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

What Does Lent Mean to You?

What is all this Lenten stuff about? ...subdued contemplation, inner reflection, self examination? Wouldn't it be nicer to be more carefree and easy going? Is all this heavy thinking really necessary or important?

During the season of Lent, we have the chance both to reflect on the enormity of the sacrifice Jesus made for us as well as to take time to examine our own lives. It is a time of reflection, repentance, and soul-searching. This may sound like a depressing thing to some. But, really it is a time of cleansing; a time when Jesus draws near to us and gives healing to our frailties.

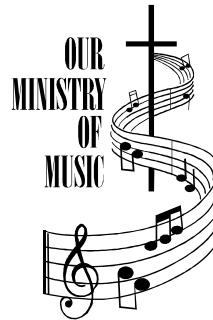
Sometimes we don't want to think about what really happened so many years ago – it seems too gory and upsetting. It is easier to let it just be a story and sugarcoat the real horror of our Savior's suffering. But maybe we need to face the crucifixion head on to more fully understand and appreciate the great love that God has for us.

"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34

Imagine... Imagine the pain... the agony... the torture of having nails driven into one's flesh and then being hung by those nails on a cross. Imagine being wrongly accused and suffering the same punishment as two hardened criminals. He who is God is humiliated, scorned, tortured, and killed! Imagine the outrage! Yet, as he sees those who are insulting, assaulting, and killing him, Jesus' heart is instead filled with compassion; a compassion far beyond our comprehension.

I invite you to experience and feel this amazing love as you read the following hymn text in preparation for singing it during the Lenten season.

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F aith **N** otes, *a monthly newsletter from Faith Lutheran Church, 2576 Browncroft Blvd., Rochester, NY 14625-1530, (585) 381-3970.* The Mission of Faith Lutheran Church is to share the Good News, to proclaim Jesus Christ first in our lives, and to call all people to grow in His love. Vol. 16, No. 2.

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 Matthaïdèss 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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**MARCH 2010 Servers Schedule (NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
www.faithpenfield.org, select Worship Server 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
3-Lent	Mar	7	Brittany Blose, Patrick Saresky	Allan Szklany
4-Lent		14	Michaela McNaughton, Emily Wafler	Jason Gerlach
5-Lent		21	Annette Cappellino, Sara Saresky	Charlie Arnone
Palm Sunday		28	Zachary McEwen, Steven Messner	Christopher Wood

ELDER			8:30	11:00
3-Lent	Mar	7	Richard Reitz	Stacy Ledermann
4-Lent		14	Ed Wright	Ralph Harstad
5-Lent		21	Carol Spiwak	Dick Phillips
Palm Sunday		28	Mike Hill	Bill/Marguerite McKee

EUCCHARIST ASS'T			8:30	11:00
3-Lent	Mar	7	Ron Brust, Bonnie Matthaideess	Mike Kaser, Peter Ostberg
5-Lent		21	Bill Florance, Mike Trojian	Lynne Leinenbach, Al Szklany
Palm Sunday		28	TBA	TBA

EUCCHARIST ASS'T(to the pews)			8:30	11:00
3-Lent	Mar	7	Lois Smith	Lynne Leinenbach
5-Lent		21	Jackie Welk	Christie Pichan
Palm Sunday		28	Don Schoessler	Char Annese

LAY READER			8:30	11:00
3-Lent	Mar	7	Kathy Zager	Chita McKinney
4-Lent		14	Joanne Greene-Blose	Liz Wood
5-Lent		21	Ron Bohn	Christine Avila
Palm Sunday		28	Diann Berndt	Sharon Phillips

