

# Family Notes

## *FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

### *CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!*

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's Gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

In his sermon *The Day After (or Life in The World to Come)*, Pastor Jim contends that for Christians eternal life starts at baptism where God destroyed the old creation and began to build something new.

As we continue to celebrate the joy and hope of Easter we do so 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 7:55-60. Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the Word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's Word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

1 Peter 2:2-10. Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

John 14:1-14. On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

#### **TYING IT ALL TOGETHER:**

In our first reading from Acts, Luke shares the story of Stephen's death. As Stephen's martyrdom (witness) approaches, he is comforted by a vision of the risen Lord Jesus glorified at God's right hand. Through this vision, the Spirit gives Stephen the courage to forgive his killers, and calmly he returns his spirit to God in hope of sharing in Jesus' resurrection. Similarly, John tells us that Jesus comforted and encouraged his disciples with the promise that through him, we will have a share in his resurrection and room in God's household. Peter uses the image of God's house as well, but with a twist. Peter tells us that God is creating a house, a dwelling, a holy temple and that we are the building blocks. As we live in the power of Jesus' resurrection, we come to discover what God is doing with us. God is re-creating and shaping us into a living, breathing witness to God's presence, God's love and forgiveness for all.

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## **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.

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### **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.

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## **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 1264 out of the last 1284 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!

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## **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.

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### ***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	Donna Swanson
Jim Mastakas	Chris Bowman
Anna Mae Glassman	Nancy Wiles
Sven Mossberg	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
Joe Sitko	Shirley Miller
Sandy Olson	Jean Bellone
Glenda Bates	Jessica Spencer
Chris Cramer	Debbie Lewis

Theri Rossol

The Family of Pastor George Forell

The Family of Pastor George Hoyer

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.

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### **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 - Dee Tamburro**  
   **11:00 - Walter Wlodarski**

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

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Statements**

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

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### **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: \$1679.37 has been collected.**

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### **Music Notes**

Today we worship using many beloved hymns and spiritual songs, coming from a variety of traditions...our choir and instrumentalists help lead the singing at both services this morning...Musicians today include guests Merynda Adams, harp, Rebecca Lee, violin, Andrew Filipone, trumpet, Nick Scheuble, timpani and percussion, and members Marge Picard, viola, Erika Pedersen and Seromi Girvin, violins, David & Steven Bronocco, trombone, Sally Reirer and Lily Delatour, flutes, John Girvin, clarinet, keyboards and guitar, Walter Wlodarski, accordion, Alex Melhuish, percussion, and Theri Rossol & John Everson, soloists...Please sing with us as we enjoy the wealth of song that can so uplift our liturgy...Wednesday afternoon we hold our annual Spring Sing at Broadway House, open to all ages, leaving Faith approximately 3:45 PM so that we can sing for the residents starting at 4:30... Contact John Girvin for more information and carpooling... [john.girvin1@verizon.net](mailto:john.girvin1@verizon.net).

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### **NEW BEGINNINGS IN ADVENT**

As part of our pastoral care arrangement with Advent Lutheran Church in Warren either Pastor Jim or Pastor Mac will be preaching there once a month and that is where Pastor Mac is today. We ask that you keep the people of Advent in your prayers as they go through this time of transition.



**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 worshipping 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."*

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### **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:

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

A time to remember the lost...  
A time to support survivors...  
A time to give thanks for first responders

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### Altar Flowers

Our flower chart is currently located on the wall outside the Office. If you would like to donate flowers one Sunday, please sign the chart and turn your check for \$20 per arrangement into the Office.

All flowers are delivered to our shut-ins following the service.

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### 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 - THIS WEEK more than a house...a home

Our next visit to Broadway House will be this Tuesday, May 24. A sign-up sheet is outside the Office. The next day, on May 25, we will be heading over for our annual Spring Sing at Broadway House, our AIDS ministry at 3:45 p.m. 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](mailto:jane@mccreedy.com).

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### VICAR JANE

Vicar Jane has now concluded her final examinations as her first year of Seminary draws to a close. She is back with us for worship today and then next week, May 29 we will share prayers of thanks as her formal Field Education comes to a close. We remember Vicar as her huge commitment continues as she prepares to be a Pastor of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA. The last week in May Vicar will begin 3 months of full time Clinical Pastoral Education at Overlook Hospital and then in the fall she will begin her second year of Field Education at a new parish. Vicar will be with us for worship leadership during many Sundays in June and July and again at odd times next year when not at her field ed site.

