

Faith Lutheran Church Messenger

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March 2014

Lenten Worship Opportunities

Ash Wednesday— March 5: Services at 12:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays—March 12—April 9

Soup Supper—6:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer with Holy Communion—7:30 (see below)

(Child Care is available at all 7:30 Lent and Holy Week Services)

Christians believe that Jesus' crucifixion changed everything. Usually, that change is described in such phrases as "Jesus died for my sins," or "Jesus suffered God's judgment so that we would not have to."

During our sermons on Wednesday nights in Lent, we will examine this and four other ways to describe the mystery of the Cross.

Week One: March 12—7:30
Jesus at the Cross:
The Sacrifice of Atonement
Romans 3:21-25a

Week Two: March 19—7:30
Jesus at the Cross:
The Upside-Down King
Mark 10: 42-45

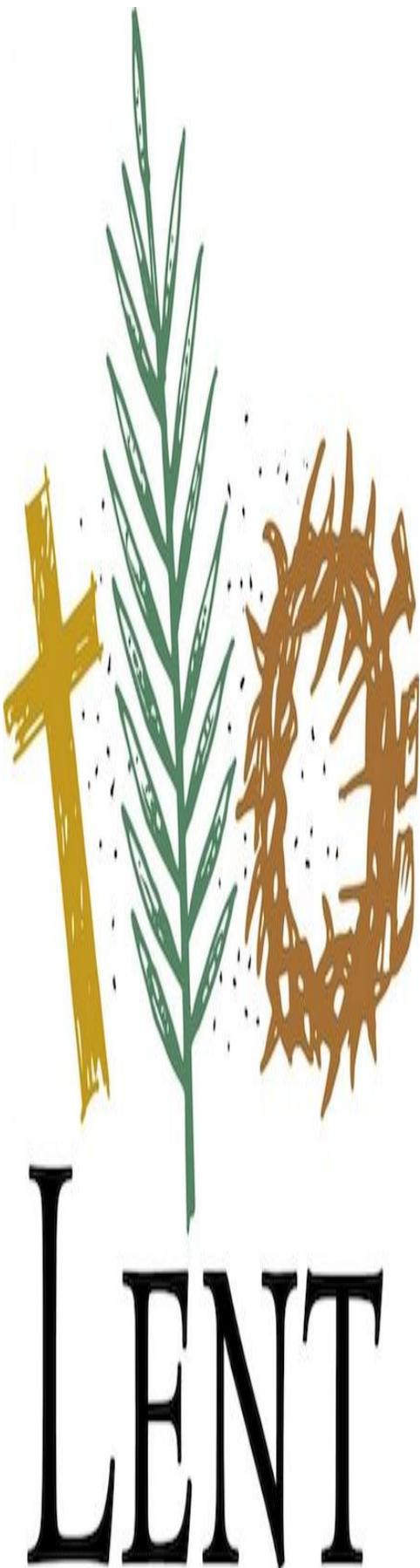
Week Three: March 26—7:30
Jesus at the Cross:
The God who Suffers with Us
Matthew 27:35-46

Week Four: April 2—7:30
Jesus at the Cross:
God's Agent of Liberation
Luke 24: 46-47

Week Five: April 9—7:30
Jesus at the Cross:
The Revelation of God's Glory
John 1:18

Please join us, and respond with your thoughts on the nature of the Cross at:

pastorandy@faithlutheranchurch.com.



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





Call Committee

The Call Committee was called into action by new Council President Ray Hughes and met for the first time on Sunday, February 16. We now have a chair (Judy Page), co-chair (Stuart Larson), secretary (Diann Terry) and technology resource (Jimmy Lee).

One of our first tasks will be to complete and sub-

mit the Ministry Site Profile. The Long Range Planning Committee has been working on elements of this profile for the past year. We will be meeting with them soon to review the work they have completed and prepare to move forward.

We have also begun reviewing the I-K Synod Call Process and plan to attend Rudy Mueller's Q & A session on February 23 here at Faith.

Watch your Messenger for ongoing information on where we are in the process. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.



Bowling at Collins Bowling Center (Eastland - 750 East New Circle) on March 16th from 1:30-2:30.

We'll bowl two games - \$3.50 per game, so \$7. They'll do free shoe rental for us.

March Flyer

Go ahead, jump!



