

“Celebrating Faith in Christ by worshiping together and reaching out in love to all God’s people.”

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People of Faith,

Do you know the difference between speaking a word *about* God and speaking the Word *of* God? I will give you an example from one of my favorite authors. Gerhard Forde tells the story of a middle aged couple who have been married for more than thirty years. One night, as she goes to bed the wife is plagued by all sorts of negative thoughts she cannot explain. She sits up in bed, grabs her husband’s arm and says, “Honey I love you. Do you love me?” The man, barely awake, has heard her fairly simple question. Of course, questions are very seldom simple to answer after one has been abruptly woken up so he pauses for just a moment to gather his thoughts. Then he responds rather philosophically, “Honey, I know that you love me. But what is love anyway?”

Before he can begin rambling on about what some philosopher he read thirty years ago in college had to say about love, his wife grabs him again by the shoulder—not quite as gently this time and says—“Honey, I love you. Do you love me?” The husband pauses and considers the question a second time. “Sure I love you. I love everyone. Family, friend,

strangers—makes no difference to me. I love everyone.”

Finally the wife has heard enough. She grabs her husband’s shoulder as tightly as she can, looks deep into his eyes and when she knows she has her beloved’s undivided attention she says, “Honey, I love you. Do you love me?” And with tears welling up in her eyes she waits for her husband’s response.

Even the most clueless among us know what the wife needs to hear. She does not need her husband to give her a word *about* love. The wife understands what love is just fine thank you. Nor does the wife need to be assured she is valued as much as the stranger her husband has never met. Instead, the woman needs her beloved to speak the words of love to her. For whatever reason, she needs to hear her husband say, “I love you.” This is the difference between speaking a word *about* God and speaking the Word *of* God. Why this is so important can be found at the end of Matthew’s Gospel, as our Risen Lord Jesus Christ says,

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the

name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Do you hear the connection? Jesus has given YOU the authority to speak the Word *of* God. This means that when you encounter people who have questions and concerns so big they wake up shaking in the middle of the night, you do not have to try to explain what God is like...nor should you assure the person that because God loves everyone he or she is probably going to be okay...No! YOU are authorized to speak the Word *of* God. When you encounter someone in need, you have the authority to say:

**Jesus has forgiven you!
You are a child of God!
Jesus loves you!**

Do not shy away from your God given authority to speak this Easter Season. Christ gave you this authority for a reason...it is because so many around you need to hear the Word *of* God.

- Pastor Justin





"The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake."

Basil C. Hume

Worship Schedule: Worship Times continue at 8:00 and 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The 8:00 Worship Service is a more traditional service while the 10:00 Worship Service features more contemporary music. Sunday School and Fellowship begin at 9:00. Most of all, thank you for your flexibility during this exciting time. This month we will be focusing on the *Resurrection Appearances of Jesus*.



The Choir is Back! Choir practice continues on Wednesday Nights following our Lenten Services. The time commitment is minimal. Whether you are a seasoned singer or simply like making a joyful shout to the Lord, you are welcome to join the choir.

Worship

Lent: Lent continues every Wednesday night at 6:30 as we learn "The Holden Evening Prayer Service" which is a beloved liturgy used by a number of congregations across the country. We will be focusing on Jesus' Parables during the sermon time. Also, join us from 5:00-6:30 for our weekly Lenten Meal.



Lenten Schedule

Wednesdays
3:15-5:00—After School Program
5:00-6:30—Lenten Meal
6:30—Lenten Worship Service
7:15—9th Grade Mentor Project



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday
5:30—Meal
6:30—Worship

Good Friday
6:30—Worship

Easter Sunday
6:30, 8:15, 10:00—Worship

Note:

There will be no Easter Breakfast due to spacing issues.



