



**Faith Lutheran Church
Messenger**

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- A Message from Pastor Mark-

Letting God's Abundance Flow

In a like manner to how people who are genuinely humble won't go around telling others about their humility, those gracious souls who are genuinely generous don't seek to garner admiration from their generosity. Generous people know that the key to living a meaningful life is generosity, so they practice it in the ways that they spend their time, use their talents and invest their financial resources. They may not even think much about being generous, for them this is just the best way to live.

We who gather at Faith Lutheran in Lexington have been blessed in so many ways. We have many talented leaders, who use their gifts for leadership both within the congregation and in the Lexington community. This congregation supports and cares for one another in times of crisis or illness. People celebrate with each other on occasions that call for joy. Faith congregation has served as a beacon of hope and light in many people's lives. It's been a vehicle for growth in faith and service for many as we center our lives on worshipping the one in whom we live and move and have our being. As one recent guest who worshipped with us on Sunday morning said, "It is not often that we get to experience a congregation who can lift their voices in joyful praise to God ... That kind of expression speaks to a community that "gets it" and understood why they are

there. I loved being in church with a Christian community that was truly happy to be there."

I think we really do get how much God has blessed us individually and as a community. It shows through in our worship, in all the ways that we're engaged in giving ourselves away in serving our Lord by serving others. Faith Lutheran is a generous congregation because we know that our God is a generous God.

On Sunday, October 8, we will consecrate our commitments in terms of time, talent, and financial resources to God's work through our lives together as a congregation. The theme for our stewardship emphasis this year is *Letting God's Abundance Flow*. We have been blessed to be a blessing. I encourage you to take some time in the coming weeks to reflect on the many and various ways that you've been blessed. You are God's beloved. You are an integral part of God's beloved community. Keep this in mind as you consider how to give yourself away in love for 2018. The more that God's love flows through us, the more meaningful our lives become.

In Hope, Faith, and Love,

Pastor Mark

Metal Art Sale

Johnson Deshommes, one of our medical students sponsored by Grace Missions, Inc., will once again be spending the month of September with us. To assist with the costs of his upcoming internship in Haiti, Johnson will be having a **Metal Art Sale on Sunday, September 17, 2017, before and after the various church services.** The theme of this sale is Christmas with all of the metal art items being suitable for decorating, gift giving, etc. The inventory is extensive and the items are unique.

We know that you will welcome Johnson back to Faith and we hope that you will support his endeavor by purchasing his metal art. Let the Christmas spirit come early to Faith Lutheran!

Care and Support Team

The primary ministry of the Care & Support Team is to offer a listening ear and communion to members who cannot attend Sunday services. Training will be held on the Tuesdays in October, (3, 10, 17, 24, 31), from 7:15 – 8:45. We need several people to be involved in this ministry.

For more information, contact Pastor Mark (266-7621), Diann Terry (859-771-4721) or Kathy Heersche (859-806-2433).

Project Promise Kits of Care

To coincide with Global Missions Sunday, the Global Missions Team is asking the congregation to help create Project Promise Kits of Care organized by Lutheran World Relief. We are creating two different types of kits, a personal care kit, and a school kit. These kits will then be sent to people living in extreme poverty around the world.

Supplies can be placed in the collection bin in the gathering area. More information and dates on kit assembly will be provided in the weekly Faith Notes.

Personal Care Kits

- 1 Bath towel (recommended darker colors)
- 2 bars of soap in original packaging
- 1 tooth brush in original packaging
- 1 comb
- 1 pair of nail clippers

School Kits

- 1 – drawstring backpack approximately 14 x 17 inch
- 4 - 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper
- 1 - 30 centimeter ruler (rulers can include inches on one side, and centimeters on the other)
- 1 – pencil sharpener
- 1 – pair of blunt scissors
- 5 – Unsharpened pencils secured together by a rubber band
- 5 – blue or black ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 – box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 – 2 ½ inch eraser

Additional information can be found at www.lwr.org/kits



Mark your calendar for October's events:

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| October 1 | 2:00 p.m. | Concert and reception at the Cathedral of Christ the King |
| October 8 | 7:00 p.m. | Lectures on the two facets of the Reformation at W.T. Young Library Auditorium at UK |
| October 22 | 7:00 p.m. | A joint prayer service at the Cathedral of Christ the King with Bishop John Stowe and Bishop Bill Gafjen. |

More information available on the website and in next month's Messenger.

