

September 2011

Faith, Family & Fellowship

The monthly newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

FROM
THE
PASTOR



Summer is ending and the kids are back in school. The church fall schedule is resuming which means more activities and meetings and projects. Some things about summer we are happy to leave behind... like humid days in the high 90's, mosquitoes and other flying and crawling insects and torrential downpours.

Other aspects of summer we are reluctant to let go of – vacations, daylight well into the evening, eating grilled meals outdoors and a slower pace. But, we don't have to leave all of this behind. I'd like to share with you something I shared with the women who recently went on retreat. This writing is by Joanna Weaver, from the book *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. It's entitled:

The Lord is My Pace Setter

The Lord is my pace setter... I shall not rush.
 He makes me stop for quiet intervals.
 He provides me with images of stillness which restores my serenity.
 He leads me in the way of efficiency through calmness of mind,
 and his guidance is peace.
 Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will
 not fret, for his presence is here.
 His timelessness, his all importance will keep me in balance.
 He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by
 anointing my mind with his oils of tranquility.
 My cup of joyous energy overflows.
 Truly harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours, for I
 shall walk in the "Pace of my Lord" and dwell in his house forever.

May you pace yourself as fall activities resume and be ever mindful that God has created you to be a spiritual being. Be sure to make time for the One who loves you best. And remember that rest and refreshment go hand in hand with service and activity.

God's blessings,

Pastor Jane

Upcoming dates:



09/11 - Church Picnic & Sunday School Rally Day



09/04 - Fall Worship Schedule Resumes
8:30 Traditional, 11:00 Contemp.

10/01 - Pet Blessing 11:00 a.m.



09/18 - Sunday School, Adult Forum, and Choir resume at 10:00 a.m.



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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



ATTENTION 7th & 8th GRADERS! CONFIRMATION is coming.

Parents, please call the church office if you have a child entering the 7th or 8th grades so we can include them in the registration process. 815-725-4213



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

Currently, we are exploring God's Holy Word regarding the question of Civil Union ceremonies and the church's response.

Our Parish Nurse, Kay Champene, will be performing **Blood Pressure Checks** on Sunday, September 4th at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.



Men's Breakfast

September 17th, 8:00 a.m.

The sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex the preceding Sunday. Men of all ages are invited. Please join us!



Women's Bible Study/Lunch resumes...

Please come to our *BYO* (bring your own) Women's Luncheon, Saturday, Saturday, September 17th 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!

RESUMING 09/18

ADULT FORUM

SUNDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.



A Nursery Attendant is provided for children up to age 4 during the 11:00 service every Sunday.



OUR BI-ANNUAL
SERVICE OF HEALING
WILL TAKE PLACE
SUNDAY, OCT. 9TH AT 4 P.M.

COME FOR:

- † WORDS OF HEALING
- † TIME FOR MEDITATION
- † PERSONAL ANOINTING
- † HYMN SINGING

ATTENTION YOUTH!!!

We will be kicking off our 2011-12 youth activities during the church picnic!
We'll have a GIANT INFLATABLE BOUNCER and tons of organized games!

Our regular monthly youth group meetings will also start up this month! ☆

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DYNAMOS !
(1st-4th graders)
Thursday, 09/22
6-7:30 p.m.

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GUPPIES !
(pre-k)
Saturday, 09/24
10 a.m.-noon

BLAST !
(5th-8th graders)
Saturday, 09/24
6-9 p.m.

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**HIGH SCHOOL
HAPPENING !**
Sunday, 09/25
6-9 p.m.



Faith's Annual Church Picnic & Sunday School Rally Day Sept. 11th, following the 11:00 outdoor service

Good Food!

Music!

Games!

**Come one, Come all!
Join us for food, fellowship and fun!**

Fellowship!

**Table service, fried chicken, hot dogs, and drinks provided.
Please bring a dish to pass.**

Sing-Alongs!

Family Fun!

Prizes!



Blessing
of Pets

All creatures, *BIG* & *small* are invited to our 
6th Annual Pet Blessing! The event will take place outdoors at
Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 1st at 11:00 a.m.
This coincides with the celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, friend of all of
God's creation. A service for pets and their stewards will be followed by the
rite of blessing, games and contests! It promises to be fun for all as well as
a meaningful experience. ALL pets... dogs, cats, birds, bunnies,
reptiles, hooved creatures... Hope to see you there!



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

To start up the Prayer Telephone Machine,
call Diane at 815-722-0856

or go to www.faithjoliet.com and email your request.

Thank you to Elsie Bowen for serving many years as the leader of our Prayer Chain Ministry. Diane Henry has graciously consented to step in to serve in this capacity.



