

# *Life Together at Faith Lutheran Church*

February (March), 2023

The Parish Life, News, and all else for Faith Lutheran Church of Westchester, Illinois – connecting you with His Church.

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Sunday Morning Divine Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Scripture, Prayers, and Preaching	11:00 a.m. (begins 9/18)
Prayers for Healing, Consolation, and Hope (it is after Divine Service)	First Sunday of the Month
Sunday Adult Bible Study	10:15 a.m. (begins 9/18)
Private Confession/Absolution	Upon request.

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Deacon(s): Tim Graves

Sub-deacon(s): David L. Prentice, III

## ***Sick, ill, in need of pastoral care (any emergency) ...***

Call Pat Prentice (630) 567-4082; she knows where I am at all times. Of course, my cell phone is (708) 650-4082. The Web Site will forward me an email (and some have used it). AND, the church phone above will forward your voicemail to me as well. Please remember, I can only help "if" you contact me.

## ***A Note from Pastor Prentice...***

Has anyone been in a boat or a ship? If you have, was it big or small? One thing for sure, when the anchor is pulled up, the walkway is stowed; you begin to pull away from shore, you are stuck on that boat! Whether you are a few passengers or many, you are all fellow "sailors" on that boat, all sailing together on the water. Water, the sea, it has often represented chaos and trouble in the Bible. Yet as we study our Gospel of St. Mark, the disciples were often in the boat sailing from shore to shore. Whether battling the storms, or discussing miracles, etc., a whole lot of things happened in the boat; but a key thought is this, Jesus was "in the boat" with them. Jesus calmed the storms; Jesus set them straight on errors in their thinking about miracles, etc.

Faith Lutheran is like a boat (follow me). We set sail in our service, and

leave shore to spend some quality time sailing...but always sailing with Jesus. Jesus is present in His Word and in His Sacraments. Jesus is through the liturgy (the setting of the service), the Word preached, hymns sung, Scripture listened to, the Eucharist consumed; Jesus is calming the storms of life and preparing us for (OK, sounds corny), our final voyage to heaven. The presence of Jesus is always with us, His people in the Church, especially in our intimate setting as we gather around the altar at Faith. Wonderful!

Back to boats though. They need maintenance, they need upkeep, they need to plan the voyage, they also need to look ahead to prepare for the future. Churches do to!

If you are not aware, Faith has been on this journey for 75 years in 2023. If you have read the history (on the web now), Faith was a mission plant in 1948...and services began (we set sail). In 1949, we became a chartered congregation under the name Faith Lutheran.

Now I remember years ago (I have been here for 65 years), many thought, "It was nice to see 50"; but 25 years latter...still going. So it is time to celebrate for one, and then look ahead. So I have some ideas.

01) In 2023, let us begin to celebrate the mission of Faith and also look ahead to the mission of Faith for the next bunch of years. Perhaps we can also think about and study up on "what really is mission?" Then apply it to Faith and the future.

02) As 2024 approaches, let us plan to celebrate 75 years of Word and Sacrament at this wonderful church. How? Not sure, but we should begin to chat about it.

That all said, let us kick off (OK, I got busy in January) 2023 as the Year of Mission at Faith. For my part, I hope to have some noted theologians come and speak about mission; I also hope we can formulate some plans for continued mission for years to come.

Blessings to all - Pastor Prentice

Ps) The upcoming Easter 2023 schedule is attached. Also, a potluck before the service is planned on Ash Wednesday.

## **Reports from the Faith Boards**

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*Education at Faith (Director Deacon Tim Graves) ...*

01) The Gospel of Mark continues, and we are in chapter 8 at the moment.

02) The next topic will be St. John's Revelation.

03) Concord, Coffee, and Prayers - watch the bulletin (or website) for the next session. This is an evening or afternoon where we will gather to go over the historic faith using the Book of Concord with some refreshments, but we would begin with a brief prayer service to set the tone.

***Finance at Faith (Director is Rolland Wakeman) ...***

Mr. Wakeman keeps a keen eye on the books, and so far, "well done". You can always ask him for any and all updates.

***Evangelism at Faith (Director Position is open) ...***

- Invitation is perhaps one of the best outreach tools.