Rally Day
Sunday, September 10
10:00 a.m.

All ages will meet in the Worship Area to learn about the Faith Formation program for the fall.

Confirmation Orientation Meeting
Tuesday, September 5th, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room

For all students and parents who will be participating in the confirmation program this year. Contact Pastor Mark, pastormark@faithlutheranchurch.com, or Amber, ambershirley@faithlutheranchurch.com, for more information.

The Daytime Sophia Group will meet on September 14, at the home of Jan Keinath, 2805 Phoenix Rd. at 1:00 p.m. The book under discussion will be "The Invention of Wings", by Sue Monk Kidd. Everyone welcome, not necessary to have read the book. Call Jan at 277-0401.

The Evening Sophia Group will meet at the home of Joyce Cornett on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. We are reading "When the Heart Cries" by Cindy Woodsmall. The address is 205 Widgeon Way in Georgetown. Located in Mallard Point subdivision. Phone is 502-370-4625.

Weekly Bible Study on the book of Mark will begin on Wednesday, September 20th. The study will prepare us for next year's Gospel readings of Mark beginning in Advent this year. The study will meet at 10:30 a.m. at Faith House and will be lead by Pastor Mark and Amber Shirley.

Bible Study on Thursday will begin on Thursday, Sept 28 at 7 p.m. in Faith House. We will be studying the lectionary - lessons - for the coming Sunday. If interested, contact Pat Mundt, 296-9140, patricia.mundt@gmail.com, or Joan Sorenson, 859-309-0134, jsorenson112@gmail.com.

New Member Inquiry Class will begin on September 17, 9:45 a.m. Pastor Mark will lead a five-week 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 in the many ministry opportunities within and through Faith congregation.

September 3rd at 9:45
in the Gathering Area

On the first Sunday of each month, all ages gather for an informal time in order to share about what's happening in your life and faith with each other. Everyone is invited to bring something to share, be it fruit, pastries, juice, breakfast casserole, or whatever. If you forget to bring food to share, then you can still participate as long as you have a joke or word of wisdom to share instead! **Volunteers are needed to help set up or clean up. Please sign up in the Gathering Area, or contact Carolyn Carden, 263-4427.**



BUILD

Remember in July I asked you to dream (and dream big) about what our community would be like if justice prevailed and we began to resemble a city of God? I hope you worked on that and got at least a glimpse of that new Lexington. When I had the opportunity to dream about Lexington, I found myself focusing on what Lexington *would not look like*. I looked at it from different perspectives and would like to share one of those with you now:

IN MY COMMUNITY:

- **No one begging on street corners**
- **No one sleeping on the streets, in the park, in a "camp site"**
- **All the schools would look the same inside and out ...bright colorful playgrounds, no graffiti, etc. and also adequate supplies, computer labs, equipment, etc.**
- **Real estate agents wouldn't use "location, location, location" as a selling point**
- **There would be no God's Pantry, no homeless shelters, no soup kitchens**
- **Unemployment rates would be low, minimum wage jobs would be replaced by living wage jobs**
- **The Nehemiah action Assembly would attract as many people as any UK basketball game. (That would mean we would fill Rupp Arena with about 24,000 organized people)**

BUILD will begin the Listening Process soon. That means Team Members will be inviting you to attend a house meeting. Please don't say, "I attended one of those last year." If you did, that's great, but we want you to come back this year. We want to know about problems/concerns/stories from each of you, so that we can all know what the problems/concerns/stories are in our community. We will use this information to decide what our next community issue will be. If you aren't there, we might miss something that is vital for the well-being of our community.

This is the schedule for House Meetings:

Jim Larson	Sunday, September 17 at 3:00pm
Liz Weber	Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00pm
Pr. Mark Sloss	Tuesday September 26 at 7:00pm
Gail Swanson	Thursday, September 28 at 7:00pm
Shane Haden	Sunday, October 8 at 12:30pm



DONATE:

Donations can be made by writing a check to Faith Lutheran, noting that it is for the Reformation 500 BUILD or you can donate directly to Habitat [online](#). Be sure to use the drop down menu to direct your gift to the Reformation 500 BUILD and include Faith Lutheran Church as your 'company' so we get credit.

HELP US BUILD!

