

Welcome

We're glad you're here! You are invited to fill out a blue welcome card from the pew rack and place it in the offering basket. Please don't feel obligated to make a donation during our offering. Join us for refreshments after church in the Fellowship Hall (go left as you exit).

April 22, 2018

This Week

Today:

8:45 am Morning Prayer - Rm 2
9:30 am Worship
10:55 am Choir
11:00 am Church School
11:10 am Adult Church School

Mon:

6:30 pm Prayer Group
6:55 pm Women's Bible Study Fellowship

Tues:

7:00 pm Ministry Board

Fri: 6:30 pm STIR Escape Room

Prayer Commitment - Andy & Tine V, Albania

Opportunities to Serve

Offerings: NEXT SUNDAY: 1) Benevolence 2) Luke Society

Greeters & Coffee Servers: GEMS NEXT WEEK: Dave & Wilma P, Sheryl R, Neal & Nancy M

Roving: Fred H, Dawn T NEXT WEEK: Sheryl R, Tim S

After Church: Tim S, Ken H, Bill G NEXT WEEK: Brad W, Dawn T, Gary T

Librarian: Alice W NEXT WEEK: Jane Z

Ushers: Alex H, Ken H, Bernie S NEXT WEEK: Derk D, Morgan A, Ken S

Nursery: Penny D, Jan F, Marley B NEXT WEEK: Jan B, Tani K, Kelsey W

Walk-Out Worship: Amy & Andie S NEXT WEEK: Tom & Cindy V

Our Church Family

Kyle & Andrea D and their daughter Emden will be officially welcomed as members of Faith Church today.

Neal and Nancy M are grandparents again! Peter Fredrick M was born healthy last Sunday to their daughter Katie and her husband, David M.

Pastor Dan B will be starting his next STM assignment at Comstock CRC in Kalamazoo, MI on May 1. Praise God for providing for Dan and Mary. Their new address will be:

Announcements

New Deacons & Elders were selected last week. They are: Rich D (to serve the remaining 2 years of Tim S's term), Wes S, and Karen V as deacons, and Jim D and Glenda V as elders. Ordination and installation will take place next Sunday. Thank you to Bryan S, Julie V, Debra V, John A, Neal M, and Tom V who agreed to have their names up for nomination.

The council met last Tuesday, receiving reports from Property, Worship and Pastor Chris. It was noted Ministry Board and Outreach will be meeting in the next week or two. Pastor Chris told of his goals as he starts his ministry at Faith. It's important to connect with all of the members to partner in Ministry - currently targeting the young adults and members with small children. March financial report is available in outer office and we hope the congregation likes the quarterly statement found in mailboxes. Ministry shares for 1st quarter were paid. March attendance averaged 158. Discussed the possibility of restarting the Cadet club, need to see if there is any interest. Thanked retiring council members for their service - Jerry, Gary, Dawn, John H., John D., Mark and Tim. As always, we closed in prayer and sang the Doxology. Adjourned to May 15, 2018.

STIR Derby test track: Test your pinewood derby cars on Thursday from 7-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can run them down the track and make your adjustments as needed.

A Love INC client needs a twin, full and queen mattress pad; we hope to give the bedding on Saturday. To donate, please put the items in the box in Room 1 and let Cindy V know.

Pictorial Directory: A new pictorial church directory is being planned but we need 1 or 2 more people to help. Please contact Barb H.

Walk Out Worship needs scraps of velvet or velour. Please put them in Nancy G's mailbox.

Shipwrecked VBS: Sign up today on the bulletin board in the hall to help with Vacation Bible School this summer, July 9-13 from 6-8:30 pm. See Julie V or Carla W.

Offerings: *Faith GEMS* – a club for girls in grades 2-8; *GEMS Girls' Clubs* is a global ministry, active in 17 countries to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ!

Tinley Park Food Pantry donations of non-perishable food will be collected next Sunday.

Faith Library News: Music CDs and Bible Reference books are still available for a suggested donation of \$1.00 each, which would be used to buy new library resources. Also, if you want to recommend a book or DVD from Faith's library, ask for a star sticker, write a brief statement about why you liked it, and display it in the case. Share your favorites with others at Faith.

Adult Church School will finish our season with a 3-part video, "Paul The Apostle", filmed in the Moroccan desert. It should complement Pastor's sermon series on Acts.

Worship Service: 9:30 am

3rd Sunday of Eastertide

April 22, 2018

GEMS Sunday

Message Notes

GEMS 2018

In HIS Steps

1 John 2:6 (page 1899)

Prelude

Christ Candle enters

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

*Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn: *God Is Here*

*Song of Praise: *How Great Is Our God*

GEMS Aim and Theme

Confession and Assurance of Pardon – 1 John 5:5-10

Guide to Grateful Living – *In His Steps*

Gems Year Report

Offerings: 1) Faith GEMS 2) GEMS International

ABC'S of Who We Are in Jesus – GEMS & Counselors, Past & Present

(Children age 3-K leave for Walk-Out Worship downstairs; guests welcome!)

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Welcome

Prayers of The People

Bible Reading: 1 John 2:3-6 (page 1899)

Message: "In His Steps"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: *Lead Me, Guide Me*

*Blessing

*Closing Song: *I Have Decided* (congregation joins on chorus)

Postlude

Message: Pastor Chris

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1. Remember who Jesus is—His love, words, and ways!

Read God's Word. From cover to cover, we see Jesus! That's the panoramic view. If you want to see Him with greater clarity, read and reread the Gospels. To tighten that focus narrower still—read, study, and—yes, even memorize—the Sermon on the Mount.

**What are some things that you may do to become (re)acquainted with Jesus?*

2. Remember who Jesus says you are!

Think on your true identity! Remind yourself (and one another) who you are in Jesus! We are accepted, beloved, cherished, and enough. And there's more! These things are true not because we have it all together, but because of who we are in Him! Our true identity, value, worth, and purpose are found in Christ and outlined in His Word. Let's always be mindful of who He says we really are!

**What might Jesus have to say to you and about you? Are you listening?*

3. Remember, remember, step. Walk toward Jesus!

There's no formula for our relationship with Jesus. As you walk in intimate relationship with Him, your life of discipleship is going to look unique

No formula! But here are three questions to consider.

- Are you wholeheartedly willing and ready to live as Jesus did?
- What does your relationship with Jesus look like? If there is a difference between where your relationship with Jesus is today and where you'd like it to be, what would that require of you (knowing Jesus will do His part)?
- How are you going to follow Him?

Upcoming Worship Services

Apr. 29 9:30 am "Continuing the Wonder" Acts 3:1-10 COMMUNION

May 6 9:30 am "Community – Life & Death Together" Acts 4:32-41