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Senior Pastor David Dopenberg • Pastor Kevin Doely • Pastor Kiri Solberg

Building Project Update **Building Committee Project Report - 9/16/09**

We are over 99% complete in reviewing the overall design schematics for our building project. As we move closer to the kickoff of the project, we are still on schedule with the action items that need to be completed on our project task plan.

Here is a list of recent accomplishments:

- Reviewed changes made to plans since last meeting
- Design review of Electrical Schematics
- Design review of Mechanical Schematics – Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Discussed security system locations and improvements
- Reviewed additional site demolition to be quoted as part of the scope of the project
- Approved soundproofing for Chapel and Fellowship Hall/Gym. Both projects to commence based on color selection for Gym and vendor reference verification
- Technology and furnishings review for new construction, remodeled and existing facilities
- Reviewed water drainage issues on southeast corner of facility

General Calendar upcoming:

- Full plans released for bids in mid September and close of bids October 8. Final bids awarded after October 14 committee meeting
- Secure final construction loan financing
- Ongoing final plan review and approvals with the City Interior decorating and landscaping design process
- Finalizing of technology and furnishings needs
- Construction begins in late October or early November

The Building Project Committee would like to send out a special thank you to Vance Weiss for taking time out of his busy schedule to assist our team in reviewing the electrical schematics. From an electrician's perspective, he helped the team identify action items that needed to be considered during the quotation process to ensure we are minimizing any additional unforeseen cost overruns during the course of the project. Once again, we greatly appreciate your continued support and cooperation with Faith's exciting remodeling and building project!

Donn Berkeland and Steve Weiss
Co Chairs

Pastor/President/Council News

Dear friends in Christ,

We are excited to be entering into our fall ministry at Faith Lutheran. We will be focusing on the theme: “Gift of True Life – Living the Faith Compass”. You will see in worship and in our ministry areas attention given to the “Promises” of God’s Holy presence and the “Practices” we are called to embrace as we live with God’s Holy purpose every day.

This fall will also be a time of “organized chaos” as we move the church office, staff and different ministries to temporary locations during the building facility project. We are on schedule and can look forward to the facility project beginning by late October. Thank you for the flexibility and spirit of unity that has been evident as we move toward the starting date.

You probably have heard about the varied response by congregations of the ELCA to the actions taken during the August ELCA Churchwide Assembly concerning changes regarding ordination of gay and lesbian candidates for ordained ministry. Affirmation and disappointment have been evident throughout the wider church in reaction to the new policy. We believe that a time of intentional discernment is how we at Faith Lutheran are being called to respond. Therefore an open meeting at which more than 70 people gathered was held Wednesday, September 9, to discuss the actions taken at the August ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

Council President Char Meyer began with devotions from the Daily Texts, acknowledging that Faith Lutheran will continue to move forward in mission as we seek to be faithful to our mission statement: Dwelling in God’s Word, Proclaiming the salvation given in Jesus Christ and Living Daily in Mission Empowered by the Holy Spirit.

She continued with an explanation of the actions, as communicated to our congregation from Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop Craig Johnson:

“A vote has now been taken and this vote approved a policy change so that those persons in a publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationship who have gone through the candidacy approval process, may serve as ordained pastors in this Church. What this means is:

1. If a congregation in a regular call process determines that a candidate who happens to be in a publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationship, is their candidate of choice to serve as pastor or rostered lay person in their congregation, and if that candidate has been approved in our candidacy process, that candidate may be recommended to the congregational council for ratification and subsequently to the congregation for at least a 2/3 majority vote for approval.
2. Candidacy committees may choose not to preclude a candidate from becoming rostered in this Church simply because the candidate is in a publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationship.

3. As always, the congregation has the authority in our polity to select the candidate they would like to call. So the same process of calling a pastor or rostered lay person will be in place as before. Candidates will continue to go through the same rigorous voting process that has been a part of our calling of a pastor or rostered lay person by congregations which has been in place for many years.”

Pastor David then led a time of Bible Study on Mark 10:1-10 and Acts 15:1-21. Following, we had a time for questions and sharing of personal experience, individual's understanding of scripture and current information concerning human sexuality.

It was then stated that we, Char Meyer, Congregational President, Executive Committee, Pastor David and all pastoral, program and support staff agree that we will lead our congregational response following the model from Acts 15:1-21.

First, leaders and missionaries with diverse experiences are gathered. There is sending and welcoming by the wider church. Testimony is given about a new thing that God is doing in a new time and place. This is interpreted in the light of the Scriptures and tradition. The decision to change to a new practice is guided by the Spirit, aims for unanimity, and is positively received by the wider church.

