

Faith Lutheran Church Messenger

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A message from Pastor Andy...

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we have approached the completion of our Ministry Site Profile, several good people have asked if the Call Committee could interview me to be the regularly called pastor at Faith. I am honored by that thought. I have not responded with a clear "yes" or "no" till now, in part because I have felt this was Council's decision and I did not want to tell Council what to do.

However, as a result of conversation with friends whom I trust, I have realized that I have a responsibility to decide as well. After considerable thought and prayer, I have decided that, while I love this congregation, I must not be available for call as the regular pastor here.

Most of the literature on interim pastoral work says that the interim pastor should never be called as the regular pastor. Even more significant, several of my pastor friends whom I trust have told me that in their best discernment this would be a risky venture because the selection process, role and emotional dynamic of an interim are different from that of a regularly called pastor.

For example, if the interim becomes the regular pastor, it can feel like a "bait and switch." The interim was interviewed by Council for the short term, but then stays on for the long term. Yes, the interim is interviewed by Call Committee and Council before taking on the long term call, but that is different from a regular call process because the interim has the advantage of familiarity in the interview. That is, it is hard to tell whether you like the interim because her or his gifts fit the parish for the long term, or because she or he is familiar and comfortable.

When something goes wrong, and some things will certainly go wrong because we are all human, people can too easily feel deep down that this pastor was not selected fairly from a range of possibilities with an eye for the long term, but rather foisted upon them somehow. Instead of focusing on solving the problems, it becomes too easy to wonder, "What would have happened if we had examined other candidates?" or, worse, "Can I trust this person? Can I trust this church?"

I believe that Synod, Call Committee and Council will find a new pastor who will love you, in her or his own



way, as well or better than I do. I will feel sad then, because it will be time for me to leave. But I will feel joyful too because God is working through you, and that's the point.

If anyone has questions or would like to speak with me about this, please contact me. Just to be clear: While many people have spoken with me about this matter from a number of perspectives, no one from Synod, this congregation or anywhere else has pressured me.

Thank you for the privilege of being your interim pastor. I am having a marvelous time, and look forward to continuing to serve God with you as we complete the call process.

God's Blessings,
Pr. Andy
Interim Pastor

Results of Ministry Site Profile Survey: Top Five Ministry Tasks and Top Five Ministry Gifts



*Call
Committee*

Thank you to everyone who submitted survey forms describing the top five ministry tasks and top five ministry gifts in our next pastor. We received 144 surveys—an excellent response. The following ministry tasks received the most notations: Preaching/Worship Leadership; Pastoral Care and Visitation; Build a Sense of Community; Youth and Family Ministry; Spiritual Formation/Direction. The following abilities in the next pastor were given top priority: Be an effective communicator; be an effective teacher; help people develop their spiritual life; build a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works; be able to share leadership and work in a team.

(Most people in most congregations would note giftedness in worship leadership and planning, which includes preaching, as a top priority in their pastor. For this reason, the survey assumes the importance of that ability without listing it.)

YARD SALE for TASTE of GRACE SATURDAY - JUNE 7 - 8am to Noon



Parish Life is sponsoring a **Yard Sale on Saturday, June 7, 8am to Noon**, to benefit this year's Taste of Grace recipient.

Please keep the Yard Sale in mind as you pursue your spring cleaning (everybody's favorite activity!), and consider donating functional, usable items (including gently used children's clothing) to the Yard Sale. Then circle Saturday morning, June 7 on your calendar, and come discover treasures you just cannot live without!

Please leave donated items in Bay 1 of Fellowship Hall, across from the kitchen.

For more information, please call Scott Gralheer or Don DeLuca: 859-273-5077.

Thank You for Your Donations - See You at the Yard Sale!



- ◆ With warmer temperatures arriving (finally!) hot showers may not be as prevalent but still consider using cooler water temps when you can. For example, cold washing your hands in cold water and soap kills just as many germs as hot water. It is the scrubbing that makes the difference. Clothes can be washed in cold water and actually will wear less in doing so. Every 10 degree drop in water temperature saves 3-5% on water heating costs. Most faucets use 2 gallons per minute while you wait for the water to warm up.
- ◆ Have you ever wondered about the ingredients in the everyday household products you use? Check out this website <http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov/>. Assembled by the U.S. National Library of Medicine, this site lists products alphabetically by name or category, and you can also search for a particular ingredient.
- ◆ Look around your home for the number of liquids (and others) you have in disposable containers. Consider purchasing what you can in bulk and use a re-fillable container. Think about detergents, window cleaners and other dry ingredients, such as oats, flour, nuts, grains. You can have your container marked for weight or quantity to make it easier for repeated use/pricing.

