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From Pastor Mark

Sunday, June 4th, we will gather to celebrate the Festival of Pentecost, the culmination of our Easter Season and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through Jesus' disciples. It's a great time to ask ourselves, "Where is the Spirit moving in and through my life right now? For myself this question lies at the heart of a living faith. It's what I focus on each time that I meet with my spiritual director, slowing down for an hour or so to look back at where I've sensed God's presence or absence, reflecting on joys and sorrows, and discerning where I'm being led to invest the energies of my life.

I also try to pay attention to where the Spirit is moving in our life together as a community of faith. I sense a strong call to witness to the good news of God's love in our midst through the work that we do to better people's lives locally and globally through a variety of avenues like Mission Lexington, BUILD, Grace Missions, Blessings in a Backpack, Taste of Grace, St. Augustine Campus Ministry and Habitat for Humanity. The Great 50 Days of Giving to assure our continued strong support of such ministries will culminate June 4th. If you haven't yet participated, take a moment to discern how the Spirit might be moving through you to share in our common goal to

make a positive difference in the world. We also provide a strong educational foundation for many children through Faith Lutheran Learning Center. Vibrant worship that transforms our hearts and turns us outward in love remains another hallmark of Faith congregation.

As our world seems to grow ever more polarized, I also sense the Spirit calling us to further embrace diversity, practicing respectful dialogue around differences. Let's together seek the Spirit's guidance in creating a hospitable safe atmosphere for everyone and anyone to share the depths of their hearts with one another. From within just such an environment the early Christian community grew outward to share the good news of God's upending love for the world. I trust that the Spirit will guide our learning better how to exhibit such love, even to those on the other side of any given issue from us. When we remain open to the movement of the Spirit, there's no telling where we might be led.

In Love, Faith, and Hope,

Pastor Mark

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





The Worship Committee and Pastor Mark want to thank the congregation for their willingness to try

a new Holy Communion procedure.

As most of you know, during the season of Lent, we tried a new way to getting to the table that did not have anyone leave the sanctuary. We asked for the congregations feedback at the end of Lent. It was clear from that feedback, that many folks were not happy with the new procedure for a variety of reasons.

So after two opportunities for worship leaders to gather feedback and talk through the process, it was decided that beginning on Pentecost, June 4th, we would go back to what we are calling the "old" way of getting to the table. We realized as we listened that our worship space does not easily accommodate an organized way to reach the table. It is also easier for many folks to use the ramps rather than the steps to go up to the table.

So we thank you for trying a new way, and thank you for your feedback. And we hope, as we move into the future, that we might begin serious conversation about our worship space and how it serves the worship we wish to have; worship that is welcoming, hospitable for all people and allows us to worship in an open and authentic way.

**"Save the Date" for Taste of Grace 2017:
Friday, August 18th!**

Taste of Grace will be held in Hehman Hall at the Cathedral of Christ the King from 7-10 PM. This year's beneficiary is Partners for Youth. Partners for Youth (PFY) is a Lexington based 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that acts as a clearinghouse for community contributions including money and in-kind assistance to those programs serving young people. PFY assists in the coordination of these services in order for the programs to work as cooperatively and effectively as possible to have the greatest impact in supporting youth. PFY was founded in early 1995 by then mayor Pam Miller to make resources available to youth in Lexington.



It's hard to believe that I'm beginning my *third year* as the Cantor of Faith Lutheran Church. About the time you receive this newsletter, I will be at the Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly in Covington where I am serving as assembly musician. Not only is this a great honor in itself, but Faith is being represented substantially by having our own members serve as assisting minister (Wayne Schedler), cantor for worship (Leslie Hughes), as well as our choir participating. If that were not enough, Beth Lewis, who grew up at Faith and is now CEO of *1517 Media* (the parent company for Augsburg Fortress, Fortress Press & Sparkhouse—the publishing house of the ELCA!) is the keynote speaker.

Faith is and has always been richly blessed with a tapestry of motivated saints. It has been said, "from everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." I see this living out in the life of Faith on a regular basis: this relatively tiny congregation is an outpost, making a difference in a region that so desperately needs to hear the gospel of grace. We achieve this not by navel-gazing or embodying parochialism that fears change and embraces the status quo, but by boldly proclaiming the gospel through our actions and daring to do great AND NEW things in the name of our Lord. With Pastor Mark's leadership, I can't wait to see where God leads us over the next years!