NURSERY HELPERS			8:30	9:45	11:00
3-Lent	Mar	7	Tanya Hammond	Cheryl Speisman	TBA
			Alex Palmer	Jason Kelly	Melissa Unke
4-Lent		14	Audrey Stenzel	Linda Aloï	Kevin & Stacy Ledermann
			Christian D'Ambrosio	Patricia Carpenter	Adam Gerbasi
5-Lent		21	Elisabeth Mangerian	Julie Alberti	Marguerite McKee
			Aaron Trojian	Alexander Mangerian	Brianna Adams
Palm Sunday		28	Eric & Jennifer Wolfanger	June Leibring	Karen Wright
			Alexandra Saresky	Natalie Brueckner	Sarah Grace Fernaays

**DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME
 BEGINS MARCH 14th**

MARCH 2010 Servers Schedule (Continued)

GREETERS		8:30	11:00
<i>(Sanctuary)</i>			
3-Lent	Mar 7	Ron & Mary Bohn	Ken & Vivian Smith
4-Lent	14	Gretchen Buck	Doug & Heidi Gregory
5-Lent	21	Ron & Beth Brust	David & Terri Chapin
Palm Sunday	28	Ed & Marsha Freeman	Dom & Char Annese

GREETERS		8:30	11:00
<i>(Concourse)</i>			
3-Lent	Mar 7	Kathy Mielke, Ruth Bode, Laura Kubanka	Nick & Kristen Weis
4-Lent	14	Marv & Lois Jacob	Todd & Kim Nadritch
5-Lent	21	Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner	Kathy McCarthy
Palm Sunday	28	Tom & Nancy Hammond	Mike & Dawn Glennon

USHERS		8:30	11:00
3-Lent	Mar 7	Team 2	Team 4
4-Lent	14	Team 3	Team 5
5-Lent	21	Team 1	Team 4
Palm Sunday	28	Team 2	Team 5

Schedules for servers for Worship Services are available in the literature display case immediately across from the entrance to the Office Copy Room AND on our website, faithpenfield.org, Worship Server Schedule.

Joseph Guild-- Thank You

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Peter Schultz has assumed the leadership of the Joseph Guild as of the February meeting. I have performed that function for the last 12-13 years; it is well past the time when someone else assumes that function. I will be working to reactivate the Property Board to assure that a number of forthcoming capital projects are identified, planned and implemented on a timely basis.

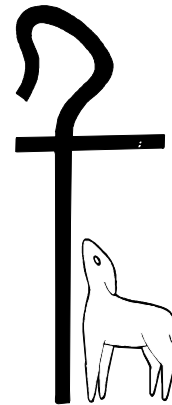
The Joseph Guild is comprised of a number of very talented and dedicated members who meet one morning a month to perform various maintenance tasks around the church. These tasks might include painting, wet vacuuming of carpets, plumbing and electrical work, mechanical and general repairs, landscape work and various cleaning tasks. We would certainly welcome additional members to participate in the maintenance of the Church. Please contact me or Peter Schultz if you have any questions.

I would like to thank the various members who have participated in the Joseph Guild over the years. Current members include: Tom Hammond, Mike Hill, Marv Jacob, Bert Lux, Ed Lindscoog, Al Fernaays, Pete Schultz, Rhea Oaks, Jim Badura, John Benesch, Don Schoessler and Gordon Sandgren. Other members who have participated over the years include: Norm Zurell, Marv Behnfeldt, George Maschoff, Ron Bohn, Jim Scottow, Jim Crowley, Emory Ford, Hank Grube, Ron Moeller, Elmer Pankratz and Marv Ross.

Thank you all. It has been my pleasure to work with you. Peter Crouse

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Adult Bible Study – During March Dick Phillips will be leading the Sunday morning adult Bible class. He'll be using John Ortberg's God is Closer Than You Think: This Can Be the Greatest Moment of Your Life Because This Moment Is the Place Where You Can Meet God. In this study participants will discover that God is extending Himself, stretching out to reach us and to fill our lives with His presence. Every moment of your life is like a page in a **Where's Waldo?** book. God is there, the Scriptures tell us, but the ease with which He may be found varies from one page to the next. God is closer than you think! This class will meet in the Auditorium from 9:45-10:45.



