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a message from senior pastor, Jacob Heine

"But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart."

Luke 2:19

My oldest daughter recently bought herself a point and shoot film camera. As a dad, it has been fun teaching her things that I used to do without really thinking about it: Loading film into the camera, rewinding it, trying to capture a shot and then wondering for weeks (and sometimes months) what it would look like before the film was developed.

And when the film comes back, there is the excitement, laughter, and reminiscing as you look at the snapshots that you took. Sometimes you forgot about that moment in time and now the memories of the experience come flooding back. This is something we have lost with our point and shoot digital lives. The immediacy of knowing if you need to take another picture, the ability to make everything look perfect, and then the quickly forgetting about what happened as the picture gets shuffled farther back with new pictures on your phone or social media. There is something about having those old snapshots that giving you a chance to continue to ponder things in our hearts.

You have probably seen that we are working on our first congregational directory in 10 years. And even though this is something that is now done digitally, it is still a moment in time that we get to capture. In the book that is received by every family that comes in to take a picture we capture a moment in time. It is something when we open it we will be able to see how God has grown us as a congregation. We will get to tell the stories of the work that God has given us to do. We will reminisce about How God has been faithful and continues to bless and care for our congregation. It will be a wonderful, and important snapshot, that will show Faith Lutheran Church in a wonderful way.

And let me say, it won't be a complete snapshot if you are not in it. This photo directory will show who we are, at this moment in time, and it is a beautiful picture of God's grace at work in this place. You are a part of that. When we look back at this in the weeks, months, and years ahead we want you to be a part of the snapshot of Faith Lutheran Church. We treasure you and will continue to hold you in our hearts. Seeing you in this one snapshot is a small and simple way that we will get to celebrate who we are as part of the body of Christ.

Please take the time to sign up to get your picture taken, to celebrate being a part of this community, and being a part of the snapshot of Faith Lutheran that others will be able to look at, treasure, and celebrate all that God has allowed us to be and do.

In Christ's Hands,

Pastor Jacob

From our Director of Music & Worship Arts

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[The following excerpts are taken from "Before We Gather" by Zac Hicks. pp 165-167]

Lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all. (Ephesians 4:1-6)

What qualifies us all to serve in ministry? Some of us are tempted to believe that ministry is something that only pastors and church staff do. But you're a Christian, the Bible considers you a minister. In Ephesians 4, when Paul is listing various roles in the church, he is quick to say that all those roles exist "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (v 12). This means you've been given the Holy Spirt and his gifts so that you can minister to others. So no matter who you are—whether you're a musician, a greeter, a sound tech, a communion preparer, or an usher (to name a few)—you've been called to minister in that role. Your objective is to participate in your role in such a way that you are building other people up to look, smell, and act like Jesus. Don't shy away, then, from the opportunity to declare to your sisters and brothers the Word that has the power to build them up—the gospel. Remind them of who Jesus is and what he has done for them.

Choir Rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept. 5

- Alleluia Ringers Handbell Choir 6:00-7:00pm. Meets in the sanctuary. Bell ringing technique can be easily taught in rehearsals, but you need to be able read music (especially counting and rhythm). This choir usually rings in both our styles of worship about once a month.
- Adult Choir 7:15-8:30pm. Meets in the choir loft. This 4-part (SATB) choir is always needing more voices! No need to audition, just the love of singing. The choir sings at least twice a month in the 8:00 service and once a month in the 10:45 service.

Other Worship Arts & Music Ministry opportunities...

- Praise Team/Band Our on-going music team for the 10:45 Modern Worship is always looking for more members...

 Singers (lead or harmony) and band musicians (guitar, keys, drums, bass) are scheduled around availability (you do not need to commit to every week). Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:30pm (after WOW) the week of the Sunday you are scheduled.

 Anyone is welcome to sit in on a rehearsal to see what is involved.
- Tech Team Every worship service needs technicians to work in the tech booth running sound, screen, or cameras. If any of these positions interest you, please contact Linda. Training will be given and an optional small stipend is available.