We'll try out a new place - Get Air Trampoline Park at Brannon Crossing on March 9th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. \$20 for 2 hours of jump time or \$12 for one hour.

Kid-led game night on March 30th from 6:30-8:15. Come have fun with games led by you! Email Kevin if you have a game you'd like to lead. Light snacks provided.



FLY beyond:

4/6 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. High school (9th-12th) movie and dinner at the Zollers.

4/13 from 12:45-1:30 p.m. - planning lunch at Puccini's

4/19 - 10:00 a.m. prep for Easter brunch

4/20 - serve Easter brunch between services

5/2-5/4 - High school retreat (including 8th graders) (Virginia Zoller)



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Lent is a time of prayer, service and self-

examination. During this time, many of us choose to live simpler lives, remembering those 1.4 billion people who live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.25 a day and we are looking for ways to relieve their suffering. To that end, the Global Missions Committee is inviting you to enjoy global cuisine at the Lenten Soup Suppers while learning about the world and how gifts to ELCA World Hunger are making a difference. In the spotlight at the meals will be Costa Rica, India, Egypt, U.S.A., and Haiti.

ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to micro-loans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. We support projects and programs in 43 U.S. states and 56 countries (including the United States). ELCA World Hunger coin boxes will be distributed to our children on March 9th to give families the opportunity to contribute during Lent. The coin boxes will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Look for World Hunger bulletin inserts in March and April and we will look forward to seeing you at

6:30 on Wednesday nights during Lent.

There are three ways to donate to ELCA World Hunger: checks can be mailed to ELCA World Hunger, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL, 60694-1764, donate online at www.elca.org/hunger/donate, or give through our Sunday offering by writing your check to Faith Lutheran Church with "World Hunger" in the memo line of your check.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35

Equal Exchange coffee will now be the coffee brewed each Sunday morning in the narthex.



Did you know that drinking the right kind of coffee could help save millions of trees? Coffee farming is one of the biggest causes of deforestation, the clearing out of forests for farming or other purposes. The trees are cut down, coffee is planted and within a few years the soil is depleted of nutrients from unsustainable practices and the farm is forced to move

to a new location, further devastating the habitat of wildlife, plants and foods for humans and animals. Deforestation causes lost shelter for thousands of migratory birds, and poses a serious risk to land-owners because of flood control. These forests help keep greenhouse gases at healthy levels, recycling 20% of the world's carbon dioxide, provide food for humans and animals.

So, what can you do about it?

"Shade-grown" coffee is grown under a canopy of diverse spe-

cies of shade trees, often on small farms using traditional techniques. Among the many benefits of using shade-grown coffee production methods, in contrast to sun-grown coffee, are that it provides food and shelter for songbirds, as well as habitat for numerous other species of animals and plants. It also does not require conventional pesticides or other non-organic means of fertilization making it safer for the environment.

Shade grown coffee can be found at health food stores, such as Trader Joe's or Whole Foods/Wild Oats and is often of much better quality and comparable price. I usually find it in whole bean instead of ground, so a coffee grinder may be necessary.

For more information, visit www.sustainablebabysteps.com/coffee-facts.html. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of purchasing coffee, contact Joe Swanson, gailandjoe@windstream.net, 273-4601.



The Celebration of Life of
Arnon Lene' Lundborg
February 15, 2014

Romans: 8:18-39

When Arnon Lundborg sat down to drink coffee with you, or when he turned to you after peering out the window for a moment at the sky, his face relaxed into its natural position, which was that of a quiet smile teetering on the edge of laughter, as if he knew something hilariously funny that he just couldn't wait to tell you.

Arnon worked hard. He entered seminary at the age of 35 after a career in chemical engineering with Continental Oil. He served four parishes: Luther Memorial in Minneapolis, MN, Trinity Lutheran in Princeton, MN, Hosanna Lutheran, a mission start in Mandeville, LA, and Bethlehem Lutheran in Round Top, TX.

He had the ability to draw out people's gifts, whether you could pray deeply or shovel snow strongly, he would draw you into serving God with your talents. So that Trinity Lutheran grew from 400 people to 1200 people while he was there, and Hosanna Lutheran, and believe me I grew up in a mission parish, this is no mean accomplishment, grew from 0 to 400 while he was there. While he was at Trinity in Princeton, the Bishop once chided him for not taking his vacation. Nevertheless, there were trips to the beach, and winter camping in a recreation vehicle, so that the family could be out in the woods in the early morning when the brightness of dawn on snow could dazzle them. There was cross country skiing and water skiing in Louisiana. There were snowmobile progressive dinners, where people went from house to house on snowmobiles. There was a sailboat, and Arnon built his own canoe. How cool is that, building your own canoe?

