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Lenten Supper and Services



Plan to be with us each Wednesday evening throughout Lent for a continuing series of soup suppers and services focusing on "The Sign of Jonah." We meet each week in the R. J. Lignell Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM for a soup supper, followed by service at 7:00 PM. Join us!

March 3: 2nd Week of Lent: "Our Providing God" (Jonah 1:17)

March 10: 3rd Week of Lent: "Praying in the Belly of the Whale" (Jonah 2:1-10)

March 17: 4th Week of Lent: "The God of Second Chance" (Jonah 3:1-4)

March 24: 5th Week of Lent: "About Face" (Jonah 3:5-10)

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday/ Sunday of the Passion - Regular schedule (Palm Sunday Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt following the service.)

Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday - 7:00 PM

Friday, April 2: Good Friday - 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 4: Festival of Easter - Regular schedule

Please watch your bulletins and newsletters for more details related to our worship and schedules.



New Church Directory Coming Soon! Information Updates Needed ASAP!

Church Directory Committee

The Church Directory Committee is producing an updated directory for 2010, to be available mid-May. We need your help to make the directory as up-to-date as possible!

If you have any updates to your personal information, such as address, phone numbers, email address, or family information, please contact the church office at 361-2679 as soon as possible! We must have your updated information by April 1, 2010 in order to include it in the new directory. Thank your for your assistance in making our 2010 Directory a success!



May All Find Acceptance In This House

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Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

Classic Worship Service: 8:30 AM
Sunday School for All Ages: 9:45 AM
Casual Worship Service: 11:00 AM
Staffed nursery, fellowship time between services

Staff

Pastor W. Thomas Zollman
Director of Music..... Sharon TerBeek
Organist..... Carole Kaufman
Administrative Assistant.....Winnie Bolam
CustodianRudy Arevalo
Librarian.....Kevin Lyons

2010 Congregational Council

President Wendy Domagalski
Vice President..... Randy Rouse
SecretaryClaudia Zimmerman
Treasurer Mary Appelt
Financial SecretaryDan Carter
Chair~ Resource Mgt..... Jamie Robertson
Chair~ Discipleship..... Stacey Schepers
Chair~ Worship..... Steve Zimmerman
Chair~ Mission.....Barb Aalderink
Co-Chair~ Congregational Life.....
..... Kathy Henderson and Carol Smedley
Chair~ Congregational Care David Lyons
Chair~ Facilities Mgt.Dave Denyes
Chair~ CommunicationsDiane Lewis

Senior High Youth of Faith..... Marcy Devries
Sunday School Superintendent..... Deb Sypien

Prayer List

*Prayer Chain: contact Lois Fay, 361-8532,
or Mary Lou Hicks, 957-0563*

For Strength, Faith and Healing:

Evelyn Hext	Brenda Jorgensen
Clarence Van Dyke	Leo Zahurak
Pat VanHemert	Katie Paalman
Steve Lareva	Mary Lou Hicks
Norman Stoll	Robert Hall
Bryce Rafferty	Kaleigh Devries
Don Ondersma	Jenny, Rick and Toni
Carl Reiser	Zoe Koehler
Carl Jacobson	Loren Wolters
Bruce Coleman	Maribeth Cooper
Rein Devries	Meredith Keasy
Lori Stabile	

For Safety, Strength and Courage:

Christopher Koster, US Airforce, serving in the Middle East (grandson of Jack & Lois Fay)

For Guidance:

Faith Lutheran Church Call Committee
Our Consolation to the Family of:
James Nydam, member of Faith, who passed away February 8.
Rob Kunik, friend of Samantha Hill, who passed away recently.

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Dear Evening Women's Fellowship, Thank you so very much for your contribution to Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids! We truly appreciate your donations of coffee, bathroom tissue, paper towels, hand soaps, dishwasher soap, Ziploc bags and assorted pasta. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and generosity and support of Gilda's Club G.R. Warmly, Louise "Pinky" Edison, Development Director

To the members of the Knitting Ministry for the lovely prayer shawl - Thank you for your kindness and for thinking of me. Recuperation is slow but steady. I'm sure it will be another month before I am driving, and able to get to church. God's blessings to each of you.- Myrtle McLain

The Ronald McDonald House is pleased and grateful to acknowledge the receipt of your donation of hand knitted baby blankets, baby hats and pillow cases. The Board of Directors and staff of the Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan extend sincere gratitude for your recent generosity. Your donations helps support the programs and services that make the Ronald McDonald House a true home away from home for families of children seeking medical treatment. Thanks you for sharing in our effort and believing in the "house that love built." Sincerely, Joe Dulin, Director of Development.