2009 Church Council

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Jill Hukee

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Grant Erler and Del Steen

Outreach
Monica Fitzwater

Fellowship
Vickie Gross and Missy Pflaum

Youth
Joan Henderson and
Monica Fitzwater

Worship & Music
Randy Langworthy and
Missy Pflaum

Strategic Planning Team
Frank Nerenhausen

Staff Support
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Congregational Learning Team
Dan Fredrickson



Adult Opportunities

Book Club: Participants will gather on the First Tuesday Night of each month—this month at the church at 7:00pm due to the popularity of “The Shack”. Treats will be provided. You are welcome to read all the titles or simply the ones you are most interested in. Arrangements are being made to have extra copies of each book available at Dodge Center Library.

- April 7th—The Shack
- May 5th—Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follet



The Bible for Dummies: The Bible for Dummies exceeded our expectations. More than 35 people were able to participate in all or part of this Sunday Night Study. We covered Genesis to Joshua in the span of three nights. Due to popular demand, we will resume Unit II: Judges to Chronicles on Sunday Nights after Easter. Mark the dates: April 26th, May 3rd, and May 10th. Most importantly, you DO NOT need to have attended the first unit in order to participate and understand the second unit. Do you think we could get 50 people there?! Sign up on the bulletin board in the library.

FLC Quilters': 2009 brings new leadership to the Quilting Club. Day coordinators will be Sharon Shiek & Elaine Woolison. Night coordinators will be Lynn Krause & Jean Barber. If anyone is interested in helping others by making quilts and having fun doing it, please join us. The day quilters meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from 9-3. The night quilters meet the 2nd Monday & 4th Tuesday from 6-8. Whether you have quilted before or want to learn or just would like to participate in this group of uplifted women, we would like you to join us.



"Christ has not only spoken to us by his life but has also spoken for us by his death."

Soren Kierkegaard

Ministry Opportunities

Dedication Services Planning Team: Thank you to Joan Henderson, Sue Anderson, Brenda Bronner, Patti Midthun, Jayne Boeding, Charlott Wilhelm and Karen Kleinwort for agreeing to serve on the Dedication Planning Team!

Ushers Needed: We are in need of ushers for the 8:00 and 10:00 worship services in 2009. If you would like to help out with this ministry, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. If you have

questions regarding being an usher, contact Pastor Justin.



Altar Guild: If anyone is interested in joining the Altar Guild team, please sign up on the table in the library. The Altar Guild is a wonderful way to support your church. It requires very little time and is very easy to do. Free training sessions are provided.

Please contact Missy Pflaum at 374-8030 or mpflaum@us.imb.com if you have questions.

Community Meal: We need people willing to volunteer to prepare food for the Community Meal on Wednesday, April 15th. Cost of food will be paid for by the church. Anyone interested in helping out please call the church office, email Pastor Justin, or sign up on the sheet in the library.



Outreach



Keeping Up With Technology

We are on the web! Check out weekly bulletins, announcements, monthly newsletter, calendar, and other church information!
www.dcfaiith.com

Sign up to receive the newsletter electronically via e-mail!

Send us your e-mail address so you can receive correspondence via e-mail.
Send it to sld_dewitz@yahoo.com.

New Members: Please make it a point to welcome these new members into the life of the congregation. Their pictures are on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

*Betty Aldritt
Carl Mergen
Rick & Lisa Wolf
Ed and Melanie &
Guy Houser
Brandon and Stacy
Wolf
Brandon Simonson*



Faith's Website: Do you have a question about last week's sermon? Can't remember last week's sermon? Fell asleep during last week's sermon?! Check out our website www.dcfaiith.com to read many of our congregation's latest Sunday sermons as well as to keep up with developing congregational news.

