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September 2015

-A Message from Pastor Mark-

For the first three weeks of September I will be in the company of my wife, Susan, walking through the north of Spain on an ancient pilgrimage route, the **Camino de Santiago, also called the way of St. James.** Legend holds that St. James's remains were carried by boat from Jerusalem to northern Spain where he was buried in what is now the city of Santiago de Compostela. For close to a thousand years people of faith have made this pilgrimage journey, which gained in popularity during the middle ages, and has had a resurgence in the 21st century. In 2014 over 200,000 pilgrims were walking the Camino (The Way).

Susan and I are calling this venture our 'transitional pilgrimage' in the wake of our move to Lexington this summer. It will be a time for us to reflect on our respective faith journeys, walk, pray, experience community with other pilgrims, and be changed. If you have ever watched the movie "The Way" starring Martin Sheen, then you have some idea of where we'll be and the kind of walking we'll be doing.

I solicit your prayers for us as we set out on this pilgrimage journey. I plan to go with an open mind and heart, learning whatever I need to learn for my life's journey. Please pray for God's loving Spirit to be at work within us each step of the way. I also ask you to join me in continued prayers for Susan for another month after I return. She plans to walk the whole route (over 500 miles) and will return home October 23rd. Know that during my absence I will be praying for Faith congregation and for each of you on your own pilgrimage journey. May the Holy Spirit ever be our guide! I also trust that you

will be richly blessed by those who have graciously agreed to bring you God's Word and preside at worship during my pilgrimage excursion.

As I contemplate this journey now before me, the second verse of Peter Mayer's song, *Blue Boat Home*, comes to mind:

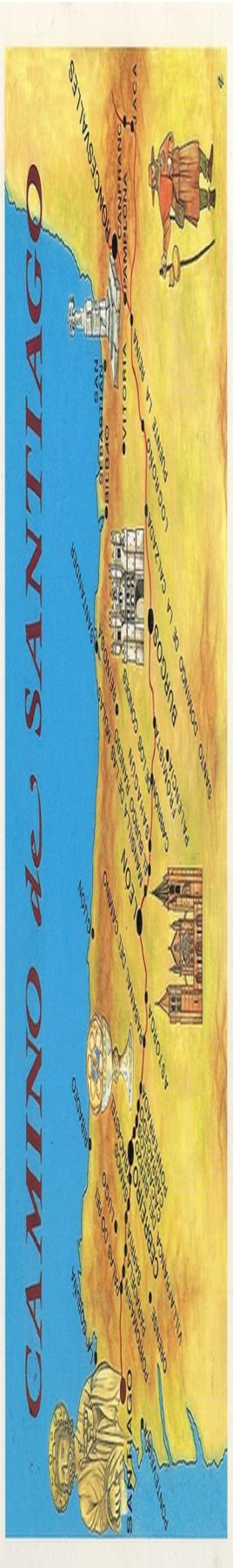
Sun, my sail and moon, my rudder
As I ply the starry sea
Leaning over the edge in wonder
Casting questions into the deep
Drifting here with my ship's companions
All we kindred pilgrim souls
Making our way by the lights of the heavens
In our beautiful blue boat home

May you live fully each day of your pilgrimage journey in Hope, Love, and Faith.

-Pastor Mark

Inquiry Adult Class

Beginning Sunday, October 4, I'll be leading a six-week Adult Class on what it means to live the Christian life from a Lutheran perspective. The class is open for all, and will be especially geared to those inquiring about potential membership into Faith Lutheran congregation. We'll be looking at Lutheranism as a Way of Seeing, a Way of Hearing, a Way of Teaching, and a Way of Following. There will also be some orientation to the many ministry opportunities within and through Faith congregation.





Are there people and organizations in your life that you care about and want to help sustain financially? If so, be sure to attend this complimentary one-hour presentation, "Your Legacy—Family, Church, Charity," on September 15, 2015 at 12 PM at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2255 Eastland Pkwy, Lexington, KY 40505.

Thrivent Financial representative's Brittany Lawson and Robert Lawson will introduce you to ways to unleash your generosity and ensure your legacy lives on. To **RSVP**, contact **Jenny Ditto at 859-408-9788 or jenny.ditto@thrivent.com**

Lunch will be provided.



What's Next for BUILD?

If you've become attuned to the rhythm of BUILD over the past thirteen years, you know that as we enter the fall season we turn our attention to our "listening campaign." Each year in September and October

we hold house meetings in each of our 27 congregations for the sole purpose of listening to what is keeping people in our community awake at night. These concerns are recorded and all of that data is duly reported by each congregation at BUILD's Community Problems Assembly (CPA) which is held in October each year.

During the CPA, BUILD members vote on the areas that will become our issue work for the 2016 Nehemiah Action Assembly. We will continue our work on the pay day lending issue (capping pay day loans at 36% apr), and will likely revisit some part of the drug and crime issue of this past year. Members may decide to choose one new issue to work on for 2016.

