

The Mustard Seed

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OUR VISION – *To be an inspired body of Christ.* T OUR MISSION – *Love God. Love Others. Serve.*

Jesus said, "If you have the faith of a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20, 21



UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAYER VIGIL

Thursday, May 2 through Saturday, May 4
Our most important step in our appeal is to reach out to God to bless and strengthen our efforts through prayer. During these 3 days, we ask each and every congregational member commit to 30-minutes of intentional prayer. A Prayer Booklet is available in the narthex to guide your walk. Where you pray is totally up to you, perhaps in the sanctuary, in the comfort of your home or a special space where you connect with God. To seal your commitment to pray, you can sign up by the monitor in the narthex, or you can just *PRAY*.

CELEBRATION DINNER

Saturday, May 4 • 5:30pm

For all members. Nursery is available.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

May 5

Our three-year pledges will be gathered in worship. (Commitments will also be received during worship May 12 for those not attendance May 5. Pledges may be dropped off at the office as well.)

BIG REVEAL SUNDAY

May 19 We will announce the commitment total and celebrate a spirit of generosity. Giving to the campaign begins!

Walk by Faith PRAYER

Merciful God, we pray to walk in a manner worthy of You, Lord, fully pleasing You, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in Your knowledge. May we be strengthened with all Your power, according to Your glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy. We give thanks to You for qualifying us to share in the great inheritance of the saints. Amen.

Colossians 1:10-12

COUNCIL CORNER

By Deb Miller

Many of you are likely familiar with the poem *A Cross in My Pocket*. I have several copies of these, each with a little cross. A special one is the one my grandma carried. However, the most treasured are the ones that either my grandma or one of my past Sunday school students made. I strategically place them so that I will have one with me at all times. When I travel and I see one in my suitcase as I pack, I feel immediate comfort about the journey ahead.

Recently, we received *Walk by Faith* bracelets, and similar to *A Cross in My Pocket*, the bracelet is a **simple reminder to follow God's leadership. What was most touching to me, was something that happened when I was putting our 6-year-old son, Ethan, to bed the first night after we received our bracelets. As I sat on the edge of his bed, he touched my bracelet and started to sing the *Walk by Faith* song we've been singing in worship. I am not saying he knew all the words, but I didn't realize that he knew any of them or even knew the significance of the song! In that moment, I had no doubt that he understood the connection of the bracelet, the song, and our *Walk by Faith* theme. That was a powerful moment for me, and I was overcome with the comfort of being loved by God and the joy of *Walking by Faith* with every member of Faith Lutheran Church, from youngest to oldest. What a great adventure to share!**

CALL COMMITTEE

Council has charged a Call Committee to present an Associate Pastor candidate to the congregation this year. Our Call Committee chairpersons are Leslie & Rick Smenner. Members of the Call Committee are Jane Dakolios, Nancy Dean, Will Dickinson, Adam Edwards, Christina Landau, Lynda Primka and Aynsleigh Martin.

The Call Committee had an initial meeting on April 14 and met with Reverend Ben Moravitz, an assistant to the bishop from our synod, and will meet again April 30. A job description for this position is posted on the bulletin board.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING SOON!

See more on page 5!

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

WALK BY FAITH *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*

II Corinthians 5:7

We are embarking on something exciting at our church: *Walk by Faith*. This program will allow us to make long-needed repairs to our church facilities.

We envision new carpet in the sanctuary, a sound system that always works, a remodeled kitchen, an inviting parking lot and grounds, an up-graded heating/air conditioning system and other improvements.

More than raising money for improvements, we are seeking to invite the community to Faith Lutheran Church and to Christ. Warm and friendly facilities will help with our outreach.

Improving our physical plant shows our investment in this congregation and our respect for the Lord. We will achieve these improvements by raising funds through the *Walk by Faith* appeal, a three year capital campaign.

We will gather pledges on Commitment Sunday, May 5. If you are **unable to attend worship on the 5th, we'll also gather pledges the next Sunday, May 12. On May 19, we'll announce the grand total pledged and giving to *Walk by Faith* will begin!**

Yes, these are exciting times at Faith Lutheran Church, especially as we *walk by faith*.

