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Lent begins in February. This is generally a gray time of year. Not many bells and whistles.

God's love comes to us in times like these, in the gray space of leafless trees and the dark humility of ashes smudged on our forehead. We don't have to fill life to its fullest, as if it was a container in which to cram as much as we possibly can.

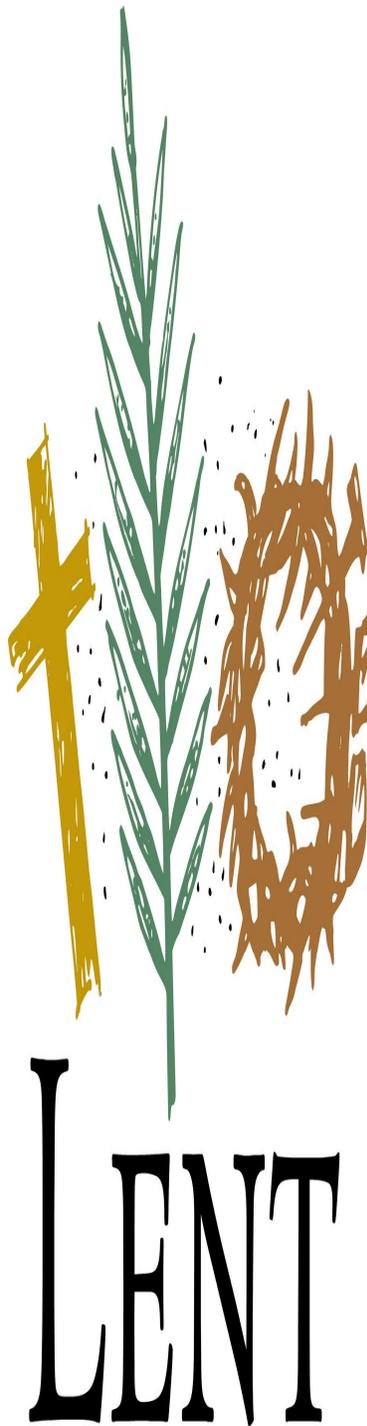
Life is the space of wonder between us and God. Sometimes it is full. Sometimes it is empty. The emptiness of Lent gives us room to be human, to be limited. It frees us to acknowledge our sin and ask forgiveness and make the first moves toward change.

Often we fear the emptiness of Lent, because it means we are not in control. What if emptiness leads to nothingness? What if space is just a bottomless hole? Surely we must fill everything, lest we be lost in the infinite vacuum!

But emptiness is not nothingness and space is not bottomless. God's hands embrace it all, so that humility leads to renewal, not insignificance, and confession leads to hope and change, not condemnation.

So practice a holy Lent this year. Let there be some gray time. Remember the quiet of God as well as the speech, the tininess of being human as well as the glory. It will lead to humility and repentance and forgiveness and new life.

God Bless,
Pr. Andy



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Last summer, I thought Faith would have a new pastor by November 1 at the latest. In order to support my family, I perceived that I would need a new position sometime in the winter or early spring. So I submitted my mobility papers to Synod in August.

Today, with both sadness and excitement, I have to tell you that I am taking a call at St. John Lutheran Church in Louisville, KY. My last Sunday at Faith should be March 8.

I apologize that I was wrong in my estimation of how long it would take to find the right permanent pastor for Faith. However, since a pastor needs two or three months to move through the process of finding a new call, I am not sure how I could have managed this transition differently.

I have been in communication with Pr. Rudy Mueller, Assistant to the Bishop. He will be working closely with Council to provide another interim pastor to serve at Faith until the Call Committee completes its work and a permanent pastor is found.

I have loved my years here, and I am honored by the fact that some of you feel a particular connection with me. I hope that a period between my work as interim pastor and the coming of the new pastor will allow a time of grieving, so that the new pastor can start with more of a clean slate.

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



Some of you may feel strongly over this. You may feel angry at me for leaving, or sad, or betrayed or abandoned, or relieved. Or you may not feel strongly at all. All of these responses are natural. If you wish to share your feelings, questions or other thoughts with me, I would be glad to listen and answer as best I can.

