

Faith Lutheran Church Messenger

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A message from Pastor Andy...

This year's Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly will take place June 5-7. Steve and Teri Knudsen will represent Faith Lutheran Church, along with Pr. Andy and Bonnie Harstad. (Along with the fifty million other things Bonnie does for this congregation and the Church at large, she also helps with Synod Assembly planning.) As usual, the assembly will elect synod officers and approve synod budget, which includes new missions in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ongoing education and encouragement for evangelism, stewardship and other missions of existing congregations, participation in the ELCA's witness nationally, and support for global missions. For more information, please see <http://www.iksynod.org/assembly2014.html>.

Synod Assembly Service Project

Synod Assembly does not just involve congregational delegates and rostered leaders. Everyone can contribute to its service project, which will benefit The Sharing Place, a ministry of Lutheran Child and Family Services. Please see the following information and list of items you can bring to church to show God's love among the people of The Sharing Place.

In-kind Service Project: The Sharing Place

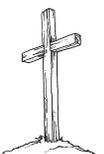
The Sharing Place is an emergency food pantry providing free food and clothing to families in need. Located on the east side of Indianapolis, the Sharing Place is staffed by volunteers recruited from the community and local congregations. Clients can come once a month, must provide proof of residence, and their household income needs to be less than certain income guidelines. Food comes from USDA, Gleaners Food Bank, Midwest Food Bank, and from financial and food donations from individuals and organizations, businesses, churches, and schools. <http://www.lutheranfamily.org/sharingplace.html>



NEEDED ITEMS

Dry Spaghetti
Canned Meat
Canned Tuna
Peanut Butter
Cereal
Canned Fruit
Canned Pasta
Spaghetti sauce
Rice
Pork and Beans
Hamburger Helper
Ramen Noodles
Soap
Shampoo
Deodorant
Tooth Brushes
Tooth Paste
Laundry Detergent
New socks for children up to 17 years
New underwear for children up to 17 years
Diapers (newborn, size 1, 2, 4 and 5)

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





Call Committee

Please Provide Your Input

You should have recently received a mailing from the Call Committee requesting your input on two important documents for the process of calling our new pastor: one asks you to identify the top five Ministry Tasks required and the second asks you to prioritize the necessary Gifts for Ministry.

Both of these are very important documents which will impact the future direction for Faith, so the Call Committee has asked for input from the whole congregation. Please prayerfully consider the six areas arising from our cottage meetings (see below) as areas where Faith is being called and use those areas to guide your selections for the top five Ministry Tasks and top ten Gifts for Ministry (five necessary gifts and five more helpful gifts). ***Please complete both forms and return them to Faith in person or by mail so they are received by Sunday, May 11.*** If you wish to return them by mail, please use the self-addressed envelope included in your mailing. If you wish to return it in person, please place it in the box in the narthex labeled "Ministry

Tasks and Gifts". If you need an additional copy of the material from the mailing, please pick up a copy in the narthex next to the return box.

Six Areas for Emphasis

- 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.

As always, the Call Committee appreciates your prayers and your support.

Justice Ministry At the Nehemiah Action Assembly the Answers Were Yes, Yes and Yes !

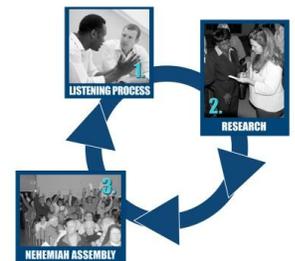
The BUILD Nehemiah Action Assembly on April 8 was a great event for Lexington! We praise God for working through us and the other 24 churches of BUILD, to bring about the following:

A YES on Payday Lending ! - Kentucky State Senator Alice Forgy-Kerr committed to sponsor, in the 2015 legislative session, a bill to end the abusive and unjust payday lending practices that affect so many Kentuckians.

A YES on Crime and Drugs ! - The city of Lexington will provide top-notch training for judges and attorneys so that we can more effectively use our drug court, a program that is funded but under-utilized program, a program that is effective in getting more people off of their addiction and out of a life of crime.

