

# *Life Together at Faith Lutheran Church*

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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...***

The other day (after service), someone commented on my sermon from St. Luke (they did like it). The closing verse went like this:

*"And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."*

A common theme in the Gospel's and in today's world, perhaps I need to focus on it a bit more. It appears to be an "all about me world", look at what I have done. Look at me, I am a model Christian, the best there is. But sadly, life is hard for many of us, and people do struggle and wonder, "am I good enough for heaven?"

Short answer, being good enough does not come into play. All of us, who have

faith, and that can simply mean, "what have I to offer, but I am baptized into Christ"; that is the key. And faith comes from God anyway, and God does not care what you look like, how smart you are, etc.

God cares about the "you", and when we are all gathered into heaven, I do believe, we will all be unique but those earthly qualities will go away. No more sickness, we all can run a mile in 5 minutes, we all have the same IQ; we will have taken on those perfect bodies that God intended us to have before sin and the fall wrecked everything.

And as I said in that sermon, the order of how we got into heaven does not matter. Hint: we all get there! It is by faith, as a gift of God...

Wrapping it up, some believe, 'what do I have to offer?' Now if God has provided many gifts to you, then share them with others, help others out; and if you are to a point you feel you have nothing to offer, remember, you still have you, precious in God's sight.

Blessings to all - Pastor Prentice

## **Reports from the Faith Boards**

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

01) The Gospel of Mark will be the main topic for study, with a "lean" toward Mark's Gospel and how to deal with adversity and life's issues. His Gospel is very practical and we will attempt to explore it with that lens.

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. Use the Faith tri-fold on the back table as a starter. Also, with Lent coming up, ask a friend to stop in.
- The 11 am Scripture, Prayers, and Preaching is an outreach attempt. Many people have excuses that 9 am is "too early", well...join us at 11 am.
- If someone new comes in and seems to fumble a bit, offer some help.
- We can always use ushers and greeters.

***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.

To start, we have received a \$5,000 donation to Faith from the closing of Christ Oak Park Lutheran Church, to be used for the beautification of our properties.

With that said, we have begun some work, and have come along way.

Maintain / beautify Faith -

- Landscape is taking shape; much of the old growth has been removed; new planting will continue in fall.
- Painting will begin soon, we have colors picked out.
- Doors are being refinished.
- Electric signage and misc. electrical issues are being fixed.
- Chimes are being worked on, we have a bad amplifier to be replaced.
- Basement is being cleaned.
- General cleanup is ongoing.

To do list:

- a. Floor in basement(s), they need refinishing.
- b. Parking lot sealing and striping.
- c. Brick / masonry repair.
- d. Pipe work, existing main bathroom, and basement parish house needs overhaul.
- e. Sub-pump in elevator pit.

Anything else come to mind?

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

Position is open.

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

Position is open. September 11 is "end of summer" goodies and drink day. Stick around after church and chat, have some goodies to reflect on the fun summer was for many of us.

***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.

***Choir / Music at Faith...***

Let's try again this Christmas and Easter Season to form a small choir, using simple music. Also, if you play an instrument and want to play in church, practice up and it can happen.

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

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***Monthly Birthdays ... and Anniversaries ... (if we forgot, email us, please)***  
*(We will always look 2 months ahead; we also print in bulletin)*

September -

Nick and Carolyn Pampanella	- September 24, 1994
Jorge Meza - September 7th	David Prentice III – September 8 <sup>th</sup>
Joseph Klesken – September 12th	

October -

Kim Vaughn – October 8	Carolyn Pampanella – October 11 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Scardina – October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ruth Beierwaltes - 25th

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

September 4 - 13th Sunday in after Pentecost, Divine Service at 9 am, with Prayers for Healing, Consolation and Hope following.

September 11 - 14th Sunday in after Pentecost, Divine Service at 9 am

- End of Summer Drinks and goodies after service.

September 18 - 15th Sunday in after Pentecost, Divine Service at 9 am

- Bible Study begins after service
- Service of Scripture, Prayers and Preaching at 11 am begins

September 20 / 21 (tentative) - Pastor at St. Louis Seminary for Conference.

September 25 - 16th Sunday in after Pentecost, Divine Service at 9 am

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

October 2 - 17th Sunday in after Pentecost, 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

October 9 - 18th Sunday in after Pentecost, Divine Service at 9 am

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

October 11 / 12 - Pastor at East Region Conference (he is registrar for conf.)

October 16 - 19th Sunday in after Pentecost, Divine Service at 9 am

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

October 23 - St. James, brother of Jesus, Divine Service at 9 am

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

October 30 - Reformation Sunday, Divine Service at 9 am

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

Other notes: