



FAITH NOTES

Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

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Dear Faith Family,

The Gospel reading for Sunday, August 8th, will be a familiar one: “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Luke 12:32

Why does Jesus, and Scripture for that matter, insist on talking to people (us) like they (we) are animals? Why is there a continual use of sheep in Scripture to teach us about ourselves? We don’t look like sheep, we don’t talk like sheep, we don’t walk like sheep, we don’t behave like..... hmmm... Maybe that’s what Jesus and the Scripture are trying to say.

A few thoughts:

Sheep tend to stick together in groups. Sound familiar? God has placed us in all sorts of groups: family, church, work, school, etc.

Sheep have a primary defense mechanism of running. Sound familiar? We run from so many aspects of life we probably forget we are running. But we run for a reason: on our own we have no way to defend ourselves. We are dependent on a Shepherd for defense.

Sheep stress out when they are separated from their flock. Sound familiar? Alone time is healthy and a spiritual discipline at times (Matthew 6:6) yet we naturally crave community.

Sheep panic when they don’t need to. Sound familiar? It is our nature to be disobedient. It is our nature to go astray. We spend extraordinary amounts of time and energy fearing items and actions that will never occur. We panic and slip into ‘flight’ mode for no reason whatsoever. We are sinful. “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-everyone- to their own way, and the Lord has laid on him the sin of us all.” (Isaiah 53:6)

Sheep are vulnerable. Sound familiar? I am constantly amazed at how fragile we are. At any moment’s notice our lives can be changed in drastic measure by a phone call, a doctor’s diagnosis, a tragedy in the family, by bad news of a million different varieties. Yet, we constantly try to find true happiness in the ‘hired hands’ of this world (job, family, spouse, money, the Buffalo Bills...). “He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees. And the wolf snatches them and scatters them.” John 10:12

Sheep know their shepherd. Sound familiar? I pray so. Sheep have the ability to recognize by voice and sight a person who cares for them. I pray the words of Scripture, the songs, hymns and spiritual song of the Church, the leading of the Spirit are active and central in your life.

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Sheep are sought. Sound familiar? There is a battle for you. Not a battle of Pepsi vs. Coke, McDonald's vs. Burger King (these battles are exhausting enough on our eyes and ears!), but a battle that Christ has already won. Yet Satan is still active and looking. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:10 "Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8 "I lay down my life for the sheep" John 10:15

Sheep need a Shepherd. Sound familiar? "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10

So..... "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32

Blessings,
Pastor Tom

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"A Little about Linda"

After serving as Business Administrator for Faith Lutheran Church for four years, Linda Brown has retired. We pause briefly here and at an occasion to follow to give thanks for her work on staff among us.

What has your title been while serving on staff at Faith? My title has been "Business Administrator."

How long have you been the Business Administrator at Faith? About four years ago the congregation made a move to create this position. Nancy Hammond told me about the job, and I applied.

What has been your favorite part of your work?

I enjoy the thought of getting the "nitty-gritty" aspects of the building taken care of to free others up to do ministry.

What are some of your favorite memories of working at the Church?

The relationships with people have been my favorite aspect of working here. I enjoy the staff "banter" that happens as we go about our work. I also enjoy lunches with the Prime Timers, solving problems, feeling good about getting this or that done around the Church. Things happen every day, and sometime it's a puzzle how to fix this or that. It's a good feeling when a project is done.

What other areas of ministry have you been involved in over the years?

Over the years I have been involved in Stephen Ministry, have served in many different positions of congregations including VBS, trustee, Stephen leader, search committees and others.

Faith Lutheran Church is thankful for Linda Brown's four years of service as Business Administrator and wish her God's greatest blessing on this transition in her life.



VBS AND BEYOND

From Donna Kaser, Coordinator of Children's Ministries

August is upon us and I hope you are enjoying the sunshine. For most people summer time signifies family gatherings, cookouts with friend, patriotic celebrations and time to relax. I hope you are able to enjoy some of these activities; it is good for the soul! When God created Eve he provided a companion for Adam and since then humans seek each other out and are enriched by company.

