

The **JOURNEY**

Finding Faith ... Building Faith ... Living Faith

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Semi-Annual Meeting Recap

We had a great turn out for the Semi-Annual Meeting held February 24. Special thanks to everyone who brought goodies to munch on throughout the meeting!

Our new Nomination Team is Carolyn Gibson, Pam Ehnert, Bonnie Ebben, Maggie Gruenwald, Monica Miller and Vicy Arnold. Those representing Living Faith at the Synod Assembly May 31 – June 1 will be Mary Pallesen and Karin Langlois.

The Mission Endowment Fund document was approved with the team of Carol Hegmann, Tom Siefert, Liz Kegel, Ginny White and Elaine Lucht to meet at least semi-annually to conduct the business of the fund.

Barb Elmer, Joy Webb and Rose Frey volunteered to be our investigative team to evaluate our Mission & Ministry Goals. Thank you to all and God bless!

Under new business, \$5,000 from reserve funds was approved to replace the projector at the East Campus and also look at other options. This amount was originally designated to re-do the courtyard, which is not a priority at this time.

A Message from Pastor Kline



There's a line from a poem by Carol Hegedus, and referenced in another poets book: *What Your Life Asks of You* – "How are you tending to the emerging story of your life?" I'm struck by this

line. How are you tending to the emerging story of your life? I wanted to start with this line because this Lent at Living Faith, we'll be dwelling in the theme of "reflection".

Does a fish know water is wet? It's in it all the time, swimming around in it all day. Does it take its environment for granted? What's the "water" in our lives? What are those things in our lives that are always there, that are fundamentally pre-

sent, that we'd be lost without... but that we don't often think about as we go about our business? Why do we get up every day? I mean, in the deeper sense. What's the meaning of our lives? What's the meaning *for* our lives? Those are big questions... perhaps *the* most fundamental questions.

I think those questions are often the "water" in our lives. I think we do have a sense in some way that there is meaning... that we do have a purpose... but we often don't take time to critically reassess the direction of our lives until/unless something forces us to.

Many years ago, I heard a radio program about "Making Plans For The End of Life". The piece

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Fed by God's Word and led by the Holy Spirit, we gather together as a community of faith, to proclaim God's love by ministering to our congregation, community and world.

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started with the story of the death of Ted Kennedy. A woman called in and told her husband's story. She said he'd been diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer. She said that prior to this, he wasn't much for "I love you's", but after this diagnosis, she said he changed.

According to her, he looked at his life, assessed what he'd done up to that point from a perspective of ultimate meaning and asked the deeper questions about meaning. She said he told her he loved her much more than before, he spent a lot of time with people he cared about, calling family and friends that lived far away. She said "his true heart came alive", that he'd lived from that point almost in a state of grace.

Now I know that there are some people for whom this just NOT on their radar. I get that. But don't we all look for something that motivates us to get up in the morning? It doesn't have to be as grand as working to end global poverty. It could be as "humble" as just working more at showing the people around us we love and appreciate them, etc. But I wonder for how many of us, this is just the unrecognized "water" in our lives.

Maybe we can answer why God made us, maybe we

can't. Maybe we know our fundamental purpose, maybe we don't. But it can't hurt to think about it... to give this "water" some notice. It can't hurt to touch base with God and our deeper selves in this way... once in a while.

A good poem for Lent... to help us remember again.

Silent God by Edwina Gateley

This is my prayer—
That, though I may not see,
I be aware
Of the Silent God
Who stands by me.

That, though I may not feel,
I be aware
Of the Mighty Love
Which doggedly follows me.

That, though I may not respond,
I be aware

That God—my Silent, Mighty God,
Waits each day.
Quietly, hopefully, persistently.
Waits each day and through each night
For me.

For me—alone.

~ Peace, Pr. Chad Kline

Living Faith Financial Picture



Winter is sometimes a wonderland and sometimes a miserable mess. The extreme weather this year will unfortunately negatively impact our budget forecast with much higher expenses for snowplowing and the gas utility.

You should also be aware that one of the boilers failed and we were forced to replace a heat exchanger at a cost in excess of \$16,000.

Fortunately, the Council was able to utilize the reserve set aside for extraordinary building repairs such as this.

