

Family Notes

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER DAY

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the “eighth day” of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

Each of our Easter liturgies brings a unique message to us as God’s liberated people.

7:00 a.m. Our Easter begins in the Garden as on the first Easter. The joy of the Easter announcement is shared as we light our Paschal Candle and affirm our Baptismal vows.

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Our sanctuary is much as we left it on Good Friday. The music and surroundings that encounter us are subdued at best. Midst the bleakness of our Good Friday comes the Easter announcement with all its joy. As our liturgy begins, our church comes alive in our celebrative processional. Pastor Jim’s sermon, “**Jesus Leads the Way,**” reminds us that today is only the beginning of the Easter celebration.

As the Lenten season ends, we celebrate the joy and hope of Easter with changes in our liturgy.

- Our paraments are white
- Our cross is undraped
- We use our full liturgy, except the Kyrie
- Our Paschal Candle burns
- Our Lenten Center blooms with Easter Lilies

To the ancient announcement, “**CHRIST IS RISEN!**” the Family responds, “**HE IS RISEN INDEED!**”

CHRIST IS RISEN! Death is swallowed up forever! Those who are baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection now rejoice and celebrate the Eucharistic feast prepared for them. “**CHRIST IS RISEN!**” they shout, “**HE IS RISEN INDEED!**” we reply.

The Sacrament today will be administered by intinction. If you are visiting with us and believe as we do that in the Sacrament we receive God’s gift of life and forgiveness, if you are a baptized member of the Christian Church, we hope you will join us at the Lord’s table. Please note that we now also have gluten free hosts.

For the last seven weeks our Lenten Center has stood at the foot of our altar Cross, reminding us of the brokenness and aridness of our lives. Today, our altar holds the statue of the Crucified and Risen Christ from our original sanctuary in Summit, surrounded by the banks of Easter lilies. Our Lenten Center has been moved to the right side of our chancel, and here midst its symbolism of our sin, an Easter lily blooms, a reminder of God’s gift of new life in our midst.

SILENT CONFESSIONAL

P: Let us kneel and silently make confession to God. (Kneel)

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

Our Lessons:

Acts 10:34-43. Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Colossians 3:1-4. Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

Matthew 28:1-10. Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus risen!

WELCOME

If you are visiting, we welcome you and hope you’ll soon return to Faith, and that you’ll feel free to share in all that is ours in Christ. Please sign our guest book and a visitor’s card which you’ll find in the pew. If you are interested in learning more about our community, please speak to Pastor Jim or Pastor Mac, or leave a note in the offering. Please stop by the Information Table in the narthex and pick up materials about our Family of Faith. While we encourage children’s attendance and participation in our worship hour, we do provide nursery care for those needing this service. Our ushers will be happy to direct you to our downstairs Nursery.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Family of Faith is a Christ-centered servant community that strives to be loving, forgiving, healing and affirming, as it continues to seek new opportunities to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the world.

Sustained by the Holy Spirit, we worship, serve, learn and grow together by sharing God's gifts of our time, talents and treasures.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Diantha Pearson	Vivian Mossberg
Thomas Lange	Ernie Andersen
Ron Waltemyer	John Glass
Sherry Peterson	Nancy Kordistas
Ben Santore	Ruth Bentley
Jan Siberine	Paul Lutz
Lucas Reiling	Constance Burde
Katie Anderson	Curtis D. Kelly
Annie Scherba	Eric Brodbeck
Jim Connaughton	Todd Shell
Julie Floch	Heidi Santore
Joe Auchter	Bob Bell
Eileen Sergent	Carolyn & Art Engelken
PJ Sneeringer	Minet Merritt
Ted Moody	Anne Rogers
Andrew Stofa	Loren Zachau
Rose Ondich	Aaron Shinn
Ann Bueschel	Harold Johnson
Kim Wood	Jeanne Jenkins
Kerry Michaels	Mike Sergent
Pastor Carol Lindsay	Wei Che Hu
Bob McQuaid	Margaret D'Oliveira
Donna Swanson	Jim Mastakas
Chris Bowman	Anna Mae Glassman
Nancy Wiles	Judy Lonn
Sven Mossberg	Nancy
Shan & Wayne Felts	Carl Seastedt
Donna Jaffee	Gertrude Kruger
Rose & Roger Wright	Maggie Hoyer
Raymond E. Smith	Jessica
Carol Lee Tieman	Eunice Neubeck
Linda Eriksen	Elaine Gifford
Tom Kitchener	Ed Breuninger