In order to give the new pastor a chance to get established, I will have to stay away until he or she has been here at least two years. After that, I may show up every once in a while. I also can't do counseling or other pastoral work with anyone at Faith during that time. I am sorry that this may sound harsh, but please trust me that it's for the health of the church and not out of any rejection toward you.

Finally, thank you. Thank you to Synod for recommending me to Council in the first place, and for working with us. Thank you to everyone who has shared God's work at Faith with me in so many ways. Thank you for your trust, for your spirit, your quirky senses of humor, your insight, your dedication to God. I have said this before and I will say it again, even though it is taking longer than we would like to find the right permanent pastor for Faith, this is a wonderful congregation.

God's Blessing,
Pr. Andy

**Confirmation will be
held March 1**

We thank God for:

Sean Young,
Gracie Arnett,
Tuesday Hadden,
Trevor Wilson,
Anna Davis, and
Carolyn Walker
who will be confirmed that day."



Update from the Call Committee



*Call
Committee*

OK, we've been at this call process for about 6 months now, what's going on? That's a fair question. We have interviewed and released four candidates since last August. Of those four, none was a pastor currently serving a congregation in the I-K synod. Although we can't give you details about the candidates, we thought it was time to answer some questions you may have.

What kind of candidate are we looking for?

We are looking for the type of candidate you told us you wanted via the cottage meetings and congregational self-study. Specifically, we are looking for a candidate who is an effective preacher, who preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ, who possesses the 10 gifts and talents specified as necessary or desirable in the Ministry Site Profile that was written with your input and approved by the Council, who has the ability to embrace and lead our congregation in its mission goals, who can be a pastor to all our members, and who feels like a good fit for our congregation.

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Mission Goals:

- ◆ *continue to be a deliberately diverse and fully inclusive congregation;*
- ◆ *create a greater sense of community through increased transparency, communication and relationship;*
- ◆ *continue strong and vibrant traditional Lutheran liturgical worship;*
- ◆ *focus and strengthen our compassion and justice ministries;*
- ◆ *renew focus on families with children, youth, campus ministries, and our elderly members;*
- ◆ *and create an atmosphere where people can learn and practice sharing the good news of God's love.*

FEBRUARY FLYer



2/1 - Souperbowl Sunday - Collect canned goods to support your team - collected food goes to God's Pantry.

2/8 - Soup lunch - Fundraiser for FLY. All NYG participants should attend, and we appreciate help from other available youth.



2/8 - 6:30-8:15 - game night

2/15 - no middle / high school Sunday School

2/20-2/22 - Confirmation retreat



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*Call
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How is the Call Committee reviewing candidates?

For each candidate, we follow the same procedures: making initial contact; sending a packet of information about Faith; listening to recordings of sermons provided by the candidate; and conducting an initial interview in person or via Skype, depending on distance. After we have finished this process, the Call Committee meets to determine whether we feel the candidate would be a good fit for Faith and should move forward in the interview process.

How do we determine whether a candidate is a good fit?

We may not be able to give you a precise definition of what being a "good fit" means, but everything we have read about the call process assures us that we will know when the right candidate presents him or herself. For the candidates we have interviewed so far, we had no doubt that each of these candidates was a good person and a good pastor, committed to the church and its ministry, but we did not see their gifts and talents as good fits for us at Faith Lutheran. After prayerful consideration, we released them as candidates.

Why is this taking so long?

There are likely several factors contributing to what has become a longer process than many of us anticipated. One is that we do not recruit our own candidates. We must wait for the synod to send them, and the synod can't send candidates it doesn't have.

Unfortunately for us, there are probably 6-8 equivalent calls currently going on in the I-K synod. Because a pastor can only be a candidate for one congregation at a time, having that many simultaneous call processes has the potential to take several candidates out of the available pool for a period of time, especially if any congregation asks for more than one candidate at a time, as some do.

Will we ever find a new pastor?

The short answer is, yes. We trust that the Holy Spirit will lead us to the right candidate. We have chosen not to feel pressured to recommend a candidate just because time is passing. This is an important decision for our congregation. We are committed to finding a pastor who effectively preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ, who has the ability to embrace and lead our congregation, who can be a pastor to all our members, and who will be a good fit for us at Faith. We are currently in the process of discernment with a new candidate. While we hope this will be the right person, if not, our intention is to keep moving forward prayerfully, being assured that the Holy Spirit will guide us in our deliberations.

