

# Faith Lutheran Church

# Banner of Faith

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## Congratulations 2011 Graduates!

Faith will recognize graduates on Sunday, June 5, at the 11 am worship service. A reception will follow the service. All graduates and their families should plan to attend.

### 2011 Graduates:

***Ann Marie Kaufman***  
Cornerstone University—May 7

***Natalie Woodhead***  
Comstock Park High School—June 1



## Second Best Sale

We'd like to thank everyone who worked and/or donated to the sale. We ended up with a \$923 profit.

Thanks again to all who helped.

*Diane Lewis*





**Kevin Sullivan**

*Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.*

—1 Corinthians 12:14–20

Recently we gathered to celebrate and thank those who volunteer in this church. I don't know about you, but I was amazed at the number of people who deserve our thanks and give us cause to celebrate. Some volunteer in roles that are a bit more public than others: We see the lectors and worship assistants, the greeters and ushers. We see the teachers and Bible study leaders. And each week our church is also visited by those who quietly go about the business of caring for our congregation, our neighborhood, and our community: those who tend to the gifts offered by the body; those who tend to the altar; those who clean and maintain the building; those who maintain and repair the equipment our church uses; those who gather gifts of food and prepare them for distribution; those who keep our paths of communication open with one another; those who decorate, garden, paint, and organize; those who provide food and care for those who grieve; and those who plan for programs, services, and the future of this congregation. And not all are visible in their service—many work silently behind the scenes, supporting the congregation through their prayers, through sharing their time in caring for their neighbors, by acting as ears and eyes to the needs of the broader community and bringing their needs to our attention.

What a body this is! How splendidly made; how efficient and ready to do the work of our Lord in our time and place. Paul talks about the body and tells us that each part of it is extremely important for the function of the whole. There is no part of the body that is more important than any other. The parts of the body that might not call attention to themselves or might think of themselves as less significant are vital to the church's ability to function in our world as an expression of God's love to all. The diversity of the gifts represented in this church extends our range and our ability to embrace the many needs in our community.

I express my thanks for all that each of you do—those with gifts of vision and those with gifts of practical skills and the energy and willingness to implement the visions that we discern for joining in God's mission of sharing God's love to all. May God grant us the grace to continue in this work; the flexibility to grow and change with the changing needs of our neighbors; and the graciousness to celebrate the gifts of one another with joy and thanksgiving to God, who gives us life and breath and every good gift for the work ahead.

Amen.

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### President's Corner

Randy Rouse

I am so happy for our successful 2nd annual President's Dinner. Every week it takes a load of volunteers to keep our church running smoothly. I love that we can have this one special meal to honor all of those volunteers. These volunteers have caring, unselfish, loving hearts. They don't need big pats on the back or numerous thank-you's for all they do—they do it for their heavenly Father. Although I have to say what a fun reason to get together as a family. To relax, enjoy, and toast to our family of volunteers. Sometimes we need to stop worrying about the potholes in the road and celebrate the journey.

Many Blessings,  
Randy Rouse

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### Green Team Wanted

Jack Nienhuis

What is a Green Team? A Green Team is a small group of people interested in reducing energy use and increasing recycling efforts. It is desirable to have at least two people develop an energy reduction program and recommend a course of action to the Facilities Committee. The Synod recently hosted a session on this matter, and I have information to get a team started. If you are interested, please contact me at 866-1981 for more information.

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### Quilters

Our Quilters have been very busy each week since September. Recently 57 quilts were delivered to local organizations, such as Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, Michigan Veterans Facility, and the Red Cross.

We are always in need of bed sheets (any size, any condition). These are used as liners or, if new, for quilt backs; fabrics and thread are also needed.

We again received a generous grant from Thrivent Financial that will nearly fund this ministry for the year. Thank you, Thrivent!

The quilters will take most of the summer off. Our last Wednesday to "work" will be June 8. On June 15 we will meet at 11:30 am at Thousand Oaks Golf Club for lunch. If you would like to pool rides, meet at church at 11:10 am. We will resume our weekly Wednesday schedule on September 7.