Thank You's . . .

Finance Report - January 2010					
	Current Year		Resource Plan		Prior Year
	January-10		January-10		January-09
Receipts for Month	\$	19,283.81	\$	22,541.67	\$ 15,505.91
Total Receipts for Yr	\$	19,283.81	\$	22,541.67	\$ 15,505.91
		2010		2009	
		January-10	Year to Date	January-09	Year to Date
Receipts January	\$	19,283.81	\$ 19,283.91	\$ 15,505.91	\$ 15,505.91
Expenses January	\$	15,315.95	\$ 15,315.95	\$ 21,001.60	\$ 21,001.60
Income (Loss)	\$	3,967.86	\$ 3,967.96	\$ (5,495.69)	\$ (5,495.69)

March Birthdays

Evelyn Bauer3/1	Robert Lignell..... 3/14	Barbara Kirkpatrick ... 3/24
John Richard3/2	*Gretchen Appelt..... 3/17	John R. Richard 3/24
Marjorie Lemin.....3/3	Stephani Paalman..... 3/18	Jennifer Dubay..... 3/25
Jayden Ivory3/5	Tristan Baisch 3/19	Abbe VanderBerg 3/25
Lorian Dubay3/6	Stacey Domagalski ... 3/19	Steven Dubay 3/27
U. (Tula) Mull.....3/7	Donald Missad 3/20	Marie Oberholtzer 3/27
Matthew VanderBerg.3/7	Denis Mundere..... 3/20	Marilyn Lignell..... 3/29
Mary Appelt3/9	*Marguerite Reno..... 3/20	Heljo Hall 3/30
Sara Botsford3/11	Bonnie Robinson..... 3/21	Melissa Jones 3/30
Doretta Slager3/11	Mary Cisler 3/22	Natalie Woodhead ... 3/31
Charlotte Bauer3/12	Carol Frasier 3/22	
William Kozak.....3/14	Robert Hoffius 3/23	

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

March Wedding Anniversaries

Sarah & Rohn Kunnen 3/2	*Robert & Mary Brush.....3/15
*Arthur & Kathleen McKellar..... 3/6	Eric & Kim Hansen.....3/16
Jack & Theresia Arnold 3/9	Steven & Brenda Dubay3/19
Matthew & Linda Zimmerman..... 3/10	*Donald & Joyce McCarthy3/19
James & Sandi Dood 3/13	<i>*celebrating over 50 years of marriage</i>

March Anniversaries of Baptism

Nancy Morrison3/1	Debra Sypien 3/13
Doretta Slager3/1	Barbara Wegener..... 3/15
Madeline Kreiger3/4	Florence Rozema..... 3/19
Dawn TenBrink.....3/4	Aaron Joshua..... 3/22
Dawn Bennett.....3/6	Denise Roeller..... 3/26
Shelby Newman3/10	Janis Hansen 3/29
Megan Campbell3/11	Margaret Barber 3/30
William Novitsky3/11	Stephen Zimmerman..... 3/30
Rosemary Wysocki.....3/12	Darline Buckner..... 3/31
Matthew Zimmerman.....3/12	Jeffrey Oberholtzer..... 3/31
Alyssa Gillikin3/13	



Pastor Tom Zollman

“But now thus says the Lord, He who created you...Who formed you... Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, mine.” Isaiah 43:1

Members and Friends of Faith,

Listen to this promise from Isaiah reflected in the voice of the Father on Transfiguration Sunday, “This is my Son, My chosen one, Listen to Him!” It will be held before us constantly throughout the events of this Lenten Season and will ring loud and clear on Easter Morn when the Risen Savior says to us: “Fear not, it is I!” These are words about us, our identity and purpose as God’s sons and daughters. They speak to and hold before us the faithfulness of God to his promises in the person of our Savior. It is this Word of God in the Risen Christ whereby we are redeemed and claimed as God’s own. In this Word, we are assured that we belong to Him and that his blessings of love, mercy and grace are ours now and forevermore.

