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lamps lit

LUKE 12:35

FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

August 8, 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 Tami & Fred Czerwonka in celebration of their wedding anniversary...

LAST WEEK AT FAITH:

OFFERINGS:

Current	\$ 2436.00
Other	\$ <u>25.00</u>
Total	\$ 2411.00

ATTENDANCE:

Worship	83
Nursery	<u>3</u>
	86

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	Acolyte.. Volunteer
Assistant...Kristina Peter	Greeters.. Volunteer
Organist... Barb Brewster	Social.. Steaban
Fin. Asst...Veronica Rife	Audio.. Bill Holman
NurseryLisa Peter	
Altar Guild..Barb Brewster	
Ushers... Nancy & Jim Falkenstein, Dick & Virginia Klemens	

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

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, Aug. 8	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship Council Meeting
Tues., Aug. 10	<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
Sat., Aug 14	11:00 am 3rd Annual Home Front Fight Motorcycle Run
Sun., Aug. 16	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship

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

NEWSLETTER: The newsletter deadline is approaching, a reminder that our new editor is Peg Gernand, her email address is lylegernand@yahoo.com . Please help her out by submitting your articles in a timely manner. Thank you Peg for taking on this job.

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.

PROPERTY TEAM: The property team would like to know if anyone is interested in the old doors to the Emma Schoen Hall. If no one shows an interest, they will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. See Jim Hegenbarth if interested.

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.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm 33:12-22**SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and

Field Guide to Getting Ready

Sounding like a Boy Scout, Jesus tells us repeatedly to be ready and watchful, “for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour” (Luke 12:40). We don’t often think of Jesus as a judge these days, but that is likely what is meant here—it’s not just that the Son of Man is coming but that he is coming as a judge.

The opening verse of today’s gospel reading, “Do not be afraid . . .” (Luke 12:32), reassures us, however, that the coming judgment doesn’t have to be a scary thing, and Jesus goes on to give us clues for how to prepare: sell your possessions, give money to the poor, build up treasure in heaven. This sort of preparation isn’t just a checklist for getting a scouting badge—it’s the regular decisions and habits of mind that shape our days.

By living every day as if there were more to life than what we see, we are prepared to trust in God’s provision when sorrows and trials come. By daily sacrificing our will, putting others’ good above our own, we are ready when asked to make a difficult choice or sacrifice. By daily choosing to look for Jesus in the swirl of people and events that fill our calendars, we see him.

How many times have you had the experience of learning a new word and then suddenly encountering it everywhere: the article you’re reading, in the news, in conversation? It’s the same with Jesus. If we are ready and looking, we will see him, even at that “unexpected hour.” We will see him in the beggar on the street corner, in the lonely coworker, in the disobedient child in Sunday school. In seeing and tending to Jesus wherever we find him, we will truly make purses for ourselves “that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven” (Luke 12:33).

Gospel, continued

no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Next Sunday’s Readings: 12th Sunday after Pentecost Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29–12:2; Luke 12:49-56 or Mary, Mother of Our Lord Isaiah 61:7-11; Psalm 34:1-9; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55.

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