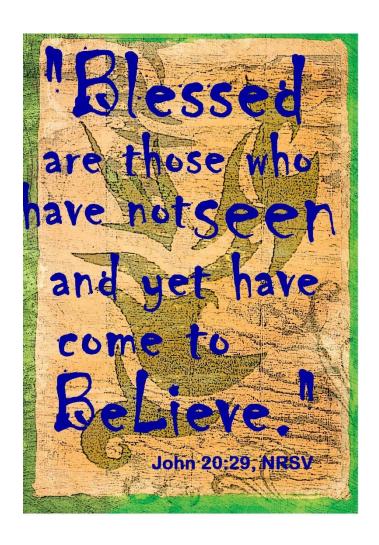
FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL NEWSLETTER



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Sunday, April 5, 2015 Easter Sunday Worship Services Son Rise at 6:30 am 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Remember to stop down for Easter
Breakfast from
7:00 am to 10:00 am

Upcoming Saturday, May 2nd Spring Craft Fair 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



We begin the season of Lent with the words, YOU ARE DUST. We are dust. We are creatures of substance. We are made of matter. We are no different than the rest of creation. Yet, God breathes into us the breath of creation and directs us to be caretakers of creation. We are

still dust. As the April weather warms, I find myself digging in the dirt, pushing away soil to allow the newness of budding to come to the surface. I smell the dirt. I feel the dirt. I become one with the dirt. And yet out of the dirt, the awe and excitement comes from thousands of possibilities budding.

The same is true with us. God continues to breathe into us possibilities and we are to push away some of the dirt of our existence to allow these possibilities to bloom and grow in our lives. Easter is what makes the possibility of resurrection drastically apparent. In the most horrendous curse, the most emotionally and physically painful situation, not only does God continue to exude love, but God transforms the horror.

It is God's possibilities of transformation that grant us salvation. How do we continue to place our trust in God to transform us? Do we trust God to transform us? What needs pruning? What needs to be allowed to bloom in you?

Peace and blessings, Vicar Amanda Christensen



Sunday Worship Schedule at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Sunday School at 9:15 am

Hommunion Q

Tuesday April 7th 1:00 pm

The Gathering Place

**Please note Pew Communion is usually the first of each month.

If you prefer grape juice rather than wine for Communion, please bring a blank Communion Card to pastor.



Thursday, April 2nd
Maundy Thursday
Worship Service
9:00 am & 7:00 pm

Friday, April 3rd Good Friday Worship Service 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 5th
Son Rise Service - 6:30 am
Easter Sunday Worship
8:00 am & 10:30 am
Easter Breakfast
7:00 am to 10:00 am



Pastor Bodnyk, Vicar Christensen and the entire staff at Faith wish you and your family a most Blessed Easter.

Faith Lutheran Church Income & Expense

	Feb 15	Budget	Jan - Feb 15	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense		go.			ai Baagot
Income					
Current & Benevolence	10,783.75	19,649.99	23,356.04	40,299.98	243,199.88
Rental Income	740.00	1,074.98	1,440.00	2,149.96	12,899.76
Special Quarterly	777.00	500.00	1,240.00	500.00	12,500.00
Sunday School	81.24	188.88	208.09	377.76	1,699.92
Total Income	12,381.99	21,413.85	26,244.13	43,327.70	270,299.56
Expense					
Administration Salaries	3,746.67	4,217.00	7,712.19	8,434.00	50,604.00
Christian Education Salaries	844.10	1,024.66	1,688.20	2,049.32	12,295.92
Benevolence	1,875.00	2,208.31	3,750.00	4,416.62	26,499.72
Dues and Subscriptions	94.75		94.75		
Maintenance	10,074.35	14,970.80	14,170.69	19,529.10	71,834.60
Misc.	3,134.72	1,774.96	4,781.83	3,549.92	21,299.52
Music Ministries	1,886.68	1,911.66	3,773.36	3,823.32	22,939.92
Office Expense	4,428.64	1,693.72	4,629.90	3,387.44	20,324.64
Pastoral Ministries	8,437.24	8,560.13	16,701.17	17,120.26	102,721.56
Total Expense	34,522.15	36,361.24	57,302.09	62,309.98	328,519.88
Net Ordinary Income	(22,140.16)	(14,947.39)	(31,057.96)	(18,982.28)	(58,220.32)
Other Income/Expense					
Other Income					
Capital Improvement	591.50	2,083.33	1,813.00	4,166.66	62,169.96
Non Budget Income	2,297.47	2,749.99	4,110.21	5,499.98	67,999.88
Transfers	17,000.00		17,000.00		
Total Other Income	19,888.97	4,833.32	22,923.21	9,666.64	130,169.84
Other Expense					
Intern Program Expense	2,905.83	2,312.48	5,339.66	4,624.96	39,949.76
Non Budget Expense	1,043.90	1,924.99	4,249.41	3,849.98	34,899.88
Total Other Expense	3,949.73	4,237.47	9,589.07	8,474.94	74,849.64
Net Other Income	15,939.24	595.85	13,334.14	1,191.70	55,320.20
ome	(6,200.92)	(14,351.54)	(17,723.82)	(17,790.58)	(2,900.12)