Look back and you will see that throughout the history of God’s people that Word of Promise became blurred and was forgotten, doubted or denied in the circumstances of life. Periods of change, and transition, in the movement from slavery to freedom, in the struggles of human need, in the history of the early church and in the lives of those surrounding the Lord of Life during this season reflect to us this truth. Questions, weariness, and fears brought by children, adults, events and temptations constantly challenge the validity of that Word and their trust and confidence.

Yet throughout these forty days of Lent and culminating on Easter morn we hear it loud and clear: “It is I! Do not be afraid!” “I am the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end.” “I will be with you always.” God’s faithfulness is now to each of us. It was present when we celebrated the baptism of children and adults, the affirmation of faith, gathered at His Table for the Eucharist. It has been ours when our hearts have been grieved and when we celebrated the joy of loved ones at a marriage. It has been present during meetings and the many activities of our congregation to lead and guide us beneath the good

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and gracious will of God. By this Word of Promise our lives have been redeemed and shaped as a people of God. And as we here and see its fulfillment in the life of our Savior and in our past here at Faith, it is presently ours to create and renew within us a new spirit, opening our eyes to the sustaining power of God's grace that is ours with all of the saints forever.

During these days of transition and change, struggles and trials, we too can trust this Word to lead and guide us to meaning and purpose. Participating together in worship, study, and the various other forms of ministry, we too are called above all else to proclaim and share the meaning of our identity and purpose as God's people. When one among us thinks of him/herself as a nobody, you and I can remind that individual that in Christ they are his child. When a heart doubts or hurts, you and I can point that individual to the understanding, love and patience of the Word and Work of God in the Good Shepherd. When one's eyes are closed to who we are here at Faith or to the common purpose we share, you and I can, as God enables us, tell the story of the life and hope that are ours because Christ has won the

victory of Life. For the one who says to us: "Fear not! I have redeemed you, called you by your name, you belong to me," is the One in whom our redemption is revealed during this Season of Lent. It is the Risen Lord who lives to daily be with us and make of us God's redeemed people who like our Savior seek to do the will of the Creator of Life.

Thanks to all of you for the many times and ways in which you have spoken and lead me back to that Word during the past months. As we move forward, realizing that there will be confusion, doubts, fears, and all that human stuff, I pray that God's Word to us in Christ will be spoken, affirmed in our ministries here at Faith for the sake of one another and those whom God places in our daily walk in life.

Yours in His Service, Pastor Tom

Assisting people in their homes, with care and kindness

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

MapleCreek at Home in West Michigan was started in December 1996. Today, it is one of the programs in the In-Home Services division of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

Todd Rogers, director of In-Home Services, is overseeing the expansion of the program throughout the state. "There is nothing more important to all of us than living in our own home, surrounded by familiar things, determining our own schedule, and deciding what is important to us," Rogers said. "We work with those who need a little help with their goal of an active and independent lifestyle, in their own community, from their own home. We can provide the help, whatever the need."

In addition to working with MapleCreek residents, MapleCreek at Home workers assist more than 200 people in 40 communities across six counties: Kent, Barry, Ionia, Montcalm, Mecosta and Newaygo. This service is an option for people who need a bit of assistance, but want to remain in their home. It helps seniors, persons with disabilities, and people convalescing from an illness or surgery.

Pam Van Spyker, home care supervisor, collects feedback from people served. Comments include: "Caring and friendliness of caregivers is what I like most about the services I am receiving." "With help, I can maintain my home, and life is easier; I am grateful for these services." "She does all I could ask and more; I am blessed to have her." These compliments point to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan's mission of "serving others as an expression of the love of Christ."

Rogers is intent on continuing such good service. "Our staff works to provide the best of care, in the ways our consumers want it done," he said. "We have the skill, experience and desire to handle the difficult situations, the expertise to make a difference."

For Lutheran Social Services' free monthly e-newsletter, Epistle, register at www.lssm.org. And also visit us at www.maplecreek.org.