If you have questions or need more information about any of the above, contact Linda Meyer.

Stop by the Music & Worship Arts Ministry table at the Ministry Fair on Sept 29 and learn more or ask questions about how to get involved in Choir, Bells, Praise Team, and/or Tech.

CARE CARDS

Join friends at church every-other Wednesday in room 206 to make 4"x4" Care Cards. All materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Card making days this month are September 4 & 18. Finished cards are placed in a box at the Care Card Center near the church's front entry - to be sent to members who need to know people CARE about them. Please write a note to the person(s) whose names appear on the white board at the Care Card center.

Report from LLC

- Voters Meeting Sunday, November 10 at 9:30 for elections and budget approval.
- Nominations being accepted for officers, LLC at large members and State Convention delegate/alternate.
- ♦ Budget process is underway.
- ♦ Sabbatical policy draft is being reviewed.



Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Psalm 95:1

A big THANK YOU! to everyone who helped clean the sanctuary on August 17. Many hands helped make the task fun and the work go quickly to make our worship space shine.

THE DEBORAH GROUP cleaned the kitchen in July and helped with cleaning the sanctuary August 17. We will be gathering September 17 at 7:00 pm at Jan Lyle's home for devotions and fellowship. Jan will be leading. If you are looking for a group to join we meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 in the evening. Please contact Brenda Perry at 785-231-9397 for more information.

Did you miss EVE CIRCLE'S Summer Sundae Social, which was open to all women of Faith? Guests had so much fun (see the LWML bulletin board photos in our Fellowship Hall), we heard over and over, "Let's do this again!" so we hope to make it an annual event! In addition to the fun, we collected over \$200 worth of women's hygiene products for the YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment.

The **EVE GROUP** will hold their first meeting of the season on September 9 at 7pm in the Parlor. For further information call Sherrie Dick - 785-506-5764 or Karen Tardiff - 785-845-2600. Iarge mite box to be out on the first Sunday of each month. Your "mites" donations are always appreciated and together we can make a big impact for those in need.

HANNAH TEAM will be meeting on Monday, September 9

(since the first Monday of the month is Labor Day). See you at 5:30 in the LWML room (Room 206/208 first floor, last room on the left)! We'll finish the Quarterly devotion that we started in August. A light snack will be provided!

RUTH CIRCLE will be meeting Wednesday, September 11, at 9:30am in the Church Parlor Room 100 (basement.) The topic leader is Karlea Landman and hostess are Shirley Martin and Brenda Reynolds. The new September *Quarterlys* will be in the LWML basket in the entryway and in the basement. Look forward to seeing members and visitors.

Look for the new LWML Membership Directories in the gathering nook.

Our mites have helped the LWML Kansas District provide the funding for Mission Grant #2 to Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This funding will be used to supply the co-op with fresh fruits, vegetables, and dairy products as well as paper products. Watch for our large mite box to be out on the first Sunday of each month. Your "mites" donations are always appreciated and together we can make a big impact for those in need.

"Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant and a song of praise is fitting." (Psalm 147: 1) Praise the Lord!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! I want to thank everyone who helped make my ordination service such a wonderful experience and joyous celebration. When God's people gather together in praise and thanksgiving, it is moment to behold, and Sunday was no different.

Faith Lutheran Church has been and will continue to be my church home, and I am blessed to be called by God and the church for service in this place, for a time such as this.

I look forward to serving you as together, we seek to be a place that proclaims Christ and Him crucified. Let us continue to grow in faith, share Christ's love! Pastor Jeff

FAITH IS ENROLLED IN THE DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Anyone with a Dillon's Shoppers Card can designate Faith Lutheran Church – Topeka (organization # CX912) as the reward recipient for their purchases. To designate Faith on your Shoppers Card account, go to www.dillons.com/communityrewards
Sign into your Dillons account. Go to "Link your Card to an organization." Then click on "Search for your organization here."

