

# *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...*

Yes, as you can tell, a subtle change to the Newsletter, which is now called (I hope you like), "Life Together at Faith". Why you ask? It is all about getting the upcoming information about the life of the Church to you all in a timely manner. As some have noticed, we are changing the Sunday bulletin; an attempt to make sure all up to date information is included. At the same time, save a few pennies for the church by using smaller paper (but the Worship Folder portion will continue to be the legal size); and the readings will stay included as part of the Worship portion. You spoke, did not like readings in another section, pastor listened. All of this is on the web site every week for review or download. So why do we need a Newsletter? Yes it is about our life together as a family of faith; yet, sometimes, there is not enough information to create a monthly newsletter...so, it will come out as important information is required. Perhaps during the holiday seasons, monthly; in summer, maybe one going into June, then a September one to get things going; and monthly to follow. Also, many have asked for a Calendar to be included (it is coming, for now, the WEB has a new EVENTS section. In reality, some months may have two if we have so much information. We shall see, so please give it a chance. Of course, it will be printed, emailed, and placed on the Web Site.

I want to share a thought as we ponder Life Together in the Church.

*The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. (1 Peter 4:7)*

Sober-minded is also clear minded (NSV text). Now it has nothing to do with alcohol and drinking, it means staying on path, keeping the mind tuned to what is good and right. And that is Jesus of course. We live in a crazy world where the mind wanders, is under attack, etc.; the Church is about keeping the mind, best we can focused on Jesus and ultimate Salvation; yet also it helps as we walk in life as Christians, awaiting that final moment when we are called home. And yes, we are in no hurry.

The Apostle Paul uses this language of a right mind or a sober-mind, the Gospels speaks of it; I am going to try and flush it. I think it will help us all.

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).

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 will try to be timely.

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. We will also be bringing back the

Faith Prayer Folder as well.

## **Reports from the Faith Boards**

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

Here is the status:

01) 1 Corinthians study has resumed. 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) 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) ...***

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 open issues:

- \* 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 need to work with Park District and Village.
- \* 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. Most likely this will occur for next year.
- \* Bells do not work; the amplifier appears to be broken.

***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.

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

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

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

Kim Vaughn – October 8

Carolyn Pampanella – October 11<sup>th</sup>

Mike Scardina – October 12<sup>th</sup>

Ruth Beierwaltes - 25th

Kuni Dvorak – November 14<sup>th</sup>

***Calendar of events, worship, places where Pastor Prentice is ...  
(Events also on the WEB)***

10/06 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost	9 am
10/06 - Prayers of Hope, Healing, and Consolation	10:05 am
10/06 - Bible Study	10:30 am
10/13 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost	9 am
10/13 - Bible Study	10:30 am
10/15 - Pastor at East Region Pastor's Conference	All Day
10/16 - Pastor at East Region Pastor's Conference (at the Dekovan Center in Racine Wisconsin)	All Day
10/20 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost	9 am
10/20 - Bible Study	10:30 am
10/27 - We celebrate Reformation (setting TBD)	9 am
10/27 - Bible Study	10:30 am

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