

Faith Lutheran Church

The Parish News

This Month's Message from Pastor Josh Davis

I've always loved books (if you've been in my office, you probably could have guessed that). From a very young age, I looked forward with eagerness for trips to the library so that I could fill up my book sack with a new stack of reading material. Books taught me about scientific discoveries and historical events; books helped me learn about interesting people and places; books could take me to a different world filled with fantastical creatures and events.

The Bible is more than simply a book – it is the very Word of God, living and active in our lives even today. But we do experience it in book form. In fact, we could say that **the Bible is a book full of books** – books that teach us the history of God's people; books that tell us about interesting persons and places; books that contain extraordinary visions; but, best of all, books that tell us the Good News of God's love for the world and direct us toward our Savior, Jesus Christ. Reading these books, this Book, actually changes us, because God works in and through His Word. And reading God's Word regularly is a habit worth starting if you haven't already.

I'm excited to share with **you a resource that we hope will help you and your kids study the Bible, learn more about it and grow in your walk with Jesus: Our newly redesigned church library.** For months, DCE Leah Werling has been working on updating, arranging, and redecorating Vicki Fisher's former office (which is north of the periodical table in the south hallway) to serve as our new church library. On its

shelves you will find Bibles and Bible story books for kids, Bible study helps for those digging deeper, biographies and histories, resources for spiritual growth, topical material to deal with tough issues, and a variety of children's books. We plan to be continually updating the resources available there, so you can come back again and again to see what's new.

For now, we're using the honor system for checkouts. If you take a book with you, please sign your name in the binder that sits on the table in that room. Then, when you return the book so someone else can use and appreciate it, you can mark "returned" in that same binder. I hope you'll get the chance to check out the library – **it is a lovely place to sit and read in a quiet corner of our building.** And if you have questions about the process, or suggestions of books to add to our shelves, please talk to one of our staff members; we'd be happy to hear from you!

The New FLC Library



Enjoy the sunshine in our new library!
Room 100 is a lovely place to sit and read
in a quiet corner of our building.

Contact us at:

402-462-5044

Visit us at:

AFamilyofFaith.com

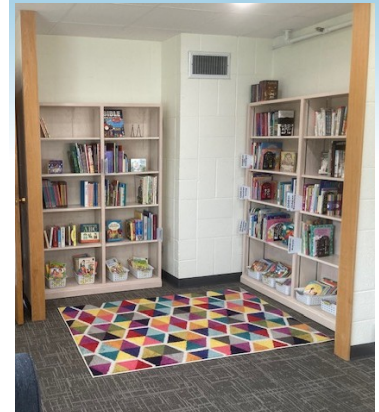
For your calendars:

10/4 Short-Term Service Trip
Informational Meeting

10/8 Children sing in church
4pm Hayride
5pm LLL Rally
@ Trinity-Blue Hill

10/10 GriefShare: Loss of a
Spouse

10/22 Voters' Meeting



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October

News & Notes

Priscilla Circle - October 3, 1:00pm in Rm 102-103.

All women are welcome to join us for this month's meeting of Priscilla Circle.

Short-Term Trip Meeting—October 4, 7:30pm in Rm 102-103. For any adults interested in going on a short-term service trip. See details on page 3.

TheoPub - October 5, 6:30pm at Steeple Brewing.

All men (21 & over) are invited to join others for informal Bible Study and Christian fellowship.

Fall Hayride—October 8, 4:00pm at Buss's Home
See details on page 3.

YAM Bible Study - October 12, 6:30pm

All young adults, 18-30ish, are invited to join us for a Bible Study on prayer. Call DCE Leah for meeting details.

Book Club - October 12, 7:00pm at Dally's on South Street. We'll be discussing - *Jaber Crow* by Wendell Berry. If you'd like to join the group, contact Deanna Dirks for more information.

Voters' Meeting - October 22, 11:45am

The quarterly voters' meeting will be held after late service in the Nave.

Bible Study for Women - October 26, 6:30pm

at *Rivals*. All women (21 & over) are invited to join together for a time of lively fellowship and informal Bible Study.



Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.
(Hebrews 13:7 ESV)

October has been designated by the
Board of Lay Ministers as

Staff Appreciation Month

for the entire church staff.

You are invited to extend a word of thanks
or place a card in the basket at the Welcome Desk
on any Sunday in October.

Staff Appreciation Committee,
Ellen Jank, Denise Koch, and Jocelyn Rundle

Prayers

Health & Healing

Recently included in our prayers:

Jeff Bachman, Della Bader, Lynn DeVries, Michele Overy, and Jennie Theesen.

We continue our prayers for:

Vicki Fisher, Carter Johnson, Julie Kempf, Bob Matthies, Carolyn Prauner, Roger Struss, Melissa Svoboda, and Paul Wathen.