A recap of our income and expense was delayed this month, but will return next month.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
Wednesday, March 6
 Living Faith Lutheran Church
 Worship services at 10:00am and 8:30pm
 5:30pm Soup Supper



Council President's Corner

I am thankful to have this space that allows me to share my thoughts with you each month! During the Mission Exploration Team (MET) process, some key phrases became the basis for our study and I would like to share them with you:

"I am wondering...", "What is God up to...?", "Why are we here...?", "What is our purpose...?", "How do we bring people to Jesus...?", "Pray for a church people cannot resist!", "Catch a vision!" "Listen & communicate!"

Anyone of these would be great on those cute little wooden signs that are so popular right now; those reminders that make us stop for a moment and think, take a deep breath and ponder....

"Wishing you blessings each and every day, Vicki

January 2019 Council's "Top 11"

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All In Mission -January AIM Offering - \$376. \$5 designated for Debt Reduction, \$300 for the Cagle Family who lost their son in a tragic hit and run accident with the remaining \$71 to be combined with the February offering to help the Swift family with medical bills as their son awaits a lung transplant. 2. Noisy Offering - February for LSS Sexual Assault Support, March for Racine/Kenosha Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace who supplies beds to families in need of beds. 3. Installation Sunday - March 3, 10am Joint service at the East Campus with Reception in Fellowship Hall - Planning Team will be Call Committee. 4. Finance Committee - Will work on creating a team. Focus on increasing revenue, utilize Lutheran Planned Giving, non-monetary stewardship opportunities. 5. Mission Site Profile (MSP) - time to appoint a team to review LF goals as stated in the MSP. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Maintenance/Custodial - Ollie will continue to look for good prices for floor shampooer/cleaner. Concern about front stairs ice melter not working. Boiler leaking - voted to use \$12,000 from our reserve fund to repair. Asked Ollie to start compiling a list of building repairs needed. 7. AIM Now - Memorandum of Understanding between Living Faith and AIM Now Childcare. Papers completed and all signatures are in order. 8. Council will host Easter Breakfast 9. Revisit Vespers - Possible option a Wednesday 2pm service. Will continue to take pulse of Vespers attendees and attendance. 10. Pastor will meet with Worship Teams at each campus and then combined. 11. Peggy Abbott would like to continue as volunteer Choir Director. |
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Welcome Party Thank You's!

Sincere thanks to EVERYONE who helped to make the Welcome Party for Pastor Chad and his family on January 27 a great success! From the awesome posters made by our Confirmation students, the creative ministry displays, the wonderful gift basket Brenda Meyer put together with lots of goodies and your generous gift card donations to all the delicious food and desserts and then all those who helped with planning, set up, serving and clean up! You guys are a force to be reckoned with and the Spirit is indeed working at Living Faith! Thanks again and God bless!

Names in the News

Anniversaries: (There was an error in the February Journey), James and Patricia Thompson will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on March 22nd NOT February 22nd. So sorry James and Patricia! Congratulations to you!!

Nonagenarian Birthdays Dorothy Corman will turn 92 on March 29th. Best wishes to you!

“A heartfelt thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and gift bag that the church gave to John. The poinsettia was still beautiful the day that he passed. Thank you to all of you who remembered John. A special thank you to Pastor Kline ... having being in the city of Racine just two days, he was so kind and willing to conduct John’s memorial service on January 27th. It was a heartwarming service that gave peace to our family. No words can express the tenderness and expressions of condolences that were given to me and my family. May God bless you all! Myrna Hutchison”

“To Our friends at Living Faith: We are blessed to be a blessing. Thank you for your support! From the Steering Committee of ‘Breaking the Chains Church”

“Thank you so much for the use of your wonderful church for our piano/cello recitals. Sincerely, Martha Veto and Students”

“Dear Ms. Siefert, On behalf of Sexual Assault Services (SAS) and the Stop Child Abuse & Neglect (SCAN) Program, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak at Living Faith Lutheran Church services on 2/17/19 and for your donations of collected funds from the noisy offering. We appreciate you for recognizing SAS and SCAN’s work and partnering with our mission to support survivors of trauma and protect children in our community.

Please know that your financial support is appreciated and will be put to good use as SAS helps survivors on a path to healing and SCAN teaches youth what abuse is, what to do if it should happen, and how to get help. If you have any questions about services provided by SAS or SCAN, please feel free to contact Samantha Sustachek (SAS) or Karen Fetherston (SCAN).

Once again, we are grateful for your donation and your support. You made a difference.”

Condolences



Heartfelt love, sympathy and support to:

Mother Christine Cagle, father Frank James Jr., siblings Tevin Cagle, Kayla, Courtney, Shania, Frankie and Gia James and family at the death of TERENCE CAGLE who passed away on January 8th...