Dr. Wendt Teaches on Jesus' Parables – On Sunday April 11, Dr. Harry Wendt, Bible scholar, noted author, and international speaker and teacher, will lead an afternoon seminar here at Faith Lutheran Church on Jesus' parables. We'll begin with a lunch around noon (the cost for the lunch is included in the registration fee). The seminar will begin at 1:00 and last till about 3:45. Cost is \$25 for an individual, \$30 for a couple (sharing one book), and \$35 for a family (two books). Pre-registration is necessary. To register, please sign the poster in the Concourse or call Carol in the church office (381-3970, ext. 10).

CrossWays Seminar – There are literally thousands of Bible students and pastors who have commented that attending a CrossWays seminar has done more to assist their understanding of the Bible and God's grace than anything else they've ever done. Dr. Wendt, author of CrossWays, will lead this 3-day workshop at Faith Lutheran Church on April 12-14. Members of Faith Lutheran Church have the opportunity to experience Dr. Wendt's teaching of CrossWays firsthand at a greatly reduced price. The registration fee for attending a CrossWays 3-day workshop is currently \$225, but because Faith is hosting the seminar, all members of Faith can attend the seminar for \$65 per person. The workshop goes from 8:15-4:30 each day. To register, please sign the poster in the Concourse or call Carol in the church office (381-3970, ext. 10).

Passover - Faith Lutheran Church will be having a 1st century Passover meal on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 6:00 PM. This will be a full meal and will include Holy Communion, in a setting very similar to what Jesus and His disciples had during the Last Supper. Come and learn about the Passover and see the symbolism and how Jesus is the fulfillment. The cost for this event is \$5 per person, maximum of \$15 per family. You will need to sign up in advance to attend. There is a limit to how many can attend, so sign up early. To reserve your spot please sign the poster in the Concourse.

Wednesdays in Lent – We will have a time to gather for worship and prayer each Wednesday during Lent beginning at 5:15. The theme for these services is From Christmas to the Cross and we'll consider the shift from our Christmas parties and celebrations to our time of repentance and contemplation during Lent. The 5:15 start time was chosen to assist those who wish to get home for the evening, as well as those who can't leave work during the day. Services will last from 30-40 minutes. Lyle Heggemeier will be leading most of these services which will be held in the Community Room.

Movie Night at Faith – Faith Lutheran Church will have a movie night on Friday, March 12 at 7:00 PM in the Community Room. This evening is free for any and all who would like to attend. We'll also have free refreshments. We'll be showing the movie, Amazing Grace, a true story about William Wilberforce, and how his passion and perseverance and faith in God changed the world as he fought to end the slave trade throughout the English empire. This movie will both inspire you and move you to act upon your faith. This movie is rated **PG**, but parents of young children may feel that it is too intense for them.



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Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed – Lutheran Worship #97

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died for his own creatures' sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.

But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; It's all that I can do.

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 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.

THANKS! A big thanks to all who donated their time, talent and resources to make the 2010 CoffeeHouse a success. \$1000 was donated and will help FLY participate in some great service and faith-building experiences this year. Thanks also for your donations from the spaghetti dinner on Ash Wednesday. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Flower City Work Camp: Flower City Work Camp is right around the corner (April 19-23), and there are some roles that still need to be filled. We have 25 youth attending this year, a fantastic increase from last year. But we need adults to help make sure it all runs smoothly. Currently, we are seeking adult males to stay overnight (even if you can only do one), as well as one or a couple people to head up the lunch crew (the lunch providers are definitely the most popular people on the work site that day). If you are interested in either, or are wondering how else you may be able to help, please see Jeremy, or any other youth worker – Al & Noreen Crouse, Charlene Fernaays, Matt & Heather Hoad, Mike & Julie Hogan, Bill McKee, Steve & Beth Skrainar, Mari-Beth Schembri, Meredith Tindall, Liz Wood – for more info.