Arnon was full of life. He said, "God made you with two ears and one mouth for a reason. Use them in proportion." He said, "Death is a gateway, not a roadblock."

Death is a gateway. We had no idea the cancer would go this fast. We thought at first we had a good prognosis. But about two weeks after the surgery, Arnon quieted down, as if he knew. Sometimes it can seem like a dream. After all, we saw him here less than three weeks ago with his gentle smile and warm embrace.

We could walk out of here right now and see him set up in the Narthex with his camera and backdrop, taking pictures of everybody, or sitting in the workroom folding the Sunday bulletins with Marian.

How can he be gone? But he is. I feel like I'm repeating myself these days, we thought we would have more time with him. Make use of the time you have with each other, Like Arnon did.

We may have lots of feelings. We might feel angry: "Give him back." It's okay to feel angry.

Might feel thankful for the life that he shared with us or that Arnon did not suffer greatly with pain. Nor did he have to endure limitations on his ability to communicate or move around for very long.

Might feel sad. Sometimes we feel so sad it's like ocean waves crashing over us, like, if we let ourselves feel any sadness at all then the sadness will be so great that it swallows us up entirely.

That's when we need each other, to help us take the sadness in little bits, a piece at a time. We need each other so we know that our family loves us, our church people love us. Which they do.

Also, there's one more thing. There is also the good news. You remember: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This is what Arnon has been smiling about all this time. This is the hilariously funny thing that he has been telling us for all these years, showing us through his life for all these decades.

God's love in Jesus Christ is bigger even than death. And Arnon lives. There are still trips to the beach and winter camping in recreation vehicles early enough in the morning to see the light of heaven brilliant on the snow. There is cross country skiing and water skiing and snowmobile progressive dinners. There are sailboats and the construction of many canoes, all of which Arnon enjoys in the brilliance of God's unutterable beauty.

We will meet him there. Jesus says he goes to prepare a place for us. That's where we will be too.

I want to finish with a paragraph that Arnon wrote for one of the sermons he did. I'm changing the name of the person he wrote it for to Arnon's name because what he said I think is true of Arnon too.

"Arnon lived through some incredible changes in the course of his life. Some good, some not so good. But in the midst of all the changes, let us give thanks to God for the one thing that has remained unchanged. The steadfast love of God who promised life eternal for those who believe in him. That good news is now a reality for Arnon and as we say good-bye to him we can find comfort in knowing that it's not good-bye for good, but just good-bye for now. One day we will all be reunited with him when we join the Lord for the gift of eternal life.

It's my prayer for you, Arnon's family and friends, that you will believe in and hold on to that promise. I hope and pray that you will find your sources of strength and power from your belief and faith in our Lord. And may that faith comfort you as you continue on your journey of life and faith." Amen





Thrivent Financial for Lutherans®

Let me introduce your 2014 Board of Directors: President - Ray Hughes (Faith Lutheran); Vice President - Greg Lubeck (St John Lutheran); Records Director - Cynthia Mead (St John Lutheran); Financial Director - Glenn Schmuck (Gethsemane Lutheran); Director of Congregational Advocates - Gordon Scharping (Victory Lutheran); Member At Large - Misty Gonzalez (Woodford Community); Events Director - Bill Gruber (Our Redeemer Lutheran).

"CHOICE DOLLARS" NEED TO BE DESIGNATED: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans offers eligible members an opportunity to designate "Choice Dollars", which are based on annual insurance premiums of \$800 or more, contract values of \$20,000 or more, and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership.

Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of nonprofit organizations nationwide, including your own local congrega-

tion. If you are eligible to direct Choice Dollars, you will receive a letter in the mail at the point you become eligible. If you are not sure as to whether or not you have Choice Dollars available, login or register at thrivent.com to view your eligibility and Choice Dollars if eligible. If you have 2013 Choice Dollars they need to be designated no later than March 31st, 2014. As of Nov 23, 2013 Faith has 48 Thrivent Financial members in the Fayette County Chapter.

