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"Honor the Lord by giving him your money and the first part of all your crops" – Proverbs 3:9.

When Donna and I were first engaged, gift giving was an important way we showed one another our love for each other. I had great fun having flowers delivered once per week to her at her office at the law firm she worked from the time we were engaged to the week we were married. This was not an extravagant gift, but the giving of it was a way to say so many things: thank you, I love you, I want to be with you, etc. After a while the weekly flower delivery stopped, but she knew my love for her did not. The lesson is that the giving of the gift is more important than the gift itself.

The same is true in our loving worship of God. Giving God gifts of love are an important way to say thank you, I love you, I am grateful for the gift of forgiveness you have given me, etc. Giving God your gifts of stewardship (tithing and sacrificial service to others and to the church) are a form of worship and praise, not merely an obligation. If the only reason I gave gifts to people I love was out of obligation, they wouldn't be gifts at all. They would be payback. But when I give them with a grateful and loving heart, they proclaim love in an important way.

I want to reemphasize a couple of points I tried to make in one of my stewardship talks a couple of months ago. First, when we think of Faith Lutheran Church, we (as in you and me) are the Church. The Church is not some far off unknown entity trying to take your money because you are obligated to give (in which case it would not be a gift but a payback). The Church is a collection of people (you and me) who are mutually called by God to deliver ministry and to do work for the furtherance of His Kingdom. We all do this together. Some of this ministry and work requires financial resources. So, when the Church is trying to raise money, it is for purposes of delivering ministry which we are called to do together. It isn't "there the Church goes again asking me to give more money." Remember, the Church is you and me. So it is we who are asking people to make financial contributions, not some sinister organization with its hands in our pockets.

The 2010 budget is projecting a deficit of about \$90,000. The Church (us) cannot work with deficits like that for an extended period of time without affecting the delivery of ministry for purposes of the furtherance of God's Kingdom. This would be contrary to what God has called us to do. Giving truly is an act of worship. So, for those who participated in the Consecrated Stewards program please be sure the new amount of giving is in place in your budget for 2010. For those who did not participate, please prayerfully consider your financial stewardship in light of our mutual goal in ministry of furthering God's Kingdom.

Serving with you. Mike Kaser, Stewardship Chair

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Faith's Vision Statement

A PEOPLE WHO GATHER... A PASSION FOR GOD...OUR PURPOSE FOR GOING

We Will Be

A People who Gather

- to receive God's gifts of grace in scripture and sacraments
- to praise and celebrate the goodness of God
- to grow in relationship with Christ and one another

We Will Have

A Passion for God

- as we seek to know, love and serve God as revealed in Jesus Christ
- as we grow in grace-centered preaching and teaching
- as we strive to become the disciples God calls us to be

We Will Know

Our Purpose for Going into the world

- to glorify God in all that we say and do
- to serve our neighbors in all places
- to mobilize our resources to extend Christ's mission

(Adopted by voters 11/05/2000)

Please contact the Faith Visitation Team for Pastoral Visits

Please know that in Faith's pastoral vacancy Lyle Heggemeier and Faith's Visitation Team are available to make pastoral visits. We are visiting members of our Faith family who are hospitalized, home bound, live in care facilities, as well as those who experience life's challenges. We are most willing and desire to respond to your requests. This Visitation Team also brings communion to those who are not able to attend worship. Please make us aware of those for whom this is appropriate.

Bonnie Matthaideis is coordinating the Visitation Team and she and Vince Palese in the church office are the contact persons. **You may reach Bonnie at 381-7107 (home) or 752-4650 (cell) and Vince at 381-3970, ext. 11.**

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FEBRUARY 2010 Servers Schedule

(If there's a conflict, please notify Carol or Vince in the church office of the change you've made by the Thursday prior.)

ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER		8:30	11:00
5-Epiphany	Feb 7	TBA, Tom McEwen	Matt Metzler
Transfiguration	14	Brendan Messner, Ted Riethmeier	Kyle August
Ash Wednesday	17	(5:00) Jenna Amann, Allison Cappellino	(7:00) Suzy Skrtic, Peter Hidley
1-Lent	21	Justin Bird, Lindsay Messner	Ryan Saltzman
2-Lent	28	Bill Mitchell, Marlena Reeder	Steve Skrtic

ELDER		8:30	11:00
5-Epiphany	Feb 7	Matt Ebbecke	Cathy Saresky
Transfiguration	14	Karen Linton	Cheryl Speisman
Ash Wednesday	17	(5:00) Barb Riethmeier	(7:00) Nancy Hammond
1-Lent	21	George Maschoff	Steve Welk
2-Lent	28	Karen Wright	Peter Schultz

EUCCHARIST ASS'T		8:30	11:00
5-Epiphany	Feb 7	George Maschoff, Mike Trojian	Lynne Leinenbach, Al Szklany
Ash Wednesday	17	(5:00) Bill Florance, Mari-Beth Schembri	(7:00) Emory Ford, Bev Wolfanger
1-Lent	21	Dianne Longhenry, Rebecca Mack	Sue Giangreco, Esther Ostberg

EUCCHARIST ASS'T(to the pews)		8:30	11:00
5-Epiphany	Feb 7	Nancy Hammond	Claire Benesch
Ash Wednesday	17	(5:00) TBA	(7:00) TBA
1-Lent	21	TBA	Mike Kaser

