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Rays of Sonshine – March 2019

Pastoral Call Process Update

Your Discernment & Call Committee began the work of assessing who we are as a congregation and community in April 2018. We spent time determining who/what it is that we are looking for in a pastor to lead Faith Lutheran in to the future. Your assistance through prayer and response has been invaluable as we've moved through this time. Many hours were spent as a committee collectively and on our own to complete the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which "defined" Faith as a congregation and community.

The MSP was submitted to the Oregon Synod for review and action in September; the Committee continued to meet to explore the Candidate interview process. On January 16 we met with Susan Kintner, the assistant to the Bishop. Rev Kintner provided us the names of three candidates to consider. Preliminary Skype interviews were completed with the three and we are continuing the process of getting to know two of them. *In March you will have the opportunity to meet, worship with and ask questions of these two candidates!* As is always the case, only the Call Committee members know who the candidates are until the day of the visit, please respect the confidentiality that is required for the process!

The two candidates will provide a short worship experience of their own design which will be followed by a time of Q&A with the congregation, refreshments will be served.

Meet Candidate #1 on Friday March 15 at 7:00 pm

Meet Candidate #2 on Friday March 29 at 7:00 pm

It is very important that you set time aside to come to attend these events so that you are informed. ***If you don't drive in the evening, someone will pick you up!*** Following the visits, the Committee will determine if one of these candidates is the best fit with Faith, if neither are, then we will continue on with different names.

Continue with your prayers for the search of our next pastor and for Faith; pray that God guide our church according to His will.

Your Call Committee: Larry Clough, Teri Fries, Sandy Garrett, Jean Larkin, Donna Lee, Irene Lund, Frank Marrs

MARCH service schedule *Thanks for giving of your time and talents this month...*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Lay Reader</i>	<i>Worship Asst</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Custodians – Have church & hall cleaned by this date</i>
3/3	Nancy C	Scott Z		Rosemary Gappa & Irene Lund	Nancy C, Sandy G
3/6 Ash Wed		Scott Z	No flowers	Ash Wednesday, N/A	N/A
3/10	Cynthia M	Cynthia M	"		Irene Lund, Sandy Wiese
3/17	Scott Z	Scott Z	"		Irene, Sandy W
3/24	Cynthia M	Cynthia M	"		Jean/Joe Larkin
3/31	<i>11:00 am Joint service at JC United Methodist, Potluck follows</i>				Jean/Joe

MARCH

Ushers: Pete & Irene Lund
Altar Guild: Jean & Joe Larkin thru March/10

APRIL

Ushers: ***Volunteers are needed***
Altar Guild: Donna Lee thru April 28

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY CHOIR TO PERFORM AT FAITH

The Grand View University Choir from Des Moines, Iowa will perform at ***Faith Lutheran Church*** on **Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.** as part of its eleven-day 2019 Spring Tour through Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Montana. The Grand View Choir tours extensively throughout the United States as well as regularly in Europe. Wherever they sing, they have been praised for their excellence in musicality, blend, programming, and attention to detail.

The tour program, *O Day Full of Grace*, proclaims that all of our days are in God's hands. The themes of the pieces cover all aspects of our day – morning, work, leisure, struggle, joy, and evening, and then usher in that greatest of days – eternal day. In doing this, the concert program consists of masterful works from the sacred choral tradition. Theology in song shines through the magnificence of the music by composers Dan Forrest, James Fritschel, Rhosephany Powell, Harry T. Burleigh, Alice Parker, René Clausen, F. Melius Christiansen, Kim Andre Arnesen, Eric Barnum, Michael John Trotta, and others.

There is no admission fee, however the choir does accept a free-will offering. These proceeds will go toward defraying tour expenses and toward furthering the choir's work at Grand View University.

