



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

*To Know · To Share · To Serve
Jesus Christ*

Changes to the Monthly Newsletter

Each month, our newsletter has been used to share announcements, upcoming news, or information from previous events. Much of this information has been duplicated from our weekly e-newsletter or printed Faith Notes inserts on Sunday. Rather than use the newsletter to be used as another news outlet, we are changing the focus of its purpose to be a place for reflections, ministry highlights, faith deepening and faith sharing. Rather than a newspaper style think of it as a magazine.

We ask that if you would like to share something for the new newsletter, called Faith Focus, that it is written in a narrative or first person form rather than just an announcement. If you wish to contribute to Faith Focus, talk to Deacon Shannon. We will still include the monthly calendar and highlight some upcoming ministries in Faith Focus.

Thank you to Lizbeth Huggins for her years of dedicated service to creating our past newsletters! The first issue of Faith Focus will come out in September and will come to you the same way as the former newsletter.

Curiosity Question

{ Where in your life do you
experience God the most vividly? }

Reflect on this question, share and ask a friend too!

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Wedding Shower for Eric & Emily

HAPPY CAMPERS



Eric Yarberry and Emily Summers
are tying the knot.



And they could use **S'MORE** stuff
to get their campsite (home) ready.

They have a rainfly for their new tent, so let's **SHOWER** them with gifts!



You are invited to a wedding shower potluck

5:00 PM Saturday, August 25

Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall



Please bring a dish to share and some good advice for a long and happy marriage.

Eric and Emily are registered at Sears,
JC Penney's, and Amazon.com
OR bring some staples for their pantry or backpack.



Game Night!

Join us on Thursday, August
31st at 6:30pm for Faith
Lutheran Church Game Night!



Check the weekly notes for
more information!

Servanthood Sunday Update



During June's Servanthood Sunday, 38,000 pills (Ibuprofen or vitamins) for children and adults were packaged to send with the Synod Medical Mission Trip to the Morogoro Dioceses. Those pills have now been shared at the clinic and the team offer their thanks to Faith Lutheran for this gift. During the Servanthood Sunday, the children and youth colored synod companion pictures to send with the group.

Mama Kilato works in the diocese office as part of the management team. She was admiring the colored pictures.

A Letter from Patrick McCarthy

July 10th 2018

Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

Good day to you, members of Faith Lutheran, both old friends and new ones as well. As many of you know, Faith Lutheran was an important part of my life, as both loving individuals who genuinely cared and continue to care for my physical and spiritual well-being. Faith was an extremely formative and important place from my childhood. My dad, Michael Alan McCarthy, was the pastor at Faith from 1990 till the end of 2007. Although we left Little Rock in 2007, Faith was the place where dad served the longest, and where his ministry was most effective. While at Faith, dad presided over numerous significant undertakings and changes.

Faith as a church family, was the perfect space for my sister Mary Claire and me to spend our formative and younger years. I have memories of Sunday School with Becky Del Rio and of participating in Christmas productions in the fellowship hall downstairs. I remember summer days when dad would drop Mary Claire and me off at Camp Diane and then Camp Gail, the Keisler daughters, and we would spend the entire day there.

I remember Sunday afternoons with Brian Werling, thinking how cool he was as an older peer, him bringing his PlayStation to church on the occasion, and us setting it up downstairs during the afternoons. I remember Lenten worship and potlucks, my dad presiding from the pulpit, absolutely crushing sermons (many of which Chuck Anderson recorded and then gave to me when I graduated from college. How strange it is to hear the sound of Dad's voice through the cassette tape, played through an old-school boombox). I remember the size of dad's office, with the big shadowbox containing an ancient Bible of sorts, a gift from Francis and Ben Tice. I remember growing up in that church body and learning how to communicate and "conversate" with adults.

Faith was as formative of a space as they come for me, in both my faith development and development as a human being. Faith helped me develop skills that I use to this day, mainly being comfortable talking to people of all ages and backgrounds. My family was showered with nothing but kindness and grace throughout our time there. It was one of the dearest communities that my family has ever known.

I am writing you now because, come August 22nd, I will be outward bound for a year of service in South Africa. I am being sent by the ELCA through a program called Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) where I will be working directly with the Evangelical Lutheran Church South Africa (ELCSA), which will be supporting my residency and visa as a volunteer for them. I will live with a host family in the community where I will be working as a teacher within the South African educational network.

It is my hope that many of you will want to walk alongside me spiritually, virtually, and financially in this year. In addition to inviting people to walk alongside me in prayer as I accompany and walk alongside the people in the community where I will be working and serving, I would also like to invite those who are interested in keeping up with me in real time to let me know that you would like to subscribe to my monthly newsletter, as well as my weekly blog. Email me at mccapr17@gmail.com, and I will sign you up.