Wife Myrna and children Julie (Peter) Meyer, Jay (Betty) Hutchison and family at the death of JOHN HUTCHISON who passed away at Ascension All Saints on January 21st (error in Feb. Journey, our apologies Mryna)...

Wife Joan and children Geoffrey (Sue) Anderson, Catherine Anderson, Susan Aiken, Elizabeth (Doug) Nerad and family at the death of JOHN ANDERSON who passed away on January 28th at his home.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.” Psalm 116:15



Known to be Hospitalized

Home again: Cyndy King, Fred Marks, Andrew Wozniak Jr. and Helen Zelinger

Strict patient confidentiality rules prevent the hospital from notifying the church if you or a loved one is hospitalized. If you’d like a pastoral visit, please let the church office know.

Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 - 10:00 am
Living Faith East Campus - 2915 Wright Avenue, Racine

Wednesday, March 20, April 3 - 6:30 pm
Living Faith East Campus - 2915 Wright Avenue, Racine

Wednesdays, March 13, 27, April 10 - 6:30 pm
Living Faith West Campus - 8700 Durand Avenue, Sturtevant

Lenten Soup Suppers at 5:30 pm



February "Ladies Night Out" at Red Lobster.

THIS & THAT



Noisy Offering - The March Noisy offering on March 17 will be for Racine/Kenosha Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace. They are an organization that builds and delivers beds to children who do not have a bed. Their motto: "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"

Did You Know? Have You Noticed? - The lower level hallway painting has been completed and Pastor Chad's office received a fresh new coat of paint thanks to the efforts of Cliff Vacek & Tom Siefert. Bathroom stall doors have been repaired and additional repair items addressed thanks to Chris Kegel. Tom Isaacson, who specializes in electrical issues, has volunteered his time to address those needs.



Living Faith now has a "Fix It Team" of volunteers under the direction of Ollie Nielsen and Tom Isaacson, who are our Building & Grounds Team. The "Fix It Team" consists of Kevin Ehnert, Chris Kegel, Amanda Kramer, Cliff Vacek, Tom Siefert and Tom Isaacson. If you have skills you would like to share, please contact Ollie Nielsen or the office for more information!

Easter Breakfast - The Church Council will host this year's Easter Breakfast, but will be looking for your help with donations of food items and volunteers for kitchen help. Please watch the Weekly Journey for more details!

SOCKS & UNDIES & JOGGING PANTS SUNDAYS **Socks & Undies & Jogging Pants Sundays** - The last Sunday of each month has been designated to collect socks, undies and jogging pants for Knapp School. Please look for the donation box in the Narthex at the East Campus and also at the West Campus.

Altar Flowers - Honor or remember someone with flowers on the altar. Bouquets cost as little as \$25 (we use Signature Flowers by Randy.) You may also bring your own in. Call the church office to sign up.

Living Faith Prayer Chain - The prayer chain is operated through a phone tree as well as a private group on Facebook. To add someone to the prayer chain, call the church office at 262-637-5671.

