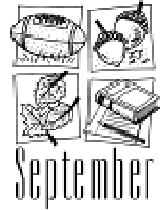




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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LISA

Faster and Faster

“When we go faster and faster, we grow more and more insensitive to the needs of everyone around.... In the morning, for instance, when we are moving like a launched missile, our vigilance falls; we may hurt the feelings of our children or partner and never know it at all. To be aware of others, we have to go slowly and pay attention to what is happening. Our faculties must be alert and fully functioning.” From *Meditation* by Eknath Easwaran

I have no idea how to pronounce this author’s name, but he has named something for me. Our lives are so full that we run the risk of hurting each other for lack of forethought. Now that school has begun, those of us with children will enjoy having our routines back. But we will also experience hectic mornings, trying to get the kids off to school, and crazy evenings of homework, dinner, sports, and music practice.

All these things are gifts to us. Okay, so homework isn’t much of a gift, but what would life be like without a ball to kick around or music in our homes? Yet when we have so much to do, parents end up barking orders at their children, and the children end up resisting what they know they have to do. Even spouses end up telling each other what to do instead of talking about what needs to get done.

When our lives are so full, we forget to ask our friend or neighbor how they’re doing or at least forget to listen to their response. We sit in the pew next to someone who needs a word of encouragement and don’t even notice. We go through the mail or emails instead of making conversation with our spouse.

I’m not trying to guilt anyone; I’m just trying to name a problem in our lives. And to name two possible solutions. One: look at your calendars and see if there’s something you can say no to. What in your life is taking you away from what God wants for you and what is drawing you toward what God wants for you? Can you say no to that which detracts from your life?

And two: learn to stop and notice the world around you, even in the midst of this fast paced life. Practice breathing and look around at the people around you. Give each person a moment of your time, before you rush off to the next thing. It really won’t slow you down that much. Use car time and waiting in line time as a chance to play a game with your child or talk with your spouse. Or just stand there and breathe deeply. Remember: “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46). God is with us-- if only we’d take time to notice.

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COUNCIL HI-LIGHTS

August 9, 2011

The office computer will be replaced with funds coming from the Spaghetti Supper fundraiser balance.

The Geo-cache site is active on the church property and on the Geo-cache web-site.

The condition of the road sign is being addressed.

The Sunday school will use the "Sparks" curriculum this year.

FLC will host the Synod's "Macedonia Project" on Tuesday, October 11.

Reported by Scott Mathwich, Secretary.



POP CAN CAMPAIGN

It seems like everything is becoming more and more expensive these days. Often times, in the latter part of each year, as people travel on their vacations, there is not quite enough money to pay the church bills. If every person gave \$1 more each week the church would not have challenges paying its monthly bills. \$1 is roughly equivalent to a can of pop. Encouraging everyone to contribute \$1 more each week has got to be easier than it was to glue all the soda cans together on display in the narthex. And if you are not "into" soda pop—consider giving up "one a week of whatever your favorite beverage might be—coffee, tea, lemonade, etc. And if you are someone who likes a nice glass of wine on occasion or a beer consider giving \$2 more each week. The pop can campaign can be met. Meanwhile, the ministries of our church will grow taller than our pop can tower.

Mark your calendars for the 5th annual "**Fur, Fin and Feathers at Faith**" community fellowship event on Thursday evening, October 27. This event is open to the public and there is no admission charge. We do collect nonperishable food items or contributions for the Col-FR Food Pantry at the entrance. The theme of this event is hunting, fishing and outdoors photography. Please consider attending this event and **invite someone**. Come and see some local clergy "acting" in the program skit. Our September planning meetings are on Wednesdays, September 7 at 6:35 PM & September 21 at 7:05 PM both at the Kurth Brewery. The contact for these meetings is Scott Mathwich if you have any questions.

Attention people of Faith, the Council would like to see the committee called **Social Ministry** or **Church in Society** rejuvenated. The focus is outward and into the community and world. We will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 27 at 7pm at church. If you cannot make this time, please let us know so we can get your ideas and keep you informed. Scott Mathwich is the contact for this meeting.



FOTO FUN @ FAITH! We are working on a new photo church directory. Individual and family photo opportunities are available in September. If you did not have your picture taken in July please sign up for one of these dates: Monday (9/26), Thursday (9/29), Friday (9/30), Saturday (10/1). Sign up sheets are on the narthex table at church. There are additional appointment times available online. The link is on the church website at: www.faithcolumbuswi.org. If you have any questions please contact Melody Tadych via email (melodytadych@gmail.com) or phone (623-9514).





Interested in becoming a part of Faith's music ministry?

CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES

FAITH CHOIR: We lift our voices to the Lord and so can you! The desire to sing is the only requirement. All adults and confirmation age youth (and older) are welcome. We will resume rehearsals on **September 7** and rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7:40-8:50 p.m. in the sanctuary. We sing two—three Sundays a month at the 8:00 Heritage Service. Please consider joining us.

FAITHFUL RINGERS: What are those delightful sounds coming from the fellowship hall every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. It's the bell choir, rehearsing their songs. After an hour practice, a few clinks, clunks, and a good measure of fun, we're ready to ring every third Sunday of the month. If you are interested in learning more, we invite you to come **September 7** and explore becoming a ringer or substitute. (You do not have to read music!)

Questions may be directed to Lisa Weisensel @ 920-382-1188 (cell#)

There's going to be lots of excitement happening in September!



September 11 is **Rally Day**, a big day in the life of our congregation. Bring your **backpacks and brief-**

cases and place them in front of the altar before worship. We will be blessing them during both worship services.



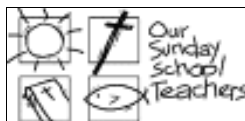
On September 11, we will also have our **Sunday School Orientation** during the scheduled Sunday school time, starting at 9:20.

Parents of Sunday school students are asked to meet with Pastor Lisa in the sanctuary. The children can meet downstairs with their teachers.



"Confirmation Blessing" for students and their parents during the 10:30 service also on September 11.

Confirmation Orientation for **parents of students** in grades 6, 7, and 8 on August 31 and **parents and students** on September 7. Both sessions are from 5:45-7:30pm.



Attention Sunday school staff! The full Sunday school staff will be installed Sunday, September 11 at the 8am service.

Susan Rupp has organized a fundraiser selling **mums** for the 2012 National Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans. The cost is \$12 a piece and will be available in September. There is a signup sheet in the narthex along with an envelope for payments. Tony Clark is keeping track of the proceeds for the fundraiser.

LUTHERAN WORLD

RELIEF CLOTHING DRIVE

Lutheran World Relief is helping all over the world to make lives rewarding and fulfilled for people in places that really need our help. Please consider giving a child or adult the gift of education by purchasing school supplies for a **School Kit**. A displaced individual the basic personal care items by purchasing a **Health Kit**. A woman clothes to leave her home by giving a **Sewing Kit**. A new mother and her child confidence to meet the community because the baby has clothes from a **LWR Layette Package**. **NO CLOTHING OF ANY KIND! NO ONESIES, NO WASH CLOTHS.** You may drop off items for the various kits and new bars of soap at Faith any and place in the marked box outside the dividing wall in the narthex. *Packing day is Tuesday, October 4 @ 9:00.* Volunteer helpers are needed. Questions? See Reta Thies.

TIPS FOR FOOTLESS SLEEPERS:

- Trim the feet off footed sleepers and the bottom portion off Onesies, and finish the raw edges with a hem or serger.

or

- Replace the sleepers with a shirt and pair of pants.

or

- Replace the sleepers with gowns.

SWITCH FROM WASH CLOTH TO BATH TOWEL:

- Be sure to shop for *light or medium weight towels* which they will get more use from.



ALL 2012 committee budget requests are due to the Wendy Corlett by Thursday, September 15. If you have any questions please contact Wendy at contacting her at 484-3630 or corletts@centurytel.net

Looking Ahead! The Spaghetti Supper for 2011 has been set for Saturday, October 22. Yum, yum, yum!



SEPTEMBER

- 1 Patsy Braker
Reta Thies
Del Yerges
- 3 Dennis Langfeldt
- 4 Debbie Talg
- 6 Lyle Sampson
- 7 Cooper Anthon
Tory Weidemann
- 10 Gracia Clark
Tony Clark
Jamine Kurth
- 11 Micaela Miller
Stacy Walz
- 13 Paige Beattie
- 17 Sarah Rowe
- 18 Ben Van Horn
- 23 Beth Klossner
- 25 Diane Dhein
Russell Rahn
- 30 Georgia Eisenreich
Scott Hanks
Stephanie Prosser

Zachary Mickelson

NYG 2012

All youth eligible for the 2012 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans must sign up by September 25th. This deadline was picked in order to meet the deadline for official registration for the Gathering. If you wish to be part of this event, please contact Nancy Patrick at 920-623-5868 or npatrick@charter.net.



THE RED TENTERS' BOOKCLUB

For our September selection we are reading *Henry's Sisters* by Cathy Lamb and will meet on Thursday, September 22, 7pm at the home of Ruth Nordal. New members are always welcome to join us. Please call the church at 623-3610 for more information if interested.



