

Faith Lutheran Church Messenger

1000 Tates Creek Road, Lexington, KY 40502

(859) 266-7621 or (859) 266-9600

e-mail: office@faithlutheranchurch.com

website: <http://www.faithlutheranchurch.com>

February 2016

-A Message from Pastor Mark-

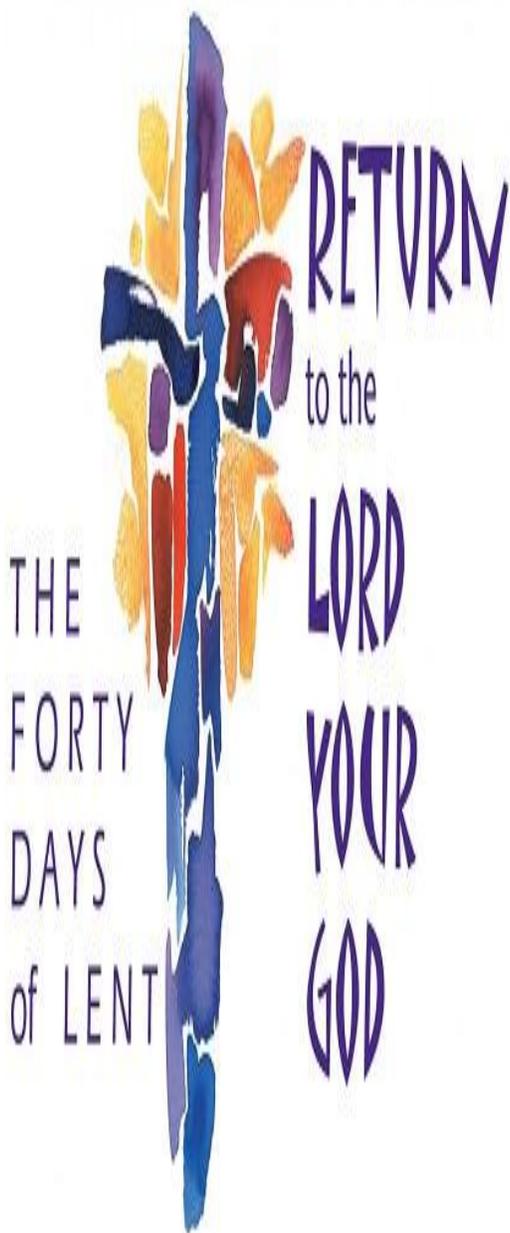
Our Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday on February 10th. Lent carves out space and time for us to become more reflective. It's a season to grow in our relationship with God. The mood of our worship will be more subdued. There will be more opportunities for worship during the week. It's time to reinvest in the ancient Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charity (doing good works). The season of Lent sculpts us into a more cruciform way of life with Christ in the center.

During this season of Lent, beginning on Sunday, February 28th, 9:45 – 10:45 AM, a new Adult Discussion Class will begin on Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. From the dust jacket: In the first half of life, we are naturally and rightly preoccupied with establishing our identity - climbing,

achieving, and performing. But those concerns will not serve us as we grow older and begin to embark on a further journey, one that involves challenges, mistakes, loss of control, broader horizons, and necessary suffering that actually shocks us out of our prior comfort zone. Eventually, we need to see ourselves in a different and more life-giving way. This message of "falling down" - that is in fact moving upward - is the most resistant and counterintuitive of messages in the world's religions, including and most especially Christianity.

We will plan to spend 5 weeks discussing *Falling Upward*. We will not meet on Easter, but will finish up on the next Sunday, April 3rd.

...continued on page 2



...continued from page 1

I particularly encourage those persons in their first half of life journey to join us for this discussion. As Richard says, "If you realize that there is a further journey, you might do the warm-up act quite differently."

Father Richard Rohr gave a 90 minute address about Falling Upward at Texas Lutheran University in September of 2011. You can view it on YouTube.

A few years back, I wrote a poem on Ash Wednesday. As we ready for this transformative season to come around again, I share it with you. And I invite you to wonder with me what new changes will Lent bring to us this year.

Smudged

I look into the mirror and see the two
black smudges

One horizontal, the other vertical,
the frayed jagged edges not unlike certain parts of
my life.

As I ready to wipe the smudge from my forehead,
I wonder what changes will occur on
this year's journey?

What smudges in my life will be cleaned
away this year?

