

July 2011

Faith, Family & Fellowship

The monthly newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church



June is the month for the annual trek to Rock Island, Augustana College campus, for the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly. Patricia Shue represented Faith Lutheran as the lay delegate and I went as the clergy delegate. I do want to extend the invitation for next year. If anyone is inter-

ested in going to see how the Lutheran church works in action, the assembly is always in June and we have two lay voting delegate positions (one male and one female) and one clergy delegate. Please let me know if you have interest for next year.

Of course, the worship is tremendous! Food's pretty good, too. And, there are numerous workshops where ideas and networking between churches take place. We stay in the college dorms... believe me, college dorms aren't what they used to be! When I went to NIU (many years ago) four of us were cramped in a small cinder-block room. Today's college students get a four private bedroom suite complete with two full baths, a living-room and a kitchen. I and a few of my friends could live quite nicely in there!

As Lutherans, we make our decisions through seeking God's Holy Word, the Bible, and gathering together to interpret and seek the Spirit's guidance as we face the issues of our day. We do this in small groups in our churches, we assemble together as a synod in dialogue, and our decisions, and thanksgivings and concerns are then carried by delegates to the national assembly. But the process is not complete there, for our national assembly's agenda then is passed back through our synod to us, the congregation as we all work together trying to live as God's people. God's Word is as vibrant and fitting today as it has been through all generations. And we, as God's people, strive to be in relationship with God in all that we do.

Our key-note speaker this year was the Reverend, Dr. John A. Nunes, President of Lutheran Relief who spent several sessions with us and was truly a blessing to us all. As you know, Lutheran World Relief is one of the three top agencies that minister to people in distress all over the world. Here's just a tiny sample of his message:

This past year, Lutheran World Relief sent 38,000 pounds of soap (we're a part of that) to those in need. Over three million blankets (quilted and donated by churches like ours) were given out. Now, I thought blankets... that's wonderful, they keep people warm. But, Dr. Nunez pointed out that when people are forced to leave their homes as refugees, they wrap all the possessions they can carry in their blanket to take with them... and, in a hut with a dirt floor, a blanket is spread on part of the floor so a baby will be able to crawl around and not get in the dirt, and (this is very sad) when a child dies and a hole is dug to bury them, they carefully wrap their precious little body in a blanket and then put them in the ground.

I want to thank you all for continuing to prioritize the needs of others. Even though the economy has taken a great plunge, both effecting our families and our church, we still here at Faith Lutheran are able to send those benevolence dollars, much of which goes to foreign aid and to helping all who are in need. Even though the budget is very tight around here, we are able to continue the many ministries and outreach projects which benefit the needy of Joliet. You truly live out "God's Work... Our Hands".

God's blessings,

Pastor Jane

Rev. Jane Perkolup, Pastor
Vicki Dallmann, Secretary

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OUR MISSION: *Sharing the Love of God*

OUR VISION GOALS: *Feed the Hungry ~ Connect with New Neighbors ~ Grow Caring Relationships ~ Engage Adults in Christian Education*



Bulletin Board



Join us for Bible Study
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.



Our Parish Nurse, Kay Champene,
will be performing **Blood Pressure**
Checks on Sunday, July 3rd at
9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.



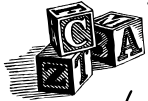
On June 19th, the congregation recognized and extended a blessing to our graduates:

James Knight, Jr., Joliet Central High School

Chris Gordon, Joliet West High School

Charlotte Cannon, Joliet Junior College

Congratulations! Well done!



*A Nursery Attendant is provided
for children up to age 4
during the 10:30 service every Sunday.*

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you artistic? We need help
transforming our schoolrooms
into a village & marketplace on
July 8, 12, & 15 from 1 - 4 p.m. We will be seeking
donations for food and craft items too.
Watch for more info in the narthex.



Something for the women...

Please come to our BYO (bring your own)
Women's Luncheon, Saturday,
July 16th at 11:30 a.m.

*To pamper ourselves... nobody needs to
cook... just bring a sandwich or salad for
yourself (beverages provided). We will
meet in the conference room to share the
meal together, followed by worship &
Bible Study. This is for women and girls
of all ages. Hope to see YOU there!*

James West, father of Faith members
Charmaine Mercer & Cheriann
Martin, went to be with our Lord on
June 16th. Memorial Service was held at
Carlson Funeral Home on June 21st.
Please keep the family in your prayers.



Attention

Vocalists and Instrumentalists

Since the Senior Choir does not sing
during the summer months, we are
encouraging individuals (*high school
age or older*) with musical gifts
to share these talents during
the 8:30 service.

