



Faith Newsletter

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FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK...

Pastor Paul Wenz

Thanks-Living Time!

This month we have lots of reasons to give thanks at Faith. We just finished the 6-week Bible Study and sermon series on John Ortberb's "The Life You've Always Wanted" with 60 people participating in the small group studies throughout the church. Personally, I am also thankful this month for my third anniversary at Faith and my 15th year in the ministry. I thank God for bringing me here to Faith and allowing me to serve you and with you as partners in God's kingdom!

God has also answered our prayers for the stewardship of our gifts. A year after starting our "Paid in Full" campaign, we are under \$20,000 left on the church mortgage (having started the campaign at \$96K) even when many churches are struggling financially within our district. We are within \$7,800 of making this year's budget and with everyone responding to God's Grace in their lives through our

offerings, we will be able to end the year in the black.

In Romans 12:1, Paul urges us, "In view of God's mercy...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." Giving of ourselves is true worship, or an attitude of gratitude that exhibits itself in the way you live your life. It's a way of turning "Thanksgiving" into "Thanks-



Living!" We live out our thanks to God by serving God and others.

We have many upcoming opportunities to do this in November and in the future at Faith. For instance, we have many reasons to be

thankful for how God is answering our prayers for growing our church both with people and in spiritual maturity. This month we will begin a new high school age Bible study on Sunday mornings with

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How does God "bring His Children home" Through YOU! When YOU invite them to hear the Word of God with YOU!

Invite a family member, neighbor, Co-worker, fellow student, or friend to join YOU on Sunday in attending.

Worship Services

8:00 a.m.

Traditional

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary

Sunday School available Pre-K to High School at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study Classes at 9:15 a.m.

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Chris Bodiford. Also, a group of our youth will be attending the two-day *Acquire the Fire* youth event again this year in Anaheim on November 12-13. We will host a “Hope Sunday” with World Vision’s help to adopt children in poverty on November 14th, which will change children’s lives. Then, at the end of the month, we will bring into membership several people on November 21st with a couple of adult baptisms as well! Our Thanksgiving month will culminate with the celebration of our annual congregational Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday November 21st at 4 pm—a great event to invite your family and friends to. It is a busy and exciting month at Faith!

These are a few of the things we as a church can be thankful for. What are the good things God is doing in your life? Paul says, “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thess. 5:18). In the good and bad times, we can turn to God and thank Him for our families, friends, and faith. On Sunday, we can show our Thanks-Living by going out of our way to make others feel welcome. We can encourage each other as we ask what we can pray for in someone’s life.

I see Thanks-Living in many ways here at Faith with members helping to serve when they see our lay leaders needing help, or celebrating the birthdays or anniversaries of those in the church. Of course, it is easier to help out when you know someone, but what about when there is just a need? At Faith, we want to move into a new future for our congregation that is alive and vibrant. We will need more people serving in many areas so we can be a blessing to more children and families. Have you ever considered being a Sunday School teacher or helping schedule or plan an event at the church, like the Harvest Festival we just had? These are just two ways that you can show your Thanksgiving to the Lord.

Another way to show *Thanks-Living* is by how you treat visitors to our church. Faith’s evangelism chairman, Rick Bodiford, is always looking for greeters and people to call upon our visitors. Remember when you first came to Faith? What made you stay (for some of you it was a long time ago!)? Most likely it was the kindness of someone at the church that made you want to come back. Thankfulness to God for bringing you to a church where you can be spiritually fed and blessed is best done by being the same kind of person to our newest visitors as well. When you see someone you don’t know, welcome them with a smile and thank

them for visiting. Ask their name and try to remember it when you see them next. That will make an impact that will last!

Thanks-Living is also seen in new ministries that are being developed. I believe we need to build up our Youth Ministry so our children can grow in the Word of God and so they will have a safe place

to be with their friends. Having a growing youth ministry is just one of the items our Board of Directors and Elders will be discussing at a planning retreat in January 2011. We will be setting our sights on the next 5-10 years for Faith. What ministries we will focus on and what direction we will take will continue to be sharpened as we carry out our Mission Statement of “Bringing God’s Children Home” in the next few years.