On the next screen, in the field "Find an Organization", enter Faith Lutheran Church and press enter. Click on "Enroll" under the name "Faith Lutheran Church — Topeka". You will see a message you have successfully enrolled and you are finished. Shoppers Card holders must re-enroll annually to designate Faith in this program.

FOR YOUR HEALTH ... Hospice... Pallative.... what do these mean?

a message from our Parish Nurse Pat Schultz, RN

Hospice care. Palliative care. What exactly do these mean? Let's start at the beginning, when hospice care and palliative care were born.

Connecticut Hospice was America's first hospice. It was founded by Florence Wald and a group of nurses, doctors, and clergy in the 1970's. It was the first of its kind in the United States. Wald had been inspired by Dr. Cicely Saunders during a lecture about palliative care. Saunders was the founder of the first hospice in the world. The hospice movement focused on patients with terminal illness and their families. "In the early days terminally ill patients went through hell, and the family was never involved," Wald said. She developed a home hospice program that centered on 10 Principles of Care that delivered coordinated, comprehensive, and compassionate care for patients with terminal illness and their families. The 10 Principles are:

- 1) The patient and family are regarded as the unit of care.
- 2) Services are physician directed and nurse coordinated.
- 3) Emphasis is on control of symptoms (physical, sociological, spiritual, and psychogenic.
- 4) An interdisciplinary team provides care.
- 5) Trained volunteers are an integral part of the team.
- 6) Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and on call with emphasis on availability of medical and nursing skills.
- 7) Family members receive bereavement follow up.





- 8) Home care and inpatient care are coordinated.
- 9) Patients are accepted on the basis of health needs, not on ability to pay.
- 10) There are structured systems for staff support and communication.

The main hospice commitment is to enable the patient to live as fully and completely as possible during the time of illness. The full family is considered in the care, not just the patient. Hospice care can make it possible for families to keep their loved one at home in some cases. Community resources can help deepen support and keep care costs as low as possible. Because hospice care is an approach to care and is not tied to a specific facility it can be offered at home or in a facility...a nursing facility, a hospital, or a hospice center.

Next month we will explore Palliative Care and how it relates to Hospice Care. My intention is to help us understand what a patient and their family is going through and what services/type of care the patient is receiving when they are under hospice care or palliative care. However, much searching of information has cemented my belief that it is a daunting, if even possible, task to definitively differentiate between the two types of services. The care provided and the terminology used when providing these services is not standardized. Not all organizations provide the same care for each of these services. For this reason, it is very important to discuss with the physician and representatives of either of the services being considered before making a decision on what type of care best suits your specific situation.

Russell Atchison	1	Michele LeMoine	15
Darlene Harvey	1	Ivan Lierz	15
Matt Laird	1	Wayne Peterson	15
Chloe Moran	1	Robbie Timm	17
Carmiya Ray	1	Brownie Wilson	17
Melinda Landman	4	James Dunton	18
Aubrey Maxwell	4	Ben Hale	18
Jackie Vincent	4	Nathan Leonard	18
Connie Gerhardt	5	Sheamus McGuigan	19
Jerald Morlock	5	Jeannette Driscoll	19
Isabel Gateley	6	Phil Gutierrez	19
David Schwartz	8	Sara Hale	19
Jeffrey Alvarez	9	Eddie Kolterman	19
Bob Kuhn	9	Andrew Marstall	19
Rebecca Gateley	10	Hunter Ramsey	19
Steve Hale	10	Kerri Smith	19
Clarene Wilms	10	Jennifer Steere-Offermann	19
John Barrett	11	Kent Biel	20
Angie Decker	12	Lydia Spellman-Roberts	21
George Hogg	12	Kent Anschutz	22
Darrel Savage	12	Maddyn Grist	22
Kelsie Burdiek	13	Steve Hennessey	22
Brogan Guffey	13	Jennifer Johannes	22
Renae Hansen	13	Eva Brunkow	23
Grace Thacker	13	Elaine Eggold	23
Lizzy Thacker	13	Erin Schwant	23



