

Faith Lutheran Church & School



"Where Faith Meets Life"
Galatians 2:20

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"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."
Jeremiah 29:11-13

God promises us that He has *plans* for us - to give us *hope* and a *future*. As Faith Lutheran Church makes plans with that *hope* and *future* in mind, we seek the Lord's direction as He promises that He "will listen to you."

Therefore, we are seeking *your help* in casting the vision for Faith Lutheran Church - a vision for our *future* over the next several years. Our first step in looking to our future is to get ideas from you - ideas of what you enjoy or appreciate about our current ministry together, ideas of what you would like to add (big or small), ideas of ways we can use and emphasize our strengths or improve or minimize our weaknesses.

First and foremost, we covet your prayers for our ministry! Pray and ask God to open opportunities to us. And as you pray, listen for and write down anything that comes to your mind and heart that could help us in our journey together.

Ideas could be anything from adding a Bible study or a prayer group, ideas about worship or Sunday School, building and property, staff, new ideas for special events or activities, evangelism and outreach ideas, and the list could go on...

We are making "dream sheets" available at church, or you can e-mail them PastorThress@comcast.net or faithlut@faithlutheran.ws. And really feel free to dream - even if you don't think there's any possible way we could ever accomplish your idea. After all, as the angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Nothing is impossible with God!"

As people share their "dreams", we will post the ideas in the narthex throughout the month of February, and from there we will organize them and begin to make plans how to act on and implement them. Be creative; have fun; and most of all *PRAY* as we seek God's mission and vision for our ministry together!

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrew 11:1

Yours in Christ,

Pastor



Thank you to all who so generously continued to donate food to Lutheran

Community Services over the holidays and through the month of January. We still need your help! Keep those canned and dried goods coming. Many families are forced to choose between warmth and full bellies at this time of the year. Please keep it in mind as you grocery shop this month.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Please join the ladies of the Priscilla Circle on Monday, February 20th for their monthly meeting. If you have

not joined us before, please come and learn more about this wonderful part of our ministry here at Faith. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM and includes devotion, refreshments, an organized program, and a planning meeting for the many activities of the group.

In a related matter, the circle will sponsor a bake sale on Sunday, Feb 12th which will benefit the "narthex carpet fund". Items will be offered at both the early and late services.



Lent officially begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Please plan to join us for the

imposition of ashes service beginning at 7PM. Special midweek Lenten services begin on Feb 29 with a soup and bread supper at 6PM and continue each subsequent Wednesday evening until Holy Week. Please see the sign up sheet on the clipboard to donate soup or bread or both.



Join us on Fat Tuesday for an all-you-can-eat pancake supper beginning at 5PM. The price for adults is \$5.00, children between 3 and 10 pay \$3.00 and children two and under are free. Please see the sign-up sheet on the clipboard for ideas on needed donations. Proceeds benefit the narthex carpet fund.

WAYS TO SERVE...

Are you looking for a way to serve here at Faith? We are looking for Sunday School teachers, lectors (readers for the Scripture readings), and lay assistants for worship. Sign-up sheets are on the clipboard on the podium in the narthex. Please give prayerful thought to serving in one or more of these capacities.

We are also always in the need of more members of the Altar Guild. You can speak to Mae Benson for more information on the Altar Guild.

Pastor and Shelly will travel to Phoenix for a conference from the 15th to the 19th of February. Pastor will be out of the office the entire week. Let's say a prayer for safe travel and an effective learning experience.



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Judy Andela continues to moderate a Bible Study with the FIGS group. All are welcome to participate on Wednesday mornings beginning at 10AM.