June Flyer



6/8 – Soup lunch after the 11:00 service. This is a fundraiser for the 2015 National Youth Gathering. Please plan to serve soup and stay for cleanup. If parents or youth would like to donate a Crockpot of soup, please let Kevin know. Thanks!

6/15-6/20 – Confirmation camp. Please contact Bryna Reed for information / details.

6/27 – Rio 2: Friday Night Flicks at Jacobson Park. 7:00 until finished. We'll carpool from the church (leave at 6:30). Bring blanket, lawn chair, snacks, etc.

7/1 - 5:00-7:00 – Champs \$2.50 Tuesday: Skate admission, Skate rental, and Laser Tag games all \$2.50 each. Mini golf is \$5 per person per round.



Congratulations to the youth who were confirmed on May 18th

Paige Barricklow
Michael Holmes
Ella Johnson
Rose Johnson



Yard Work Day:

Saturday, June 28 starting at 8:30 a.m. (Rain date, July 12)

Trimming and mulching.

Bring hedge trimmers, saws, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, etc. to help get the job done quickly!

Contact Brian Lundborg, 327-2326, for more information.



NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARY IN CHILE

The May issue of *The Lutheran* includes an article about the EPES' (Education Popular en Salud, Popular Education in Health Foundation) International Training Program with women from Kenya and Uganda. The following are excerpts from that article by Maxine Lowy. Founded in 1982, EPES began as a health-training project of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile. Since 2010, thanks to ELCA World Hunger support, nearly 90 people from 14 countries have attended EPES' annual course, gaining skills to run participatory preventive health programs. The 2014 course was coordinated with the Hope Foundation for African women (www.hopefaw.org), a Nairobi-based nonprofit that empowers Maasai and Kisii women to bring positive change to their communities. ELCA missionary Karen Anderson, who directs the EPES International Training Program, said it was "probably the first time a Chilean and a Kenyan organization have worked so closely together to share strategies to empower women." Karen Anderson in a message to ELCA churches that sponsor her, Faith Lutheran being one, says, "We are so happy that Maxine Lowy's article appears in the May issue of *The Lutheran*. Below is the link to the online version.
<http://content.yudu.com/A2sx77/TheLutheranMay2014/resources/index.htm>

Since returning to Kenya, after the training in Chile, Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) members have been steadily implementing EPES' health promoter training model in the rural village of Kisii." This article will be of special interest to the Faith Lutheran congregation who has sponsored missionaries in Kenya before becoming sponsors of missionaries in Argentina and now Karen Anderson in Chile.

WORLD HUNGER DONATION

Thanks to the generosity of many of you, a total of \$1351.55 was donated for World Hunger during the Lenten season. The "Feed the World" coin boxes brought in \$245.55. Soup supper donations totaled \$664. Offering envelopes brought in \$463.16. That \$1351.55 will provide more than 800 people food, remembering that 1.4 billion people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.25 a day.



Global Missions worked with Parish Life to highlight World Hunger during the Lenten season. Bulletin inserts called attention to World Hunger as did the coin boxes distributed throughout the congregation. Wednesday evening soup suppers focused on a different country each week. Focus countries were Chile, India, Egypt, Haiti, and the United States. Each week a soup, representative of the chosen country of the week, was served with weekly donations designated for World Hunger. Please continue to support World Hunger by sending donations to ELCA World Hunger, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL, 60694-1764 or by putting a donation in envelopes found in the pews in the weekly offering.

Join us at **The Workshop of Wonders** from **July 7 - July 11**. VBS begins at 9:30 and ends at 12:30 for ages 3 years through 5th grade. Be on the lookout for registration forms in the bulletin or register online: <http://www.faithlutheranchurch.com/faith-formation/vacation-bible-school.html>



Volunteers are still needed and we would love to have you help us out! Kids that have completed 6th grade and older are welcome to help out! Please contact Bryna Reed at 859/489-8128 or Bryna.reed@gmail.com for details.

Community Ministry Opportunities

One of the results of the cottage meetings was our church's interest in serving our community. Faith's Community Ministry Team wants to share opportunities for Faith members in our community:



1. Donation Opportunities:

- a. Catholic Action Center accepts all kinds of paper goods in their bucket in the Narthex.
- b. The God's Pantry barrel in the Narthex is for non-perishable food items.