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*We at Faith are providing dinner for the choir before the concert, refreshments at a reception following the concert, housing and breakfast the following morning and sack lunches for the bus ride to their next destination. **If you would like to assist with any of this, please contact Judy, Teri or Jean.***

We still have a few housing needs for the evening of March 19. No need to provide meals, only transportation from and to the church. If you can house 2 or 3 people (beds can be shared if need be), please contact Jean Larkin at 541.514.9820 or Mizzholly@msn.com Many thanks to all those who are already providing housing, Bless you!

Pastor's Letter

Church membership is both deceptively simple and emotionally complex. Part of the interim's work is to be sure that our rolls are updated and the parish register is in good order. I've started on the task and come up against the simple challenge that we've got a significant gap between the math and the people in the pews.

To my mind, the members of a congregation are the people who show up and participate in the life of the church. If a congregation ever wondered who was part of their life, they'd only need to look around on Sunday to figure out who was here. Easy peasy and simple to remember too. If we wanted to be a little more broad, just take attendance from the First Sunday of Advent until Christ the King and everyone who shows up at least once is on the rolls. Add in folks who are unable to come on Sundays but are visited by the parish and we're done.

The congregational constitution and our parish history make this a bit more complex. According to the criteria set out in the constitution, we have 40-50 members. That being the number of people who have communed and contributed time, money, or gifts to the congregation in the past year. Our congregational report to the Synod however, shows us with about 140 members so there is a bit of a statistical oddity going on here and it needs to be resolved.

Getting the register in order will be my Lenten discipline and I will be asking for your help because you know who is where and how everyone is connected to everyone else. So be ready for me to wander by and ask about people.

Since this will be my Discipline, I'd like to remind you of the point of our "giving something up" for Lent thing (formally called the Lenten Discipline). Lent is a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. As Jesus died on the cross for our sin and was raised for our life on Easter, the church has made a point of reflecting on the part our own actions and sins led to the agony of Christ on the Cross.

Over time, the church set this season up as a fast and part of our fasting became finding things we did from which we needed to refrain to be better people. At first taken on in a spirit of devotion and reflection, it gradually became the reason to give up some trivial habit for humorous effect. I for instance, will for the 48th year in a row, give up rooting for the Yankees for Lent.

In a larger sense however, our discipline can be a commitment to do something we don't want to do, accomplish a new habit, or let go of an old one. One year, I spent Lent stopping the voice that yelled at me for years about how I was awful,

Pastor's Letter cont.

and a failure, and a miserable excuse for a human being. For the season, I told it to shut up every time it started up (usually three or more times a day). It was a hard Lent but laid the groundwork for the larger leap into life that is our Easter being.

This year, it's getting the register in order, recording the births and deaths and confirmations, and putting things in shape to be handed on to the next pastor when they come. May your discipline be one which leads you too into life, even if it requires labor. And just as I will be asking for help from you, you can ask help from each other. Church is not something we can do alone, neither is the labor of Lent.

Interim Pastor Stuart Holland www.sicutcervus.wordpress.com Office Hrs: Mon/Wed 9a-Noon; Tue 10:30a-Noon

Shrove Tuesday Aebleskiver Supper



March 5 5:30 – 6:30 pm

**Aebleskiver, Strawberry Jam, Applesauce,
Ham & Sausage, Coffee, Tea & Milk**

All you can eat, \$5.00 suggested donation

The money goes towards hosting the Grandview Choir on March 19th. So mark your calendars and be sure to come for a yummy supper and enjoyable evening visiting with friends!

This isn't open to the general public, but you can invite friends and family. **Give Jean a heads up on number of people attending by March 3.**

Join us on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm in the hall for **bible study led by Pastor Stuart**. We are currently on the book of Judges. *You don't need to know anything!* That's why we're meeting... to learn! New people always welcome.



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3rd Sunday at 3:30

Free will donations accepted

Sunday March 17 at 3:30 pm
St Helen Catholic Church

Matthew Pavilanis

Artist-In-Residence, Mr. Pavilanis will present another daring program that will dazzle the audience.