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9/11 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Interfaith Remembrance

9/11/11 4:00 p.m.  
Our Lady of Peace New Providence

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### 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** - Part 2 of our Holocaust Observance as we learn more about THE ROMA AND THE HOLOCAUST - Arlene Douglas shares her European advocacy work with the Roma, one of the targeted holocaust groups.

**May 29** - HISTORY IN OUR HANDS - Join us as Council secretary, Lois Rafferty, leads us through the exciting contents of our 1898 cornerstone.

**June 5** - MEDICAL MISSION IN LATIN AMERICA - Laurie Delatour and Alex Ebling share their medical mission work in Central and South America.

**June 12** - TIME FOR THANKSGIVING AND NEW BEGINNINGS - A special time as we rejoice at the gifts of our confirmands, give thanks for our senior Peer Leaders and mark the end of this year's Sunday School ministry.

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### 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.



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### 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 host: Susan Nord.

UPCOMING:

May 29 - Amber & Peter Leach  
June 5 - Open  
June 12 - Donna & Walter Wlodarski

**DID YOU KNOW...**

...Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter and our "Songs of Faith" liturgy...and LSM Sunday...our Spring Food Drive is underway...our Membership Exploration Group will be meeting shortly...our Pedals for Progress collection was yesterday...a new day time Bible study is now underway on Wednesdays... 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 1264 out of the last 1284 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:

- Cpl. Giorgi Avaliani, USA, Georgia
- Lance Cpl. Andrew Carpenter, 27, USMC, Tennessee
- Pfc. Clement Chamariet, 19, French Army, France
- Sgt. Matthew Deyoung, 26, USMC, Oregon
- Pfc. David Gahey Jr., 23, USA, Connecticut
- Sgt. Maj. Bruno Fauquemburgue, 42, French Army, France
- Staff Sgt. Jerome Firtamag, 29, USA, Federated States of Micronesia
- Sgt. Kristopher Gould, 25, USA, Michigan
- 1st Lt. Daren Hidalgo, 24, USA, Wisconsin
- Sapper Jamie Larcombe, 21, Australian Army, Australia
- Pfc. Konstantin Menz, 21, Germany Army, Germany
- Capt. Massimo Ranzani, 36, Italian Army, Italy
- Sgt. Robert Sisson Jr., 29, USA, Pennsylvania
- Spc. Brian Tabada, 21, USA, Nevada
- Col. Jonathan Taylor, 23, USMC, Florida
- Cpl. Andrew Wilfahrt, 31, USA, Minnesota

**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:** "So long as we are under the illusion that we know best what is good for the earth and for ourselves, then we will continue our present course, with its devastating consequences on the entire Earth community... We need only listen to what the Earth is telling us... the time has come when we will listen, or we will die." (from *The Dream of the Earth* by Thomas Berry, Catholic priest and Earth Scholar, died 2009)

Green Tip - Many personal care products such as soap, lotion, shampoo/conditioner, and cosmetics are made with

artificial fragrances and chemicals. Look for beauty products that are all-natural, made with herbal and flower extracts. Also look for beauty products that are packaged in recycled or recyclable containers, and that have not been tested on animals.

**UPCOMING -**

- May 22 - Songs of Faith Liturgy
- 22 - LSM Sunday
- 22 - Stewardship Committee
- 23 - FNS Enrichment
- 24 - Broadway House Visit
- 24 - Widows/Widowers Dinner
- 25 - Daytime Bible Study
- 25 - Spring Sing at Broadway House
- 26 - FNS Lunch Party
- 30 - Office Closed - Memorial Day
- June 1 - Daytime Bible Study
- 3-4- NJ Synod Assembly
- 4 - Sunday School Teachers' Barbecue
- 5 - Worship & Music Committee
- 5 - Young Parent's Luncheon
- 5-12 - Hospitality Guests
- 6 - Construction Meeting
- 6 - Staff Worship Planning
- 8 - Daytime Bible Study
- 12 - Pentecost
- 12 - Affirmation of Baptism - 11:00 a.m.
- 13 - FNS Closing Program
- 14 - FNS Closing Program
- 14 - Cabinet
- 14 - Council
- 15 - FNS Closing Program
- 18 - Choir Party
- 19 - Summer Schedule Begins -
  - 8:00 a.m. - Spoken Eucharist
  - 8:45 a.m. - Summer Choir
  - 9:30 a.m. - Eucharist
- 19 - 1st Communion Orientation
- 19 - Stewardship Committee
- 21 - Advent Church Council
- 26 - Witnessing Committee
- 27-30 - Vacation Bible School

