



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A LETTER FROM FAITH”

“Sharing the love of God in Jesus Christ”



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Eleanor Issel [July 8, 1927] – [January 15, 2011]

As a pastor I have been privileged to witness many times the courageous confessions of the saints. I call these confessional moments. These confessional moments sometimes arise out of severe suffering which is followed by God’s mercy which results in healing longer life. Other confessional moments present themselves when death draws near at home or at the nursing home or in the hospital. Other confessional moments arise when the Christian celebrates great blessings and everything is going well. Hearing God’s people confess their faith in Christ strengthens my own faith. To hear testimonies of faith and thankfulness from the mouths of God’s people makes me all the more thankful for His grace.

I recently experienced one of those confessional moments as I sat at the bedside of Eleanor Issel. She recognized that her life on earth was soon to end and her life in eternity soon to begin. No, neither she nor her family were prepared for her to make such a quick exit, but when she contacted pneumonia and then staph infection, together with other past issues, our gracious Lord Jesus Christ sent forth His angels to carry Eleanor’s soul to the home He had prepared for her. She knew that further medical procedures would be of no real help and so she asked to enter hospice and to be made as comfortable as possible. She said she was not afraid to die because she knew Jesus.

Eleanor confessed deep thankfulness to God for giving her Christian parents who saw to it that she was baptized in infancy and that she was instructed in the Christian faith in Sunday School, Lutheran Day School, and confirmation classes. She was thankful that the Lord had given her a Christian husband, Bob Issel, for 64 years of marriage, and that He had given them two great children, Dan Issel (Cheri) and Kathi Wastel (Steve) and grandchildren and great-grandchildren and that they too confessed Christ. To be thankful at death – the Holy Spirit had been faithful in calling, enlightening, gathering and KEEPING Eleanor in the one true faith through His Word and Sacraments.

Eleanor Issel died with faith in Jesus and that faith gave her confidence and courage that she would see the Lord face to face and that she would be reunited with her parents and with her son, Henry. Eleanor’s words spoken in these last confessional moments, though colored by tears, were also colored with joy. Jesus said, “He who confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father in heaven,” and “Because I live you shall live also, and “I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in Me though he die, yet shall he live, and he who lives and believes in me shall never die.” Eleanor rested her hope of everlasting life in heaven with Jesus entirely on Jesus and His perfect life, His death and resurrection. She did not even once mention anything she herself had done. When the Bible uses the word “hope” it means “certainty.” Even now we have the hope of everlasting life, though we do not experience it fully. Until we die, or until Christ returns, our hope is always “now but not yet fully.” Our Lord’s promise is that He is going to return and on the last day, at the sound of His voice, all the dead shall rise.” It shall not be “by the skin of our teeth” that we enter into heaven but totally, one hundred percent by the grace of God in Christ.

That grace in Jesus Christ is basis for the certain hope with which we encourage one another. Sometimes we can encourage the one who is dying. When faithful dying Christians encourage those who will continue their pilgrimage here in this world we should not be surprised. God has been at work to complete in the lives of His people what He began on the day of their baptisms. Thanks be to God for His grace in the life of Eleanor Issel! Amen!

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, February 22, 2012. Midweek Wednesday Evening Services will be held at 5:30 PM this year, not at 5:00 PM. This will enable those people who work to attend these Lenten services and potluck supper after worship. If you do not want to drive home from these services in the dark, please call the church office and arrangements will be made for your transportation to and from church.