After the CPA, steering committees and research committees will be set up for any new issue that is advanced. It is typical for the research committee to have 25 - 30 research meetings as they decide which aspect of the problem to address what are the best practices for addressing the problem, who are the experts in this area, etc.

As you can see, a lot of work goes into this preparation stage, and there is more work that follows. But the pay-off for the worker is **HUGE**. Imagine how it feels to participate in changing your community... knowing your work made people safer... knowing your work made education in Lexington more equitable...knowing your work produced affordable housing...knowing your work stopped predatory lending in Kentucky?



A  from Cantor Tom....

Parish Choir is underway. Come join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Grace Notes (Faith's handbell choir) begins rehearsals Tuesday, September 1.

Youth, children and parents, please stay tuned for announcement of the schedules for youth and children's choir after Rally Day (September 13.)



You are invited to attend the Mission Lexington Fall Fling Gala on **Thursday, September 17th from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm** in the Grand Ballroom of Lexington's Signature Club.

Admission is \$75.00 per person and can be mailed to:

Mission Lexington,
230 South Martin Luther King Blvd.,
Lexington, KY, 40508.

Admission includes light hors d'oeuvres, pastries, unlimited tea, lemonade, and water, plus one serving of an additional beverage.

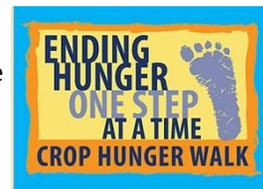
Join us for the live and silent auction and enjoy a live performance by the Young at Heart big band!

FLY....September Events



9/6 2:45-4:00 p.m. Get Air Trampoline Park Lexington (400 East Brannon Rd. in Brannon Crossing). We'll meet at 2:45 and plan on jumping from 3:00-4:00. Please be sure you have the online waiver filled out in advance (<https://lex.getairmanagement.com/Waiver.html>). Be prepared to be flexible on ending time in case we don't get in at 3 as planned. Jumping is \$12 for the hour.

9/27 3:30-4:15 Crop Walk – begin and end at 2nd Presbyterian (460 East Main). This is an activity to raise money for people without food, including God's Pantry locally. Kevin will have information on registration and collecting money as we get closer.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Do you remember your favorite Sunday School teacher? Maybe **YOU** are the future favorite Sunday School teacher for our youth at Faith! Need more reasons **WHY** you should volunteer?

- 1 The students will enrich your spirit and grow your faith.
- 2 The lessons will challenge your thinking and give you a way to share your faith. (All materials are provided, too!)
- 3 It's not forever! Teach for the school year, or start off with just one semester. You'll have a partner, too, which means you're not responsible for every week.
- 4 **You promised!** Yep – you sure did! Each time a child is baptized at Faith, the congregation promises to love, pray for, and nurture the new life in Christ.

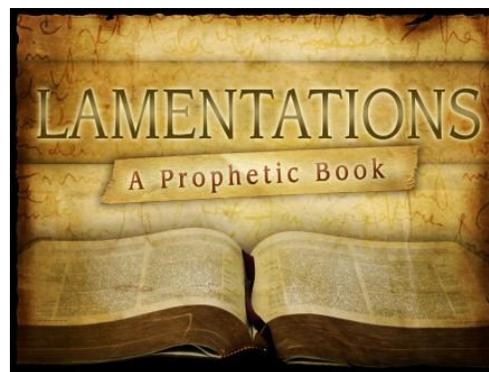
Contact Bryna Reed to sign up!

Sunday School begins September 13th.



In two-part workshops on **Saturday, October 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, we will explore foundational and theological aspects of Advent and engage in practical hands-on planning. Work from sessions will be used in the Sending Eucharist so we can observe how our ideas can be put to use. The *Living into Advent* session will also offer ideas for celebrating Advent outside of the Sunday worship. This event will be helpful to pastors, organists and musicians, choir directors, lectors, prayer writers, visual arts committees and worship planners. Cantor Tom will serve as one of the presenters speaking on prayers for Advent worship and the Great O Antiphons.

If you are interested in registering, please contact Cantor Tom, as groups of five or more receive a discount. Preregistration is \$30 (\$35 at the door.) Information at <http://www.iksynod.org/events/Seasonings/advent.html>



Wednesday Bible Study on the book of Lamentations will begin **October 7th at 6:30 p.m. in Faith House**. Lamentations is an interesting book which we don't read much during the 3 year lectionary cycle so we all should learn something about the book and have some interesting conversation about what it means for us today.

The study will continue until November 18th. For more information contact Joan Sorenson, jsorenson112@gmail.com, 309-0134.