MARCH 2019 CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 NO VESPERS SERVICE |
| 3 <i>Installation Service for Pr. Chad Kline</i> 8:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Joint Service at East Campus Choir and Selah Praise Band No Godly Play Reception in Fellowship Hall to follow service 4:30 ELCA Cluster Community Meal (hosted by North Cape) | 4 6:30 Dorcas Circle Meeting 7:00 pm OA Meeting | 5 8:30 Park Transition Group 9:30 Stitches of Blessing 1-3:00pm Food Pantry | 6 10:00 Ash Wednesday Service (East) 10:30 Senior Friendship Center 11-12:00 "Let's Get Moving" in Fellowship Hall 5:30 Soup Supper (East) 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service (East) 7:30 pm Belle City Brassworks | 7 7:30-8:30 Men's Breakfast & Book Study (Annetta's Café) 8:30 Park Transition Group 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Community Worship 6-8:00 Food Pantry 6:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Selah Practice | 8 | 9 10:30 Caregiver Support Group 10:30 - 5:00 Private Event in Fellowship Hall NO VESPERS SERVICE |
| 10 <i>AIM Presentation</i> 8:00 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship (Choir) & Godly Play (East) 10:15 Coffee Hour (East) 10:30 Worship & Godly Play (West) Fellowship & Treats after worship (West) 12:00 Noon Visitation Team Meeting (West) 4:30 ELCA Cluster Community Meal (hosted by Mt. Pleasant) | 11 7:00 pm OA Meeting | 12 8:30 Park Transition Group 1-3:00pm Food Pantry 6:00 "Ladies Night Out" at Mike & Angelo's, Hwy 20 | 13 9:15 Rebekah Circle 10:00 Lenten Service (East) 11-12:00 "Let's Get Moving" in Fellowship Hall 5:30 Soup Supper (West) 6:30 Lenten Service (West) 7:30 pm Belle City Brassworks | 14 8:30 Park Transition Group 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Community Worship 6-8:00 Food Pantry 6:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Selah Practice | 15 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal | 16 1:00 Wedding: Miranda Kramer/Tony Widmar NO VESPERS SERVICE |
| 17 <i>Noisy Offering</i> <i>(Racine-Kenosha Sleep in Heavenly Peace)</i> 8:00 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship & Godly Play (East) 10:15 Coffee Hour (East) 10:30 Worship & Godly Play (West) Fellowship & Treats after worship (West) 4:30 ELCA Cluster Community Meal (hosted by Changing Lives Ministries) | 18 7:00 pm OA Meeting | 19 8:30 Park Transition Group 9:30 Stitches of Blessing 1-3:00pm Food Pantry | 20 10:00 Lenten Service (East) 10:30 Senior Friendship Center 11-12:00 "Let's Get Moving" in Fellowship Hall 5:30 Soup Supper (East) 6:30 Lenten Service (East) 7:30 pm Belle City Brassworks | 21 7:30-8:30 Men's Breakfast & Book Study (Annetta's Café) 8:30 Park Transition Group 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Community Worship 6-8:00 Food Pantry 6:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Selah Practice | 22 10:00 - 2:00 Prep for Scaninavian Event in Room 14/15 | 23 12:00 "Celebrating Our Scandinavian Heritage" Fellowship Hall NO VESPERS SERVICE |
| 24 <i>Mission Moment</i> 8:00 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship (Choir) & Godly Play (East) 10:15 Coffee Hour (East) 10:30 Worship & Godly Play (West) Fellowship & Treats after worship (West) 4:30 ELCA Cluster Community Meal (hosted by United Lutheran Yorkville) | 25 7:00 pm OA Meeting | 26 8:30 Park Transition Group 1-3:00pm Food Pantry 6:30 Council Meeting | 27 10:00 Lenten Service (East) 11-12:00 "Let's Get Moving" in Fellowship Hall 5:30 Soup Supper (West) 6:30 Lenten Service (West) 7:30 pm Belle City Brassworks | 28 8:30 Park Transition Group 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:15 Community Worship 6-8:00 Food Pantry 6:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Selah Practice | 29 9:00 - 2:00 Decorate Room 14/15 for Event | 30 12:00 - 5:00 Private Event in Fellowship Hall 12:00 - 5:00 Event in Parlor NO VESPERS SERVICE |
| 31 8:00 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship & Godly Play (East) 10:15 Coffee Hour (East) 10:30 Worship & Godly Play (West) Fellowship & Treats after worship (West) 4:30 ELCA Cluster Community Meal (hosted by Lutheran Church of the Redeemer) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ All events in the calendar are at Living Faith East (located at Wright & Quincy Avenues), unless otherwise noted. ♦ Holy Communion is offered to all at Saturday Vespers, the 9:00 Sunday service at East and the 10:30 service at West. ♦ Pastor Kline's day off is Friday. ♦ The ELCA Cluster Community Meal is served at Living Faith East Sunday evenings at 4:30pm in Fellowship Hall. ♦ The Racine County Senior Citizen Nutrition Program meets Monday through Friday in Fellowship Hall at noon. | | | | | |

MARCH MINISTRY LEADERS

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| Vespers | No Vespers in March. Vespers resume after Easter. | | | | |
| Living Faith East | March 3 | March 10 | March 17 | March 24 | March 31 |
| Reader | Ayja Cushman Camden Smith | Chuck Frahm | Karin Langlois | Maggie Gruenwald | Alice Frahm |
| Tech Person | Vicy Arnold | Volunteer Opportunity | Volunteer Opportunity | Vicy Arnold | Lee Bahr |
| Ushers | Edward Haigh, David LaMack, Arlene LaMack | | | | |
| Altar Guild | Ellie Petersen and Judy Cranley | | | | |
| Communion Assistants | Chuck Frahm Ed Haigh Cliff Vacek | Dale & Katie Barke Tom & Vicky Siefert | Rose Frey Ed Haigh Sue Wellhofer | Peggy Abbott Chuck Frahm Karica Muñoz | Ed Haigh Gary King Ginny White |
| Coffee Hour | Installation Reception | Carolyn Gibson Linda Hendrickson | Brenda Meyer | Lori Barbeau | Miranda Kramer |
| Many opportunities are available for you to actively participate in our worship services. Please contact the church office if you would like to help out. | | | | | |
| Living Faith West | Please check the weekly ministry calendar at the Welcome Table. | | | | |