Christians don’t just magically become thankful. It is the work of God’s Spirit in our lives. Let us seek greater thankfulness as individuals and as a church from our Lord so we can say with the Psalmist, “Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all His benefits” (103:2). Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Paul Wenz



**NEXT ELDER’S MEETING ON:
NOV. 3RD AT 6 PM**



**NEXT B.O.D. MEETING ON:
Nov. 17th AT 6 PM**

October 30, 2010

Harvest Festival



← We're not in Kansas anymore, Toto! Dawn Falkenberg and her friend dressed as the Wicked Witch of the East and the Scarecrow with Cailee as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz.

Pastor Wenz dressed as an ostrich jockey for the Festival. →

Trunk-or-Treaters were given a treat by the Carpenters' spooky car décor complete with moving spiders! →

← A Little Firefighter gets a treat at a Festival game.



↑ Cowgirl friends and "sisters," April (left) and Nicole Kwiatkowski (right) helped set up for the festival after the Youth Bible study in the afternoon. (In back is "M&M" Delany Creacy at the cakewalk)

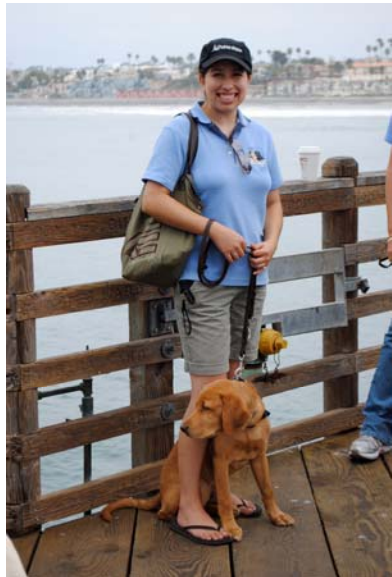


↑ The Mad Hatter hit the cake walk and walked away with a prize! Sabrea Adams (right) looks on with hope to win too!

← Cowboy, Josh Creacy (center) with his friends helped run some of the games for the evening.

"Eyes" for the Blind!

On October 16, 2010, one of Faith's newest baptized members shared her life with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) at their October meeting. Debbie Kraimer, who is legally blind and needs the assistance of a Seeing Eye Dog, was baptized at Faith on August 22nd. With severe macular degeneration, Debbie has lost 90% of her sight and her companion, Sheena, a German Shepherd, helps get her around places that most people take for granted. For example, crossing a street becomes very dangerous when you cannot see the traffic. But Sheena has



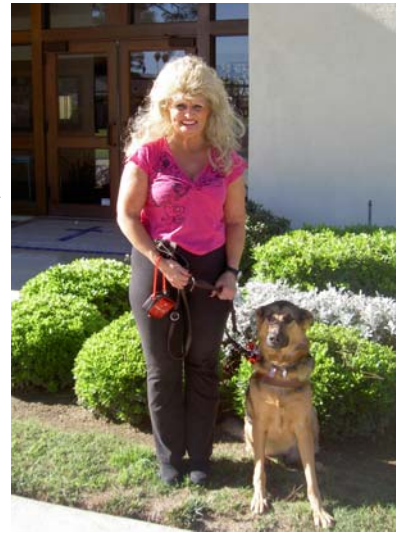
been carefully trained for years to bring her owner to the signal and wait for the crosswalk lights and safely bring her across.

What the ladies of Faith's LWML also learned is how much commitment it takes from someone who is willing to train such dogs for service. A friend of Debbie's, Amanda Kipfer (pictured on left), who is a puppy trainer, also came to speak to the LMWL. She explained how a puppy trainer works with one dog at a time for the first 16-18

months of their life to help them learn such basic commands as when to get up or to stay and when to go to the bathroom on a regular schedule.

Amanda has been training puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind for several years now and loves to help get them ready for advanced training at the Dogs for the Blind school. Before a dog can be placed with a new owner the dog must be able to consistently obey the commands of the handler, steer handler safely around obstacles and ignore distractions around them like other dogs, people or food. The hardest part is giving the puppy up after living every-day with it for a year and a half. But often, when the dog is ready to "graduate" from the Guide Work school, Amanda will get to see her grown up puppy assigned to a new handler who has had to go through 28 days of training themselves with their new guide dog.

