



Faith Lutheran Church Messenger

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A Message from Pastor Mark

It's hard for me to keep focused on writing this article, as an energetic game of tag occurs right outside my window. Faith Lutheran Learning Center injects a lot of vitality and vigor into our campus throughout the week. It got me to thinking about the saying that 'a family that plays together stays together.' Doesn't the same hold true for a congregation? Play strengthens bonds of relationship. Our lives are enhanced whenever we're playful in our interactions with one another.

I look forward to all the times that we have to play together. Childhood educators emphasize that 'play is learning' and I believe that holds true throughout our lives. As a community of faith we get to play together with Biblical text, listening together for God's life giving word for our lives. It might be helpful for us to approach our weekly worship with a playful spirit, for as we 'play' the role of 'the people of God' we learn to become God's people. When we gather together to center our lives on God's Word, sing our praises, and share in a holy meal, bonds are strengthened among us. It's really not all that different from the bonds being formed outside my window in the game of tag.

Play and creativity go together. So whenever we play the role we've been given through baptism as God's beloved children, we get to be creative in how we live

it out through our lives of service. Which reminds me of a story about a young boy looking at a list of names on a plaque in the church narthex. The pastor came up to him and asked if he knew why the names were there. He said, "No." So the pastor told him, "The names on that plaque are the names of those who have died in service." So the boy asked, "Which one, 8:30 or 11?"

OK, I'm just feeling a bit playful today. And I believe playfulness is one ingredient in the abundant life Christ came to bring. Our Godly play follows the on-going cycle of worship/service/worship/service. We have a multitude of opportunities to exercise our creativity and gifts in this playground that is Faith congregation. From the Care & Support Team that will begin a new training session this fall to The Taste of Grace Event, Habitat for Humanity, BUILD justice ministry, and many other opportunities for serving, learning, mentoring, and interacting with one another, we have many toys on our playground.

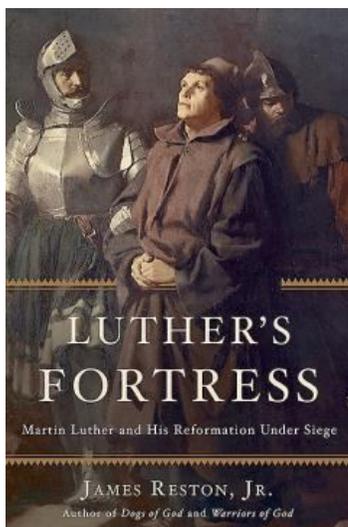
Which ones does the Spirit have your heart singing for? Tag, you're it!

In Love, Hope, and Faith,

Pastor Mark

Mission Statement: "As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace, reflect and proclaim God's unconditional love."





**BEGIN
CELEBRATING THE
500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION EARLY**

The Wednesday night Bible Study group will begin the fall session on **September 21, at 6:30 PM in Faith House** by reading and discussing the book by historian and noted senior scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, James Reston Jr. **Luther's Fortress**.

Written from a historical perspective rather than a theological one, *Luther's Fortress* presents a "gripping portrait of the Reformation's architect at his transformational moment, revealing him at his most productive, courageous and profound." This is Luther's story during this time from April 1521 to March 1522 when he was held in solitary confinement in the Wartburg Castle.

The book best read in advance of the study can be purchased used online. Speak with Grace Saatman, Bern Hanford, Joan or Paul Sorenson if you have questions.

Hope to see you beginning **September 21, Faith House at 6:30 PM.**

We are preparing for our sixth session of Children Worship and Wonder, a way for your child to spend meaningful time with God in a worship environment designed especially for them. From **August 14th** through June 4th, children ages 3-7 are invited to attend **Children Worship and Wonder** at 11:00 worship, during the period of time from the Children's Moment until their family receives communion. Here's how it works. After the Children's Moment, a Worship Helper will escort participating children from the sanctuary to the Children Worship and Wonder Center. There, a Storyteller and the Worship Helper will assist children as they enter into this sacred place and time where they can be with God, hear the stories of God, talk to God, and listen to God. When the child's parent or guardian goes forward to receive communion during worship, they will pick up their child at the door of the Worship Center and return to worship together.



Children Worship and Wonder is a carefully structured environment that follows the worship pattern (Gathering, Word, Meal, Sending) and sacramental traditions of the Lutheran church. We have a team of volunteers who have received extensive Worship and Wonder training and are excited about spending worship time with Faith's children.