Joe & Kit Benson

The Family of Pastor Fred Bryant
The Family of Marlys Christiansen

To add to or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office. Unless we hear otherwise, names are removed after three months.

COUNCIL AT THE DOOR

If you have questions or suggestions for the Church Council, stop and see the Council Representatives at the door.

Serving today are: 8:30 – Chris Melhuish
11:00 – Mark Olson

Cross lapel pins identify our council members. We give thanks to God for these servants who undergird and direct our ministry.

1st Quarter Financial Statements

Your current "giving" update is now available thanks to Paul Mossberg. Please pick yours up in the narthex today.

New Members

What a joy last Sunday to welcome new members into our Family of Faith. Sharing our ministry in the days to come are:

Joseph Gellene	West Long Branch
Amber & Peter Leach, Savannah & Sebastian	New Providence
Kirsten & Russell Luedecker (James)	Gillette
Jessica & Steve Short & James	Florham Park
Tammy & Brett Siksnius & Ryan, Jeremy & Kaitlyn	Berkeley Heights

We are thankful for your partnership in our mutual ministry. If you are interested in learning more about our Family of Faith, please contact one of the Pastors.

AA

The gift of healing is shared through our AA ministry each Monday through Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. We give thanks to God for this healing ministry. Our Youth AA group meets each Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Music Notes

Many thanks today to the Sanctuary Choir, Faith Bell Ringers and instrumentalists who lead us in our Easter liturgy and hymns at both services...musicians include guests Samantha Kennedy, trumpet, Jeanine Erickson, trumpet, flute and piccolo, Richard and Anne Erickson, French horns, Nick Scheuble, timpani, Alex Melhuish, percussion, and David and Steven Bronocco, trombones. This week there are no rehearsals for our music groups, as they take a well-deserved break!



Journey
of Faith

Our theme this year reminds us that as God's people we are pilgrim people. As we follow Jesus, being formed into his image, we are people on a move, people with a mission. As a worshiping and serving community of disciples we journey wherever our Lord leads us to share the good news of Jesus Christ confident that God has provided all that we need to be his servants: water and word, bread and wine and healing oil. Join us this year and be part of our Journey of Faith.

A Servant's Prayer

"Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through challenges unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

PLAN AHEAD

To help us better prepare for worship each week and to provide guidance for daily Bible reading, we publish the following Sunday's lessons each week. Take a few minutes each day to read over these Bible passages in anticipation of our sharing of the Word together. Next Sunday's lessons are:

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Information session May 1 after late service and May 8 at Peer Leader Forum. See Pastor Jim for more information.

Lenten Self Denial

You are invited to return your Lenten self denial offering envelope which came in your Lenten mailing. These gifts will provide extra support for our Sunday School Hunger project caring for children in Zimbabwe.

FAITH NURSERY SCHOOL Registration Continues

Faith Nursery School continues registration for the 2011-2012 School Year. Three different morning classes are offered: a class for 2 ½ year olds that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays; a class for three year olds that meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and a Pre-K class that meets Monday thorough Friday. If you are interested in more information or are ready to register your child, please call Susan Nord, Director, at (908) 542-1252.



BROADWAY HOUSE more than a house...a home

In May, we will be heading over for our annual Spring Sing at Broadway House, our AIDS ministry. Look for the date soon in Family Notes. In addition, if you have any new or gently used men or women's spring clothing that you no longer need, please feel free to donate that as well. The Broadway House box is down the hall from the church office.

Opportunities for all ages, both on-site and off-site, are available. If you have any questions or for more information on ways you can help at Broadway House, contact Vicar Jane McCreedy at 908-233-8935 or jane@mccreedy.com.