Debbie and her guide dog, Sheena (pictured at right) can be seen often at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. During the service Sheena is working, and as a trained guide dog, she does a great job of staying at Debbie's side even with so many people around them and passing by their pew during communion. Because guide dogs are so important for the visually impaired, Debbie has made it her mission to educate as many groups as she can, including the Riverside Sheriff's Dept., on the laws concerning service dogs.



www.flcr.org
Faith's New Website Début

At the Voters' Meeting on October 24th, Faith's Vice President, Brad Hellickson, unveiled the new church Website. It will give our members the ability to take part in forums and discussions, to view and download the church newsletters and even listen to podcasts of the weekly services and sermons. With the support of the congregation, the old web address (www.faithriverside.org) and the new address will soon be merged. Currently, to see the new website use the address above.



Home



Verse of the Day

"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God." (Romans 13:1) (Read by Max McLean. Provided by The Listeners Audio Bible.)

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Upcoming Events

- 11/06/2010
[Mens Breakfast and Bible Study](#) at 7:30 am
- 11/07/2010
[Traditional Worship Service](#) at 8:00 am
[Bible Study](#) at 9:30 am
[Sunday School](#) at 9:30 am
[Praise Service](#) at 10:30 am

HEALTH NOTES

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NOVEMBER:

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

How do *you* define “emergency”? Are you prepared to care for yourself and others? To evacuate your home at a moment’s notice? (What would you want to keep if you could only take as much as you could pack in your car in the next 10 minutes? Or, what if you were at work or school when a disaster occurred, and couldn’t get home for three days... what would you do?)

You and your family or friends may not be together when disaster strikes, so it’s important to plan ahead: how you’ll contact one another; how and where you’ll get back together; what you will do in different situations.

WHY PREPARE?

It is estimated that seven out of ten individuals or families have not prepared for an emergency by making a plan or compiling (or purchasing) materials for a basic emergency kit. “Why should I?” you ask...” isn’t it the responsibility of the city, county, state and federal government agencies to provide for my safety?”

We know that the next emergency is coming ... we just don’t know when or what kind it will be! From fires to floods, landslides, earthquakes – even man-made disasters, we continuously face emergency situations, and (as the experts tell us) it’s better to have a plan that you don’t need than to need a plan that you don’t have!

THE BENEFITS

Being prepared (as prepared as one can be) can reduce the fear and losses that accompany emergencies. Communities, families and individuals should know what to do in the event of a disaster – when to “stay put”, when to evacuate, how to perform basic first aid, etc.

THE NEED

Disasters affect hundreds of thousands every year – each disaster has lasting effects, both to people and property. If a disaster occurs in your community, local agencies and disaster relief organizations will try to help you. But you need to help yourself also: local responders may not be able to reach you immediately, or they may need to focus their efforts elsewhere... You *should* be self-sufficient for at least three days (even better, seven...remember how long it took for assistance to reach some of the people affected by Hurricane Katrina?)



GETTING STARTED

There are many sources of information about disaster preparedness... all of them include these three critical components:

- **GET (OR MAKE) AN EMERGENCY KIT**
- **HAVE A PLAN**
- **BE INFORMED**

BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT:

Water – one gallon per person per day for at least three days (for drinking and sanitation)

Food, at least three-day supply of non-perishable foods

Radio – battery-powered or hand-crank radio, and NOAA weather radio with tone alert, and extra **batteries** for both

Flashlight with extra **batteries**

First aid kit and basic first aid **booklet**

Whistle to signal for help (flares are a bonus!)

Dust masks to help filter contaminated air, and **plastic sheeting** and duct tape to “shelter-in-place”

Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation

Tools – wrench, pliers to turn off water and gas lines

Can opener (if your food supply includes canned foods)

Local maps

Cell phone with **chargers!**

Medications and **prescription glasses / contact lenses**

Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper: one part bleach, nine parts water makes disinfectant; 16 drops bleach per gallon of water sanitizes water for drinking

Fire extinguisher

Matches in a waterproof container

Shelter (tent?), **blankets** for warmth

CAS\$\$\$\$H in small denominations

MAKE A PLAN

- Identify an out-of-town contact
- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact
- Teach family members to use text messaging (can often get around network disruptions)
- Send copies of important documents to trusted family or friends at a distant location
- Subscribe to “alert” services
- Plan ahead for both the possibility of “staying put” (shelter-in-place) or evacuation
- Inquire about emergency plans at places where you or your family spend time: work, daycare, school, etc.
- Plan how to care for your pets in an emergency: only service animals (e.g., “canine companions”) may be permitted in public shelters during emergencies
- IF TIME PERMITS, Shut off utilities, and lock the door behind you; leave a note telling others when you left and where you went; check with neighbors who may need a ride

BE INFORMED

- Know what kind of disasters, both natural and man-made, are most likely to occur in your area and how you will be notified (emergency radio, TV broadcasts); you may hear a special siren
- Use available services and assistance in developing your response plan (your city, county, state; Red Cross; FEMA; local police and fire departments)
- Get trained, and volunteer to work with agencies who respond to emergencies - be prepared to care for more than yourself...