LAY READER		8:30	11:00
5-Epiphany	Feb 7	Beth VanHorn	Stacy Ledermann
Transfiguration	14	Bev Wolfanger	Barbara Price
Ash Wednesday	17	(5:00) Karen Nitschke	(7:00) Bill Durkin
1-Lent	21	Fred Mason	Alan Crouse
2-Lent	28	Ron Burst	Mari-Beth Schembri

NURSERY HELPERS		8:30	9:45	11:00
5-Epiphany	Feb 7	Tanya Hammond	Julie Alberti	TBA
		Andrew Lindskoog	N/A	Andrew Love
Transfiguration	14	Liz McLean	Linda Aloï	Kevin & Stacy Ledermann
		MacKenzie McNaughton	Katie Catalanello	Derek Amann
Ash Wednesday	17	(5:00) TBA		(7:00) TBA
1-Lent	21	Rhea Oaks	Candice Gallina	Marguerite McKee
		Rachel Poetker	Ben Mitchell	Richard McDonough
2-Lent	28	Eric & Jennifer Wolfanger	June Leibring	Karen Wright
		Michael Lindskoog	Liam Smith	Anthony Glennon

Schedules for servers for Worship Services are available in the literature display case immediately across from the entrance to the Office Copy Room.

FEBRUARY 2010 Servers Schedule (Continued)

GREETERS			8:30	11:00
(Sanctuary)				
5-Epiphany	Feb 7	Bill & Doris Florance		Ella Renckert
Transfiguration	14	Jackie Johnson		Al & Noreen Crouse
Ash Wednesday	17	(5:00) TBA		(7:00) Pat McDonell
1-Lent	21	Carolyn-Ann Straub		Mike & Julie Hogan
2-Lent	28	Joseph & Evelyn Souder		John & Dottie Glenn

GREETERS			8:30	11:00
(Concourse)				
5-Epiphany	Feb 7	Bob & Sandie Freitag		Kathy McCarthy
Transfiguration	14	Eileen Line, Christine Loperfido		Mark & Liz Wood
Ash Wednesday	17	(5:00) TBA		(7:00) Marv & Lois Jacob
1-Lent	21	Ida Stiner, Karen Linton		Cheryl Speisman
2-Lent	28	Jackie Johnson, Jean Morris		Mike & Dawn Glennon



Marilyn Hellesvig and Doris Adamek are no longer planning motor coach trips for the Faith congregation, as it has become too difficult to fill a bus. Last October 13 there was a successful day trip to Geneva for musical entertainment by using car pools. We began by asking for 5-7 people, and ended up with 18 people, using 4 vehicles. During 2010 there will be several possibilities of outings to Syracuse, Geneva or Buffalo, for lunch and musical performances. If you are interested, please let Marilyn or Doris know and they will be sure to notify you of plans as they come up. We also need to know if you might be willing to serve as a driver. You would be given an allotment towards gas and

tolls for this. Please respond to Marilyn Hellesvig, 377-5929, or mhellesvig@frontiernet.net or to Doris Adamek, adamek121@aol.com.

Sunday Adult Bible Class – Beginning Sunday, February 14, Lyle Heggemeier will be leading the adult Bible class. He'll be using materials titled No Plan B: Your Part in God's Remarkable Plan to Rescue the World. After seeing all the destruction and need in Haiti, how should we respond? What role, if any, do WE have in helping the poor around the world? This class will explore what God says to us and will offer us opportunities to explore what we as a congregation might begin to do.

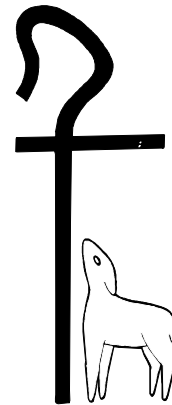
Ash Wednesday – Ash Wednesday is February 17 this year. We'll have worship at 5:00 and 7:00, including the traditional imposition of ashes and communion. There will also be a spaghetti dinner served by FLY (Faith Lutheran Youth) as a fundraiser for their activities and ministries. The spaghetti dinner will begin at 6:00. Join us as we begin the Lenten season and a time for spiritual growth.

Lenten Worship – Beginning February 24, Faith will offer Lenten worship each Wednesday evening at 5:15 PM. We are hoping that this time will make it possible for senior citizens who don't like driving after it's dark to be here, as well as making it possible for those who are working to leave a little early and worship on their way home. The services will be brief and meditative in nature, lasting about 30-40 minutes. Parents with children in FCCNS will be able to join us and still pick up their children prior to the 6:00 deadline. These services will meet in the Community Room and will be led by Lyle Heggemeier.

Tables of 8 – We now have 4 volunteers for hosting "tables of 8." Hopefully, we might still have additional volunteers, but we are ready to begin to have people sign up to attend one of the evenings. Couples or singles – it doesn't matter. If you'd like to meet other people of Faith and/or strengthen relationships you already have, then you'll love this event. Sign up for one of the homes on the poster in the Concourse area. The dates vary according to the hosts and the participants who sign up will determine the menu. If you have questions, please contact Lyle (381-3970, x. 14.)

