



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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*"Faithful Lutherans sent by Christ to
serve God's children"*

APRIL, 2006



PJ'S JOTS

The old joke goes: April showers bring Mayflowers, so what do mayflowers bring? – Pilgrims. I think pilgrims is an appropriate way for us to think about ourselves and what April means to us. To begin with, we start the month off completing our Lenten pilgrimage. Then about half way through the month we start the Easter pilgrimage with Holy Week and Easter Sunday. And then for seven Sundays we celebrate the Sundays of Easter, which will take us through the month of May. Therefore we are pilgrims. During Lent we have had the opportunity in our pilgrimage to reflect upon our lives as they relate to our relationship with God as fallen and sinful people.

Remember the discipline of Lent – “repentance, fasting, prayer, and works of love” – these are the tools we have to help us “wage our spiritual warfare”. Now we reach the celebration of Easter renewed and refreshed. Now we start another pilgrimage celebrating the hope and promise of the **Resurrection**.

This, my friends, is what it is all about! Our task “if we choose to accept it” (to quote an old television show) is to make that Easter Resurrection celebration a living and inviting force in our life as the People of God here at Faith Lutheran. The fire of our Easter Pilgrimage as symbolized in the light given by the paschal candle should burn so very bright through each of us that it becomes the guiding light for others to follow and learn about God’s love for them. What I am telling you is that we are to be about the “business of the church” - that is what we are **all** about. Now you may ask, “What is the business of the church?” Well quite simply, the business of the church is the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ and that through Him the sins of the world are forgiven. For that business to be successful for the People of God gathered at Faith Lutheran Church we have to make it our mission. We have to assess whether our individual words and actions are for the building up of the body of Christ or for our own personal agenda. Building up means it is positive and uplifting and something everyone will enjoy being a part of as a worshiping and praying community. Easter gives the opportunity to be happy! To be thankful! And to be inviting! As the Body of Christ together, let us share the light of the Easter Resurrection with everyone we come into contact with in our daily life.

Shalom,

Pastor John

APRIL LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Day

5 6 pm Dinner

7 pm Worship

7:30 Bible Study, activities,
Choir &
Catechism

Holy Week

13 7 pm Maundy Thursday
Worship

14 6 am to 6 pm WELCA
Prayer Vigil

7 pm Good Friday Worship
“Eyes Upon The
Cross”

Easter

8 am Early Eucharist
Service

8:30 Breakfast (served by
youth)

9:15 Sunday Church
School

10:30 Eucharist Celebration





FINANCE MATTERS

March winds are part of our normal weather pattern. We anticipate spring. We fly kites. A new season is “blowing in.” How thankful we are when we sense the Spirit of God moving among us like a refreshing wind.

The early church experienced it, and Luke recorded it in Acts 4:31-32 (NIV): “After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.”

The Call Committee has been expecting the name of a candidate at any time. The members of the committee will review the candidate’s profile and then schedule an interview at the convenience of the candidate. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

When we recognize God’s ownership of all we have, pray and witness boldly, and sense a desire to minister to others through giving, be assured: the wind of the Spirit is moving in us. May the breezes of spring come, and may the Spirit of God bring spiritual refreshing to our life and church.

The wind of the Spirit is, indeed moving among us – our total contributions during the month of February amounted to \$13,229.61. Of that amount, there was \$1,351 given in designated funds, leaving a balance of \$11,878 used to pay for normal expenses in our budget. The amount needed each month to meet monthly expenses

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(according to the budget passed) is \$3,435 weekly, or \$13,740 monthly. We fell a bit short of that this month, but we’re hoping to catch up during the Lenten season and Easter.

Please watch for your first quarterly contributions statement after March 26, 2006. This record of contribution will include the amount pledged (if you pledged) so you can compare your total contributions thus far in 2006 with the amount promised. Thanks so much for your contributions to both designated and non-designated funds – the many people who are helped with your generosity are also grateful!

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

Donna Baugh has decided to resign from the CLM Board of Directors. Beth Landis has accepted to represent Faith Lutheran on the Board. Thank you Beth, and Welcome! We are still looking for one other person to represent our church. If you are interested contact Sue Neatham or Marsha Woods.

Bliss House is hosting it’s

annual spring dinner and silent auction on April 8, 2006, 6 p.m., at Sacred Heart Church. Thrivent Financial will give supplemental funds for this event as several of our Thrivent members are volunteering and helping with this fundraiser.

