

The Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church



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The Parish News of Faith Lutheran Church of Westchester, Illinois – connecting you with His Church.

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Sunday Morning Divine Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Adult Bible Study (paused until September, watch for info.)

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Deacon(s): Tim Graves

A Note from Pastor Prentice...

Where has the summer gone? It fly's away so quickly, but we still have some time left to enjoy travel, some golf (or other outside activities), and whatever other family oriented fun. So please, do so and then come back on a Sunday morning to chat about some fun you are having.

So what is your Pastor up to this summer? Yes, I am trying to enjoy God's goodness too. I want to talk about some key times in the Church, a little bit of history that is good for us all, and to try and fill some problem areas that are lacking in care; but I am also pondering some good ideas to help the community we serve. So here goes:

What is Ordinary Time? - This is the time when the paraments, the colors go green for a long time. In a nutshell, this is the time following Pentecost, to concentrate and reflect on Jesus and strengthen faith by living the life of Christ. It begins with Trinity Sunday and goes all the way to Christ the King Sunday. Yes, we Lutherans do celebrate some of the great feasts of the church catholic (universal) because they are great teaching moments, markers to reflect upon a faith in Christ. I will try and highlight more of the feasts in our worship, as well in print for your learning.

Ordinary time is when we should grow and mature in our outward expression of faith now that the great seasons and festivals such as Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter are past. It is a time to try and deepen your prayer life, to perhaps read some Scripture in your leisure time (a bit more). It is a time when

we have been told of the gifts of God through the great seasons just mentioned, and we all try and go out to be messengers of that Good News. OK, not easy and that brings me to more thoughts for the future, "how can we do all above?" Of course, continue to come to Church, be in the Word, to partake of the Eucharist (His Body and Blood).

Outreach Event(s) -

01) The Westchester National Night Out - this is an evening where we as a community gather in support of our police department, to build better community relations with them. It is on August 7, the Unity walk begins at our Faith parking lot at 6:30 (we walk down Westchester Blvd. to the Park District). Preparation time is at 6 pm. We plan on having a mission table outside for any and all to learn about Faith (after all, they are using our lot to gather). We need some helpers.

02) I am inviting Cook County Commissioner Boykin to come out and discuss issues in our community. I call this part of Faith Engaging the Community Series, details are to follow in this Newsletter.

03) I am in the planning stages of inviting the K9 Veterans Ministry (LCMS dog ministry to some) to be with us for a time where we share some goodies and chat with veterans and active military in the community. I am looking to do this in the October time frame.

04) Christmas time concert, in the very early phase of, "what would we do?"

Grief Share / Handling Crisis - Of late, many of us have experienced loss in various ways, or a crisis, and it is hard to deal with. Telling you, Jesus loves you and prepares a room in heaven for those that departed in the faith is a fact; but does not offer some extra practical advice for us who wait the final days. Having a crisis and saying, Jesus shares in our pain is great, but we also need some extra help along the way. I have been pondering these things and here is at least one that may help (more to come):

- Elmhurst Hospital has a Grief Support Group, and a Coping with Grief Support Group. The new sessions begin this August and are free, just go! I do believe they conclude in January, and then cycle around again.

Grief Support Group - begins August 2, meets the first and third Thursday of every month from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.; in the Willow Conference Room, the lower level.

Coping with Grief Support Group - begins August 7, meets the first and third Monday of every month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.; in the Maple Conference Room, the lower level.

Both groups meet at Elmhurst Hospital, which is at 155 E. Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst Illinois, 60126.

So in conclusion, I am enjoying the summer, yet I hope you can see some of the good things Faith (and your pastor) is trying to do. Remember, God never rests (praise be for that).

Blessings - Pastor Prentice

Faith Engages the Community / Evening with Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin -

In our community, we have tough issues confronting every day life. In our community, we elect leaders to help us live together in harmony. Commissioner Boykin is an elected leader with a passion for service.

He has agreed to come and join Faith and the community on September 25. We meet at 6:30 p.m. to have some coffee and greet the man. At 7:00 p.m., we begin our discussion and go until (in reality, he needs to leave). Perhaps 8:30 ish.