"For we walk by faith." II Corinthians 5:7

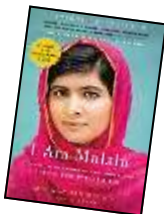
Pastor Bob Stelter

Rev. Dr. Robert Stelter, Pastor
Faith Lutheran Church

SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP

Tuesday,
May 7, 7pm

Join us in the library for our final session until the fall. Emily Norris will lead our discussion of National Best Seller, ***I Am Malala*** by Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Peace Prize Winner, who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban.



LISTEN TO OUR
SERMONS ON THE WEB
Go to our church website
at www.faithloves.org to hear
Sunday morning sermons.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sundays, June 2 & 9,
10:15am-11am in the library

New to Faith Lutheran Church? Been attending worship and want to know more about our ministries? What do I have to do to become a member? What is a Lutheran anyway? All these questions are more will be answered during two upcoming sessions for inquiring minds with Pastor Bob Stelter!

BLESSING OF THE PETS



Saturday, May 18, 10am,
at the Angel Garden at
Faith Lutheran Church.
Bring your furry, fuzzy,
scaly, slimy, feathered and
slick for a prayer and
 **blessing. We'll also have a pet parade and
introduction of all God's critters present.**

CONFIRMATION

Class for 7th through 10th graders
is held on Sunday mornings in
the library between the worship
services, 10:15 to 11am.

5/5 Review

5/12 Exam

5/19 **Instructors' Meeting
& Evaluation**

Classes resume after Labor Day.

AFFIRM June 19-21

This gathering is for grades 6-12
and is held at the University of
West Alabama in Livingston. For
more information and to register,
go online to sesyouth.org/affirm.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will have a Youth One-Room
Sunday School for June and July.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sunday May 5, 12:30-3pm

Tie-Dye Underwear and Socks for
the Salvation Army Shelter. Please
bring socks and underwear to dye.
Dye will be provided.

Sunday, May 19, 12:30-3pm

Make Personal Hygiene Bags.
Please bring any hotel/travel size
personal hygiene items you may
have or will purchase. We need of
deodorant, lotion & toothbrushes.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us in *The Cup*, 10:15am.

The Dead Sea Scrolls

led by John Woods

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Attending and representing Faith
Lutheran Church are Melissa
Horning, Lisa and Bob Stelter at
the annual Southeastern Synod
Assembly, May 31 through June 2
in Chattanooga. Pastor Stelter will
return to Knoxville to lead worship
services on Sunday.



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FROM THE HEART by Nancy Reed

“Be still and know I am God. Know that I love you. I hold you in the palm of my hand. I have counted the hairs on your head. You are the apple of my eye.” Psalm 17:8 (The Hebrew Scripture says “dark part of the eye” but it has the same meaning). The pupil of the eye is the gateway through which visible light passes. Look into **someone’s eye and you can see your reflection** when standing very close, seeing a reflection of yourself. The root meaning of this phrase is found **not in HUMAN love but GOD’S.** Deuteronomy 32:10. God called His people “the apple of my eye.” Your name is written on my heart. Do not be **afraid.**” God wants to open the eyes of our hearts and surround us with His warmth and for us to feel cherished by Him. God also wants to be cherished by us “His people” and He will not rest until this is accomplished.

“There is nothing between us that needs to be hidden from God. Not our guilt, shame, fears or sins. He wants to see it, touch it, hear it and make himself known. There is no other God but the God of love.” HENRI NOUWEN

All too often we focus on the negative in our lives. At these times we should remember this: **“WE ARE THE APPLE OF GOD’S EYE”** King David said in Psalm 17:8 “Keep me as the apple of your eye, hide me under the shadow of your wings.” **Throughout scripture we see God’s unfailing love. For each of us the undeniable truth is that God’s love is matched by no other love.** C.S. Lewis wrote “He did not die for men, but for each man. If each man had been the only man made He would have done no less.” (This is love un-imaginable.)