The volunteers for Boys and Girls Club/Center for Lay Ministries Kids Café began serving hot meals on

SUE NEATHAMER

January 25th at the Club. Forty to fifty meals are being served on Wednesday and Fridays at 4:30p.m. Food and supplies are donated by Dare to Care food bank and the meals are prepared at CLM and delivered to the meal site. If you are interested in volunteering for this new project call CLM (282-0063) and leave you name and phone

YOUTH NEWS

Old news:

For March, the youth had some exciting events! To help with the Lenten season, the youth volunteered and cooked corned beef and cabbage, along with chicken noodle soup for the dinner on the 15th of March. They also began to practice for the upcoming presentation of "Eyes Upon the Cross", to be performed at the Good Friday service. On the 19th, the youth who are going to Texas this summer met at Good Shepard Church for another monthly meeting with youth in the same region also going. March 24th was a new event for the youth. We went to Iceland Skate Rink with other churches in this area, and participated in Broom-

ball. This was a new and exciting event that many enjoyed.

New news:

Spring is here!, along with more youth events! April 2nd is a day to practice the play, eat subs, enjoy laser tag, and schedule the rest of our events up to July. April 9th is the last practice before our performance of "Eyes Upon the Cross" on Good Friday, April 14th. April 15th is "busy Saturday", with a title well deserved! We'll be preparing for our annual Easter Breakfast. We need extra help from parents this year, for the Taylor's will be out of town. Beth Landis is taking the lead for this year's breakfast. We will

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meet at church at 1:00. Don't forget fruit to put in the Senior baskets, and two hard boiled eggs to dye! April 16th is Easter Sunday. The time for youth to arrive is 7:30. April 28-30th is the annual trip to Lutheran Hills. This is a mandatory event for catechism youth, but confirmed youth are encouraged and more than welcome to come! We hope to be working on the same cabin that people from the congregation built last year.



Easter Breakfast

8:30 am
 Sunday, April 16
 Tickets on sale now!
 \$5.00 Adult

EASTER LILIES

Lilies will adorn the altar for Easter this year. Please indicate below your choice and in whose memory or honor they are donated. Lilies are \$15 each. Please include your payment with your order. Orders must be placed by April 9.

Number of lilies _____ @ \$15 each = Total Amount Enclosed
 \$ _____

Your Name _____

In honor of or in memory of _____



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PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special healing for:

Patti Smith

John Taylor

Dot Clerici

Kay Winn

Eric Hall

Walter Clive

Dorothy Shillers (Nancy Falkenstein's mother)

Fran Heuton (Terri Barr's mother)

Shirley Buschman (Beth Landis's mother)

Irma Mishler (Sharon Fox's mother)

Ashley Bramble (Falkensteins' granddaughter)

Chuck Dolejs (Debbie Lang's father)

The family of Bob Davis, who entered eternal life in January.

Barb Campbell and her family at the death of her step-father, George Schlosser.

Scott Rife and his family at

the passing of his brother, Mark, in Florida.

We give thanks for the marriage of Nicole Vogler and Jimmy Tyler and wish them God's blessings.

All our service men and women who serve here and overseas.

For the members of the Call Committee as they begin the search for our new pastor.



If you are in need of aid, comfort or prayer please contact Pastor Hawkins at 812-282-6993 or one of the prayer chain leaders: Betty Condra (282-2102), Vivian Smith (288-8531) or Nancy Vogt (282-2014).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

God's blessings to these April birthdays:

- Kyle Czerwonka 4/1
- Debbie Lang 4/5
- Barb Campbell 4/6
- Ron Woodward 4/8
- Dorothy McCall 4/10
- Sunny Neathamer 4/10
- Donna Baugh 4/16
- Beth Landis 4/17
- Justin Romine-Wyckoff 4/17
- Sue Michael 4/22
- Cheyenne Peter 4/23
- Lyle Gernand 4/24
- Barb Morris-Nix 4/30

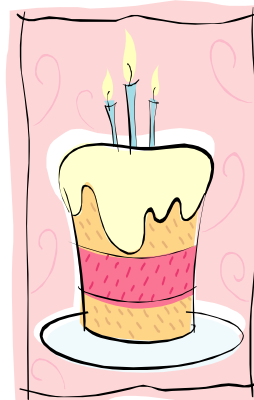
We celebrate with these couples having April anniversaries:

- Amy & Mike Holaday 4/7
- Cherie & Dana Glaab 4/18
- Karen & Mike Vecelius 4/19
- Cathy & Bill Holman 4/20
- Karen & Bob Lane 4/20
- Patti & Kelly Cooke 4/24

This list is now taken from the newly completed membership information which has been entered into the computer system. If information is missing or incorrect, please let Patti Smith know.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil

Our annual Good Friday prayer vigil will be here April 14. If you have never joined us before, think about it, and give it a try. Pick an hour, half hour or 15 minutes. There will be books on the altar to read, if you need them. We ask you to sign up so that we know there will be someone at the altar (or in the sanctuary) all day – 6am to 6pm. Come alone or bring a friend. God will welcome you! Watch for the sign up sheet.



The Faithful News is a monthly publication of Faith Lutheran Church, Jeffersonville, IN. Articles and information may be submitted to Patti Smith, secretary or Marsha Woods, editor

WELCA

WELCA Bible studies continue. If you have not joined us for one of the study groups, we invite you to come. We could really use some more ladies at the Tuesday evening meetings, as only about four ladies have been in attendance the last several months. The Bible studies are about bold women in the Bible as published in Lutheran Woman Today

Sunshine Circle will meet **Wednesday, April 12** at 10 am at the church.

Wheadon Friendship Circle meets at 7 pm **Tuesday, April 18** at church.

Women ^{of the} ELCA

magazine. Do not worry if you do not have a subscription, there are always enough copies to share. If you are interested in a subscription, please feel free to ask Carrie McCoy how to go about subscribing. The next meeting times are shown to the left of this article.

Donna Baugh has stepped down from her position as co-leader of the Sunshine

Circle. The group will continue to meet for their Bible studies, but they will need volunteers from the group to lead the studies each month. Vivian Smith will coordinate this effort. Thanks to Donna for serving in this position and for volunteering her time and effort. We truly appreciate it.

The joint quarterly meeting was held on March 4th. We

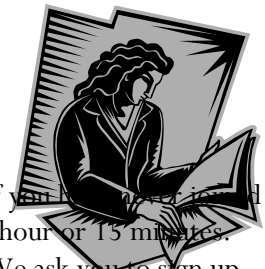
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LIBRARY NEWS

All of the following items highlighted below were purchased by a gift from Thrivent. Many thanks to this worthy Lutheran organization, and especially to Faith members who serve as Thrivent officers.

PICTURE BOOKS

CALEB CROSSES THE COUNTRY: A CAMEL'S TALE, by Dan & Damon Taylor. Caleb is a camel who learns that God can use him even though he is afraid to leave his stable.

WE SING BIBLE SONGS by Pamela Beall. This includes both a book of lyrics and a cassette of 63 songs and poems.

CHILDREN'S DVDs & VIDEOS

Each of the following are stories that aim to teach children specific Christian values such as thankfulness, generosity, forgiveness and courage. The Davey & Goliath series was produced by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The VeggieTales series is a similar, well-known series that uses humor to illustrate a concept.

DAVEY & GOLIATH: THE KITE.

DAVEY & GOLIATH: LOST IN A CAVE.

DAVEY & GOLIATH: THE SILVER MINE.

VEGGIETALES : MA-

DAME BLUEBERRY. A LESSON IN THANKFULNESS.

VEGGIETALES:

WHERE'S GOD WHEN I'M S-SCARED? A LESSON IN HANDLING FEAR.

MAX LUCADO'S HERMIE AND FRIENDS : A FRUITCAKE CHRISTMAS.

ADULT DVDs

BONHOEFFER : PASTOR, PACIFIST, NAZI RESISTER. A documentary film by Martin Doblmeier. Aside from Luther, Bonhoeffer is a name all Lutherans should recognize. Much like Martin Luther, Bonhoeffer challenged his own church, which eventually put his beliefs and his own life on the line.

ADULT BOOKS

HIDDEN PLACES : A NOVEL, by Lynn Austin. Winner of the Christy Award, an award of excellence for Christian fiction and made into a movie for television.

THE HIDING PLACE, 35th anniversary edition by Corrie Ten Boom. Corrie Ten Boom was a real-life evangelist and concentration camp survivor who risked her life to

NANCY THOMPSON

save many others during World War II.