A YES on Affordable Housing ! - After 6 years of persistence, BUILD moved the Mayor to commit to bring to the County Council a proposal for the creation of an affordable housing trust fund to build and renovate affordable housing in Lexington. His proposal includes dedicating a minimum of \$2 million of annual revenue to create and sustain this affordable housing trust. Mayor Gray also agreed to support and advocate for the passage of his proposal.

We praise and thank God for everyone who has supported our justice ministry in so many ways and we thank God for blessing our city through this work.





May Flyer

5/18 3:30-4:30 (or until finished)

Get Air trampoline park at Brannon Crossing. We'll meet there at 3:30. Please bring \$12 for an hour of jump time. If the lines are long, the hour may not start right at 3:30.

Get Air requires an online waiver to be filled out. You can do that ahead of time here:

<http://www.getairlex.com/lexington-trampoline-park-online-waiver.html>

5/25 6:00-8:15

"Frozen" movie and pizza. For the first time in forever, let it go and enjoy a fixer-upper of an evening with the newest Disney classic by popular request.



First Communion Workshop: — 1:00-2:30 p.m. — Saturday May 10
Children interested in taking their first communion may come to this workshop to find out how Jesus makes us stronger and more loving in communion.



DON'T MISS IT!

Faith Lutheran's BLISS and JOY Choirs present

THE LOST BOY

Sunday May 4 ~ 4:00 pm

Sometimes, we all get a little lost and wonder where Jesus has gone...



**Habitat
for Humanity®**

Thank you!

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I really appreciate all the support, love, prayers, and caring I have received over this past year. Thanks to all who made my dedication a special day by coming to it! And, a special thank you to Pastor Andy and Pastor Luckey for the blessing and the opening prayer and for blessing the house. Thanks to all who helped move in record time. From closing to being totally moved, took only 2hrs and 30 minutes. I am so thankful for all of that planning.

Thank you to all of you who came to my housewarming at Faith Lutheran. Special thanks go to Judy Page and Elaine Billington who made all of the arrangements. Thank you all for the many gifts. I love each and every one.

Because of Habitat for Humanity, the University of Kentucky, and the help of all from Faith Lutheran, I now have a safe place to live. I have dishes to have meals at the house. I have tools and a toolbox to fix my house. I have blankets to stay warm, pictures to remember the building of my house, towels for the kitchen and bathroom and a lot of things for my kitchen.

Thank you also for the pottery bowl, gift cards and money for sofa that I just love. And, last, but not least, thank you for helping me fix my bed and nightstands, and for displaying the flying pig for everyone to see and talk about.

Misty Hess

Dear Faith Lutheran,



I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for helping to organize our first visit to Faith Lutheran Church in Lexington. I appreciate the hard work that goes into publicity and all the details surrounding our visit. The setting in your sanctuary for our concert on tour was extremely rewarding. Our new connection with the Faith Lutheran congregation, the Thiel choir alumnus who came, and the church families in attendance made us feel very welcome. Please accept my personal thanks to you, to those who worked so very hard to provide a great meal, and the congregation for their warm hospitality.

It is always very special for me to perform for a congregation we have never visited before. It is also good for my students to view firsthand the life of the congregation as they extend the hand of fellowship to strangers like us. Performing that Sunday evening was rewarding for me because I am very proud of those kids and the music they are able to create without the music major most institutions enjoy, a dynamic I know you can appreciate. The maturing process which transforms the choir during concert tours is a source of great satisfaction to me personally. Beyond the music, however, I treasure lasting memories, renewing old friendships and the many friendships newly established.

With each new church on tour that we visited, the choir continued to grow musically and personally. Our home concert following the tour on Sunday, March 16th was a huge success and we are two weeks away from our spring concert. Your kindness made a huge difference in the lives of the Thiel Choir and you helped to create a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

I look forward to renewing our friendship in the near future. Please accept my heartfelt thanks. May God bless and keep you till we meet again.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael R. Bray, chair
Performing Arts Department

YARD SALE for TASTE of GRACE - JUNE 7

Parish Life is sponsoring a Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 7**, 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 to the Yard Sale. Then circle June 7 on your calendar, and come discover treasures you just cannot live without!

Donations will be collected the week before the Yard Sale, which will be held at Faith. (Please don't bring them in early!!) Please check upcoming Faith Notes and Bulletin announcements for further details about the Yard Sale, and this year's Taste of Grace benefit. Thank You!



