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Making a Plan and Sticking To It

Thank you to everyone who participated in our three Fifty and Forward discussions!

We gathered some good data for our council to consider where we might best invest our energy in the next couple years. As I write this, the council will be meeting tomorrow night for a special planning meeting. Please thank them for all of their extra efforts on our behalf. If you've seen the fellowship hall lately, you have seen our notes from the meetings continue to expand. Take some time to look them over. We first brainstormed ideas of many different options open to us if we were to start a new church in Wabasha. We could be known as a social justice church, a center for holistic healing, a community outreach, a place of unconditional grace, a Bible centered church, a prayer centered & spiritual training church, or a social club church. Of course, we are all of these things and may not choose any one of these to emphasize above others, but this exercise helps us think more creatively about future possibilities rather than simply building on unexamined prior assumptions. Next, we looked at our specific strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities as we are right now. And finally, we thought about the landscape around us and what might be needed which is not being offered by any other church. The council has also been learning about the eight quality characteristics essential for effective and growing churches.

The church council will take the information we gather from these three meetings and identify 1 to 3 priorities we want to focus on. Chuck Mayhew, a new member to Faith and now on our council, has a lot of business experience with strategic planning. He is helping immensely to emphasize that once we identify our priorities, all of our committees can be organized around on the same goals and mission. This focus will help us work together with more coordinated efforts rather than each committee going in perhaps different directions. Over the summer months, there will be feedback sessions to change or revise these goals. And in the fall, we will have a special congregational meeting to ratify them and start implementation.

Annual Review of Our Ministry Together

Thank you also for those who filled out our survey of what would you like more, less, and keep the same from me. We also considered what we could do together differently.

I really appreciated the new format. Of the twelve responses we received, they were overwhelmingly positive with a few great suggestions. One suggestion which I am taking to heart is to take more time visiting with members. I do well when a need is brought to my attention and can be fully present especially when there is a crisis. I also respond immediately when someone asks for a visit. I realize that I'm not as good at following up later and checking in on how people are doing. On Sundays, during coffee fellowship, I am also not able to just relax and visit with everyone casually because I'm usually focused on what needs to happen for things to go smoothly in worship and Sunday school or just done in after second service. I'd also like to make more time for regular visits to those who can't make it to worship. I will be thinking and praying about this a lot during my sabbatical on what I can change or give up to help make this happen more often. I appreciate also the support of mutual ministry in thinking about how this is not just about me, my gifts and weaknesses, but how we can all work together better.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2	Naomi Knox	19	Lois Kreofsky
2	Kane Koch	20	Julie Sandvik
4	Marilyn VanCura	20	Bailey Peterson
7	Braydan Zimmerman	22	Sandy Buchan
8	Ronald Prescher	25	Darlene Austin
8	Carolyn Hinkle	25	Keith Oie
14	Gretchen Wilson	25	Henry Meyer
16	Dennis Bussian	25	Hailey Tentis
16	Madison Gillespie	26	Sarah Sturm
16	Ainsley Knox	26	Marguerite Iverson
18	Kaye Rine Jeffrey	28	Tyler Traun
		29	Tori Gaedtke
		30	Jean Coates



OUR LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS WERE THE BEST!

Thank you to our soup makers, LaDonna Johnson and son, Brent, Julie Anderson and Kay Hickey, Toni Burns and Deb Hines, Bev Hanks and

TBA! Plus Thank you to all the people who helped with making desserts and cleaning up, etc. Everyone's participation is appreciated!

LILIES FOR EASTER

If you would like to help beautify our sanctuary with an Easter lily, please fill out this form and attach your check payable to Faith Lutheran Church. We will purchase a specified number of plants to decorate the sanctuary, and any excess money will be given to the General fund. This is a free-will donation. Any amount is accepted.

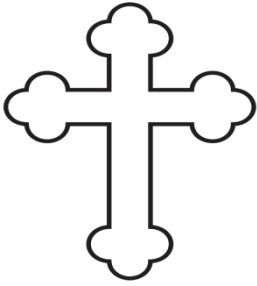


Your name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

\$ _____ = total enclosed. **THANK YOU!**



Holy Week Worship Opportunities—**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

PALM SUNDAY, April 14th 8:00am and 10:30am

Come and wave the palms and hear shouts of “Hosanna!”