Todd and Linda Brumm, Tony and Julie Clark, Duane and Linda Durtschi, Henry and Cathy Elling, Nathan and Lisa Emler, Mark and Susan Fagerburg, Nicloe Farr, Brian and Susan Faulhaber, Eric and Michelle Hoffmann, Lindsey Lasche, Mark and Tami McNamee, Pr. Lisa Nelson, Andy and Cara O'Brion, Brian and Jean Paul, Dan and Wendy Watrud, Sara Yuds.

Congratulations!



BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADERS

Third graders will receive their Bibles on Sunday, September 18 during the 10:30 service. There will be a two part introduction for third graders AND their parents, one on Saturday, September 10, 9-10:15 and one on Sunday, September 18 during the Sunday school hour which begins at 9:20am. You are asked to attend both sessions with your third grader.

LABOR DAY AND CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS:

On September 5 2011, the U.S. celebrates Labor Day. "It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country" according to the U.S. Department of Labor website. Christians believe that ALL vocations are **calls from God**. God has given everyone certain skills, interests, and opportunities that lead them to the place God has called them to serve. The Christian faith also teaches that all honest work well done is service to God. On Sunday, September 4, we will celebrate Labor Day weekend here at Faith by celebrating the vocations of Faith people. On that day please wear or bring along something that symbolizes your "job", paid or unpaid. It may be a uniform or a tool or anything that represents your everyday work. On that day we will include a blessing of vocations in the worship to remind us that we also serve God in our day-to-day work.

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JULY TREASURE'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,667.10
Receipts	14,904.32
CD Closing	11,324.23
Faith Projects Transfer	127.32
Faith Projects Fundraiser	4,216.35
Total Disbursements	<u>20,298.12</u>
Ending balance in checkbook	\$11,941.20
UNPAID BILLS-NONE	



Sunday School Start-up

Attention all Sunday school families! Sunday school begins on September 11, 2011. We will begin our Sunday school year with a student/parent orientation in the Sanctuary at 9:20. Also, you will be receiving a Sunday school registration form in the mail soon. Please complete and return the form to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you to the many wonderful people who have volunteered to teach Sunday school this year! We still have some spots open for teachers and assistants. If you are interested in helping, tell us on the registration form or call Karin Westlake at 623-2824 or Suzanne Zahn at 623-0225. Please consider helping out in this very rewarding opportunity to serve our church by spreading the Word of God to our children!



September Birthday's

Shirley Andler, Eric Anthon, Betty Baxter, Chris Behl, Caitlin Bradish, Kimberly

Brueckman, Tracy Brozek, Mason Bruss, Ed Burke, Jessica Cashmore, Laura Cutshall, JoAnn DeNure, Diane Dhein, Skye Farr, Erick Frey, Sue Frish, Jack Fritz, Bob Gorman, Jeramy Grossman, Scott Hankes, Carter Hansen, Dylan Hart, Ashley Hegge, Theresa Hein, Anne Herzberg, Kali Hochstatter, Linda Huebner, Ron Huebner, Kayla Hurckman, Dawn Kaminski, Riley Kaminski, David Kikkert, Beth Klossner, Bethany Kohl, Rich McMullen, Abigail Miller, Bridget Morris, Heidi Paul, Caitlin Ritchie, Frank Roelke, Sydney Rohrbeck, Kimberly Rowe, Erik Rupp, Susan Rupp, Joanne Sampson, Leona Schaller, Nevaeh Schultz, Josh Selje, Jim Severson, Kim Steers, Al Strohschein, Leverett Tadych, Ivan Thies, Matt Vick, Brian Wagner, Dawn Kelsey-Waterman, Tracey Wescott, Zachary Wescott, Glenn Westlake, Lynne Wilken, Suzanne Zahn.

*Happy Birthday!
Enjoy your special day!*

Thanks to . . .

-Sue Mathwich, Maizie Anthon, Cheryl Hoffman and Melody Tadych for helping assemble the August NEWSLETTER.

-Meldoy Tadych, Sue Frish and Scott Mathwich for keeping the weeds under control at the church.

PASTORAL ACTS



July 31, 2011

Joseph Freidel

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Sun Prairie, WI

Faith Rummage Sale

Keep saving your extra treasures!! The youth group fundraising for the National ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be organizing the Faith rummage sale to be held next spring/early summer 2012. More details will follow as plans are made. Again, please continue to save items you no longer need or want as donations for this upcoming sale.

Quilters

Thanks to many people we had a huge donation of material this past year. Also, thanks to many for their hard work during the year cutting, sewing and tying. Over 150 quilts were made since last October. Now we need your help financially. Lutheran World Relief says it's approximate cost to deliver one quilt over seas is \$2.25. If you are not able to help in making the quilts, maybe you could consider giving to help get the quilts where they are so badly needed. Donations may be left at the church office or I will accept any donations anytime thru the first Sunday in October. That is when the quilts will be displayed in church. Any amount of cash can be given or checks should be made out to FLCW.

