



The Faith Lutheran Newsletter is a monthly publication of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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From Pastor Scudder's Desk

Weekly Schedule:

- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 8:15 am
- Divine Service 9:30 am
- D & T Classes Sundays 11:00am
- Confirmation & Ark classes Wednesdays @ 6:00-6:50pm 5th & 7th grade
- Thursday Men's Bible Study 6:00am

Special Activities:

- Board of Ed. February 5 @ 7:00pm
- Board of Elders February 8 @ 7:00pm
- Church Council February 13 @ 7:30pm

Lutheran Hour
7 a.m.

Sunday—KILJ FM 105.5

KOKX 95.3 10:30 a.m.

On April Fool's day (April 1st) we will celebrate the greatest "joke" ever played on Satan and his minions. They thought they'd won! We will celebrate the greatest news that the world has ever heard. The resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! What a wonderful way to begin the season of new life (spring). What a wonderful message to share with a world that has been sitting in the darkness and death of sin.

The hymn writer, Daniel March, wrote these words in regards to telling the Good News of Jesus Christ: **"If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion's wall, pointing out the path to heaven, off'ring life and peace to all, with your prayers and with your bounties, you can do what God demands; you can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet's hands."** (LSB 826, V. 3)

Not all of us are

able or gifted to go knock on doors to share our faith. Not all of us can or want to stand on a box on a street corner proclaiming whatever we want to proclaim. But, we all have friends or acquaintances that don't go to church and haven't heard the Good News of Easter. **THE** best and most effective method of evangelism has always been personal invitation. Below you will find a "form" that you can clip and give to friend that might be interested in joining or just finding out what the Lutheran church believes, teaches, and confesses. Try it and see if it works! Thanks for your help!

The Lord be with you! ... Amen.

Pastor Scudder

Have you ever wondered about these questions?

1. Does God really care for me?
2. How can the Bible guide and free me?
3. How can Jesus save me?
4. How does the Holy Spirit work in my life?
5. What is Baptism?
6. What is Holy Communion?

Faith Lutheran Church offers an adult information class that will address these questions. The class will meet as needed. The day and time are negotiable. If there is a better day and time for you let us know. You will not be required to join Faith Lutheran Church but, that will be available to you when the class is completed. Please call the church office at 385-8427 or just come if you are interested! Faith Lutheran Church is located at 910 E. Mapleleaf Dr. in Mt. Pleasant.



SonShine Academy News

Things are filling up fast in our preschool classes for the fall of 2018. Our PreK class is full. Our morning 3yr old class is full. We have two openings left in our afternoon 3yr. Old class. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling, please tell them

to contact the preschool right away. Our winter programs went very well. The children did fantastic!! March 19-22 Son Shine will have our parent teacher conferences. Son shine will be on Easter break March 30-April 3.



Thank you for you continued support of the SonShine script program. When you purchase the Hy Vee Gift Cards & Certificates, the preschool will receive 10% for the shopping cards, & 15% for the certificates. Someone from the preschool board will be selling the cards and certificates after church, each Sunday, or you can stop in at the office Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am–Noon.

March Duties:

Elders

Marty George
Dennis Janssen

Altar Guild

Whitney Vantiger

Acolytes

3/4 Brody McCall
3/11 Carson Andreasen
3/18 Katie Bacher
3/25 Isaac Lehman

Ushers

Gregg Hall
Tanner Ruby
Kirk Hillman
Dave Towne

Coffee Servers

3/4
3/11
3/18
3/25

A big THANK YOU to all members who served as organists, ushers, and coffee servers last month. This is just another part of STEWARDSHIP in action at Faith.

Serving Next Month

Elders

Jeremy Andreasen
Kirk Hillman

Altar Guild

Melissa Bacher

Acolytes

4/1 Early—Katie Bacher
4/1 Late- Brody McCall
4/8 Carson Andreasen
4/15 Isaac Lehman
4/22 Katie Bacher
4/29 Brody McCall

Youth News (Grades 6-12)

Youth Group will not meet in March. We will be serving Easter Breakfast in April. So mark your calendars now.