Daytime Sophia will meet on **Thursday, September 10th, 1:00 p.m.**, at the home of Muzzy Hemken. They are reading, *A Lost Lady*, by Willa Cather. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Muzzy, 272-5053, mshem326@gmail.com



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Financial Secretary's Report
July 1-31, 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.

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

Steve Carter, complications with his transplant.

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.

Ray Sprague, dealing with cancer issues.

INCOME TOWARD BUDGET

Offering Envelopes	\$28,739.00
Loose Offering	<u>1,620.00</u>
	30,359.00

Total Income Toward Budget **30,359.00**

RESTRICTED MONEY

Reimbursements

CC Reimb - Workman's Comp	125.00
CC Reimb - Custodial	370.00
Vacation Bible School	209.00
Legends Game Tickets	217.00
Property Committee	75.00
The Lutheran	<u>8.95</u>
	1,004.95

Special Funds

Youth Fund	180.38
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	<u>50.00</u>
	230.38

Pass Thru Monies

World Hunger	217.00
Mission Endowment Fund	<u>546.45</u>
	763.45

Total Restricted Money **1,998.78**

TOTAL JULY RECEIPTS **32,357.78**

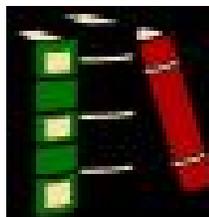
<u>Comparison to Budget</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	30,359.00	244,682.36
Budget	35,207.67	246,453.69
Percent of Budget	86,23%	99.28%

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



The Global Missions team wishes to thank the congregation for the kind reception you gave Karen Anderson on August 19th and Johnson Deshommes on August 16th.

We also want to thank you for your continued support of the global church and your Global Missions team.



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.

Used books can be left under the coat rack in the Narthex beginning Oct. 11. Then shop and be generous beginning October 25!

Co-Sponsors: Community Ministry and Global Missions

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Alex Luckey
- 2 Shane Hadden
Kyla Hanley
- 4 Beverly Drake
McKinley Martinez
- 8 DeAnna Frederick
- 9 George Heersche
Adam Luckey
Emily Lundborg
Chris Tudor
- 10 Sierra Curtis
Drew Filchak
- 11 Beatrice Lockhart
Diane Nelson
Pat Vaughan
- 12 Anna Davis
Moe Dugger
Kathy Jones
- 13 Melody Kazee
Sharron Schedler
- 14 Lauren Hudson
Aaliyah Joseph
Bridgette Kelley
Mark Sloss
- 15 Donald Dalton
Lore Pierce
Betty Sheffer
- 16 Everett Brown
- 17 Jim Thorstad
- 18 Carol Buchanan
Audrey Nyland
- 19 Ursel Boyd
Jerry Klim
James Zoller
- 21 Elleonore Patrick
Darryl Terry
- 23 Gerald McKinney
- 24 Campbell Arnold
Penni Black
Ruth Lundborg
Kelly Parsons
- 25 Brian Lundborg
Sandra Palmer
- 26 Richard Matter
Carole Seibert
Wilson Wells
- 28 Renee Boyd
Peter Michel
- 30 Vicky Noble
Jane Workman

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Bill & Pam Silvia
- 4 Kyle Hagen & Kim Nixon
- 7 Jim & Mary McCormick
- 10 Jim & Carol Buchanan
Gerald & Lore Pierce
Doug & Sandra Palmer
Greg & Shiraz Phipps
- 16 Marc & Robin Wilson
- 17 Wes & Amanda Konkle
- 19 Chris & Debbie Augsburg
Kris & Danielle Kelley
- 20 Miles & Robin Johnson
- 22 Donald & Trude Dalton
Don DeLuca & Scott Gralheer
- 23 Loren & Laura Zink
- 26 Randy Young & Mary Ann
Patrick
- 28 Karl & Nancy Krause
Robert & Pat Vaughan
- 30 Ralph & Betty Stasiak

BIRTH

Evelyn Gwyneth Kelley, daughter of Kris & Danielle Kelley, was born July 28th.

DEATHS

Bob McGrew, brother of Dave McGrew, died August 1st, in Arkansas .

Audrey Leek, sister of Joan Sorenson, died August 1st, in New York.

Art Kurz, member of Faith, died August 8th, in Lexington.

CONGRATULATIONS

Patti Pasquarello, who received her Master's Degree in Nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University on Saturday, August 8.

Please accept our deepest appreciation for the wonderful show of support at the installation service on August 9th.

Our thanks go out to those who organized the reception and displayed hospitality, all the servants who enabled worship, and the many musicians who glorified God.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark and Cantor Tom

Thank You



Beginning in September, Cantor Tom will be offering private piano lessons to children and adults, available on a limited basis.

For more information please contact Tom.

Attendance

Worship

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- July 26
- August 2
- August 9
- August 16

- 188
- 189
- 316
- 205

**The OWLs will meet on
September 17
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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