Children Worship and Wonder uses a unique method that mirrors Faith's worship style. It is a quiet environment where children and leaders move slowly, speak quietly, and use silence to allow deep thought—wondering—about God. The first four weeks (August 14, 21, 28, and Sept 4) will orient children to the ways of the Worship Center and are important to the future well-being of our time together. If you would like your child to participate, please try to have them there for all four sessions. Also, we request that a parent or guardian also attend the first session their child attends. Parents will be invited to sit in an area behind the children, not to interact with the children or other adults, but to sit quietly and observe.

Children Worship and Wonder is part of a wide-ranging program of worship and educational opportunities for young children at Faith that includes Sunday School, Children's Choir, and quality child care. We hope you will take advantage of all these means of helping your child to grow spiritually as we journey together on the way of faith. If you have questions about Children Worship and Wonder, please contact Joan Sorenson, jsorenson112@gmail.com or 859-309-0134.

FLY...AUGUST EVENTS



8/7: 6:00-8:00 - Movie and pizza (Peanuts movie). Please bring \$3 toward the cost of pizza.

8/28: 6:30-8:00 – Game night. Light snack provided. Bring along your favorite board or card games for an evening of fun.



- Care & Support Ministry at Faith -

In the past few *Messengers* you may have seen a new Care & Support Ministry Team is forming at Faith. The primary ministry of the Care & Support Team is to offer a listening ear and communion to members who cannot attend Sunday services.

An informational meeting will be held at Faith House between services on Sunday, August 21. Training will begin in September. We need several people to be involved in this ministry. Please prayerfully consider attending this informational meeting — you are under no obligation to commit at that time.

For more information, contact Pastor Mark (266-7621), Diann Terry (859-771-4721) or Kathy Heersche (859-806-2433).



“GODLESS HUMOR: A Chapel Talk about Faith and Comedy in the 21st Century”
with comedian Emery Buterbaugh.
Sponsored by St. Augustine’s Chapel

Community chapel talk:
Friday August 26, 7:00 PM
Hosted by: Word of Hope Lutheran Church
1870 Armstrong Mill Rd, Lexington, KY
(plenty of free parking!!!)
Reception to follow

On Campus Event:
Saturday, August 27, 8:00 PM
St. Augustine’s Chapel
(extremely limited parking)
Reception to follow

You can see what Emery is up to by checking out his podcast at www.thebuter.com, and you can find him on Twitter and Instagram at @thebuter.

Tweet him questions you may have. Please keep in mind he knows nothing about organic chemistry.

Need more information about the event?
Contact St. Augustine’s at
StAugChapel@gmail.com

New Member Inquiry Class

New Member Inquiry Class will begin on Sunday, September 11th, 9:45 a.m. Pastor Mark will lead a six-week class on what it means to live the Christian life from a Lutheran perspective. The class is open for all, and will be especially geared to those inquiring about potential membership into Faith Lutheran congregation. We’ll be looking at Lutheranism as a Way of Seeing, a Way of Hearing, a Way of Teaching, and a Way of Following. There will also be some orientation to the many ministry opportunities within and through Faith congregation.

The *Harstad* Fine Arts Series

Enriching lives through free and public offering of the Arts

On Sunday, August 7 at 10:00 am there will be a forum presented by Cantor Tom and members of the board to apprise the congregation about this wonderful new addition to our presence in the community!

A brief media presentation will be followed by a time for Q&A.

For information about the 2016-17 season please visit:

www.harstadarts.com



WELCOME THE STRANGER

IMAGINE fleeing your home to save your life and the lives of your family and being unable to take any possessions and in some cases even identification with you. IMAGINE staying in a makeshift camp for months and sometimes years

with no running water and the basic necessities of life that we so often take for granted. Who would you turn to for help?

Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc. (KRM) is the Kentucky resettlement office for two national church-based programs: Church World Services (CWS) and Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM). Through CWS and EMM, Kentucky Refugee Ministries is authorized by the U.S. State

Department to assist people who have been identified as refugees by the United Nations and legally admitted to the United States.

Refugees arrive as victims of physical and emotional trauma. They come as people who have lost homes and families, but as people with hope for peace and freedom as they begin a new life. Since 1990, KRM has placed over 7000 refugees, representing 36 different nationalities and ethnic groups in various Kentucky communities. KRM, Lexington has a staff of 24 full and part-time people who provide comprehensive services, in partnership with faith-based organization co-sponsorship, to refugees. Services begin with setting up an apartment, meeting arriving refugees at the airport and may continue through citizenship. The goal is self-sufficiency for the family as quickly as possible.

Forty-seven people have arrived in Lexington in June. These are families from three to eight in number.