Our Sunday School children will sing a special song for us at 10:30am

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 18th 7:00pm

We will use a table worship setting with Holy Communion in the fellowship hall like we did last year with Eliza’s guidance. Those attending found it very meaningful. Remember that on this night Jesus gave his disciples a special meal called the Lord’s Supper. Know the forgiving and saving love of Jesus.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19th 7:00pm @Grace Memorial Episcopal Church

Join our neighbors at Grace Episcopal as they host our Good Friday service. They have such a beautiful sanctuary to appreciate as we worship together. Did you know there’s a Tiffany stained glass window there? Paul made the connection for us between baptism and Jesus’ death: “All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death.”(Romans 6:3-4)

EASTER MORNING, April 21st, 6:00am, 8:00am and 10:30am

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Assorted sweet breads, coffee, milk and juice along with fellowship will be available all morning long. Please come celebrate our Risen Lord!



THIS TIME IT’S THE REAL THING! K.F.C. (Kids For Christ) Spring Event

The famous, well attended School Kits and Swimming Party has been rescheduled twice, but as we know, the third time is a charm!

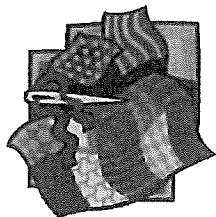
When: Wednesday, April 24th

Time: 5:30pm-8:00pm

Where: Meet at the church for supper together and then the fun begins!

If you haven’t already sign-up but would like to join in, please email Kristi Kropp at kristikropp@yahoo.com

Knot Again!



Can you tie a knot? If your answer is **YES**, we invite you to join the Faith Lutheran Quilting Group for our second marathon quilting day on **Tuesday, April 9**. Several members of the group have pieced the quilt tops and now we need willing hands to tie the quilt tops, battings and backings together to complete the quilts.

Here's what will happen that day . . . we will gather in the fellowship hall at **9:00 a.m.**, tie a lot of knots, talk and laugh, and of course there will be food! We'll share a meal at lunch time and a coffee break whenever needed. We hope to get 15 or more quilts tied! These quilts will be given to our graduating seniors and to help people in times of need.

Please let us know if you would like to join us for our quilting marathon so we will have enough food for lunch and enough quilts ready to be tied. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Bev Hanks (565-3611) or Carolyn Hinkle (565-5306) by Sunday, April 7, and say, **Yes, I can tie a knot!**

MEMORIALS/SPECIAL GIFTS January/February 2019

MEMORIALS:

Designated ELCA Memorials:

In loving memory of **Jane Johnson** dedicated to the Faith Lutheran Handbells from Randy Johnson and Mike and Deb Smith. Total \$355.00.

In loving memory of **Lois Hinrichs** dedicated to the ELCA Endowment Fund from Lyle and Glenda Hinrichs. \$25.00.

Undesignated ELCA Memorials:

In loving memory of **Jane Johnson** from Dennis & Jill Reimers, Linda Brehmer, Gerald & Sue Dahlen, Jane Hager, Kay Hickey, Steve & Lonny Kohls, Tony Burns, Mark Buckman, Rolly & Dorothy Kallstrom, Bud & Vera Miller and the Bell Choir. Total \$245.00.

In loving memory of **Ileen Franke-Jahns** from Jim & Jean Jahn and Linda Brehmer. \$25.00.

SPECIAL GIFTS:

ELCA Hunger:

From Jim & Jean Jahn, Keith & Pam Oie, Gary & Merideth Frost, Kay Hickey, Gloria Sveen, Gene & Marilyn VanCura, Gerald & Linda Brehmer, Jerry & Ruth Mathias, Jim Nordstrom, Lommen, Jim Nordstrom, Marguerite Iverson.
Total \$369.00.