2. Recycling Opportunities

- a. You can leave used batteries in the narthex for recycling.
- b. The Lions Club collects eyeglasses to recycle. There is a box on the shelf in the hall in front of the church office.
- c. The Green Team recycles foil lined bags (also in the back hallway.)
- d. Faith's Learning Center recycles printer and toner cartridges in the Narthex box.

3. Blessings in a Backpack provides weekend meals for children on free and reduced lunch. Someone is needed for one hour once a month to pick up food and deliver to Julius Marks. Contact Elaine Billington.

4. Maxwell Street Feed the Homeless. Contact Marianne Kehres or Diane Nicely to volunteer one day per month.

5. KIDS HOPE: A national mentoring program – 1 child, 1 hour, 1 church (Faith), 1 school (Cassidy Elementary). Mentors receive 3 hours of training. This program is in need of a coordinator and volunteers. Contact the church office.

6. Habitat for Humanity: In past years, members of Faith have participated in building several houses with Habitat in Lexington. Anyone interested in

volunteering, coordinating, fund raising or just building please contact Larry Isenhour or the church office.

7. Radio Eye is a reading radio service for the blind and visually impaired. They are in need of volunteers to read for live broadcasts or recorded programs at the Northside Library. Contact Lucy Stewart at 422-6390 or talk to Muzzy Hemken.
8. Meals on Wheels: Drivers are needed from 10:30 to 12:45 to pick up and deliver meals from Trinity Hill United Methodist Church. Contact Sharon Tandy at 272-6144. Days and frequency are optional. Or contact Jack Cassel at Faith (former driver).
9. Faith provides food and serves for one day at the Hope Center during the 12 days of Christmas.
10. Faith provides funding and volunteers for both the Mission Lexington Medical and Dental Clinic. Day-time volunteers interested in the medical clinic should call Dona Barkman at 272-0219. Volunteers interested in nighttime with the dental clinic should email Houston Hastie at hlhastie09@gmail.com.
11. Faith has annually participated with the Reindeer Express that provides Christmas gifts (coats, warm clothes and toys) for almost 50 children of families served by the Nest.
12. Faith members bake 15+ turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner at Nathaniel Mission.
13. Each year, members of Faith ring the Salvation Army bells at least one day during the Christmas season.

If you are interested in participating in any of these opportunities or are interested in having Faith involved in other community projects, please contact any member of the Community Ministry committee or Ruth in the church office.

We always welcome new members and usually meet on the 3rd Monday of each month in Faith House.



Some of your I-K Synod CORE Team members were leading peaceful demonstrations against payday lending. In fact, there were five demonstrations in three cities in Indiana and Kentucky: Lexington, Louisville and Indianapolis. The CORE Team is committed to bringing information about the predatory nature of payday lending to Lutherans, as well as to the citizens of our Synod. Eleven members of Faith joined the CORE Team to demonstrate at two payday lending sites in Lexington.

What did we learn? We learned that it is uncomfortable to step up and step out of our comfort zones, but that it is sometimes necessary in order to be effective. We learned that many people have no idea what payday lending is, the sinfully high interest rates they charge, or even that payday lenders pose a threat to their community. We learned that at least two managers of payday lending establishments agreed with us that interest rates are too high.

Ned Brown, Pr. Barry Neese, Misty Hess, Jim Larson, Miriam Brown, Pr. Ron Luckey, Jim Stephens, Wayne Schedler, Gail Swanson, Joe Swanson, and Shane Haden

BUILD CELEBRATES SUCCESSES AS INVESTMENT DRIVE KICKS OFF

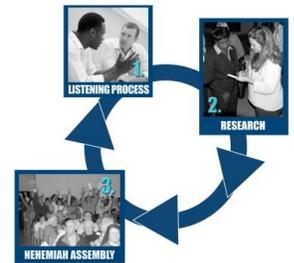
BUILD Justice Ministry Network Members will gather Monday, June 2, at Cathedral of Christ the King, 2899 Colony Drive to **celebrate** recent victories and to **invest** in the future!

Justice Ministry victories we will celebrate:

- A record number (1749) attended the Nehemiah Action Assembly in April.
- BUILD membership has swelled to include 25 congregations – an all-time high!
- BUILD succeeded in recruiting a sponsor, Sen. Alice Forgy-Kerr, to introduce a bill in KY legislature to limit abuses in payday lending.
- BUILD won top-notch training for attorneys and judges so that we can fully utilize Lexington’s drug court program.
- Mayor Gray committed to bring a funding proposal for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to city council.

Our annual investment drive supports BUILD activities year-round.

Faith’s Justice Ministry is important and it works, but we need your help. The BUILD budget includes training for volunteers, salaries for local BUILD organizers, and office expenses and rent.