Reformation 500 BUILD begins: September 13. To volunteer onsite, contact Diane Nicely or Marianne Kehres 229-2789 or 396-4259

To help provide food for the workers contact: Carolyn Carden 263-4427

Faith Pharmacy Spaghetti Dinner

The annual **Faith Pharmacy** Spaghetti Dinner will be held at Christ the King Cathedral in Hehman Hall on Thursday, September 21st from 6 to 9 pm. **Faith Pharmacy** is a faith-based charitable project where underserved patients can access a pharmacy, dental clinic, medical clinic, and just recently a vision clinic in a single building. The pharmacy provides prescription medications without charge to patients referred by physicians, health clinics, and social service agencies. Volunteer pharmacists and pharmacy students fill prescriptions and counsel the patients. Church members, social workers, and local physicians also volunteer their time to this humanitarian effort.

All the proceeds from the dinner go towards purchasing medications for patients. Please contact **Courtney Simpkins** at courtney.simpkins@uky.edu or 502-333-5374 for tickets, donations, and questions. **Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$9 for students and children (ages 12 and under). A table for 8 may also be reserved for \$125, which will include a bottle of wine. Silent & Live Auctions will be included.**

September Birthdays

- 2 Shane Hadden
- 4 Beverly Drake
McKinley Martinez
Barbie Moore
Adam Witt
- 9 George Heersche
Emily Lundborg
Pat Nation
- 10 Drew Filchak
- 11 Beatrice Lockhart
Diane Nelson
Pat Vaughan
- 12 Anna Davis
Kathy Jones
- 13 Melody Kazee
Sharron Schedler
- 14 Mark Sloss
- 15 Lore Pierce
Betty Sheffer
- 16 Everett Brown
- 17 Jim Thorstad
- 18 Carol Buchanan
- 19 Ursel Boyd
Jerry Klim
James Zoller
- 21 Elleonore Patrick
Darryl Terry
- 22 Micah Delap
- 24 Campbell Arnold
Penni Black
Ruth Lundborg
Kelly Parsons
Jim Pene
- 25 Brian Lundborg
Sandra Palmer
- 26 Carole Seibert
- 28 Barry Williams
- 30 Vicky Noble

September Anniversaries

- 4 Kyle Hagen & Kim Nixon
- 7 Jim & Mary McCormick
- 10 Jim & Carol Buchanan
Gerald & Lore Pierce
- 11 Doug & Sandra Palmer
- 20 Miles & Robin Johnson
- 22 Don DeLuca & Scott
Gralheer
- 23 Loren & Laura Zink
- 26 Randy Young & Mary Ann
Patrick
- 28 Karl & Nancy Krause
Robert & Pat Vaughan

Births:

Lilly and Grace Sloss – twin granddaughters of Pastor Mark and Susan Sloss were born July 29th, in LaGrange, IL.

Isabella Meier, daughter of Scott and Stephanie Meier, granddaughter of Janel Watkins, and great granddaughter of Trude Ranta, was born August 4th.

Julius Wilt Fox, son of Ana Hammonds, grandson of Henning and Kathy Egner, was born August 14th.

Baptism:

Kolby Andrew Cloyd, son of Tony and Kristy Cloyd, grandson of Larry and Karen Ratliff, was baptized August 20th.

Deaths:

Harriette Weiser Russell, mother of Mark Russell, died July 7th, in Blufton, SC.

Bob Lewis, member of Faith, died August 27th.

Dear Faith:

Many thanks to the congregation for their prayers before and after my surgery, to Pastor Mark for his visits and calls, Cantor Tom for remembering me, and to the Prayer Shawl ministry for the beautiful prayer shawl.

I am looking forward to attending worship again soon.

Bonnie Chastain

Attendance

- July 23
- July 30
- August 6
- August 13
- August 20

Worship

- 141
- 135
- 153
- 164
- 159

July 2017 Financial Summary

July	2017			YTD		
	Pledges	Income	Expenses	Pledges	Income	Expenses
Budget	\$ 30,986.75	\$ 36,031.75	\$ 40,511.68	\$ 216,907.25	\$ 250,621.50	\$ 283,580.36
Actual	\$ 29,701.00	\$ 35,531.00	\$ 50,284.79	\$ 204,455.00	\$ 255,924.00	\$ 289,302.03
variance	\$ (1,285.75)	\$ (500.75)	\$ 9,773.11	\$ (12,452.25)	\$ 5,302.50	\$ 5,721.67
%	95.85%	98.61%	124.12%	94.26%	102.12%	102.02%

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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“As followers of Jesus Christ,
we embrace, reflect and proclaim
God’s unconditional love.”

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