I will also post a link to that blog on Facebook. I would love to hear from you as I journey through this time of service, for as wonderful as this year will be, there will be plenty of moments where I'm sure I'll find myself tired, lonesome, and missing the comforts of home.

Finally, I am asking those of you who wish to help me through a financial gift (all YAGM volunteers are asked to help raise supporting funds), to log onto the ELCA support page at <https://community.elca.org/yagm/give> The link will take you to the YAGM donations page. Please designate your gift for me by clicking on the designation menu and scrolling down to my name. If you would prefer to donate through Faith Lutheran, please do so, and the church will forward your gifts to YAGM. Any and all gifts will be welcomed and appreciated.

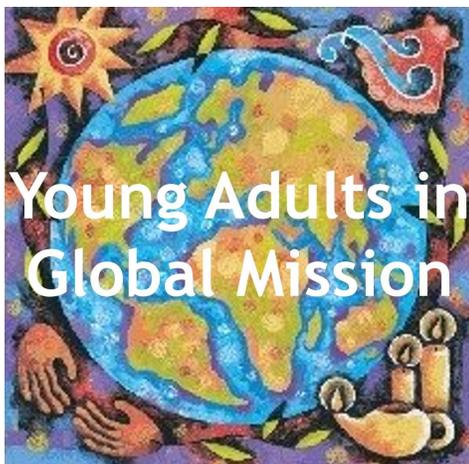
I hope this letter reaches you all in a time of prosperity and great happiness, but whatever life hands you, I pray that God will meet you where you are, and that His life, and the life-giving spirit and energy that is Christian community will always be a source of inspiration for all of Faith's members. Peace and blessings to you all.

God's Peace, With Christ's Love, Patrick



Young Adults in Global Mission

The ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of nine countries around the world.



A year of service through the Young Adults in Global Mission program invites young adults to become the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, providing critical support to ministries and projects in communities of need. It also invites volunteers into a journey of self-reflection, providing space to consider their sense of identity, God's work in the world, and their place within it all.

How Can We Support Patrick in This Journey?

The Faith Lutheran Church council has approved Mission Grant to match donations up to \$2,000 to help Patrick reach his goal of \$10,000.

If you would like to give through Faith Lutheran, please memo on your check "Patrick" and the funds will be matched. If you would like to give directly through the ELCA Support Page, please email Lara at office@faithlutheranLR.org to let her know the amount donated so Faith Lutheran can match it.

As Patrick shares his stories of this year, we will share them through the weekly e-newsletter.

Please keep Patrick, the other YAGMs, and the people they will be working with this year in your prayers!

Become a Mentor at Our House

This year Our House, Inc. is launching a mentorship program called “IMPACT Partners.” IMPACT stands for Individuals Making Progress through Action, Cultivation, and Tolerance. Studies show, “Young adults who had a mentor are: 55% more likely to enroll in college, 78% more likely to volunteer regularly, and 130% more likely to hold leadership positions”

The mission of the IMPACT Partners Program is to provide our youth with supportive impact partners (mentors) who - through action-based, one-on-one mentoring - empower our youth to establish and achieve their goals, become positive role models, and begin engaging with their communities.

Contact John Barnes for more information. 374-7378 ext 151 or John.Barnes@ourhouseshelter.org



Back to School Blessings



On Sunday, August 12 during worship, we will have a Back to School Blessing for all students, teachers, and school administrators. If you are heading back to school, daycare, or college, bring an item to be blessed, could be a backpack, a mug, an item that is on your desk or whatever you'd like! To be blessed!



July Council Highlights

- June minutes, financials, & reports were approved
- A review of June's minutes showed 2 inward & 1 outward action
- Troy Keeping has resigned from council due to other commitments
- Worship on August 26 will focus on Stewardship & God's creation. Several maintenance items around the church are being taken care of as well as repairs & additions to the sprinkler system. The stewardship flowerbed adoption is going very well.
- The 6 month period of building the capital improvement fund back will end in August. As of September the \$1352.10 from the cell tower will be divided between the capital improvement restricted fund (\$693.00) & the missions restricted fund (\$659.10)
- A Mission Grant Application was approved to match donations up to \$2,000 to help Patrick McCarthy as he serves for the next year in the YAGM program.
- Mission Moment: Pastor Josh led us in a discussion after reading an article: Why the church needs artists more than managers right now.

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

2018 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING
JUNE 27 - JULY 1



Backstage before their debut as backup dancers in front of 30,000+ youth and leaders!