Seder (Passover Celebration) – On Saturday, March 27 Faith will celebrate a Passover. Part of the evening will be learning the symbolism of the Passover and how Jesus is the fulfillment of the event. You'll hear more about this next month, but mark your calendars now!

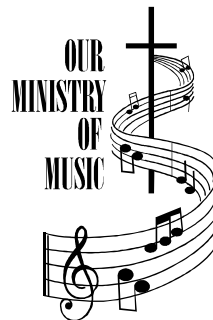
CrossWays Seminar – Dr. Harry Wendt is coming back to Faith Lutheran Church in April. He'll be here on April 12-14. In these 3 days Dr. Wendt will cover a massive amount of material helping participants to gain new understandings of the entire Scriptures. These 3 days are "all day" events, so plan accordingly!



From the desk of Dianne Maynard-Christensen, Director of Music

A Special Gift from St. Matthew's Church

As many of you know, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in downtown Rochester officially closed this past fall. Last year they celebrated 125 years of faithful worship and service in our city. Yet, many things have changed in the past few decades and the congregation had dwindled down to an unsustainable level. Faith Lutheran Church has a special tie to St. Matthew's Church because 53 years ago, we came into existence as a daughter church to that congregation.



The congregation of St. Matthew's has recently given Faith the 1910 Steinway grand piano that used to be in their sanctuary. This is the piano that appeared in our Community Room just before Christmas. Currently, the action is being overhauled and necessary repairs made. When the work is finished, we will indeed have a very beautiful piano. We will celebrate this gift to God's glory in a dedication recital later this spring.

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to the members of St. Matthew's Church for this very special gift!

FLY Coffeehouse

February 5, 6:00-9:00pm

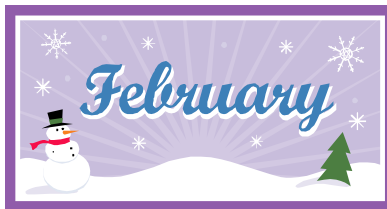


Join FLY for an evening of good food, fine service, and great entertainment as the talent of Faith is on display. Youth: look for the sign up to serve our guests. We will also be looking for people to sign up to bring desserts to be served, as well as acts to entertain us throughout the evening: Look for sign ups on the youth board in the Concourse. Any donations made during this event will help the youth participate in mission and spiritual growth opportunities throughout the year, such as Soul Fest (August 4-7), Flower City Work Camp (April break) and summer GROUP Work Camp (July 26-31) . Don't miss out on this great night of fun!

From the Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Jeremy Gerhardt

Upcoming for Youth in ...



Keep a look out for information on the website (faithpenfield.org- follow the tab to the Youth Ministry section) and in Faith Notes. And as always, please feel free to contact Jeremy Gerhardt at any time with questions: faithyouth@rochester.rr.com, or 381-3970, ext 16

Sundays- Jr and Sr FLY- Sr and Jr FLY **Sunday morning gatherings will take place from 9:45-10:45am.** We will meet at church for a time of digging into God's word and discovering His purpose and role in our lives. Jr FLY will meet in Room 204 and Sr FLY in 201.

Tuesday Night Fun Night- 7th and 8th grade youth: Join us from **6:30-7:30pm, Tuesday nights through February 9th,** for group games, team building and spiritual exploration. We will be doing a service project on Feb. 2.

Spaghetti Dinner- Wednesday, February 17: A chance for the youth of Faith to serve you a delicious spaghetti dinner in between the Ash Wednesday services. Once again, all money donated during this event help the youth of Faith attend mission and spiritual growth opportunities.

Stay Up To Date: Want a good (and EASY) way to stay up to date with FLY events and activities? Friend FLY on Facebook. Also, you can always go to faithpenfield.org and check out the youth section for up to date info.

Any questions, please contact Jeremy Gerhardt, 381-3970 ext. 16, or faithyouth@rochester.rr.com **Friends and visitors are always welcome to all events!**

Winter is definitely here and I know it is hard to leave a warm house on Sunday mornings, but bundle up and start that car! We have a team of dedicated Sunday school teachers at Faith waiting and ready to aid in your children's faith education. As we only have one hour a week, these teachers need your children to come as often as possible; every week would be perfect! I would also like to encourage that your family take time to choose a family Lenten devotion to do together. If you have not come to a 15 minute Faith Five class and are interested, let me know. I would be happy to explain it to you. We will have another class in April.

Currently our preschool and Kindergarten classes are learning about Jesus' miracles. The students in 1st – 5th grades are delving into the details of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. They will learn about the first miracle Jesus performed in Cana next. Our 6th grade class, "The Third Team", will continue to grapple with questions like "Do I have to like everybody?" or "Why should the Bible matter to me?" and finding the answers in the Bible. We still need some volunteers available to help for five week commitments or people interested in substituting. If you have never helped in Sunday school you will be amazed at how much fun you have and how rewarding it is. Give me a call if you have questions or are interested (phone 381-3970, ext 39; email, dontshop@gmail.com).

Warm thoughts to you all, Donna Kaser



HELP NEEDED FOR LOCAL FIRE VICTIMS!