Lenten Worship Series

Join us as at our mid-week Lenten services. We'll meet every Wednesday morning at 10:00 am at the East Campus. Evening Soup Supper at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:30 pm will alternate between campuses. Please watch for the soup and dessert sign up charts at each campus.

Lenten Worship Service and Soup Supper Schedule

| Date | 10:00 am Worship | 5:30 pm Soup Supper | 6:30 pm Worship |
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| March 6 (Ash Wednesday) | East Campus | East Campus | East Campus |
| March 13 | East Campus | West Campus | West Campus |
| March 20 | East Campus | East Campus | East Campus |
| March 27 | East Campus | West Campus | West Campus |
| April 3 | East Campus | East Campus | East Campus |
| April 10 | East Campus | West Campus | West Campus |

“The Last Supper” Lenten Play

Do you remember when we would have Lenten Plays several years back and all the guys would grow beards to fit the part? On Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30pm, the Last Supper will be re-enacted with a slightly different twist. It will be open to the public so please invite your family, friends and neighbors!



Easter Egg Hunt and Party – Saturday, April 20

It is time to start thinking about our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party so we are looking for a team of Party Planners to get it organized! No time has been set so you can choose what works best for you! We have tons of plastic eggs ready for filling, the amazing Bunny Costume (that Pastor Chad already said he will not be wearing!) and craft ideas.

This has always been a special event for all the children in our congregation, neighborhood and community. Without your help, it will not happen. Please sign up on the long yellow sheet or contact Vicki Siefert.

NEIGHBORHOOD CAMP

Neighborhood Camp

Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp fills an important need in our neighborhood during the summer. Camp is a collaborative, creative community outreach ministry to the children of Racine. It was started 19 years ago to provide the underserved children in our neighborhoods a safe, fun and stimulating place to learn and play.

There are plenty of summer camps in the Racine area, but Neighborhood Camp is unique as it is pro-

Make a Difference!
DONATE

vided at no cost to the campers.

Funding for Neighborhood Camp comes from various grants and from generous support of congregation members like

you. It is easy to make a financial contribution to camp. Visit the camp website at:

www.neighborhoodcampracine.org and click on the Donor Information tab.

You can make donations quickly and safely online, or you can print out a form and mail your donation in.



Neighborhood Camp Scholarship

Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp leaders, in partnership with the Racine Community Foundation, are excited to announce a scholarship opportunity for camp alumni.



Applicants must :

- Have completed their two final years of schooling at one of the following schools: J.I. Case, William Horlick, Racine Lutheran, St. Catherine's, Walden III, Washington Park, The REAL School or The Prairie School
- Have participated in the Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp for at least two summers
- Be accepted for admission to an accredited college or university, technical, or community college
- Rank in the upper 75 percentile of his/her graduating class
- Demonstrate involvement in extra-curricular school and community activities
- Demonstrate financial need, including the inability to obtain traditional student loans

Application forms are available in the high school Guidance Departments. **Applications must be returned to the Guidance Department by April 9.** The Guidance Department will forward the applications to the Racine Community Foundation for review by the Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Opportunity to Share Your Time and Talents!

Do you have a musical talent you would like to share at the 9am service on the 1st or 3rd Sundays? Please call the office at 262-637-5671 and we can give you the details. Thanks!



Living Faith Tech Team

Here is your chance to use your technical skills and knowledge! We need people to help operate the screen for announcements, etc. Training will be provided at your convenience. We are also looking for someone who likes to do PowerPoint presentations and could put our announcements on a USB flash drive to be used by the Tech Teams at both

campuses. Please contact Vicki Siefert 262-634-4154 to learn more about this opportunity.

Stitchers of Blessings

Our prayer shawl ministry has been a blessing to over 1200 people. We want to be able to continue to bless those who are important in our lives both in times of joy and sorrow.

However, right now, our inventory of shawls is at an all-time low. We are urgently seeking knitters and crocheters to help us. You can work and socialize with us on the first and third Tuesday at the East Campus, or you can work at home. Patterns and yarn are available. Please contact Joy Webb at 262-639-2629 for more information.



