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## -A Message from Pastor Mark-

More than once the last few months I've been asked, "What is your plan or vision for Faith Lutheran congregation?" I've responded that I have no specific plan, but I believe that my role as pastoral leader is to facilitate our discerning together God's mission. As we do this we can begin to articulate it to one another and then live into it.

*Spiritual discernment* involves an integration of head and heart and happens best within community where we're given space to be our true selves and can give voice to what is on our hearts and minds without fear of reprisals.

One of the current goals of the congregational leadership is to **focus and strengthen our compassion and justice ministries**. At the intersection of *spiritual discernment* and our call to work for justice throughout the world is a book written by Parker Palmer, *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit*. Parker is a Quaker, a lineage of Christianity steeped in a rich tradition of *spiritual discernment*. Beginning Sunday, November 15, using videos and open-ended questions I will facilitate discussion around the major themes from this book, 9:45-10:45 AM. Meeting space to be determined.

We will seek to create safe space, learning together through practice how to engage in discourse that is truly civil. I hope that together we can discern God moving our hearts individually and as a community towards making a 'good news' difference in our world. You do not have to read the book to participate, but you are encouraged to do so, and those who do so will be further enriched.

To whet your appetite I'll share 2 quotes that Parker uses as bookends in the book. The first is from Terry Tempest Williams, "Engagement":

The human heart is the first home of democracy. It is where we embrace our questions. Can we be equitable? Can we be generous? Can we listen with our whole being, not just our minds, and offer our attention rather than our opinions? And do we have enough resolve in our hearts to act courageously, relentlessly, without giving up—ever—trusting our fellow citizens to join with us in our determined pursuit of a living democracy?

The final is from theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, "The Irony of American History":

Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore, we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we are saved by love.

Live each day in hope, faith, and love,

*Pastor Mark*





FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Financial Secretary's Report  
September 1-30, 2015

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.

The family of Charlie Watkins.

The family of Bill Silvia.

Jim and Carol Larson's friend Silvia, dealing with cancer issues.

Jim Larson's sister Mary, dealing with cancer issues.

Steve Carter, undergoing dialysis and on kidney transplant list.

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

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

Henning Egner, dealing with cancer issues.

**INCOME TOWARD BUDGET**

Offering Envelopes	\$28,331.00
Loose Offering	<u>578.00</u>
	28,909.00
<b>Total Income Toward Budget</b>	<b>28,909.00</b>

**RESTRICTED MONEY**

<u>Reimbursements</u>	
CC Reimb - Workman's Comp	125.00
CC Reimb - Custodial	370.00
Ice Cream Social	<u>335.00</u>
	830.00
<u>Special Funds</u>	
Youth Fund	<u>5.00</u>
	5.00

Pass Thru Monies

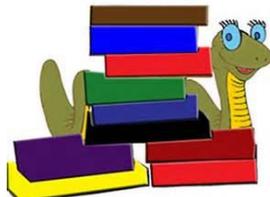
World Hunger	130.00
God's Pantry	40.00
Taste of Grace	110.00
LWR-Fair Trade Sales	<u>74.00</u>
	354.00

**Total Restricted Money 1,189.00**

**TOTAL SEPTEMBER RECEIPTS 30,098.00**

<u>Comparison to Budget</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	28,909.00	332,786.06
Budget	35,207.67	316,869.03
Percent of Budget	82.11%	105.02%

Mary S. Hemken, Financial Secretary, 859-268-6801, mshem326@gmail.com



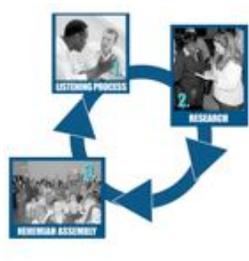
**Annual Used Book Sale to benefit  
Grace Orphanage in Haiti!**

**October 25 through November 8**

This is a wonderful opportunity to clean off your bookshelves and trade them for new books AND benefit Grace Orphanage, our mission in Haiti.

Co-Sponsors: Community Ministry and Global Missions

## Step One ... Accomplished



Your Justice Ministry has accomplished the first step in BUILD's yearly justice campaign. We held five house meetings here at Faith and we would like to thank those of you who attended. The Justice Committee Team feels very strongly

that Lexington benefits when we all take a part in ensuring that all of our brothers and sisters are treated fairly and respectfully, and we thank all participants in this effort.

