

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 10:30 a.m.

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Deacon(s): Tim Graves

A Note from Pastor Prentice...

Time does fly it seems, and you probably think, "where is the February Newsletter?" Well, sorry, it is wrapped up into March. Yes, getting back into class has been time consuming, in a good way. That crazy Polar Vortex and goofy weather did not help either; of course we made it, but it certainly seems to slow life down to a crawl. I know some of you have been fighting colds and the like as well.

Soon, real soon, we will begin Lent again and this year, I plan on using a series that is based on the hymn, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" (LSB 450). Yes, we will sing this hymn often (or at least some verses so not to wear it out), but I hope it will highlight the suffering and wounds that Christ took on Himself on His journey to the Cross. The reason we are saved, why we have life eternal is by what He did for us; not what we do. Oh sure, we turn our hearts to Him (but in reality, the Holy Spirit is moving us along); so in reality, that is not a work we do. The truth is this, all we know, all we have, all we are is because of His goodness and mercy.

Finally, I want all of you to ponder and think about your faith in light of today's hostile and tough world. Being a confessional Christian is "not easy". So let me know what is a rough or tough aspect of your journey; I may not have all the answers right away, but I am earnestly working on this (it coincides with my Wheaton College work). So either email me, or write a note in the A and Q box in the back.

Blessings - Pastor Prentice

PS) I am finishing up my Master's at Wheaton College, started in January. If all goes well, graduation in May (final exam in June, last class July); it is a bunch of work, but good work since the final classes are really wrapping up all the studies. I have been employing some of the tips in the education class already to Bible Study, etc. The 1 and 2 Peter and Jude classes are digging deep into life as a Christian. The ethics class, well, I think we will hit a whole bunch of current topics.

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

Call Pat Prentice (630) 567-4082; she 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.

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.

Larry and Kuni Dvorak

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

We have created a monthly Prayer Bulletin that will highlight some changing prayers and Scripture, that you can use every day when able. At the back will be reasons for prayer, and as this grows, perhaps at the end of 2019, we can publish a small guide called "Faith's Handbook of Prayer".

Reports from the Faith Boards

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

01) 1 Corinthians study is ongoing - Please note that we study until 11 am (OK, if you want to stay a few minutes and ask questions, no hurry). This Bible Study with a powerful message has been well received.

02) Upcoming - Revelation of John - always a good study, we have dug up a great DVD on the subject. This study may not begin until the fall semester; we must complete our 1st Corinthians Study (which may lead to 2nd Corinthians).

03) Concord and Coffee - we had a February 14 session, and watch the bulletin (or website) for the next session.

04) A series of sermons on the Triune God are being planned. Not sure when they will be used yet.

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

There is nothing new to report.

Evangelism at Faith (Director Position 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.
- 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) ...

We have not been happy with the parking lot cleaning. We will review and perhaps seek some bids. A special "Properties Issues" document is available for the asking.

Yes, some issues and problems are taking some extra time to repair. We are not hiding them; just want to save some Newsletter space.

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

There is nothing new to report.

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

- Potluck for Ash Wednesday, please bring a dish, we start at 5 pm. OK, cannot make anything, "who cares", come anyway, we will have plenty I do believe.
- We need to plan for the Easter Breakfast as well.

Around the Parish - Dates and Other Happenings

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

Samantha Prentice – March 1st Patricia Prentice – March 17th

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

(Note - Sundays only here, see special Lent and Easter Schedule below)

02/17 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9 am
02/17 - Bible Study on 1st Corinthians 10:30 am

02/24 - St. Matthias, the Apostle 9 am
02/24 - Bible Study on 1st Corinthians 10:30 am

03/03 - The Transfiguration of Our Lord 9 am
03/03 - Bible Study on 1st Corinthians 10:30 am

03/10 - First Sunday in Lent 9 am
03/10 - Bible Study on 1st Corinthians 10:30 am
03/10 - Pastor at NID Vision Event 4:00 pm

03/17 - Second Sunday in Lent 9 am
03/17 - Bible Study on 1st Corinthians 10:30 am

03/24 - Third Sunday in Lent 9 am
03/24 - No Bible Study -----

Note) Occasionally on a Wednesday, I preach and preside at various retirement homes through FHP ministries.

Our Ash Wednesday, Lent, through Easter, for 2019

We have heaped and inflicted wounds upon our Lord through our acts of betrayal, apathy, denial, mockery, and abandonment. Yet, the ultimate Easter Message is one of healing and joy because the Savior, Jesus Christ went to the cross and paid the price. We are healed because He healed us. Join us as we explore this great gift from God in our Lent through Easter journey.

03/06 Join us for Potluck, bring a dish - 5:00 p.m.
(And if you cannot bring a dish, come anyway, we will have enough)
03/06 Ash Wednesday Divine Service - 7:00 p.m. (Holy Communion
celebrated)
03/06 Private Confession / Absolution - following the service

03/13 Morning Prayers - noon
03/20 Morning Prayers - noon
03/27 Morning Prayers - noon
04/03 Morning Prayers - noon
04/10 Morning Prayers - noon

04/14 Palm / Passion Sunday Service - 9:00 a.m. (Holy Communion
celebrated)

04/18 Maundy (Holy Thursday) Service - 7:00 p.m. (Holy Communion
celebrated)

04/19 Good Friday Service Schedule (a special day of prayer and contemplation)
Join us at Zion Lutheran in Bensonville for the Tre Ore, begins at noon to
3:00 pm (The Words of Christ upon the cross, Pastor Prentice preaches at 2:05 pm;
the text is "It is Finished")

Chief Service at Faith - 7:00 p.m. (Holy Communion celebrated)

04/21 Easter Service - 9:00 a.m. (Holy Communion
celebrated)
(*Easter breakfast and goodies after service*)