For more information, go to:

www.ready.gov/america/makeaplan/index.html

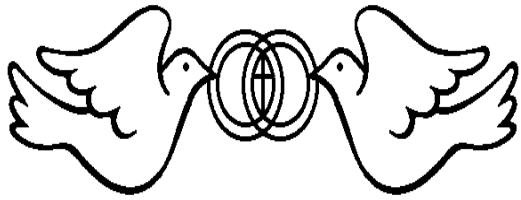
www.ready.gov/america/getakit/kit-print.html

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/shelterinplace



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If we missed any birthdays or anniversaries, please contact the church secretary. Thanks

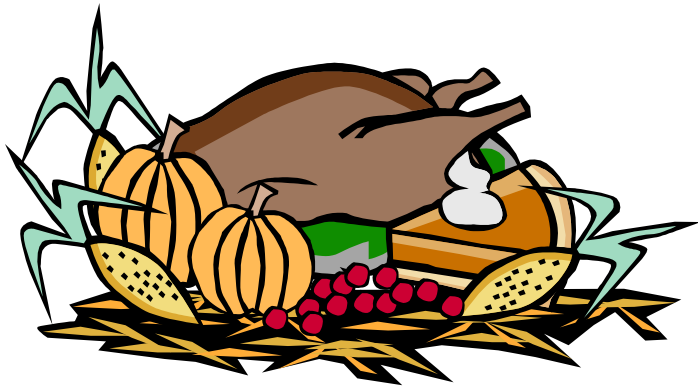


Membership Changes in Oct.

GAINS IN MEMBERSHIP – 0

LOSSES IN MEMBERSHIP – 1 Jean LeVoss called home on Oct. 23, 2010.

Membership stands at:: 215 Baptized, 176 Confirmed



Faith Lutheran's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday November 21st at 4:00 p.m.

Sign—up sheets will be available in Lamb's Court

THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS

It was not until 1941, that congress declared Thanksgiving as a national holiday. It was declared to be the fourth Thursday in November.

91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.

The first Thanksgiving was not a feast, but rather a time when Native Americans helped Pilgrims by bringing them food and helping them build off the land.

The first Thanksgiving celebration lasted three days.



November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 8:00 am- Traditional Worship 9:15 am- Sunday School & Bible Study 9:30 am HS Bible Study 10:30 am- Contemporary Worship	1	2	3 Elder's Meeting 6 pm Praise Team Practice 7 PM	4 L.E. & Bible Study @ 10 am Bell Choir Practice 7 PM	5 Acquire the Fire Youth Event 6 pm	6 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study @ 7:30am Altar Guild 9 am
14 8:00 am- Traditional Worship 9:15 am- Sunday School & Bible Study 9:30 am HS Bible Study 10:30 am- Contemporary Worship SUNDAY OF HOPE	15	16	17 Board of Directors Meeting 6 PM Praise Team Practice 7 PM	18 L.E. & Bible Study @ 10 am Bell Choir Practice 7 PM	19 7 pm Prayer vigil at church	20 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study @ 7:30am
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"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!" (Psalm 118:1)

2010

COME BE A PART OF GOD'S GREAT GIFT!

As an act of Grace — undeserved love for us — God sent Jesus
“to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become righteousness of God.”

— 1 Corinthians 5:21b



Jesus took our sin & death
and in exchange — week by week — we receive
forgiveness, eternal life and the status of holy children of God.



Please join all the members of Faith on Sundays:

8:00 am **Traditional Worship Service**

9:15 am **Sunday School and Adult Bible Class**

Opportunities for all ages (preschool to adult)
to be planted, nurtured, and grown in faith through God's Word.

10:30 am **Contemporary Praise Service**

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