your support. Makes a great stocking stuffer!

To keep costs down for our parents we are asking for donations of snacks and juice. Some ideas: Ritz crackers, peanut butter, chocolate chip cookies, block cheese(cheddar), halos(orange), cheezit, premade brownies or cupcakes, pretzels. We are also in need of small cups, 9-10oz. All juice must be 100% juice.

Any help is appreciated.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



1 - Chad Bradford
1 - Jill McLaughlin
1 - Dan Vacula
2 - Sharon Faverio
7 - Morgan McCrea
7 - Jesse Patrick
19 - Gisella Aslaksen
20 - Julianne Harp
22 - Janet Perkey
23 - Ed Barlow
23 - Jane Quashne
26 - Jamee McGaughan
27 - Sandi Jobe
28 - Maria Faverio
30 - Karlene Jennings

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT/MEETING	TIME
October 2 nd	Midweek Bible Study	10:00am
October 6 th	Mite Collection	Both Services
October 6 th	LWML Sunday	Both Services
October 9 th	Midweek Bible Study	10:00am
October 10 th	Food From Faith Packaging Day	10:00am
October 12 th	Food From Faith Distribution Day	10:00am
October 13 th	Combined Worship Service	9:30pm
October 13 th	Envisioning Workshop	After Service
October 16 th	Midweek Bible Study	10:00am
October 20 th	Priscilla Circle Bake Sale	Both Services
October 20 th	Church Council Meeting	After Late Service
October 21 st	Priscilla Circle Meeting	7:00pm
October 23 rd	Midweek Bible Study	10:00am
October 26 th	Trunk or Treat	6:00pm
October 27 th	Reformation Sunday	Both Services
October 30 th	Midweek Bible Study	10:00am

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL EVENT/MEETINGS ARE AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND
ADDITIONAL MEETING/EVENT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT

[HTTP://FAITH-LUTHERAN.CHURCH/CALENDAR/](http://faith-lutheran.church/calendar/)