This means that we will be united in our support of the following statements, even as there are differing opinions among both leaders and staff.

- 1) Faith Lutheran is not planning on leaving the ELCA.
- 2) Executive Committee, Church Council and Staff will work to provide opportunities for further study and prayer as we, the people of Faith Lutheran, at this time and in this place, enter a time of study and discernment with regard to this new policy.
- 3) Believing that at this time we are not at a consensus of support, Faith Lutheran would not proceed with the policy change were we to find ourselves in a pastoral call process.

Char Meyer, *Congregation President*
Pastor David Doppenberg, *Senior Pastor*

Local and Global Outreach

Have You Heard about Home Ministry?

It's one of our church's best "behind the scenes" ministries. Since it's quietly happening between people in need and those who want to serve help us get the word out about what's available. Whether you've experienced a hardship like illness, surgery, economic difficulty, or the joy of a new baby, know that we are here to help ease the stress and transition. Home Ministry offers short-term help with things like a meal delivery, a few bags of groceries, light housekeeping, or running errands. All services are aimed to make life a little easier during a difficult or tiring time. Please contact any of the pastors at 763-755-3530 if you or someone you know could use this ministry. You may also contact the coordinators directly at the numbers below.

God bless,

DeNae vanWestrienen 763-784-8354, Nancy Youel 763-755-7283

Home Ministry Coordinators

***Save the Date!* Compassion Action Network's Fall Faith Forum 2009**

Faces, Facts, and Impacts - Homelessness in Anoka County

Thursday, October 29, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, St. Phillip's Lutheran Church, Fridley

It is our goal that participation in this forum will serve as a catalyst to:

1. Raise Awareness about homelessness in Anoka County
2. Highlight current initiatives that focus on supporting and ending homelessness
3. Encourage collaborative action. More information to follow...

MICAH Sponsors Foreclosure Prevention Forum at Faith Lutheran

Thursday, October 22, 6:30 PM

Are you, or is somebody you know, facing foreclosure? Does your faith call you to understand more about foreclosure? Come to the Foreclosure Forum on October 22 at Faith Lutheran Church. Jan Backlin, from the Anoka County Community Action Program and Ed Nelson from the Minnesota Home Ownership Center will cover the basics of: what is foreclosure, what is a typical timeline, and what are options for those facing housing payment challenges. We will have foreclosure prevention counselors on hand and light refreshments available. Doors open at 6:00 PM and the discussion will begin at 6:30 PM. This event is sponsored by the North Chapter of MICAH, the Metropolitan Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing.

It's Time to Think about the Christmas Giving Tree!

Faith Lutheran Church will again offer the Giving Tree Program to families in need within our church and our neighborhood. Full details will be in the November newsletter and Sunday bulletins with ways to help and applications for assistance.



Gift tags are needed at this time. If you can make tags or gift cards, please stop at the Information Counter to pick up a directions sheet for this project. Last year, we distributed nearly 400 gifts, so we need a lot of tags.

Harvest of Blessings Share Fest

Saturday November 7, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Share Fest, Faith's annual bazaar, is fast approaching so mark your calendars and check out the ways you can help those in need in our community and around the world. All proceeds from this event are donated to global and local hunger causes, with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans providing matching funds to the local agencies.

SHAREFEST



Share Fest features something for everyone: craft and bake sales, Scandinavian tasting table, pie shop, sloppy joe lunch, children's games, face painting, crafts to make, silent auction, and a special shopping area stocked with items made by our Church School students. Fun for all ages.

Here are some ways you can support this all congregation event:

- Stop by the Share Fest Table in the Gathering Area any Sunday in October and sign up to help by setting up, working, taking down, donating a homemade craft, baked goods, an item for the Silent Auction, or goodies for the Scandinavian Tasting Table.
- Participate in the Craft Marathon on Saturday, October 24, from 9:30 AM until we're done or come to one of the weekly craft workshops held on Tuesdays, October 6 and 20 at 9:30 AM and October 13 and 27 at 6:30 PM
- Parents of Church School students watch for information on donating prizes for the fish pond and other games coming home with your child.
- IMPACT! students and EDGE participants are invited to sign up to work the games and pop sales and as greeters the day of Share Fest.

***DUE TO LACK OF STORAGE DURING THE PREPARATION FOR CONSTRUCTION
PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS TO THE CHURCH UNTIL THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1.
WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION IN THE FAITH WEEKLY.***

If you have questions regarding Share Fest, stop by the table in the Gathering Area or call Judy at 763-427-5758 or Sue at 763-754-5651.

Adult Ministry

Please refer to the Faith Lutheran Church website or the information counter for additional details and schedules for Adult Forums, Bible studies and classes this fall.

