

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 2

8:00 Worship
 9:05 Fellowship
 9:05 Sunday School
 9:05 Women's Bible Study
 10:00 Worship

Monday, October 3

9:00-1:00 55 Alive

Tuesday, October 4

8:00 Weigh-In
 9:00 WiseGuys
 1:30 Ruth Circle

Wednesday, October 5

10:00 WOW
 2:00-6:00 Farmer's Market
 3:15-5:00 WACKY
 5:00-6:15 Meal
 6:30 Worship
 6:30 Financial Peace
 7:15 Confirmation

Monday, October 3

9:00-1:00 55 Alive

Friday, October 7

6:00-8:00 AA Meeting

Sunday, October 9

8:00 Worship
 9:05 Fellowship
 9:05 Sunday School
 9:05 Adult Sunday School
 9:05 Women's Bible Study
 10:00 Worship
 6:30 Nooma Night

Ministers of the Church

Pastor Justin Boeding & All the People of Faith

Music Nadine Langworthy

Greeters 8:00 Ann & Vince Arnold

Greeters 10:00 Carl & Robin Mergen

Ushers 8:00

Ushers 10:00 Lori Halverson-Wente

Acolyte 8:00 Ethan Otterbein

Dalton Otterbein

Acolytes 10:00 Adam Vacura

Michaela Bennerotte

Reader 8:00

Communion 8:00

Communion 10:00

Fellowship Tim & Kristy Faber

Power Point 10:00

Wed. Meal Server Brett & Corey Kispert

Wednesday Dessert

Altar Care Mary Stoddard

Sunday, October 2, 2011—8:00



Freed for a Journey

Where Are We in The Story?

Last Week's Story (Genesis 39): Abraham and Sarah have twelve great grandsons! These men—the sons of Jacob—become the 12 Tribes of Israel. The most famous of these sons is a young man named Joseph who finds himself living as a servant in the land of Egypt facing temptations he never knew existed. How does a Person of Faith deal with life's temptations?

This Week's Reading (Exodus 1-3, 13-15): The descendants of Joseph and his brothers find life has changed dramatically when a new Pharaoh comes to power and enslaves the Hebrew People. The Question—Can and will the Lord save God's people from slavery?

Next Week's Story (Deuteronomy 5 & 6): The Hebrew People are freed from slavery to Pharaoh. But what are they free for?

Missed a Sunday?: You can listen to the latest sermon on our website—www.dcfaiith.com!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude Nadine Langworthy

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

- GATHERING SONG
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God #504
- APOSTOLIC GREETING p. 203
- KYRIE p. 203
- HYMN OF PRAISE p. 204
- PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, You are capable of using the decisions we make in our ordinary lives to change the world in extraordinary ways. Remind us of this again today. Amen!

WORD

FIRST READING Psalm 136:1-14

Reader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever!

Reader: Who alone does great wonders, who by understanding made the heavens?

Congregation: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever!

Reader: Who spread out the earth on the waters, who made the great lights, the sun to rule over the day, the moon and stars to rule over the night?

Congregation: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever!

Reader: Who struck Egypt through their firstborn, and brought Israel out from among them, with a strong hand and an outstretched arm?

Congregation: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever!

Reader: Who divided the Red Sea in two and made Israel pass through the midst of it, but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea?

Congregation: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his steadfast love endures forever!

- GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Blessed Assurance (vs. 1) #638
- GOSPEL READING Exodus 1
- SERMON

“Ordinary People...Extraordinary Lives

HYMN OF THE DAY
My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less #597

- APOSTLES' CREED p. 105
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
- PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG
Wade in the Water #459

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 206-207

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONGS

There is a Balm in Gilead #614
Lord, Whose Love in Humble... #712

SENDING

- BLESSING
- SENDING SONG
On Our Way Rejoicing #537

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WELCOME

Pastor Justin and all the people of Faith would like to welcome those visiting today. We hope you enjoy your time with us and we look forward to worshipping with you again soon! Please sign one of the visitor cards located at the end of each pew and put it in the offering plate as it comes around.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Doris Carlson	Alice Johnson
Virginia Wicks	AJ Zoleta
Family of Melissa Taylor	Joy Feil
Farmers Preparing for Harvest	



FINANCIAL CORNER

Weekly Financial Snapshot

Weekly Giving Needed for 2011	
Proposed Budget	\$3,382.00
General Offering from 9/18	\$3,531.00
Building Fund Giving for 9/18	\$1712.00



Wednesday Night Meals

*Serving from 5:00-6:15pm each Wednesday Night
Catered by Omar's Kitchen*

Youth—\$3 Adults—\$5 Family—\$15

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday School: Sunday School begins every Sunday at 9:05. Please fill out a registration form on the table in the narthex. We look forward to seeing your pre-k—5th grader on Sunday Mornings.

After-School WACKY Program Is Up And Running: This exciting program meets after school on Wednesdays until 5:00 for 3rd—5th graders.

OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Opportunities:

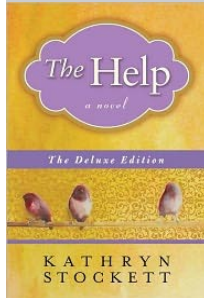
- **Meal Servers**—Faith is looking for people to SERVE Wednesday night meals (food will be catered from Omar's Kitchen) for the following dates: September 21st, October 12th, November 16th, December 14th, December 21st, January 18th. Sign up in the Narthex!
- **Meal Fillers**—We are looking for volunteers to donate veggies and simple desserts (bars, cookies, etc.) on Wednesday evenings for the community meals. These side dishes will go along with our catered main dishes from Omar's Kitchen. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.
- **WACKY Opportunities**—We are looking for intermittent helpers to assist with setting up and distributing the after school snacks for the kids when the "snack person" is unable to be there. This would be a list of people to call if the need arises to serve (not to provide the snack). It is a minimal time commitment for about one hour on Wednesdays. Please contact Laurie Essig if interested in being on the contact list (Essig.laurie@mayo.edu or 374-2144). We are also looking for interested adult volunteers to help assist leaders in kids small group activities and lessons. It could be on a weekly, monthly or quarterly basis. No experience needed. Just the desire to share God's love and message to a bunch of eager young minds and have fun. Time commitment is from 3:30-5:00pm on Wednesdays. Contact Terri Hallaway if you have questions or are interested (terrihallaway23@gmail.com or 507-374-2765).

WORSHIP NEWS



All Saints: Our All Saints Celebration will be November 6th. Last year we lit candles to remember friends and family who died during the previous 12 month period. We will continue to recognize our newly lost loved ones this year. In addition to the candle lighting, we would like to include a photo to be projected on our screen during the reading of their names. Anyone who has lost a friend or loved one since November 1, 2010, is invited to submit a photo of the deceased to the church to use on All Saints Sunday. If you use e-mail, a jpg file attachment will work. If you submit an actual photo we will scan it and make sure that you get the photo back. Please include the name of the deceased and your name as you would like it to appear in the presentation. If you wish, a short sentence of memorial may be included. Please e-mail pictures and information to Shannon at sld_dewitz@yahoo.com or leave your photo and information in an envelope marked All Saints Sunday in Shannon's mailbox in the office no later than Sunday, October 30th.

ADULT EDUCATION



Book Group Resumes: Let's walk together through some of the most popular, thought provoking, or just plain fun books on the shelves. Starting Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall, Faith' book group will recommence. Our first discussion will be on the popular book, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Set in Jackson, Miss., in the early 1960's, Kathryn Stockett creates three extraordinary women whose determination to start a movement of their own forever change a town, and the way women—mothers, daughters, caregivers, friends—view one another. A deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope, *The Help* is a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't. The book club will continue to meet every third Tuesday. For questions contact Katie Livingood at 374-6906 or ktb_7@hotmail.com.

Small Groups Are Coming!!: Nooma Night is coming Sunday, October 9th at 6:30. This is an informal introduction to small group ministry—it will be fun and non-threatening. E-mail the church at sld_dewitz@yahoo.com to make your reservation. (By committing, you are not committing to anything beyond the 9th).

Women's Bible Study: A Bible Study for women gathers at 9:05 in the library to learn how to have some 'God Time' each and every day. All women are welcome!

New Member Orientation: Begins Sunday, October 9th and 9:05 in the Narthex. Classes will run October 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th (we hope new members can attend at least three of the four sessions before officially joining Faith on the 30th). Those interested in officially joining Faith—we are glad to have you—you are encouraged to e-mail the office at sld_dewitz@yahoo.com or sign-up in the Narthex. This Orientation is also open to members of Faith who would like to revisit the core of our Lutheran Tradition.

FUNDRAISER

Quilt Raffle: Quilters are selling raffle tickets to the Quilt in the Narthex. Only 100 tickets are available—tickets are \$10 each. Proceeds go to the Stained Glass Windows Fund.



GENESIS OVERVIEW

This resource is from 'enter the Bible' on Luther Seminary's Website. You can find other helpful information by going to Luthersem.edu.

Pastor Justin recommends signing up for 'God Pause' a daily devotional at Luthersem.edu.

SUMMARY

Genesis is a book about beginnings. It moves from the morning of the world to the ordering of families and nations to the birthing of the fathers and mothers of Israel. The ancestral stories begin with Abraham and Sarah and continue with Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah/Rachel, and the sons of Jacob, focusing on Joseph. While God was there "in the beginning," Genesis also testifies to the beginnings of God's activity in the world. It is a new day for God, too. And, given the divine commitment to the creation, God will never be the same again.

SO WHAT?

God creates a good and imaginative world, but does not leave it to cope on its own. God remains present and active, even in the wake of human sin, choosing to work creatively in and through creatures, especially the chosen family, toward divinely established goals of salvation and new creation.

WHERE DO I FIND IT?

Genesis is the first book of the Bible and is included as the first of five books called the Pentateuch.

WHO WROTE IT?

Traditionally, Moses has been considered the author of the Pentateuch and hence Genesis. Over the course of half a millennium, at least since the Reformation, the question of authorship has been seen to be more complex. Genesis is now usually understood to be the product of a long growth of development in which many authors and editors have had an important role.

WHEN WAS IT WRITTEN?

Genesis came into being over the course of more than five hundred years, being completed sometime during or shortly after the Babylonian exile (587-538 B.C.E.).

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

Genesis 1-11 portrays the beginnings of the world, including creation, the fall into sin, and the flood and aftermath. Genesis 12-50 tells the story of Israel's ancestors, especially regarding the promises conveyed by God to them.

HOW DO I READ IT?

Take especially into account the type of literature contained in the book. Recall that this literature centers on God's promises. Note the ways in which the stories depict Israel's ancestors as dysfunctional families and, at the same time, how God is able to work in and through them on behalf of the divine purposes.

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