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### **HUNGER WALK – 2011**

Dorothy Stoken, Recruiter/Coordinator

Hunger Walk 2011 raised \$750 this year! How exciting!! Many thanks to our walkers: Stacy and Alice Schepers, Dorothy Hovingh, Marie Morrison, David Lyons, Jean Laxton, Lyndsay Laxton, Jack Aalderink, Barb Aalderink and myself and volunteer Kathy Henderson. This could not have been accomplished without their support and the support of those who pledged—our families, friends, coworkers, neighbors, and church members. Many heartfelt thanks to all.

I would like us to set a goal of \$1,000 for next year's walk. Those of you who were unable to do it this year, please consider getting involved next year as a walker or a volunteer. It is a great time of sharing and meeting others. With more getting involved, I am sure we can reach that goal. Talk to friends and family to join you in walking with us next year.

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### **Vision and Mission Planning**

Recently our Congregational Council met with Pastor Roger Hardy, who is on the North/West Lower Michigan Synod staff. Pastor Hardy discussed a process of helping congregations reflect on, and possibly revise, their mission and vision statements to reflect what God may want to do in our communities today.

The process includes four phases: (1) listening to God speaking to us through the Scripture, (2) listening to God speaking through the desires, needs, and gifts of our congregation, (3) listening to God speaking through the desires and needs of our community, and (4) bringing all of this information together into a statement of our collective vision and mission in this place. The council is excited to begin this work which will, in some ways, continue and tie together some of the work that had been started in the past. Our goal is to have a revised vision and mission statement in place this coming Fall. We ask you all to support this effort through your prayers and by participating in those parts of the conversation that you feel called to share in.

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### **SERVANTS OF CHRIST SCHEDULE**

The Servants of Christ schedule will now be handled by Jean Chance. If you have a summer schedule that will not allow you to serve for a specific time period, please contact Jean in the office at 361.2679. Please remember that it is your responsibility to find someone to fill in for you if you are not able to serve.

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## **SARAH CIRCLE**

Jean Lyons and Tula Mull

Our meeting planned for Thursday, June 2, will be our Spring Luncheon to be held at the Rio Grand Steakhouse, 5501 Northland Drive, NE, with reservations made for 1:00 PM. We will meet at the church at 12:30 PM to share rides.

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## **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Gene Lyons

We are looking forward to good, fresh produce. I want to thank Jim Baxter, Jack Aalderink and Julie Sullivan for their help in establishing the community garden. Without their interest, there wouldn't be a garden.

We still need to fence the area, but otherwise all is ready to plant. If you have any interest or questions on how a community garden works, contact Gene Lyons, 364-9607.

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## **Nursery Note**

Congratulations to Tiffany Woodhead, our former Nursery Director, on accepting an internship in food services on Mackinac Island for the summer. In her absence, we will be using a different procedure for the Nursery during services.

Effective immediately, the designated Nursery volunteer for the day will open the door and have the sign-in sheet ready. A parent or other adult wishing to take a child to the Nursery will be asked to remain with them. A monitor and speaker allow all in the Nursery to view and hear the service. If there are no children when service begins, the Nursery volunteer may attend service, being watchful for anyone leaving to take children downstairs.

The Nursery volunteer will accompany any parent and child so that two adults will be present (per insurance and state requirements). Following the service, the Nursery volunteer will see that items are shelved and the room is tidy, turn off lights and close the doors. We feel that this design will meet our needs during the summer, and we thank everyone in advance for your assistance in making the process successful.

Blessings,  
Members of the Ministry of Worship and Music

### **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Council members discussed summer scheduling from various points of view, recommendations were considered, and a decision was made to hold one service at 9:30A.M. each Sunday, beginning June 12<sup>th</sup>. This will bring all members together for a few weeks, and allow us to shorten the time that the building is in use.

Music personnel have arranged to alternate service types to accommodate their schedules for the first few weeks, as follows:

June 12 – Casual Service, with Sharon TerBeek and the Praise Band

June 19 – Classic Service, with Carole Kaufman at the Organ

June 26 – Casual Service, with Sharon TerBeek and the Praise Band

July 3 – Classic Service, with Carole Kaufman at the Organ

July 10 – Outdoor Casual Service, on the patio with Sharon TerBeek and the Praise Band

Service styles thereafter are to be determined, and you will be notified at a later date.

### **Knitting Ministry**

Joan Mull

Our Knitting Ministry is still going strong, thanks to our members continuing to knit or crochet prayer shawls and baby blankets.

We have received a wonderful grant from Thrivent Financial for the purchase of yarn for this ministry.