Celebrations

We rejoice over a baby boy born to Jordan and Jill Schmidt.

We give thanks with Alex and Samantha (Karr) Keller on their recent wedding, and with Dave & Lynette Wojahn on their 40th anniversary.

We give thanks with Ardell Jugert for 95 years of life.

Sympathy

We pray for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially:

Deanna Haase, Melissa Svoboda and family at the loss of Deanna's husband, Dave; John J. Uhrich, John W. Uhrich and Susan Armes at the loss of John J.'s sister; Carol Krause at the loss of her sister; Jeff Schutte at the loss of his brother; and Crystal Brown, Tammy Carver, Becky Deitz and family at the death of their father, Len Grummert.

CHESTNUT CORNER

BAZAAR

November 11, 2023

8am - 1pm

837 Chestnut

- Service silent auction
- Basket silent auction
- Cookie Walk
- Pies & Goodies
- Christmas Once Again with huge collections of cardinals and snowmen
- Cafe serving breakfast and lunch

Fall Hayride October 8th from 4:00-6:00pm at the Buss's Home

Faith family and friends are invited to join us for food, games, and a hayride at the Buss Farm. Please bring a chair and a potluck item to share. Sign up in the forum or contact the church office by October 1st.

*We are looking for straw or hay bales to borrow for our hayride. Please contact DCE Leah if you have any you would be willing to let us use.



Short-Term Service Trip Interest Gathering Meeting

October 4, 2023 at 7:30pm

We will meet to discuss service opportunities our congregation has done in the past and get your input on our next trip. We will meet in Room 102-103 (the south classroom).

Website Sponsors

September's website was sponsored in honor of Ardell Jugert's 95th birthday, and October's website was sponsored by Dave & Lynette Wojahn in honor of their 40th anniversary. If you would like to sponsor the church website for a month (\$40) please call the church office at 402-462-5044.



LOOKING AHEAD...

80+ Fellowship Meal

Those aged 80 and above, and their spouses, are invited to join us at noon in the Fellowship Hall on November 5th for a complimentary fellowship meal served by the high school youth. RSVP to the church office, 402-462-5044, by October 22nd. The church bus is available to take you home following the meal for any needing a ride.

Serving with Faith We need you!

Calls are currently underway to fill service rosters and council positions for 2024. Please prayerfully consider giving the gift of your time by serving the Lord in His house.

Community News

GriefShare

GriefShare is offering several one-time programs this Fall — one especially for people who are grieving the death of a spouse and another to help all grieving persons plan for the holidays. Please register at www.griefshare.org.



Loss of a Spouse

Tuesday, Oct 10
9:00—11:00am
Faith Lutheran
9th & Chestnut
(west door)

Wednesday, Oct 18
10:00—12:00pm
Good Samaritan
Community Center
Card Room

Surviving the Holidays

First St. Paul's Youth & Family Ministry Center
4th Street & Lexington Avenue (west door)

Thursday, Nov 9
6:30—8:30pm

Saturday, Dec 9
9:00—11:00am

LLL Fall Rally

Sunday October 8, 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church—Blue Hill
Guest Speaker: TBD
Contact Jim Kershner by October 1st
Registration 5:00pm. Meal at 6:00pm.
Cost: \$ 12.00

Thank You

Thank you for letting us have our wedding at my home church and for all the preparation leading up to it. There truly is no church like ours.

~Alex & Samantha Karr

Thank you for donating your box tops, Best Choice barcodes, and Russ's/Allen's receipts to God Made Me Preschool. A bin is located on the periodical table in the south hall for this year's items. Last year's donation proceeds went to purchasing toys, including: a 3-sided easel, a volcano, tumbler tracks, a pack of learning sets, and a chicken embryo set.

~Becky Conway

To our Faith Family, Thank you so very much for all the cards, notes, wishes, and thoughts on our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We also want to thank you all for the numerous thoughts and prayers over the last several months for Justys, Paul, & Pat. We are so blessed by all of you.

~Paul & Pat Wathen

Thank you to my Faith family for the prayers, cards, calls and visits while I was in the hospital and since returning home. God has truly blessed me with my Faith family. God's blessings to you!

~Della Bader



The Children are Singing in Church October 8th at both services

Children 3 years old through 6th grade will be singing in church on Sunday, October 8th. Kids are encouraged to sing at the service they normally attend.



REMINDER: Registration deadline for the High School District Youth Gathering is October 1st. Don't wait, get yours in today.



Sunday, October 1st
2:00 PM @ Pastime Lanes

Cost: \$6.00 for bowling and shoes
Bring a friend and get ready for some extreme bowling!

For more info call: DCE Wade Johnson
402-462-5044



Middle School

Summer Servant Trip Meeting

6th - 8th grade students and parents are invited to a meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:30pm.