FaithWorks Food Pantry

While every donation is greatly appreciated, **monetary donations go further than food donations.** Checks can be made out to "FaithWorks Food Pantry"; you will still get credit on your contributions statement. That said, all food donations are welcomed.

FaithWorks Food Pantry Volunteers are needed to staff the pantry during operating hours (Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm and Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm.) Volunteers are also needed to package produce and bakery on Tuesdays from 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Food Pantry. Please sign up on the long yellow sheet in the weekly bulletin, or talk to Margaret Robinson or June Klingbeil if you are interested.

Thursday Nights at the Food Pantry The FaithWorks Food Pantry is offering a hot bowl of soup to guests on Thursday evenings. If you'd like to make a pot of soup, please sign up on the long yellow sheet. Indicate the date you'll be bringing soup as well as the type of soup.



Funeral Luncheon Committee

Living Faith is blessed to have a wonderful funeral committee and we invite you to be a part of that by choosing one or all of the areas needed when it comes time to planning. We are looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- ◆ Set Up - setting tables and getting food ready (which is usually ordered or catered)
- ◆ Clean Up - clearing tables, doing dishes, putting away all serving pieces and packaging up leftovers
- ◆ Baking a dessert or perhaps making some Jell-O



Bingo!

We will be holding a bingo party at the Village at Lincoln Park on March 11 from 1:30 – 3:00pm. We're in need of volunteers to visit with and help the residents. We're also in need of prizes and desserts. Some suggestions for prizes are stuffed animals, large boxes of Kleenex, bags of candy (chocolate, life savers, etc.,) sugar free candy, small bags of chips, jewelry (necklaces,) nail polish, large print word search books, large crossword puzzle books, and holiday decorations.

Please call the office, 637-5671 or Alma Vacek 681-1738 to let us know where you can help. Prizes may be dropped off at the office. Thank you and God bless. ~ Alma

FELLOWSHIP



Join us at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, March 12 for dinner at Mike & Angelo's, located at 6214 Washington Ave. Check out

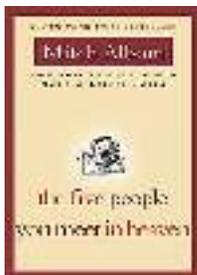
their menu at: www.mikeandangelos.com/menu

Please sign up on the long yellow sheet, or call the church office if you'll be attending.



Senior FRIENDSHIP CENTER

- March 6 Devotion & Communion
"Snowman Races"
Lunch: Pizza
- March 20 Bingo at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch: Surprise!



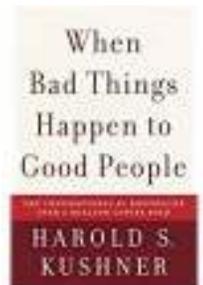
Men's Breakfast & Book Study

The Men's Breakfast group meets on the first and third Thursday of every month at 7:30am at Annetta's Café (8020 Durand Avenue) in Sturtevant. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom.

Cliff Vacek and Chris Malik will be leading the study. If you have any questions contact Cliff. Please join us!

Dorcas Circle

The Dorcas Circle invites you to join us on the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the parlor October through June. We are currently reading and discussing "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" by Harold Kushner for our Bible Study this year which has brought about comforting and reassuring answers to the question: "Why Me?" Please contact the office at 262-637-5671 or Alma Vacek 262-681-1738.



Rebekah Circle

The Rebekah circle meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the parlor at 9:15am. We engage in a Bible Study from the Gather Magazine published by the Women of the ELCA leading us to lively, thought-provoking sessions each month. We would love to have new people join us. Please call the office at 262-637-5671 or Joy Webb 262-639-2629.

"Our love to God is measured by our everyday fellowship with others and the love it displays." ~ Andrew Murray

Looking for Grace?

There's an App for That! Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. In these brief writings you'll encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace. You will be comforted, challenged, inspired, consoled and confronted. The daily reflection will stir you to live out your baptismal calling. Take time to reflect, offer a prayer and prepare for the day. Read the daily message or choose Random Grace. See more at: <http://www.womenoftheelca.org>



2019 Church Council

Council Officers

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| President | Vicki Siefert |
| Vice President | Joy Webb |
| Secretary | Kristi Cushman |
| Financial Secretary | Rose Frey |
| Treasurer | Bob Reinders |

Council Members

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| Peggy Abbott | Carol Hawes |
| Ollie Nielsen | Karin Langlois |

The Friends in Fellowship Committee

Invite you to join them for Racine Theatre Guild's Performance of



Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 2:00 pm

Racine Theatre Guild - 2519 Northwestern Avenue

After the show (4:45 pm) join us at Mike & Angelo's for a pizza and salad buffet (soft drinks included.)