Please see Vince McGirr,
or call him at 815-725-6672
for more information and to
make arrangements for a particular
Sunday in June, July, or August.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"





Thanks So Much!

Our most heartfelt **THANKS** to all the wonderful people who helped to make Faith's 6th Annual Yard Sale (June 17th & 18th) another blockbuster success! As of the date of this publication this year's sale earned Faith Lutheran over \$2,400. We couldn't have done it without all of your generous item donations and the many, many volunteers who stepped up and provided man-power to prepare for and run the event. **THANK YOU** so very much to everyone who helped out!

Kyle Severson Enters Seminary. . .

Member Kyle Severson will be entering seminary this fall at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. I'm sure for those of you who know Kyle, this comes as no surprise. Kyle's gifts for ministry began at a very young age serving on the Youth and Education Committees, as Bible Study and V.B.S. leader, teaching Sunday School and Confirmation, as Worship Committee chm., as youth representative on the Call Comm., and assisting with various areas of worship. Recently, Kyle has assisted and preached for our Good Friday services.

A graduate of Augustana College, Kyle leaves his current position as director of choirs and music for the Troquois West CUSD#10 school district, Gilman, Il. Our church council and scholarship committee has pledged the sum of \$2,000 per year for each of his four years at LSTC to be paid from our scholarship foundation. Kyle is also the recipient of the Fund for Leaders in Mission Scholarship and The Fund for Theological Education Ministry Program Fellowship.

We wish to extend God's blessings to Kyle as he takes this very important step in his faith journey. Please keep Kyle in your prayers.

My Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Grace and Peace! In the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, Jesus talks about faith being the size of a mustard seed, a seed that is smaller than any other, but when nourished becomes the largest tree in the garden. Faith begins as a tiny seed inside someone's heart but when supported, encouraged, and cultivated to grow, becomes the guiding principle of one's life. So too, I believe, is the seed of a call to vocation in the Church.

Since I was young, I have felt a calling to the office of Word and Sacrament. I often "baptized" my stuffed animals, "presided" at the table while wearing my brown poncho "chasuble" (not sure which liturgical season that was!), preached the Good News of Jesus Christ from behind my vacuum box "pulpit", and married my friends underneath the playground jungle gym with the *LBW Occasional Services* book I checked out from our church library.

At every stage of my life, Faith Lutheran Church has offered the kind of support and nourishment that my call to ministry has needed: faithful instruction during Sunday School and Confirmation; leadership opportunities through teaching Confirmation & Sunday School, Worship Committee Chair, Church Council, Synod Assemblies; ministry experience in being a summer pastoral intern, leading worship and preaching; and in so many other ways.

While I haven't been able to be very active at Faith for the last number of years, I still very much think of Faith as my home congregation because of the seed of God's grace that was planted in my soul and nourished as a result of this community of believers. I'm very excited to share that this Fall, I will begin full-time study at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago on my journey towards ordination in the ELCA.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your love and support over the years and to ask for your continued prayers throughout my journey. Thank you for your commitment to support me through prayer, opportunities for ministry, and financial means during this next phase of my call. Thank you for "Sharing the Love of God" with me and I pray that you will faithfully continue on in that mission.

God's Peace,
Kyle Severson

Hoop It Up



Did you know that hula hooping is the newest fitness craze? Many of us as kids remember twirling those colorful plastic hoops around our waist and hips, and now a new study sponsored by the American Council on Exercise shows that hula hooping is a great way for adults to get exercise as well. The study took 16 women, ages 16-59 years twirling weighted hula hoops around their waists, arms and legs for 30 minutes. The researchers found that hula hooping burned 210 calories per 30 minutes, or as many calories per minute as step aerobics, boot camp or brisk walking!

They also found that the exercise provides a total body workout. By swinging your hips around, you tone every angle of your torso, improving flexibility and strengthening the muscles in the back, arms, legs and particularly the core muscles. The aerobic benefits of hula hooping can be obtained by using a weighted hoop or a traditional one. The weight is up to you. The smaller and lighter the hoop, the more energy it takes to keep the hoop going. The larger and heavier the hoop, the easier it is to keep going, and the more likely you'll be able to hoop for longer periods of time.

Start out slow, 5 to 10 minutes, and increase number of minutes as tolerated. If you choose to use a weighted hoop, buy one that weighs 2-3 pounds. According to the American Council on Exercise, in choosing either type of hoop, it should reach somewhere between your waist and chest when resting vertically on the ground. The weighted hoop can be purchased on line, or in sports/fitness store.

So if you're looking to add something new to your exercise routine, try hula hooping – it sounds like fun, and is also thought to improve your balance, grace and coordination!

