

February 2016

Faith Lutheran Church

February Birthdays

2/3 — Becky Del Rio,
Noah Johnson

2/4 — Karen Palmer,
Lida Damien

2/12 — Casey Cornwell

2/15 — Rosann Quilty

2/16 — Steve Del Rio

2/17 — Gloria Larson,
Dean Sudman

2/26 — Nathan Wells

February Anniversaries

2/8 — Leonard and Suzanne Unruh

2/25 — Bill and Barbara Davies

SIMPLY GIVING BY THRIVENT

Faith Lutheran Church Council is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic **option** for making regular offerings through Simply Giving by Thrivent. Electronic giving offers church members a convenient, safe and simple way to make regular church offerings without the need to carry cash or prepare envelopes. Electronic giving provides convenience for members, keeps members on track with stewardship, and guarantees uninterrupted support. Contributions can now be debited automatically from checking or savings accounts and can be designated for the general fund or for spe-

cific programs. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- Visit the church website at www.faith-lc.org
- Click on the **Give Now** button
- Click on the **Create Profile** button, then
- Follow the onscreen

instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

If you are interested in this option but would prefer to fill out an authorization form and have the information entered and the account set up for you that is no problem. Please see Barb Osborn to obtain a form.

If you have any questions or if you need help, please contact John Knuteson, Barb Osborn, or Tom Holte.

CHALLENGE

It's been cold and I was able to bundle up with hat, scarf, and mittens and stay warm. There are folks of all ages in our area without hats, scarves, and/or gloves.

I challenge all knitters, crocheters, sewers to join me in making a pile of hats, scarves, and/or mittens for the needy in our area.

On the first Sunday in Novem-

ber, we will ask Pastor Josh to bless and dedicate our handiwork. Then they will go to those who need them. What a great way to use up the yarn stash of yarn and bless another. I urge you to pray for the person who will wear your item that they will be blessed. (For those of you who sew, fleece makes great scarves.)

I am looking for suggestions for places to donate. There are Our

House and the Salvation Army. I am sure there are other agencies who would be happy to distribute these items. All sizes, kids, adults, men, and women. Chilly is not limited to any one group of folks.

Let's make a mountain of love and warmth.

Terri Koopman

LENTEN SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER SCHEDULE

Following is the schedule for the shepherding groups serving the soup/salad suppers during Lent:

Feb 17 John Group - Doris Sarver
 Feb 24 Mark Group - Sharon Phillips
 Mar 2 Luke Group - Marcy Havelka
 Mar 9 Simon Group - Ruth Anderson
 Mar 16 Matthew Group - Dorothy Bambrick

PRAYER LIST

Vivian Moore - stroke
 Family of Mary Oliver - grief, comfort
 Baby Jonah - improving health and weight gain
 Dale Constantine (friend of Sudman's) - stroke
 Family of James McCraw - grief, comfort
 Amy Crofoot (Havelka's daughter) - health issues
 Kim Muller and Family - comfort death of Kim's mother
 Ava (Friend of Sherry S.) - praise, no cancer



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 Sunday School, Adult Forum, Prayer shawl ministry 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship time	4:30 — Youth meet	9 a.m. Men meet at Panera 6 p.m. Bells	10 am Bible Study 7 pm Choir 6 pm Soup and Salad Supper (beg. 2/17) 7 pm Worship (beg. 2/17)	7 am — Via de Cristo fellowship 7 pm — Life-way Parents meeting 8 pm — Life-way Youth meeting		
	1	2	3	4 7 pm — Bible and Brew at Diamond Bear Brewery	5	6
7	8	9 6 pm — Fastnacht Pancake Supper	10 7 pm — Ash Wednesday Service	11 9:30 a.m. WELCA	12	13
14	15 5:30 p.m. WELCA	16	17	18 7 pm — Bible and Brew at Diamond Bear Brewery	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday

* Feb. 10

Imposition of Ashes

Midweek Services:

Open My Life, Lord

- * Feb. 17 Eyes
- * Feb. 24 Hands
- * Mar. 2 Ears
- * Mar. 9 Heart
- * Mar. 16 Life

*(All services are at 7pm)