Pray continually. --1 Thess 5:17

February 5, Council Meeting Minutes in Part:

TREASURER REPORT, January:

Operating income \$7,718

Operating expense \$7,430

NEW BUSINESS:

Dorothy Senchina was elected at the annual meeting to fill a one-year position on council. No one came forward to fill the three-year position; Cynthia Marrs volunteered to fill the vacant position after the annual meeting, per the constitution Cynthia was elected by council for one year until the 2020 annual meeting.

President - Sandy Wiese sandywiese66@gmail.com

Vice Pres – TBD

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Cynthia Marrs marrs_cynthia@yahoo.com

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5, 4:30 pm.

We are having another garage sale in July. Start going through your STUFF and save appropriate, still useable items for the sale!



Sunday March 31 11am

Faith worships at and with
JC United Methodist Church
Potluck follows!

Pitching & Cleaning! Monday, Feb 25 10am
DLA is prepping for Grand View Choir visit... we'll clean up the changing room areas: nursery, choir room and library. Join us!

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilting Retreat was February 7-9. There were nine people that participated in the retreat. Thanks to Ginger for chili on Friday and Marie for vegetable soup on Saturday! Eleven quilt tops were made and \$147 was raised to send to Lutheran World Relief. The quilt top with the most "votes" (\$60) was the blue and white one with squares and stars.

You can continue helping with LWR quilting, check the calendar for ongoing dates and times.

Who is your Neighbor? Everyone!
Collection boxes in the hall for your donations.

Toiletries...small toiletry items for Local Aid baskets.

Socks & glove donations for those on the streets... Turns out socks are a key factor in foot health and therefore general health. Socks need not be new – just clean and still have some wear.

Bunches of Lunches... sending home meals with students on non-school days who don't have enough to eat. Your donations of **oatmeal packets** and **fruit cups** is appreciated!! Don't want to chop? You can donate money towards this effort and we'll shop for you! Make your check out to Faith Lutheran and indicate the money is for **Bunches of Lunches** so you'll receive contribution credit.

Looking for three pairs of ushers for the months of April, May and July. You see what the ushers do each Sunday, it's nothing more than what you see! You don't need to be a "couple" to serve and if you can't make a Sunday, get a replacement. Please let me know if you can serve a month. Jean



Save the Bees!
 Plant bee loving plants.

Heather, Thyme, Lavender, Sage, Mint, Red and white clover, Oregon Grape, California Poppies and Catnip. www.salemweeklynews.com/planting-for-bees/

March 19, 10a-1p

Pizza Lunch for high school students looking for folks to assist with set up, serving, clean up and financially. Contact Nancy Clough to help, naclough@yahoo.com 541.915.0151



Ash Wednesday Service
 March 6, 6:00 pm
 Faith Lutheran Church

Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human existence:

- Ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).
- Ashes suggest cleansing and renewal. They were used anciently in the absence of soap. Even on Ash Wednesday, this most penitential day, we receive ashes in the form of the cross, the same symbol placed on our bodies with water in our baptism. Even in this ashen mark of death, we anticipate the new life of Easter.
- Ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for it is said as we are buried into the ground or as ashes are placed in a columbarium, "We commit this body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust".
- Ashes are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God.

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We welcome new member **Rosemary Gappa** to Faith!

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. --Romans 12:4-5

Rosemary Gappa Birthday, August 16
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Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen.