Our second step will take place on October 26 (after this newsletter has gone to publication) at Consolidated Baptist Church, when we hold our Community Problems Assembly. At this CPA we will determine the third issue that we will address this year. Our Justice Ministry Network Members will vote on one of these three issues:

- Youth and Education
- Health and Mental Health
- Jobs and Wages

The chosen issue will be added to the two issues we are carrying over, which are:

- Drugs and Crime
- Pay Day Lending

We hope that each of you will carefully and prayerfully consider your role in justice ministry at Faith. You might be interested in becoming a Justice Ministry Network Member (and we would love to have you), you might want to work on a research committee, you might want to make an investment in BUILD, you might want to attend the Nehemiah Assembly.

If you feel called to one of these areas of work for Justice, please contact a Team Member... Bryna Reed, Jim Larson, Shane Hadden, Joe Swanson, or Gail Swanson.

## FLY...NOVEMBER EVENTS



**HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT**

11/1 - 6:30-8:30. Light snack included. High school movie night (Robin Hood: Men in Tights) - rated PG-13

11/8 - RSVP and \$5 due to Kevin for Breakout on 11/15. The church will pay the rest of the entry fee.

11/15 - 3:45-5:00.

Breakout - The Real-Life Escape Adventure (306 N Ashland Ave.).



Find clues to solve the mystery and escape the room! We'll be doing the Casino Royale scenario. More information on their webpage: <http://www.breakoutlexington.com/>



**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
A LUTHERAN & EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY AT UK  
472 ROSE STREET 859.254.3726

Please join us for our last Chapel Talk of the semester on Thursday, November 5, at 8:00 PM at St. Augustine's Chapel. Pastor Marsha Moors-Charles of Bluegrass UCC will lead a follow-up discussion to last spring's Chapel Talk on marriage equality entitled: "When 'I Dos' Become 'We Dos': Marriage Equality in the Church after the Supreme Court Ruling." Please join us for a meal with Pastor Marsha before the talk at 7:00 PM. Free parking is available for this event in the "E" lots off of Linden Walk

# Some Enchanted Evening

*The Music of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II*



**Features the Voice Students of Craig Price singing selections from:**

**The Sound of Music ★ The King and I ★ Cinderella  
Oklahoma ★ Carousel ★ South Pacific**

**Friday November 6, 2015  
7:00pm**

**Faith Lutheran Church  
Lexington, KY**

## **SOME ENCHANTED EVENING:**

The Music of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II will be held on Friday November 6th, 2015 at 7PM in the sanctuary at Faith, and will feature students from the voice studio of Craig Price. Selections will be featured from "The Sound of Music," "Cinderella," "Oklahoma," "Carousel," "The King and I," and "South Pacific." All are welcome.



**"A KENTUCKY CHRISTMAS"**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015, 2 PM**

Conceived adapted and staged by  
James W. Rodgers at the  
**Woodford Theatre, 275 Beasley Dr., Versailles,  
KY 40383**

A colorful celebration of dreams, grand traditions, and loving memories of Christmases past creatively brought to life through the blending of music and storytelling from some of Kentucky's finest writers, and the creative magic of the visual and performing arts. Writers include Anne Sheleyk, Silas House, Harry Caudill, Frank X. Walker, Belinda Mason, Billy C. Clark, Clifford Wieck, Elizabeth Madox Roberts, James Still, Jane Gentry, and more. (For the entire family.)

Tickets are normally \$20 adults and \$13 for students but Thrivent Financial is subsidizing a portion of the cost so your final cost is: \$10 each age 3 and up. "Tickets are open to Thrivent members both associate and benefit plus their guest/s". Remaining tickets will be opened to everyone.

Please pay by check and make payable to: **Thrivent Federal Credit Union** by the 22nd of November and give to your congregational Thrivent representative.

**If you are interested in purchasing tickets for this Event, please contact Ray Hughes by either phone at 389-8651 or email at rayles1948@windstream.net. Monies will need to be collected at time of ordering.**



Members of Faith,

Thank you to all who volunteered and attended our Fall Festival. We had a great time with about 160 attendees. Clifford visited, we had a delicious chili dinner thanks to Paige & Travis Walker, we enjoyed the double inflatable slide, and of course, the grand finale was the pie in the face – Ms. Vanessa, Ms. Diane, and Mr. Will were great sports!



We have also begun weekly chapel with Pastor Mark and Tom. We are very excited to have them sharing their gifts with our students. They will be working together some weeks and alternating other weeks. This is a great chance for our students to be exposed to age-appropriate biblical lessons during their school week at FLLC.

A final thank you to families who visited our Scholastic Book Fair! You helped us raise money to buy new books for our students. We appreciate your support and hope you were able to find books for the children in your lives to love and cherish. We will have another book fair at the end of April 2016 in conjunction with our Spring Fling event.