***Properties at Faith (Director is Patrick Prentice) ...***

Mr. Prentice has formed a committee of Mr. Scardina, Mr. Ulm, (Mr. Klesken is our electric man) and Pastor to work on some of our property challenges.

Long story short, we have made some major improvements outside and inside. For one thing, we are back downstairs for potlucks and study.

Faith Church really cleans up nicely, but always more to do. For the next Newsletter, a more detailed list of "things to do" will be highlighted.

***Stewardship at Faith (Director Position is open) ...***

Position is open.

***Parish Fellowship at Faith (Director Position is open) ...***

Position is open. A potluck is planned before the Ash Wednesday service.

***Library Committee ...***

Yes, we do have one (Eunice Becker, Tim Graves, and Candy Smith) and work is underway to update our library located in the basement. Stay tuned for updates.

**Around the Parish - Dates and Other Happenings**

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***Monthly Birthdays ... and Anniversaries ... (if we forgot, email us, please)***

Betty Lee Ing - January 7th

Patrick Prentice – January 27<sup>th</sup>

None in February.

Samantha Prentice – March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Enzo Meza - March 14<sup>th</sup>

Richard Kaapke – March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Patricia Prentice – March 17<sup>th</sup>

***Calendar of events, worship, places where Pastor Prentice is ...  
(Events also on the WEB, always up-to-date)***

February 4 - ILC Meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church

February 5 - 5th Sunday after The Epiphany, Divine Service at 9 am with Prayers for Healing, Consolation and Hope following.

- Bible Study at 10:15 am
- Service of Scripture, Prayers, and Preaching at 11 am

February 12 - 6th Sunday after The Epiphany, Divine Service at 9 am

- Voter's Meeting after service.
- Bible Study at 10:15 am
- Service of Scripture, Prayers, and Preaching at 11 am

February 19 - The Transfiguration of Our Lord, Divine Service at 9 am

- Bible Study at 10:15 am
- Service of Scripture, Prayers, and Preaching at 11 am

February 22 - Ash Wednesday at 7:00 pm

(Potluck before service) - We gather at 5 pm for potluck dinner.

February 26 - 1st Sunday in Lent, Divine Service at 9 am

- Bible Study at 10:15 am
- Service of Scripture, Prayers, and Preaching at 11 am

March 2 - Winkel for Pastor (Circuit Meeting)

March 5 - 2nd Sunday in Lent, Divine Service at 9 am with Prayers for Healing, Consolation and Hope following.

- Bible Study at 10:15 am
- Service of Scripture, Prayers, and Preaching at 11 am

March 12 - 3rd Sunday in Lent, Divine Service at 9 am.

- Bible Study at 10:15 am
- Service of Scripture, Prayers, and Preaching at 11 am

March 19 - 3rd Sunday in Lent, Divine Service at 9 am.

- Bible Study at 10:15 am
- Service of Scripture, Prayers, and Preaching at 11 am

March 26 - 4th Sunday in Lent, Divine Service at 9 am.

- Bible Study at 10:15 am
- Service of Scripture, Prayers, and Preaching at 11 am

Other notes:

## ***The Sign of Jonah, Our Lent and Easter Worship 2023***

When Jesus was asked to give a sign about Himself from the so called leaders, this is what He said:

*Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. (Matthew 12:38-41 - ESV)*

Let's explore the Book of Jonah in our Lenten journey. Hear the Good News...we need it!

02/22	Ash Wednesday	- 5:00 p.m. (Potluck Dinner)
		- 7:00 p.m. (Divine Service / Eucharist)
03/01	Lent Midweek	- 3.00 p.m.
03/08	Lent Midweek	- 3.00 p.m.
03/15	Lent Midweek	- 3.00 p.m.
03/22	Lent Midweek	- 3.00 p.m.
03/29	Lent Midweek	- 3.00 p.m.

### *The Holy Week at Faith*

04/02	Palm / Passion Sunday	- 9:00 a.m.	(Divine Service / Eucharist)
04/06	Maundy (Holy Thursday)	- 7:00 p.m.	(Divine Service / Eucharist)
04/07	Tre Ore / 3 Hours of Agony	- noon / location will be announced...	
04/07	Good Friday	- 7:00 p.m.	(Tenebrae / move to darkness)
04/09	Easter	- 9:00 a.m.	(Divine Service / Eucharist)