In 2012, Faith's Choice Dollars Grant Funds that were directed were \$282 to our Childcare Ministries; \$894 to the churches budget; and Lutherans in Fayette County directed \$383 toward Mission Lexington. Additionally, as of Dec 31st, 2013, the Fayette County Chapter which consists of 979 Thrivent members had 266 members with Choice dollars eligibility and of those members only 74 directed their choice dollars (\$10,099) toward a 501.c.3 nonprofit organization.

CONGREGATIONAL ADVOCATE NEEDED: Faith Lutheran is in need of a "Congregational Advocate/s" for the local chapter of Thrivent Financial. Our last Advocate, Holly Shipley left in May 2013. You are eligibility to hold this position if you are a member of Thrivent Financial (to be a member you only need to have one product with Thrivent). As a congregational advocate, you are mainly responsible for getting information about events and financial resources that may be available to Faith's Thrivent Membership, additionally, you are encouraged to attend Fayette County's Chapter of Thrivent Financial Board Meetings which occur on the 4th Monday of the month. If you are interested, please contact Ray Hughes as soon as possible, we are just getting started for 2014.



Just a note to say how much we enjoyed the fine dining that occurred in celebration of Valentine's Day in the basement of FLC!! From the hat check 'girls' to the mater'd wel-

coming us, to the 'champagne' toast, to the lovely tables with a rose for every woman, to the chandeliers on the ceiling! and the beautiful fern arrangements with red lit candles in the corners, to the energetic and tuxedoed waiters and waitresses, and lest we forget the delicious food, with choice of entree and then a real dessert cart where one was tempted to have at least one of each!! Real napkins....chairs covered in red and white....a violin-

ist playing in the background!.... Parish Life Committee---you outdid yourselves!! And all of this for the good cause of enhancing Pastor's discretionary fund! It was, well, just FABULOUS!

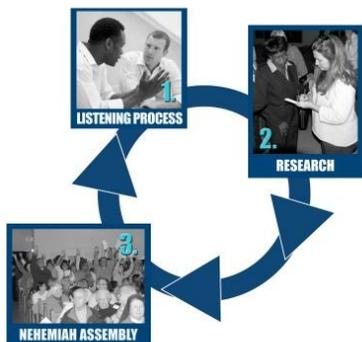
Thanks so much for all of your efforts, everyone! Our reservation for next year is in the mail.

Sincerely,

Miriam and Ned Brown



Justice Ministry Striving for 52:1 Nehemiah Action Assembly - - April 8th



· You are invited to attend our Nehemiah Action Assembly on April 8 and should be contacted by a BUILD Network Member with more information soon.

· Our Assembly is modeled after Nehemiah's Great Assembly (Neh. 5) at which a large number of people in Jerusalem asked the people in power to make commitments to correct terrible injustices.

· Our 2014 Nehemiah Action Assembly attendance goal = **52:1** That is, each BUILD congregation will strive to turn out its average annual Sunday worship attendance: **52 Sundays**

for worship, 1 day for justice!

2014 Justice issues to be addressed

- Affordable Housing
 - Ⓟ Our Committee met with ten groups of affordable housing stakeholders on January 23 to gain allies for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF).
 - Ⓟ We have continued to encourage the Mayor to make the AHTF a part of his plan to address housing and homelessness.
 - Ⓟ At this time, Mayor Gray is presenting his plan to address homelessness in Fayette County to the County Budget and Finance Committee.
- Payday Lending
 - Ⓟ Our Payday Lending Committee continues to work with the KY Coalition for Responsible Lending, CLOUT (BUILD's counterpart in Louisville) and a growing number of allies statewide to cap payday lending interest rates at 36%.
 - Ⓟ Recent efforts to find a sponsor in the legislature were derailed by the powerful forces that unjustly prey on desperate citizens in Kentucky.
 - Ⓟ Our committee will confer with our allies across Kentucky and encourage them to work with their legislators on this issue.
- Crime and Drugs
 - Ⓟ Our Listening Process last fall uncovered fears stemming from local crime and drugs activities.
 - Ⓟ Our new committee has met with police, counselors, judges, prosecutors, defenders and others. The goal is to define a single issue within this big problem area and to propose a doable solution for presentation at the Nehemiah Action Assembly in April.
 - Ⓟ Important research findings to date: (1) a majority of crimes involve drugs, (2) drug treatment is heavily preferred over incarceration.

