

Family Notes

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

In today's Gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around Word and Meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Just as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

Pastor Mac's sermon, "*Now You See Him, Now...*" reminds us of the gift of faith that enables us to trust the God whom we cannot see...and the gifts of God that daily can strengthen our faith.

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

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.

Our Lessons:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32. After the Holy Spirit came to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the Gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

1 Peter 1:3-9. This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even in the midst of difficult circumstances and surroundings.

John 20:19-31. The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

TYING IT ALL TOGETHER:

Whereas last week's Easter Sunday lessons proclaimed our experiences of "seeing" the Risen Jesus, today's lessons proclaim grace and hope especially for people like us who have *not* seen him. Our Gospel today tells the story of "doubting Thomas" who had missed seeing the Risen Christ, and our second lesson from First Peter reminds early Christians and us that we walk by faith not sight. And as we begin our Easter season reading through Acts, we will see and hear how the earliest church was transformed by resurrection hope.

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.

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 1261 out of the last 1281 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!

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.



Received into the Church of Jesus Christ through baptism today is Graham Hinrich Olbers, son of Natalie and Gard. Sponsor for Graham is Kelly Richard.

We give thanks to God for this gift of new life.

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	Ann Bueschel
Mike Sergent	Wei Che Hu
Bob McQuaid	Margaret D'Oliveira
Donna Swanson	Jim Mastakas
Chris Bowman	Anna Mae Glassman
Nancy Wiles	Sven Mossberg
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	Keith Stribley

Shirley Miller
Nancy's Family
The Family of Walt Maslow

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 - Susan Nord
11:00 - Julie Pedersen

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

New Members

What a joy to welcome new members on April 17 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.

1st Quarter Financial Statements

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

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

Our music today celebrates commencement of the Easter season... 50 days that follow the 40 of Lent...The prelude and postlude from the pen of J.S. Bach are from his collection of chorale preludes, the *Orgelbuchlein*, or *Little Organ Book*... The postlude translates as "Christ lay in the bonds of death", but the text of the chorale moves through the resurrection, and is a joyful tribute to the Easter season. Our choirs are off this Sunday, but return to their rehearsal schedule this Wednesday. Our next special musical service comes on May 22nd, as we sing favorite hymns of Faith, with an instrumental ensemble... Sanctuary Choir meets on Wednesdays, from 7:30-9 PM, and new members are always welcomed!



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:

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

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 through 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

Our next visit to Broadway House will be Tuesday, May 24. A sign-up sheet is outside the Office. Later 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 McCready at 908-233-8935 or jane@mccready.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. Thanks to today's hosts: Bea Woodruff & Audrey Kelly.

UPCOMING:

May 8 - Open
May 15 - Open
May 22 - Open

Dear Members of the Family of Faith,

Thank you for your support this last year. I can't express how nice it was to receive those gifts you sent. Our platoon was active in training local Afghani Police and area security operations. It was nice to have something to look forward to at the end of the day. Whether it was reading a book and letters you all sent or seeing which one of us could drive a golf ball to the next village, those gifts helped us relax and then focus on the next day's mission. Thanks again and have a Happy Easter...

Joe Ellis

2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

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

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum resumes its educational ministry today 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.

Today - Today we share a DVD look at the life of Brother Roger, founder of the Taize community, whose music we frequently sing.

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 now total \$3857.

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 season as we re-enter our Sanctuary to celebrate God's gift of life to the Family.

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.

DID YOU KNOW...

...Today is the Second Sunday of Easter...over 550 people shared in our Easter Liturgies...our Membership Exploration Group met 3 weeks ago - and new members were received 2 weeks ago...3 of our Peer Leaders joined the Pastors for a trip to the Seminary 2 weeks ago...a new day time Bible study begins this Wednesday, 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 1261 out of the last 1281 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:

Sgt. Jason Amores, 29, USMC, Florida
Pvt. Martin Bell, 24, British Royal Army, England
Sgt. Zainah Creamer, 28, USA, Texas
Petty Officer 2nd Class Dominique Cruz, 26, USN, Florida
Marcin Knap, 34, Polish Army, Poland
Spc. Joshua Lancaster, 22, USA, Alabama
Spc. Benjamin Moore, 23, USA, Robbinsville, New Jersey
Spc. Shawn Muhr, 26, USA, Iowa
Pvt. Marcin Pastusiak, 26, Polish Army, Poland
Cpl. Maj. Luca Sanna, 32, Italian Army, Italy
Pfc. Amy Sinkler, 23, USA, North Carolina
Cpl. Joseph Whitehead, 22, USMC, Alabama
Staff Sgt. Leslie Williams, 36, USAF, Alaska
Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, USA, New York

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.

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE

Caring for Creation Now!

Green Food for Thought

Modern Christian Thought on God's creation:
"...today the great gift of [God's Creation] is exposed to serious dangers and lifestyles which can degrade it. Environmental pollution is making particularly unsustainable the lives of the poor of the world. In dialogue with Christians of various confessions, we must pledge ourselves to take care of creation and to share its resources in solidarity, ..." (Pope Benedict XVI, 2006)

Green Tip - Grocery bag from an old t-shirt: Are you looking for a new way to carry your groceries or a second use for your favorite old t-shirt? Simply turn

the t-shirt inside out and stitch along the bottom hem. Now turn that t-shirt back and cut along the arm holes. You now have a one of a kind grocery shopping bag that will put those plastic grocery bags to shame.