CHURCH CHATTER

Church Council Meeting Monday, April 6, at 7:00 pm



We welcomed our newest members at Faith. They were brought into the church on Sunday, March 29.

Katrina Jones Jason Mills Thomas Steckel Gregory Mallon

Baptisms

Kason Pierce Reinhart Michael Robert Szoke

Memorials

Earl I. Dreishbach

April 12th is Volunteer Week!

Thank you to ALL our volunteers,
we hope you know
how much we appreciate and
value you!

Thank you for all you do!
God Bless!

St. Stephen's Food Pantry needs are

tuna, pancake syrup, pancake mix, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned fruit, canned meats, soup, vegetables, coffee and tea.

Many thanks for your continued support of this important ministry.

BRING DISPOSABLE DIAPERS TO CHURCH TO HELP FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Did you know? Food assistance programs such as food stamps and WIC doesn't cover disposable diapers.

Diapers average a cost of \$100 a month for 8 to 10 diapers a day. Parents in distressed circumstances have to make difficult choices between purchasing diapers, paying bills, or buying groceries. Cloth diapers require access to laundry facilities and detergent, but most laundromats don't allow washable diapers in their machines. The Social Ministry Committee at Faith is asking you (and your friends, relatives, and neighbors) to collect diapers and bring them to church for distribution through St. Stephen's Food Bank. Any size is acceptable from preemie to adult as well as opened boxes. Some children grow so fast that parents are stuck with leftover sizes. Please put your donations in the box marked DIAPERS to the right of the Welcome Center when entering the church or bring them to the church office. Many thanks for your help with this project to help ease the burden for those less fortunate.

2015 BUDGET - GIVING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The congregation has approved the 2015 budget at the annual congregational meeting in December 2014.

The explanation of the budget included a 3% increase in Current & Benevolence (weekly envelopes) and a request for additional funds to replace the roofs on both the church and vicarage. A hail storm last summer did cause damage to a portion of the church roof and the vicar's roof. We have received remuneration from the insurance company, but will not cover the entire cost. Church Council will initiate borrowing the balance from "non-restricted" investments and a plan to payback the amount borrowed over a 3 year period ('15, '16, '17).

Here is the situation as we know it today.

Church roof replacement appx. cost	\$150,000
Vicarage roof replacement cost	\$ 10,000
Total Cost	\$160,000

Insurance money received	\$34,429.28
Insurance money upon completion	\$34,017.13
Total Insurance	\$68,446.41

Why won't the insurance company cover the entire cost. We have issues with insulation over the sanctuary and there are several rubber roofs that require replacement and we must change the spouting and gutter system on the sanctuary.

Balance to be funded by Faith appx. \$85-\$90,000

The goal for extra giving to return borrowed funds to investments in 2015 is \$27,000.

If every envelope has **AN ADDITIONAL \$4.50 designated 'ROOF'** for entire 2015 year, we will achieve this goal. We will track and report this monthly to see where we stand to the goal. This is not a separate check, just indicate the amount given for roof so we account for your giving properly.

Why is it important that we return the amount borrowed from investments? Every year we fall short of covering our expenses by \$50,000-\$85,000 so we transfer funds from investments to cover these shortfalls. We have to maintain approximately \$850,000 in these investments to annually generate the income to cover shortfalls.

In 2014, we appealed to you for \$14,000 to refurbish Blacker Hall and we raised \$15,000 in 5 weeks. NOW WE ARE ASKING FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$4.50 PER WEEK PER ENVELOPE SIDEMARKED "ROOF". THAT IS 3 CUPS OF COFFEE PER WEEK!

If you have any questions, talk to a member of Church Council or the Finance Committee. Thank you, members, for the support we are praying you will offer.

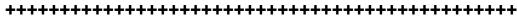
-From your "Partners in Ministry," Chris Schmidt & our Church Council Mike Miller & our Finance Chair

CHRISTIAN ED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Sunday, April 5th NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Plan on attending one of the worship services – 6:30 am, 8:00 am, and 10:30 am with your family.