-Kay Champene, Parish Nurse

Source: American Council on Exercise

Kay will be providing FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS the first Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall during 9:30 coffee time.



Prayer Blanket Ministry Quilt Raffle

The Prayer Blanket Ministry is having a fundraising raffle this summer. The winning ticket holder will receive a beautiful handmade quilt. The queen-size quilt features hand embroidered floral blocks, made by Bernadine Becker. The blocks are bordered with coordinating fabrics in shades of pink, burgundy and green. The quilt was sewn by Carol Hennessey.

Raffle tickets will be sold in Fellowship Hall all summer between church services, and prayer blanket members will also have tickets. The tickets are \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing for the quilt will be held at the church picnic in September.

The Prayer Blanket Ministry makes blankets for those in need of prayer for any reason. The blankets symbolize to those who receive them that they are covered with prayer, and they are not alone. If you need a prayer blanket for yourself, or would like a blanket to give to someone else in need of prayers, please contact any of our members. Our group members are Brenda Dodge, Carol Hennessey, Marilyn Klotz, Jackie Marks, Joyce Reed, Hannelore Richweiss, and Carol Vicic.

There is never a charge for a prayer blanket, and we receive no money from the church's budget. Our ministry continues through our fundraising efforts and the generous donations we receive. We thank you for your continued support!


-Faith Prayer Blanket Committee



Church Policy for Helping the Needy

Through our monthly outreach projects (food, diapers, coins in baby bottles, etc.) Faith supports 12 local agencies as well as our gifts through ELCA benevolence. We here at Faith give 10% to the needy of our communities & around the world. In addition to this, outside our front door is a comprehensive list of Joliet area social service agencies & resources so those who come to our doors in need have this information available. (Many of these same agencies are funded by our outreach projects & dollars.) In addition, we always have non-perishable snack packs available for anyone who comes to our doors hungry & we have gone through hundreds of these the past few years. These are the ways we can effectively serve those who have needs in our community. Please do not give money to people who are panhandling at the church doors, as the money often does not go to helping families but to feeding addictions; and, that puts those who are at the church in danger as it becomes known that there is money available here. Also, rest assured that our local charitable agencies do not turn away people with genuine need & your dollars would be better utilized to help the poor by contributing to church or community-sponsored social service agencies.

*Life is fragile -
handle with prayer...*



To start up the Prayer Telephone Machine,
call Elsie at 815-725-4373



Special thanks to
**Darlene Lattimer and
to the Endowment
Committee** for each
providing \$1,000 toward church
landscaping.

16th Annual Senior Lifestyle Expo

Tuesday & Wednesday
August 30th-31st
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Drury Lane Theatre & Conference Center
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace
(Rt. 83 & Roosevelt Rd.)
www.SeniorLifestyleExpo.org

During times of war it is important to remember our service personnel, both in prayer and with cards and letters. Listed below are friends of the congregation who are serving overseas during this time of conflict. If you have someone to add to our list, please give the following information to the church office or Pastor Jane: name, service address, birthday, and who/relationship submitting the name. Please keep the office updated when they return.



Lt. Col. Kristina O'Brien
379 EMS/CD
APO AE 09309

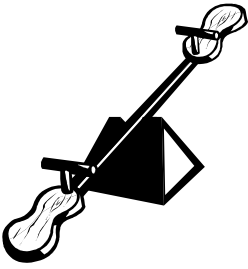
Pastoral Acts

- † Confirmation on June 12th of:
Samuel Dowd, son of Steve & Tracy Dowd
Brandon Hochevar, son of Kent & Angie Hochevar
Holly Vick, daughter of Ed & Maggie Koseck
- † New member Sunday, June 5th,
we welcomed twelve new members.
- † Memorial Service for James West on June 21st.



The following members of the Faith Lutheran Family have upcoming birthdays.
GOD BLESS YOU as you recall the day God first gave you life!

07/02 Devin Hornsby	07/16 Zander Edwards	Christina Dowd
07/03 Zak Ratko	Steve Marshall	07/27 Vin Mendes
07/06 Ann Troha	07/17 Dave Pruium	07/28 Claralee Little
07/08 Amanda Luthanen	07/19 Carla Wastalu	08/02 Tonya Crump
Zoe Walsh	07/20 Ryan Wills	08/03 Branden Ferro
07/10 Sandy Mateski	07/22 Darcy Bowen	Cheriann Martin
07/11 Greg Severson	07/23 Andrea Dowd	08/05 Samantha Bohne
07/12 Xavier Eggert	07/24 Jennifer Meyers	08/06 Austin Knight
Lisa Goldfuss	Keegan Peretti	08/07 Tom Pemble
07/13 Dennis Wills	07/25 Donna Suski	08/09 Barbara Freitag
07/15 Heather Hutten	07/26 Bonnie Badurski	08/10 Erika Mendelson



Faith Lutheran Women's Retreat "Balancing Act..."