Washcloth in hand, I do one last thing.

I pause to give thanks for this dust in the mirror,
and this smudge of a cross,
a blessed reminder of my true home.

In Christ's gifts of Faith, Hope, & Love,

Pastor Mark



Faith Serves the Community During the Holidays!

Members of Faith Lutheran Church helped serve those less fortunate through the holidays by baking 18 turkeys for Nathaniel Mission's Thanksgiving dinner, (one family purchased and baked one); ringing and singing for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign; purchasing Christmas gifts for children and seniors and preparing and serving a meal for Hope Center's Twelve Days of Christmas. Together we:

- ◆ helped feed Thanksgiving dinner to 115 people
- ◆ fed 205 homeless people at the Hope Center
- ◆ provided gifts for 10 seniors and 60 children
- ◆ raised \$288.34 for the Salvation Army

Our volunteers are too numerous to name individually, but on behalf of the Community Ministry Committee and those we served - THANK YOU!

Richard Heine
Chair, Community Ministry Committee

The Harstad

Fine Arts Series

At Faith Lutheran Church

The Harstad Fine Arts Series initial campaign has been very successful. You can see a listing of all who have contributed on our [webpage](http://harstadarts.com/index.html) and find ways you can personally take part in this exciting new venture!

<http://harstadarts.com/index.html>

—ASH WEDNESDAY AND MID-WEEK LENTEN GATHERINGS—

Ash Wednesday Services

February 10 — 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. at Faith



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. A brochure listing all the opportunities is now available at the church, and on Faith's [website](#).



Please Join Us For Our 2016 Joint ELCA Lexington Ministries
Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship Services.
Soup Suppers are at 6:15 p.m. and Worship Services begin at 7:00 p.m.
"We Are Claimed, Gathered and Sent"

Wednesday February 17	Gethsemane 2185 Garden Springs Drive (859) 277-6096	WE are Church Pastor Mark Sloss
Wednesday February 24	Word of Hope 1870 Armstrong Mill Road (859) 272-8515	WE are Lutheran Pastor Laura Altman
Wednesday March 2	St. Augustine Chapel 472 Rose Street (859) 489-1222	WE are Church Together Pastor Jim Merkel
Wednesday March 9	Gethsemane 2185 Garden Springs Drive (859) 277-6096	WE are Church For The World Pastor Dana Lockhart
Wednesday March 16	Faith 1000 Tates Creek Road (859) 266-7621	What Difference do WE Make Pastor Jared Lee



Come alone or grab a group of friends and meet at Painting with a Twist for a fun night of painting to benefit ...



**Painting with a Twist
\$35 per painting
March 13, 2016**

2573 Richmond Rd, Ste 385

You keep your painting and Painting with a Twist will donate 1/2 of your registration fees to Mission Lexington's free medical and dental clinics & Faith Pharmacy. Mission Lexington serves uninsured adults in Fayette County, Kentucky whose earnings place them at or below the federal poverty level.

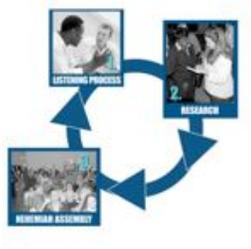
Mission Lexington provides medical and dental exams, medicines, minor surgeries, wound dressings, primary health care,

mental health care, diagnostic laboratory testing, radiographs, restorative work, extractions, root canals, and more. Mission Lexington offers daytime, evening, Spanish, and Saturday clinics - thanks to volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, nursing assistants, and pharmacists.

Snacks will be provided and there will be a silent auction for multiple items including a \$70 Painting with a Twist gift certificate and a painting! This event does require you preregister and all attendees must paint. Due to this event being a fundraiser, gift certificates will not be allowed as payments. They do begin their classes at their scheduled times, so please arrive 15 minutes early. The Lexington location is a no-alcohol studio. This class is for ages thirteen and over.

Remember, everyone in attendance must be registered: Call 309-5590 or register on line:

<http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/events/viewevent.aspx?eventID=613744>



52 1!! What?!