PROVIDING THEIR TIME AND TALENTS IN FEBRUARY ELDERS

KEN BISHOP – DICK PRATT

COUNTERS

Charles and Shirley Smestad
Heidi Reed

DATE

5 February

GREETERS

Carl Nelson – Joe Toney

Wayne and Joan Beach
Gail Burrigh

12 February

Chuck and Shirley Smestad

Frank and Shirley Zoch
Arnetta Whitt

19 February

Howard and Pat Graff

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Frank Rysan

22 February
Ash Wednesday

Ned and Bev Schoenrock

Wendell and Sally Bark
Donna Fick

26 February

Jim and Loretta Tulke

Bob and Judi Prestridge
Joani Wolf

29 February

Jerry and Gerry Zelinsky

ALTAR GUILD

Shirley Smestad

Carolyn Bishop

USHERS

TEAM "D"

February 5

Jerry Nolte Captains
Carl Burns
Wayne Galler
Ron Mueller
Wendell Bark

TEAM "E"

February 12, 19, 22

Ron Stipp Captains
Frank Ames
Richard Madson
Wayne Stabelfeldt
David Knoernschild

TEAM "F"

February 26, 29
(March 4)

Gary Peeks
Al Groth
Jerry Bonewitz
Keith Keck
Terry Porter



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
FEBRUARY

- 12 – Keith and Tuya Ebert 1
- 17 – Charles and Donna Oborny 21
- 19 – Harlan and Elsie Fortmeyer 62
- 20 – Heidi and Bill Reed 47
- 28 – Ken and Carolyn Bishop 59



FLOWERS
FEBRUARY

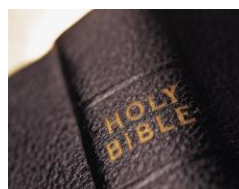
- 5 – Lee Schewe
- 12 – Carl Nelson
- 19 – Harlan and Elsie Fortmeyer
- 26 –



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY

- 1 – Manfred Werfelmann
- 2 – Wayne Beach
- 2 - Elizabeth Jimenez
- 3 – Dick Dorow
- 4 – Mark Klemann
- 4 – Lee Schewe
- 8 – Christina Knoernschild
- 8 – Charles Oborny
- 9 – Lois Schoenrock
- 10- Steve Scheurer
- 13 – Jim Cunningham
- 14 – Vivian Groth
- 14 – Don Mundell
- 17 – Kathi Wastel
- 17 – Michael Wyvill
- 18 – Linda Rosinbaum
- 19 – Al Miller
- 22 – Gloria Millius
- 23 – Loyd Klemsz
- 23 – Beverly Schoenrock
- 24 – Fred Kalsbeek
- 26 – Joe Wersching
- 27 – Anita Bayer
- 28 – Rev. Henry Behling
- 29 – Pat Muzika

The flower sign-up sheet is located in the old Fellowship Hall now Meeting Room across from the church office.



FEBRUARY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ERT LEADER</u>	<u>ERT MEMBER</u>
February 5	Joe Wersching	Jerry Nolte
February 12	Keith Keck	Fran Werfelmann
February 19	Dale Domrase	Joyce Domrase
February 22	Keith Keck	Julie Keck
February 26	Jake Stenzel	Ron Stipp
February 29	Joe Wersching	Dianne Schall

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH RENTAL RATES PER HOUR FOR 2012

	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>NON-MEMBER</u>
FELLOWSHIP HALL (SMALL)	\$8.00	\$15.00
FELLOWSHIP HALL (LARGE)	\$15.00	\$30.00
DEPOSIT BY RENTER	-0-	\$50.00
DEPOSIT FOR KEY (IF NEEDED)	-0-	\$25.00

Additional points:

Reservations are not confirmed until the office staff receives a signed agreement, damage deposit and/or key deposit and rental payment. All reserved times include set-up and tear down; please take this into consideration when booking your time slot.

Custodian fees of \$50 per event (or whatever is agreed to by custodian) will also apply if set-up/tear down assistance is needed; refer to user agreement for additional fee information.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR FAITH NEWSLETTER EDITOR

After a decade plus of publishing "A LETTER FROM FAITH" the Faith Lutheran newsletter I have decided to end my publishing career. I will continue to publish the newsletter for the next few months but my last issue will be the June 2012 edition.

I want to thank all those who have assisted me over the years and made this job easier. I am sure you will be able to find a suitable replacement for me in the coming months. I am especially grateful to Bill Montgomery who willingly took over this position for a period of time.