2010 Synod Assembly: May 20-22, 2010 Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan

For the Lord Loves Justice

The theme for the 2010 Synod Assembly comes from Psalm 37:28. This powerful theme reminds us that God is for the things that make for right relationship in our lives together. When we acknowledge our relationships as brothers and sisters under God's parentage, and do so without prejudice on any level, we are practicing justice toward one another. This year, our assembly begins with a picnic lunch on the Capitol Lawn from 12pm-3pm on Thursday, May 20. This is an opportunity to discuss social justice issues with state senators and representatives. Keep this in mind when selecting voting members.

Guests

The Rev. Margaret Payne, Bishop of the New England Synod
Carlos Peña, Vice President of the ELCA

Location

Meals, plenary sessions and workshops will take place at the Lansing Center, 333. E. Michigan Ave., Lansing MI 48933.

Registration

Registration fees are \$110/person (includes meals) and \$60/person (no meals). Register **online** (pay by check or credit card). or register via postal delivery (payable by check), with form available at www.mittensynod.org. Note: Registrations are due on or before April 30, 2010. Lodging information is available at the Synod website as well.

Visit www.mittensynod.org for complete information.

Council Capsule

Claudia Zimmerman, Council Secretary

A Congregational Council meeting was held on Sunday, January 10, 2010, at 12:30 PM.

Unfinished Business

Audit: February 8 was set for the annual review of Faith financial books.

Call Committee: Council approved the Congregational Profile required for the call posting, as presented by the committee. It will be forwarded to the Synod for review.

New Business

Master Calendar

February 14: *Ushers and Greeters* meet for training and review following Casual Service.

February 17: *Ash Wednesday...* Service at 7:00 PM

February 20: *Retreat* for Council members, 1:00-4:00 PM with Pastor Hayes from Synod.

February 21: *Annual Congregational Meeting* following Casual Service.

February 24: *Lenten Soup Supper* at 6:00 PM (Choir serves) - *Service* in the Chapel at 7:00 PM.

February 28: *Vice President's Luncheon* following Casual Service, in Fellowship Hall.

March 3, 10 17, 24: *Soup Suppers* followed by *Services* in the chapel.

March 7: *Council Meeting* following Casual Service.

March 28: *Palm Sunday...*Two services at regular times. *Youth Brunch* follows.

April 1: *Maundy Thursday...*Evening service at 7:00 PM.

April 2: *Good Friday...*Tenebrae Service on the 'Seven Last Words' at 7:00 PM.

April 4: *Easter Sunday...*Classic and Casual services at regular times.

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Council Retreat: President Wendy Domagalski will set a date with Synod (see above).

Homework: Wendy presented written list of goals for the President and Church Council. She would like assistance from the Council in finding her successor to lead the *Natural Church Development* program, which was moving us in positive directions. Vice President Randy Roush noted that only 80 members have pledged. He wants to concentrate on closing the commitment gap this year. He asked that Con Oswald be allowed to give a follow-up 'Temple Talk' on Stewardship.

Monthly Ministry Highlights: To strengthen our committees, Wendy would like to highlight a Ministry each month. The chairperson would speak about their Ministry and its activities on a Sunday, before the congregation. An article would be placed in the Banner. Worship and Music agreed to be the February highlighted committee.

New Building Use Policy: Jamie Robertson presented the revised Building Use Policy, noting changes for building security. New doors should also help.

Annex Use: Winnie, church office assistant, requested use of the big area in the annex for a group of Rockford students to prepare for an Odyssey of the Mind event. Meetings would be Mondays and every other Thursday. No conflict was noted, and Council members agreed to allow use of the room by consensus.

Ministry Reports included the following new information:

Communications: Diane Lewis noted that things are going well.

Congregational Care: David Lyons reported that Eucharist volunteers are being trained, and the lists updated. Letters are being sent to parents about first communion.

Congregational Life: Kathy Henderson noted that Soup Suppers and Sunday Coffee need signups.

Discipleship: Plans for Youth Sunday were being finalized.

Facilities Management: Dave Denyes suggested that we inform the congregation about the ways we are attempting to reduce costs. He reported on the:

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Need Reliable Information on Nutrition? MSUE Brings Nutrition Education To Life!

Monica Smith, Extension Educator, Kent MSUE

On the fourth Tuesday of the month, MSUE will present a single nutrition topic to members of the community that serve food stamp eligible individuals. This series is meant to be a "train the trainer" session. Designed for professionals, para-professionals, and volunteers who would like to be able to share sound nutrition information with their clients, but do not have the time or resource to do their own research and materials development. We meet from 12-1 at MSUE @ 775 Ball NE. The next Lunch and Learn session will be Tuesday, March 23. Space is limited. Please send an email to smit1159@msu.edu to reserve your spot. Please feel free to pass this along to others who might be interested! Join us in bringing basic nutrition principles to life!