LEND A HAND



As we move into our new expanded ministry center we are seeking to develop a list of folks who can assist with property needs as issues arise. Please email back or call if you can help with electric, plumbing, heating, or general maintenance. Our hope is to have a team of folks who can assist with minor problems and to let us know when we need to be calling outside help.



COFFEE TIME

Our Coffee time resumes next Sunday at 9:40. If you can host one of our upcoming dates, please sign the sheet outside the Office. Upcoming:
May 1 - Open
May 8 - Open

2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum resumes its educational ministry next Sunday at 9:40 a.m. Join us in Franklin Nelson Hall for coffee and conversation and then a chance to grow in your faith and why not "go green" by bringing your own cup to forum.

May 1 - FUNDAMENTALISM IN AMERICA - A look at how this religious phenomenon shapes our culture.

May 8 - ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE CHURCH - A look at our sordid history and our hopeful future.

May 15 - I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB - A look at the sheep-shepherd imagery of the Bible and what it tells us about relationship with God.

WORLD HUNGER



March 27 was the first of our world hunger Sundays in 2011. Your gifts will provide the support that enables us to serve thousands of meals at the Soup

Kitchen in the coming months. They provide food for the dozens of families that will be staying with us in the Hospitality program. And they will feed the hungry here and around the world through the ELCA World Hunger program. Please prayerfully consider your gift and then respond generously and sacrificially to care for our sisters and brothers. If you forgot your Hunger envelope that came with your mailing this week, simply mark a pew envelope "Hunger." Gifts after 4 weeks total \$3712.

VISITORS CONTINUE

Last week we again saw new visitors at worship! This means we've now had at least one new visitor at worship for 1260 out of the last 1280 Sundays. Make this week the time to invite a relative or friend to join us for our worship gathering. Share the Family! Share the Faith!

THIS HOLY PLACE

Years in the planning and now months in process, our Ministry Center worship space is nearing completion of a huge reconstruction to make it more accessible and conducive to worship, the most important thing we do. Our parking lot has been expanded as has our narthex and our choir loft. Our restrooms and loft are now fully accessible as we continue with the final components of this huge project. Our new organ is under construction and will be arriving over the summer months. Our thanks to our Ministry Center Core Team which has guided this entire project and our very special thanks to KW Janne, who has shared an unbelievable commitment to guide this project along its way from design to completion. KW has ensured the accurate completion of our plans and has been such a wonderful steward of the Family's gifts. It is no exaggeration to say that KW's care made this new resource possible. Thank you dear brother.

And our thanks to all the Family for their positive attitude and understanding during these many months of construction and to all the folks who were constantly lending the extra hand to keep us ministering. Special thanks to Joyce Farrell, our Altar Guild Chairperson, and Ed Johnson, our Worship and Music Chairperson, who worked these many months to keep our alternate worship space inviting and

meaningful. This is a very special and historic Easter as we re-enter our Sanctuary to celebrate God's gift of life to the Family.

DID YOU KNOW...

...Today is Easter Sunday, the Feast of Feasts...our Membership Exploration Group met 2 weeks ago - and new members were received last Sunday...3 of our Peer Leaders joined the Pastors for a trip to the Seminary last week...a new day time Bible study begins May 4... Coffee hosts are needed for Forum... AA meets Monday through Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings ...Faith Nursery School is now registering for the 2011-2012 school year...we've had at least 1 new visitor 1260 out of the last 1280 weeks...a special welcome to all who are visiting with our Family today...check next week's lessons...we continue to have a host of new visitors - welcome...why not bring a friend to Worship next Sunday...2010-2011 calendars are now available at cost in the narthex ...see you in church next week!