Jerry Nolte
Feb 2001 to Jun 2012

GUILD NEWS

The New Year got off to a great start with a Bible Study capably led by our own Jackie Wolff! Thanks, Jackie, for sharing the scripture, a major goal of our Ladies Guild!

After the business meeting, the ladies enjoyed a Movie Day with sack lunches and a roaring good time! The free will offering was designated for our Seminary student. Many thanks to Mary Ann Jarvis and others who helped make this a success!

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 20, beginning at 9 a.m. with refreshments by hostesses, Ruth Rysan and Marlene Bricker. The program is entitled "Let's Tie Quilts"! Everyone attending will experience the steps that go into making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. It will be fun as well as instructive!

As always, please remember to bring your mite boxes, Guild Handbook, and nonperishable food. Also in February is a Card/Game party scheduled for Monday, February 27, 1 - 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a fund raiser for our Seminary student so please put it on your calendar.

The Guild is updating its membership roll. If you are interested in being a member, please attend a monthly meeting and sign in or contact Kathy Pratt or Julie Keck.

Reminder to members: Zone assessments and the cost of the LWML Quarterly magazine total \$15, which is being collected at this time. Checks should be made payable to Faith Ladies Guild.

All ladies in the congregation are encouraged to become a Guild member and help us work toward strengthening our faith, mission projects, and fellowship! There are several special activities during the year, including a Card Party, Movie Day, Christmas Luncheon, Zone Rallies, etc. The Guild meets on the third Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. Please come!

LADIES GUILD CARD/GAME PARTY

A Card/Game party is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 1 - 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Men and women are welcome. A donation of \$5 per person is requested. Bring friends to make up a table of four or come alone. Everyone is welcome! Bring cards and games to share. Donations of snacks are welcome. All proceeds help support our Seminary student!

YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY -- A recent Sunday Adult Bible Class focused on Dr. Walther and the history of our LCMS. The DVD used in class is now in our library. The Book of the Month on our Website is also in the library – "God's No, and God's Yes" by Walther, a series of his theses. These materials are available to everyone by simply putting your name, etc. in the white notebook marked "Checkout". Return all materials to the blue basket by the desk.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM



The next "AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM" (formerly '55 Alive) refresher course is scheduled on Thursday, March 1, 2012 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church. For further information and to register please call Lois Dorow at 922-1303.

LARGE PRINT PORTALS OF PRAYER



Anyone needing a large print "Portals of Prayer" please contact the church office so an order can be place with the publisher. Thank you, Chris.



VALENTINE DINNER - It is the season of love and frolic once again as the ladies plan the Valentine dinner for Saturday, February 11. EVERYONE is invited -couples, singles, and guests! There will lots of laughs and good food! More details will be shared ASAP. Please plan to attend!

A TRIP TO OUR MEXICAN MISSION

Bruce and Dot Neunaber have returned recently from San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, where they visited with our brothers and sisters in Christ at San Mateo Lutheran Church. They delivered an abundance of gifts from our congregation, including clothing, blankets, rice, school supplies, soap, dental supplies, and much more. Thanks to all who contributed, especially the LWML ladies for the quilts and Udell Schroeder and Producers Rice of Stuttgart for the rice.

We were fortunate to be there for Epiphany Sunday, which is celebrated more in Mexico than in this country. Pastor Jesus Jiménez had a two hour and ten minute service that included communion and a forty minute sermon. The final hymn, accompanied by keyboard, guitar and tambourines, lasted ten minutes and everyone enjoyed it so much that they had an encore.

The ladies had a luncheon prepared after the church service. The main course consisted of tostadas, tacos, buñuelos and hot chocolate. Special cakes called Rosca de Reyes were served for dessert. These ring-shaped cakes honor the kings (reyes) that came to see Jesus.

Many of you expressed concern for our safety in Mexico. We saw nothing that could have been conceived as dangerous. Probably our greatest danger was in eating the luncheon after church!