Easter Breakfast will be served in Blacker Hall, 7:00 am – 10:00 am. Confirmation class will be helping with the breakfast. A basket will be provided for donations.





BASKET SOCIAL "THANK YOU" FROM JOANNE

As I watched people of all ages enter Blacker Hall, I saw the anticipation of winning one of these baskets in their eyes. As the young people checked out the baskets with *Frozen* characters, *Cars, Princesses*, videos with popcorn for a family fun night, the women were drawn to the jewelry, handbags, small appliances, the beautiful afghans, and the men headed to the sports, golf, tools and fishing baskets. Next, the adults were attracted to the numerous lottery scratch offs (I hope someone was a winner), to the baskets with wine and the great gift certificates offering tickets to local theatres plus some in Lancaster and to many businesses in the community. There was something for everyone.

As the committee prepared the final week for the social, the weather caused quite a concern. How can you get ready when you can't even get to the church? But, with this great committee everything came together.

The fun of the event was witnessed when a mother and her son came in to pick up their prize, a family pass for the Lehigh Valley Zoo. As the mother received the certificate, her son was handed a soft cuddly giraffe and a smile spread across the boy's face and his eyes lit up. Wow, what a joy to be part of that.

Members, thank you for your support.....whether it was the donation of a basket, monetary donation, goodies for the bake sale, or attending and hoping for that special basket.....THANK YOU. In addition to all the fun we had, the event raised \$8300 for the church.

-Joanne Gantz-Jalowiecki

Thanks to the Basket Social Volunteers

Linda & Keith Baily

Diane Batza

Sue Bellucci

Sally Buchmiller

Pastor Bodnyk

Phyllis Brader

Vicar Amanda Christensen

Jackie & Richard Daniel

Linda Eberhart

Judy & Shel Ehret

Shannon Ehret

Cheryl Endy

Kayla Endy

Jordon Euculano

Karen Euculano

Rosemarie & Mel Haffner

Gail & Dan Herzog

Jillian Hess

Karen Hess

Juliet Hower

Lois & Dennis Hower

Erica Juliano

Brian King

Margy Muthard

Betty & John Noll

Jane Ramer

Don Ruth

Linda Schadler

Vickie Lynne Schadler

Linda & Fred Scheirer

Julia Thomas

Pat & Fred Walschburger

Linda Wehr

Barbara Yurasits

Joanne Gantz-Jalowiecki Co-ordinator, Basket Social



CRAFT FAIR May 2, 2015 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



LOTS OF HELP IS NEEDED!! CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

It's that time again that we call upon all of you to help make the craft fair a successful event. **Contact Adriana or Rhynier Minnich at (610) 262-7772** or the church office at (610) 435-0451 to volunteer even if it's only for an hour or two. We appreciate whatever time you can give us.

SETTING UP -- Thursday evening - Apr. 30^{th} 7:00-9:00 pm. Help needed to move tables and set up chairs to get the rooms ready for the crafters.

VENDOR SETUP - Friday evening - May 1st 6:45 to 9:00 pm and Saturday May 2nd - 6:30 to 8:00 am. Directors only, no additional help needed.

<u>HOME-BAKED</u> GOODS -- Donations accepted before 3:00PM Friday, or after 6:00 pm May 1st and preferably before 8:00 am Saturday, May 2nd. Home made cakes, pies, candy, cookies, bread, etc.

PARKING ATTENDANTS -- Saturday - May 2nd all day. Help direct cars in and out of the lot.

GREETERS -- Saturday, May 2nd 8:30 am for the upper level. This is a good job for you who need a sit down task.

KITCHEN -- Monetary gifts welcomed. We'll shop! Help is needed Saturday, May 2nd especially from 10:00 am-1:30 pm.

YOUTH GROUP, CONFIRMATION CLASSES, AND SCOUT TROOPS -- Saturday, May 2nd - Help is needed serving and clearing the food tables from 10:30 am -1:30 pm

"TEAR DOWN" 3:30 pm - May 2nd. We need extra help for this, please, to put the Church back together for Sunday. Any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated by everyone on the committee. Scout troops are very welcome to help.

SATURDAY - HELP NEEDED ALL DAY - SIGN UP SHEETS AVAILABLE

A GIANT THANK YOU!



Due to the increased concern and rise in child abuse cases and new laws enacted as of January 2015, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church has created a "Safe Church" policy with standards provided by our insurance company.