Sundays- Jr and Sr FLY- Sr and Jr FLY Sunday morning gatherings will take place from 9:45-10:45. 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.

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.

Remember: Friends and visitors are always welcome to all events!

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FAITH CHILD CARE & NURSERY SCHOOL (FCCNS)

This month, along with other Lutheran schools throughout the country, we celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week during the week of March 7th. Here at Faith, we will be showcasing the artwork of our children during that week in a display in the Concourse. We will conclude with a special celebration on Sunday, March 14th. That morning, children and staff of FCCNS will be singing as a part of the 11am worship service. Bob Foerster, Congregational Ministries Facilitator for Schools and Education for the Eastern District of LCMS, will be preaching at both services. A reception will follow immediately after the service.



We continue to develop plans for our playground renovation. A Faith teen, Colin Daly, will be working with us as a part of his Eagle Scout project. He will be working to build the components of a specially designed outdoor building system called Builder Boards, that allows children to build usable structures without hammers and nails and that can be assembled and dis-assembled easily. Additionally, we are planning an outdoor music area that will include instruments that can be hung or brought outdoors for the children to use. Some of these will be purchased but we hope that many can be made by us. We also hope that the new design will include a memory walk, where those people who have made a special contribution to the mission of the day care center can be recognized and remembered. There will be many opportunities for everyone to contribute in large and small ways as this project unfolds.

There are only a few spots remaining in the nursery school class for the 2010-2011 school year. Anyone who is interested in more information should contact the FCCNS office as soon as possible. Brochures and registration forms for the school-age summer program are now available in the day care office. You can request that a copy be mailed to you by calling 385-2360.

May you be fortunate enough to experience the new life of the coming spring through the eyes of a child.

Karen A. Costello, Executive Director

Members Wanted

Do you:

- Want to feel good by doing good?
- Enjoy collaborating with other people who have the same values and interests?
- Want to learn new skills or put to good use the skills that you already have?
- Enjoy being recognized and appreciated for your efforts?
- Want to give back?

Then we've got just the position for you....FCCNS is looking for a few good board members! Terms are two years, starting this May with the option of renewing for two additional one-year terms. Board members get to:

- Attend monthly board meetings
- Attend committee meetings as called
- Help plan/organize/carry out our annual fundraiser, our staff appreciation dinner, our staff Christmas party, and other FCCNS events as needed
- Work with great people
- Share ideas, knowledge and expertise with others

This is a great way to become involved in an organization that is already important to you. Stop by the FCCNS office today for an application.

From the Coordinator of Children's Ministries

Donna Kaser

Our rotation students are learning more about the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11), where Jesus performed his first miracle. In **Bible.com** the older students will use a new software program, Let's Talk, to create conversations with another student that explain the lesson and talk out loud. The younger students will watch an animated depiction of the story and play games that reinforce the facts of the lesson. In **Biblebuster Videos** they will see a DVD showing several of Jesus' miracles. While they are in **Faith Acts**, they will pose for scenes that tell the story and will have their picture taken. Look for them on the Sunday school bulletin board! In **Godly Play** they will play "human-sized" Tic-Tac-Toe.



Next, they will explore what a wedding feast in Jesus' day would have been like and the significance of the miracle Jesus performed. Lastly, in **Thou Art** they will work with modeling clay to make scenes that show the people in the lesson. They will also study art work depicting the story and discuss the differences and meanings in them.

Does this method of teaching intrigue you? Do you want to learn more? We always could use new teachers or shepherds and substitutes. The commitment is for only 5 weeks and you will have lots of fun with the students. Call (381-3970, ext. 39) or email (dontshop@gmail.com) me with any questions or to sign up!

Save the date! Vacation Bible School will be from July 12 – 16. Stacy Ledermann and Liz Wood will lead this fantastic event. Watch for opportunities to volunteer for the week, or even a day or two, whatever works for you. This is always a special, exciting active week for Faith Lutheran and a wonderful opportunity for outreach.