Thanks for any help given.

Dianne Patrick

Find Faith on geocaching.com

Geocaching is a real-world outdoor treasure hunting game. Players try to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, using GPS-enabled devices and then share their experiences online.

In August, the Labyrinth and Prayer Garden Committee, with the help of Garrett Patrick, placed a geocache on Faith's property. This hidden treasure is now 1 of over 15,000 caches within a 100 mile radius of Faith.

The early comments have been very kind to what Faith brings to our community. "After the EZ find, we walked around back and discovered the beautifully landscaped Labyrinth Prayer Garden. What a treasure this is. I walked the whole path... Thanks for bringing us to this beautiful church and garden," wrote the geocacher that claimed the "First to Find" status. Another Geocacher had this to say, "I loved the maze and the literature about it on the sign. In times like these a walk through the maze makes you realize that no matter what happens...God is there walking with you. I didn't take the time to walk the maze back out as suggested but I think I would recommend that everyone who finds this cache at least walk the maze one way. You will be surprised at what you think and how you feel afterward. Loved the easy hide and the gardens."

Visit geocaching.com and do a search for caches in Columbus, WI to find Faith's hidden container and many others in our community. If you want to learn more, take a moment to talk to Garrett or any member of the Labyrinth and Prayer Garden Committee.

Scrip Supports Faith's Ministries

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money." When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing gift certificates and gift cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, Faith earns revenue to support our ministries. Lets look at some numbers.

How many of you spend at least \$75 or more a week on groceries?

How many of you spend \$50 or more a month on clothing?

How many of you spend \$25 or more a week on gasoline?

How many of you spend \$50 a month dining out?

All together, that adds up to \$500 a month. At 12 months, that is \$6,000 a year. 5% is the average portion earned by Faith for each scrip purchase. That 5% adds up to \$300 per year that the average family could easily earn for our ministries here at Faith, and all you have to do is make your same purchases with gift cards. If Faith has 50 families participating at this level, that is \$15,000 worth of donations per year to Faith, all just from regular shopping.

Scrip is easy to use. Almost every Sunday, you can visit the scrip table in the fellowship hall to do a couple of things. One is to shop from on-hand inventory and purchase cards and certificates to use immediately (including local favorites Day One Pizza and Julie's Java House). Another is to browse the list of hundreds of participating retailers, place an order and pay up-front, and the following Sunday (and sometimes earlier) your cards will be waiting for you.

You can also shop online at ShopWithScrip.com. You will need some information from Troy Tadych, Faith's scrip coordinator, so talk with him, and if you catch him at the right time, he will even set the online shopping up with you. It is easy and fun, and especially nice when you are making that late night Amazon.com or Lands' End (among others) purchase, and can order an electronic gift card that shows up in your inbox in a matter of minutes.

Talk with Troy Tadych in person, via email (troy@tadych.us), or by phone (920.623.9514), to learn more about this exciting program, and to learn how you can benefit Faith by making the same purchases that you already have been doing.

Roast Your Pastor – Night out at the Casino. This is a joint dinner with Bonnet Prairie members September 11th at 6:30. The meal will be served family style – Ribs and Chicken, soup and salad bar, coffee and water. \$14.50 per person. Children under 10 -- \$5.50. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. A final count is due to the Casino on the 4th. Payment is due to the Casino on the 11th. If you want to roast the pastor please contact Ed Schellin or email Ed at Ed.Schellin.b1ap@statefarm.com. If you have questions, please contact one of the Shared Ministry committee members – Ed, Larry Haseman, Bev O'Brien, or Erin Bussian.



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THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Faith...Serving God...Serving People

*Now faith is the assurance
of things hoped for, the conviction
of things not seen.*

Hebrews 11:1



MISSION STATEMENT

Joyfully recognizing God's commitment and faithfulness to us, FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH exists to serve God through serving God's people. We eagerly work towards the realization of God's Kingdom by:

- Offering praise-filled worship to God.
- Nurturing individual spiritual growth.
- Fostering an environment of caring and acceptance.
- Reaching out to serve the needs of our community.

God's love stirs us to touch others with the same love we have received—and invites them to share our life of praise and service.

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) Columbus, Wisconsin

AS MEMBERS OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WE PROMISE:

- To attend services regularly.
- To support the congregation financially.
- To live responsibly as a Christian witness.
- To become as involved as possible in the total life and work of the congregation.

And this we promise to do by the help of God.

FAITH'S TOP PRIORITY VISIONING GOALS:

- Equip all our members for lifelong spiritual growth and ministry.
- Continue and build upon our tradition of being an accepting congregation that welcomes and serves all.

Adopted March 2010

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