

Faith Lutheran in Enid is beginning a study on the new ELCA and Social Statement in partnership with YWCA to hold the study at their facility and make it open to the public. There is some excitement generating as the YWCA is helping getting the word out in their communication network.

Zion Lutheran in Perry has been working on a building project for about the last 2 years for new classrooms and bathrooms and are seeing the project end which begins the jumping point for new ministries.

In the Shared Ministry overall with Pastor Peter (Faith, Zion, and St. Paul in Marshall) they have just completed an Online Bible Study with congregations from Oklahoma, Iowa and Minnesota and looking forward to possibly doing more.

Salem Lutheran Church in Stillwater dedicated the renovation of its Nave including new stain glass windows, a hand-blown glass baptismal bowl and worship furniture designed and handmade by a parishioner. Salem partnered with other community churches and leaders to help sponsor the local Martin Lutheran King Jr. Day observance as well as a recent panel discussion on racial justice issues in Stillwater. A new ministry venture is 'Faith Sisters', which invites monthly conversations between six Salem women and six women from the local mosque on matters of faith. Last summer, the Salem Youth did a service week with Youthworks at a Navajo reservation in New Mexico.

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bartlesville has partnered with Family Promise Washington County (FPWPC) to be a host congregation. FPWPC is a nonprofit and non-denominational organization for families in transition. A host congregation provides overnight lodging, meals and hospitality for a week and does this up to four times a year. Last month Our Savior hosted two families for the Family Promise and after Easter hosted a huge garage sale for Pack the Back Packs for Washington County.

Prince of Peace in Ponca City, for the last 25 years, has provided a team of volunteers that cook and serve meals at the Friendship Feast, a program that feeds the homeless and those in need of meals in the community. They feed anywhere from 30 to 140 people. They are beginning community work with Food for Kids Backpack Program that delivers food to those in need for the weekend and are exploring other needs that the children in the community and address. They offer a Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper to raise funds for people that need medical and/or other kinds of assistance.

Immanuel Lutheran Church worked at the Love Inc. Food Pantry at a Thrivent Action Team Project and partner with the First United Methodist Church in Cushing for a monthly community

feeding. Through a Living God's Abundance grant the church purchased wifi and a refurbished computer which allows them to partner in Bible Studies and in streaming the studies as well as inviting the rural community to use the wifi system for general needs and payment of bills. As soon as they complete their study on The Cross they are moving into "The Color of Fear" as part of their racial justice work and study. They have plans to invite a local Native American or African descent congregation to partner with for their next Feed My Starving Children Event and hopefully work together to raise funds for it in the fall. They have begun a community garden and are inviting the community to join in the care and harvesting.

The cluster congregations were active in Feed My Starving Children this last January. Immanuel has been active in partnering with the leaders of FMSC in this endeavor. In September the cluster gathered at the Synod Mission Center for a "God's Work, Our Hands" clean up project and pizza.

Then in November we gathered Salem for a Marty's Party to celebrate Martin Luther's birthday and to kick off the 500th year after the reformation with fellowship, trivia questions, food and worship. We continue to work on a progressive letter to share from congregation to congregation. There is a future project in the planning stages to build a quilt wall hanging representing all the congregations along with hopefully a spring worship and fellowship event. We continue to use our Cluster 4 Facebook page to make communication easier within the Cluster.

Blessings of Peace and Grace

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