To invest simply put your check, made out to BUILD, in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Andy.

People ask, “Why invest in BUILD?” Some invest time and some invest money. We make these investments because:

- God has called us to do justice.
- BUILD is a proven, effective way to work for justice.
- We have seen, over and over, returns on our investments for justice.
- Where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also.

If you would like to attend the Celebration or if you want more information about BUILD, please contact a Justice Ministry Team Member: Shane Hadden, Jim Larson, Jim McGrath, Bryna Reed, or Gail and Joe Swanson.

And they said, “Let us rise up and build.” So they strengthened their hands for this good work.

Nehemiah 2:18

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Cathy Adkinson
- Jane Pettibone
- 3 Teri Applegate
- Genni Workman
- 4 Desmond Bernard
- Anne Gross
- Anne Sabbatine
- 5 Ryan Dugger
- Ben McGrath
- 6 Tony Sword
- 8 Miriam Brown
- John DeBilzan
- Lisa Fox
- Will Holmes
- 9 Ann Hagan-Michel
- Julie Keller
- 10 Julia Martinez
- 11 Amy Hadden
- 12 Samuel DeBilzan
- Marianne Kehres
- 13 Sherri Greer
- Brittany Kimel
- Teri Knudsen
- 14 Kelsey Cloyd
- 15 Jan Patrick
- Ted Wixom
- 16 Andy Rutrough
- Ruth Schumacher
- Robert Wendroth
- 17 Judy Hower
- 18 Neil Rafferty
- Nick Veil
- 19 John George
- Karen Sorrell
- 21 Max Rexroad
- 22 June Hansen
- Adalyn Lee
- 23 John Cottrill
- Rory Hefner-Templar
- Olivia St. Peter
- 24 Alison Martinez
- Lynn Peot
- Randy Young
- 25 Candice Branton
- Bob Fullerton
- 27 Elaine Billington
- 28 Lori Watkins
- 30 Clover Hadden
- Brad Ranta

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mike & Patti Pasquarello
- 3 Paul Ebben & Lori Hetzel
- 4 Clay & Nicole Gilliam
- 5 Ray & Anne Sabbatine
- Barry & Lin Whitley
- 6 Jerry & Sue Landis
- 7 Drew & Betsy Filchak
- 8 Jim & Judy Knauss
- 9 Brian & Ruth Lundborg
- 10 Dave & Judy McGrew
- 12 Urton & Debbie Anderson
- 14 George & Kathy Heersche
- 15 Dan & Margaret Omlor
- 17 Ted & Carol Wixom
- 18 Bront & Carol Davis
- Robert & Donita Henry
- Richard & Ann Michel
- 19 John & Nancy DeBilzan
- 25 Gene & Judy Templar
- 27 Jay Taylor & Christyn Renfroe
- 28 Drew & Heather Curtis
- 29 Marcus & Melonie Atkerson
- Ned & Miriam Brown
- Jim & Judy Hower
- 30 Gerald & Olive McKinney
- Owens & Diane Nelson

Attendance	Worship	Sunday School
April 27	183	41
May 4	150	27
May 11	214	26
May 18	221	28

The Evening Sophia Group will meet on Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ruth Lundborg, 408 Greenbriar Road. They are reading, Ordinary Grace, by William Kent Krueger. Join us for a summer evening of appetizers and conversation. All are welcome.

Daytime Sophia will meet Thursday, June 12, 1:00 p.m. at Ashland Terrace. The group is reading, Paragon Walk, by Anne Perry. For more information, contact Eileen Will, 272-2993

BAPTISM

Caroline Sydney Pickett, daughter of Peter and Kristin Pickett, was baptized May 11th.

Death

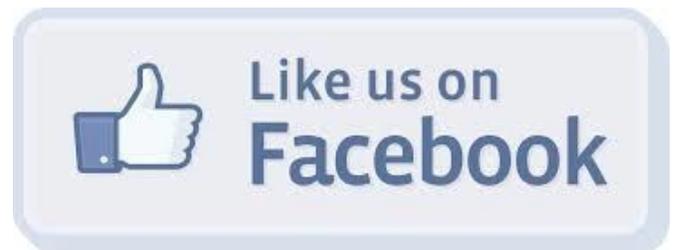
JoAnn Benner, mother of Gayle McGrath, died May 3rd, in Lancaster, PA.



The OWLs next lunch: TBA
Watch the bulletin and Faith Notes for date and location.



Faith is on Facebook! Look for Faith Lutheran Church – ELCA.



Narthex Cleanup for June:

Evangelism Committee

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

Staff

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