Thank you, again, to all of our VBS children, parents, and to all of our volunteers. This year's VBS offering was donated to the ELCA Malaria Campaign. We raised \$30 for this worthy cause! Did you know...

Every 45 seconds a child dies from malaria. One in five childhood deaths in sub-Saharan Africa is due to malaria. The disease is preventable and treatable, yet it claims more than 800,000 lives each year. The ELCA Malaria Campaign is working through companion churches to bring mosquito nets, health education, mosquito control, and malaria treatment to communities across Africa.

These malaria containment efforts are saving lives!
(source: ELCA.org/malaria)

Did you know that our monthly newsletter & calendar are posted on the church website? Check it out!!!



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Word of thanks to:

What a blessing...

*Thank you to **Ryan Eggert**, Council Vice President, for replacing our balloon loan by securing a low interest, fixed loan.*

The final tally on the Summer Boost and fundraisers is \$6,673.

Thank you to everyone who participated!



Last Chance for Quilt Raffle Tickets!



The drawing date for the Prayer Blanket Ministry's quilt raffle is approaching quickly.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the church picnic on **Sunday, September 11th**.

There is still time left to purchase tickets. They are available between church services in Fellowship Hall, and prayer blanket members also have tickets for sale. Ticket prices are \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser. Our ministry is able to continue because of our fundraising efforts and the generous donations we receive. We are grateful for your support!



ROOFING CHALLENGE

Dear Friends,

A congregational meeting was called on Sunday, August 21st to discuss how best to proceed in implementing major roof repairs to sections of our church facility. Dennis Wills gave a comprehensive presentation on the extent of our roof repair challenges.

- The Sunday School wing has a slightly crowned flat roof and water drainage is good.
- The roof over Lippoldt Hall also appears to be in good shape, as does the slate roof over the sanctuary.
- The **problem roof areas** are:
 - **The roof over the storage room located next to the sanctuary**
 - **The roof over the narthex, office, and reception areas**
 - **The roof over the conference room**


Mold build-up is also an issue that needs to be addressed. Dennis estimates the cost of the major repairs and mold removal in these three areas will run \$80,000 - \$100,000. There was considerable discussion on where and/or how funds could be secured to finance this project. After extensive dialogue on how best to proceed, a congregational consensus on the following short-term course of action was taken.

- 1) **Jim Lauterbach will research the trusts of both the Capital Improvement Endowment and Scholarship funds to see if the principle of either fund could be used as collateral against a loan.**
- 2) **Ryan Eggert will check with the Synod to see if a loan would be available through their mission loans department.**
- 3) **Dennis Wills will pursue getting competitive bids to do the roof repair and mold removal work.**

Everyone at the meeting understood the urgency with which this project needs to move forward. The congregation will once again be called into session when the above information is ready for presentation.

- *Bill Niswonger*
Property Committee Chairman

16 people enjoyed brownie sundaes & watching the night sky on Friday, August 12th. Thank you to Louise Cassidy for bringing her high powered telescope & for her informative assistance!



Calling all singers!
Practices for the Senior Choir
will resume on Sunday, Sept. 18th
at 10 a.m. in the choir room.
There are no auditions. If you
like to sing, you are invited to
join & help enhance the liturgies.
See Vince for more information.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY



"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." -The Serenity Prayer

If you know of someone who you think would like a prayer blanket, or if you would like to participate in this very worthwhile ministry, please contact Joyce Reed at (815) 725-5540, Jackie Marks at (815) 467-4094, or Carol Vicic at (815) 254-6711.



Women's Emotional Retreat...



What can we say about Women's Retreat this year? A success of women understanding women... Laughter and love filled our palates and emotional chatter eased our sometimes troubled minds...The subject of the event of course included the one and only, GOD... We rested our minds on God's promises as Pastor Jane carefully took us on a journey that left us with hope in our Hearts...We left our busy lives at home and enjoyed breakfast, lunch and dinner as the staff of Christian youth served us kindly. A getaway of leaving your task at home and bringing your mind to get to know these wonderful women that are all searching for the same truths as you are, I must say it is very enlightening.

This is the second year that I have made time for retreat, even though I almost didn't make it this time. I have to say I am so, so happy that I did make time to go on this small weekend trip. I had the honor to really get to know all these women a little better... I have learned to have a great respect and Love for these women on a personal level... I consider them really good friends and I believe it is all because I was able to spend quality time with them; a retreat is a great chance to do exactly that. We laughed, some of us shed a little tear and worship music also played an important part in healing our hearts...