GRACE News: Partners for a Racism Free Community Annual (PRFC)

Marcia Szumowski, Senior Caseworker, ACCESS

Friday, March 26, 2010 at Kentwood Community Church. Registration/Breakfast: 8:00 AM/Program: 8:30-11:30 AM. PRFC is a movement of committed citizens and organizations working to move Greater Grand Rapids from "that's the way it is" to "racism-free" through personal commitments, institutional efforts, social advocacy, and persistent intolerance of racist attitudes, words, and behaviors. This year's keynote speaker is Victor Lewis, a leader in the field of Anti-Oppression Diversity Work and Alliance Building, will be inspiring us with "Lessons Learned from The Color of Fear". Register today! www.prfc-gr.org. Cost: \$25.00

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North/West Lower Michigan Synod News

Rebecca Bossenbroek, Editor; rebecca@mittensynod.org

Living Water Ministries Opens Registration for Summer Camp

Visit www.elcalivingwater.com for a list of summer camp opportunities and registration details. Registration opened January 15, 2010 and there are significant discounts for payment in full by February 15 (almost 15%) and April 15 (almost 7%). Also check out the Brown Envelope Building Campaign! And be sure to sign your youth up for Bass Lake (August 6-9 at Camp Michi-Lu-Ca) where Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will be the speaker.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal Reaches Far and Wide

Judy Enger, Synod Hunger Team

"God has privileged us with amazing opportunities to bring help and hope to people all around the world. With churches and communities in over 60 countries and all 50 of the United States, we celebrate astounding progress in combating hunger and walking together through daunting challenges. Thanks to you, we keep the faith in the face of hunger." (These words of gratitude come from The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal. Read more at www.elca.org/hunger/newsletter.)

ELCA World Hunger is a connected, comprehensive, and compassionate program that helps individuals and communities lift themselves out of poverty into self-sufficiency. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger will help end hunger world-wide. Thank you.

Note: These gifts can be sent with your congregation's monthly transmittal form to the synod office or directly to the churchwide office. Visit <http://www.elca.org/worldhunger> for details.

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- Stove – now listed on Craig's List, and will be moved out to prevent fines.
 - Doors - \$2396 is the actual cost; \$621 has been collected so far.
 - Annex Roof – smaller leaks that are left after new roofing will be fixed.
- Parking Lot Lights – have been fixed but still have issues. Webb Electric will be contacted again.

A freezer is still needed for the Annex and will be noted in the Banner.

Mission: Blood drive was held February 1, and Supper House volunteers are needed soon.

Resource Management: See Building Use Policy, above.

Finance: Dan Carter noted that we are in survival mode, and unless our income improves we will not meet expenses next month. Mary Appelt would like to revise the categories listed for bills. Copies of the Bylaws are needed for Ministry groups to review.

Worship and Music: Minutes of the December meeting were distributed. Steve Zimmerman noted that a meeting was scheduled for January 12, and the group was planning a monthly emphasis and training for 6 worship volunteer subgroups.

Youth: Marcy Devries noted that four group members are seniors. Palm Sunday Brunch is being planned. Events and gatherings planned will cost about \$5000 for the year, and our help will be needed. They will meet every Sunday.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tom Zollman added information on plans for Lent. He will begin a new Adult Bible Study class next Sunday. He noted that he was encouraged by the spirit shown today for taking on the huge goal of developing committee work.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM. The Congregational Council will meet again on Sunday, February 7, following the Casual Service.



President's Corner

Wendy Domagalski, Council President

Each month I will attempt to write a little something in this column to keep you informed of what is happening here at Faith and how your council is working for you.

I hope you have now noticed the two new doors that have been installed. One is the main door by RJL fellowship hall and the other one leads out to the courtyard. These doors have been replaced because of insufficient working order and/or insulation purposes. Please look for jars labeled "Dollars for Doors" to help defray this cost. A big Thank You to Dave Denyes, Jamie Robertson and Jack Nienhuis for seeing this project to completion.