Anniversaries, Birthdays & Special Announcements: We would like to add a new section to our monthly newsletters featuring member's birthdays and anniversaries for that month. We will also have a section for people to submit articles/news of special occasions, births, awards/honors received, and

happenings in your lives. We are hoping that these new sections of the newsletter will allow members to get to know other members better and what special events are taking place in their lives. So, we are asking you to e-mail your entire families birthday (you don't have to give us the year, just the day if that is what you prefer) and also wedding anniversary dates to Shannon at sld_dewitz@yahoo.com or leave them in her mailbox in the office. Then, if you or someone in your family has something special happen at any point that you'd like to share with everyone (a birth, an award received, family in the military that you'd like to update everyone on, etc.) e-mail it or leave it in Shannon's mailbox by the newsletter deadline for that month and we will get it into the newsletter to share with everyone!



Electronic Newsletter Option: We are in the process of acquiring Adobe Acrobat software to better help the church with online applications – which means, we are almost ready to have an electronic newsletter option available for those who would like to receive the monthly newsletter

via e-mail!!! We have tried this option once in the past but due to compatibility issues with everyone's operating systems we were unable to successfully do the electronic newsletter option at that time. So, as soon as the software arrives and is loaded we will begin with the PDF electronic newsletter option. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically please e-mail Shannon at sld_dewitz@yahoo.com or sign up on the table in the library or fill out the form below and leave it in Shannon's mailbox in the office. We will need your name, e-mail address (the one you would like to have it sent to) and if you would prefer to continue to receive the newsletter via postal mail as well or if you no longer wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter.

Newsletter Options

Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I wish to receive the newsletter by the following method:

Via E-mail Only

Via Postal Mail Only

Via E-mail & Postal Mail

Outreach

Ask Not What Your Church Can Do for You, Ask.....

- Could I choose one month to usher knowing I only had to smile, hand out bulletins, and help people feel at home at Faith?
- Could I make a simple meal on a Wednesday Night for 50, knowing I would be reimbursed for food, receive guidance in the kitchen from Brenda Bronner if needed, and get to see the smiling faces of appreciative youth?
- Could I help our congregation reach out by taking five minutes to drop off a visitor basket at their home the week after they visited Faith?
- Could I enrich our worship by singing, reading, or by introducing myself to those around me?
- Could I mentor a new member knowing it would only take a couple of hours and the ONLY requirement is that I be nice to someone new?

If you are interested in any of the above ministries or would like to learn more about them, sign up on the sheets in the library or contact Pastor Justin or Pastor Sue.



*"Now let the heavens be joyful,
Let earth her song begin:
Let the round world keep triumph,
And all that is therein;
Invisible and visible,
Their notes let all things blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen
Our joy that bath no end."*

John of Damascus



Building Update

Building Update: We are getting closer! As of press time, the exterior brick was up and the interior was sheet rocked. We look to be on schedule for moving into our new space in early June!!!



Church Banks: Please return your church banks on April 19th!



Building Fundraiser Information: There are a number of items on our congregation's 'wish list' for the new sanctuary. These are items not included in our initial bid. We can move into our new space without them, but if you are especially passionate about one of these items, you are welcome to organize a special fundraiser around one.



- Directional speakers for the new sound system: \$9,979
- Paint and paint supplies (approx.): \$2,500
- Pews: Recondition current ones:
- Pews: Add new pews and pew chairs where needed (approx.): \$28,000
- Drop down screen: \$3,000
- Landscaping:
- Office furnishings:
- Library furnishings:
- Furnishings for gathering area:
- Video equipment (approx.): \$14,000
- Window treatments:
- Four new speakers for existing organ: \$3,980

Fellowship



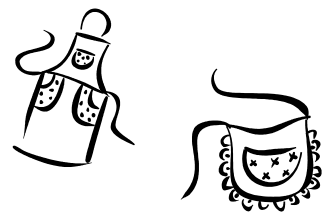
date will be Wednesday, June 10. Next year, the salad luncheon will return to the third Wednesday of April.

The excitement of seeing the new addition should bring in many people to enjoy the delicious salads in the fellowship hall and overflow into the gathering area (former sanctuary).

The decorating theme this year is aprons. Please share any cute decorating ideas and start looking for an apron that is special to you.

