



# Facts *of* Faith

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Faith Lutheran Church • Member ELCA • NOVEMBER 2009  
Senior Pastor David Dopenberg • Pastor Kevin Doely • Pastor Kiri Solberg

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 PM

The Church Building will be closed Thursday, November 26,  
and Friday, November 27, in observance of Thanksgiving.

## SHAREFEST

Harvest of Blessings  
Saturday November 7  
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM



### YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FUN

**CRAFT SALE**

**BAKE SALE**

**FISH POND**

**LEFSE**

**FACE PAINTING**

**SLOPPY JOE LUNCH**

**SILENT AUCTION**

**PIE AND COFFEE**

**SCANDINAVIAN TASTING ROOM • CHILDREN'S GIFT SHOP**

All proceeds benefit ELCA World Hunger Appeal, ACBC Food Shelf\* and CEAP\*

*\* Matching funds for local agencies provided by Thrivent*

**USE MAIN ENTRANCE ON SOUTHEAST CORNER**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:** 8:00, 9:15 and 10:45 AM

Office Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Sunday 8:30 - 11:30 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.*

## ***Building Project Committee Report – 10/14//09***

We have completed review of the overall design schematics for our building project and bids have been submitted. We remain on schedule with our project.

### **Here is a list of recent accomplishments to date:**

- Reviewed final changes to plans
- Final design review of Electrical Schematics
- Final design review of Mechanical Schematics – Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- Reviewed security system locations and improvements
- Continued technology and furnishings review for new construction, remodeled and existing facilities
- Bids presented to our committee by Miller Architects and Builders at our last meeting on October 14. As expected the bid climate was very competitive

### **General Calendar current/upcoming:**

- Construction loan financing closing occurred on October 1
- Soundproofing of Chapel is in process including other electrical modifications work to this area
- Church offices moved the week of October 12
- Final plan review and approvals with the City have been underway for four weeks, should have final approval in next two weeks
- Interior decorating and landscaping design process
- Finalizing of technology and furnishings needs
- Further review of awarded bids for areas of cost savings
- Construction begins in early November
- Congregation Celebration for groundbreaking of our project to be scheduled in early November ... watch the Faith Weekly announcements and the website for more details!

*The Building Project Committee would like to offer special thanks to all those helping our team in this process! We continue to be grateful for your continued support and cooperation with Faith's rapidly progressing remodeling and building project!*

Donn Berkeland and Steve Weiss *Co Chairs*

## ***Pastor/President/Council News***

*“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”* Psalm 118:24

Twenty-two years ago my twin brother, Charles, greeted us with this verse as we entered his hospital room at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. His wife, son, daughter-in-law and I had come to be with him before he went forward with a very high-risk surgery. He made it through the surgery but his body couldn't handle all he had endured before and during the surgery.

This verse continues to be very meaningful to me. Not only as a remembrance of that day had I lost my brother but also of the assurance of God's presence each moment of every day. It is, therefore, cause to rejoice and be glad for each day however many that is for each of us.

Although we may live our life as though each day is the last, we do not sit and wait. Our Church Council continues to work and plan and carry out their responsibilities. In August of 2007, the Vision Mission Team made recommendations to the council that would help us to become a missional congregation.

- Recruit a task group to review present facilities for necessary updates, maintenance and future facilities needed for ministry. We are well on the way.
- Develop intentional communication plans for sharing formal and informal vision/mission information. Our updated technology, E-News, website and numerous other technical improvements have greatly enhanced our communications as well as intentional efforts to communicate.
- Council structure should be reviewed for effectiveness and restructured accordingly. This is our next step. A task team is being recruited to begin the process.

In addition, we have promised to revisit the Social Statement concerning the changes regarding ordination of gay and lesbian candidates for ordained ministry. Following further information from the ELCA we plan in early 2010 to have opportunity to review, study and discuss any implications this may present to our congregation.

We continue to work for more and better ways to serve our congregation members and to reach out to others. We seek better transportation options for members in wheelchairs and others with special needs. We join other churches in providing aid to the homeless in our facility.