As of this writing, your council is planning a retreat with Pastor Roger Hardy of our Northwest Lower Michigan Synod. We are excited to hear his ideas for Faith Lutheran Church and brainstorm how we can better serve our members. We will share those thoughts in the April Banner.

Also at this time, we are preparing for our "President's Potluck" which will be held on Sunday, February 28 in the RJL Fellowship Hall. Our Vice President Randy Rouse is hard at work making sure we have lots of food, fun and fellowship. What a great way to start our Lenten journey together!

As always, we appreciate any thoughts, ideas or suggestions you may have to better serve YOU. You are important to us.

Blessings to you all!

Musical Notes

Sharon Terbeek



BREAD BAKERS NEEDED!

We would like to serve unleavened bread for Communion during the Lenten season. If you are willing to bake – please contact Barb Wegener or Sharon TerBeek. Recipes are available!

LENTEN & EASTER MUSIC

The Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Choir are busy working on music for the Lenten and Easter seasons. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Choir Room. The Handbell Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 PM. Please join us!

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your prayers, calls, and cards after my surgery for my broken hip. Thank you to the Quilters for the beautiful quilt. I kept it on my bed at the hospital and received a lot of compliments on it. I was glad to share the information on the quilting ministry at Faith. Thank you to the choirs for the lovely basket of violets and ivy. *Sharon TerBeek*

Women's Breakfast

Women's Breakfast is held monthly on the second Wednesday of the month. Women meet next on Wednesday, March 10 at 9:00 AM. All women of Faith Lutheran are invited to this informal gathering for conversation over breakfast at Russ' on Plainfield Avenue.





Senior Youth of Faith News

Marcy Devries, SYOF

The Senior Youth of Faith continues to meet every Sunday morning during the Sunday School Hour! Guests are always welcome! The Gathering 2009 was a huge success! It was hosted at a new location downtown Lansing, right around the corner from the Capital. On Souper Bowl Sunday we raised \$69.00 for the Degage Ministries. Thank you for your donations and support! We will be hosting Soup Supper with the Sunday School Staff on Wednesday, March 17. Our Annual Palm Sunday Brunch will be hosted March 28 after the 11:00 AM Service. Donations are accepted for our fund-raiser Brunch. Please plan on joining us! Youth Sunday: Fun was had by all! We all enjoyed our involvement in the Worship Service. Plan on seeing us more often and assisting with the worship service!

Working For the Lord :) Marcy



NECM Supper House

Barb Aalderink

We need volunteers to serve dinner at the North End Community Ministries Supper House on two different dates this year. The supper house provides an evening meal that is cooked by the staff at NECM two nights per week. They ask various churches to pay for the cost of the food for that night's meal and to provide twelve volunteers to help with serving and clean-up. We will be providing this service on May 4, 2010 and on October 26, 2010. Please contact Brenda Dubay at 540-2144 if you can work one or both nights.

Call Committee Update

Christine Mwanyika, Call Committee Chairperson

After finishing a lengthy process of filling out our Ministry Site Profile, we submitted our profile on January 10, 2010 to the Synod office. Since then we have received two applications. Out of the two applications that we received, we only requested one applicant for first interview. After reviewing the two applications, the call committee felt that one of the applicants was not going to be a good fit for Faith. Stay tuned for more updates.

Palm Sunday Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt!

Senior Youth of Faith and Sunday School

Who: Everyone is welcome!

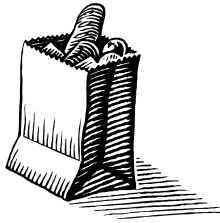
When: Sunday, March 28

following the 11:00 AM Service

Where: Meet in the Fellowship Hall



The Faith Lutheran Senior Youth Group and Sunday School would like to invite all members, family, and friends to attend the Palm Sunday Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 28 following the 11:00 AM service. Festivities will begin in the Fellowship Hall with a Brunch hosted by the Senior Youth of Faith. The Senior Youth of Faith will be preparing and serving brunch. Your free will offerings will support our Youth. Afterwards, everyone is invited to join in on the Easter Egg Hunt around the church, and outside, weather permitting. Hope to see you all there!