The policy states that all persons seeking to work with children or vulnerable adults, both paid and volunteer, will complete the following screening process:

- 1. Written Application
- 2. Personal Interview
- 3. Criminal Background Checks (National Criminal and State Child Abuse)
- 4. Complete a one-two hour training course provided at the church at scheduled time of your convenience

(The definition of Children is anyone under the age of 18 years old, and a Vulnerable Adult is any person 18 years of age or older who because of mental or physical dysfunction is unable to manage his/her own resources, carry out the activity of daily living or protect himself/herself from abuse or neglect without assistance from others.)

It is our goal to comply with all policies that will ensure the safety of everyone while nurturing our Christian faith. All current or future employees and volunteers will be asked to fulfill these screening steps by the HR Committee upon hire, or the Director of Christian Education when volunteering. The first training will be held Sunday, April 26 following the 10:30 church service. Future dates and times will be announced.

Please note that we need and appreciate all volunteers at Faith and will do everything in our power to make the screening process seamless.

Thank you for understanding this process and for the continued support that you provide to our Faith Family.

Sincerely,

The HR Committee



SCHEDULE FOR VOLUNTEERS APRIL 2 through April 26, 2015



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	April 2 nd Maudy Thursday	April 3 rd Good Friday	April 5 th Easter	April 12 th	April 19 th	April 26 th
Liturgists	Vicar Christensen (both services)	Vicar Christensen	Vicar Christensen (both services)	Vicar Christensen (both services)	Vicar Christensen (both services)	None Needed
Communion Assistants	None Needed	None Needed	E- Bobbi Kling L- Barb Farrell	None Needed	None Needed	Barb Kotsch
Altar Guild	Cathy Haller & Kathy Stofflet	Kris Eichelberger	E- Cathy Haller & Linda Scheirer L- Sara Laub & Rosemarie Haffner	E- Diane Batza L- Nancy Buskirk & Doreen Miller	E- Kris Eichelberger & Bobbi Kling L- Jane Ramer & Pat Walschburger	E- Cathy Haller L- Nancy Buskirk & Sara Laub
Acolytes	Kayla Endy	Justin Mattison	E- Hailey Druckenmiller	E- Alexandra Reinhard	E- Alex Rummel	E- Jillian Hess
	nayla zilay	Jastiii Wattisoii	L- Juliet Hower	L- Jade Graveley	L- Justin Mattison	L- Grace Kemmerer
Crucifers	Gabrielle Reinhard	Cooper Ward	E- Erica Juliano L- Jordan Euculano	E- Ryan Schmidt L- Julia Thomas	E- Austin Bilous L- Cooper Ward	E- Avery Druckenmiller L- Connor Miller
Lectors	None Needed	None Needed	8:00- Martha Rummel 10:30- Tom Smykowski	E- Shiryl Decker L- Phyllis Brader	E- Alyssa Pringle L- Karen Euculano	E- Pam Blacker L- Annikah Merhi
Narthex Greeters	Open	Open	6:30- None needed 8:00- Dean & Pat Wotring 10:30- Roger & Lucille Reichard	E – Keith & Linda Baily L – Open	E- Erich & Rena Berg L- Phyllis Brader	E- Dwayne & Theresa Christmas L- Ralph & Nancy Eckhart
Ushers	**	**	E – Team #2	E-Team #3	E-Team #4	E - Team #1
Usileis			L-Team #9	L-Team #5	L-Team #6	L- Team #7
Flower Sponsors	None Needed	None Needed	Open	Evan Colburn	Jim Schaffer	Rhynier & Adriana Minnich
Bulletin Sponsors	Open	Ernest Bertsch	Shelley, Michaela & Alyssa Pringle	Open	Jim Schaffer	Rhynier & Adriana Minnich
Coffee Hour Baker	None Needed	None Needed	None Needed Easter Breakfast	Catherine Haller	Karen Hess	Tracey Hildebrand

APRIL 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT New Members Brought In 9:15 AM Sunday School - All Ages 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Egg Hunt 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM LV Dream Weaver's 8:00 PM -AA Meeting	9:00 AM AARP Tax Aide 1:00 PM Pieceworkers 6:30 PM Daisy Girl Scouts	31 10:00 AM Prayer Group 5:15 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM ZUMBA	1 9:00 AM AARP Tax Aide 9:00 AM EC Music 10:00 AM EC Music 6:30 PM Cadettes 7:00 PMStew/Outreach	Maundy Thursday	GOOD FRIDAY	4 9:00 AM - 3:00 PMSet-up for Breakfast 10:00 AM Early Childhood Music
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