Wanda Hipsher	24
David Kuhn	24
Jan Hoover	25
Cale Neddermeyer	25
Emily Tilton	25
Kay Dittmer	26
Maggie McClintock	26
Kim Savage	26
Patrice Thomsen	26
Shelly Mahon	27
Nancy Rhone	27
Ava Andrews	28
MiKaela Webster	28
Gayla Hoyt	29
Hannah Kamprath	29
Jan Masenthin	29
Vici Sanders-Newman	30

Gary & Sherrie Dick	2	Kent & Lori Biel	20
Dean & Karlea Landman	2	David & Sara Hale	20
Chelsie & Clint Livingston	2	Amy & James Dunton	22
Lillian & Gary Rexford	5	Phyllis & Donald Toombs	23
Barb & Paul Bowers	6	Katie & Koty Mize	24
Denae & Jacob Oltmanns	6	Carissa & Kevin Robertson	24
Allen & Judy Corzine	7	Christina & Joe Ledbetter	26
Brandon & Megan Decker	15	Erin & Zach Snethen	27
Susan & Cliff Sheets	16	Kim & Tim Rollenhagen	29
Ann & Ron Shelton	16	Lindsey & Tommy Guffey	30



Our Monday morning quilters are always in need of more help. Please consider joining them on 2nd & 4th Monday mornings here at Faith. September quilting dates: Sept. 9 & 23. No experience necessary. We meet in a room in the south campus building. Questions? Contact Anne Johnson, 408-8004.



.CHILDREN. .YOUTH. .FAMILIES.

Heather McCormick, director of youth & family ministry

YOUTH

Junior youth

Junior youth will host coffee fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 1 at 8:30am! All proceeds go towards junior youth summer trips!

Junior Youth Nerf Night: All junior youth are invited to join us for a Nerf Gun Night on Friday, Sept. 20 from 6-9pm at Faith! Dinner will be provided.

Registration is open for our fall junior youth retreat at Camp Wood YMCA on Nov. 22-24! Registration forms are due back to Heather by Friday, Nov. 1. Need an extra registration form? Pick one up from the church office!

Senior youth

Senior youth will host coffee fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 8:30am! All proceeds go towards senior youth summer trips!

Senior Youth Garage Sale October 24-26! The senior youth had so many items left from their June Garage Sale, that they are hosting another sale in October! The sale will be open to the public on Thursday, Oct. 24 and Friday, Oct. 25 from 8am-3pm, and on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 8am-2pm. All proceeds benefit the senior youth summer trips. Looking to donate some items?

Items can be dropped off any time the church office is open (8:30am-Noon & 1:00-4:30pm Monday thru Friday).

Registration is open for the senior high District Youth Gathering happening Nov. 15-17 at Rock Springs! Registration forms are due back to Heather by Sunday, Oct. 27. Additional registration forms can be picked up from the church office.

Senior Youth Nerf Night: Senior youth will have their Nerf Gun Night on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 6-9pm at Faith! Dinner is provided.

FAMILY LIFE

Gary's Berries: Faith's Annual Gary's Berries event will be on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 5-9pm! FREE hotdog dinner, s'mores and water! Tickets can be picked up from the church office starting Sunday, Sept. 15 (\$10/person, members only until October 15).

WOW MEALS

- Sept 4 hamburgers/hotdogs, chips, veggies & dip, cupcakes
- Sept 11 spaghetti & meatballs, green salad, garlic bread, cookies
- **Sept 18** baked chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, dinner rolls, ice cream
- Sept 25 taco bar, sopapillas



Sign up sheets will be available at a table in the lobby on Sunday mornings, or to schedule on-line, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on Photograph Session Signups, enter **KS182** Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family please use **two** consecutive time slots. For assistance in setting your appointment please call 816-501-8652.