We are the apple of His eye and He loves each of us with passion; He offers to be our souls rock, our dearest friend, our foundation. Deuteronomy 6:5 **tells us this: “thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, mind, soul, and might.”** When we love him as He loves us our relationship with Him will flourish; grow and bind us with Him in spirit.

We must offer Him all of ourselves, honoring Him in all we say, do, think and share with others keeping HIM the absolute center of our lives. **Proverbs 7:2 says, “Keep my commandments and LIVE.” His laws are not impossibly idealistic or impractical and not unachievable.** It does not take an Einstein to understand them or the strength of Hercules to keep them. His laws are do-able and given in love to empower His people.

“Prayer is an honest conversation with the one we know deeply loves us.” ST TERESA OF AVILA

MEETINGS & EVENTS

WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS

Parish Choir, 6:30pm ♦ Praise Team, 7:30pm

SMALL GROUPS

Afternoon Bible Study Tuesdays, 1:30pm

Ladies Small Group Thursdays, 11:30am

Contact Lynda Primka, 742-2727 for location.

MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

Property Ministry Team—May 6 & June 17, 6:30pm

Community Ministry Team—June 24, 6:30pm

HOMELESS MINISTRY: SALVATION ARMY

Our next visit is Tuesday, May 14. We need to replenish our supply of **men’s boxer briefs, sizes m, l, xl.**

Donation bins are located at both entrances.

WELCA ANNA ESTHER CIRCLE

Wednesday, May 15, 10am

HANDY FAITHFULS WORKDAY

Thursday, May 16, 9am. Come help with small chores around our church. Call Charlie Pfrommer, 964-0820.

FAITH SERVES KARM

Saturday, May 18, noon. Please sign up to cook or serve. Valerie Taylor, coordinator.

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30pm ♦ Executive Team, 6pm

RACHEL DAY DIAPER DRIVE

In 1994 one woman's voice and passion for children started observing Rachel's Day through WELCA congregations and others. For 25 years it has been observed nationally focusing on the abuse, violence, and needs of children. In recognition, we continue our collection of size 4 baby diapers that help families shopping at our Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry.



WELCA asks for your support of this ministry project. During May look for the baby crib in the narthex to place your donations.



FROM THE MAILBOX

From Connie Rist . . . Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits. I appreciate everything you have done after the loss of Toivo. I am so thankful God gave me such a wonderful family at Faith.

From Leo Hall of Raise Jamaica . . . I just want to personally say thanks for the support Pastor Bob and Faith Lutheran Church are giving to the work we do. Thanks for the contribution, and as we continue to partner in ministry — may we continue to impact lives to the glory of God.

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

by Jan Darnell, shephopepantry@gmail.com

OPEN: April 1, 3-5pm & April 15, 3-7pm

TRAINING: May 23, 6pm, May 28, 1:30pmpm

ITEMS: Laundry Detergent, Bagged Beans, Large Soup, Canned Fruit, Shampoo

I recently read a book and want to share this poem I **came across**. Please don't stop at the title—it is short and will take just a minute. God calls all of us to do his work.

VOLUNTEER'S CREED

By Tom Krause

Though my troubles and my worries
Are sometimes all that I can see—
Still I always must remember
Life's not only about me.

Other souls are also hurting
And I know that it's God's plan
To reach out to help another—
To extend to them my hand.

With this purpose as my focus—
To be a comfort to a friend—
All my troubles and my worries
Seem to fade out in the end.

It is one of God's true lessons—
How my walk is meant to be—
True happiness I find when
Life's not only about me.

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

NEW TO THE LIBRARY:

Jesus Christ, Our Passover
by Victor Paul Wierwille



Thanks to Maria Lindsey for the donation of this book to our library. This comprehensive study examines the most crucial events in all of history, the two month period from before the last Passover with Jesus and his disciples, to Easter and ending with the day of Pentecost and the birth of the church. This book explores the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection, seeking to correct misunderstood beliefs and deepen our faith. The book is available on the display table in the library. Be sure to take a look at our vast collection of study material in our library.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Celebrate special events and remember loved ones. Sign up on the flower chart near the library.

