

Life Together at Faith Lutheran Church

September 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 summer... watch for restart)	11:00 a.m. (Paused for
Prayers for Healing, Consolation, and Hope (it is after Divine Service)	First Sunday of the Month
Sunday Adult Bible Study	10:15 a.m.
Private Confession/Absolution	Upon request.

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

The Website for Faith:
www.faith-lutheran-church.com
www.faithwestchester.com (*a second domain, perhaps easier to remember*)

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 offer pastoral comfort and help "if" you contact me. Oh yes, even if in a hospital, they do not call...

A Note from Pastor Prentice...

Everyone will try and make comparisons about ourselves to others at various times in our life. How do we stack up? This can be good, and sometimes, not so good. If we perceive bad news about ourselves, we can get depressed. Of course, that is not good. But if we get good feedback, that can be helpful. Example: We go to the doctor and have our blood pressure checked, and we compare the results to

others (those charts). I can go on and on. But we compare so we have good feedback, and then we act on that feedback. With blood pressure, if high in comparison to others deemed normal for age, etc., we can then attempt to fix the situation. Sometimes it is lifestyle changes, some new medicine, or a combination of many things. It can be a good thing knowing where we stand, or it can depress. In this case, lean to the good (and longer life of course).

Same goes with the Church. We often try and compare ourselves with others. Is this a good thing? Or does it depress. Of late, it seems we hear more stories and accounts of church's that are no more. I know in our parish, many have come from church's that are no more. Of course, we then attempt to compare ourselves with what went wrong at other places, so we do not fall into that scenario.

But here we stand at Faith, 75 years as a mission plant, and next year, 75 years as a chartered congregation. I myself remember people wondering many years ago, "would we be here for even the 60th?" Well, simple answer...YES! How? I must say, by the Grace of God of course, and hard working and determined members that desire their church home to continue on.

But what about the next 75? Perhaps it is time to check the blood pressure and then make some small changes (if needed) to position ourselves for many more years. So that is why I am going to focus on the next four months as being "mission / future" minded. I have asked four mission minded men to come preach, and then stick around for "mission chats". Let's try and ask some questions and see how we are doing, and what we must do to prepare for the next 75. So please, if able, mark these dates down and stay for goodies and some discussion.

So again, here are the dates:

09/24 - The Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall - Concordia Chicago's assistant provost for mission and identity.

10/22 - The Rev. Kris Whitby - The assistant to the Bishop on Mission and Ministry for the Northern Illinois District.

11/15 - The Rev President (our Bishop) Alan Buss - He joins us for our All Saints celebration.

12/3 - The Rev. Dr. Bayens - A noted author and theologian from Concordia Chicago.

Blessings to all - Pastor Prentice

(Some other comments):

01) I hope you enjoyed my first ever "children's sermon". I plan on engaging the children more, perhaps every other month, but we shall see.

02) The Prayers for Healing, Consolation, and Hope will go back to the old format beginning of October, after the Divine Service.

03) Beginning in October, we resume the 11:00 am service. I get it, rarely attended, but if you get up late...stop by anyway. And you never know, someone in the neighborhood will stop in. But we will gauge this service month by month.

Reports from the Faith Boards

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

01) The next topic will be St. John's Revelation. We begin our study on September 17. The plan is to begin with a series of videos from the late Pastor Ken Klaus of Lutheran Hour Ministries. We will then dig into some more detailed study/

02) Concord, Coffee, and Prayers - Please watch the bulletin for upcoming times. We are going to try for once a month.

03) Children's Bible Time - Beginning in October, most likely the 2nd Sunday, the children are invited to stay and have some "Bible Story Time".

Ps) If you are interested in teaching, let Deacon Graves know. Of course, Pastor will take the helm if no one is available.

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. We do have the latest update of finances available in the back of church.

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

Properties at Faith (Director is Patrick Prentice) ... none

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

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

OK, I am hoping someone steps up and says, "let me do it". As we approach 2024, the year of our 75th anniversary; we can certainly use someone to lead the year long efforts. Of course, you may form a committee.

Again, please think about it...

Library Committee ... none

Altar Guild... none

Around the Parish - Dates and Other Happenings

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

Nick and Carolyn Pampenella - September 24, 1994

Jorge Meza - September 7th

David Prentice III – September 8th

Patricia Pygman - September 9

Joseph Klesken – September 12th

Calendar of events, worship, places where Pastor Prentice is ...

(Events are also on the WEB, always up-to-date)

September 3 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Divine Service

September 10 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Divine Service

10:15 am Voter's Meeting

September 17 - Holy Cross Sunday

9:00 am Divine Service

10:15 am Adult Bible Study begins

September 24 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Divine Service

10:15 am is our "Mission Chat and Goodies"