UNLIKELY ANGEL : THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE ATLANTIC HOSTAGE HERO. This is the true story of how Ashley Smith, through her trust and faith in God, was able to save both her life and her captor's life after being held hostage in March of 2005.

HALLEY'S BIBLE HANDBOOK, with the New International Version, a completely revised and expanded 25th edition. This is a Bible commentary that has been relied on for years to help us understand the entire Bible, chapter by chapter. It also includes a brief history of the Western church, a history of the Holy Land and a section on how we got the Bible.

Reminder:

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, April 2

Remember to set your clocks to "Spring Forward"!



WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Spring is apparent everywhere in the weekday classrooms. April will bring a study of the changing seasons, new songs, and hearing the holy week and Easter stories. The first year students will be caught up in the joy and celebration of the Easter story. They will learn the song "Praise Him Praise Him All You Little Children" as they hold their own Palm Sunday parade. Then they can catch the feeling of Easter and the resurrection.

The pre-K class will also join the fun of the Palm Sunday parade, but will

also hear the story of the death of Jesus on good Friday and the good news of his coming alive again on Easter. On Maundy Thursday the story time will bring many questions about death from the children. "Grandma died and she is living with God. Will I get to see her again?" We take time to listen and answer as many of these questions as we can. Around the age of four children realize what death is, that the gold fish will never swim again, that they will not be able to play with Grandpa. This is the very beginning of a faith to last a lifetime. Faith in the

fact that we have a God who loves us and has planned a place for us to see each other gain. That we and our loved ones will all live with Him. Because he died and came back to life, we know that we also will live again in heaven with those we love. Hopefully this message will be repeated in all of the household represented by our children and our children can be the messengers to their parents.

CAROL TAYLOR



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Church school has planned a new study for adults and confirmed youth. Pastor Hawkins will begin a study of the book of Revelations for these two classes. On April 23, the Sunday after Easter, these two classes will meet together in the front area of the Emma Schoen room. Anyone interested in this study is invited to join them.

The various classes on Wednesday night after

church have attracted participants. Pastor has 15 adults, two have been in the teen class and two in the elementary class. When both groups dismissed last week the participants had smiles on their faces, so if you haven't tried it yet, it appears to be fun. Choir and confirmation are going on at the same time with their usual members present. The Wednesday night in Lent studies is off to a good start.

Vacation church school staff continues to meet and plan for "Gospel Express" to be held this summer, July 24-28. Please mark your calendars now so you can plan your vacations and still have your children in Vacation Bible School. The sign up sheet is up in the hall by the youth bulletin board. If you would like to help in an area PLEASE sign up as soon as you can. The committee has put the stories back into the class-

CAROL TAYLOR

room instead of the breakout areas for most of the teaching. A big thanks to Arlys Johnson for the new schedule.

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| 2 Daylight Savings Time Begins! 9:15 SCS 10:30 Worship Coffee time | 3 10 am Quilters | 4 9:15 am WCS | 5 6 pm Lenten Dinner 7:00 pm Service 7:30 Choir & Catechism | 6 9:15 am WCS | 7 | 8 Bliss House Auction 6 pm Sacred Heart |
| 9 Palm Sunday 9:15 SCS 10:30 Worship Coffee Time Council Meets | 10 | 11 9:15 am WCS <i>Newsletter Articles due for May</i> | 12 10 am WELCA 7 pm Choir & Catechism HOLY WEEK | 13 9:15 am WCS 7 pm Maundy Thursday | 14 6 am to 6 pm Prayer Vigil 7 pm Good Friday Service "Eyes Upon the Cross" | 15 1:00 Youth meet to set up for breakfast |
| 16 Easter Sunday 8:00 am Early service 8:30 am Breakfast 9:15 am SCS 10:30 Worship | 17 10 am Quilters | 18 9:15 am WCS 7 pm WELCA Wheaton Circle | 19 7 pm Choir & Catechism | 20 9:15 am WCS | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9:15 SCS 10:30 Worship Council Work-shop Coffee Time | 24 | 25 9:15 am WCS | 26 7 pm Choir & Catechism | 27 9:15 am WCS | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:15 SCS 10:30 Worship Coffee Time | | | | | | |

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

MARSHA WOODS

I'm ready for spring, how about you? About this time of year I start longing for warm weather, blooming flowers and sunshine. Even though our winter was mild, I love the end of the winter dreariness that spring brings. It's wonderful to see God's handiwork in the spring renewal. My energy level lifts and I feel ready to tackle the tasks at hand.