Old Thresher Committee is donating \$1,000 for Take Away Hunger. We are challenging the congregation to donate a \$1,000 also so we can donate \$2,000 to Take Away Hunger. There is a donation basket in the narthex outside the sanctuary for donations. Help us reach our goal. Also the congregation will be filling Take Away Hunger sacks on April 8. We will need 30 people to help fill the sacks. So please sign up to help



Please include in your prayers this month March

-  3/4 Myar Rodgers daughter of Angie & Tyler
-  3/11 Lindsey Steele daughter of Greg & Nicole
-  3/18 Michael & Meghan son & daughter of Thomas & Kristina
-  3/25 Camden Genkinger son of Jami & Andrew

Each week there will be a family listed in the bulletin these are Son Shine families, please add them to your prayer list.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Melinda Lyon
- 2 Vivian Hildebrand
- 8 Jady Vongsavath
- 9 Derek Meinen
- 9 Darin Meinen
- 11 Matt Moffitt
- 12 David Huene
- 16 Tawnia Schwarting
- 17 Beriet Moffitt
- 17 Kara Rodgers
- 19 Lincoln Cornell
- 19 Chandra Edwards
- 22 Dean Anderson
- 24 Melissa Bacher
- 28 Carol Anderson
- 29 Kirk Hillman
- 30 Oliver Moffitt

LWML NEWS

LWML will have a Bible Study on March 8 @ 7:00pm. Hostess will be Shari Moeller. Remember all ladies are part of LWML and are welcome to join us. Reminder Mite Box Sunday is the last Sunday of the Month.

The Birthday Song

**A glad and Happy
Birthday,
we wish to you our
friends.
May God our heavenly
Father,
a birthday blessing send.
A happy, happy birthday,
all beautiful with love.
And bright with many
blessings,
from our dear Lord above.**

NEW SELECTION

Remember to check out the **Christian card selection** in the hallway. Cards for every occasion. Birthday, get well anniversary, holidays, and much more. Only \$.50 per card.

**Question:**

Kids Corner

Is Jupiter stormy?
Fire and hail, snow
and clouds; stormy
wind, fulfilling His word
(Psalm 148:8)

Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system. Unlike Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars, Jupiter is a giant gas planet, but deep inside it is likely made of rock and metallic gasses that have been compressed and solidified. The stripes that appear on the planet are actually generated by strong winds. Because of its gas composition and strong winds, it is prone to massive storms.

The biggest storm on Jupiter is called the Great Red Spot, and it appears as a large red spot on the planet. It's a storm that has been raging for a long time—it has been observed continuously since the 1800's. Imagine being stuck inside your house for an almost 200 year long storm! We are not sure if God created Jupiter with the Great Red Spot storm, or if the storm started after God initially created everything. There would not be a problem in a perfect world before Adam and Eve sinned to have a storm like this on a planet that doesn't have life.

Jupiter is actually a rather hot planet. It gives off more heat energy than it receives. This is important because some people incorrectly think that Jupiter is billions of years old. If it were, it should have cooled off by now. But if it were created about 6000 years ago, this explains why it still has heat to give off.

Next months question:

What are comets and what are they made of?

Bible References:

Genesis 1:7, 5:3-5

Remember kids, if you have a question about God, the Bible, Church, please write it down and place it in Pastor Scudder's mailbox, or e-mail it to him at pastorscuddermr@gmail.com

MEET YOUR ELDER

I was born in Emmetsburg, Iowa to Missouri Synod Lutheran parents who took great care to make sure I attended church on a regular basis through my childhood and adolescence. This was, at times, difficult for me, but now I see it as a tremendous gift given by my parents. I am very grateful for their perseverance.

After graduation from high school, I attended a technical college in Sheldon, Iowa where I met my wife, Sandra. I know that I am not smart enough to have chosen her as my wife on my own. I now know that God's hand was in that union. We married in 1977 and have two sons, Christopher and Nicholas, whom we are very proud of. We also have four grandchildren to spoil when we can.

I started working in the gypsum wallboard industry for Georgia Pacific Corporation in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, Grand Rapids Michigan, and Buchanan, New York. During this time I was a Plant Engineer and Maintenance Superintendent. We decided to move back to Iowa and I found a position with the Dial Corporation in Ft. Madison, Iowa making canned meat products. I worked there for 10 years doing maintenance and engineering for the sterilization process, high speed packaging, and automated warehousing. An opportunity came my way and I began working for Roquette America, Inc. in Keokuk, Iowa in 1993. I worked there starting up an automation group along with electrical maintenance and construction management for the plant, followed by the position of Director of Maintenance for the Keokuk facility and their plant at Gurnee, Illinois. After a company-wide reorganization, I moved to production and ran about 45% of the facility including milling, co-products, starch production, utilities, and waste water treatment. I finished my industrial career in safety and environmental areas focusing on process safety management, highly hazardous chemical management, radiation safety, security, and waste management.