We thank you for your prayers and your support and hope this update has been helpful. If you have additional questions or an additional name to suggest, please talk to any one of us —

Jimmy Lee, Jim Larson, Stuart Larson, Miriam Brown, Diann Terry, Judy Page, Marianne Kehres.



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.

Bonnie Harstad's family.

Steve Carter, complications with his transplant.

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

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

Henning Egner, has undergone cancer treatments and is scheduled for additional evaluations.

Valentine's Day

Saturday - February 14 - 2015

The Parish Life Committee once again presents a unique formal dining experience at Faith:

Prix Fixe Menu (\$25/person)

salad, choice of entrée and dessert

Traditional Beef Rouladen

Jim's Bluegrass Chicken

Mushroom Risotto

Roasted pork medallions of pork tenderloin wrapped in bacon

ALL proceeds benefit Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Mocktails will be served - no alcohol please (per FLC policy).

Menu or reservation questions - or if you have a tea cart we may borrow: please contact Nancy George (277-7609).



Please Join Us For Our				
2015 Midweek Lenten Taizé Services		March 18:	Faith Lutheran Church	Centering Prayer
6:15 P.M. Soup Supper	7:00 P.M. Worship		1000 Tates Creek Road	
At Our Four Different ELCA Ministries In Lexington.			(859) 266-7621	
Each Service will contain a special topic on prayer and involve many different Taizé songs.			(Worship responsible for soup supper)	
Date	Host Site	Topic		
February 25:	Ignite/St. Augustine Chapel Note 1 472 Rose Street Pastor Dana at (859) 489-1222	Discernment	March 25:	Word of Hope Lutheran Church 1870 Armstrong Mill Road (859) 272-8515
March 4:	Faith Lutheran Church 1000 Tates Creek Road (859) 266-7621 (Parish Life responsible for soup supper)	Penitential Prayer	NOTE 1:	Free on-campus parking is available for the Lenten Service at Ignite LCM on February 25th. Please use the "E" lots on Linden Walk (behind the Alumni Center and the Career Center). UK Parking has given permission for us to use these lots as event parking for anyone attending the service without a UK parking permit. Please do not park at the Young Library, Newman Center or in any of the residential spaces surrounding St. Augustine's chapel. If you have questions or concerns about mobility, please contact Pastor Dana at 489-1222.
March 11	Gethsemane Lutheran Church 2185 Garden Springs Drive (859) 277-6096	Intercessory Prayer		

Twenty-four Artists Featured in **Art of the Passion** Art Exhibit

Twenty-four award winning and notable artists will be featured in a four week religious art exhibit commemorating Holy Week and Easter through a collaborative depiction of the Stations of the Cross and the Stations of the Light. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Frankfort, Indiana, is host to the reflective and meditative gallery-walk March 22-April 18, 2015.

A juried exhibit, Art of the Passion commemorates Christ's passion and resurrection.

The 2015 exhibit brings together the creative work of a variety of artists into a meditative gallery walk. The exhibit features two sets of stations.

Leading up to Good Friday, Stations of the Cross invites visitors to a deeper experience of the story of Christ's journey to the cross.

Then, on Easter Sunday, Stations of the Light will open and continue the story with the Resurrection, as it guides visitors along the disciples' walk with Jesus to Pentecost.

