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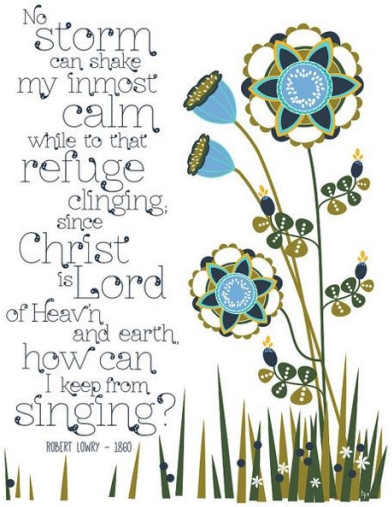

The next Via de Cristo weekend will be held March 16-19, 2017, at Saint Scholastica in Fort Smith. The theme of Weekend 38 will be How Can I Keep From Singing?

VIA de CRISTO is a Spanish phrase meaning "Way of Christ." VIA de CRISTO is a highly structured three day weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people and bring them to a new awareness of living in God's grace. It is a combined effort of lay people and clergy toward renewal of the church.

VIA de CRISTO is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The focus is not on VIA de CRISTO itself, but on the environment of the community of believers. The objective of the movement is to inspire, challenge and equip people for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities.

If you would like to know more about Via de Cristo, please speak to me or anyone else who has been to Via de Cristo.

ANNUAL MEETING

Faith Lutheran Church will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2017, following worship. If you have a committee report to submit for the meeting, please have it to Lara in the church office by noon on Monday, January 9.

A pot luck lunch in fellowhip hall will follow the meeting.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1/17 — Dolores Turley, Dainne Knuteson

1/19 — Kristen Muller, Hewlett Huggins

1/20 — Anna Roy

1/21 — Becky Holte

1/24 — Virginia Wilken, Evelyn Dziurkowski

1/26—David Rutlen

1/1 — Bill Keisler and Marcia Erbland

1/8 — Josh and Shannon Johnson

BLOCK BUILDERS OF FAITH

There has been a change in schedule for this group. They will meet the 1st Tuesday and the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 am - 4 pm. There are some exciting projects in the works, come see what they have in store for ministering in our community. If you have questions, contact Marcy Havelka.

LUTHERAN CHOIR CONCERT

On January 18th, students from Susquehanna University will be performing at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The concert is free with a freewill offering which will go to support the choir department. As part of the event, we are helping host students on the evening of the 18th. If you are able to host a pair of students (or more) overnight, please talk with Marcy Havelka.

ALTERED BOOKS

This Saturday, at 9:00 am, is the first gathering to make altered books. Altered books are a form of crafting that can serve as a spiritual practice.

In answer to the big question for Saturday, "What do I need to bring?", really not much this time! I already have some materials for us to get started with and we can build from there. However, if you have things you'd like to use in your projects such as scrapbook paper you like, or found objects, feel free to bring them along. If you have craft stash you'd like to share, please do. One thing that will be most helpful is if you have a hair dryer, definitely bring it. We'll use them to dry our pages along the way.

Please don't go out and purchase books to alter just yet. I want to spend a little time going over what will/won't work well. You get to learn from my mistakes! I also have some books you may use if you like that I've picked up around campus when professors are cleaning offices and giving old books away for free. :) I'll also have some projects on hand for you to look at to get some ideas ~ both what did and what did not work out.