**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.

**A TIME TO REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS**

Sadly, Xavier Retreat and Conference Center in Convent Station will be closing this summer. Our Family of Faith began using them for our Retreats

almost a quarter century ago, followed by the New Jersey Synod Seminarians a few years later. And then the Synod and this northeast Region of the ELCA followed suit, making the Lutherans one of the largest partners with our dear friends the Sisters of Charity. On June 5 they will be hosting *A Time to Remember and Give Thanks*, with Mass at 2:30 followed by a light reception. If you will be attending, please RSVP to 973 290 5100. In the words of the good sisters, *For All That Has Been...Thanks! For All That Will Be...Yes!*

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### 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

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### 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.

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### FRANKLIN AND ELSIE NELSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

In 1993, Franklin Nelson established an endowment fund at Faith for the sole purpose of providing an annual educational scholarship. This award will be provided to a student with demonstrative need. Eligible students are described in the following prioritized characterizations:

1. A student of Faith Lutheran Church who is pursuing a professional church vocation under the guidance of the New Jersey Synod ELCA;
2. A student of Faith Lutheran Church who is pursuing a degree at any ELCA College or University;
3. A student of the NJ Synod ELCA, who is pursuing a degree at an ELCA College or University, or a professional church vocation under the guidance of the NJ Synod ELCA.

Students interested in applying for this scholarship should contact Pastor Mac as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is June 5.

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### 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 & Next Week – Reel to Reel  
May 29 – Breakfast at Friendly's

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### 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](http://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.**

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### 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](http://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



## JOIN US AT OUR VBS BIG ADVENTURE!

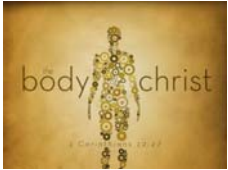
**Ages:** 3 years to 2nd grade

**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.



## Being the Body of Christ

Wednesdays through 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.

## 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 now through Sunday, June 5. 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.



## 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!

## LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Today is Lutheran Social Ministries Sunday in our Family. This arm of our Church which ministers to the very young, the very old and the very fragile, continues to expand its ministry in our Synod. From operating nursing and residential homes, to refugee resettlement and adoption services, they constantly seek new ways to make Christ's love known. Our own Phil Harrington serves on the LSM Board. Share your gift in a pew envelope marked "LSM".

## Gifted to Share

*"A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other."* 1 Corinthians 12:7

Please, pick up your household's Time & Talent packet in the narthex today. Each packet contains a Time & Talent sheet for each confirmed member of your household. **Even if you have filled out a Time & Talent sheet in the past, please take a few minutes to fill out this year's form - it's slightly different.** This year, we included places where you can share some talents and abilities God has given you that you may wish to share with the Family on an as needed basis. Also, please list your current e-mail address so we can communicate news, events and service opportunities with you and your family. Thank you, and may God continue to bless you and the Faith Family through the many gifts we've been given.



## SPRING SING at BROADWAY HOUSE

All ages and abilities are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> when we visit Broadway House, our AIDS Ministry, to sing with and serenade the residents with familiar hymns and gospel tunes.

Carpool with us from church at 3:15 p.m. or meet us there at 4:00 p.m. We will be singing in the glorious rotunda and then have some time to spend with the residents afterwards. We will be leaving by 5:00 p.m. and returning to church. Broadway House is located at 298 Broadway, in Newark's North Ward and is New Jersey's only specialized care facility for people living with HIV/AIDS.

**There is a sign up sheet outside the Office or call the church office to register**



**Pentecost Sunday  
June 12, 2011,  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Sanctuary Choir  
Brass & Timpani**

**11:00 a.m. -**

# *Affirmation of Baptism*

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## O WHAT A NIGHT!

Monday evening our Appalachian Ministry Team gathered for their annual Orientation Dinner. What a great evening it was as we gathered what will be our largest ministry team in years for this week at Sunset Gap in the Smokey Mountains of Tennessee. While there, our Team with folks from both Advent and Faith, will do housing rehab and run a Day Camp and nutrition program. Please keep this intergenerational Team in your prayers as they prepare for their July 3 departure. TEAM MEMBERS: Please return your *medical* and *expectations* sheets to Pastor Mac at your earliest opportunity.

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