There are many things KRM will need help with during this time:

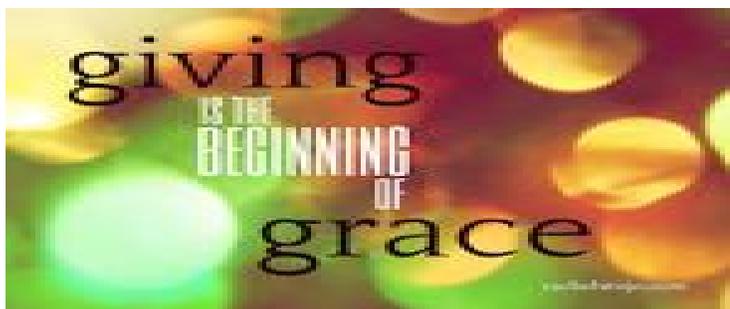
- ◆ Furnishings large and small, for apartments--twin beds in great need, wooden furniture (dressers, dining tables/chairs)
- ◆ Labor to help set up apartments with donations supplied to KRM
- ◆ Transportation assistance to/from a myriad of appointments in the first couple of months after arrival (must be at least 20)
- ◆ Diapers and other items for little people (because there are always little people!)
- ◆ Financial support to assist with rent/utilities in the early months

Please go to the website noted here:

<http://kyrm.org> and give prayerful consideration about ways in which you can reach out to "welcome the stranger."

Your Global Missions' team together with others at Faith Lutheran will be working with Dabney Parker, Resource Developer for Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc., to work out a plan of involvement for Faith Lutheran Church.

Details will be shared in the next issues of the Messenger.



A TASTE OF GRACE

*A fundraiser aimed at developing grace
in the Lexington community*

*Friday August 19, 2016 – 7 pm
Special Musical Guest – TDH4*

Cathedral of Christ the King, 299 Colony Blvd.

**A Taste of Grace will be celebrating its 7th annual event this year
on August 19th at The Cathedral of Christ the King.**

**Each year a different non-profit organization is chosen to receive
the proceeds from the annual event. This year's event will benefit
SURGERY ON SUNDAY, other recipients include: Grace Orphanage
Mission Lexington, Faith Pharmacy, Movable Feast, Juvenile Re-
storative Justice, and The Planetary.**

**This year's event will include heavy appetizers, open bar (beer and
wine), live entertainment, live and silent auctions and the very
popular "Wall of Wine".**

Ways you can help:

**Donate items for the
Silent Auction or a \$25 and up valued bottle of wine for the
"Wall of Wine"!**

Donate your time to volunteer!

**Purchase tickets to the event
for \$40.00 in advance, \$45.00 at the door!**

**"Like" us on Facebook "A Taste of Grace" to keep updated, see
photos etc.!**

**For more information, to purchase tickets, make a donation, or
volunteer to help, please stop by the display table in the Narthex
or contact:**

**Scott Galheer or Don DeLuca Phone: 859-273-5077
scottglk@windstream.net don.deluca@eku.edu**

We hope to see you all there!

BEGINNING AGAIN



We are winding down the "BUILD year" and will soon close our Investment Drive for this year. Faith's Justice Team pledged to raise \$6,000 this year in support of the BUILD Organization. We are very close to achieving our investment goal, but could use your support if you have not yet made an investment. Team Members and Justice Ministry Network Members are encouraged to invest \$200 or more in the work of BUILD.

You might be interested to know how the financial part of BUILD works, so here is a brief explanation. BUILD has 27 member congregations. Each congregation pays yearly dues to be a part of BUILD. Congregations are encouraged to pay at least 1% (and sometimes more) of their operating budget. In our case, we pay more and our dues are \$6,500. We typically pay our dues quarterly, as do many other congregations. In addition, BUILD conducts an investment drive that has two components. One component is the individual congregation's investment campaign. Our Team Members have stated a commitment to encourage our members to invest \$6,000. The other component is a corporate investment campaign. At this point there are about 15 corporate investors who invest from \$1,000 to \$12,500 in the work of BUILD. BUILD also has a generous grant from CCHD (Catholic Campaign for Human Development), which will end this fiscal year. Monies taken in are used for staff salaries (a full-time lead organizer, two full-time associate organizers and a part-time office staff), office expenses (paper, copier, rent for the Nehemiah Action venue, etc.) and especially for training any Justice Ministry Network Member and Team Member who wants to attend. Trainings are held locally as well as in various parts of the South-East where DART has affiliate members.

So... how are we beginning again? In September we will begin our listening campaign. During this time we will be holding house meetings and asking for your input about the justice issues you see, experience, feel, or know about in our community. Please don't think, "Oh, no! Not another meeting!" because it isn't just another meeting. It is important work and you have important information to contribute.

Gail Swanson



The following is the list of persons who have said they would like to be listed. Please keep them in your prayers. In the future, when putting people on the prayer list, please inform the church office if you would like their names and concerns to be shared in this way.