In my opinion our Sunday school program is second to none. Our volunteer teachers are dedicated and lovingly want to share God's message with our children. The classes are interactive, so the lessons are learned and reinforced with fun activities. Are your children here on Sunday? Across the country attendance in Sunday school drops the second half of the school year and almost disappears during the summer months. Why? God comes every week and so do the teachers! Please go against the statistics and bring your child(ren) regularly to Sunday school. Let us help give them a strong Christian background.

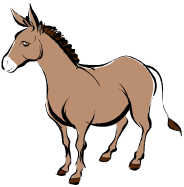
Blessings, Donna Kaser, Coordinator of Children's Ministries

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

April 3 - Save the date!!!

This year we will again be presenting Journey to the Cross on Saturday, April 3rd from 9:30 until 12:30. Meet your guide in the Concourse and visit the Passport Station.

Tour departures will be scheduled 10 minutes apart. Sign-up for your tour time will be in the Concourse. This is a wonderful event for everyone, families included. Mercy, the miniature horse, will return in her role as the donkey Jesus rode on – don't miss her, she is awesome! There are also many different opportunities to volunteer, from acting jobs, making simple costumes, decorating the rooms and more. Check the list in the Concourse and see where you fit in. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this great event!



If you have any questions, please call Donna Kaser (381-3970, ext. 39) or email (or email her, dontshop@gmail.com).

The Christian Concern Committee is again asking your help in filling Easter Food baskets for the needy. Check the poster in the Concourse for details and sign up to help. Bring the items to church Palm Sunday, March 28th. The baskets will be packed during the late service that day so they can be delivered before Easter. If you can help with packing or delivering the baskets, please call Ella Renckert at 787-0727. Thank you for helping to make someone's Easter brighter.



Easter Baskets for those in need!

FAITH LUTHERAN SPECIAL GIFTS AND MEMORIAL PROGRAM

There are occasions in our lives when we feel the need to do something more than is expected of us. Our hearts may have been touched by a special person, an important event, or in our church life, an area of ministry that moves us to give something back in order to honor that special person or event.

A special gift given to our Church, no matter the size, will help support us in doing God's work by promoting a Christian lifestyle. Special gifts can be used for whatever you direct the church to do, or you can choose to let the Special Gifts Committee select a particular area of our ministry in need. Any and all gifts will be used for God's Greater Glory and are truly appreciated.

The Special Gifts Committee, comprised of Beth Bird, John Gerlach, Daryl Pichan, Mike Trojian, and Jane Sandgren have prepared a brochure, which is located in the rack located outside of the church Office. Please pick one up or, if you have questions regarding donating a special gift or memorial, please contact Carol Keeler in the church office or any member of the committee.

Following are some suggestions of items you may want to consider for your special gift:

- Youth events
- FCCNS
- Education
- Missions
 - Mission trips
 - Work camp
 - Habitat for Humanity
- Music
- Organ
- Mortgage reduction
- New hymnals/hymnal repair
- Property/Building
 - Trees and shrubs
 - Driveway repair
 - Roof repair
 - Carpeting
 - New audio mixer for Sanctuary
 - New furniture in the Community Room

- Add a rank of pipes
- Add a zimbelstern
- Add a set of chimes
- Organ repair
- Updated piston system
- Updated swell pedal
- Office desk and side chairs
- New entrance mats by all doors
- Communion items
- Sound system for the Auditorium
- Phone line for energy management system

...OR SOMETHING YOU FEEL IS IMPORTANT _____

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

Faith Lutheran Church Special Gifts Committee

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS WORKSHOPS

Two complimentary workshops (information below) are being offered by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in March at Pinnacle Lutheran Church, located at 250 Pinnacle Road. Joseph Mynio, MBA, Financial Associate, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, will be the guest speaker at each workshop. To RSVP for these events, please contact Georgette Peterson at (585) 586-1170, ext. 222 or email georgette.peterson@thrivent.com to reserve your spot today! Light refreshments will be offered during the presentations.