Family Prayers

We continue to pray for ALL those whose lives have been forever affected by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially the over 6400 service personnel who have been killed. Today we pray by name for the families of allied service personnel who have died in both wars. Please pray for the families of the following, all of whom died recently:

Staff Sgt. Omar Aceves, 30, USA, Texas
Pfc. Samuel Enig, 23, Danish Army, Denmark
Lance Cpl. Joseph Giese, 24, USMC, Georgia
Cpl. Herve Guinaud, 42, French Marines, France
Sgt. Ethan Hardin, 25, USA, Arkansas
Lance Cpl. Maung Htaik, 20, USMC, Maryland
Cpl. Jarrid King, 20, USA, Pennsylvania
Pfc. Ira Laningham IV, 22, USA, Texas
Maj. Evan Moodyk, 47, USAR, California
Pfc. Robert Near, 21, USA, Washington
Staff Sgt. Eric Nettleton, 26, USA, Kansas
Sgt. 1st Class Robert Pharris, 48, USANG, Missouri
Spc. Christian Romig, 24, USA, Louisiana
Pfc. Zachary Salmon, 21, USA, Ohio
Cpl. Jacob Tate, 21, USMC, Ohio
Pvt. Joseva Vatubua, 24, British Royal Army, Fiji

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN

We continue to pray for all the people affected by the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our website offers prayers for these folks and affords the opportunity to list service personnel serving there. To include a name, please see Pastor Mac. Today we pray for SPC Joe Ellis, a member of our Family, who is on active duty at Camp Drum after a year in Afghanistan. We also remember Lt. Christopher Wilk, a friend of the Daniels.

We remember Scott Farrell in our prayers. Scott is a relative of the Novaks, who is recuperating at Walter Reed Army Hospital after being wounded in Afghanistan.

YOUR PRAYERS/YOUR GIFTS

We continue to pray for all the people of Japan and those in the Pacific affected by the earthquake and tsunami. We are thankful that all of our ELCA missionaries and their communities are safe, even as we realize the catastrophic disaster that has forever changed so many lives. We invite your gifts for **Lutheran World Relief** which is in the midst of the recovery and relief efforts there. **LWR** has an outstanding record of getting gifts to the people for whom they are intended with minimal overhead. To share in this care of our sisters and brothers, simply make your check payable to "Faith" and mark it

"Japan." Gifts after 4 weeks total \$2560.

UPCOMING -

April 24 - EASTER
7:00 a.m. - Lighting of the Paschal Candle
8:30 & 11 a.m. - Festival Eucharist
25 - FNS & Office Closed
27 - FNS Lunch Party
30 - Scotch Plains/Fanwood Recycling
May 1 - Olbers Baptism
1 - Interfaith Youth Meeting
1 - Hospitality Guests Arrive
2 - Staff Worship Planning
2 - FNS Enrichment
3 - FNS Lunch Party
4 - Daytime Bible Study
8 - Luedecker Baptism
8 - Hospitality Guests Depart
9 - Staff Worship Planning
9 - FNS Enrichment
9 - Finance Committee
10 - Cabinet
10 - Council
11 - Daytime Bible Study
12 - FNS Lunch Party
13 - Staff Retreat
14 - Soup Kitchen
14 - Spring Clean-Up at ARC Home
15 - Weiss Committal
15 - Stewardship Dinner
16 - FNS Enrichment
17 - Advent Church Council
18 - Daytime Bible Study
18 - FNS Lunch Party
19 - Knit, Purl & Pray
21 - Pedals for Progress
21 - Journey of Faith Event
22 - Stewardship Committee
23 - FNS Enrichment
25 - Daytime Bible Study
26 - FNS Lunch Party
30 - Office Closed - Memorial Day

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE

Caring for Creation Now!

Green Food for Thought

Modern Christian Thought on God's creation:

"Criticism of growth arose with the discovery that growth beyond a certain point is destructive of the earth. We are already using resources much faster than they can be replenished. We are producing wastes much faster than nature's sinks can process them. The growth economy will end. The only questions are when its end will come, and whether humanity will be able to survive its demise." (from *Sustaining the Common Good* by John B. Cobb, Jr., American Methodist theologian, born 1925)

Green Tip: Got a large number of neckties that you never wear?

Interested in unusual bags and pillows?

Check out www.tiesthatmatter.com

Ties That Matter makes beautiful bags and pillows from donated neckties. They use recycled materials, employ women in need, and donate a part of their proceeds back to support services for the homeless.