Carol Hill and her family lost their home in a fire in December. She volunteers her time to arrange speaking engagements for Eastern Service Workers Association (an organization to which many Faith members donate their time). They have now found a place to live in the 19th Ward, and have a stove and refrigerator, but need furnishings for four bedrooms. They are in need of a long list of

items, including beds, linens, and bedroom furniture, a kitchen table and chairs.

Carol has an adult daughter, who recently lost her job, a high school-age granddaughter, an adult son with mental disabilities, and a 5 year old grandson all living with her. If you are able to help fill their home with needed items, **contact Bill Durkin by phone – 265-3429 – or email, William.Durkin@yahoo.com. Alternatively, you can contact Eastern Service Workers Association directly at 654-9640.**

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HOLY WEEK PREPARATIONS

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Journey to the Cross, a twelve station interactive experience of the events of Holy Week, will be presented at Faith Lutheran again on Saturday, April 3. Clearly, it is a little early to have people sign up to attend, but it is not too early to ask you to consider having a volunteer role in this event. Last year we had 30 volunteers and 94 "visitors". It was a wonderful morning and everyone involved was very happy with the results.

This time I would like for our actors to do their best to memorize their short scripts. The experience for the audience is much richer. We would also love some help with making some costumes that are nicer. Are you interested in set design? 10 of the stations need to be decorated to help make the scene more realistic. Each group of visitors was put in a tour group and they had their own guide. Being a guide is fun because you are able to experience all 12 stations and share background information with your group.

So there you have it! We need actors, tour guides, set people and costume makers. If any of these opportunities appeal to you, please contact me at the phone number listed below. Journey to the Cross is a wonderful and meaningful experience not to be missed this Easter season.

.....by the way, we have booked the miniature horse!

Blessings,
Donna Kaser
381-3970, ext39

**FAITH IS A WONDERFUL GIVING CONGREGATION AND WE ASK FOR YOUR INPUT IN WAYS TO SERVE OUR
FRIENDS EVERYWHERE.
YOUR BOARD OF MISSIONS**

Thrivent Financial members are invited to join in a \$3 million Helping Haiti effort!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members who want to make a financial contribution to support disaster response efforts in Haiti can have their donations to one of four Lutheran relief agencies multiplied by the fraternal benefit society.

To participate, visit www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti and make a contribution to one of the following:

Lutheran World Relief
LCMS World Relief/Human Care

ELCA Disaster Response
WELS Committee on relief

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Thrivent Financial will add \$1 to every \$2 its members donate, up to a total Thrivent Financial contribution of \$1 million. That means a potential of \$3 million or more to support relief efforts: \$2 million + from its members and \$1 million added by Thrivent Financial.

For questions or alternative ways to donate through this program, please call 800-236-3736. When prompted, say "directory" and enter ext. 83003.

THANK YOU NOTES FOR DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM FAITH LUTHERAN

(WHERE AVAILABLE, WEBSITES ARE LISTED FOR YOU TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AN ORGANIZATION)

Alternatives for Battered Women

Thank you for your donation of two Tops Gift cards.

Gifts of items like this are very helpful in fulfilling the multiple needs our clients have – many of whom show up on our doorstep with literally the clothes on their backs and little more. Something as simple as a toothbrush or a warm robe can make the difference between feeling lost and alone, and knowing that you've found a place that is safe and welcoming.

We realize there are many good causes in our community that you could choose to support, and we are very honored that you have chosen us. Again, thanks.

Sincerely, Catherine M. Mazzotta, LCSW, Executive Director
www.abwrochester.org

Compassion International

Thank you so much for deciding to share your compassion with Ripon Mardi and Suelen Vieira Tavares. We look forward to partnering with you in this rewarding ministry.

As a sponsor, you can be assured that your support will be carefully managed to make a lasting difference in the lives of your children. Compassion is committed to far more than merely helping children survive present poverty. Your support will help provide Christian training, health care and learning opportunities to prepare your children for a better future.

Your first support contribution will be put to work promptly. Our field workers will be delighted to tell Ripon and Suelen that they now have a sponsor – and I know they will be thrilled to learn your name.

May God continue to bless you and meet your needs as you share them with Ripon and Suelen. I wish you all a happy and lasting relationship.

Dr. Wess Stafford, President, Compassion International
www.compassion.com

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Editor's Note: If you would like to help Compassion International, but find it difficult to do so financially, you can become a Prayer Partner. To find out more information, go to their website and search on Prayer Partner.

Open Door Mission

Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift to help our hungry and hurting neighbors this Thanksgiving season.

Because of you, we're helping so many people who are struggling to find a reason to be thankful this year. This traditional Thanksgiving meal we provide feeds their body and often is the first step to dealing with their larger problems. This also gives the opportunity to be able to feed their spirit too.

I hope you will have a special joy knowing you have done something wonderful to help us care for the hungry and homeless.

Blessings, Ronald K. Fox, Executive Director
www.opendoormission.com

Flower City Habitat



There are households in our community earning impressive incomes, households with modest incomes, and unfortunately, there are those with no income at all. Flower City Habitat for Humanity is humbled by the many donors who, regardless of their income level, have given all they can in support of our efforts.

Thank you for your recent gift. During a year of financial uncertainty and cautious spending, we appreciate you making FCHH a priority in your charitable giving budget.

Through your support, Flower City Habitat is able to rebuild the heart of Rochester one family, one house, and one street at a time. Thank you!