Koinonia and Dwelling in the Word

Staff and leaders have been living the Faith Compass for the past year, and are inviting more and more people at Faith to join this journey as well. One important part of the Faith Compass is that we are each called to be part of a Koinonia Body - the place where the Body of Believers intersects with each of our unique callings. It is a body within the body where people know our names, where they know something of our story, and where we know we can turn to share our joys and our regrets.

The first way we are lifting up Koinonia Bodies is by inviting all existing Bodies to spend time Dwelling in the Word whenever they meet. So for example, our choirs and our existing committees will follow a Dwelling Pattern each time they meet. It will include a brief time of 1) each person sharing how they're doing, 2) reading scripture from the Daily Texts and reflecting upon it, and 3) praying the Daily Texts prayer and praying for one another.

The second way we are lifting up Koinonia Bodies is with a Faith Practice Leadership Group. Pastor Kiri is leading a Koinonia Group that is practicing the Faith Compass and also thinking for whole as to how we can invite more people to be part of Koinonia Bodies if they aren't already in one.

What can you do now? You can begin living the Faith Compass by worshipping, by starting to discern God's unique calling to you, and by practicing Dwelling in the Word daily through the Daily Texts. Print versions are available in the church office for \$5 each, or you can receive the Daily Texts via e-mail at www.moravian.org/dailytexts.

Bad Girls of the Bible starts October 4

This monthly Bible study group for women in their 20's - 40's meets the first Sunday of each month, 6:30 PM, at the Caribou Coffee off Bunker Lake Blvd in Andover. The fall study will be on four Old Testament characters: Adam, Abraham, Sarah, and Jacob. Prep time of 30 minutes is helpful for each session, but otherwise all levels of Bible experience are welcome! To sign up or to find out more information contact Kara Johnson at timandkara@comcast.net.

Bible for Beginners - A Place to Start

October 21 - December 16, Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Does the Bible seem rather intimidating, but you really want to learn more? Have you had a new or renewed interest in your faith recently? Do you wonder about worship and the traditions of the Lutheran Church?

Bring your questions to this Christian Basics Class, taught by Pastor Kiri. We'll start from the beginning - learning how to read the Bible, what the Bible tells us about God, and how God works in our daily lives. E-mail pastorkiri@faithlutherancr.org to register for this class.

Monday Evening Adult Class

Amazing Grace.... the song.... the story... a person's complete encounter with God's amazing justification; the story of a sinner forgiven, justified and set on a path of service.

What does this mean for you today? Where does grace take you?

The Adult Education Committee will hold a six week study, Monday evenings starting October 5 at 7:00 PM on grace, justification, and service. During each session we'll view a video (about 20 minutes) followed by an open discussion and supporting scripture readings (about 40 minutes).

Monday Evening Adult Class Schedule:

October 5	Up/Down; Justification and Vocation
October 12	In/Out; Congregation
October 19	Wanna/Gotta; Community
October 26	Creator/Creature; Workplace
November 2	Self/Others; Home
November 9	Spirit/Flesh

All are welcome! Come to all of the sessions or only the ones that you can attend. Facilitated by Adult Education Committee member Jack Kretchmer. Contact Jack with any questions at jskretchmer@yahoo.com.

Women's Winter Retreat - Save the Date!

February 19 - 21, 2010 at Camp Wapo in Amery, WI

This year's women's retreat will feature Karoline Lewis, a professor at Luther Seminary, presenting on the topic, "Wine, Water Jars, and Witness: Women's Work in John's Gospel." Cost for two nights and four meals will be approximately \$110. Registration will be available starting late October.

Youth and Family Ministry

October is an EXCITING time for the **STOMP Musical, JOSEPH!** Everyone in grades 4-9 are invited to be part of the chorus. Here is our schedule for the month of October:



Sunday, October 4	Rehearsal 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Sunday, October 11	Rehearsal 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Sunday, October 18	Rehearsal 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Sunday, October 25	NO REHEARSAL due to Faith's Confirmation Service

We are looking for costumes and props! This musical has an 'Egyptian' feel to it so things such as large medallions, gold belts, bracelets, necklaces, large Palm fronds to 'fan' with are needed. Also, the STOMP feel from Broadway is in the percussion so we need hubcaps, outside metal trash cans, car parts, and push brooms. Check the youth bulletin board for the complete list of items and contact Debra Henning at 763-354-7816 or middleschool@faithlutheranncr.org if you have anything we may use!