Rake N' Run

Sunday, October 29th
1 - 3PM

Meet at the Church.

Bring a good rake, a parent with a car to drive, a friend from your circle, and be **ready to** have some fun working.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The Children's Christmas Program, "It's a Big Deal" is just around the corner! Participants include any child aged preschool through 6th grade. Sunday and Weekday school teachers, we need your help!* Anyone else who is interested in helping please contact DCE Wade.

**All Sunday School and Weekday school teachers please plan on helping during your classroom time, for both Saturday rehearsals, and during the program.*

REHEARSALS:

Sundays 9:15-9:30am starting October 15 (during Sunday School)
Wednesdays 7:15-7:30pm November 8 & 15 (during WOW School)

Saturday 10:00am—12:00pm December 2 & 9

PROGRAM:

Sunday, December 10, 2:00pm

Sunday School Offerings

This month's offerings will be used to sponsor our compassion child, Freddy Victorio Sanchez Sanchez. Please remember Freddy in your prayers. Your love and support will help him to receive the assistance he needs to grow and develop.



August Perfect Attendance

Sunday School –

Pre-School: Emersyn Bohlen, Brady Henkel, Pria Strand.

Kindergarten: Theodore Stickels.

1st: Autumn Davis, Stella Jones.

Adult Bible Study

Sundays

LOVE IN CHAOS BY BOB GOFF: GOOD NEWS FOR A DIVIDED CULTURE [C-101]

- Room 102-103. This is a 6-session study. Led by DCE Wade Johnson.

We don't have to look far to see division in our world. And in many ways, we are confused, angry, and disillusioned by all the chaos we're experiencing. How should Christians respond to the chaos? What does it look like to live faithfully in these strange and challenging times? Learn what it looks like to follow Jesus and obey His commands even in a time of chaos.

BASIC BIBLE TRUTHS [E-100] - Room 11

This class is for those who want to become members of Faith Lutheran Church and for those wanting a review of our faith and teachings. Led by Pastor Josh Davis.

THE SUNDAY LESSONS [E-100] - Fellowship Hall

Studying the Sunday Lessons meets each Sunday morning to explore the Bible readings and to give participants a chance to ask those unasked questions.

Tuesdays

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - Russ's Market at 7:00am; done promptly at 7:50am.

Gather each week for coffee or breakfast. We are watching and discussing Season 3 of the video series, "THE CHOSEN".

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The Book of Romans part 1- Lisa Bulas' House, Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm. This is an 11-session study.

The book of Romans is considered by many to be one of the most important books ever written on the Christian faith. Writing to Christians, the apostle Paul defines the gospel, explores its depths, and discusses its significance and implications for the Christian life. We'll walk step-by-step through the first half of Paul's letter to the Romans to discover its relevance and encounter the power of the gospel.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: James—Faith That Works - Room 11, Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm Sept 12—Nov 14. This is a 9-week study with weekly homework (we won't meet Oct 31).

We all want a faith that won't let us down in times of trouble or loss, uncertainty or fear. A faith that can pull us through the worst—and best—times in our lives. This is the kind of faith that James writes about. It is the faith that we practice day by day. Studying James will help us grow a steadfast faith that can carry us through life.

Wednesdays

MORNING BIBLE STUDY [P-200] meets in Room 11 at 9:00am.

Pastor Dunbar leads the group. This is a time of prayer, devotion, and sermon discussion. All are welcome to be a part of this wonderful group of friends.

WHO'S UP FOR A CHALLENGE WITH PASTOR PAUL? [E-400] - Room 11 at 6:30 pm.

Join Pastor Paul for a wide-angle view of 16 Old Testament books in 12 weeks. The challenge is for class members to read an entire book a week—Genesis up through Nehemiah. In addition, the plan is to offer a quiz each week on basic information—author, major themes and characters, one Bible verse you've memorized—so that between now and Advent, you'd be able to share from memory a basic explanation of what these 16 historical books of the Bible are about. I'm excited about the challenge and I hope I'll find a few takers.



Key to Adult Bible Studies

C= Cultural

contemporary issue/
current event

E= Exegetical

study of the Bible

H= Historical

chronological study

P= Practical

a specific issue or
practice in life

100 level

No prior knowledge of
subject needed

200 level

Some basic Biblical
knowledge helpful

300 level

More challenging and
uses own Bible

400 level

Homework and a "dig
deep" attitude



Young Adult Ministry

YAM is a group for young men and women, ages 18-30, who want to learn more about God through scripture, connect their faith and life, and develop meaningful relationships. It provides opportunities for you to meet other young people in our congregation through Bible study, service opportunities, and social events. *YAM meets from 6:30-8:30pm on the second Thursday of each month.*

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Our Mission Statement: Faith Lutheran Church is the body of Christ,
called to be the caring hands and loving voice of Christ in this world.

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