6214 Washington Ave. (Corner of Hwy 20 & Emmertsen Rd.)

Cost: Theatre & Dinner package - \$30.00 per person

Tickets may be purchased separately for \$15.00 - a savings of \$5.00 off the box office price!

Theater tickets are limited to the first 50 people.

Payment is due no later than April 16.

Please make checks payable to Living Faith, indicating payment is for the May 18 musical and buffet dinner.

Theater tickets can be picked up at the Will Call window 30 minutes before the performance.

Check in for dinner at the party room at Mike & Angelo's.

✂ (Place in the offering plate or drop off in the church office.).....

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Theatre & Dinner Package _____ # x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Theatre Tickets Only _____ # x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Dinner Reservations Only _____ # x \$15.00 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

No Price! RUMMAGE SALE

No Price Rummage Sale

Spring is right around the corner, and so is our "No Price" Rummage Sale

Yes, the Living Faith "No Price" Rummage Sale will be back on Saturday, May 4 (9am - 3pm) and we invite you to clear a corner in your basement, garage or attic to start collecting all your "stuff!" We will take all kinds of house wares and home décor, books, toys, craft supplies, linens, tools and gadgets, small furniture items and lamps, shoes, purses, jewelry and kids clothes. **We will not take adult clothing, sofas, computers and accessories, or TV's.** Questions? Please contact either June Klingbeil or Vicki Siefert - the nuts who actually want to do a Rummage Sale but will be counting on your help with set up, check out, clean up and the lunch counter. Thanks in advance and think "De-Clutter!"



Holy Week Schedule

Living Faith (East Campus)
2915 Wright Avenue, Racine WI
Palm Sunday, April 14 - 9:00 am
"Last Supper" Lenten Play, Wednesday April 17
5:30 pm Soup Supper, 6:30 pm Lenten Play
Maundy Thursday, April 18 - 10:00 am & 6:30 pm
Good Friday, April 19 - 1:00 pm
Easter Sunday, April 21 9:00 am

Living Faith (West Campus)
8700 Durand Avenue, Sturtevant WI
Palm Sunday, April 14 - 10:30 am
Easter Sunday, April 21 - 10:30 am

Let's Get Moving!

Offered by the Friends in Fellowship Committee
A gentle exercise class for all ages and abilities.

Session #4
February 20, 27 March 6, 13, 20, 27

Session #5
April 3, 10, 17, 24 May 1, 8

11 am to 12 Noon in Fellowship Hall

Registration Fee:
\$10.00 per person for the six week session.
Checks should be made payable to Living Faith, noting that it is for the "Let's Get Moving" class.
Payment can be made in the church office, or with Alice Frahm.

✂ ...Place in the offering plate or drop off in the church office.

Sign me up for Let's Get Moving!

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Session #4
_____ # attending x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Session #5
_____ # attending x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____



A Thank You Note from the Greater Milwaukee Synod

Thank You! Together, we have made an impact by choosing to **be** the church **together** for the sake of the world. In the last year alone, **together we have...**

- Accompanied over **45** congregations in a time of transition, so they remember they are not alone and that Christ has plans for their future.
- Provided for **2** campus ministries, and **countless** students who experience Christ's love in their daily lives because the greater Milwaukee Synod has made them a priority.
- Guided over **20** call processes to their exciting end; a new call to a new leader. To compare, there were 13 in 2017 and 7 in 2016!
- Partnered with **18** Outreach For Hope congregations to boldly proclaim Christ's love.
- Walked with **26** candidates for ministry toward God's call to serve in the church
- Partnered with **3** new start congregations!

Thank You for the impact your congregation makes by intentionally choosing to **BE** the church **together**.

We can't wait to see how God will use us together in 2019.

~ Paul Erickson, Bishop

~ Matthew Short, Assistant to the Bishop for Evangelical Mission

Women of the ELCA

The Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization has two volunteer opportunities available.

- Secretary - This person is needed to be the recorder of the board meetings. Term of office is two years, with 5-6 meetings per year.
- Editor - An editor is needed for the monthly newsletter 'Gleanings.' This is an open term position.