Want to know more about him, see his Web Site at www.richardboykin.com.

So start to formulate some questions on how we can engage community life in a God fearing, and harmonious way. This is a good start.

Sick, ill, in need of pastoral care (an emergency) ...

Call Pat Prentice (630) 567-4082; she is the acting Church secretary and knows where I am at all times. Of course, my cell phone is (708) 650-4082. If you call the Church phone (708) 343-1030, I get an email alert to my Comcast account. The new Web Site will also forward me an email.

At the moment, no "office hours", but for the most part, always available when in need; I am either working at home, or in the Church office at some unusual times. So the motto is, "call Pat".

Faith Prayer Ministry...

I ask prayers for our shut-ins, and after a prayer, "perhaps" when all is good,

nothing to do, give them a call. If you need an Address / Phone Book, please request via email or ask on Sunday.

Christa Scardina (and Mike)
Ruth Brockmann

Larry and Kuni Dvorak
Mr. Kaapke

If you have a prayer request, please phone or email, and tell pastor, "please let the church pray for ...", or ask for private prayers.

Reports from the Faith Boards

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

01) We are still in summer recess.

02) Upcoming studies are being planned, here is a sneak peak.

* 1 Corinthians - our walk with faith, some good tools are within.

* Revelation of John - always a good study, we have dug up a great DVD series.

* A study on prayer.

03) Concord and Coffee will begin in October, watch for the beginning date. This time has been well received.

04) A new idea is popping into Pastor's brain, having a sermon series on the Holy Trinity. This series will begin sometime in mid September, watch for more details. We confess the Trinity, but we do not understand as we should; this series will help (I hope).

Finance at Faith (Director is open) ...

There is nothing new to report, but if you have questions or concerns, just ask. The bills are getting paid, the monies are being counted. Thanks to all.

We are reviewing how to post numbers, just not sure yet. Do you have an idea?

Evangelism at Faith (Director is open) ...

- Invitation is perhaps one of the best outreach tools.
- Remember to see and tell others of the Web Site, the staff always keeps it up to date.
- Please assist as able when we have our Outreach events. We can certainly use helpers.

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

- Energy Services Air Conditioning serviced our air conditioning units and installed a new thermostat that can be run with a smart phone (so we can watch for temperature changes). Eric Weech has his group do the work, at NO COST to us, a generous gift from his company, we thank him so much. All the work that they did, and parts and the like would have cost \$800.00. So very nice and kind of them all for their support of our little church.
- ATT has installed a new hard line to the lift so in an emergency, one can use the "call button" to reach 911 if stuck in the lift.
- (Outstanding Issue) No news on the fire alarm system that is to be installed in the parish (office) house.
- (Outstanding Issue) Carillon Chimes - well, the system has taken a turn for the worst, the receiver may have gone bad. Working on a solution at a good cost.
- There has been some digging and landscape work at the Church. The lawn is being mowed and trimmed when needed (doing the best we can).
- Next work? - We also need to put stone in the trenches outside, but that will wait till fall; just be careful. We are doing a little more digging. The cross, it will be resurrected properly this year. Parking lot may need to be sealed and some patch work (this seems to be coming to the forefront especially with the driveway apron in need of immediate repair).

Stewardship at Faith (Director is open) ...

- Nothing at the moment.

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

- Nothing at the moment.

Around the Parish - Dates and Other Happenings

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

Larry and Kunie Dvorak - August 1, 1962

Raymond Berg – August 1st
Debra Stolpe – August 2nd
Steve Vaughn – August 19

Candace Smith – August 2nd
Rolland Wakeman – August 4th

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

08/05 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am

(Matins only)

08/07 - Westchester National Night Out 6 pm

08/12 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am
(Divine Service 4 - Holy Communion celebrated)

08/19 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am
(Divine Service 4 - Holy Communion celebrated)

08/26 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9 am
(Divine Service 4 - Holy Communion celebrated)

Specials Dates / looking ahead ...

09/25 - An Evening with Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin
6:30 pm we gather and goes till 8 pm (or so); this event is part of our "Faith Engages the Community Series"