November is a busy month with Share Fest on November 7; Ecumenical Worship at Epiphany on November 22, bids in, walls down and moves made. Thanks be to God this Thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received in 2009. Thanks be to God for His presence each day. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Charlotte Meyer, Congregation President*

## Local and Global Outreach

### Giving Tree Christmas Gifts

Will you help make Christmas merry for a child? The need is great to provide gifts for families in this difficult economy. Please help by choosing a gift tag from the Giving Tree which will be in the Gathering Area during November. Food gift cards are also needed. Helpers for the Giving Tree Program are also needed including tree helpers, gift sorters, wrappers and distributors. Pick up a flyer at the Information Desk for details or call Linda Rasmussen at 763-755-7531 to volunteer.



If you know (or you are) someone who needs assistance with Christmas gifts, please fill out the form at the Information Desk or call the Giving Tree voicemail at 763-354-7828.

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THANKSGIVING?

Faith's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner "with all the trimmings" will be served Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All are invited. Call the Thanksgiving voicemail at 763-354-7826 or 763-755-3530, ext. 7826 for reservations. This year we will be having special entertainment during our meal provided by "Friendly the Clown".



Plans are well underway for the dinner. Volunteers are always needed. Please sign up on the volunteer sign-up sheets on the Social Ministries board beginning the first Sunday in November.

About 65 totes of groceries are distributed at the dinner each year. We are asking the congregation to donate the food items for the grocery bags. Please donate the item that corresponds with the first letter of your last name. For example, if your last name begins with B, bring tuna.

#### Letter Donation

A,D Pancake Syrup  
B Tuna  
C Instant Potatoes  
E,F Peanut Butter (no glass please)  
G, J One pound of Rice  
H Saltine crackers  
K One or two pound box of spaghetti  
L Spaghetti Sauce (no glass please)

#### Letter Donation

M Canned Fruit  
N, O, Cake Mix  
P, X Canned Vegetables  
Q, S Pancake Mix  
R, T Macaroni and Cheese  
I, Y, Z Canned Soup  
U, V, W Frosting

Please bring your donations no later than Saturday, November 7, as we need to order any additional groceries by November 9. They should be placed in the box marked Thanksgiving meal in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your generosity and continued support! It is very much appreciated!

# Youth and Family Ministry

## Kids Ministry

### NOVEMBER SCHEDULING REMINDERS TO ALL FAITH KIDS

#### Sunday, November 15

Family Worship Opportunity!

Presentation of "Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace"  
by Faith's ZEALOUS PRAISE COMPANY.

There will be no Faith Kids classes this morning.

#### Sunday, November 29

Faith Kids Large Group Day! No small groups today.

Preschool students will gather in Room 1 and  
grades K - 5 will gather in the Fellowship Hall.

#### Faith Kids CHRISTMAS Program

Drama and solo auditions for the Faith Kids CHRISTMAS Program: "Broadcasting Christmas" will be held on Saturday, November 7, at 10 AM. BROADCASTING CHRISTMAS will be presented during Faith's Family Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 13. Also included that day will be a family meal, family crafts, projects and a LIVE NATIVITY!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL/IMPACT!

### IMPACT! Calendar

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



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|---------------------------|--|
| Wednesday, November 4     | IMPACT                                   |
| Wednesday, November 11    | IMPACT! Level 1 and 3 only               |
| Fri./Sat., November 13-14 | IMPACT! Level 2 Retreat - Faith Lutheran |
| Wednesday, November 18    | IMPACT!                                  |
| Wednesday, November 25    | No IMPACT! Thanksgiving Holidays         |

**The Level 2 IMPACT! Retreat** is coming up on Friday/Saturday November 13 and 14. Students should arrive for this one night retreat at 7:00 PM. Please check in at the table in the Gathering Area. Students should eat dinner before coming to the retreat. Snacks and breakfast will be served at the retreat. Parents, you may pick up your student on Saturday in the Gathering Area at 12:00 PM.

#### Level 1 Students

will have their first **Fellowship Night** on Wednesday, November 18. Fellowship Nights are a very important part of building relationships during these confirmation years. Plans will be complete for your student's group by Wednesday, November 4. Check with your student and see what their group's Fellowship Night plans are!

## **GYO Lock-In**

November 20 - 21, 7:00 PM - 8:30 AM

Join us for an all night lock-in. Registration due by Sunday, November 15. Cost is \$5. A group of college students from Gustavus Adolphus College will be coming to lead us in games, worship and a Bible study. There will also be pizza and a movie during the night. Registration forms are available on the youth counter. Hope to see you there.

## **HIGH SCHOOL – EDGE**

**Sunday, November 1** Grand Rios Water Park.

Meet at Church at 1:00 PM. We will be back at 5:30 PM

Cost: \$15 (bring extra for snacks) *\*There will be no evening EDGE activity*

### **Sunday, November 8**

Games, Discussion and Worship

Meet at Faith 6:00 - 7:45 PM. Topic: Ritual, Routine, and Authenticity

## **NO EDGE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

### **Tuesday, November 17**

Service Project at Feed My Starving Children

Meet at Faith at 7:00 PM . We will be back at 10:00 PM

### **Sunday, November 22**

Games, Discussion and Worship

Meet at Faith 6:00 - 7:45 PM. Topic: Noise and Distraction

### **Sunday, November 29**

Comedy Night

Meet at Faith 6:00 - 7:45 PM. Christian Comedians on the big screen!

## **2010 Augsburg College Church Basketball League**

The league takes place on Sunday afternoons between January 10 and March 7, 2010, with game times at 1:30, 2:45 and 4:00 PM at various church gyms around the metro area. The season ends with a tournament at Augsburg College on March 7, 2010.

League fee is \$35 per person (\$15 more for a jersey if you do not have one already from past participation). Please contact Cory Ramel at [highschool@faithlutheranncr.org](mailto:highschool@faithlutheranncr.org) by Tuesday, December 1, if you would like to participate. This league is for both girls and boys.

## ***Worship, Music, and Arts***

### **Lectionary Readings for November 2009**

Sunday, November 1 *All Saints Day*

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Sunday, November 8 *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November 15 *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, November 22 *Christ the King*

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Thursday, November 26 *Day of Thanksgiving*

Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33

Sunday, November 29 *First Sunday of Advent*

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

### **A Letter from Diane Oslund, Faith Lutheran Church Organist**

To the Faith Family,

After much soul searching, prayer, and discussion with family and close friends, I have decided it is time to retire from organ playing. I was diagnosed with fibromyalgia a few years ago, and have always had chronic neck and back problems. It has become increasingly difficult for me to undertake the playing that needs to be done during the services and the practice time involved.

Therefore, I am beginning the transition of ending my 20+ years of playing here at Faith, and my 48 years of church organ playing. Faith Lutheran is my church home and I will continue to serve in whatever ways I may be needed.

As I reflect on my years here, I am so grateful for the opportunities I have had to be involved in the areas of music ministry. I started playing pipe organ at the Episcopal Church in St. Cloud where my father was the pastor and have been a church organist ever since. I have been blessed to end my years of playing here on the beautiful pipe organ we were fortunate to install several years ago. What a wonderful way to glorify our Lord!

I thank everyone for their friendship, kindness, love, and support through these many years. You have been a blessing to me. May we all continue to go forth in joy and thanksgiving. I pray for your love and understanding as I move forward through this very emotional time and take the next steps in my journey of faith. God bless you all.

In Christ,  
Diane Oslund

## **From Carolynne Mathis, Director of Worship and Music**

During this time of transition, Diane will be playing at the 8 AM worship service until November 22. We will honor her faithful ministry that day. Angie Doty will be our interim organist for the 9:15 AM worship service and accompanist to the Chancel Choir. A search process for an organist is being put in place.

## **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@faithlutherancr.org](mailto:music@faithlutherancr.org).

## **Worship Ministries Sign Up**

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@faithlutherancr.org](mailto:music@faithlutherancr.org).

## **Bell Banner for All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 1**

You are invited to participate in creating a special banner, which will be used in worship on All Saints Sunday, November 1. The banner will be in the Gathering Area before each of the worship services.

Near the banner 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 banner 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.