We have recently started our weekly music classes with Ms. Marian again. The kids are having a great time and look forward to another year of musical fun. We will be spending the next month preparing a Christmas program for mid-December. We are thankful every year for the time & love of music. Marian shares with our children. She brings enthusiasm, kindness, energy, and love from the Father.

Have a blessed November and a delightful time with family over the holidays. If you would ever like to see a day in the life of FLLC students, we'd love to have you stop on by our center. Also, you will find it to be extremely entertaining!



Respectfully,

*Charla Heersche*

Charla Heersche,  
FLLC Director

## Nathaniel United Methodist Mission Lexington, Kentucky



### It's Turkey Baking Time!



Volunteers are needed to bake and deliver Thanksgiving turkeys for **the Nathaniel United Methodist Mission's Thanksgiving dinner, Tuesday, November 24.** This annual event provides a warm Thanksgiving dinner to families that are less fortunate on Tuesday, November 24. Members of Faith have been asked to bake turkeys again this year. Turkeys and baking tins are provided and will be available Sunday, November 22. Volunteers are asked to bake and slice the turkeys and return them to the church by 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Volunteers are also needed to deliver the turkeys between 2:30 and 4:00 on Tuesday. If you can help, sign the volunteer sheet in the Narthex or contact Cindy Heine (call or text 351-9419 or Cynthia.heine@gmail.com)!

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## SOCIAL SECURITY: Strategize to Maximize Workshop

**Did you know that there are hundreds of options associated with your Social Security retirement benefits?**

Join us on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church for a Thrivent Financial Social Security Presentation hosted by Rob and Brittany Lawson to explore how to sort through the choices. Help ensure the decisions you make are ones you can live with—for the rest of your life. Contact Jenny Ditto at 859-408-9788 or [jenny.ditto@thrivent.com](mailto:jenny.ditto@thrivent.com) to RSVP.

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church 516 Pasadena Dr, Lexington, KY 40503

Refreshments will be served.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

**DEATH:**

- 1 Katie Keinath  
Melissa Keinath  
Susie Svetich
- 2 Diane Nicely  
Joan Sorenson  
Tammy Talbert
- 4 Tracy Fugmann  
Margie Myers  
Diana Shappley  
Alex Silvia
- 5 John Trump
- 6 Donna Ballos
- 7 Nate Bower
- 8 Harrison King  
Brandi Zink
- 9 Carolyn Holmes  
Glenn Thorstad
- 10 Guy Rion
- 12 Ana Hammonds  
Barry Whitley
- 13 Carolyn Carden  
Gail Swanson
- 14 Greta Bondurant
- 15 Lois Dunnum  
Hunter Parsons
- 16 Scott Fitzgerald  
Jimmy Lee  
Bowen Workman
- 18 Mark Russell  
Breanna Svetich  
Thomas Svetich
- 20 Tiffany Abney  
Pete Gross  
Rose Johnson  
Ella Johnson
- 22 Spencer Fenton-Wells  
Robert Henry
- 23 Juliana Fox
- 24 Dave Debertin
- 25 Charlie Hamilton
- 26 Emily McGrath
- 27 Carl Whitehouse
- 28 Ashlyn Sievers
- 30 Sharon Fegley

- 1 John & Patty Trump
- 2 John & Gisela Atkerson
- 13 Steve & Joyce Hayes
- 15 Roy & Vicky Noble
- 16 Troy & Marsha Peasley
- 22 Rich and Anita Matter
- 23 Paul & Elleonore Patrick
- 26 Jerry & Paula Klim
- 27 Steve & Debbie Carter
- 28 Larry & Jan Isenhour

Charlie Watkins, husband of Janel Watkins, father of Stephanie Meier and Lori Watkins, died September 25<sup>th</sup>.



...that people who are lying to you tend to look up and to the left (their left)?

...that by recycling just one glass bottle, the amount of energy that is being saved is enough to light a 100 watt bulb for four hours?

...that an ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain?

...that we are all ministers?

...that Eskimos use refrigerators to keep food from freezing?

...that "Do not be afraid?" appears 365 times? If you think about it, that's one for every day and an extra one for leap year!

**Just so you know!**

**Worship Attendance**

September 27	191
October 4	190
October 11	162
October 18	175

**The OWLs will meet on  
November 19  
12:30 p.m. at  
Sutton's Restaurant  
In the parking lot of Kroger's on  
Richmond Road.**



**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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