Sincerely, Arthur Woodward, President, Flower City Habitat for Humanity
www.rochesterhabitat.org

Crossways International

Dear Friends at Faith Lutheran Church,

Within a matter of days, we shall again be celebrating the wondrous event of our Lord's incarnation. His "coming into flesh." How time flies! Praise God, despite the present economic challenges, He has empowered Crossways International to continue to touch lives, at home and abroad, with the real message of our Savior's birth and mission. And may God bless you for your recent gift for Frank Famiyeh in Africa to help sustain and perpetuate CI' ministry.

As we have mentioned on our website and in recent publications, CI is now entering into a partnership with the (Anglican) Church Mission Society, which is based in Oxford, England, and has been functioning for 210 years. Nov. 2-5, I conducted a training event at CMS' headquarters in Oxford for a number of key CMS leaders and workers. In what follows are comments from two of those who attended. The first is from a "Brit" who served as a missionary in the Sudan for many years, and the second is from a Ugandan pastor who serves as president of a Bible college in a land where 13 million people claim allegiance to the Anglican community.

From the "Brit": What a team attended that workshop! An American Jew, a Palestinian Arab, a Ugandan, an Irishman, a Ghanaian, three Aussies from the "Outback", a Nigerian, and a small bunch of Brits – all grappling with, embracing, acting out, and telling the Bible's one story!.

From the Ugandan: It was a great opportunity to learn from you at the CMS workshop in Oxford. Your zeal and passion for the Lord challenged me. Thank you again for the Crossways materials. They will contribute a lot in helping people in Uganda understand the Bible's message.

The CI staff joins me in saying "thank you" so much for enabling events such as that held in Oxford to take place. And may you and yours experience a truly blessed celebration of our Lord's nativity, and continuing joy as you walk in His presence during the coming year!

Gratefully in Him,
Harry Wendt, President
www.crossways.org

*****ITEMS OF INTEREST*****

BIRTHS

Elizabeth & Julianne Hammond, twin daughters born to Jonathan & Chrissy Hammond and granddaughters of Tom & Nancy Hammond, 1/10. Tom & Nancy have six grandchildren
Quinn Owen McGahey, son born to Eric & Elizabeth McGahey of Maineville OH, and grandson of Wayne & Bonnie Samuels, 1/13
Sylas Timothy Pohli born December 29th. Great grandson of Del & Kathleen Machiele. Sylas missed Grandpa Del's birthday by 2 hours and 15 minutes
Kieran Richard Stenzel, first child of Gene & Margaret Mary Stenzel, born 12/18. This is the first grandson of Audrey Stenzel. She has three granddaughters.

BAPTISMS

Harrison Edward Easton, son of Stephen Easton & Lisa Connors, 1/10
Joseph Geiger, 1/24
Scarlett Sanders Miller, daughter of Susan Sanders Miller and Conor Miller, grand-daughter of John & Barbara Bruning, 12/13
Julie Sieben, 1/24

WEDDINGS

Ben Johnson and Megan Heggemeier, daughter of Lyle and Debbie Heggemeier, 1/1/10

+DEATHS+

Our sincere sympathies are extended to members and friends of Faith Lutheran Church, who recently have lost a loved one. May we be God's comforting servants to our grieving brothers and sisters, even as they hold onto God's promises of hope in the resurrection.

Paul Dutcher, nephew of June Leibring, 01/04
Jim Gall, friend of the Cappellino family, 01/17
Katherine Krempasky, Faith member and mother of Erika Hutch, 01/21
Jane McGuire, mother of Linda Banning, 12/29 following a stay in hospice
Anna McKinney, 5 year-old friend of man Faith members, 01/02
Pam Oelmann, niece of Bob & Sandie Freitag, 01/17 in FL
Paul Wolff, stillborn son of Greg & Karen Wolff, 1/12

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Rochester, NY 14609

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Rochester, NY 14617

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(585) 381-7749

Bulletins received from members who have traveled and/or worshiped in other Christian communities:

Doris Adamek, Harvest Community Church, Mesa, AZ, 12/27/09
Joanne Dinkel, Church of the Transfiguration, Pittsford, NY, 1/17/10
Lyle & Debbie Heggemeier, Reliant Church, St. Louis, MO, 1/03/10
Connie Humphries, St. John's Lutheran Church, Farmington, NY, 12/31/09
Lis Mangerian, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Reformation, Rochester, NY, 1/10/10
Gordon & Sharon Long, St. John's Lutheran Church, Farmington, NY, 12/24 & 12/31/09
Jim & Thirza Smeal, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in America of Destin, FL, 1/03/10
Harold & Flora Louis, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Ingleside, IL, 12/25 & 12/27/09
Bill Wendland, St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hopewell Township, NJ, 12/24/09

Prayers from a grieving father

Dear Family and Friends –

I sit before the computer today, seeking to put into words some thoughts about what has transpired in the past day and a half. In some ways, this is intended to be an update to you all, a way to avoid repeated telling of certain things. In a greater sense, this email also serves as a chance to share and to grieve. To begin, I want to thank you all for the outpouring of love and support. We understand that no one is really prepared to deal with this, to know what to say or how to help. Words frequently escape me. Karen's parents will be coming to visit and help with Henry for the next week or so. After they leave, we will continue the healing process as our little family of three. For right now, we don't need anything specific, except your continued thoughts and prayers.