We thank God for our BUILD team and network members. Please pray for and with them as they extend invitations to the 2014 Nehemiah Action Assembly. And we thank God for the many ways people of our congregation make justice happen every day of the year!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gisela Atkerson
- Debbie Augsburg
- 3 Dale Austin
- Parker Teasdale
- 4 Kris Johnson
- 5 Aeris Hammonds
- Helen Keller
- 7 Lucy Bergen
- Jacob Wilson
- 8 Susan Harper
- 9 Benji Blake
- Michael Keller
- Steve Knudsen
- Jan Sayre
- 10 Brianna Augsburg
- Jim Burnside
- Karen Iorio
- 11 Art Kurz
- JoEllen McComb
- Payton Sword
- 12 Jan Isenhour
- Linda McDaniel
- 13 Judy Templar
- 15 William Kelley
- Avalee Konkle
- Lin Whitley
- 16 Charles Hamilton
- 17 Hailey Shannon
- 18 Bonnie Harstad
- Kevin Lentz
- 19 Gene Harper
- Thomas Iorio
- Julie Menchen
- Troy Peasley
- Josephine Wendroth
- 21 Alann Karow
- Olivia McKinney
- Aidan St. Peter
- Carson Veil
- 22 Karl Krause
- Julie Miller
- 23 Walt Keinath
- 24 Kathy Egner
- Chris Fugmann
- 27 Joe Swanson
- Tara Sword
- 28 Betsy Filchak
- 29 Carly Fugmann
- Ray Hughes
- Parveen Majumder
- 30 Jim Hower
- Gretchen Shearer
- Madeline Tudor
- 31 Tim Sorenson

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jack & Dottie Cassel
- Jack & Carole Seibert
- 8 Jimmy & Jeb Emmons
- 19 Mike & Julie Keller

The Daytime Sophia

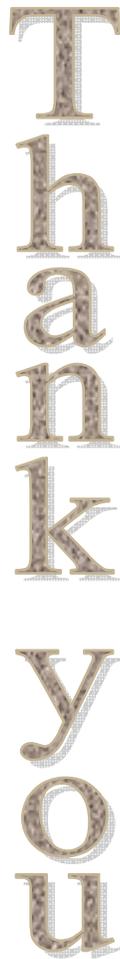
group will meet Thursday, March 13, at 1p.m. at the home of Jan Keinath, 2805 Phoenix Rd. (277-0401). The group is reading "Driving The Saudis" by Jayne Amelia Larson. Newcomers always welcome.

The Evening Sophia

group will meet Monday, March 17th, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kris Neese, 683 Springridge Drive. They are reading, Nurturing, Healing Love, by Scarlett Lewis. All are welcome. For more information, contact Kris, 373-9446.

Faith Lutheran Youth thanks all who brought canned goods for Faith Lutheran's Souper Bowl! The Broncos won with 81 cans to the Seahawks' 41

Narthex Cleanup for March:
Child Care Committee



There are no words adequate to thank you for your nurturing kindness to our family in those days before Arnon's Homegoing and the gathering after.

Pastor Andy for your visits, prayers and the beautiful message.

Bonnie for the uplifting music.

To the families who brought unending amounts of food and to all of our Faith family for being our prayer partners.

We thank you.

The family of Arnon Lundborg

DEATHS:

William F. Silvia, father of Bill Silvia, died January 22nd in South Kingstown, RI.

Arnon Lundborg, husband of Marian Lundborg, father of Brian Lundborg, died February 12th in Lexington.



Madeline Farrar would like to thank everybody for coming to her recital and for donating to MusicWorks. We collected \$420! She hopes you enjoyed it and appreciates your support.

Stephanie Farrar

Women of the ELCA East Kentucky Cluster Gathering, Saturday, March 29, 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m., St. John Lutheran, 5977 Lower Tug Fork Dr., Melbourne, KY. For more information, contact Nancy Enzweiler, jentsch@nku.edu, 859-635-5013.

	Attendance	Worship	Sunday School
January 26		181	42
February 2		188	62
February 9		218	55
February 16		180	35



The OWLs will meet on March 20th—12:30 p.m. At Sutton's Restaurant (**Kroger Parking Lot**)

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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M & T 9:30-11:30 AM; W & TH 4:00-6:00 PM; Day off-Friday

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