Faith Lutheran was blessed by lots of companionship during Vacation Bible School in July. Over 170 children and many, many volunteers shared a wonderful week learning more about Jesus. Ask any staff member – this is a powerful week with lots of energy and celebration. I cannot thank the volunteers enough for their part in making this possible and continuing with our history of successful ministry. Many of the children who participate are unchurched and we are fortunate to have the opportunity to bring the Word of God to them.

It is hard to even say this but now is the time to think about the fall and to make decisions. I am praying that you will choose to learn more about the opportunity to teach Sunday school. There **will be a Teacher Enrichment event on Wednesday, August 25** at 6:00 (includes dinner) for anyone interested or planning to be part of the Sunday school program for the 2010/2011 season. We definitely need preschool-3 teachers and people interested in shepherding or teaching the elementary grades. *Bible.com* is our Sunday school computer lab and *Biblebuster Videos* is where the children learn through Christian movies. *Godly Play* is always a surprise – will it be a game, a science experience or maybe even a cooking illustration? In *Faith Acts* we use drama to reinforce the lesson using puppets, skits or digital photos. *Thou Art* is a wonderful opportunity for the students to use their imagination to make creations that help them understand the Biblical concept of the day. These classes change every 5 weeks so the time commitment is manageable. If you have any questions please call, I would love to talk to you.

May you continue to have a wonderful summer.

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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

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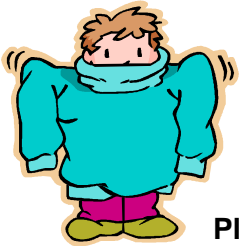
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EASTERN SERVICE WORKERS ASSOCIATION ANNIVERSARY DINNER HONORS ED LINDSKOOG

Eastern Service Workers Association (ESWA) will honor **Ed Lindskoog** at its 34th Summer Solidarity Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, August 8th at 4:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church, 445 Kings Highway South in Irondequoit. Ed was a constant source of advice and encouragement and helped hands-on in countless ways to make the recent renovation of our Benefit Office a success. We couldn't have done it without all his help. Please join us in thanking him for all he does. We also thank many others at Faith Lutheran Church for their vital participation in our self-help efforts, including: **Bill Durkin, Karen Linton, the Mission Board, Ella Renckert, Ed & Karen Wright, Al Fernaays, Bonnie Matthaides, Jeremy Gerhardt and the youth group, Dottie Pankratz...**and everyone else who helps in large and small ways.

We hope to see you on August 8th!! For more information, call ESWA at (585) 654-9640.

A Request From The Christian Concern Committee



Your help is needed! The Christian Concern Committee is asking for your help to brighten a needy child's first day back to school with a new outfit to wear. When you do your own shopping, pick up an extra item of clothes for a needy child. Place it in a box and mark the outside of the box with the gender and clothing size..

Please bring it to church on Sunday, August 29, so it can be delivered in time for school.
Thank you for your help.



FREE VOCAL INSTRUCTION

Have you ever wondered if you can sing in the choir or Praise Team but were afraid to try?

Do you already sing in one of these groups or on your own but want to improve your singing abilities?

If you answered yes to either of these questions, the following FREE vocal instruction opportunities may be of interest to you:

- A. *Six session workshop* covering breathing, tone production, vocal resonance, using your vocal register, articulation, and other vocal techniques.
- B. *Six individual coachings:* You will receive help for your particular voice with an outlook toward improved breathing, articulation, and tone production.

All lessons and classes are being offered by Guy Brown. The instruction is free to those people who agree to participate with our Church Choir or Praise Team for at least half a school year and to current members of these groups. Lesson/Class times will be based on need and availability. Please call Guy Brown (377-9351) or Dianne Christensen (381-3970 ext. 17) if you are interested.

Upcoming Events



August

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will have an informal meeting Monday night, August 2, 7PM in Room 204. All are welcome. In September we will meet on the second Monday (September 13), because the first Monday is Labor Day. Any questions call Doris Florance at 248-2318.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

PLAYGROUP

The Faith 5 and under Playgroup will meet at the home of Steve & Carrie Ford at 10:00 a.m. Please email Carrie at csm1979@hotmail.com if you plan to attend.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ENRICHMENT EVENT

At 6:00 (includes dinner) for anyone interested or planning to be part of the Sunday school program for the 2010/2011 season. (more details in Donna's report)



September

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

FREE FAMILY CAREGIVER EDUCATION

"Aging, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease"

6:30-8:00 PM in the Community Room

*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. **Registration is required.** To register, please call the Alzheimer's Association at 760-5400.*

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 p.m. in the Library. Please feel free to attend, but register first. (760-5400)



Congratulations to the Class of 2010!