UPCOMING -

May 1 - Olbers Baptism
1 - Spring Food Drive Begins
1 - Interfaith Youth Meeting
2 - Construction Meeting
2 - Staff Worship Planning
2 - FNS Enrichment
3 - FNS Lunch Party
4 - Daytime Bible Study
8 - Luedecker Baptism
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
20 - Patriots Baseball Outing
21 - Pedals for Progress
21 - Journey of Faith Event
22 - Songs of Faith Liturgy
22 - Stewardship Committee
23 - FNS Enrichment
24 - Broadway House Visit
25 - Daytime Bible Study
26 - FNS Lunch Party
30 - Office Closed - Memorial Day

REJOICE

Our next New Members' Exploration Group, "Rejoice," will be meeting shortly. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church in general or Faith in particular, please speak with Pastor Jim or Pastor Mac today or call the Church Office.

CHILDREN'S GOOD FRIDAY CROSSWALK

It is an annual tradition on Good Friday to offer a



special opportunity for children to experience the importance of the day in a manner geared for them. Children ages 3 and up were invited to attend with their parents. Thanks to our coordinator, Susan Nord, for another successful witness.

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.

Am I my Brother's Keeper?

We are our brother's (... and sister's) keepers – locally and beyond! And one of the many ways we respond to Cain's question is through our active support of the ministries of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey. LSM is part of our stewardship focus this month as it allows us to participate in many ministries, near and far.

For seniors, LSM provides affordable housing with social services and assisted living, some offering skilled nursing and rehabilitative care. LSM operates a Continuing Care Retirement Community at Crane's Mill offering a complete range of services from assisted living to full nursing home care. Recall that, working with LSM, we at Faith came very close to an intimate connection with such a center right here in New Providence.

LSM's community outreach includes provision of adoption services for adoptees and adoptive families by placing infants, older children, special needs children and sibling groups. It includes immigration services such as English as a Second Language courses and employment support for refugees. LSM provides residential services for children and developmentally disabled women and runs a day center for the homeless in Camden. Affordable housing also is provided by LSM for those meeting a qualifying need. And beyond our local community, LSM provides support for worldwide Lutheran Disaster Response.

Our support of Lutheran Social Ministries thereby gives all of us the opportunity to be our brothers' and sisters' keepers for many of God's children.

This month we also focus on the stewardship of our talents. Look for a mailing containing forms for every family member to indicate the areas in which you have particular talents or desires to share your time and efforts to contribute to the life and ministries of the Family of Faith. This year's form has been expanded to include additional specific areas offering additional opportunities to serve while enriching your life in the Family.

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 is now open - forms are available in the Narthex & outside the Church Office

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 McCready and John Everson.

Youth Forum

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

Today - Interfaith Youth Group Discussion

May 8 - College & Military Care Packages

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.

CHECK OFF

As we move to the final stages of construction on our Ministry Center, the following are the remaining items underway. Check them off each week as we winnow down the list and watch the wonderful blog KW has prepared at www.flc-mc.blogspot.com.

- Choir Loft Flooring
- Choir Loft Railing
- Chancel Flooring
- Outside Soffits
- Narthex Furnishings
- New Doorways/Windows from Narthex to Sanctuary
- Library Furnishings
- Bathroom Sink Cabinets
- Cornerstones
- Chancel Lighting
- Handicap Access Door
- Organ Delivery and Installation
- State Elevator Inspection
- MC Rededication September 25

TIME AND SPACE

As we move into our new Ministry Center we do so learning how to best use the new and different space it creates. To that end, we are asking all ministries, groups and committees, and task forces to send a note to Pastor Mac indicating what your meeting and storage space needs are. At the same time we are working on our Ministry Calendar for the new program year. Would you send all your dates for the period from July 2011 to August 31, 2012 to Doris at your earliest convenience.

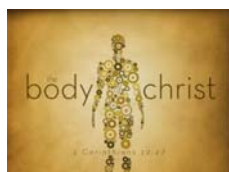
CARING SUPPORT FOR CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Wellness Communities/Gilda's Clubs have joined forces nationwide to assist anyone dealing with cancer. These organizations bring support, education and hope to people with cancer and their loved ones through support groups, professionally-led educational programs, nutritional workshops, exercise programs and mind/body activities. The programs, for women, men, young adults and children, are free of charge. An example is "Noogieland", a program for children(ages3-12), which gives children opportunities to make new friends and learn skills to help them live with the stress of cancer. The closet to our area is The Wellness Community, 3 Crossroads Drive, Bedminster, NJ. Call 908-658-5400 or visit www.cancersupportcnj.org



FRONT AND CENTER

Seldom seen, our Altar Guild weekly prepares our Worship space for the Family to gather. Last Sunday as they shared in our Easter procession, we gave 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

THIS WEEK

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!



First Communion

The following young people received their First Communion on Holy Thursday, and received their first Easter Communion last Sunday: 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.

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.

Spring Food Collection
for St. John's Food Pantry, Newark



The food pantry at St. John's gets very low on items during the summer months. In an effort to help, we collected over \$1500 last year in designated food products to help stock their pantry shelves.

Again, this year we have learned from St. John's Food Pantry Coordinator, Barbara Moran, about a need for some specific items. We will be conducting the food collection from Sunday, May 1 through Sunday, June 6. The items needed are as follows: **Stove Top Stuffing, Large Cans of Vegetables, Instant Mashed Potatoes Canned Gravy.**

Please note that these are the only items being accepted at this time. We will be transporting collected items on the days that we host Soup Kitchen at St. John's. Our Peer Leader Hunger Servant Ministry Team is lending their support to this worthy effort.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cheryl Bock 908-464-2573. Thanks in advance for your help in providing food for those less fortunate.