We only wish that each of you could have been there to see the smiles on the faces of these people when they received a bag with rice, beans, and soap and a nice quilt or blanket on top of it. It makes the 3000 mile drive worth it.

MISSIONS REPORT FROM SAN LUIS AND VALLEY

Blessings in Name of Jesus.

I pray you are fine and you have a New bless Year.

I am happy to let you know we keep working for our Lord in Our Church, last year was full of blessings, Thank You to keep continue helping us I pray you will doing on 2012, Thank You. Last week's we was delivering some presents for kids in different areas from San Luis and Valley, we delivery at San Mateo and have a kid's fiesta and last week we gave presents for Independencia.

Yesterday, we had a wonderful service, we receive a visit from our brothers and sisters from Arkansas, and they bring a lot of blessings, some pounds of beans and rice, and flour, now, I pray to lord we can get some soups and oil to compliment a food bag for this need and poor people, if you wants to help, Thank you!

Yesterday we had a fiesta, for all members of church, we ate Epiphany Bread (rosca de reyes -king's thread) and chocolate, and some food that our sister made for share with all members. I am happy to tell you too, we have two new families at church, We are growing, Glory To God.

I hope these New year Lord supplies and help us and show us the way to do our ministries. Again Thank you For all of your Helps. And have a Full of blessings New Year 2012!!

Job Jimenez

Eating after services at San Mateo



Kids in Sunday School, sharing snacks



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH TO SPONSOR FREE WIND SYMPHONY AND JAZZ BAND CONCERT

Faith Lutheran Church, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, is privileged to once again sponsor the Wind Symphony and Jazz Band of Lutheran High School (South), St. Louis, MO, at the Woodlands Auditorium, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, at 7:00 PM on Sunday, March 10, 2012. The band previously performed at the Woodlands to great reviews in 2000, 2004, and 2008. The symphony and band are conducted by John W. Miller.

Previous tours have taken the Lutheran South Bands through many states including Florida, Tennessee, Michigan, Illinois, California, Washington, D.C., Texas, and Nevada. The Wind Symphony and Jazz Band are renowned throughout the Missouri Synod as being two of the finest high school bands in the country. The 64-member Wind Symphony will perform works by Curnow, Holst, John Williams, Holsinger and more. After a brief intermission, the 25-piece Jazz Band will delight you with sounds of jazz greats including Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, and others. There will be a wide variety of music to please many different musical tastes.

Tickets are FREE, but are NECESSARY. Tickets may be obtained at the Quachita Building Office at the Woodlands Auditorium (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM) and at the Faith Lutheran Church Office (M-F 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM). During after hours, please call (501) 915-8292. The concert is a free gift to the community from Faith Lutheran Church. Tickets now are available.

Invite your neighbors and friends to attend.

Hosting Opportunities

The Evangelism Board is seeking members of the congregation to host two or more students for the night of Sunday, March 11, 2012. Hosts will pick up the students after the concert at the Woodlands and then will return the students to Faith Lutheran Church on Monday, March 12, 2012, at 8:00 AM. Hosts also are requested to offer the students a light snack after the concert, i.e., pizza works great and to offer a light breakfast. The band departure time is 8:30 AM. Sign-up sheets for hosting are in the Main Fellowship Hall. We need to host 25 girls and 46 boys.

These young men and women are very enjoyable. Those members of the congregation who have hosted in the past have indicated it was a great experience.

Project Outreach

The Evangelism Board is looking for a “few good men and women” to form an ad hoc outreach committee. The project involves the development of transmittal letters and choosing relevant information and documents to include in the “Project Outreach” package that will be sent to LCMS congregations in the Northern Midwest of the United States. The project also include the development of advertisement pieces for “The FW Lutheran,” a Fort Wayne, Indiana quarterly newspaper distributed to LCMS congregations in the Fort Wayne area. See Don Putnam for further information and to become involved (501) 915-8292 or dfputnam@hsnp.com.

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Divine Service: 10 am Bible Study: 8:45 am

Reverend Mark D. Carnahan, Pastor

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