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We named our little boy Paul, which means small or humble. Attached [see below], you will find his birth announcement. We have decided not to have a funeral for him. On the one hand, it would be nice to share our little boy with you all. But to be completely honest, we are far too overwhelmed to handle a large group of people at this time. Paul will be cremated. One day, when we are ready to say good-bye, the four of us will take a trip into the mountains to spread his ashes.

I think a common question will be, "Why?" Karen's pregnancy was normal. She was gaining weight appropriately. She had had a doctor's visit one week earlier. The baby's heart tones were normal. Karen was still feeling movement. None of the blood work to date has given us any new insight. We await the results of the autopsy. When Paul was delivered, the umbilical cord was tightly wrapped around his neck. Our obstetrician suspects that a cord accident was likely the cause for what happened, probably a day or two before delivery. Unfortunately, we've been told that 30-40% of the time a definitive cause is never found. "Why?" is actually a rather far reaching question. I think it is a common inclination to ask why God would let something like this happen to a baby. Unfortunately, I think this question is rooted in anger and frustration. The reality is that there is no answer to that question, at least not an answer that we can understand in our current state of mind. To be completely frank, it doesn't matter – why?. The Lord works in mysterious ways, many of which we will never comprehend. I think it is more important to remember that Paul was a great gift to our family. While we never really got to know him, we loved him dearly. He brought us joy in the preparation for his arrival: the nursery, the clothes, and the talk of big-brotherhood for Henry. Maybe that is the most important part – he showed us that we can love despite never actually meeting in person. Perhaps this is a good reminder of what it means to have faith.

As we have all been affected by the passing of Paul, I ask you to take a moment to read through the scripture passages and prayer below. In this way, we can collectively have a sort of memorial service for him despite the many miles that separate all of us. I hope that this will also help you all to have some "closure". We hope that you will find a joyous place in your heart to hold a little boy, rather than feelings of sadness or emptiness.

For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.
Romans 14:7-8.

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:13-16

~ Gracious Father, Your beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them. We give

You thanks for the life of Paul. In faith and trust we commit him to Your keeping. Safe in the arms of Jesus. Safe on his gentle breast. There by his love he'll be shaded. Deeply his soul shall rest. Gracious Father, in darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us to trust in your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ~

Thank you so much for reading all of this. Please feel free to share this as you see fit. Thank you again for your love and support.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY: SHARING AND CARING

Every day my e-mail contains a regular supply of jokes, silliness, and good thoughts, most of which I skim and delete. Every so often, though, one of these messages makes me stop and catch my breath . . . like this one:

TALKING IS SHARING; LISTENING IS CARING.

These few words capture the complex yin and yang of a Stephen Ministry relationship. The care-receiver/care-giver connection is not like a conversation, where the participants have equivalent responsibilities, tossing topics back and forth like tennis balls. In

Stephen Ministry connections, each person plays a well-defined and important role, each of which is key to the success of the relationship.

The care-receiver's role is to talk. This SHARING serves several functions:

- Talking can be a catharsis. Expressing pent-up feelings (otherwise known as "dumping") releases a self-protective pressure valve, especially if done in the company of a trusted companion.
- Talking about a problem can demystify "demons" by bringing them into the light of day, inviting thinking to become more lucid and logical. [16]



(Insomniac worriers know what I'm talking about! Midnight problems are monsters that shrivel into realistic perspective at dawn.)

- Talking through a problem can facilitate the surprising process of finding a solution, allowing us to discover wisdom in our own words.

The care-receiver listens. This CARING serves several functions:

- Willingness to listen validates that the other person's issue is real, not an illusion or a sign of weakness; listening gives permission to name the problem, thereby taking control of it.
- Listening offers a sounding board, allowing others to listen to themselves as they explore their options.
- Active listening keeps the discussion focused and offers possible choices.
- Willingness to invest time listening communicates a belief in the other person's worth.
- Listening sustains the other person through the messy problem-solving or coping process, which is often fraught with ups and downs.
- Stephen Ministry listening guarantees safety and confidentiality.
- Christian listening offers hope, faith, acceptance, prayer, and unconditional love through Christ.

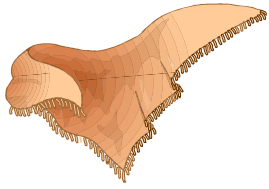
Susan Donovan for the Stephen Ministry

If this is the time for you to talk, a Stephen Minister is waiting to listen with you. Call Nancy Hammond (381-6968), or call the church office (381-3970, ext. 13) to leave a confidential message; or, send an email to flcpensm@gmail.com. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to help you through your DISTress!