Holy Week Worship

Easter Cantata

* Mar. 20 @ 10am

Maundy Thursday

* Mar. 24 @ 7pm

Good Friday

* Mar. 25 @ 7pm

Easter Morning

* Mar. 27

Breakfast @ 9am

Worship @ 10am

Lenten Study

During this Lenten season, Faith is going to embark on a conversation about Holy Communion. This comes from an invitation that was extended from the churchwide office back in August of 2014 (please see attached letter on the next page). February 14th will begin the 6-week series around the central question: Who is welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at our congregation? Peter Kumpe will be facilitating the conversation on Sunday mornings at 9am. The series will cover the history and theology of the Eucharist, a study of the "Use of the Means of Grace," as well as a look at our and other congregations invitations to the table. Please plan on joining the conversation! Pastor Josh



August 2014

Dear friend in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are writing about an important conversation that we need your help to facilitate across our church. The question we have been invited to consider is: Who is welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion in ELCA congregations?

The recommended practice in our church is that people who are baptized are invited to receive Holy Communion. Though this is the practice set out in the ELCA's statement, "The Use of the Means of Grace," there is wide variety of practice in this church.

Now the ELCA Church Council is calling all ELCA members into a conversation about "The Use of the Means of Grace," particularly on this matter of invitation to Holy Communion. Your leadership in engaging your faith community and fellow Lutherans in this conversation will be critical to our church as we seek to be faithful and grounded, yet hospitable and mission-minded in administering Holy Communion.

The recommendation also suggests that this matter not be studied in isolation from the rest of the statement, but rather we take this opportunity to encourage a renewed study of and conversation about "The Use of the Means of Grace" in our congregations.

As you plan for the upcoming church year, we hope you will find ways to engage in this important conversation in your setting. Perhaps you'll facilitate a small group study, workshop or adult education series. Resources to guide your discussion are now available at www.ELCA.org/worship. The study guide is flexible and may be adapted for use within different contexts. You may focus on the one issue or you may delve into the richness of many.

Your feedback is critical to our work, and it will be reviewed by the churchwide organization's worship team and shared with the ELCA Church Council for future direction. Your feedback may include:

- + Brief description of the nature of the conversation (Who was involved? In what setting? Over what period of time?)
- + Short summary of the conversations (What issues were discussed? What was affirmed? What was a surprise?)
- + Suggestions for future consideration
- + Anything else you would like to share

Please share thoughts, ideas and concerns that emerge from conversation with the churchwide organization's worship team by emailing worship@elca.org by May 2015.

Thank you for your faithful service and for the ways you will help members of this church to prayerfully consider the question of whom we invite and welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Peace,

Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop

Kevin L. Strickland, Director for Worship

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Fastnacht Pancake Supper Mark your calendars for our annual Fastnacht Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 9 starting at 6:00. We hope the weather will cooperate this year! Come celebrate with delicious pancakes and sausage before our Lenten disciplines begin! As usual, we'll entertain each other with singing, storytelling, poetry, instrumentals, dancing, juggling, or whatever talents we'd like to share. So start rehearsing your talent and let us know if you can help with grocery shopping, mixing batter, flipping pancakes, or setting or cleaning up. Sign up on the poster in the narthex or call Ruth Anderson 565-9343.

THOSE WHO SERVE

	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Assisting Minister	Corey Jencks	Nia Indelicato	Dorothy Bambrick	Chuck Anderson
Lector	Marcy Havelka	Tom Holte	Lizbeth Huggins	Nia Indelicato
Intercessor	Ruth Anderson	Ruth Anderson	Ruth Anderson	Ruth Anderson
Acolyte	Casey Cornwell			
First Touch	John and Dianne Knuteson Don and Marcy Havelka Tom and Nora Holte	Lizbeth Huggins Jonathan Huggins Doris Sarver Elmer Cool Barbara Osborn	John Knuteson Wayne and Dolores Turley Barbara Davies Lynn Vachon	Peter and Trudy Kumpe Andreas and Kim Muller Barbara Sudman
Altar Guild	Kim Muller and Trudy Kumpe			
Council Person	Barbara Osborn			