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THE PATHFINDER

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YEAR OF MARK

Epiphany/Lent

February 2012

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

LENT IS COMING! LENT IS COMING!! Okay I know, big whoop, 40 days of gloom and sadness, figuring out what to "give up for Lent", no Alleluias etc. etc. etc. Right? Wrong!

Lent is certainly a time for reflection and evaluation. Am I going in the right direction or should I consider this a time to repent, turn around, and go in a new direction? I want to offer you an opportunity or maybe I should call it a challenge. Our worship times together have been poorly attended of late and I think it's time to confront that reality. Where are the members of our family of Faith? To those who attend faithfully I ask where are the folks who used to sit next to you? Where is the rest of your family? Please speak to them and let them know we need them to carry out God's work in this place.

To our families with little children Jesus says "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs" (Matt. 19:13). So pack up the toys, favorite blanket and Cheerios and come to church. Sit up front so they can see. Come early and give them a tour behind the pulpit and altar so they can become familiar with this place. If they get restless during worship let them move around and get to know the cousins, aunts and uncles, grandmas and grandpas in their extended family of Faith. We can handle the distraction, what we can't handle is your absence.

To our families with school age kids, both parents working, and packed schedules Jesus says "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28) Come and reconnect with your Faith family for support, spiritual direction and respite. Be in communion with real people who care about you in a real way. Let your kids attend Sunday School and learn about the wonderful God who loves them. Let them be a part of God's work in this place by participating in our acts of service to the community.

To all the members of our Faith family I invite you to share the joy (yes even during Lent) of being a part of a community that serves Jesus Christ. Participate in opportunities to enjoy each other's company. The newly reorganized Fellowship Committee is planning a whole series of events for fun and renewal of our community. Our world can be a tense and demanding place and we want to offer you a place of peace and joy where you can

Fellowship Event
Beat the Winter Blahs!!
Join us following worship on Sun, Feb. 12
for fun, food, and fellowship!
Bring your Valentine!

**Office hours for
Pastor Barry:**
The Pastor's office hours are
Mon.—Thurs. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
with some flexibility for visiting
homes and hospitals. Please call the
office if you need to schedule an
appointment or to be sure of finding



February

Special Dates

- † African-American History Month
- † Boy Scout Sunday, *February 5, 2012*
- † Valentine's Day, *February 14, 2012*
- † Transfiguration of Our Lord, *February 19, 2012*
- † Presidents' Day, *February 20, 2012*
- † Ash Wednesday, *February 22, 2012*
- † First Sunday in Lent, *February 26, 2012*

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Bible Quiz

During Jesus' time in the wilderness after his baptism, Satan tempted him to do three things. Which of the following was not one of the temptations?

- A. To change water into wine so wedding guests would know he was God' Son
B. To throw himself down from the top of the temple, expecting angels to save him
C. To turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger
D. To worship Satan in order to gain all the world's kingdoms



Answers: A (see Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13.)

+Christian Symbols+

40

This number appears many times in Scripture, often indicating a time of trial or testing, or simply marking something significant. It rained 40 days and nights during the Great Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. Taking this symbolic number to heart, the Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting



"Music is the shorthand of emotion." - Leo Tolstoy



February

ANNIVERSARIES



Ken & Joy Lake	2/03/1962	50 years
John & Evaline Nobliski	2/07/1942	70 years
Paul & Nancy Brewster	2/13/1988	24 years

- 2 Kevin Weber
- 3 Dennis Aho
- 4 Katelyn Mills
Russell White
- 5 Gregory Oja
- 6 Bonnie White
- 7 Pam Taylo
- 8 Daniel Gervasio
Eunice Kinnear
- 9 Erin Madeleine
John McDonald
- 10 William Skidmore
Emily Weber
- 11 Matthew Brindley
Julia Gervasio
Jamie Sanderson
- 12 Carey Mills
- 13 Steve Sanderson
- 14 Susan Merrill
- 15 Zoe Feichtner
- 17 John Leach
- 19 Marc Carr
Patricia Earle
- 21 Jacey Cook
Will Kocsovsky
Elma Shumberger
Beverly Tankersley
- 28 Melissa Bricco

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Margaret Morris McKinley Manor, #115 E 2023 W. 4th Ave. SSM, MI 49783	Elma Shumbarger McKinley Manor, #119 E 2023 W. 4th Ave. SSM, MI 49783	Elma Marble 347½ W. Spruce St. SSM, MI 632-3452
Lempi Schmit Hearthside Manor SSM, MI 49783 632-2695	Elaine Whitaker 20001 Mauer St. Clair Shores, MI MI 48080	Louise Benson 1800 W. 14th Ave. SSM, MI 49783
Esther Thompson McKinley Manor, #E113 2023 W. 4th Ave. SSM, MI 49783		

The Annual Meeting of Faith Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, Feb. 19 following worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the Annual Report as presented, elect Council Members for the upcoming term and conduct any other business that may come before the congregation at this time. All voting members (defined as a confirmed member who has communed and made a contribution of record during the current or previous year) are strongly urged to attend this meeting.

WELCA invites all women of the church to join them on Wednesday, February 8 at 10 a.m. for their Bible Study, followed by lunch and a special presentation by Jeff Moran on the "Road to Recovery" program, which provides rides to patients travelling to and from medical treatments. Please note: this represents a change in normal meeting days.