If you knit or crochet and would like to know more about this ministry, please contact Joan Mull, 866.2544.

Thank you to all “Knitters.” I love to find your surprises in the “cubby hole” on Sunday mornings! You’re greatly appreciated!

### West Michigan LSSM Spotlight – June 2011

#### **Lutheran Social Services helps former foster youth reach their educational goals**

By Doug Lachniet, Director of Major/Planned Gifts, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan

The odds are stacked against foster youth who endured years of neglect and abuse before being removed from their families. Few foster kids ever go to college, let alone finish a bachelor's degree. Even fewer go on to graduate school. Nationally, less than 70 percent of them complete high school, and only four to six percent graduate with a two-year or four-year degree.

Since Jan. 1, 2006, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan has managed the state's Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program to assist current and former foster youth in post high school education. The federally funded program, matched 20 percent by the state, has provided aid to 523 eligible students statewide this fiscal year. One, Jessica "Jessy" Larsen of Walled Lake, received the ETV funds all four years and earned her B.S. in Health Professions from Grand Valley State University on April 30, 2011.

"Without this financial assistance, I would not have been able to attend the university," Jessy said. She hopes to go on to graduate school to become a Physician Assistant. The ETV program coordinator, LSSM's Jennifer Maurer in Jackson, enjoys encouraging students like Jessy. "That's a favorite part of my job," Jennifer said.

In reality, though, the ETV award covers only a small fraction of the average annual cost of tuition and room and board at a four-year university. The growing demand for the ETV each year means smaller award amounts available for each eligible student.

To try to help fill the financial gap, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan has launched a scholarship program for foster youth. You can make a difference in these young and vulnerable lives. To discuss how you can "Share in Life" with a foster youth and give them a better chance to succeed by contributing to our scholarship program, please contact me, Doug Lachniet, at (616) 443-9761 or by email at [dlach@lssm.org](mailto:dlach@lssm.org).

***For Lutheran Social Services' free monthly e-newsletter, Epistle, register at [www.lssm.org](http://www.lssm.org). Watch our videos on the "We Are LSSM" channel on YouTube.com, and "Like" Lutheran Social Services of Michigan on Facebook.***

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6-1	Glen Moerdyk	6-24	RuthAnne Woodhead
6-2	Geraldine Lignell	6-25	Diane Lewis
6-4	Lorraine Gillman	6-26	Kimberly Hansen
6-5	Patricia Missad	6-26	Tiffany Woodhead
6-7	Winona Peterson	6-28	Amber Amaya
6-9	Paul Lemin Sr.	6-28	Elyse Bacon
6-9	Marthajane Stockreef	6-28	Lawrence Hicks
6-11	**Elaine Ryan		
6-11	Amanda VanderBerg		
6-12	Tammy Brengel		<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>
6-12	Mavis DeWilde	6-1	Ron and Carol Frasier
6-12	James Trylch	6-16	Kathy and Stuart Henderson
6-13	**Carl Reiser Sr.	6-17	Jason and Nicole Schultz
6-14	Roger Erhart	6-25	Douglas and Anne Turnquist
6-14	Lois Fay		
6-15	Denise Robertson		
6-16	James Dood		
6-17	Kathleen McKellar		
6-20	Katie Start		
6-23	Ruth Curtiss		

**\*\*Please remember our homebound friends with a card or call. See your directory for addresses.**

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### Prayer List

Prayer Chain Contact: Lois Fay, 361.8532, or Mary Lou Hicks, 957.0563

Evelyn Hext	Norman Stoll	Don Ondersma	Laurie Russell
Carl Reiser	Bruce Coleman	Shirley Kooistra	Lorraine Burchfield
Lori Stabile	Jack & Lorraine Murlick	Carol Lee	Steve Camp
Libby Withers	Bonnie Robinson	Deborah Spuller	Ernie Fisher
Artie Pullen	Debbie Denton	Barb Kaiser Martin	Egan Visser
June Molenaar	Linda Young	Zander Ross Musialczyk	Glen Moerdyk
Steven Barber	Sharon Kuhn	Gary Wolters	
Carl Jacobson	Deena Kamp		

**For Safety, Strength, and Courage:** Gary Crist, US Air Force, serving in Africa.

### Prayer List Note

Names submitted for the Prayer List will be printed for four weeks. To resubmit a name, please call the church office at 361.2679.