

# *The Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church*

Mid-summer (July/August) 2019

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. (Paused for the summer)
Private Confession/Absolution	Upon request.

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Deacon(s): Tim Graves

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

I need to share a few things about my closing days at Wheaton College. I did pass the "comps" exams. Basically, writing for 6 hours on two subjects; Amos 5 and Mark 1. OK, it is pass/fail. This past week, I completed the last class, a 6 day intensive on Christian ethics (a final short paper to write, easy with all we discussed). And "oh my", some great discussion has ensued. Of course, now is the time to put all of that into practice; and I will share that with you and perhaps spark some thought for the future. Some things that came up:

- **The closer we get to God in relationship, the tougher it gets** - Yes, this seems true. Oh, not all of us will suffer martyrdom, etc.; but we take heat from the outside world for our Biblical views. Christians are good neighbors but our values are rooted in God's Word, which is in short supply to many, and disliked by many too.
- **All Christians are alike** - sadly, not true. Yes, we are denominational, we follow a set of confessional rules and norms, and we test our actions against Scripture. Some others are more about feelings and desire to be all to all.
- **Gender issues, etc.** - Oh my, talk about discussion, more to come as the months and years pass. But we Christians are NOT "haters", know that...
- **Politics and religion** - Do they mix? Like water and oil at times.
- **Life issues** - Abortion, pro-life, etc. I just pose this question, where do we

assign the value? Mother alone. Baby in womb?? Both???

Another interesting issue brought up by the evangelicals in the class (which was all of them, but me and the teacher); we denominational people simply do not teach the faith. I countered and said, "no way", but is that true? Are we (the church and its pastors) not doing enough to ground our faith in the Word and bolstered by the Sacraments? Can we defend the Lutheran faith we hold dear, perhaps not as theologians but as believers. It seems evangelicals bounce around from church to church searching for Truth, I told the class, "been a Lutheran since birth and now even more a solid Lutheran (LCMS of course)". I may not always like the politics, etc. in the LCMS, but at the moment, I would go nowhere else for a confessional and grounded Biblical set of norms and principles.

Perhaps I am rambling on, but I want to stir your thoughts on the subject of being a Lutheran, because my brothers and sisters in the faith, we are under attack. Maybe not direct at all times, but we are; and the church should be here to help you navigate; live in an often hostile world to the faithful. That is the role of the pastor, to teach, to shepherd, to care for the flock.

Blessings - Pastor Prentice

***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.

If you want a visit, let me know and Pat and I will come if it is at home. At a hospital, no problem, I can get there most any hour.

Here is the problem, many people are private and I find out after when an issue that could use some pastoral support occurs. Your Pastor is here for you, let me know what you need...please!

***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.

## **Reports from the Faith Boards**

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

We are paused for the summer break. Please watch the bulletin or web site for up to date information. Here are some tentative plans.

01) 1 Corinthians study will most likely pick up 2nd (or 3rd) week in September - 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) We will delve into 1 and 2 Peter (and Jude), the "catholic" Epistles. I learned a whole bunch and would love to share. Not sure if this will be a study on Sunday, or one during the week? Perhaps a 3 week "Concord and Coffee" type evening.

03) 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).

04) Concord and Coffee - watch the bulletin (or website) for the next session.

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

There is nothing new to report. A report is always available.

### ***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.
- 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) ...***

A special "Properties Issues" document is available for the asking, but here are some of the issues discussed at the last Council Meeting:

\* Fire alarm system for parish house - we are still working with the contractor on when to start the project.

- \* Paint peeling on many part of the building(s).
- \* Railings need painting.
- \* Front doors need some refinishing.
- \* Water and gutter issues.
- \* Parking lot needs refinishing.
- \* We are looking at "perhaps" getting a new church roof; the Insurance Company is demanding this.
- \* Lock on door is not working for church. (it is always in the lock position).
- \* Looking for a landscape group to handle the church and parish house properties.
- \* Bells do not work.

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

There is nothing new to report.

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

There is nothing new to report.

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

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

Larry and Kunie Dvorak	- August 1, 1962
Jean Graves – July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Raymond Berg – August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Candace Smith – August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Debra Stolpe – August 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Rolland Wakeman – August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Vaughn – August 19

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

07/20 - Work Day at Faith Lutheran Church	9 am to noon
07/21 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost	9 am
07/21 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost (presiding at St. Paul's)	10:30 am
07/28 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost	9 am
08/04 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost	9 am
08/11 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost	9 am
08/18 - 10h Sunday after Pentecost	9 am
08/25 - 11h Sunday after Pentecost	9 am

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