5/5

—available—

5/12

—available—

5/19

—available—

5/26

Jane & Gary Dakolios



NEWS ABOUT THE FAMILY OF FAITH

William Bales is spending the summer working in Hibbing, Minnesota (not far from Canada) as wrangler and grounds keeper at Lutheran Island Bible Camp. . . Mason Taylor and Angie Marini will be married in Chattanooga May 4.

MAY FAMILY OF FAITH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

5/1 JulieAnn Fenstermaker	5/17 Ginger Grunke Anthony Ragucci
5/2 Josh Moore	5/20 Eli Tunnell
5/3 Jan Foss	5/21 Lilly Cogburn Debbie Ragucci
Maureen Goins	5/22 Aubrey Holmes
Paula Morris	5/24 Bill Kilbey Olivia Parrott
Randy Schaefer	5/25 Bridget Edwards Foster Loyacano
5/4 Lois Simmons	Madi Matherly Susan Vanacore
5/5 Gary Dakolios Kim Holbert	Phil Whitehead
5/6 Tami Jansen	5/26 Brady Burmaster Alan Morris
Melanie Moore	5/29 Jason Oberhaus
Brogan Oberhaus	5/30 John Foss Elizabeth Lehman
5/11 Joe Poole	Michelle Newsted
5/12 Adam Edwards	
Dan Newsted	
Sherri Ward	
David Willis	
5/13 John Fisher	
5/14 Joseph Morelli	
5/15 Cameron Burmaster	
5/16 Tricia Saylor	
5/17 Rhonda Blackburn	
Matthew Gray	



BAPTISMS

5/1 Tyler Bauman
George Deichert
Carol Nanney
Jack Ryan
Ben Savitz
5/2 Ilse Pridans
5/5 Emily Kinney
Mark Larsen
Matt Larsen
5/6 Walter Paquet
5/8 Rory Smith
5/12 Elliana Spangler
5/13 Cooper Edwards
Kian O'Kada
Kianna O'Kada
5/15 Rebecca Nieto
5/19 Amelia Case
5/20 Joan Howard
5/26 Brady Burmaster
5/28 Adam Edwards
Bridget Edwards
5/30 Nathan Rondinone

ANNIVERSARIES

5/1 Carol & Dave Sass, 39
5/5 Judy & Jeff Zager, 29
5/8 Kristine & Larry Lehman, 37
5/17 Michael & Amelia Case, 5
Darren & Hana Rothenberg, 11
5/19 Andrew & Carrie Parrott, 12
5/20 Mary & Robert Clark, 21
5/21 David & Patricia Mabry, 8
Rhonda & Rob Blackburn, 3
5/25 Ronda & Rick McCown, 28
5/27 Debbie & Ron Pinchok, 47
5/28 John & Deb Mulloy, 41
Walter & Dorothy Paquet, 70
5/29 Gary & Jane Dakolios, 43
Matthew Gray & Debra Miller, 9
5/30 Chris & Mindy Spiller, 21

Have a May date not featured here?
Contact Mary Boring, 966-9626
to have your special day recorded
in our church records.

For we walk by faith and not by sight . . .

2 Corinthians 5:7



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 3-6

All participants and volunteers [pre-k (age 4) through 5th grade] must register at:
tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/faithandfarragut.

Space for participants is limited!
Youth helpers (current grade 5 and up) and adult leaders—we need your help to lead our space adventure. For information, contact Lynda Primka, at lprimka@gmail.com or call Melissa Horning, 255-5456.

Paper towel rolls & glass baby food jars with lids are needed for crafts. Collection bin is in *The Cup*.

2019 GRADUATES

Parents, please email your high school and college graduate's information to the office by May 17 to publish in our June Mustard Seed: mary@faithloves.org.



ART SHOW Friday, May 17, 6-8pm Featuring Nortrud DePorter

Pinnacle Assisted Living
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Knoxville, TN 37932

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