Information will be sent to all service group chairs as well as in the church newsletter in May.

Carol Johnson and Jaci Gosse
Salad Luncheon Co-chairs



Walk-A-Thon: A date has been set for our Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser. Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 11:30am. Cost is \$10 (in advance) per person to participate in the walk (cost on the day of the walk will be \$15). Proceeds will go to the Building Fund. We hope everyone comes to participate in the First Annual "Walk For Faith". All ages are encouraged to join, this will be a fun time of fellowship for all! A lunch will be available to purchase following the walk. Pray for sunny, nice weather!



Bonfire: Mark your calendar! We have scheduled a bonfire for June 21st. We have a sight and volunteers in place - watch future bulletins and newsletters for information.

First Communion

These youth will celebrate First Communion in the month of April. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they celebrate this special time in their lives.



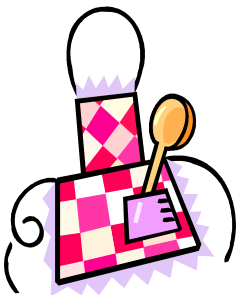
Mackenzie Hickey
Leah Pflaum
Haley Moe
Carissa Kleinwort

Jocelyn Austin
Kayce Redican
Brady Essig
Jamison Vandersitt



Contact
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if you have a
fellowship idea.

Vickie's Contact Info:
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Salad Luncheon
June 10, 2009



Youth



Baptismal Class: The next baptismal class will be Sunday, April 5th at 9:30am in Pastor Justin's office. If you plan on attending, please contact Pastor Sue. The next class will be May 10th at 9:30am.



Nursery Helpers Needed:

We are looking for people to staff the nursery during the 10:00am worship service on Sundays. If you can help out, please contact Pastor Sue.

Singing in Worship: The Sunday School children will be singing on Palm Sunday, April 5th at the beginning of the 10:00am worship service.

Sunday School Schedule: There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 12th. The last day of Sunday School for this spring will be May 10th.



After School Program Volunteers Needed: The after school program could use some more adult small group leaders for the program. If you can help anytime between 3:30-5:00pm, please contact Pastor Sue or Monica Fitzwater.

No Meal April 8th: There will be no Lenten Community meal following the after school program on April 8th.

Confirmation Serving Fellowship: The confirmation class serves fellowship on the first Sunday of each month. In April the 8th grade class is serving Fellowship on April 5th. May 3rd will be provided by the 9th grade class.



Lent Confirmation Schedule: We will have worship only during lent for our 6th-8th graders. There will be no small group time. You are required to worship each week. Sign in each week with Pastor Sue.

9th Grade Mentor Project: The 9th grade class and their mentors will meet each week during Lent.

Confirmation Schedule: Following Lent, confirmation will meet two more Wednesday evenings—April 15th and April 22nd. Youth will be confirmed on June 14th at 10.

Senior High Small Group: The senior high youth will meet on April 1st & 15th at 7:15pm.

Youth Council: The next youth council meeting will be Monday, April 20th at 6:30pm.

Youth Representatives Needed: We need youth representatives on our Youth Council board. Please consider serving on this board. Come to a meeting and give us your ideas for your youth program at Faith! All ages are welcome!

Maundy Thursday Youth Fundraising Meal: The youth will be serving the meal on Maundy Thursday, April 9th. Please let Robin Timmerman know if you can help out.

Butter Braid Fundraiser: Thank you for your support! The youth would like to thank all who bought Butter Braids this year to help support our youth. We appreciate all you do for us!