Update from our treasurer...

MONTHLY FINANCIAL RESULTS (GENERAL FUND)

- Donations for July were \$73,942 and expenses were \$90,358 resulting in a <u>net negative</u> balance for the month of (\$16,416.)
- Year to date donations are \$676,996 and expenses were \$647,682 resulting in a year to date balance of \$29,314.
- Donations for July were \$8,089 below July 2023 .
- Year to date donations are \$51,993 above 2023.



Thank you! August was Faith Lutheran's month to stock Doorstep's Food Pantry and our members generously donated over 1000 pounds of non perishable foods.

Our donations will provide 50 pounds of food to over 20 families for a month.

The Pantry has been running very low on many staples this summer, so this gift is welcome.

"Doorstep was built on neighbor helping neighbor and we are a part of a caring and generous community. Thank you for all the ways you support Doorstep and your neighbors in need; whether you have donated food, clothing and household items, monetarily, gifts for Christmas, participated in one of our events, or shared our information with someone who needed help, you are all very much a part of our Doorstep family and we appreciate your support."



Lisa Cain, Executive Director Doorstep,Inc.

Doorstep's 7th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor
Walk/5K Fun Run set for Saturday, October 12
at 9:30am, Lake Shawnee
Shelter Houses 1 &2

Get your family and friends together for some exercise, breakfast, and fellowship at the lake while raising funds for Doorstep! Registration is \$30 and those registered by September 18 are guaranteed an event t-shirt. Late and event day registrations are accepted. Go to www.DoorstepTopeka.org to register on line.

Mission Grants (and Noodles!) Around the World

Serving the Lord with gladness (Psalm 100:2), Lutheran Women in Mission (LWM) fund grants to mission projects in more than 80 countries. Since its first grant of \$15,000 to Christ Church for the Deaf in Cleveland, OH, in 1943, LWM has gathered millions of dollars to serve millions of people using Mite Boxes to collect funds. To supplement the mites collected here, Faith's Women in Mission host an annual Noodle Dinner and guilt auction fundraiser to serve not only global mission needs, but national, state, and local needs. Locally, we've donated funds to children who need beds, women who are victims of domestic violence, pregnancy services, Doorstep, Lutheran schools, church worker scholarships, to name just a few recipients.

For years Faith's Women in Mission have prepared, served, and sold the universal comfort food, chicken (and beef!) and noodles to warm hearts and feed bodies here so we can extend love and warmth beyond the doors of Faith Lutheran Church. Please join us!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Modern Worship 12:15pm Traditional Worship	Church Office Closed Labor Day 7:00pm Boy Scouts	3 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Spiritual Life	-Off! 7:30pm Praise	5:00pm YA (Young Adult) Dinner 6:00pm Bell rehearsal 7:15pm Adult Choir rehearsal	6 7:00pm CUNE Choir Concert	8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Breakfast Club 6:00pm An Even- ing of Music + Poetry w/ Tanner Olson & Blake Flattley
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Events at Faith

A NIGHT OF MUSIC & POETRY



WITH BLAKE FLATTELY & TANNER OLSON

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 | 6PM | AT FAITH FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE





Ministry Fair



CAN GET INVOLVED AT FAITH!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29 ALL MORNING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Upcoming Faith Speaks

Join us on
Saturday, Nov. 2
at 6:30pm at Faith
to hear from Rev. Dr. Peter
Nafzger, professor at Concordia
Seminary St. Louis &
Theological Advisor for the
LCMS Youth Gathering!



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm (closed 12-1pm)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00* - Traditional Worship 10:45* - Contemporary Worship 12:15 - Traditional Worship

* also live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube

EDUCATION

Sundays for all ages: 9:30am
WOW Wednesdays: 5:15-7:30pm (Sept-Apr)

The Messenger is emailed monthly to all members. Next edition deadline is **Sept. 23** to the church office.