Wednesday Night Supper *Please join us!*

What: Pizza, salad, dessert and beverages
When: Every Wednesday night IMPACT! is in session
Where: Fellowship Hall
Time: 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Price: \$4 per person or \$12/per family

Kids Ministry

First Communion Class

Students 3rd grade and older and their parent(s) are invited to attend a First Communion Class – an opportunity to learn about and celebrate the gift of the Eucharist. We will then ask you and your family to celebrate your First Communion with our whole church family.



The dates and details:

Attend First Communion Classes (for students AND parent(s))

- Saturday, October 10, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Celebrate First Communion at one of the following worship services

- Sunday, October 18, at 8:00, 9:15 or 10:45 AM
- Sunday, November 1, at 8:00, 9:15 or 10:45 AM

We look forward to learning and celebrating together with you and your family! Contact Elaine Johnson or Tammy Lakeman at 763-755-3530 with any questions.

Bible Sunday, October 11

On Sunday, October 11, three year old and 2nd grade students will be invited to enter worship with their Faith Kids class, and be presented with a Bible. Bring your child(ren) to Faith Kids class as usual at 9:15 or 10:45 AM. The children will then be escorted into worship with their leader and classmates. We will then ask you to join them in the front of the church. You will be presented with a Bible to place in your child's hands – as a gesture of God's Word being shared from their Church AND their parents. The children will then return to their classes.

Three year old students will receive "The Beginner's Bible," a wonderful pictorial storybook of the Old and New Testament. Our 2nd graders will be presented with "The New Adventure Bible," an age appropriate Bible with pictures, charts, and supplemental stories for elementary-aged children.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/IMPACT!

We are off to a great start! Here are the dates to highlight for this month:



Wednesday, October 7	1st and 3rd Year students meet (Level 2 does not)
Wednesday, October 14	NO IMPACT! due to MEA holiday
Wednesday, October 21	IMPACT! all three levels meet
Wednesday, October 28	IMPACT! all three levels meet

Level 1 Retreat

Sunday, October 11, is our Level 1 Retreat from 12:00 - 4:00 PM. Lunch is provided. Parents, Debra Henning, IMPACT!/Confirmation Director will be available from 12:10 - 12:30 PM to answer any questions you may have about our confirmation program.

Level 2

On Wednesday, October 21, our Level 2 students will be involved in either planning or carrying out a service project within their group. Stay tuned for information from your student's small group about this valuable experience!

Looking ahead, Level 2 students have their overnight retreat coming up on Friday/Saturday, November 13/14 here at the church. We start at 7:00 PM and end at 12:00 PM on Saturday. Look for more details in an upcoming letter!

Youth and Family Ministry (continued)

Rock Climbing

Friday, October 16, 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Cost: \$20

Register by: Sunday, October 11

We will be taking a trip to Vertical Endeavors for an afternoon of Rock Climbing. The \$20 covers the cost of all the equipment needed other than shoes. Shoes can be rented for an extra \$4. Registration forms will be available on the youth counter.

Faith Expedition

Friday, October 30, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Join us for a Halloween themed night at the church. There will be food, games with prizes, and much more.

HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6:00-7:30 PM

Church Night (fellowship, games, video and discussion, and worship)

Topic: I love those shoes. Really? The same way I love my wife? What's up with the word "love"? It doesn't have much meaning when we use it so loosely. Maybe we don't really get it. Maybe we don't understand what real love is. What it involves to really love somebody. What it means to give yourself to someone else. We mistake things like friendship, commitment, or lust for love, but God wired us a certain way to experience all that love was really meant to be. Not to hold us back or to make us miss out on the best that life has to offer. God created love, and wants us to feel it all in the way it's meant to be felt.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Fun Night More details to be announced.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Haunted Hayride More details to be announced.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 6:00-7:30 PM

Church Night (fellowship, games, video and discussion, and worship)

Topic: We want to know why we are here. If our lives really matter. How our religion is relevant to this life today. We want to understand what significance this minute, hour, week, month, and year has to our lives. To our world. We need a God who cares about this life, in this world, right now. We want to understand why everything we think, everything we say, and everything we do matters. We don't want to just sit back and wait for something to happen or someday to come. We want to know if all the choices we make now will shape our world and lives for eternity. Because we want our lives to have meaning today, and our lives today to have meaning forever.

Worship, Music, and Arts

Lectionary Readings for October 2009

Sunday, October 4 *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

Sunday, October 11 *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 18 *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 25 *Reformation Sunday*

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Sound System Operators

The role of the sound technician in worship is a crucial element in worship ministry. The worship experience of the congregation, members and visitors alike, is dependent on being able to hear the Word of God proclaimed in sermon, scripture, and song. We are currently looking to expand this special ministry team. Training will be provided. If this is a way you feel called to serve, please contact Carolynne Mathis at 763-354-7812 or music@faithlutheranncr.org.