A LOOK at the BUDGET

The Finance committee is pleased to report the financial status for the first quarter.

Our year to date total income through 3/31/14 was \$23,767 above budget; expenses were \$17,900 favorable to budget. Year to date contributions (both pledged and non pledged) were \$106,181 which is 101.9 % of the year to date budget of \$104,150.

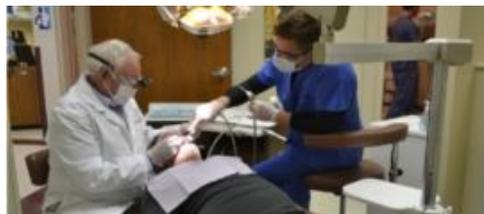
These results are a reflection of your commitment to your pledge, your stewardship of those pledges and your trust in God.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, thank you for your continued dedication to the ministries of Faith Lutheran Church.

In peace,
Debbie Rosenberg, Treasurer

Mission Lexington is Pleased to Welcome Nathaniel Mission Medical Clinic Patients

The Mission Lexington Medical Clinic is DOUBLING in size! Newtown Pike is extending through the current location of Nathaniel Mission. On Friday, February 14th, the Officers of the Nathaniel Mission Board of Directors voted to pay for Mission Lexington to see most of their patients through December 31st, 2014. Visit <http://bit.ly/1gBZUcv> to read more about the new staff and about this exciting expansion.



Mission Lexington Dental Clinic Has Also Doubled in Size

Mission Lexington is doubling the amount of dental care it provides to adults in Fayette County thanks to a \$150,000 donation and expanded clinic space. Go to <http://bit.ly/1gBZUcv> to read more about the generous contribution that will help us see more patients through June 2016.

In 2013 we provided 3,582 patient visits. Because we are continuing to grow, the Mission Lexington free clinics are in need of more volunteers to work the front desk. Please email Huston Hastie at lhastie09@mail.com if you can help at the Dental Clinic. We also could use licensed providers as well (MDs, DMDs, RNs, CNAs, Phlebotomists, Hygienists, Dental Assistants, front desk volunteers, & others). Please call Peg Nethery or Dona Barkman at 272-0219 if you can help at the Medical Clinic.



Go Green and De-Clutter!

Since spring is finally here, you may be thinking about spring cleaning. That usually means clearing out the

accumulation of stuff! As you de-clutter, consider options as you sort your items– 1) share or pass on to family members or neighbors 2) yard/garage sale and donate the proceeds to a worthy cause 3) donations to re-purpose or re-use - think Re-Store (Habitat for Humanity) or Goodwill, etc. 4) recycle (check for the triangle label) and lastly, 5) trash. Much of what we toss in the trash is not truly trash and can benefit others. Donations

to charities benefit in several ways – those in need may obtain items at reduced or no cost, the proceeds may support jobs or homes or other good causes and you receive a tax deduction. By choosing all but the last option for your de-cluttering effort, you reduced what goes into our landfill.

One more thing – does anyone have a stash of vinyl records (LP's and 45's) or CD's from the days of old – before I-tunes and music downloads? Here is your chance to share your musical treasures with others! The Vintage Vinyl project is a fund-raiser for WUKY (public radio) in its second year. Vinyl records are being collected at the ReStore on Southland Drive until mid-June. The sale will be held June 20-22, 2014 and benefit WUKY programming. Check out wuky.org/vintage-vinyl-sale for details.

Juvenile Restorative Justice Needs Your Help

Faith Lutheran has been a supporter of this program for several years. In a nutshell, this program addresses accountability, dialogue, and healing for youth at risk and their families. It is staffed by all volunteers - trained mediators, circle keepers, interns majoring in social work serving youth and their families. Youth served range in age 12-18 years. Primarily three restorative justice processes are offered: victim-offender mediation, dialogue circles, and family group conferencing. The services are voluntary for the families who participate. In addition, case consultation can provide referral to appropriate community services.

