



JANUARY 2015

The Vine

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. . ." John

The Lord is My Shepherd I Shall Not Want



The day before I was hospitalized I knew I had a serious spider bite or infection in my forearm. The Lord put on my heart "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalm 23:1. As I drove back from Chicago from visiting Br. Kirt there were lots of things I wanted. I wanted to be home. I wanted the swelling in my arm to cease. I wanted wisdom on what to do. I wanted God to heal me. Yet the lord led me to be content with my Good Shepherd's guiding hand. Though the infection was life threatening,

a quiet confidence came over me. I simply knew - live or die - it would be okay. I had no need to worry. Why should I not want? Because the Good Shepherd made me lie down and relax. My green pastures (provision) were white hospital sheets. He led me beside still waters (what I needed) without a torrent carrying me away. In the midst of the trauma and pain, He "restored my soul." I was at peace. Fr. Cameron asked if I would like him to come pray and anoint me with oil for healing. The Lord brought to mind verse 5, "you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." I said, "Yes, please come."

Though I walked through the valley of the shadow of death, it didn't seem all that scary, for He reminded me that He was with me. And therefore, I had nothing to want for, nothing to fear.

The Good Shepherd has brought me safely, not just to my wife and home, but to you. I rejoice in God's continued faithfulness! As you find your contentment in the Good Shepherd this year, He will provide and guide, through both dark valleys and brilliant mountaintops.

BAPTISMAL DATES

Baptism is for those adults and older children who have made a commitment to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Baptism is also for infants and younger children of parents who intend to raise their children to serve Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Those who intend to be baptized need to attend worship regularly. If you or your child is ready for baptism, please plan to be baptized on one of the following dates: **January 11th** (Baptism of Our Lord) or **April 5th** (Easter Sunday). If you are interested please contact one of our priests (755-4848).

The Faith Flash

Are you receiving our email newsletter, *The Faith Flash*? *The Faith Flash* comes out weekly with timely information and reminders. Sign up today by going to our website (www.faithanglicanchurch.org), or calling the church office (755-4848).



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OUR VISION:

A Christ Centered
Community
Growing in Faith.

OUR PURPOSE:

The purpose of Faith Anglican Church is to proclaim the Good News, make disciples, and serve our neighbors.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

We equip lay people for ministry
We provide biblically centered instruction
We minister to people where they are
We welcome all God's children
We are theologically traditional
We provide meaningful worship services
We lead others to Christ.

Confirmation Classes for Adults and Teens:

A Mature Commitment to Christ

Confirmation classes are for those adult members and teens (9th grade and older) who would like to go a step further in their walk with Christ and make – what the Catechism calls – “a mature commitment to Christ.” Those wishing to reaffirm their faith are also encouraged to attend. Confirmation classes begin January 11th. To be confirmed, you will need to attend the nine week class on Sunday mornings (location to be determined). (January 11th – March 8th), meet with our bishop on Confirmation Sunday, March 15th, and be prayed for by the bishop in the Confirmation service. Students in ninth grade and older will also need to attend a Youth Confirmation Workshop. If you are interested, please call the church office (755-4848) or email Fr. Herb at herbhand@faithanglicanchurch.org. If you have questions please contact Fr. Herb or Fr. Cameron.



New to Faith? Come to the Discovering Faith Workshop

Discovering Faith is a two part workshop designed to help you grow in your relationship with Christ and find out how you can become a part of this dynamic and growing community of faith. You will also get to know our pastor and others who are new to Faith, and learn about membership. This workshop is offered two or three times a year. If you are new to Faith, we would love for you to attend our next *Discovering Faith* workshop. The first part is on Sunday, **January 18th**, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the home of our pastor and his wife, Herb and Mary Hand at 8293 Montego Place North, Cordova. Dinner is included and childcare is available upon advanced request. Sign-up is easy, you can call the Hands at 381-1172 or e-mailing Herb at herbhand@faithanglicanchurch.org. The second part is held one week later at the same location on Sunday, **January 25th**, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Attending the workshop does not require a commitment to join, but will give you the opportunity to learn more about Faith and meet some wonderful people. At the first meeting we will explore Faith Anglican's history, an overview of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Mission in America, our parish vision, purpose and core values, and God's gift of salvation. At the second meeting we will explore the importance of Holy Scripture, the basics of Anglican worship, and the ministries of Faith Anglican Church.

Freedom from the Bondage of Debt

In American culture we tend to see debt as helpful, a way to get more goods and services more quickly, and a way to get ahead. However, biblically, we must remember that debt can be dangerous. More often than not, debt becomes a cruel task master, which begins to slow us down. What's the solution? Simply put, reduce spending and/or increase income. Some simple ways to cut expenses and eliminate debt are: replace your car less frequently, be satisfied with a smaller house, eat out less, and pay cash instead of using a credit card. Both Dave Ramsey (www.daveramsey.com) and Crown Financial Ministries (www.crown.org) offer proven plans on getting out of oppressive debt. When you are free from the bondage of debt, you will be more at peace, have less marital tension, more able to help those in need, and more able to fulfill God's command to tithe.