— Cantor Tom

The Daytime Sophia Book Group will meet on Thursday, June 8th at 1:00 pm, at the home of Muzzy Hemken, 3310 Tates Creek Road, Apt 313. The book for discussion will be "The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough. Every one is welcome. For directions, or to let Muzzy know you are coming, call 859-268-6801.

The Evening Sophia Group will meet at the home of Miriam David (3415 Brookhaven Dr.) on Monday, June 19th at 7:00pm. We will be discussing the book ***Outlaw Christian***, by Jacqueline Bussie. Newcomers welcome! Call 278-3333 or email MDsquared@aol.com if you have questions.



FLY JUNE EVENTS

6/4 11:00 Confirmation Sunday!

6/11 2:00-5:00 Jesamine County Water Park! You are welcome to meet us at the park at

2:30pm OR meet us at the church at 2:00pm so we can car-pool. We will leave the park at 4:30pm in order to be back at the church by 5:00pm. The cost for admission is \$6.00. Please bring this in cash, along with your own sunscreen. The church will provide snacks/drinks.

6/12 9:00-5:00 Any youth who need service hours, please consider meeting at Gethsemane Lutheran church on this day any time between 9:00am-5:00pm in order to set up for Vacation Bible School. For those that serve for the morning or the afternoon (or both), lunch will be provided. If you are interested in this opportunity, please see me for more details.

6/13-16 6:00-8:30 Vacation Bible School! Several youth are already signed up, but there is still room for more. We need Crew Leaders! We need stage hands! We need those willing to get silly! Please see me for how you can help. This will also count toward service hours!

6/25--6/30 Confirmation Camp/Senior High Servant Camp! Many have already signed up, but we have plenty of room for more! Scholarships are available for first time campers. For more details, please contact me or Pastor Mark.

Interested in getting weekly updates that include further details about these events as well as any changes? Let me know, and I'd love to add you to the FLY Weekly Email.

Happy Summer, everyone!

Amber Shirley, Director
Faith Formation Ministry

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Dear Faith Family,



As many of you know, I will be leaving Lexington in late June and returning to my home state of South Carolina where I will begin my Doctor of Music degree at the University of South Carolina this fall.

I want to express what a joy it has been during my time in Lexington to have been a part of Faith Lutheran Church. Being a part of this community has meant so much to my faith and my life here. I will carry many memories of my "Faith family" with me as I depart. Thanks for all your love and support!

My voice studio recital will be Friday June 9 at 7PM, and I will sing several selections that night. I will also be singing for Sunday morning services on Sunday June 11th. I hope to see many of you then, so I can say thanks for all that you have meant to my life over these years.

Many blessings,
Craig Price

Dear Faith Lutheran Church:

Thank you for donating snacks to St. Augustine's Chapel! Our Finals Week Open House was a huge success, in part due to the assorted snacks and drinks that were available for the students to enjoy.



During the stressful period of finals week, students greatly appreciate having a quiet space to study and enjoy snacks, and we couldn't host the event without your support.

Thank you for your generosity!
St. Augustine's Chapel



May was a busy month for us as we wrapped up the school year. We had nine students graduate from preschool on May 22. We were sad to say goodbye after years of loving and educating these students, but also happy knowing they have many adventures to look forward to, and we have made a positive impact early in their lives.

We had our Scholastic Book Fair the first week of May and got to see our buddy Clifford.



We also watched our caterpillars transform into butterflies and released them, such excitement! With the sunshine comes extra outside play and learning activities outdoors.



Ms. Charla has even been giving the children some misting from the hose a few times every afternoon to keep cool; they love it!!



K-5 Summer Camp began the last week in May and they have many fun activities in store for the summer. Ms. Lindsay does an AMAZING job planning a fun and educational summer camp each year.

2017 FIELD TRIPS:

Woodland Pool & Cassidy Playground
 Ecton Park & Orange Leaf UK Art Museum
 Lex Pub Library & Explorium
 Kroger – students plan a menu & buy food
 Seedleaf (on-site) & Bricks for Kids (on-site)
 Living Arts & Science Center (on-site)

JUNE
 9 St. Jude Trike-a-thon @ 11 am, followed by a family picnic
 12 Kona Ice @ 3:15 pm
 JULY
 4 FLLC CLOSED
 3-7 Ms. Charla on vacation
 8 Ms. Elizabeth's Birthday
 9 Ms. Charla's Birthday

2017 THEMES:

Week 1: Getting to Know Me
 Week 2: Going Green
 Week 3: Artful Antics
 Week 4: Messy Olympics
 Week 5: Mad Scientist

Week 6: Games Galore
 Week 7: Cooking Extravaganza
 Week 8: Design and Create
 Week 9: All Around the World
 Week 10: Animal Planet
 Week 11: End of Summer Bash

Teacher Spotlight: Stephanie Meier



Stephanie Meier is one of our after-noon floaters and a substitute teacher. She has been at FLLC since June 2015. She will be moving from part to full-time this October as Ms. Abby's (Pre-K) assistant teacher. Stephanie says, "I feel FLLC has the best teachers and

staff. We are a fantastic team that work together daily to help bring out the best in all our children. We also have the best kids and families! It's such a blessing and an honor to see these kids grow day by day. I love coming to work, getting lots of hugs, and seeing how excited the kids are to learn and play".