Dates to Remember:

April 1st

- 7:15 - Senior High Small Group

April 5th

- 8th Grade serving fellowship
- Baptismal Class @ 9:30
- Sunday School Singing @ 10:00

April 8th

- No Lenten Meal

April 9th

- Youth Serving Maundy Thursday meal

April 12th

- No Sunday School

April 15th

- 7:15—Senior High Small Group

April 20th

- Youth Council @ 6:30

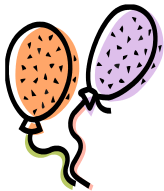
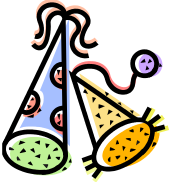
April 22nd

- Last day of confirmation

May 10th

- Last day of Sunday School

Youth...continued



Sunday School Announcements: It's hard to believe the Sunday School year only has two months left! A few reminders for parents:

- The preschool through 2nd graders will sing on Palm Sunday at the 10 a.m. service.
- There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.
- The final day of Sunday School is on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10.
- Please consider teaching next year. The curriculum is fun and easy!
- Thank you for bringing your children faithfully to Sunday School each week.

Kory Graham and Jaci Gosse

Sunday School Birthday Boxes: Even if you don't have children in Sunday School, we invite you to help with our Sunday School Service Project! This year, we are coordinating Birthday Boxes for children whose parents may not have the resources to make their child's day special. We are looking for donations of:

- Shoe Boxes
- Birthday-themed Wrapping Paper
- Tape
- Cake Mix
- Frosting
- Small toys/gifts for boys or girls
- Balloons and other birthday-related party favors

Due to limited space, we are asking people to hold on to the donations until May, but please contact us with your intended donation so we know what we will need to buy with the Sunday School offering money. All congregational members and families are invited to help us put the boxes together on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, at 9 a.m.

Please email Kory Graham with your items at korygraham@yahoo.com.



February Financial Corner

February 2009

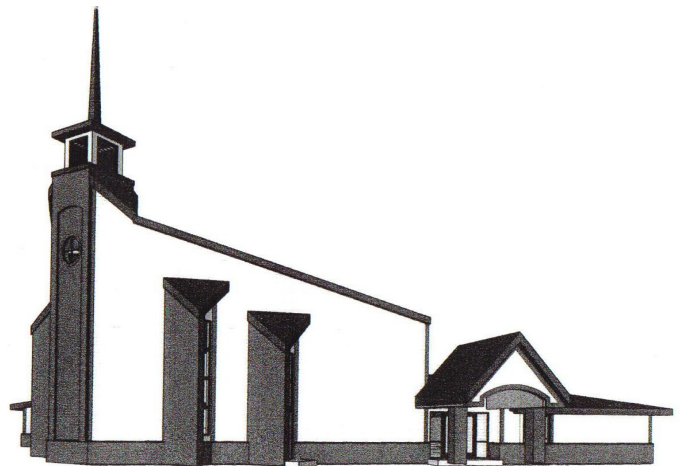
2009 Income YTD	\$28,964.47
2009 Expenses YTD	\$31,422.63
*2009 Missions Expense	\$2,333.34
Specific	\$ 0.00
SE MN Synod	\$2,333.34

Budgeted Income for Feb.	\$14,835.80
Budgeted Expenses for Feb.	\$14,924.75

*Funds are reflected in monthly and YTD figures.

Building Fund Corner

*2009 Building Income YTD	\$22,893.00
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"Faith itself grows when we give generously and sacrificially."

Unknown

Council Minutes – February

Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes February 16, 2009 7:00pm

Council Members who were in attendance: Dan Fredrickson, Monica Fitzwater, Dave Graham, Vickie Gross, Joan Henderson, Jill Hukee, Randy Langworthy, Denny Midthun, Del Steen, Pastor Justin and Pastor Sue.

Council President started out the meeting with a prayer.

Pastor Justin asked the council about a possible Fundraiser for the church. It would be NCAA Pool Fundraiser. Entry Fee would be \$10 and the winner would be able to choose which mission the winnings would go to. Randy made the motion to accept the fundraiser and Del 2nd. All in favor, no nays.

Randy made a motion to accept the January 5th meeting minutes, with Dan F. 2nd. Motion carried, all in favor.