**Please accept our apologies if your birth date or anniversary date is omitted. We have found that when the database system was changed several years ago, all information had to be re-entered manually and many dates were either missed or omitted. We will be glad to correct this, but we need to be made aware (politely, please) of the oversight. Also, please be aware that we are missing many birth dates. Thank you for your patience.*



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Old Business – Applebee’s meeting room is reserved for December 19, 2011, @ 6:00p. There is no action on the Sunday Service time change. The time adjustment may be discussed with the Congregation again in May. Council will meet on December 5, @ 5:30, for dinner, and to review the “Faith Lutheran Church, Long Range Plan for Ministry”.

New Business - A Voting resolution, to continue the Congregational Meeting as it is, but to vote by ballot on issues and/or candidates for office at the following week’s Services, was handed out for study. Discussion ensued to consider adjusting the dates of the Congregational meetings. Motion made by Sandy Lawson to discuss Congregational voting and the dates of Congregational meetings at the January, Congregational Council Meeting. 2nd by Louise Armstrong. Motion approved. Benevolence was discussed, with a brief presentation of where the money goes.

Requests – None received.

Timeline – The next item will be the nomination of candidates for Council and the first half of the Congregational Meeting. The nomination committee’s names were given to President Strickland.

Open Discussion – The Constitution was discussed regarding the number of members needed for a quorum at the Congregational Meetings, and the size of the Congregational Council, (number of elected members) was discussed. It is noted that the number of active members at Faith is fewer than when the Constitution was originally finalized.

Next meetings: December 19, 2011, January 16, 2012, February 20, 2012.

Motion to adjourn made by Nancy Bolio @ 8:28p. 2nd by Louise Armstrong. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Carrick, Council Secretary

Refocus for Lent

- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
- Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
- Give up worry — trust God to provide.
- Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred — return good for evil.
- Give up anger — be more patient.
- Give up pettiness — become more mature.
- Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
- Give up sin — turn to virtue.

Walking with God

The essence of the Christian life is knowing God and walking with him. It’s about sticking with him when the sky is blue and also when it’s filled with clouds or choked with smoke. It’s about walking with the Lord through thick and thin, and pressing on through every heartache and trial that happens to come our way.

- Greg Laurie



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregational Council Meeting

November 21, 2011

[Accepted with corrections, by Council, January 16, 2012]

Present: Louise Armstrong, Nancy Bolio, Jim Carrick, Bert Kinnear, Joy Lake, Sandy Lawson, Pastor Levine, Bob Mattson, John McDonald, Lori Strickland

Absent: Bill Skidmore, Pat Keller, Steve Sanderson

Meeting called to order @ 7:02 by President Strickland

Devotions were led by Nancy Bolio. Pastor will lead Devotions in December, and Joy Lake will lead Devotions in January.

Minutes of the October 17, 2011, Council Meeting – Moved by Louise Armstrong to accept the minutes, with corrections. 2nd by Sandy Lawson. Minutes accepted.

Minutes of the October 24, 2011, Special Council Meeting – Moved by John McDonald to accept the minutes as presented. 2nd by Bob Mattson. Minutes accepted.

Pastor's Report – Pastor's written report was presented with no additions or corrections. Moved by Joy Lake to accept Pastor's report. 2nd by Bert Kinnear. Report accepted.

Committee reports

Christian Education – No recent meeting.

Fellowship – Work in progress.

Finance – No report.

Membership – The “active membership” was reported through Sept, 2011.

Memorial – No report.

Outreach – The Thanksgiving baskets are in progress. Faith will staff the Soup Kitchen on May 20 & 27, 2012. Christmas gift name tags are ready to go. There are 6 families, 9 adults & 11 kids. The next meeting will be December 12.

Property – A new programmable thermostat and new valve have been installed in the “red room.”

Staff support – No report.

Stewardship – No report.

WELCA – The Bazaar income was \$2042.55. WELCA will provide guidelines for donations to be made for providing funeral dinners. \$150, was donated to the Synod Women's Association. \$240, was sent to World Relief. WELCA will consider the purchase of additional card tables.

Worship and Music – Future Hymns have been selected. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services were discussed. Wednesday, Advent Services will begin on November 30.

Youth – Faith youth met with the Rudyard youth, in Rudyard, on November 13.

Endowment Fund – No new report.

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FORGIVENESS Game

Try this twist on musical chairs.

What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

What you do:

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.



FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

•••• DIRECTIONS ••••

To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.



gain	as	or	ear	van	an	for	give	
gave	her	on	it	one	other	he	an	a

B _____ w _____ h each
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 of you h _____ grie _____ ce
 a _____ st some _____ .
 For _____ as t _____ L _____ d
 for _____ you." COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV



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ASSISTING	Al Picotte	Bobbie Levine	Ben Deatrck		Dennis Brindley
LECTORS	Debbie Carr	M. Cowan	Joy Lake		Mary Oja
CHOIR DI-	R.A. Brindley	R.A. Brindley	R.A. Brindley	R.A. Brindley	R.A.Brindley
ORGANIST	Pat Deatrck	Pat Deatrck	Lisa Justin	L. Brindley	L. Brindley
ALTAR	Mary Oja	Mary Oja	Mary Oja	Mary Oja	Mary Oja
WORKERS	Anne Barr	Anne Barr	Anne Barr	Anne Barr	Anne Barr
Mary Oja (632-7496)	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers need- ed
USHERS	the	the	the	the	the
Bert Kinnear (635-1660)	Kinnear family	Kinnear family	Kinnear family	Kinnear family	Kinnear family
OFFERING	Bob Mattson Joy Lake	Bob Mattson Joy Lake	Bob Mattson Joy Lake	Bob Mattson Joy Lake	Bob Mattson Joy Lake
ACOLYTES					
NURSERY	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Need- ed