HIGH SCHOOL

Joseph Callahan, Fairport High School, attending Monroe Community College

Emily Christenson

Evan Christenson, McQuaid Jesuit High School, attending Mercyhurst College

Christopher Demme

Thomas Diller

Patrick Gerlach, Penfield High School, attending Valparaiso, Voice

Collin Jones

Kyle Ledermann, Gananda High School, attending Finger Lakes Community College, Music & Recording Technology

Jonathan Lindskoog

Melani McDonough

Tommy McEwen, RL Thomas High School, attending Monroe Community College, Political Science

Matthew Metzler

Nicholas Muller, RL Thomas High School, attending Monroe Community College

Aidan O'Neil

Simon Phillips, Wayne Central High School, attending SUNY Geneseo

Marlena Reeder, Greece Olympia High School, attending Nazareth College

Kirsten Reimers, Gananda High School, attending Finger Lake Community College, Childhood Education

Chelsea Rogers, West Irondequoit High School, attending Monroe Community College, Culinary Arts

Sara Saresky

Steven Skrtic, Penfield High School, attending Boston University, Pre-Med

Elizabeth Solomon

COLLEGE

Bethany Cramer, SUNY Geneseo, B.S. Business Administration, Public Relations, Social Media

Jeremy Crouse, Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute, Troy, NY, B.S. Mechanical Engineering

Peter Freeman, DePaul University, Chicago IL, Masters – Public Health

Mary Gooding, Wells College, B.A. Mathematical & Physical Sciences, concentration in Physics



Please send your updated addresses to Carol Keeler's attention in the church office so that you can continue to receive Faith Notes.

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Sunday Server Schedule

AUGUST

Below is the schedule for August 2010. Please look it over to see where you are assigned. Contact either Carol Keeler or Vince Palese if you are unable to find a substitute.

ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER

8:15

Pentecost 10 Aug 1 Patrick Saresky
Pentecost 11 Aug 8 Michaela McNaughton
Annette Cappellino
Pentecost 12 Aug 15 TBA, Natalie Mazzochetti
Pentecost 13 Aug 22 Zachary McEwen, Taylor Aspenleiter
Pentecost 14 Aug 29 Ben Rockwell, Drew D'Ambrosio

10:30

Ben Kleine
Mathias McDonough
Peter McKee
TBA
Erin Ryskowski

ELDER

8:15

Pentecost 10 Aug 1 Norm Zurell
Pentecost 11 Aug 8 Barb Riethmeier
Pentecost 12 Aug 15 Bill Florance
Pentecost 13 Aug 22 Bob Freitag
Pentecost 14 Aug 29 Larry Christensen

10:30

Vince Palese
Cheryl Speisman
Steve Welk
Ralph Harstad
Vince Palese

EUCHARIST ASSISTANT

8:15

Pentecost 10 Aug 1 Hans Kurzik, Rebecca Mack
Pentecost 12 Aug 15 Bonnie Matthaiddess, Bev Wolfanger
Pentecost 14 Aug 29 Bill Florance, Mike Trojian

10:30

Lynne Leinenbach
Mari-Beth Schembri
Sue Giangreco
Esther Ostberg
Jeremy Gerhardt
Sue Giangreco

EUCHARIST ASSISTANT TO THE PEWS

8:15

Pentecost 10 Aug 1 Bob Freitag
Pentecost 12 Aug 15 TBA
Pentecost 14 Aug 29 TBA

10:30

Christie Pichan
TBA
TBA

GREETERS (CONCOURSE)

8:15

Pentecost 10 Aug 1 Marv & Lois Jacob
Pentecost 11 Aug 8 Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner
Pentecost 12 Aug 15 Bob & Sandie Freitag
Pentecost 13 Aug 22 Jean Morris
Pentecost 14 Aug 29 Tom & Nancy Hammond

10:30

TBA
Karen Nitschke
Cheryl Speisman
Pat McDonell
John & Claire Benesch

GREETERS (SANCTUARY DOOR)