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MULTICULTURAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP EVENT OF THE ELCA

MYLE's core values include:

- » **Culture is explored.** Participants will experience an inclusive community that seeks to build understanding and appreciation of the various cultures and ethnicities that are a part of this church.
- **Leaders are formed.** Youth and adults will learn about the issues in their communities and how to effect change.
- **Identity is claimed.** Participants will be encouraged to uncover their story and live out their God-given calling in the world.
- **Faith is deepened.** Youth and adults will explore the intersection of faith and life and how our faith calls us to act justly in the world.
- **Friends are made.** Participants will connect with peers who are looking to build relationships and have a good time.

GIFTS AT THE GATHERING...

437 hair donations
to Children with Hair Loss



1,248 units of blood
donated from 987 donors

40,000 books
donated at Blast Off for Books



200 grace bags
and 100 kindness project rocks
made by tAble participants

700 individuals attended
MYLE and visited 13 service sites.



\$260,000 + raised for
ELCA's Global Farm Challenge

Thanks to **31,242**
registered Gathering participants!

#ELCAYG2018



Doris' Stories of Faith & Life

On a Sunday in the late 1960s I **decided to start my search for a church home**. We had just moved to Little Rock where my then husband was the new Commissioner of Corrections under Governor Winthrop Rockefeller. **So I dressed for church** in what I was used to wearing in West Virginia – one of my big hats and dress gloves as well as Sunday clothes. Well, so much for sneaking in to give a new church the once over and decided if Faith was the church for us. Lucky for me, my search was over and Faith has continued to be the church for me. **The folks at Faith are so accepting**, so full of grace, it is a happy place. I was raised a Methodist and became a Lutheran when I married – an easy transition.

It was easy to find a teaching job for me because that was the year that Little Rock started integration of elementary teachers – sending white teachers to the east side of town and black teachers to the west. What an opportunity for a do-gooder like me – I could integrate the elementary schools and Bob could solve the many problems in the state's prisons – dream on! You can tell from the news reports of today that we did not accomplish the opportunities set for us!

In retirement I **have enjoyed** hiking, traveling to many parts of the United States and Canada to pursue that hobby. That hobby is now in the past so I get joy in vegetable gardening. I eat my efforts and give lots to the food pantry. I care about food hunger and do what I can to support organizations that help relieve that. This is one of the issues I truly care about.

The people who have shaped my faith in the past are legion. Now I have Sunday sermons and the Wednesdays Bible study at Faith to keep my faith fed every week. Our monthly meetings of WELCA feed my faith, also. Faith Lutheran is a cafeteria for faith feeding – come join the feast.

As the church changes, I hope it keeps its focus on community service, especially helping those who need food, clothing and a safe place to live. I like the variety of ways the leadership of this church gives us to serve.

Some wisdom I can pass on is there is always more than one side to every situation. Be quiet and listen to those other sides. You will develop a wonderful, peaceful tolerance for your fellow travelers through life – granted I have to work on tolerance every day!

Many Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who supported the youth dinner fundraiser!

Thank you to Ruth Anderson and Barbara Osborn for taking Council Meeting minutes while I was out of town. (From Troy Keeping, Church Council Secretary)

Thank you to Maudie Stelzl for hosting the WELCA picnic.

Thank you to Pr. Jim Stelzl and Pr. Dean Sudman for sharing your gifts as Ministers of Word & Sacrament to bless the communion meal while Pr. Josh was out of town in June and July.

Thank you to everyone who participated in and donated to the Medical Mission Morogoro Servanthood Sunday. Thank you to **Becky Holte and Barbara Osborn** for working with Thrivent to get an Action Grant. Thank you to **Chuck and Ruth Anderson** for creating the worship service. Thank you to **Chuck Anderson and Dave Werling** for the technology set up. Thank you to **Dave Damien and Dave Ussery** for taking photos. Thank you to **Peter and Trudy Kumpe** for set up and coordinating with our presenters. Thank you to **Lance and Eileen Miller** for coming to share their passion for the Synod's Medical Mission trip with us!

Thank you to Trudy Kumpe, Emily Summers, Lynn Vachon, Nia Indelicato, Barbara Sudman, Dave Damien, David Rutlen, David Werling, Lida Damien, Karen Palmer, Ruth Anderson, Jonathan Huggins, Gabe Huggins, Chuck Anderson, John Knuteson, Dorothy Bambrick, Maudie Stelzl, Wayne Turley, Dolores Turley, Barbara Daives, Suzanne Unruh, Virgin Wilken, Colleen Ussery, Peter Kumpe, Andreas Muller, Kim Muller, Joe Phillips, Sharon Phillips, Karen Cornwell, Margie Wesinger, Dianne Knuteson, Don Havelka, Marcy Havelka, Tom Hotle, Nora Hotle, Becky Del Rio, Steve Del Rio and Bill Keisler for serving as assisting minister, lector, prayer intercessor, acolyte, sound tech, first touch, altar guild, altar flowers in June and July! The sharing of your gifts makes our worship liturgy truly "the work of the people"

Thank you to Emily Summers for serving as Council Person of the month in June.