Worship Ministries

A wonderful way to participate in worship is to serve as an:

- usher
- communion server
- lector
- communion preparer

Do you feel called to regularly serve in one of these ministries? Whether you have served before or have never served, you are welcome to join one of these ministry teams. If you would like to be a part of one of these teams, contact Carolynne Mathis at 763-354-7812 or music@faithlutheranncr.org.

Bell Banners for All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 1

You are invited to participate in creating special banners, which will be used in worship on All Saints Sunday, November 1. The banners will be in the Gathering Area before each of the worship services. Near the banners are baskets containing bells and pins. You are invited to pin a bell on the banner in memory or in honor of someone who has been a saint in your life or someone who has played an important role in your faith journey. Next to the bells are sheets of paper on which you may write the name of the person whom the bell represents. The banners will be used in a processional and placed in the chancel as a visual reminder of the saints, both living and dead, in our presence.

Worship, Music and Arts (continued)

Words on Worship

All Saints

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day is a universal festival of the Church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints. The custom of commemorating all the martyrs of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints' Day celebrates not only the martyrs and saints, but all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the body of Christ, sometimes called the sainthood of all believers.

On Sunday, November 1, we will gather to celebrate the lives of those saints who have gone before us and the sainthood of all believers. Come to worship as together we observe this special Sunday.

LBW and WOV Hymnals

We still have a few boxes of LBW and With One Voice hymnals. If you would like one for your home, please contact Carolynne Mathis at 763-354-7812 or music@faithlutheranncr.org.

Coon Rapids 50th Anniversary Celebration

As part of the 50th anniversary for Coon Rapids, Faith will be joining with other Coon Rapids churches in an ecumenical service on Sunday, November 22, at 2:30 PM at the Church of the Epiphany. Mark your calendars now and watch for more details in the coming weeks. Each congregation has been asked to provide a banner for the service. We are looking for someone who would be willing to create this banner. For more information, contact Carolynne Mathis at 763-354-7812 or music@faithlutheranncr.org.

Pastoral Acts - August

Baptisms:

August 9:

ELLIOT OSCAR REVERING, son of Bill and Tami Reverting
CAL JACKSON PAPKE, son of Matt and Katie Papke
LYLA MICHELLE PAPKE, daughter of Matt and Katie Papke

August 16:

MILES THOMAS CROSBIE, son of Jamie and Janet Crosbie
TANNER THOMAS CRANDALL, son of Arthur and Janel Crandall
ARTHUR BORDON CRANDALL, son of Arthur and Janel Crandall

August 23:

ROBERT EDWARD DONARSKI
BRANDON LEE DONARSKI, son of Robert and Katrina Donarski
MADELYN AVERY TIMM, daughter to Troy and Mindy Timm
XANDER BRADLEY FUNK, son of Alex and Casey Funk

August 30:

KENLEY SUE EVANS, daughter of Jason and Rachel Evans
EMILY RENEE FIXELL, daughter of Brian and Danielle Fixell
REECE SOPHIA ERICKSON, daughter of Anthony and Christine Erickson

Marriages:

August 1:

Aimee Hudon and Kenny Rivard
Hilary Weispfenning and Mike Arne

August 8:

Andrea Carson and Peter Ossowski

August 15:

Susan Mortensen and Ryan Grefsheim

August 22:

Karla Heim and Richard Lee
Oana Toma and Derek Dickinson

August 29:

Rebecca Levine and Adam Wheeldon

Gifts Given - August

In Memory of Pauline Gilbert, Mary Levendoski's mother

Undesignated:

Tim and Sue Savarese
Al and Betty Sannerud

In Memory of Alice Plys, Roger Tinker's mother

Library:

Carole Christensen

Music Program:

Tom and Brenda Reiner
Russ and Karen Boehmer
Frank and Judy Intihar
Dee Buth
Mike and Brenda Thews
Tim and Sue Savarese and family
Ken, Stephanie and Amanda Johnson

Stain Glass:

David and Joyce Ellingson

In Honor of Lyle Dahl's 80th Birthday

Music Program:

Henry and Loretta St. Clair
Merlin and Donna Hensch

Chancel Choir Music Fund:

Mark and Pat Swenson

In Honor of George and Jan Dahlman's Birthdays

Global Missions:

Dave and Faye Hovde



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:00, 9:15 and 10:45 AM
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Faith's Mission Statement: *We Are God's People -
Dwelling in God's Word,
Proclaiming Christ's salvation, and Living in daily mission,
empowered by the Holy Spirit.*