Roth IRA Conversion:

Starting January 1, eligibility expanded for conversions of qualified rollover contributions to Roth IRAs. This means more people can take advantage of Roth IRAs and the benefits of federal tax-free growth and withdrawals.

Now, even if you have a modified adjusted gross income of more than \$100,000, or are married and filing single tax returns, you can take advantage of Roth IRAs.

A Roth IRA offers...

- Federal income tax free growth of earnings
- Federally tax-free withdrawals
- No required minimum distributions (RMDs)

Sound interesting? Attend the workshop **Tuesday, March 2nd, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m** to learn more and to discuss whether a Roth IRA conversion is right for you. **The registration deadline is February 28.**

“Identity Theft: What you need to know” is a free 50-minute educational workshop that helps you gain a better understanding of how identity theft can occur. You’ll also learn about steps you can take to help protect your identity and what you can do if [12]

identity theft happens to you. The workshop will be held **Tuesday, March 23rd, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The registration deadline is **Friday, March 12th.**

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

THANK YOU NOTES FOR DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM FAITH LUTHERAN

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

SOME OF THESE LETTERS MAY BE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD ACROSS FROM THE ENTRANCE TO THE COPY ROOM.

FOOD for the POOR, Inc.

Dear Friends in Christ,

You are a beacon for Christ, reflecting his love through your generosity to our least brothers and sisters. Like a city set on a hill, your light should not be hidden, but displayed so others may give glory to God.

Your compassion sheds light into the pitch black of poverty. Through your generosity, you are answering Christ's call to serve. Thank you for being a lamp that reflects our Lord's tremendous love and for brightening the lives of those who live in the darkness of destitution.

May God bless you for your compassionate heart.

A servant of the poor, Robin G. Mahfood, President, CEO, Food for the Poor, Inc.

www.foodforthe poor.org

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

I thank God for you, your prayers of support for the mission and your desire to see that the students at Rochester Institute of Technology, which includes the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, have opportunity to hear the message through the works of the Campus Pastor and new Chaplain. Your support provides pastoral care at a critical time in the lives of these young adults. Students currently involved in Campus Ministry at Rochester Institute of Technology have shared their experiences:

If it weren't for Lutheran Campus Ministry, I wouldn't be here [at RIT],

~Mark (Computer Science major)

Lutheran Campus Ministry is my anchor in a hectic place.

~Elizabeth (Business Administration major)

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Your support makes a difference for students during their time at school, in their lives as leaders in the community and in their eternal walk with Jesus, their Savior.

We are in receipt of your gift. On behalf of Lutheran Campus Ministry, I thank God for your generosity, and I pray for God to bless you as you have been a blessing to others.

Georgette Peterson, Treasurer, Lutheran Campus Ministries
www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/religion/lutherancampusministry.php

FOODLINK

To Our Friends at Faith Lutheran Church:

On behalf of Foodlink, the hundreds of agencies, and tens of thousands of individuals we serve, I would like to thank you for your gift. We appreciate your generous support!

Over the past year, Foodlink was able to provide over 8.5 million pounds of food to a network of 550 local non-profit organizations, including soup kitchens, food pantries and homeless shelters. From neighborhood-based food cupboards to after-school programs for children and teens, the organizations we serve work to make our cities, towns and neighborhoods stronger and more vibrant. Thanks to support like yours, we are able to help the most vulnerable members of our community lead healthier lives.

Thank you for your partnership in the fight against hunger and its causes. Working together we have the power to make a real difference in our community.

Sincerely, Tom Ferraro, Executive Director and Founder, Foodlink
www.foodlinkny.org

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

+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.