— Mother Teresa

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 24 10:30a Worship 1:45-4:30 Luther House beer/cheese	25 10a DLA cleanup Library, nursery, choir room 7p Weight Watchers	26 6p Bible Study, hall	27 7:30a Men's Bible Study/Breakfast Lois Gregersen BD	28 9:30a Hens & Chicks	March 1 Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. -Psalm 27:14	2 9-4 Lutheran World Relief (LWR) quilting
3 10:30a Worship	4 Noon DLA Potluck & Meeting 7p Weight Watchers	5 4:30p Church Council 5:30p Shrove Tuesday Aebleskiver Supper	6 7:30a Men's Bible Study/Breakfast 7p Ash Wednesday Service	7 9-12 LWR Quilters 1-4 Memory Makers	8 7p Game Night at the Larkin Home	9 8-10a FREE Breakfast at JCUMC
10 10:30a Worship Daylight Savings Time Begins	11 7p Weight Watchers Jack Ogan BD	12 6p Bible Study, hall Lori Zimmerman BD	13 7:30a Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	14 9:30a Hens & Chicks Bereniece Jones BD is the 15th ☺ →	15 Pastor Candidate Visit - #1 7pm Meet the candidate thru worship and Q&A, refreshments	16 9a Stashbusters, quilt group
17 St Patrick's Day 10:30a Worship 3:30p JC Arts concert at St Helens Catholic Larry Clough BD	18 7p Weight Watchers	19 10-1 JCHS Pizza Lunch 7p Grandview Choir Concert & Reception	20 7:30p Grandview Choir Breakfast	21 9-12 LWR Quilters 1-4 Memory Makers 3p April newsletter items due to Jean	22 8:30-4:30 JC Garden Club, hall & kitchen	23 8-10a FREE Breakfast at JCUMC Sandy Wiese BD
24 10:30a Worship	25 7p Weight Watchers	26 6p Bible Study, hall Mara Taylor BD	27 7:30a Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	28 9:30a Hens & Chicks Frank Marrs BD	29 Pastor Candidate Visit - #2 7pm Meet the candidate thru worship and Q&A, refreshments	30 
31 11:00 Worship at JC United Methodist Church, potluck	April 1 7p Weight Watchers	April 2 4:30p Church Council 6p 1 st Tuesday Potluck 7p Bible Study	April 3 7:30a Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	April 4 9-12 LWR Quilters 1-4 Memory Makers	April 5 Vincent Centeno BD	April 6 9-4 LWR quilting

SUNDAY Readings

Transfiguration of our Lord	Mar 3	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalms 99	2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2	Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]
Ash Wednesday	Mar 6	Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalms 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
1 Lent	Mar 10	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
2 Lent	Mar 17	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalms 27	Philippians 3:17—4:1	Luke 13:31-35
3 Lent	Mar 24	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalms 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
4 Lent	Mar 31	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalms 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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APRIL news/announcements/prayer updates due to Jean by 3 pm Thursday March 21.

MARCH 2019 NEWS
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

As members of Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) we affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's grace and unconditional love. We celebrate both the diversity and inclusive unity of all people as created by God. Following Jesus' example we embrace all people regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic circumstance.



With welcoming hearts we invite you into full participation in the life and ministry of our congregation.

Faith is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. For more information, <http://www.reconcilingworks.org/about/>

“I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.” Ps 9:1

Danish Ladies Aid (all women of the church) meets Monday March 4 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. It's a potluck & meeting, finalize Aebleskiver Supper and Grandview Choir Concert details.

As a community we gather in Christ's love to support one another in prayer:

Family & Friends of these recently deceased loved ones: Connie Bender (Jack O sister), Becky Moore (Lori Z cousin), Charles Berry (Linde W cousin), Quintin Nelson, Janet Andersen, Linda McClellan, Milton Lee, Frank Fries, Jane McInnis

Newer requests: Lester Gregersen, Sharon Reaves, Tina, Darla Knudsen (chemo), Dean Hanke (Edy Relf relative) Victims of domestic abuse, homelessness, addictions, famines and war

Allan Close	Billy Vendetti	Bobbi & Lamar Nelson	Bobbie Gates	Celest
Clint Gillette	Darlene	David Heggestad	Denise Miller	Doris Geiger
Efrem/Dale/Amy Zimmerman		Gary Garrett	Glenn Robinson	Jim Norlie, Pastor
Karen Jones Hansey	Larry Dugan	Linde Wicklund	Linnis Jones	Mara Taylor
Marie Lockett	Marilyn/Dale Huth	Nerissa Townsend	Norine	Oluf
Ruth Buckley	Shari Pierce	Steve Christiansen	Tracey	All Military & their Families

Please review the list for those who can be removed from community prayer.