

Following Faith

The Monthly Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church

April 2014



AN EXAM IN LOGIC

Recently I read a recollection by a student who wrote about his very last college test -- a final in Logic Class. Since the class was known for its difficult exams, all the pupils were somewhat relieved when their professor of Logic offered his students some aid. He told them that they could bring as much information to the exam as they could fit on a piece of notebook paper. On the day of examination, all in the class crammed as many facts as possible on their 8-1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper... that is all, but one. One student simply brought in a perfectly blank sheet of a paper with no writing at all. However, along with that blank sheet of paper he brought with him an advanced student of logic whom he had stand on the paper which he had placed right next to his desk! You see, the advanced student in Logic "could (just) fit on a piece of notebook paper" and he told the novice everything he needed to know. Only one student received an **A** on the exam. Can you guess which one that was? I guess you could say, "When it comes to logic, it pays to be a good listener."

At the end of Matthew's Gospel a resurrected Jesus gathers his disciples together on the mountain to give them one last charge. That is, "Go, make disciples of all nations, baptize, and teach everything I've taught you." Sounds like a difficult task, one that can test us in every way. Yet, Jesus adds a promise, "Remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." We are forever the student, the disciple, and yet standing next to us is always the One who has advanced beyond our comprehension. He will show us the way. He will be our way. What more can we ask for? How good of a listener are we? End of class!

A Blessed Resurrection to ALL!

Pastor Steve



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Sunday morning worship: 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: 9:15 a. m.
Sunday School: during worship

The Rev. Stephen L. Cordes, Pastor

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AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating: As of this writing, **Leo Parras**, is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on March 17. **David Cerrone**, continues to make good progress after breaking his leg several weeks ago. **Mildred Lalanne** continues to endure the pain stemming from her neck, while at the same time is tending a wound on her leg. As of this writing, **Doug Kurick** is in Samaritan Hospital receiving tests in hopes of diagnosing abdominal pains. **Paul Molesky** (Joann's husband) recently received laser treatments in order to help reduce pain in his back and legs. So far, the procedure has resulted in limited improvement, however time can still tell. **Paul Phillips** is currently at Heritage House receiving therapy following hip replacement surgery.

Baptized: **Briana Marie McNally** was baptized March 15 at Faith Church. Briana, born December 9, 2013, is the daughter of Daniel and Stacy McNally. Her great grandfather is the late Dr. Arthur Bibb, who used to attend worship at Faith with Sherwood Davies and Julia Cannon. We welcome Briana into the family and mission we all share in Christ!

FLOWERS FOR APRIL

April 6 : To the Glory of God
April 13 To the Glory of God
April 20 Easter Plants
April 27 To the Glory of God

EASTER PLANTS

Once again we will have a variety of spring plants adorning the Altar for Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a plant in loving memory of or in honor of someone please complete the form in this newsletter and return it to Donna Van Zandt no later than April 11, 2014. The price for each plant remains the same as last year. \$10.25

SERVING FAITH

April 6	Altar	LouAnn Behrens, Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant	Bob Gibson
	Ushers	Roberta & Rob Hayward
	Counters	Michele & Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Sara & John Martin

April 13	Altar	Polly Hayward, Roberta Hayward
Palm Sunday	Lay Assistant	Fred Howard
	Ushers	Irene Pagel, Carol Perrott
	Counters	Polly & Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Donna & Gene St. John
April 17	Altar	Polly Hayward, Roberta Hayward
Maundy Thursday	Lay Assistant	Fred Howard
	Ushers	Pauline Lupo, Nadeen Thompson
	Counters	None
	Coffee Hour	none
April 20	Altar	Pat Turcotte, Pat Brundige
Easter	Lay Assistant	Bill Maloney
	Ushers	Bill Speanburg, Ron Turvcotte
	Counters	Donna & Bob Gibson
	Coffee Hour	SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR BEFORE WORSHIP
April 27	Altar	Pat Turcotte, Pat Brundige
	Lay Assistant	Pat Turcotte
	Ushers	Donna Truland & Family
	Counters	Evelyn & Bill Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	Nadeen Thompson

If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please arrange to trade dates with another assistant.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Donna Van Zandt, Worship Chairperson.