Steve Carter, undergoing dialysis and on kidney transplant list.

Sydney and Adeline Taber, daughters of Leslie Taber, continued growth as premature infants.

Randy Will, son of Eileen Will, spinal cord injury.

Henning Egner, dealing with Alzheimer's.

Marian Lundborg, in treatment for MDS.

All those in harm's way for whatever reason. Bring us peace in our time, Lord, and let it begin with each of us.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Financial Secretary's Report
June 1-30, 2016

INCOME TOWARD BUDGET

Offering Envelopes	\$34,040.90
Loose Offering	599.57
Use of Building	<u>105.00</u>
	34,745.47

Total Income Toward Budget

34,745.47

RESTRICTED MONEY

Reimbursements

CC Reimb - Workman's Comp	125.00
CC Reimb - Custodial	370.00
Initial Envelopes	<u>5.00</u>
	500.00

Special Funds

Taste of Grace	667.28
Confirmation Camp	323.00
Youth Retreats	<u>315.00</u>
	1,305.28

Pass Thru Monies

World Hunger	200.00
God's Pantry	20.00
LWR-Fair Trade Sales	<u>267.50</u>
	487.50

Total Restricted Money

2,292.78

TOTAL JUNE RECEIPTS

37,038.25

Comparison to Budget

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	34,745.47	208,834.07
Budget	35,984.50	215,907.00
Percent of Budget	96.56%	96.72%

Mary S. Hemken, Financial Secretary, 859-268-6801, mshem326@gmail.com

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jan Dornbrock
Jennifer Klee
Shari Veil
- 2 John Atkerson
Pacita Luckey
Cheryl Sievers
- 3 Greg Phipps
- 4 Sara Fenton-Wells
Elinor Phipps
Oliver Phipps
- 5 Jeanette Woods
- 6 Elise Miller
- 7 Nicole Gilliam
Marge Holmes
Wes Konkle
- 8 Peter Pickett
- 9 Gerald Pierce
Jack Reed
Joe Seidel
Diann Terry
Kerstin Wendroth
- 10 Phyllis Hasbrouck
Michael Holmes
- 11 Chance Curtis
Ryan Filchak
- 12 Paula Klim
- 15 Karen Hess
- 16 Christopher Fenton-Wells
Faye Gross
Lois Steward
- 18 Makenna Delap
Chance VanWinkle
- 20 Anna Holmes
Mike Parsons
- 21 Ana Maria Hetzel-Ebben
Caroline Pickett
Grace Saatman
Evan Shearer
Julia Wilson
- 22 Elizabeth Peasley
- 23 Beth McGrath
- 27 Carol Davis
- 29 Crystal Harstad
Jacob Larson
- 30 Cortney Lee
- 31 Judy Knauss

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Kevin & Jennifer Carey
- 6 Joe & Gail Swanson
- 9 Chris & LaDawn Reynolds
- 11 Lee & Marge Holmes
- 15 Ned & Diana Shappley
- 16 Bill & Ellen Eggers
- 18 Paul & Joan Sorenson
- 21 Jim & Gayle McGrath
- 22 Joe & Diana Seidel
- 23 Martin & Jill Shearer
- 26 Dale & Scharlene Austin
- 28 Joe & Mary Ann King
Stuart & Anne Larson
- 29 Gary & Bonnie Chastain
John & Kay Cottrill



Thank you to everyone who signed the VBS poster for me.

I missed you all too.

Ms. Marian

BIRTH:

Morton James Terry, son of Matthew and Amanda Terry, grandson of Darryl and Diann Terry, great-grandson of John and Nancy George, was born July 15.

DEATH:

Renee Boyd, member of Faith, died July 24th.

Has there been a time of joy or sorrow in your life? Please let Pastor Mark or the church office know of life events that have occurred and how Faith can support you.

Annual Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 28
(after 11:00 service)

Community Ministry and Parish Life Committees will host an Ice Cream Social to Benefit God's Pantry.

Stay after church for a light lunch and ice cream sundaes.

A free will offering will help provide food to those in Lexington who struggle to get enough food for their families.

Attendance

- June 26
- July 3
- July 10
- July 17
- July 24

Worship

- 179
- 147
- 178
- 157

Daytime Sophia

will meet on Thursday, August 11th, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Muzzy Hemken. The group will discuss, The Lavender Garden, by Lucinda Riley. For more information, contact Muzzy, 268-6801.



OWLS

(Older, Wiser, Lutherans)

Will meet on Thursday, August 18th at 12:30 p.m. Sutton's Restaurant on Richmond Rd.

See you there.

Service Schedule

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM
 (Nursery provided during the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services)
 Sunday School (Sept. through May) 9:45 AM

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