For more information, please contact the President or Vice -President of the Greater Milwaukee Synodical Women's Organization (SWO)

President - Sue Seidermann -
seidesue@charter.net

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A Friends in Fellowship Activity

Celebrating our Scandinavian Heritage

Saturday, March 23rd, 12 Noon

Living Faith East Campus Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Join us for a delicious lunch featuring Smørrebrød, mouthwatering side dishes, desserts and beverages.

The Danish word Smørrebrød literally means butter (smør) and bread (brød), but these open-faced sandwiches are so much more!

✂ (Place in the offering plate or drop off in the church office.).....

Yes! I'll be attending

"Celebrating Our Scandinavian Heritage"

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

_____ # attending x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Use SCRIP and Think Spring!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Spring is on its way! If you're planning to spruce up your wardrobe with some new spring looks, you can buy cards for many local and online retailers. (Kohl's, Target, and Walmart are in stock on a first-come-first-served basis.) If home improvement or gardening projects are on your spring to-do list, we can get Scrip to cover those expenses, too. Lowe's, Menards, and Home Depot are among the available retailers. Even large purchases can be made using Scrip through our program.



To get your Scrip at the East Campus, see Dick Langlois at the Scrip table before the 9:00 service or at coffee hour. You can also pick up an order form in the narthex. At the West Campus, **June Klingbeil has order forms and a good selection of cards.** You can also order your Scrip by calling Karin at 672-0635 or emailing her at cinders216@yahoo.com.

Please note: *Scrip orders are usually placed on Monday evening, so please have orders in or contact Karin by Monday afternoon. Scrip ordered by then can be picked up by Thursday evening, if you need it before the weekend, or on Sunday at church.*



Focus: Cereal Bag Program - Any Brand!

Each year, millions of cereal bags are needlessly discarded and end up in landfills. (Did you know that cereal bags create 75% less packaging waste than comparably sized cereal boxes?) **Malt-O-Meal® brand cereals** want to take their commitment to creating less packaging waste one step further and have partnered with **TerraCycle®** to create a second life for their cereal bags. Once collected, the cereal bags and liners are cleaned and melted into hard plastic that can be remolded to make new recycled products. You can help, too! Bring your empty bags to church, less waste will go to our landfill, and we'll send them to **TerraCycle®** - **we don't even have to pay for the shipping, the sponsors of each program (in this case, MOM Brands) cover that expense.**



Cereal Bag Program accepted waste: Printed cereal bags & cereal bag liners from boxed cereal.

Turning in your collections is easy. A TerraCycle® collection container is conveniently located inside the south entrance. You may also bring your collections to the church office and tell Jill or Kim you have a "gift" for Karin Langlois.

Box Tops for Education

Many of you have been collecting and bringing in the Box Tops for Education symbols. Please keep bringing them in. Those little symbols really add up quickly! Just reuse an envelope or baggie and put them in the offering plate, bring them to the church office, or give them to Karin Langlois. Thanks!



Fundraising Made Simple



Did you know that when you shop at GFS and you mention Living Faith, we receive a percentage of some of the purchases you make? If you dine at Texas Roadhouse on Sundays and turn in a copy of the bulletin, they will donate 10 percent of your food purchases to Living Faith. A great opportunity to use those Texas Roadhouse Scrip Cards you have purchased from Dick Langlois at the East Campus in the narthex or June Klingbeil at the West Campus. Thanks for supporting our fundraising efforts!



March Readings

March 3: Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm: Psalm 99

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36[37-43a]

March 6: Ash Wednesday

First Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-17

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 10: First Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

March 17: Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm: Psalm 27

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

March 24: Third Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

March 31: Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: Psalm 32

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Free Blood Pressure Clinic

A free blood pressure clinic will be held the first Sunday of each month following the 9:00 service at the East Campus. Please stop down to Fellowship Hall after the service and have your blood pressure checked.



~ Barb Elmer, RN, Marion Beyer, RN & Kathy Winnen, RN



Newsletter Deadline



Articles to be included in the April 2019 issue of *The Journey* should be submitted to Diane Thygeson no later than March 20. Submit articles to: diane@livingfaithracine.org.

If you are not receiving *The Journey* please call or email the church office and let us know.

Service Times

Saturday Vespers Service (East Campus) No Vespers during Lent
 Sunday Service at Living Faith East Campus9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Service at Living Faith West Campus10:30 a.m.
 Thursday Community Worship (East Campus) 5:15 p.m.

Living Faith Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday (located at East Campus).....9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Locations

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FaithWorks Food Pantry

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