APRIL 2019 ASSISTANTS

APRIL 7

8am

10:30am

Acolyte:	Abigail Briggs	Aubri Fahnel
Ushers:	Todd & Bridget Skelton	Tom & Jan Mosher
Lector:	Keith Oie	Jan Mosher
Communion servers:	Todd & Bridget Skelton	Tom & Jan Mosher
Communion helpers:	Hope Skelton & Anna Wobbe	Lucy Traun & Charlie Traun
Cantor:	Glenn Huntoon	Lynn Johnson
Coffee:	Jim & Jean Jahn	Tom & Jan Mosher
Videographer:	Bob Mann	
Counters:	Jan Mosher & Toni Burns	

APRIL 14

8am

10:30am

Acolyte:	Barret Johnson	Henry Meyer
Ushers:	Dick & Bev Hanks	Toni Burns & Deb Hines
Lector:	Bev Hanks	Michelle Meyer
Communion servers:	Dick & Bev Hanks	Toni Burns & Deb Hines
Communion helpers:	Thea Durand & Madalynn Strobush	William Meyer & Brooks Meurer
Cantor:	David Laffrenzen	Michelle Meyer
Coffee:	Dick & Bev Hanks	???
Videographer:	Keith Oie	
Counters:	Toni Burns & Jane Hager	

APRIL 21 EASTER

8am

10:30am

Acolyte:	Abigail Briggs	Kendall Zimmerman
Ushers:	Jim & Jean Jahn	Jane Hager & Kay Hickey
Lector:	Jean Jahn	Jane Hager
Communion servers:	Val Zabel & Jean Jahn	Jane Hager & Kay Hickey
Communion helpers:	Anna Wobbe & Sapphire Beisell	Brinley Ender & Bryar Ender
Cantor:	Deb Smith	John Mundy
Coffee:	Toni Burns	Marguerite Iverson & Val Zabel
Videographer:	Jim Nordstrom	
Counters:	Jane Hager & Kay Hickey	

APRIL 28

8am

10:30am

Acolyte:	Ainsley Knox	Aubri Fahnel
Ushers:	Neil & Annette Hedquist	Lou & Alta Maccini
Lector:	Brent Johnson	Chet Julin
Communion servers:	Neil & Annette Hedquist	Julie Anderson & Brenda Tomlinson
Communion helpers:	Naomi Knox & London Laska	Isaiah Scheibe & Braydan Zimmerman
Cantor:	Liesl Knox	Stephanie Scheibe
Coffee:	Rollie & Dorothy Kallstrom	Julie Anderson
Videographer:	Bob Mann	
Counters:	Kay Hickey & Dar Jones	

Altar Guild: *Jean Jahn, Bev Hanks, Bridget Skelton, Joanne Zimmerman, Valori Zabel
Newsletter Assembly on Thursday, April 25 at 9:30am: Ed & Bev Rice
Shepherd of the Month: Bridget Skelton 565-5265

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30-9:30 Fit City Srs.	2 6:30pm Handbells	3 9am Bible Study 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Worship	4 8:30-9:30 Fit City Seniors 6-8pm Celebrate Recovery	5 10am Worship at the H.C.C.	6 10:30am-12:30pm 4-H
7 8am Worship 9:15am Coffee/Intergenerational Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Coffee	8 8:30-9:30am Fit City Srs. 6:30-7:30pm Cub Scouts	9 9am Quilting Bee 6:30pm Handbells	10 9am Bible Study 6pm Soup Supper 7pm Worship	11 8:30-9:30 Fit City Seniors 6:30pm Council Meeting 6-8pm Celebrate Recovery	12	13
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21 EASTER 6am Sunrise Service 8am Worship 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Coffee and rolls all morning long!	22 8:30-9:30am Fit City Srs.	23 6:30pm Handbells	24 9am Bible Study 10:15am NH Worship 5:30 KFC Supper/School kits/swimming	25 8:30-9:30 Fit City Seniors 9:30am Newsletter Assembly 6-8pm Celebrate Recovery	26	27
28 8am Worship 9:15am Coffee & Sunday School 10:30am Worship w/ Confirmation 11:30am Coffee	29 8:30-9:30am Fit City Srs.	30 6:30pm Handbells	31 6:30-7:30pm Confirmation			