Wake up and smell the flowers!

As winter rolls to an end, it's a great time to enjoy the warming weather while sharing our abilities with communities all around the world. God has given us a beautiful new season and there is no better way to celebrate His gifts than by participating in Faith's ministries with events this spring.

This April, Faith will again be participating in recycling at the Fanwood Recycling Center. The date for this event on April 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist with sorting recycled materials. Even if you can only be there for an hour or two, every bit helps. The church receives a check for our efforts at the Recycling center, which is used to help pay our electric bill. Please sign up at the information center or contact Ky Luu (908-322-2540 or kyvanluu@verizon.net). Go green!

Another great way to enjoy the spring weather while helping others is the Pedals for Progress bike collection. This program collects used bicycles for shipment to poor people overseas in need of transportation to get to jobs, markets, customers and schools. The date for this year's collection and processing is Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sign-ups can again be done in the information center or by contacting Bob Berk (908-322-1693 or reberk100@aol.com). This is a wonderful time to think about how much someone would appreciate a bike that you rarely use or has been sitting in your garage for years. You might also consider sending an e-mail to people you know and collect used bikes from neighbors and friends.

After getting through this long, snowy winter now is a great time to start the spring season by dedicating a few hours to serving others. If not you, then whom? If not now, then when?

The Stewardship Committee



JOIN US AT OUR VBS BIG ADVENTURE!

Ages: 3 years to 2nd grade

Dates: June 27 to June 30, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Registration begins Palm Sunday, April 17th

For more information, call Lynne Melhuish
at 908-464-6788.

EVENING PRAYER

For many they are special liturgies in our year long schedule, *Lenten Midweek Eucharist and Evening Prayer*. Quiet, reflective and meaningful are words folks use to describe these special worship opportunities, enhanced by the wonderful music of Theri Rossol, Jane McCreedy and John Everson.

Youth Forum

Youth Forum resumes its educational/fellowship ministry next Sunday as they gather downstairs in the Youth lounge. All high school youth are invited to share in this special ministry.

May 1 -



Faith Lutheran now on Facebook

Get connected and stay connected with the Family at Faith. You can get updates and reminders of upcoming events and occasions, photos & videos, participate in discussions, find links to our ministry partners, blogs, and more!

RECYCLING - Next Saturday APRIL 30, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We need your help at the Fanwood/Scotch Plains Recycling Center. The hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. but you don't have to stay the 4 hours. Come for half hour or an hour and bring a friend because we NEED the help. Donuts and coffee will be served. Contact Ky Luu at 908-322-2540 or email kyvanluu@verizon.net or John Everson jm.everson@yahoo.com for questions and direction. Please sign up outside the Office

THE MINISTRY CENTER

New life surrounds us as we re-enter our Sanctuary. Our new kitchen and heating system are completed, our parking lot is finished and now the major work on the worship end of our Ministry Center is almost finished. All of this has been made possible by the over \$2 million pledged during the capital campaign of 2005 and our renewed Capital Campaign these last few months. Thanks to all who made special, sacrificial gifts for the Ministry Center at year end and to all whose faithful stewardship is equipping ministry for the future. Follow progress of the work being done at the website: www.flc-mc.blogspot.com. AND....

IF you made a commitment and have been waiting to share your gift, NOW is the time as we have exhausted our cash and will begin moving into our construction loan...with interest.

IF you have not yet made your commitment, please contact our Capital Campaign Chairs Theri and Fred Rossol (732 534 5350) to arrange for a visit.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

The Sunday School stewardship project this year is *Food for Today, Seeds for Tomorrow*. This program provides food and seeds for Zimbabwe.
To date: \$1546.87 has been collected.

TOMORROW

The Church Office and Faith Nursery School will be closed tomorrow in observance of Easter.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY

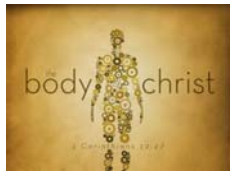
FOR Easter II Eucharist - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Education Hour 9:40 a.m.