** Ministry Meetings & Events **

For more information, please see the articles immediately following

- 1) Prayer Shawl Ministry (7:00 PM), Monday, February 1
- 2) FLY Coffeehouse (6:00 PM), Friday, February 5
- 3) Prime Time (Noon), Monday, February 8
- 4) Tuesday Morning Bible Study (12:00 PM), February 9, 23
- 5) Dorcas Circle (11:30 AM), Thursday, February 11
- 6) Men's Faith Connections (8:30 AM), Saturday, February 13 & 27
- 7) Faith 5 and under Playgroup (10:00 AM) Saturday, February 20
- 8) 20's & 30's gathering, (4:00 PM), Saturday, February 20
- 9) Alzheimer's Association Seminar (6:30 PM), Monday, March 15 & May 17
- 10) Harry Wendt returns to Faith Lutheran, Monday - Wednesday, April 12 - 14
- 11) Faith Women's Book Group (7:00 PM), Thursday, May 6, 2010 [17]



The Prayer Shawl Ministry by Doris Florance

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting was canceled in January because of snow. **Our next meeting will be Monday, February 1st at 7 PM at church, Room 204. All are welcome. Any questions call Doris Florance at 248-2318.**

PRIME TIME KODAK CONTRIBUTES TO WORLD PEACE [THE U-2 AND CORONA STORY]

Most of the intelligence concerns about the world issues that the United States faced in the 1950's and 1960's were answered by photographic images. These images were obtained by government programs that were designed and operated by U.S. industries. All these photographic images were developed and duplicated at Kodak in Rochester before being forwarded to the photo interpreters in Washington, D.C.

Come to Prime Time on Monday, February 8, 2010 in the Community Room to hear the story of how Kodak got involved; how Kodak provided a vital role in obtaining the intelligence information that allowed sanity to prevail at a time of troubling concerns about the U.S.S.R.

Maybe you remember reading or hearing about the Discoverer Program. This program was the beginning of the U.S. Aeronautical and Space effort. Do you have any questions? An opportunity will be provided to hopefully answer your questions. Find out how this program fit into the matrix.

Hosted by John & Claire Benesch and Don & Olive Schoessler

Tuesday Morning Bible Study "Roam Through Romans" By Marv & Lois Jacob

This exciting study of Paul's Epistle continues in February on Tuesdays, February 9th and 23rd, at 10:00 AM in our church's Community Room.

Please come and join us as we share and improve your Bible knowledge. Study leaders are **Marvin and Lois Jacob**. If you are interested or have questions, **please contact them at 381-6161**. Invite a friend or, better yet, bring them along with you.

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DORCAS CIRCLE by Doris Florance

Dorcas Circle had a busy meeting in January. Laurie Ebbecke brought in seven walker bags and 16 pillow cases she had made. Doris Florance had eight small shirt savers she finished. Good work Ladies!!

During the meeting Valentine favors were made. Pillows were stuffed, twelve were finished. Bears and small-shirt savers were cut out. Sixteen small shirt-savers were completed. Two tote bags and one walker bag were finished. Material was selected for a quilt. Brigitta Lux took the material home to work on the quilt. Jean Morris took the rest of the pillows home to finish. Rhea Oaks took the tote bags and pillows to St. Johns. Doris Florance took the small shirt savers to Terri Chapin for Mary Cariola and the Valentine favors to Woodside.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, February 11th 11:30AM at church room 204**. All are welcome. Bring your lunch and join us. **Any questions call Doris Florance 248-2318.**

Men's Faith Connections "The Mystery of God – Christ Himself"

The Winter 2010 Bible study continues with a study of Paul's letter to the Colossians on **Saturday, February 13th and 27th**, at the church, Room 204 at **8:30 AM**. Men of all ages are encouraged to join the group for in-depth discussion and the opportunity for fellowship. **Contact Norman Zurell for more information: phone, 381-6987 or email, nzurell@rochester.rr.com.**

Faith 5 and under Playgroup:



Please join us **Saturday, February 20th at 10am in the church Auditorium** for our February play-date. Bring your sneakers. Infants and older siblings are also welcome. This group is not limited to members of Faith, so feel free to bring a friend. Contact Carrie Ford at csm1979@hotmail.com to RSVP or for more information.

A gathering:

Faith's 20s and 30s group will be holding their next social event on Saturday, February 20th, at Matt and Heather Hoad's house at 4 PM. Join us for food, fun, and games. Kids are welcome. To RSVP or for more information, contact Steve Ford at sford@rccsd.org.



Free Family Caregiver Education

The Learning Institute of the Alzheimer's Association has partnered with Faith Lutheran Church to bring free family caregiver education to our neighbors on the East side of Monroe County. RSVP's are requested. To register please call the Alzheimer's Association at (585) 760-5400 or (800) 272-3900

Each educational seminar will be held in the Community Room from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Monday, March 15, 2010
"Spirituality and Caregiving"

Monday, May 17, 2010
"Brain Wellness Strategies"

In addition there is an ongoing monthly support group for caregivers of individuals with Lewy Body Dementia offered on the third Thursday of each month from 2:30 – 4:00 PM in the Community Room. Please feel free to attend, but register first.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE RETURN OF HARRY WENDT, MONDAY, APRIL 12 – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010 AT THE CHURCH

Please see Lyle Heggemeier's article. Dr. Harry Wendt, international Bible scholar, speaker, and author of CrossWays and numerous other Bible studies, will be at Faith Lutheran Church to present a three-day workshop. Please follow future editions of Faith Notes and the Sunday bulletin for more details.