This is the BUILD vision for 2016...52/1. This means it is our hope that since the people in the 27 congregations that make up BUILD come together 52 times a year (or more) for worship, they will come out 1 time each year for the Nehemiah Action Assembly. You may say, "Well, I attended the assembly last year ." And I would say, "Thank you for that." But the fact is that attending the Action Assembly **every year** is important. The work for justice in our community is not just for this particular year, it is an ongoing battle/quest/mission that will occur every year until every member of our community is treated with dignity and respect and is not treated unjustly. Faith's Justice Ministry Team and our Justice Ministry Network Members will

be meeting on February 21 to plan for Faith's participation in the 2016 Nehemiah Action (April 12 at 7:00pm in Heritage Hall). Our goal is to have 150 people from Faith Lutheran Church at that assembly.

This is an update on the issues we will be addressing during the assembly:

Crime: During these first few weeks of 2016, Lexington has had eight (8) shootings, resulting in the deaths of four (4) people and three (3) injuries. Our friends and neighbors continue to suffer from these violent crimes while our police department delays bringing a proven solution to our city.

Payday Lending: Last year Kentuckians lost more money in interest and fees to payday lenders than ever before. Senator Alice Forgy-Kerr is sponsoring legislation again this year (SB 101) to cap interest rates at 36% , the standard limit for all small lenders. This bill was not allowed a hearing last year, and that's why we have asked you to sign petitions and send letters to members of the Senate.

Mental Health: In our house meetings, we heard stories from across congregations about friends and family struggling with mental health issues. The Mental Health Research Committee is meeting with experts and officials across the city to better understand the problem. Right now, there are wait lists for mental health services all across our city, but too many of our citizens are in crisis and need care now.

These are big problems with sometimes hard and complex solutions that often take extended periods of time to come to fruition. "Doing justice" means being in it for the long haul. See you on April 12th.

FLY...FEBRUARY EVENTS

2/6 - 2:00-4:00 p.m. We'll be collecting canned goods for God's Pantry at a Kroger again this year - this time, we will be at the Kroger on Tates Creek Rd. from 2-4 on February 6th. This is a great opportunity to help the needy in our community and also counts for community service hours. RSVP with Kevin for this event.



2/7 - Collect canned goods at church to support the team of your choice (and God's Pantry). We'll count cans and announce the total after the 11:00 service.

2/14 - 6:00-8:15 p.m. - pizza and movie (Inside Out). Please bring \$3 toward cost of pizza.



Table d' hote

February 13, 2016



The Parish Life Committee once again presents a unique dining experience. Table d' hote is a French term meaning "...a meal served at a set time and fixed prices." The menu will consist of three courses; salad, entrée, sides and dessert. Each couple will have a separate table, or share, as they wish. The dinner is served in the fellowship hall, which, I guarantee you will not recognize.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Reservation deadline is February 10th.

Please fill out the form below or call Nancy George at 277-7609.

The cost is \$25 per person. Please make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church with Pastor's Discretionary Fund in the memo line. Payment is made at the conclusion of your meal.

(Choose the time and entrée you want for each person.)

Name _____ Phone _____ Seating Time _____

_____ Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breasts stuffed with zucchini and fontina cheese

_____ Roast Beef Tenderloin with Caesar crust

_____ Glazed Salmon

—Each entrée includes the two sides listed below—

Potato Gratin with rosemary crust

Green beans with cherry tomatoes

A selection of desserts will be brought tableside.



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.

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 Alzheimer's.

All those in harm's way for whatever reason.

Bring us peace in our time, Lord, and let it begin with each of us.

Daytime Sophia Group will meet on February 11th, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Muzzy Hemken, Mayfair Village, 3310 Tates Creek Road, Apt 313. The book for discussion is, In the Unlikely Event, by Judy Blume. Anyone interested is welcome. Call 268-6801.

The Evening Sophia Group will meet February 15, 2016 at 7, at Sandra Palmer's, 9 Olde Village Drive, Nicholasville. We are reading "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. All are welcome - call 224-8391

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Financial Secretary's Report
December 1-31, 2015

INCOME TOWARD BUDGET

Offering Envelopes	\$48,942.00
Loose Offering	1,462.00
Use of Building	275.00
Christmas Offering	<u>1,690.00</u>
	52,369.00

Total Income Toward Budget **52,369.00**

RESTRICTED MONEY

Reimbursements

CC Reimb - Workman's Comp	125.00
CC Reimb - Custodial	370.00
Mission Lex. Dental Clinic	100.00
Postage Reimbursement	<u>292.70</u>
	887.70