Melvin Brewer, uncle of Debbie Heggemeier, 2/4 in KS

Brendan Burke, college friend of Tim Supranowitz, from a motor vehicle accident, 2/5

Elliot Eklund, friend of the Gerlach family, from a snowboarding accident, 2/16

June Ferchen, aunt of Joanne Schultz, 2/7

Edward C. Keller, father of June Leibring's sister-in-law, Sharon Leibring, 2/4 in FL

Don Kreiss, former Faith member, 2/7

Dora Kubitz, Faith member, 2/12

Gertrude Lagas, grandmother of Heather Hoad, 1/23 in GA

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Marge Mason, mother of Fred Mason, 2/5

William McSkimming, cousin of Margaret Hill, 2/2 in Angola, NY

Joseph Nardone, friend of Tom & Nancy Hammond, 2/1

Dorothy Pritchard, aunt of Carol Letky, 2/16

Richard Williams, grandfather of Christine Goetz, FCCNS staff member, 2/11

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

Debbie Heggemeier, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marion, Kansas, 2/7

A Thank You note from Ray & Ann Linder

We thank God for having protected us during our recent head-on collision and that we are only dealing with injuries from which we expect to fully recover. We are thankful for the many prayers, cards and visits from our family at Faith, which have helped to strengthen us during our hospital stay and recovery at home.



*Stephen Ministers will be a people who
GATHER . . .
to grow in relationship with Christ and
one another.*

This part of Faith's mission statement could have been written by, and for, Stephen Ministry. Our gathering comes in two forms. First is the one-to-one gathering of the Stephen Minister and the care receiver, with the purpose of supporting the care receiver, who is dealing with a significant life transition. This relationship is private, confidential, and safe. The second kind of gathering brings the Stephen Ministers together. These monthly meetings are also private, confidential, and safe, but the intent is to support the Stephen Minister. A question frequently asked at these meetings is "How can we support you in your Stephen Ministry?" Names of care receivers are NEVER revealed, and confidentiality is fiercely protected.

Perhaps the important point of the Stephen Ministry gatherings is not so much HOW we gather, but WHY. The reason is remarkably similar for the two types of gatherings. In the Stephen Ministry assignments, the care receiver has the undivided attention of a caring person who is not there to fix anything – just listen. This kind of loving acceptance allows the care receiver to think out loud, to express troubling or painful feelings, to explore a variety of possible actions. An environment of unconditional acceptance invites the care receivers to say what needs to be said, with no threat of judgment – only the promise of support and encouragement. Generally, assignments close with prayer.

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In the Stephen Ministry meetings, the Stephen Ministers have the undivided attention of each other. Each person reports on the progress of his/her assignment, dwelling on issues, not persons or personalities. In these meetings, Stephen Ministers think out loud, express their feelings, and explore possible responses. In an environment of unconditional acceptance and support, Stephen Ministers minister to each other. Meetings also close with prayer.

We gather because we can't always "go it alone." We gather because Christ often chooses to work through His people. We gather because God's love is meant to be shared.

Susan Donovan for the Stephen Ministers

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!

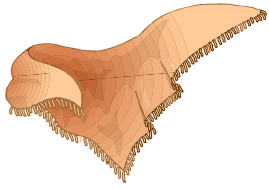
**** Ministry Meetings & Events ****

For more information, please see the articles immediately following

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

PRIME TIME FOR MARCH

The theme for this month's meeting is "Hobbies and Collections". Ruth Behnfeldt and Lis Mangerian are your hosts. You are invited to share your special collection of interest. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Concourse on which you may indicate your plans to attend and what dish you will provide. **Prime Time will meet Monday, March 1st, at 12:00 noon in the Community Room.**