## **Lectionary Readings**

The lectionary is a collection of scripture readings based on the church year, beginning in Advent. Lectionaries have been used since the 4th century. The lectionary sets forth many of the stories, images and actions through which the living Word sustains the Christian community gathered in public worship during the seasons of the year. The Revised Common Lectionary was established in 1992 by the interdenominational Consultation on Common Texts. Lessons are selected from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the New Testament epistles and the Gospels.

The lectionary is organized into a three year cycle, categorized as A, B and C. Cycle A uses the Gospel of Matthew, Cycle B the Gospel of Mark and Cycle C the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is included in each of the cycles. The lectionary connects Christians around the world as they read the same lessons each week. It emphasizes our sense of being one community united in Jesus Christ as we journey through the church year.

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new cycle which this year is C. To help us prepare for weekly worship we include the lectionary readings for each Sunday in Facts of Faith. When we study the Sunday readings, we are better worshipers. We listen better, sing better and respond better with each new bit of understanding.

### **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@faithlutherancr.org](mailto:music@faithlutherancr.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

### **Words on Worship – The Season of Advent**

What is Advent? The word Advent comes from the Latin phrase *adventus Domini*, meaning, “the coming of the Lord.” Often, it is understood to refer to the first coming of Jesus. More completely, though, *adventus Domini* refers to the coming of the Lord in the past, today and especially at the end of time. The season of Advent, therefore, is a season filled with anticipation, not just for the commemoration of the birth of Jesus – the first coming of the Lord – but also anticipation of the current, future, and final manifestations. The Biblical texts for Advent invite the listener to watch and be ready. Believers are invited to take courage in the promise of the past and to prepare for the fulfillment of that promise in the future. The goal, of course, is to become more and more aware of the presence of Christ today. The Christian who remembers the first coming and waits for things to come will “stay awake” and “keep watch,” and will be ready for that glorious time when Christ returns.

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## **Annual Choir Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 13**

### **at 9:15 and 10:45 worship services**

Please join us for this annual celebration of the season in song! The Chancel Choir, Spirit of Faith and our two adult handbell choirs will share their gift of music as we join together to celebrate the season. Invite a friend to join you in worship that morning.

### **Change of Information**

Please inform the Church Office of any changes of address, telephone and/or e-mail at 763-755-3530 or [membership@faithlutherancr.org](mailto:membership@faithlutherancr.org).

## ***Pastoral Acts - September***

### **Baptisms:**

September 20:

LILY ANN BASS, daughter of Corey and Amanda Bass  
DEREK WAYNE LUNDSTROM, son of Jason and Amy Lundstrom  
CAMERON MICHAEL SEIDENKRANZ, son of Randy and Katie Seidenkranz  
ISAIAS JUAN CONTRERAS, son of Isaias Contreras and Ashley Thunstrom  
SICILY MARIE LEET-PARIONA, daughter of Jessica Leet and Miguel Pariona

September 27:

SADALIE GAYLYN FONER, daughter of Dylan and Kara Foner

### **Marriages:**

September 12:

Jacob Nohner and Tamara Reinert  
Cory Huver and Michelle Jasperson

September 19:

Michael Mikrut and Launa Schneider

### **Deaths:**

September 1 Sybil Petefish  
September 5 Leland Sharpe  
September 20 Ida Nelson  
September 29 Don Olson

## ***Gifts Given - September***

### **In Memory of Irene Bennett, Rick Geiger's Grandmother**

*Choir Music Fund:*

Bob and Vernell Lea

### **In Memory of Leland Sharpe**

*Building Fund:*

Henry and Loretta St. Clair  
Glenn Theorin

*Food Shelf:*

Family and Friends

*Garden Fund:*

Family and Friends

*Worship/Music Fund:*

Carole Christensen

### **In Memory of Randy Becker**

*Projector for New Luther Room:*

Family and Friends

### **In Memory of Kenneth E. Neuman, Mike Mulrooney's Stepfather**

*Building Fund:*

Mike and Becky Mulrooney

### **In Memory of Helen Kovar**

*Caring Ministries:*

Helen Kovar Family

*Quilters:*

Helen Kovar Family