We are so wonderfully made in the image of God, gifted and blessed. Why is it then, so often, we become overwhelmed and overextended and what does God's WORD say about how we can minister to others while maintaining a healthy level of self-care and find more enjoyment in our daily living?

Faith Lutheran Women's Retreat: Friday, August 5th thru Sunday, August 7th

This opportunity is for... Sisters of all ages... Join the lively discussion... Time for rest & relaxation... Beautiful wooded setting... All meals furnished... Lovely accommodations... Handicapped accessible...

We will leave Friday afternoon (to accommodate work schedules) and carpool to a lovely area outside Oregon, IL (2 1/2 hr. drive) and return on Sunday, mid-afternoon.

Cost is \$140 per person, Reservations are limited to 18 persons.

A sign-up table with further details will be in the narthex in July, or see Pastor Jane for further information.



Summer Boost thank yous...

Yard sale - Thank you to Shari Johnson and her crew, plus many of you who donated items, sorted and priced the items and participated by working at the sale.

Cubs & Sox raffle - Thank you to Christy Eggert and family, especially to Olivia for leading the congregation in her wonderful rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"; and, to our ticket donors:

Greg Perkolup of Tec Pac
Dave Courtney of The Royal Group
The Eggert family
Barcode52 (two gift certificates)

We greatly appreciate the congregation's efforts in buying and selling raffle tickets.

Summer Boost Matching - As of this writing we are still collecting monies. A big thank you to our donors who provided the \$2,000 challenge and to all of you who have donated thus far; also to Jay Riemer who secured the matching gift funds. Remember, whatever you donate is "matched" up to \$2,000 so this will really help out with our summer expenses; and, please mark your checks for "Summer Boost".





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Bring the flock to Hometown Nazareth VBS Where Jesus Was a Kid! July 18th-22nd, 2011



5:30 p.m. Light Supper, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Travel back into Bible times - without setting foot outside our community! Each day, your children will become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Jesus' hometown! We'll explore marketplace shops, visit Jesus' mom, Mary, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as we discover more about Jesus' childhood. These experiences make God's word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!



This VBS adventure is for children entering preschool through 6th grade.
The fee is \$10 per child (\$30 maximum per household).



The Search Is On! You can help us make this VBS adventure even more awesome!
We'd love to have moms, dads, grandparents and teens join our volunteer team.
To learn more about our volunteer opportunities, contact Kathie Nichols at 815-744-5132.

Day 1: Jesus had a family... we do too! Day 2: Jesus had a name... we do too! Day 3: Jesus had a home... we do too!
Day 4: Jesus went to church... we do too! Day 5: Jesus served others... we do too!

Vacation Bible School Registration



Please complete, detach and return, along with \$10 per child (max. \$30 per family).

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Church: _____ Member: Y N

Child's Name: _____ Sex: M F

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Entering School Grade: _____

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Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Entering School Grade: _____

Child's Name: _____ Sex: M F

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Entering School Grade: _____

Food allergies? _____



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>July Acolytes: 8:30 Brandon Hochevar 10:30 Holly Vick</p>					1	2
<p>3 8:30 & 10:30 am Worship Fellowship after services 9:30 Blood Press. Checks</p>	<p>4 Independence Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p>5 9 am Staff Meeting 10 am Bible Study 5 pm Education Comm. 6 pm Evangelism Comm.</p>	<p>6 9 am Prayer Blankets 5:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 1-4 pm VBS Planning</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 8:30 & 10:30 am Worship Fellowship after services</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 9 am Staff Meeting 10 am Bible Study 1-4 pm VBS Planning 6 pm PPRT 7 pm Church Council</p>	<p>13 9 am Prayer Blankets 5:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>14 6:00 pm Golden Wings Committee</p>	<p>15 1-4 pm VBS Planning</p>	<p>16 11:30 am Women's Group</p>
<p>17 8:30 & 10:30 am Worship Fellowship after services</p>	<p>18 5:30-8:00 pm VBS</p>	<p>19 9 am Staff Meeting 10 am Bible Study</p>	<p>20 9 am Prayer Blankets 12:30 pm Caring Comm. 1:30 pm Sr Svc/Loyalton 5:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 8:30 & 10:30 am Worship Fellowship after services</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 9 am Staff Meeting 10 am Bible Study</p>	<p>27 9 am Prayer Blankets 5:30 pm Praise Band</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
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