FRONT
AND
CENTER

Seldom seen, our Altar Guild weekly prepares our Worship space for the Family to gather. Today as they share in our Easter procession, we give thanks for their ministry that enriches our worship life. Special thanks to Joyce Farrell who serves as our Chairperson.



Being the Body of Christ

Wednesdays May 4 - June 1 at 10 a.m.

Advent Lutheran Church, 128 Stirling Rd., Warren

The people of Faith and people of Advent are entering a new stage in their shared partnership and mission in this season after Pentecost. Join Pastors Kriesat and Krombholz and friends from both Advent and Faith in study and conversation around Paul's letter the Corinthians and the topic of *Being the Body of Christ*.

In 1 Corinthians, Paul writes poetically and passionately about what it means for the church to live as Christ's body in the world. This study looks at selected texts from Paul's letter and examines these questions:

- Do we see ourselves as the gifted Body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)
- What is the gift of the Body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)
- How does the gift of love shape the Body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)
- Are we giving what we were given? (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

Sign up for this study outside the Office.



ARC Home Spring Clean Up Day May 14, 9 a.m. to noon

*Please, sign-up and serve as part
of this servant ministry work crew.*

Journey of Faith Luncheon

There will be a luncheon on May 15 following the second service at the Ponte Vecchio Restaurant located at the Best Western in New Providence for folks looking to grow in their faith and commitment. We hope that you can join us for fellowship from 12:30 until 3:00 pm, as this will be a great time to share your experiences at Faith. We are interested in how your faith has developed throughout your life, and what has led you to become involved in Faith's mission. What has most inspired you throughout your time at Faith to continue sharing your time and talents?

Please join us on May 15 and share your journey with fellow parishioners and learn more about Faith's various outreach ministries.

As we will need to confirm numbers with the restaurant, if you are able to join us, please contact either Julie Pedersen at japedersen@optonline.net or Ruth Roemer at ruth24@optonline.net by Sunday, May 8.

Hope to see you on Sunday, May 15!



Easter Lilies

A full listing of the Lily Memorials is available in the Information Center and in the Narthex. Should you wish a copy, stop by and pick one up. Thanks to all whose special gifts have enhanced the beauty of our Easter Celebration.



First Communion

The following young people received their First Communion on Holy Thursday, and are receiving their first Easter Communion today: William Bigham, Tyler Bradley, Dylan Cheng, Maxwell Clapcich, Lily Delatour, Karl Durant, Morgan Durant, Laura Hays, Nicholas Kwan, Katie McQuaid, Alex Melhuish, Luke Neumann, Christopher Olson, Dylan Pidane, Juli Porto and Claudia Sahaj.

Songs of Faith

Our next "special" liturgy is on May 22 as we gather for our Easter "Songs of Faith" liturgies. Plan on inviting your neighbors and friends to this special worship time.

BECAUSE IT'S EASTER:

...we know it is a time when our Family is blessed with many visitors in worship. We are glad you are able to worship on this "Feast of Feasts," and if you are without a Church home, we would invite you to learn more about our very special Family of Faith.

Organized in Summit in 1897, Faith relocated to New Providence in 1957, erecting our sanctuary in 1962 and our educational unit in 1967. With almost 800 members, Faith has an active program of nurture for its members and care for its community and the world around us. It is blessed with Mission Partnerships in Newark and Moshi, Tanzania. The Family annually shares benevolence gifts in excess of \$314,000 in order to share God's love with others.

Worship is THE central act that our entire community shares. It is what strengthens us and enables us to live out our day to day baptismal calling. It is the act which undergirds and directs the ministries of our Family of Faith.

THE FAMILY OF FAITH is a phrase most often used to describe Faith Lutheran Church. With members coming from a wide radius and a rich diversity of backgrounds and life experiences, Faith

seeks to live together as a FAMILY. We believe that the Gospel calls us to put people ahead of structures and content ahead of form. With this as background, the FAMILY continually seeks to find ways to help people grow in their faith and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through a servant ministry.