-Bev Mejia



Birthday Blessings

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

09/02	Kate Niswonger Jaymz Pritchett	09/14	Michael Hare Sandy Hoogstra	10/02	Michael Koseck Louise Cassidy
09/05	Tracy Dowd Ryan Hirsch	09/16	Deanna Carlson	10/03	Stephanie Donahue Dolores Massey
09/07	Ella Pool Carol Vicic Donna Kalebich	09/19	Eva Stobbe Hailey Twilley	10/04	Kimberly Denson
09/08	Gabrielle Budny Trevor Martin Hannelore Richweiss	09/20	Shari Johnson Dorothy Flowers	10/05	Diane Henry
09/09	Maribeth Cooper Darlene Lattimer	09/21	Shirley Cooper	10/06	Travis Denton William Peretti
09/10	Nancy Glenn Brittany Schmitz	09/22	Myrt Larson	10/08	Jim Lauterbach
09/13	William Riemer	09/23	Jennifer Wills	10/11	Ryland Denson
		09/26	Manny Alonso Jane Perkolup	10/12	Jane DeWitt Thomas Johnson
			Danielle Stobbe	10/14	Autumn Koonce Shar Markese
		09/27	Joann Smothers		



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LOWERS

There are still opportunities remaining this year to sign up to provide altar flowers. This is a really nice way to remember or honor special dates or people in your life, while enhancing our worship space.

Our florist, Labos, has recently made more price options available to us. Flower prices now range from \$25.00 to \$40.00, so you may choose whatever price is most comfortable for you. Sanctuary Flower sign up sheets and payment envelopes are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please be sure to clearly indicate the dollar amount you wish to spend so Vicki can place your order with the florist accordingly. Also, please indicate if you will be taking your flowers home following the 2nd service, or if you would like them to be given to someone who is hospitalized.

You are also welcome to supply your own flowers. Again, be sure this is clearly indicated on the sign up sheet. Flowers should be placed in the kitchen refrigerator prior to the 8:30 service, arranged in an appropriate vase or container if possible. The altar guild has vases available if you need one.



Payment for flowers can be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. Your check should be marked "flowers" in the memo section. Thank you for making our church more beautiful!

- Carol Vicic
Altar Guild

Cradle Roll & Sunday School News...

We are pleased to announce that Quaylin Peretti has recently resumed our Cradle Roll program. Cradle Roll is a ministry designed to "introduce" new babies in our church to Jesus in preparation for their entry into Sunday School. Every year for a child's first three years of life, they will receive a small gift from the church. At the age of three, children will be invited to enroll in our NEW 3 & 4 year-old preschool Sunday School Class. The new class will be led by Jessica Nichols and Rachel Hornsby. Thank you our wonderful volunteers — Quaylin, Jessica & Rachel!



Are you "crafty"???

We need a craft teacher for Sunday School...
...and also a Jr. High class teacher.
Curriculum is provided!
Join the Education Team!
Call Kathie Nichols at 815-744-5132



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FALL SCHEDULE 		Sept. Acolytes: 8:30 Antonio Davila 11:00 AJ Hoogstra	1 5:30 pm Worship Comm.	2 	3 	
4 8:30 & 11 am Worship Fellowship after services 9:30 Blood Press: Checks	5 Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	6 9 am Staff Meeting 10 am Bible Study 12:30 pm Evang. Comm. 5 pm Education Comm.	7 9 am Prayer Blankets 5:30 pm Praise Band	8 	9 	10
11 11 am Outdoor Worship 12:15 Church Picnic RALLY DAY 	12 	13 9 am Staff Meeting 10 am Bible Study 6 pm PPRT 7 pm Church Council	14 9 am Prayer Blankets 5:30 pm Praise Band	15 6 pm Golden Wings	16 	17 8 am Men's Breakfast 11:30 am Women's Group
18 8:30 & 11 am Worship Fellowship after services 10 am Sunday Schl., Adult Forum, Choir Rehearsal	19 Resuming this Sunday!	20 9 am Staff Meeting 10 am Bible Study	21 9 am Prayer Blankets 12:30 pm Caring Comm. 1:30 pm Sr. Svc./Loyalton 5:30 pm Praise Band	22 6-7:30 pm DYNAMOS! <i>(1st-4th graders)</i>	23 	24 10-noon GUPPIES! <i>(pre-K)</i> 6-9 pm BLAST! <i>(5th-8th gr.)</i>
25 8:30 & 11 am Worship Fellowship after services 10 am Sunday Schl., Adult Forum, Choir Rehearsal 6-9 pm High School Group	26 	27 9 am Staff Meeting 10 am Bible Study	28 9 am Prayer Blankets 5:30 pm Praise Band	29 	30 	