We are thankful to have Stephanie as a part of our staff. She is wonderful with the kids (lots of hugs and taking an interest in them), takes initiative in her work, communicates well with families, and is a great friend and colleague. We enjoy her constant smiles and bright disposition. She is always laughing and it is evident she loves her work and the children

Some of Stephanie's interests include traveling to Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, and Pittsburgh, PA with her husband, Scott, spending time with her family and friends, and her little dog Bingo. She also enjoys reading, cooking, and basketball, in her spare time. She and Scott are also excited to be welcoming their first child, a little girl, in August. We are very excited for them too!!

Stephanie has been a nanny for years. Not only is she hardworking and devoted to that family, she is always willing to help us out anytime she is available outside her other work hours. Thank you to Ms. Stephanie for being a wonderful teacher and colleague!

Charla Heersche, Director
 FLLC

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jane Pettibone
- 3 Teri Applegate
- 4 Jonathan Delap
Anne Gross
Anne Sabbatine
- 6 Owen Witt
- 8 Miriam Brown
Lisa Fox
Will Holmes
- 9 Ann Hagan-Michel
Julie Keller
- 10 Julia Martinez
- 11 Amy Hadden
- 12 Marianne Kehres
- 13 Sherri Greer
Teri Knudsen
- 14 Kelsey Cloyd
Dresion Swanson
- 15 Jan Patrick
- 16 Ruth Schumacher
Robert Wendroth
- 18 Nick Veil
- 19 John George
- 22 June Hansen
Adalyn Lee
- 23 John Cottrill
Rory Hefner-Templar
- 24 Neddy Brown, Jr.
Jenny Delap
Alison Martinez
Randy Young
- 25 Bob Fullerton
Dempsey Perdue
- 27 Elaine Billington
- 28 Lori Watkins
- 30 Clover Hadden
Brad Ranta

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Paul Ebben & Lori Hetzel
- 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
- 18 Bront & Carol Davis
Robert & Donita Henry
Richard & Ann Michel
- 23 Jonathan & Jenny Delap
- 25 Roland & Helen Born
Gene & Judy Templar
- 27 Barry & Hannah Williams
- 29 Marcus & Melonie Atkerson
Ned & Miriam Brown
- 30 Owens & Diane Nelson

**Don't forget BREAKFAST
POTLUCK June 4th at
9:45 in the Gathering
Area.**



Attendance	Worship
April 23	138
April 30	179
May 7	170
May 14	161
May 21	148

Baptism: Neddy Brown, Jr. was baptized April 23rd.

Deaths: James Forrest, husband of Joyce Forrest, died April 27th.



John David Mundt, brother of Pat Mundt, died May 22nd.

Congratulations to our Graduates!

High school: Patrick Carey, Griffin Farrar, Josephine Wendroth, Carly Fugmann, Spencer Fenton-Wells

Seminary: Joy Therese Heine graduated with a Masters of Divinity Degree from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago on May 21.

O.W.L.s
(Older, Wiser, Lutherans)



HOOT, HOOT.

**The OWL's have landed...at least for now,
and will meet for lunch again at
Puccinis**

**833 Chevy Chase Place
June 15th at 12:30 p.m.**

**We will have one of the private rooms
above the main dining area.**

**If you have any questions, contact:
Marian Lundborg at 559-3784 or
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See you on the 15th.**

	April 2017			YTD		
	Pledges	Income	Expenses	Pledges	Income	Expenses
Budget	\$30986.75	\$36031.75	\$40511.68	\$123947.00	\$143327.00	\$162046.72
Actual	\$29008.00	\$41760.35	\$47421.74	\$116772.00	\$149990.35	\$157074.31
Variance	\$(1978.75)	\$5728.60	\$6910.06	\$ (7175.00)	\$6663.35	\$ (4972.41)
%	93.61%	115.90%	117.06%	94.21%	104.65%	96.93%

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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