The Prayer Shawl Ministry by Doris Florance

The Prayer Shawl Ministry had a productive meeting in February. We opened with prayer and devotions by Dawn Glennon. Mary Bohn gave the treasurer's report. Eight completed shawls were brought in. Thank you to Elmer Berge for the knitting supplies he donated. These were sorted and put to good use right away. It was decided to have another display in the church Concourse in March to get more visibility for the ministry. If anyone knows of someone they would like to receive a shawl, please contact a member of the Prayer Shawl ministry. They would be happy to help you select a shawl for them. The shawls were blessed. The meeting closed with prayer by Dawn Glennon. **Our next meeting will be Monday, March 1st, at 7PM at church, Room 204.** All are welcome. Any questions, call Doris Florance at 248-2318.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

"Roam Through Romans"

By Marv & Lois Jacob

This exciting study of Paul's Epistle continues on Tuesdays, March 9th and 23rd, at 10:00 AM in our church's Community Room. As time allows, we will begin study of 1 Timothy.

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.



DORCAS CIRCLE by Doris Florance

The Dorcas Circle had a very productive meeting in February. A "Thank you" goes out to Elmer Berge for the box of material and notions he donated to us. They will be well used. Brigitta Lux brought in a lovely quilt she had made out of the material selected in January. Great job Brigitta!! Jean Morris came with four pillows she had completed. Lois Jacob brought in eight bears she had finished. Jackie Johnson will take them to Rochester General Hospital. During the meeting St. Patrick's Day favors were made. The donated items were sorted. The quilt was tied. Bears and pillows were stuffed. Twenty-six bandana bibs were completed. Jean Morris took the St. Patrick's Day favors, pillows and walker bag to Woodside. Doris took the bandana bibs to Mary Cariola.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, March 11th, at 11:30 AM 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, March 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.r.com.**

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, SUNDAY, APRIL 11 – 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 Sunday afternoon seminar AND 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, March 15, for the April Issue.

Faith Notes articles for the May issue will be due Thursday, April 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 January 31, 2010

	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	57,940	57,440	500	652,000
FCCNS Usage Fee	2,343	2,088	255	28,000
Interest/Misc/Other	<u>3,393</u>	<u>3,125</u>	<u>268</u>	<u>13,500</u>
Total Operating Income	<u>63,676</u>	<u>62,653</u>	<u>1,023</u>	<u>693,500</u>
Education	31	2,140	2,109	34,060
Employee Related	27,868	28,521	653	416,420
Growth in Staff	0	0	0	30,000
Missions	3,110	2,345	(765)	65,200
Music	686	424	(262)	9,000
Other Expense	1,373	1,927	554	17,850
Property	18,587	19,918	1,331	166,887
Supplies	<u>2,895</u>	<u>3,678</u>	<u>783</u>	<u>46,000</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>54,550</u>	<u>58,953</u>	<u>4,403</u>	<u>785,417</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	9,126	3,700	5,426	(91,917)

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

30 North Union Street

Rochester, NY 14607

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_____	Easter Lilies	6" Pot, Single Stem 5 blooms	7.00 each
_____	Daffodils	6" Pot	7.00 each
_____	Hyacinths	6" Pot, Pink, White, Blue	7.00 each
_____	Tulips	6" Pot, Assorted Colors	7.00 each

Total number of plants ordered: _____ Amount Due: \$_____

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Checks may be made payable to Faith Lutheran Church. Please note "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

ALL ORDERS ARE DUE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH.

Plants may be taken home following 11:00 Worship on Easter Sunday (April 4th).

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- I **do** wish to take my plant(s) home.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

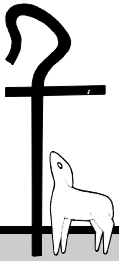
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SUNDAY WORSHIP: Traditional Worship, 8:30 am Each Sunday
Contemporary/Convergent Worship, 11:00 am 7, 14, 21, & 28
Holy Communion celebrated 7, 21, 27 & 28

SPECIAL EVENTS: From Christmas to the Cross, 5:15 pm 3, 10, 17, 24
National Lutheran Schools Week 7-13
Movie Night, 7:00 pm 12
Daylight Saving Time Begins, 2:00 am 14
Passover meal, 6:00 pm 27

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