Schedule for Altar Guild by Pam Perras

Schedule for Coffee Hour by Heather Bull



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

At the March meeting we began the "A Wholly Different Week" session of the Mark Bible Study. We will continue with this at the April meeting. The menu was planned for lunch and dinner at Joseph's House on Saturday, April 5. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you can help us by providing any of the various items needed. We will be providing food for nearly 50 people. Items need to be delivered to church prior to 11 AM on Saturday April 5.

Five members are planning on attending the Hudson Mohawk Spring Assembly on March 22. Watch for a report in next month's newsletter.

See the invitation elsewhere in this newsletter for the Baby Shower to benefit Lutheran World Relief. Saturday May 3 at 1 pm will be the time to gather for a fun party and collect needed items for Baby Care kits which are needed by Lutheran World Relief. Come and have an enjoyable afternoon and help those in need around the world.

The April meeting will be on Tuesday, April 22 at 10 AM. The Bible Study lesson is in the April 2012 issue of Gather magazine. Hope you can join us.



OUR FAITH AT WORK

Our mission offerings for the month of April will be directed toward ELCA World Hunger.

ELCA World Hunger responds to hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world by addressing root causes. Through a comprehensive program of relief, development, education, and advocacy, people are connected to the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty. Between 70-75 percent of ELCA World Hunger funds are spent internationally, and 20-25 percent are spent here in the United States.

The international work of ELCA World Hunger is carried out through ELCA companion relationships as well as through trusted partners like Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and The Lutheran World Federation (LWF). Because of these long-held connections to partners around the world, ELCA World Hunger efforts are efficient and effective.

The domestic work of ELCA World Hunger is carried out primarily through the Domestic Hunger Grants Program (relief, development, and community organizing projects) and Education and Advocacy Grants.

ELCA World Hunger responds to Christ's call to "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37), serving with compassion people who are most vulnerable, paying focused attention to the full participation of women and the needs of children

SUNDAY SCHOOL

As I was thinking about the plans for the Sunday School Easter activities this year I was thankful that Easter is so late in the year! Trying to have an Easter Egg hunt with snow on the ground could prove to be a challenge. Hopefully by April 20 the snow will be melted and the sun will be shining and the kids will be able to run around outside and have fun finding all the hidden eggs. We will be holding the annual Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday after church, all kids are invited.

As we have for the past two years the Sunday School will sponsor a fundraiser during the Easter season. This year we will be raffling off a spring themed Easter Basket on Easter Sunday with the proceeds going to the mission for the month. If anyone would like to donate an item for the basket, please let me know and bring it to church by April 13.

Finally, we could use some more likes on our Facebook page. If you are on Facebook look us up and become one of our "friends".

Sara Martin
Education Director



DINNER CLUB

A delicious pork dinner was served at the March by committee LouAnn Behrens, Carol & Ron Karpjen and Nadeen Thompson. Nadeen led the group in deciphering and making up secret codes.

The next meeting is Saturday, April 12 at church with Pauline Lupo, Marilyn Niles, Bev Lanteigne, and Chris & Larry Lansing as hosts. Make a reservation with one of them and join us for dinner and socializing.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday service will be held at Faith at 7 pm. Good Friday service will be held at Evangelical Poestenkill at 7 pm

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The May newsletter deadline is Sunday, April 20. Please place your articles in the box in the Church office by Sunday, or email them to DSGLVA@aol.com by Monday morning.

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I would like to purchase _____ Easter Plant(s) at \$10.25 each in loving memory or in honor of

Given by _____

My Plant(s) may be given to the sick or shut ins. _____ Yes _____ No

If possible please fill out a separate order form for each plant purchased.

Make your check payable to WELCA.

You are invited to a Baby Shower.

When: Saturday, May 3, 2014 Time: 1 – 3 pm

Where: Faith Lutheran Church

To benefit: *All the Little Children of the World*

Hosted by Women of the ELCA RSVP to Evelyn at 237-8545

Your gifts will help us provide Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed include: cotton t-shirts, gowns or sleepers without feet, receiving blankets, cloth diapers, jackets, sweaters or hooded sweatshirts, socks, hand towels (dark color), bath size gentle soap, diaper pins. Sizes should be 6 – 24 months. Have a fun afternoon and help meet needs of children around the world.