Twenty four artists have been chosen to interpret an assigned station within their own interpretation and style. The result is a dynamic and contemplative experience for the visitor and artist alike.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH Financial Secretary's Report December 1-31, 2014		
<u>INCOME TOWARD BUDGET</u>		
<u>General Fund</u>		
Offering Envelopes	\$ 56,712.01	
Loose offering	1,355.51	
Christmas offering	1,660.00	
Use of building	50.00	
	59,777.52	
<u>Other Income</u>		
CC Reimb - Workman's Comp	125.00	
CC Reimb - Custodial	370.00	
CC Reimb - Loan	6,200.56	
	6,695.56	
Total Income Toward Budget		66,473.08
<u>DESIGNATED MONEY</u>		
Sunday School Offering	24.41	
World Hunger	115.00	
Poinsettias	168.00	
Mission Lexington Dental Clinic	100.00	
Staff Christmas Gift	1,950.00	
LWR-Fair Trade Sale Proceeds	155.00	
God's Pantry	40.00	
One Time Event/Fundraiser	500.00	
National Youth Gathering	360.00	
Memorial - Jan Sayre	50.00	
Memorial - Nina VanWyckhouse	135.00	
Total Designated Money		3,597.41
TOTAL DECEMBER RECEIPTS		70,070.49
<u>Comparison to Budget</u>		
	<u>December</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	59,777.52	446,686.88
Budget	34,716.75	416,601.00
Percent of Budget	172.19%	107.22%

Featured Artists for 2015

**Stations of the Cross
March 22-April 3**

****NOTE:**

One of our own.

- Ann Dahman: Logansport, IN
- Teresa Martin: Julian, PA
- Brenda Buckingham Ehrmann
- He Qi: Minneapolis, MN
- Barb Kinsler: Frankfort, IN
- Von Biggs: Indianapolis, IN
- Thea Wilder: Frankfort, IN
- Kerry Jackson: Indianapolis, IN
- Bridgid Manning Hamilton: Lafayette, IN
- Daniel Driggs: Frankfort, IN
- Ann Lahr: Corvallis, OR
- Ed Selvidge: Camden, IN
- Mirvia Eckert: Indianapolis, IN
- Susan Fox: Pittsboro, IN

**Stations of the Light
April 5-April 18**

- Beth Crawford: Denver, CO
- Elias Garza: Frankfort, IN
- Trish Williams: Peoria, IL
- Daniel Driggs: Frankfort, IN
- Stephanie Robertson: Indianapolis, IN
- Brenda Buckingham Ehrmann, Frankfort, IN
- Laura Fox-Wallis: Rock Hill, SC
- Dwayne Dahler: Lafayette, IN
- Cheryl Kaldahl: Lafayette, IN
- ** Wayne Schedler: Lexington, KY**
- Marge Burkholder: Plymouth, IN
- Von Biggs: Indianapolis, IN
- Moises Garcia: North Manchester, IN
- He Qi: Minneapolis, MN

VENUE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
2029 S State Road 39
Frankfort, IN 46041

DATES AND TIMES

March 22-April 18, 2015
Monday-Friday: 4-8
Saturday: 10-4
Sunday: 12-3

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by appointment only**

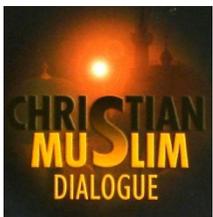
contact:
Marshall Smith
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765.659.1615

Painting for
Art of the
Passion 2015

Artist: He Qi,
Mpls. MN
Title:

Abandoned





The Steering Committee is pleased to announce its program topics for the next three months. In these tumultuous times, we offer our programs as a means to explore together the background and the ramifications of events - to probe, to understand and to find the way forward as individuals, as religious groups, and as nations. Such dialogue is now more important than ever. We hope you will join us.

All programs will be held at Hunter Presbyterian Church, 107 Rosemont Gardens, 10:00 AM – Noon.

Note the time and date change on April 12.

February 28

Revisiting Islamophobia: How do current events shape our understanding and response?

Panel: Shahied Rashid, Imam Masjid Bilal; Ronald Walker, Assistant US Attorney General, Eastern Region of Kentucky; Ms. Roula Allouch, Attorney and Representative to Council on American-Islamic Relations, Washington D.C.

March 28

Responses in Europe to The Covenants of the Prophet Muhammad by Dr. John Morrow.

Dr. Morrow presented his intriguing research to CMD in 2013, and to European audiences in 2014. Speaker, Dr. Charles Upton, will describe the responses and explain what is next.

April 12

Sunday afternoon, 4:00-6:00 pm **Note day and time change**

The Steering Committee seeks to hear the voices of our Jewish friends on occasion; hence the change this month to Sunday afternoon, 4 – 6 pm, avoiding, we hope, the time of all faiths' religious services. Speaker: Rabbi Smolkin, Ohavey Zion Synagogue, Lexington. Topic to be announced.