8:15

Pentecost 10 Aug 1 Carolyn-Ann Straub
Pentecost 11 Aug 8 Bruce & Bev Wolfanger
Pentecost 12 Aug 15 Neil & Laurie Ebbecke
Pentecost 13 Aug 22 Peter & Mary Versprille
Pentecost 14 Aug 29 Fred & Kathy Mason

10:30

Gaylord & Lynne Leinenbach
Ella Renckert
Mike & Julie Hogan
Chita McKinney
Al & Nancy Szklany

LAY READERS

Pentecost 10	Aug 1	Fred Mason
Pentecost 11	Aug 8	Kathy Zager
Pentecost 12	Aug 15	Joanne Greene-Blose
Pentecost 13	Aug 22	Ron Bohn
Pentecost 14	Aug 29	Diann Berndt

8:15**10:30**

Barbara Price
Stacy Ledermann
Alan Crouse
Jon Allen
Emory Ford

NURSERY CARE

	8:15		9:30		10:30
Aug 1	Natalie Brueckner		Davis Bird		Andrew Love
Aug 8	Ashlynn Blose		Jason Kelly		Derek Amann
Aug 15	Erica Cappellino		Katie Catalanello		Richard McDonough
Aug 22	Tom Alvut		Bryan Salmon		Anthony Glennon
Aug 29	Rachel Poetker		Adam Kirchgessner		Bethany Riethmeier

USHERS

Aug 1	8:15	Ed Ozimek, Gordon Sandgren, Kurt Finkbeiner, Bert Lux, Ray Linder
	10:30	Fred Behnke, Dave Banning, Sandy Hoffarth, Dick Phillips, Ken Smith
Aug 8	8:15	Bill Wendland, Rich Nahlik, TJ McEwen, Jeff Bartocci, Jim & Nancy DiBella
	10:30	Doug Carpenter, Fred Keeler, Ginny Supranowitz, Mike Glennon, Phil Huge
Aug 15	8:15	Ed Freeman, Mike Hill, Bruce Oaks, Ray Klafehn, Herb Stohr
	10:30	Fred Behnke, Dave Banning, Sandy Hoffarth, Dick Phillips, Ken Smith
Aug 22	8:15	Ed Ozimek, Gordon Sandgren, Kurt Finkbeiner, Bert Lux, Ray Linder
	10:30	Doug Carpenter, Fred Keeler, Ginny Supranowitz, Mike Glennon, Phil Huge
Aug 29	8:15	Bill Wendland, Rich Nahlik, TJ McEwen, Jeff Bartocci, Jim & Nancy DiBella
	10:30	Fred Behnke, Dave Banning, Sandy Hoffarth, Dick Phillips, Ken Smith



Online schedule at faithpenfield.org, Worship, Worship Service Schedule (left column)



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Newsletter
DEADLINE

August 15th for the September issue of *Faith Notes*. Please have all articles in to Carol Keeler for publication.



BIRTHS

Maceo Ringa, son born to Bob & Robyn Ringa, and 15th great-grandchild of Harold & Flora Louis, 6/29 in IL

BAPTISMS

Baby Wolford, son of Christine Wolford, 7/25

MARRIAGES

Michelle Claus and Matthew Drahms, 7/25

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Welcome to Faith! The following people were formally received into membership on Sunday, June 27.

Liam Cervery & Tracy McConnelee
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Tim & Karin Vogl
Elisabeth, Annika, Allison
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Rochester, New York 14625
387-0596

Terry Wheeler
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DEATHS

Our sincere sympathies are extended to members and friends of Faith Lutheran Church, who have recently 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.