If you plan to attend or would like to know more, please talk to Karen Palmer (sisbutterfly2007@gmail.com).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Matthew Knuteson — healing

Gray Burns

Frances Tice — healing from illness

Ann Underwood — back surgery on 12/8

Family of Gen Alexander — peace, comfort

Vito Pilla (Nia's godfather) — in ICU

The Damiens — a month of safe travels

Dave (Terri's son-in-law) — health issues

Peace, comfort for family and friends of Christen

Brooke — difficulty with pregnancy

Nora Holte — healing following surgery

Naomi S. — depression

Monniers — move to Italy

Bud Baden — healing, strength for his caregivers

Tanya (Eddie and Rosann's daughter) — healing

Eddie and Rosann — peace, comfort

You are encouraged to notify the church office if you have a prayer concern. Please keep the information updated so the congregations can be informed regarding continuing needs and answered prayers.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 Faith Formation Hour 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship time		9 a.m. Men meet at Panera 6:00 pm — Handbells	10 am Bible Study	7 am — Via de Cristo fellowship 9:15 am — Serve at the food pantry		
1	2	3 Block Builders 10 am—4 pm	4	5 Bible and Brew 7 pm at Heights Taco and Tamale	6	7
8	9 Reports for annual meeting due to Lara	10	11 5:00 p.m. church council	12	13 9:30 am WELCA	14 A-OK Younger Youth Gathering at Faith
15	16 5:30 pm WELCA	17	18	19 Bible and Brew	20	21 Block Builders 10 am—4 pm
22 Annual Meeting and Potluck	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Our mission is for all to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ.

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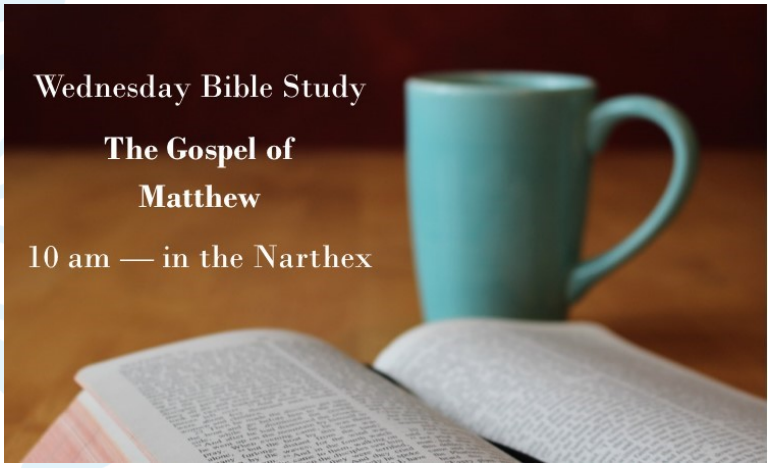
A-OK Younger Youth Gathering

On January 14-15, Faith Lutheran is hosting the middle school gathering for the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod. They will be spending the night at Faith and will join us for worship on Sunday morning.
If you would like to provide food or snacks for the gathering, please contact any of the youth, Dorothy, or Lizbeth.

January is a great time to clean out the clutter. The spring WELCA rummage sale will be held on April 1, and WELCA would love your donations. Due to lack of storage space, please do not bring items before the week of March 27.



THOSE WHO SERVE

	Jan 1	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29
Assisting	Nia Indelicato	Becky Del Rio	Chuck Anderson	Corey Jencks	Dorothy Bambrick
Lector	Barb Osborn	Barbara Sudman	Becky Del Rio	Bill Davies	Bill Keisler
Intercessor	Terri Koopman	Terri Koopman	Terri Koopman	Terri Koopman	Terri Koopman
First Touch	Peter and Trudy Kumpe Andreas and Kim Muller Barbara Sudman	Joe and Sharon Phillips Joe Mastropieri Karen Cornwell Margie Wesinger	John and Dianne Knuteson Don and Marcy Havelka Tom and Nora Holte	Lizbeth Huggins Doris Sarver Jonathan Huggins Barbara Osborn	John Knuteson Wayne and Dolores Turley Barbara Davies Lynn Vachon
Acolyte	Casey Cornwell	Dorothy Bambrick	Jonathan Huggins	Karen Palmer	Gabe Huggins
Altar Guild	Sheryl Hoth and Dorothy Bambrick				
Council	Barb Osborn	Tom Holte	Lizbeth Huggins	All	Ruth Anderson