Joan made a motion to accept the January 18th Special Council Meeting minutes, 2nd by Randy, all in favor.

Pastor Justin's Report

- Was pleased that we met his goal of a 10% increase in attendance.

Pastor Sue's Report

- 12 kids and 2 adults were going on the Mission trip to Iowa this year.
- We will be having 1st communion on Palm Sunday and at the Maundy Thurs-

day services this year.

Snacks were served by Joan. Thanks Joan.

Committee Reports

- Building and Grounds - Del Steen - was looking into either getting the vacuum cleaner fixed or pricing out a new one.
- Congregational Learning Team - Dan Frederickson - No Report.
- Mission Endowment - Missy Pflaum - No Report.
- Fellowship - Vickie Gross - Has many ideas in the church bulletin. Looking into a possible walk-a-thon to maybe raise money for the building fund, bowling on March 22nd, also made mention that the church can collect the Milk Moola caps from Kwik Trip.
- Outreach - Monica Fitzwater - 5 families will be joining the church March 1st.
- Personnel - Dave Graham - trying to get a meeting set up.
- Strategic Planning Committee (building) - would like to set up a Dedication Committee for the new addition to the church. Joan Henderson will be the Council member liaison to that committee.
- Strategic Planning Committee (finance) - No Report.
- Worship and Music - Randy Langworthy - Speaker stands were replaced. The choir is looking to start up again soon.
- Youth - Joan Henderson -

Youth selling Butter Braids.

Treasurer's Report

- Jill Hukee - Dave made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and was 2nd by Randy, all in favor.

Old Business

- Audit Committee has finished.

New Business

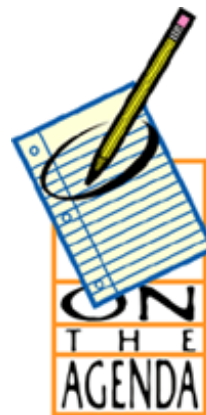
- Looking for 2 people to be in charge of the new Directory. Jill Hukee has volunteered. Dave made a motion to form a committee to find another co-chair to help Jill, 2nd by Del. All were in favor. Jill will also be the council member liaison to this committee.

Next Council Meeting will be March 9th.

Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Dave 2nd.

Finished with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted
Monica Fitzwater,
Acting Secretary



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Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting March 9, 2009

Council Members who were in attendance: Grant Erler, Dan Fredrickson, Monica Fitzwater, Vickie Gross, Joan Henderson, Jill Hukee, Randy Langworthy, Denny Midthun, Missy Pflaum, Del Steen, Pastor Justin, Pastor Sue, Dave Graham

Not Present: Frank Nerenhausen,

Call to Order–Denny Midthun.

Devotions–Pastor Justin.

Secretary Report

Approve minutes from February 16 meeting.

Pastor Justin's Report

- The homework from last month was to review 2011 – A Vision of Faith. How are we doing? What are some goals we may need to let go of. What would we like to see in 2009? Dedication Committee, Adult faith formation, (add more small groups), mission to do a Christian Daycare. In terms of staffing, we are probably at our maximum at the moment.
- March 29th at 2pm to go with Pastor J on the council trip.
- Worship attendance for February 2008 was 245 vs February 2009 was 303. Please note that we had an early Ash Wednesday as well as some special events which draw in additional attendance.

Pastor Sue's Report

- The “Holden Evening Prayer Service”. The first event went well.

- The mentor project is working well – 7 youths are paired with 7 adults is underway.
- The retreat is approximately 30 participants from 7th, 8th, and 9th grade who will go to Good Earth Village.