Special Funds

Pastor's Discretionary Fund	145.69
Sunday School Offering	21.00
Poinsettias	217.50
Staff Christmas Gift	2,060.00
Memorial - Jack Pettibone	15.00
Harstad Fine Arts Series	350.00
National Youth Gathering	<u>353.30</u>
	3,162.49

Pass Thru Monies

World Hunger	420.00
God's Pantry	20.00
LWR-Fair Trade Sales	<u>277.00</u>
	717.00

Total Restricted Money **4,767.19**

TOTAL DECEMBER RECEIPTS **57,136.19**

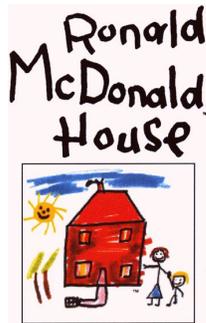
<u>Comparison to Budget</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	52,369.00	457,454.82
Budget	35,207.67	422,492.04
Percent of Budget	148.74%	108.28%

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Travis Hagen
- 3 Bonnie Chastain
Helen Born
Bryna Reed
- 5 Jerry Landis
Lisa Nichols
- 6 Will McComb
- 7 Drew Curtis
- 8 Susan Hamilton
Misty Hess
- 9 Joe King
- 10 Wayne Palmer
- 11 Bert Grotrian
- 14 Aja Hammonds
Julianne Kelley
- 15 Paige Barricklow
- 16 Heather Curtis
- 17 Debbie Anderson
Anna Shannon
- 19 Susan Abaecherli
Jeff Talbert
- 20 Josh Lundborg
Sam Lundborg
LaSasha Swanson
Christina Williams
- 21 Leah Hower
Nate Hower
- 22 Kay Cottrill
Reagan Sword
- 23 Kristen Pickett
- 24 Hannah Terry
- 25 Ole Wendroth, Jr.
- 26 Trude Dalton
- 27 Patty Trump

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Daniel & Sue Anne Lau
- 16 Charles & Susan Hamilton
Ed & Jennifer Klee
- 17 Gene & Susan Harper
- 27 Jeremy & Alison Martinez
- 28 Carl & Lois Whitehouse



BRING IN YOUR TABS

Soda can tabs and soup can tabs — any tab that looks like this



Help support the Ronald McDonald House.

There's a container for these tabs on the counter in the Narthex.

Thank you so much!

Baptism:

Micah Cowan Delap, son of Jon and Jenny Delap, was baptized January 10th.



Richard Rohr

FALLING UPWARD

A spirituality for the two halves of life

During this season of Lent, beginning on Sunday, February 28th, 9:45 – 10:45 AM, a new Adult Discussion Class will begin on Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*.

Attendance

- December 24
- December 25
- December 27
- January 3
- January 10
- January 17

Worship

- 376
- 45
- 154
- 191
- 158
- 145



OWLS

(Older, Wiser, Lutherans)

Will meet on Thursday, February 18 at 12:30 p.m.

Sutton's Restaurant on Richmond Rd.

See you there.

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

Mark Sloss, Pastor pastormark@faithlutheranchurch.com	266-7621 765-437-3879
Tom White, Cantor (Director of Music Ministries) cantortom@faithlutheranchurch.com Office hours: Mon – Thu 10 – 5 (Friday – off)	266-7621 843-303-1005
Ruth Lundborg, Parish Administrator office@faithlutheranchurch.com Monday—Thursday 8:00—4:00, Friday 8:00—1:00	266-7621
Charla Heersche, Child Care Director childcare@faithlutheranchurch.com	268-0108
Bryna Reed, Coordinator of Educational Ministries breed@twc.com	489-8128
Kevin Lentz, Coordinator of Youth Ministries lentz.kevin@gmail.com	948-5159
Brian Lundborg, Sexton	388-4022
H. Gene Templar, Pastor Emeritus	
Marian Lundborg, Messenger Editor mclundborg@gmail.com	559-3784

Faith Lutheran Church Council—2016

Tim Sorenson, President
 David Templar, Vice President
 Debbie Rosenberg, Treasurer
 Sandra Palmer, Secretary
 Deanna Frederick
 Shane Hadden
 Charlie Hamilton
 Adrienne Matson
 Jim McGrath
 Diane Nicely

(859) 266-7621 or (859) 266-9600

e-mail: office@faithlutheranchurch.com

website: <http://www.faithlutheranchurch.com>