The primary goals are:

- ◆ Build communication skills among family members
- ◆ Build empathy between all those involved
- ◆ Build solution focused problem solving
- ◆ Insure that each person's unique story is heard
- ◆ Approach the youth's situation in a holistic manner

Periodically, there are needs for the program and the families served. Currently, the needs are gift cards for local restaurants (\$15 amount) such as Starbucks, McDonald's, Applebee's, etc. and Kroger (\$40 amount.) Social workers generally meet the family members at neutral sites like restaurants and often use their own money for the food or beverage purchases. The Kroger cards are used in two ways – to help families with emergency food assistance and for refreshments with families in group dialogues/conferences. Gift cards may be dropped off at the church office or given to Jennifer Klee. If you would like a receipt for tax purposes, please include your name and address with the amount/type of donation so a receipt may be mailed to you.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Jennifer Klee at 873-6172 or jbklee@uky.edu.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maddie Larson
- 2 Kim Heersche
Ole Wendroth, Sr.
- 3 Donita Henry
- 4 Ellie Burnside
Kristy Cloyd
Nora Hanley
- 5 Tricia Brown
Jacob Palmer
Jack Seibert
Ian Young
- 6 Larry Isenhour
- 7 David Templar
- 8 Patrick Carey
- 9 Stephanie Watkins
Loren Zink
- 11 Calvin Hughey
Olive McKinney
- 12 Dani Marquardt
Kara Stacy
- 13 Kathryn King
Debbie Rosenberg
- 14 Heidi Russell
Charlotte Slusher
Alyson Taylor
- 15 Judy Page
- 16 Ann Rose
- 18 Jim Larson
Ashton Lee
Dorina Longarzo
- 19 Henry Davis
Tom Kastanowski
Dorothy Schwantes
Patty Whitehouse
- 23 Kathy Heersche
Lori Hetzel
Wayne Schedler
Robert Vaughan
- 24 Lee Holmes
- 25 Melonie Atkerson
Joyce Forrest
Hailey Veil
- 27 Barbara Abney
Hannah Hetzel-Ebben
Jay Taylor
- 29 Anthony Cloyd
Stephanie Farrar
Katie Larson
Eileen Will
- 31 Diane Blake
Mario Felice
Paxton VanWinkle

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Nick & Shari Veil
- 6 Ray & Leslie Hughes
- 11 Chris & Tracy Fugmann
- 12 Jeff & Tammy Talbert
- 15 Pete & Anne Gross
Gerhard & Irmgard Kindler
- 16 Wayne & Sharron Schedler
Tim Sorenson &
Jennifer Barricklow
- 27 Bob & Katie Booth
- 28 Jimmy & Cortney Lee
Scott & Melinda Wilson
- 31 John & Katy Bower

The Daytime Sophia

group will meet at the home of Jan Keinath, 2805 Phoenix Road, May 8, 1:00 p.m. The group is reading, Mountains Beyond Mountains, by Tracy Kidder. All newcomers are always welcome.

WEDDING:

Stephen Sharp and Ryan Daugherty were married April 5th, at Faith.

NEW MEMBERS:

Kyle Hagen and Travis Janet Walker and Carolyn

Thank you, Pastor Patti!

Pr. Patti Pasquarello has organized and led our pastoral care team these last several months, providing connection and pastoral care to our homebound folks. Due to time demands from upcoming family events, she feels she will not have time in the future to do this work with her usual high standard of quality, and so has submitted her resignation to the Personnel Committee. We are grateful to God and to her for her service, and will be looking for someone to take on her duties in September. In the meantime and as always, anyone may communicate pastoral care concerns with Pr. Andy or the church office.

COLLEGE GRADUATION:

Michael Joseph Keller Jr. is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management & Dietetics with a concentration in Hotel Restaurant Tourism Mgt with a minor in Micro Economics, Western Kentucky University, May 17, 2014

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

Jacob Larson, Aubrey Reynolds, Payton Sword, and Robert Wendroth

	Attendance	Worship	Sunday School
March 23		189	37
March 26 (Lent)		56	
March 30		193	
April 2 (Lent)		48	
April 6		167	
April 9 (Lent)		49	
April 13		232	45
April 17 (Maundy Thursday)		59	
April 18 (Good Friday)		69	
April 19 (Easter Vigil)		28	
April 20 (Easter)		356	



Narthex Cleanup for May:

Community Ministry



The OWLs will meet on May 22 —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

Staff

Andy Rutrough, Interim Pastor 266-7621 or 859-314-1945
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