Annual Parish Meeting One Worship Service ~ January 25

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25th. We will see our annual parish video, reflect on our life together in 2014, receive the 2014 financial report and the 2015 budget, hear about our plans for 2015, and our members in good standing will amend the bylaws and elect new Parish Council Members. As required by our bylaws, the Parish Council is providing a slate of nominees; this year's nominees are Sudy Fisher and Jill Amos. Members of the congregation may make nominations from the floor. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Childcare will be available. Our schedule is:

9:30 Single Combined Worship service
10:45 *Potluck Brunch*
11:15 Annual Parish Meeting

Annual Reader's Workshop January 10th at 10:00 AM

The Word of God is a great gift from God to His people. It is indeed a holy privilege to read it aloud in church. It is indeed a great joy to hear it read, and to hear it read in a way that helps us understand it. To help us all receive the Word of God more fully on Sunday mornings, we will have a Reader's Workshop on Saturday, January 10th at Faith. Regular readers are asked to attend. If you've never read a Bible reading in church before but would like to learn how, please come!

Prayer Corner

Please keep the following persons in your daily prayers, asking God to heal, comfort, and protect them.

Dee Dee Ritchie Lance Forsdick, Sr.
Mansell Lancaster Faye Holder
Kathleen Hurdle Ann Reynolds
Lauren Hintz
Hallie Crawford
Dawne Ellard



Birthdays

Joseph Atem	01	David Jacobs	19
Cathy Evans	01	Kyle Starek	25
Betty Tredway	07	Christina Zachary	29
Janie Adkins	10	Edward Amos	31
Mike Reese	11	Cathy Tenpenny	31
Greg Follis	12		

Anniversaries

Esco and Ann Satchfield 03
Bob and Jennifer Bostick 05

Lifeblood Mobile Unit at Faith

Every three seconds, someone needs BLOOD; Daughters, fathers, cousins, neighbors. Their need is usually unexpected and life-threatening. Lifeblood's sole mission is to provide a safe supply for these patients by engaging volunteer donors like the ones at Faith. Without your help, patients in need wouldn't stand a chance.

Save this Date! **January 18, 2015** the first blood drive will be held on Sunday morning in the Faith Anglican Church Parking lot. The blood mobile will be here and the first appointment will be at 9:00 am and will run through 12:30 pm. A sign up sheet will be available in our newly renovated Narthex so start looking for it while you enjoy our new surroundings.

Look also for the announcements plus more information in our further correspondence. If you have any questions direct them to Phillip Laquinta or call the office for more details.



Shrove Tuesday Help Needed

For the past decade Faith Anglican has supported the East African relief mission of the Benedictines of Christ the King. Each year Brother Kirt Gerber OSB has come here from Chicago to preach and share stories and information about the progress of medical facilities in Kenya supported, in part, by our donations. A large part of that support is raised at the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and silent auction.

Shrove Tuesday will be on February 17, 2015. A volunteer committee is needed to share the planning and work. Kitchen Volunteers are needed to set up, cook, serve and clean up. A team to set up tables and put them away is needed on Sunday night after AWANA and Tuesday night. People are needed to arrange and price items on the tables on Monday and Tuesday. It is very helpful to have someone who has experience with online selling to help price and sell special items. Everyone can help by donating one or two nice items or services. Jill Amos' two fabulous special-order baked goods have brought excellent prices. What can you offer? Annette Kersting

Epiphany Kick-Off

Sunday, January 4th, will be the Epiphany breakfast marking the beginning of Sunday School. Elementary age children will meet in their Sunday School room and will continue the Gospel Project curriculum studying Jesus' teachings. The Youth will meet in the youth room and will continue to study the ACNA Catechism. Adults will meet in the Ministry Center and will continue their study of Luke. Breakfast will be served in the Ministry Center at 9:15AM and Sunday School will begin promptly at 9:30AM.

Sunday Night Youth Crew & AWANA

Youth Crew and AWANA will continue to be 4-6PM on Sunday nights at Faith beginning January 11th. AWANA is designed for Children ages 3 through 6th Grade and focuses on Bible verse memorization and learning what it means to be a Christian. Youth Crew is designed for Middle and High School students. We will be studying the Book of James followed by Paul's letter to the Philippians.



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Service Times:
Sunday:
 Holy Eucharist8:10/10:30am
 Sunday School9:30am

Wednesday:
 Supper6:30pm
 Programs 7:15pm

All articles for The Vine are due in the office the *second Monday* of the month, send to:
newsletter@faithanglicanchurch.org

Feeding the Flock: Wednesday Nights at Faith – 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Come enjoy a relaxing evening of food, fellowship, and spiritual nurture. Suppers are provided (suggested donation \$5). Our January schedule includes:

<p>Epiphany Worship 7:00 PM (No Supper)</p>	<p>The Epiphany is one of the seven Principal Feast Days for the church. Why is it so important? It is the revealing of Christ to the Gentiles! It is God Himself choosing to reveal himself to sinners. Come worship!</p>	
<p>That the World May Know: No Greater Love</p>	<p><i>That the World May Know</i> is a powerful teaching series of faith lessons with video teachings from the Holy Land by Biblical Archeologist Ray Vander Laan. Each session has a 18-31 minute video and time for teaching and discussion. This faith lesson focuses on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and how to be the bride of Christ.</p>	
<p>Testimony Night</p>	<p>To be arranged. Look for details to come.</p>	
<p>That the World May Know: The Rabbi</p>	<p>This faith lesson shows how the Kingdom life Jesus modeled for us is very different from the lifestyle of the Jewish Zealots and how Jesus taught in the first century rabbinic style.</p>	