

Life Together at Faith Lutheran Church

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The Parish Life and 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.
Private Confession/Absolution	Upon request.

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Deacon(s): Tim Graves

A Note from Pastor Prentice...

What is Pastor Prentice thinking... a good question, but one thought always swimming around in the head is how to build up the church? It is not about numbers, which will occur by the work of the Holy Spirit. He may bless us with numbers, He might not; but what He does give us is gifts to help edify, instruct, to nurture the church (the people within) we have. The Holy Spirit also wants us to be attentive to the entire Church catholic when able. So getting to the point, St. Paul's in Chicago (Austin neighborhood) is asking for some help, and I think it a great thing that we try and help out, best we can. At the same time, "who knows", they may help us out as well? So to start, I will preach there and offer some assistance as able beginning in November; I (no), we shall help bring them perhaps a bit more of the Christmas Spirit.

Another thought is this, and I touched on it within the last few bulletins, and now time to expand. It goes like this, "Lutherans...be Lutherans (LCMS if you please)". It is tough enough believing in God with all the temptations around us trying to push us away. So my suggestion, ask those tough questions of the Church and wrestle with God through prayer. As for that phrase above, we Lutherans do have a different view of many things. We are a bit more stringent on our view of the Bible; basically, God's timeless Word. Yes, tough at times, but it plays out same as today as it did many years ago. The Liturgy, how we worship, old school to some but when you know it, appreciate it and live it; it makes sense and feels good. We are Sacramental and Confessional. In the Sacraments, we are as close to God as

we are able through Water and Word in Baptism, or through Body and Blood (Bread and Wine) in the Eucharist. Our Confessions (and we need to study more) are a guide that keeps us on track, does not let us swerve from our Lutheran and very catholic roots. I guess what I am saying, "why hide it", "celebrate it" and "be it". If I do not make total sense, ask me...

For now, enjoy you life and remember our "Life Together".

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 (and some have used it).

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 will also be bringing back the Faith Prayer Folder as well.

Reports from the Faith Boards

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

Here is the status:

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.

01A) I am receiving a special "Rev. Dr. Art Just leads us through the Liturgy" study which just might be very timely as we move from 1st Corinthians to our next deep dive into the Bible.

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) 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.

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

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

A status report is available for finances through September 2019. Copies are at the church.

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) ...

THANK YOU - A special thanks to Mr. And Mrs. Ulm, they fixed the gutters for the parish and church properties.

Berghaus Organ tuned up - they came out the 24th. We discussed the problems during the fall season transition, and they basically said "full manual pipe organs do that". We did go over some remedies.

Where is the Cross - The Scardina Cross Reconstruction Project is underway. More details to come (or ask Mike).

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

Do you need a Church envelope, please ask.

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

There is nothing new to report at the moment.

Around the Parish - Dates and Other Happenings

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

(We will always look 2 months ahead; we also print in bulletin)

Kuni Dvorak – November 14th

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

(Events also on the WEB)

11/03 - All Saints at Faith	9 am
11/03 - All Saints at St. Paul's (Austin)	10:45 am
11/03 - Bible Study (Deacon Graves)	10:30 am

11/10 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	9 am
11/10 - Prayers of Hope, Healing, and Consolation	10:05 am
11/10 - Bible Study	10:30 am

11/10-11/12 Pastor at Good Shepherd Institute, Concordia Seminary
(In Fort Wayne Indiana)

11/17 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost at Faith	9 am
11/17 - Pastor to St. Paul's (Austin)	10:45 am
11/17 - Bible Study (Deacon Graves)	10:30 am

11/24 - Christ the King Sunday	9 am
11/24 - Bible Study	10:30 am

11/27 - Thanksgiving Eve	7 pm
11/28 - Thanksgiving Day	9 am
11/28 - Thanksgiving Day (St. Paul's Austin)	10:45 am

Note) - occasionally I preach and preside at various retirement homes through FHP ministries. Only when asked...

The Christmas Schedule 2019 is published, see the WEB, copies at Church...or we can send you one.