Faith Women's Book Group, Spring Book

The Faith Women's Book Group will read the novel Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Stout this Spring, Thursday, May 6, 2010, 7:00 PM. The book is woven from short stories in which the main character, Olive Kitteridge, a strong-willed seventh grade teacher, appears. The author won the Pulitzer Prize in fiction for the novel. Join the group for a lively discussion in the spring. **For more information, contact Rae Usinger (381-1391) or Barb Riethmeier (381-0779).**

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Staff person, **Carol Keeler**, ext 10, or cpkeeler@rochester.rr.com.

Prayer additions/updates for bulletin and Intercessory Prayer group; Sunday Servers Schedule changes and swaps; Faith Notes newsletter articles, worship section, wedding and funeral bulletins: **Staff person, Vince Palese**, ext 11, or vpalese@rochester.rr.com.

NEXT FAITH NOTES ITEMS ARE DUE MONDAY, February 15, for the MARCH ISSUE. Faith Notes articles for the April issue will be due Monday, March 15th, 2010. Stop by the office with the information or email to **Vince Palese**, at vpalese@rochester.rr.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Faith Lutheran Church
Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget
As of December 31, 2009

	Year to Date ACTUAL	Year to Date BUDGET	Fav/(Unfav) VARIANCE	PER 1/10/10 VOTERS MTG Adopted 2010 BUDGET
Operating Income				
Envelope Offering/Plate Cash	632,724	660,000	(27,276)	652,000
FCCNS Usage Fee	28,116	28,116	0	28,000
Interest/Misc/Other	<u>12,335</u>	<u>15,700</u>	<u>(3,365)</u>	<u>13,500</u>
Total Operating Income	<u>673,175</u>	<u>703,816</u>	<u>(30,641)</u>	<u>693,500</u>
Education	23,504	34,580	11,076	34,060
Employee Related	357,398	401,810	44,412	416,420
Growth in Staff	9,700	30,000	20,300	30,000
Missions	62,260	69,000	6,740	65,200
Music	7,631	8,350	719	9,000
Other Expense	19,242	18,500	(742)	17,850
Property	155,417	173,239	17,822	166,887
Supplies	<u>34,135</u>	<u>46,800</u>	<u>12,665</u>	<u>46,000</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>669,287</u>	<u>782,279</u>	<u>112,992</u>	<u>785,417</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	3,888	(78,463)	82,351	(91,917)

Faith ended 2009 with a slight surplus of \$3,888. Lower than anticipated offerings were offset by lower spending, primarily a result of the projection of a new pastor starting 7/1/09 that did not occur.

The 2010 budget shown above was presented and adopted at the January 10th voters' meeting. The 2010 budget assumes a new pastor starting 7/1/10 and projected offerings were based on the results of the Consecrated Stewards program. The proposed deficit will be covered by excess operating cash that has accumulated from prior years.

FINANCIAL REPORT (continued)

Balance Sheet 12/31/09

Operating Cash	91,267	
Special Gifts	40,455	Designated by donors for specific purposes
General & Capital Improvement Reserves	156,000	Set up for future needs (roof/building repairs, etc.)
FLC Youth Account	12,773	Managed by the Youth for Youth activities
Christian Concern Account	<u>10,639</u>	Designated for Christian Concern needs
Total Cash	311,134	
Acct Receivable FCCNS	28	
Fixed Assets, net	818,888	
Endowment Fund	<u>65,055</u>	
Total Assets	<u>1,195,105</u>	
Flexible Spending Account	1,628	
LCEF Mortgage	249,203	
Reserve – Capital Improvement	56,000	
Reserve – General	100,000	
Total Equity	<u>788,274</u>	
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>1,195,105</u>	

Simply Giving: A way to go green as you support the ministry at Faith!

The Simply Giving program allows you to make your contribution to Faith directly from your bank account on a regular basis. No checks to write, no catching up on your pledge. If you do not currently use Simply Giving, please consider it. It is a very easy, convenient way to honor your commitment to Faith. Offerings can be made weekly, bi-weekly or monthly and can be changed at any time. Brochures are available in the literature racks across from the church office or contact Carol Keeler.

Please remember to update your Simply Giving amount if your commitment has changed.

Endowment Fund:

If you would like to make a contribution to the Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, please make the check payable to "SEI Private Trust Company" and mail to:

Cooper/Haims Advisors LLC,

Attn: Tobey Sweezey

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Rochester, NY 14607

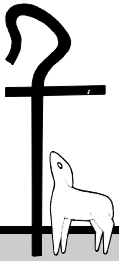
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SUNDAY WORSHIP: Traditional Worship, 8:30 am Each Sunday
Convergent Worship, 11:00 am 7
Contemporary Worship, 11:00 am 14, 21, 28
Holy Communion celebrated 7, 17, 21

SPECIAL EVENTS: FLY Coffee House, 6:00 - 9:00 pm 5
"Souper" Bowl of Caring 7
Ash Wednesday Services, 5:00 & 7:00 pm 17
Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00 pm (between Ash Wednesday Services) 17

FIRST SUNDAY: Penfield Community Cupboard Collection (paper goods)

FOURTH SUNDAY: Faith Church Pantry (non-perishable [canned veggies, meats, fruit, sandwich spreads, etc.] food)

TUESDAYS: Faith Child Care & Nursery School Chapel, Narthex, 10:45 am