



**BE ON YOUR GUARD
AGAINST ALL KINDS
OF GREED**

LUKE 12:15

**FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE
GOD'S CHILDREN**

August 1, 2010

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it. A red Fellowship Pad is at the end of each pew, please pass it down the pew so everyone can sign for the day, this helps us know visitors and have vital information

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Don & Vivian Smith in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary..

LAST WEEK AT FAITH:

OFFERINGS:

Current	\$ 2908.00
Other	\$ <u>60.00</u>
Total	\$ 2968.00

ATTENDANCE:

Worship	79
Nursery	<u>4</u>
	83

We need at least \$3236.00 in **current** each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for His many blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK AT FAITH:

Pastor ... Scott Meier

Assistant...Lyle Gernand

Organist... Barb Brewster

Fin. Asst...Veronica Rife

NurseryLisa Peter

Altar Guild..Barb Brewster

Ushers... . Nancy & Jim Falkenstein, Dick & Virginia Klemens

Acolyte.. Volunteer

Greeters.. Falkenstein

Social.. Beth Wright

Audio.. Bill Holman

Next week: Assistant; K. Peter Acolyte; Volunteer Greeters; Volunteer Social; Steaban Audio; B. Holman Altar Guild; B. Brewster Ushers; N. & J. Falkenstein, D. & V. Klemens

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, Aug. 1	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship Youth & OWLS Meet 3:00 pm SCC Picnic
Mon., Aug 2	10:00 am Faithful Quilters
Tues., Aug.3	12:30 pm Staff Meeting
Fri-Sun Aug 6-8	Lutheran Hills Family Weekend
Sun., Aug. 8	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship Council Meeting

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty McLaughlin Norma Boehme Barb Fitzpatrick

Our Service Men & women and all those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith Family and beyond.

Announcements

3RD ANNUAL HOME FRONT FIGHT MOTORCYCLE RUN:

The bike run starts here at Faith on August 14th , registrations begins at 11 am, kick stands up at 1 pm. The proceeds benefit the Eric Hall Memorial Foundation. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin, Chuck Landis or Becky or Kevin Hall.

STAFF METTING: There will be a staff meeting on Tuesday, August 3 at 12:30 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The adult class has decided to continue to meet during the SCS hour during the summer months. Please consider joining us.

ATTENDANCE: Please take a moment to complete the attendance sheet in the maroon folder in the right hand side of the pew.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There are openings for you to provide simple refreshments for Social, Greet others as they enter our church, Assist Pastor in conducting the worship service, or to be one of four Ushers. Please sign up on the bulletin board or see Veronica Rife.

RIVERSIDE PICNIC: The SCC picnic will be today beginning at 3 pm at Thurman Hutchens Park. Come join join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. For details see Pastor Scott or the bulletin board.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalm 49:1-12**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And

Life and Wealth—Not the Same Thing!

As people who live in a country with such a high standard of living, it's easy to cringe when hearing biblical texts warning against greed and the evils of wealth. For those living in comfort, if not excess, today's gospel reading can feel threatening; as though Jesus wants to take away comfortable lifestyles. It's easy to think that Jesus is judging us—unless one takes a closer look at this passage from Luke's gospel (12:13-21).

Jesus isn't judging, and he doesn't want to take anything from us. Quite the contrary, actually. Jesus came to give us something. He came that we might have life and have it abundantly. As sinners, though, we look to wealth to give us life; we look to status to give us life; we look to "stuff" to give us life; we look to any number of things to give us what only God can provide. In this gospel text Jesus is not judging us. He is graciously providing us with the one true source of life: a living God who comes to us imparting gifts of grace and mercy. Anything less is a poor substitute at best; at worst it is simply idolatry.

Rather than commanding us to renounce material possessions, this parable warns us against confusing wealth with life. God desires life and well-being for all of God's beloved children. But there is an economy of mercy to be struggled with, namely, that this life and well-being is for both the haves and the have-nots. So to be given abundance in a world with so much need, what does being "rich toward God" (Luke 12:21) look like? That is for each of us to decide. The one who came to give us life simply bids us "Do not worry . . ." (12:22).

Gospel, continued

he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40.

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