Cupboard of Faith Faces Changes

Glen Moerdyk

The Cupboard of Faith Food Program focuses first and foremost on providing food in emergencies from its own pantry and trying to furnish the central pantry, NECM, with at least 300 to 400 food items a month. The needs are for all types of food donations from the members and especially at this time for boxed foods and soups. All donations are appreciated and last month an article showed how the dollar can be multiplied through pew envelopes so marked for the Cupboard.

The Cupboard is facing facility problems which the congregation should be involved in. The Facility Management Committee is proposing as a budget cut to close the Annex to save heating costs. It wants to squeeze the Cupboard into the space of Fellowship Hall's stage area with the removal of the stage to floor level and having the row of cupboards facing the Hall. The reduction of storage space could limit the Cupboard's ability to purchase food and store it for distribution when available. It could also affect the Federal Commodity Distribution four times a year and the free food the Cupboard receives from it.

The Cupboard does respect the needs of budget management but is concerned about the moves as it could effect the County Wide Food Drive as well as the total program. The changes will also affect the Scout Troop, Second Best Sales, and water for the community garden program.

The Cupboard did receive an offer of an used chest freezer at last month's request but the Facility Committee has not responded to moving it at this writing.

Sarah Circle

Jean Lyons

We will meet on Thursday, March 4 at 1:00 PM in the Library/Lounge. Our study will be from Women of the New Testament, Chapter 10, pages 45-48: "Priscilla - A Partner in Leadership" from Acts 18:1-4, 18-28. Our study will be led by Mavis DeWilde. Our hostesses, Jeanette Hall and Jessie Jakolat, will serve a delicious dessert. Hope to see you there!



Troop Tracks

Kurt Anderson, Boy Scout Troop 367 Leader

The winter camping season is in full swing for our troop. Last month we had a group of 3 boys and 3 adults attend OKPIK which is outdoor winter camping training. This involved spending the night outside without fires while keeping warm with food, exercise, and layers upon layers of clothing! The average temp was 12 degrees with a low of 2 degrees overnight.

As a troop we are following this up with a campout at Howard Christensen Nature Center where we will be taught wilderness first aid by a Navy corpman (does anyone have a band-aid?).

There is also a possibility of snowshoeing as well. So strap on your skis, snowshoes or snowboard and get outside and enjoy the powder!

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MARCH 2010**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00 am Fitness (FH) 11:15 am Sewing Guild (FH) 7:00 pm WELCA (L) 7:00 pm Tai Chi (FH)	2 7:15 pm Natural Life (FH) 7:00 pm Annex Meeting (L) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Annex)	3 8:30 am Bible Study (Bernie's) 10:00 am Fitness (FH) 11:30 am Quilters (FH) 6:00 pm Soup Supper (FH) 7:00 pm Lenten Service 7:00 pm Tai Chi (FH)	4 1:00 pm Sarah Circle (Library) 6:00 pm ACES (Library) 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 pm Natural Life (FH)	5 Office Closed 5:00 pm Break Dance (FH)	6 9:00 am Karate (FH)
7 Third Week of Lent 8:30 am Classic Worship 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am Casual Worship Council Meeting after late service	8 10:00 am Fitness (FH) 7:00 pm Tai Chi (FH)	9 7:15 pm Natural Life (FH) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Annex)	10 8:30 am Bible Study (Bernie's) 9:00 am Women's Breakfast (Russ/Plainfield) 10:00 am Fitness (FH) 11:30 am Quilters (FH) 6:00 pm Soup Supper (FH) 7:00 pm Lenten Service 7:00 pm Tai Chi (FH)	11 6:00 pm ACES (Library) 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 pm Natural Life (FH)	12 Office Closed 5:00 pm Break Dance (FH)	13 9:00 am Karate (FH) 4:00 pm - close: NA Party (FH)
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28 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Classic Worship 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am Casual Worship Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt following 11:00 am Service	29 10:00 am Fitness (FH) 7:00 pm Tai Chi (FH)	30 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Annex) 7:15 pm Natural Life (FH)	31 8:30 am Bible Study (Bernie's) 11:30 am Quilters (FH) 7:00 pm Tai Chi (FH)	Bulletin Prayer List Reminder: <i>Just as it is important to add people to the Prayer List, it is also important to let the church office (361-2679) know when a name can be removed. Please call the office or make a note on the Ritual of Friendship sheets during Sunday worship.</i>		