For many years I had planned to have one career "outside of industry". I finally achieved that goal by starting a (very) small business making wood products, doing custom sawing, and selling hard wood lumber. I had planned this for several years and worked to achieve my "second master's degree" which is a Master Woodworking degree from the Marc Adams School of Woodworking in Franklin, Indiana. I now enjoy being a self-employed furniture maker. Well, at least I try...

Sandra experienced a serious illness in 2016 and through reading a book given to her by another cancer survivor, she realized we needed to focus on progressing in our spiritual journeys. After a great deal of discussion and prayer, we decided to leave a church we had been involved with for 30 years. We have found a strong desire to fulfill our faith through studying God's word and applying it to our personal lives. We have both gone back to the denominations we were raised in. By daily studying of God's word and applying it, we are reminded of the great gift Christ gave freely. We find that we want to serve our church families and others in this world that may need our help.

I look forward to being a part of a wonderful church family at Faith Lutheran Church and hope to meet all of you as time progresses

Dennis

WOW

The Quarryman's Bride

by Tracie Peterson

@ home of Jan Lange

March 26, 7:00 p.m.

Youth Group Leader Needed

The board of Education is looking for a new Youth Leader or Co-Youth Leaders If you are interested please let the Board of Education or Pastor know as soon as possible. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Youth Leader as the youth are the future of our church.

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Church Council Meeting, February 13, 2018

Call to order: President Marc Moeller called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The following members were present: Matt Moffitt, Pastor Scudder, Claudia Eldridge, John Vantiger, Don Lange, Marty George, Harvey Ungerman, Fred Huene, Tracy Bloebaum and later joined by Greg Hall.

-Devotions/prayer: Pastor led devotions by reading from Psalms 51:1-13, called the Psalm of Instruction, followed by prayer.

Report of Officers:-Pastor's report: Pastor reported on the Circuit Pastors Conference which was held today. It helped to prepare for Lent, which will begin with Ash Wednesday service, at 7 pm tomorrow, Feb.14. The theme this year is "Return from Exile" from Joel, chapter 2. Adult Instruction has only two or three more meetings with the Yoders. They are the first family from our Preschool mission.

-**President's report:** none

-**Vice President's report:** none

-**Secretary's report:** printed previously

-**Treasurer's report:** Don reported from the Profit/Loss sheet. Contributions: \$19,500 (\$18,700 was budgeted) which was about \$730.00 above budgeted amount. Spent: \$18,400, which was \$350.00 under budget amount. The following were over budget, but not really a concern: adult Ed, Sunday school, and advertising, snow removal, property insurance, Workman's Comp (total paid at the first of the year, worship supplies. Mortgage is now about \$49,000 and will be paid off in June, 2020. We do have good balances in the following account which could be used in an emergency situation: Memorials, Helping Hands, Thrivent financial, Digital, and Bank Interest. All bills have been paid. Motion to accept this report was made by Matt, seconded by Claudia. Passed.

-**Financial Secretary's report:** none

Board Reports: -**Elders' report:** Marty reported on the last Elder meeting. There was Bible study, and discussion of Sarah's letter about the Preschool. Since it has been four years since the last Church Directory, they will proceed with doing another one after Easter.

-**Trustee's report:** John reported that a new flag for in front of the Sanctuary has been ordered and received. Two faucets in the kitchen will be replaced. Pastor will talk with John Housman to see if he will head the Tree Committee to get it established. Pastor suggested one elder, one trustee and one from the BOE plus two others serve on this committee.

-**Board of Ed report:** Tracy reported that Joe Ruby has volunteered to head VBS again this year. Still need Youth leaders.

-**Son Shine report:** none

Standing Committee reports: -Old Thresher's report: Marty reported on the OT meeting. Take Away Hunger will be on April 8. We have pledged \$1000 from OT and hope to gain another \$1000 from contributions. Sign-up sheets are in the entrance and donation basket is in the back of the church for this. T-shirts will be available for ordering at the end of March through May 1st. Shirts are \$12.00 for all sizes and Angie Winslow (Janette Ross' daughter) will be doing them for us. We are working on the mission statement and thank you's for donations are posted.

-**Memorial report:** none

Special Committee reports: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Next Council meeting date: March 13, 2018 @ 7:30 pm

Adjournment / Closing: Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Eldridge, secretary