One of the tasks your council members will undertake on April 23 is a workshop to define the role of council members, promote teamwork and focus on developing leadership skills, which was one of the visions agreed on by the congregation. We will devote the afternoon to this workshop facilitated by Pastor Hawkins.

Would you like to represent Faith at the Annual Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly June 1-3? This year's meeting is again in Indianapolis and we are required to send a male and a female to represent our congregation. Expenses are budgeted to cover this event. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know as soon as possible so we may complete the registration process.

The Wednesday Lent Ser-

vices have taken a very personal approach this year. Using the "Voices at the Crossroads" material, we have heard renditions of what it must have been like to have experienced Christ's final days from various perspectives. Based on Gospel verses, we have heard narratives from Pilate's wife, Claudia, who warned Pilate away from involvement in convicting Jesus, the Centurion in charge of the crucifixion, Simon of Cyrene, who took up the cross for Christ as he stumbled on his way to Golgotha, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. The final service on April 5 will bring us Joseph of Arimathea who donated his tomb and helped bring Jesus' body there to rest. Thanks to all the individuals who portrayed these roles and helped make this Lent a very personal journal: Meredith Riekhof, Lyle Gernand, John Taylor, Carol Taylor and Dick Klemens.

Attendance at the Lenten dinners has been consistently around 30-35 people. This additional time of fellowship has been enhanced by the great meals prepared by Bev (and Brent) Haire and Billie Williams, Carrie McCoy, Barb Morris-Nix, Tami

Czerwonka, Veronica Rife, the youth and their parents and Carol Taylor. WELCA will decide at their next quarterly meeting what will be done with the proceeds from the dinners, but the money is always used for a good cause. Thanks to all who participated in the dinners and the Bible studies and activities following the services on Wednesdays.

The Holy Week and Easter

worship schedule is published elsewhere in this newsletter.

Most of you know that Pastor Hawkins is staying in our area Sundays through Thursdays rather than commuting daily. I'm sure he would welcome an opportunity to visit with you and enjoy a meal in your home. You may contact him at the church phone number or his cell 317-626-1694.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD ASSEMBLY

JUNE 1-3, 2006

INDIANAPOLIS DOWNTOWN MARRIOTT

Faith will send two delegates. Please contact Marsha Woods if you're interested in representing us.

Thursday, June 1

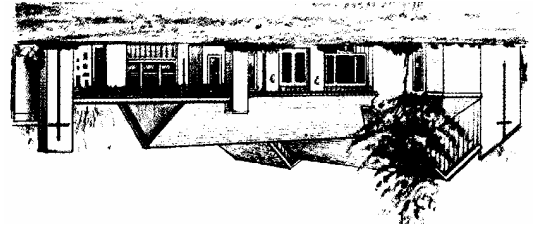
Noon Onsite check-in (Marriott Ballroom, 2nd floor)
1:00 pm First Time Attendee Welcome and Orientation
2:00 pm Call to Order and Session One Begins
5:30 pm Welcome Dinner
7:30 pm Opening Worship
9:00 pm Welcome Reception

Friday, June 2

8:00 am Session Two Begins
Noon Recognition Luncheon (Box lunch or bring your own)
1:30 pm Session Three
4:30 pm Festival of Booths
6:30 pm Evening Banquet
9:00 pm Festival of Fellowship

Saturday, June 3

8:00 am Session Four Begins
11:00 am Sending Eucharist
12:15 pm Benediction and Adjournment



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: BILL HOLMAN

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

| <u>SUN.</u> | <u>ASSISTANT</u> | <u>ACOLYTE</u> | <u>CRUCIFER</u> | <u>NURSERY</u> | <u>SOCIAL</u> | <u>GREETERS</u> |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 2 | Ed Peter | K. Peter | J. Romine-Wykoff | C. McCoy | ? | ? |
| 9 | Carol Taylor | W. Czerwonka | K. Czerwonka | V. Smith | Landis | Vecelius |
| 16 | Lyle Gernand | Matt Craven | Kirsten McCoy | volunteer | ? | ? |
| 23 | Veronica Rife | Katie Rife | Sarah Rife | K. Johnson | ? | ? |
| 30 | Kirsten McCoy | S. McCoy | Brittany Searcy | Landis | ? | ? |