Wilhelmina Benesch, mother of John Benesch, 7/1

Joyce Crouse, Faith member, 7/18

Joan Lucci, mother of Paul Lucci, 7/9

M. Scotty McGuinness, friend of the McEwen family, 6/11

John Procopio, friend of Carol Letky, 6/25

Ruby Reeves, friend of Arline Schane, 7/10

Lydia Spillane, friend of David, Ken & Vivian Smith, suddenly 7/8

Myron Starks, Faith member, 7/7

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Richard & Tracey Testa
Erin, Morgan
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BULLETINS RECEIVED FROM TRAVELING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Marv, Ruth, Dan Behnfeldt, St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hopewell Township NJ, 6/20

Marilyn Hellesvig, St. Andrew's Chapel by the Lake, 6/27

Julie Hogan & Kathy McCarthy, Community of Faith Christian Fellowship, Boston MA, 6/27

Corinne & Natalie Mazzochetti, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck ND, 6/27

Kathy McCarthy, Olivet United Church, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 6/6

Ed & Janice Ozimek, Reeman Christian Reformed Church, Fremont MI, 7/4

Ginny Supranowitz, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Reston VA, 6/20

Hubert & Audrey Velepec, Otter Lake Community Church, Otter Lake NY, 7/4

Mission Trip Team Returning to West Virginia



The Faith Church **MISSION TRAVEL TEAM** will be returning to Beards Fork, West Virginia the week of September 25-October 2. Our focus again this year will be to assist the Southern Appalachian Labor School (SALS) program with construction tasks in the area to improve the living conditions and lifestyle of the people in this coalfield community. The team thanks you for your ongoing prayers, contributions, and special support of the Mother's Day Flower Sale! Watch for an announcement of the date our wine tasting event this fall, hosted by Tom and Nancy Hammond.

Final sign-up forms for this year's trip will be available on the counter in the church office and are due back there (envelopes provided) on or before Sunday, August 15. It's not too late to plan to join the group and make a difference in the lives of the people in the coal mining community. For more information, contact Andy or Karin Bortle (414-1230) or Ed or Karen Wright (377-4414).



Believing in Advance . . .

Susan Donovan, for the Stephen Ministers

One of the best parts of my job is working with an intervention program for college students who have been placed on academic suspension. For ten weeks, these students carry a reduced course load, learn to study effectively, and address personal or career issues. They usually enter the program angry and frightened, and most of them leave with strengthened skills and renewed confidence. They emerge from their ordeal as better students, and, often, as better people.

During a particularly rocky period of my own life, a well-meaning friend assured me that the experience would make me stronger, wiser, and more empathetic. His assurances didn't make me feel one bit better. I didn't want to be strong and wise – I wanted to be happy and have a predictable, safe, tidy life. Decades later, I can see that my friend was right. That painful year stripped away my protective covering, making me feel vulnerable and afraid. But the changes also exposed me to possibilities I had never considered and opened doors I had never noticed.

I'm not so naive that I expect to see the silver lining in every gray cloud, the lesson in every painful experience, the hero in every tragedy. Dealing with pain and loss – whether academic, emotional, physical, or psychological – is exhausting and soul-crushing. However, I have seen courage and character emerge when ordinary people face extraordinary challenges. These folks surprise themselves and others with stamina, resourcefulness, and resilience they never knew they had.

In *Where Is God When It Hurts*, Philip Yancey wrestles with “the age-old problem of pain.” He concludes that we cannot expect answers for why suffering happens. Instead, as Christians, we look forward with faith to God's promise:

At the instant of pain, it may seem impossible to imagine that good can come from tragedy. (It must have seemed so to Christ at Gethsemane.) We never know in advance exactly how suffering can be transformed into a cause for celebration. But this is what we are asked to believe. Faith means believing in advance what will only make sense in reverse.

We can't pick our own life challenges; more often than not, we are ambushed with the unexpected. We are not likely to welcome adversity as a growth opportunity, and we rarely understand how pain can contribute to the greater themes of our lives. All we know for sure is that God knows about pain. He knows about our pain, he suffers with us, he loves us, and he won't desert us when we're struggling.

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

Special Days in AUGUST

SUNDAY WORSHIP	Traditional Worship, 8:15 am.....	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
	Contemporary Worship, 10:30 am.....	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
	Holy Communion celebrated.....	1, 15, 29
BAPTISMS	Ryan Goessling.....	15
	Annika Vogl and Allison Vogl, 8:15 am.....	29
SPECIAL EVENTS	SoulFest.....	3-8
	Faith Notes (September) Items DUE.....	15
	Sunday School Teacher Enrichment Training, 6:00 pm.....	25

FIRST SUNDAY: Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf Collection (toilet paper and paper towel)

FOURTH SUNDAY: Faith Food Pantry Collection (non-perishable canned/boxed goods)

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

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