Thank you to Peter Kumpe for serving as Council Person of the month in July.

Thank you to Dolores Turley for cleaning the sacristy.

Thank you to Barb Osborn, Ruth Anderson, Emily Summers, Everett Elam, and Deacon Shannon for serving dinner at Our House for the Council Night.

Thank you to Doris Saver for sharing her Stories of Faith and Life.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the wedding of David Werling and Sandra Joy Allison. Especially thanks to **Barb Osborn** for organizing helpers for the reception, to **Virginia Wilken** for the flowers, and to **Sheryl Hoth** for making the wedding banner.

Thank you to Troy Keeping for sharing your gifts while serving as a council member.

Thank you to Lizbeth Huggins and Joe & Sharon Phillips for your hospitality with the youth groups that stay at the church in June and July.

Thank you to Chuck & Ruth Anderson for writing the Mission Grant to support the ministry of Patrick McCarthy as a YAGM.

Thank you to Steve Del Rio for replacing the outside lights at the lower entry way.

Thank you to Lizbeth Huggins for years of dedication in creating the monthly newsletters.



Family, friends, and former parishioners of Pr. Dean Maas; Bill Seay (in hospice care); Lucas - 18 yr old (in ICU with brain aneurysm); Jeff McGuire and his wife Carol - Ruth Anderson's cousin (healing); Bill Walker - Karen Palmer's Uncle (recovery from gall bladder removal, slight case of pneumonia); Chris (waiting for heart, kidney, lung transplant); Dorf family grieving the unexpected death of Bill - longtime friends of the Vachons; Dr. Mark and Shirley Mollidrem - friends and former pastor of Jim & Linda Tator (healing and strength with cancer battle); Ronda Warneke (son deployed til Feb 2019); Dianne Knuteson (tests praying for good prognosis); Marcy Havelka (rotator cuff surgery/healing); Amy Crofoot - Havelka's daughter (healing); Troy Keeping (continued cancer fight); Barb Bambrick (healing), Patrick McCarthy and other YAGMs.

Pray a New Prayer: A Prayer for Peace (From the ELW)

Gracious and holy God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Position	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Assisting Minister	Emily Summers	Dorothy Bambrick	Nia Indelicato	Lynn Vachon
Lector	Peter Kumpe	Doris Sarver	Marcia Erbland	Marcy Havelka
Intercessor	Chuck Anderson	Chuck Anderson	Karen Palmer	Chuck Anderson
Sound	Gabe Huggins	John Knuteson	Jonathan Huggins	Dorothy Bambrick
First Touch	Barbara Osborn Doris Sarver J. Huggins Lizbeth Huggins	John Knuteson Wayne & Dolores Turley Barbara Davies Lynn Vachon	Peter & Trudy Kumpe Andreas & Kim Muller Barbara Sudman	Joe & Sharon Phillips Joe Mastropieri Karen Cornwell Margie Wesinger
Flower Guild	Colleen Ussery	Suzanne Unruh	Virginia Wilken	Colleen Ussery
Altar Guild	Kim Muller and Trudy Kumpe			
Council Rep	Becky Del Rio			

AUGUST



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
9am Faith Formation 10am Worship	6:30pm Hand Bells	9am Men's Coffee	10am Bible Study	7:30am Via de Cristo Fellowship 9:15am Serve at Food Pantry		
			1	2 <i>Happy birthday Becky Webb!</i> 6:30pm Bible & Brew	3	4
5 <i>Happy anniversary Stelzls!</i>	6	7 10am Block Builders of Faith	8	9	10	11 1pm Craft Corner
12 Back to School Blessings	13 <i>Happy birthday Mickey Nottingham!</i>	14	15 12pm IA Ecumenical	16 6:30pm Bible & Brew	17 <i>Happy birthday Dorothy Bambrick!</i>	18 <i>Happy birthday Bill Davies!</i> 10am Block Builders of Faith
19	20	21 <i>Happy birthday Michael Osborn!</i>	22 6:30pm Council	23 <i>Happy anniversary Nottinghams!</i>	24 <i>Happy birthday Jeanette Evrard</i>	25 1pm Craft Corner 5pm Wedding Shower
26 Stewardship Sunday	27	28	29	30 6:30pm Game Night!	31 <i>Happy birthday Ruth Dickson</i>	