Questions: holmes@uky.edu or cmdlex1@gmail.com or visit the website <http://cmdlex.org>

Dear Supporting Congregations –

Blessings and Greetings from Chile!

I hope you enjoy our December Update and all the news from EPES. We have been accompanying and supporting families and children since the devastating fire in Valparaiso; providing ongoing support to the Hope Foundation for African Women in Kenya as they trained and graduated their first team of health and human rights promoters; helping host a regional gathering of Lutheran educators; running many workshops on nutrition and health; working with women living with HIV/AIDS; running workshops in several regions of Chile for the National Ministry of Women on reproductive health; and leading a pilot training for the National Office of Disability on community based strategies for health. It has been a busy year!

Next Sunday, we start our 6th International Training program with participants from Lutheran churches of Bolivia, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the US and Chile. In these past five years, we have had 90 participants from 14 countries participate in the training.

*We are always aware of, and grateful for, all the love and support that makes our work possible. **Gracias** to all of you for your emails, letters, cards, prayers and financial support.*

As we begin the New Year, we pray for peace in our divided world and pray that wherever we are, we may be instruments of God's peace.

Wishing you a very Blessed 2015!

Abrazos,

Karen



A copy of Karen's latest newsletter is available on Faith's website. Under Faith in Action tab, click on Global Missions.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mike Bardo
Josie Blake
- 3 Bonnie Chastain
Bryna Reed
- 4 Mike Pasquarello
- 5 Cheryl Kastanowski
Jerry Landis
- 6 Will McComb
Jacob Smith
Cate Townsend
- 7 Drew Curtis
- 8 Susan Hamilton
Misty Hess
- 9 Joe King
- 10 Christy Crowdus
Kim Dugger
Wayne Palmer
- 11 Bert Grotrian
- 14 Aja Hammonds
Julianne Kelley
Ashley Wilson
- 15 Paige Barricklow
Anne Buchanan
Andrea Sabbatine
Michele Steward
- 16 Heather Curtis
- 17 Debbie Anderson
Anna Shannon
- 18 Ralph Stasiak
- 19 Susan Abaecherli
Jeff Talbert
- 20 Josh Lundborg
Sam Lundborg
LaSasha Swanson
- 21 Leah Hower
Nate Hower
Wesley Taylor
- 22 Kay Cottrill
Reagan Sword
- 23 Chris Blake
Kristen Pickett
- 24 Jimmy Emmons
Hannah Terry
- 25 Lexy Carey
Ole Wendroth, Jr.
- 26 Trude Dalton
Geneva Emmons
- 27 Wayne Cromer
Mark Keinath
Ben Taylor
Patty Trump

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Daniel & Sue Anne Lau
- 16 Charles & Susan Hamilton
Ed & Jennifer Klee
- 17 Gene & Susan Harper
- 27 Jeremy & Alison Martinez
- 28 Carl & Lois Whitehouse



Baptisms:

Derrion Lee'Ontae Jones and
Dresion Josiah Swanson,
sons of LaSasha Swanson and
Darran Jones, and grandsons of
Joe and Gail Swanson,
were baptized January 4th.

**Stewardship of Your Time and Talents
-Called to Serve-**

During Lent we will learn about Why, How, and the Joys of serving Christ at Faith Lutheran Church with our many Talents and Time. Each of us will be given a renewed opportunity to make our commitment of service to the Lord for 2015 and beyond during this time.

The Daytime Sophia group will meet on February 12, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m., at the home of Muzzy Hemken, 3381 Pimlico Parkway. The book under discussion will be "The Whistling Season" by Ivan Doig. This is the first in a trilogy about life in Montana during the early 1900s. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. Please call Muzzy at 272-5053.



**The OWLs will meet
on
February 19
12:30 p.m. at
Sutton's Restaurant**

110 N. Locust Hill Rd.,
in the Richmond Road
Kroger parking lot.

The Older, Wiser
Lutherans meet on the
3rd Thursday of each
month for lunch and
fellowship.

Attendance	Worship
December 24	368
December 25	28
December 28	168
January 4	221
January 11	201
January 18	187

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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