Committee Reports

- Building and Grounds – Grant, Del – Mtg with FFA advisor at Triton -- has donated some kid's time to do the landscaping. Joan Henderson has a Wholesale license to purchase plants at cost. The vacuum cleaner needs repair. A new vac is approximately \$200 and also would like to get a handheld for the pews. Water bill will be increasing as we need to get the water softener repaired.
- Congregational Learning - Dan – Completed under Pastor Justin's report.
- Endowment Committee – Missy – Not met.
- Fellowship – Vickie, Missy – Bowling is a go and the walk-a-thon is scheduled for the May 17th. Looking for donations for the goodie bags such as water and items such as that. Salad luncheon is scheduled for April 15th. We may have to move the date because of the construction and inability to host in the current space. June 21st bonfire at the Livingood home.
- Outreach – Monica - None.
- Personnel – Dave - None.
- Strategic Planning (Building) – Frank – There was some discussion on wiring for fans and we will have it wired for ceiling fans if we chose to in the future. Sheetrock this week as well as brick. Scheduled to be completed by June 1st. During Sunday service, names of people who lead you in faith were written on the back of sheetrock to be hung in the new area. Communicate the priority donation list to folks if they are looking for areas to donate to.
- Strategic Planning (Finance) – Jill – The loan balance is \$469,000.00 and Jill just sent out another \$12,000.00 to offset some of the principle on the loan. The budget is running close – unforeseen expenses are wiring for the fans. Our priority needs are the sound system and pews. Per Art, we should not expect any major financial changes to be made.
- Worship and Music – Randy, Dan – Choir started up again and working on Easter music and Evening prayer work. Worship services are going well.
- Youth – Joan, Monica – Covered during Pastor Sue's report. Butter braids are coming this Wednesday. Youth worked well on the dinner's they provided during the month.

Treasurer Report

- Jill – Renter's expense includes utilities and insurance. These are not reoccurring costs, these costs were due from the time Boedings moved out and the new renters moved in. No additional questions for Jill. Motion to Accept – Randy 1st and Dave 2nd. Motion carried.

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Council Minutes - March...continued

Old Business

- Picture directory – Denny – Jill Hukee to be liaison to the Picture Directory. Julie Deno to co-chair the Picture Directory. We are still looking for an additional co-chair.
- Articles of Incorporation – Missy Pflaum – We have located the Articles of Incorporation. We need to provide the abstract. Jill to an action to talk to Bill Ketchum to look in the safety deposit box.

New Business

- Simply Giving - May charge for services – Jill and Sue to verify when and how much.
- Use of 11 Tables for Sportsman's big event on March 27th – Randy to contact Dave Graham.
- Counting Money – Encourage people to write the amount of money on the check on the outside of the envelopes. Jill to put an entry in the newsletter.
- Council Dates Chart – Motion made to approve the

2009 Council Meeting Dates – Grant and 2nd by Dave. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting Date: 7pm on April 13th.

Adjourn - Motion made to approve the 2009 Council Meeting Dates – Grant and 2nd by Randy. Motion Carried.

Closed with Lords Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Missy Pflaum



"The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice."

*Henry Knox
Sherrill*

Community News

National Teach Your Kids to Share Day is April 24th:

Thrivent is offering a class for families and children ages 6-10 to gather for fun and learning. Explore unique ways kids can share, save and spend. Build a financial foundation for your family that will last a lifetime. Cost is \$10 per family, space is limited, so register today at thrivent.com/shareday or call 800-236-3736.

Look forward to:

- Interactive worship
- Hands on activities
- Dinner & fellowship
- Take home tools

April 24th from 5:00-9:00

Faribault Lutheran School

Trinity Campus

529 Fourth Street NW

Faribault, MN 55021

WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Program of Dodge County:

This is a supplemental nutrition program which provides its participants with food vouchers (to be used at a number of local grocery stores) and nutrition education. If you would like more information check the bulletin board next to the kitchen for more information or call 507-635-6150 for information or an appointment.

Hire Student for Summer

Work: Need your lawn mowed? Need someone to babysit (day or evening)? Need a full person to care for your child/children for the summer?

Contact Jacqui Barber at 633-6558.



Take a Tour: 10 Day Luther Sites of Reformation Tour - see the Oberammerga Passion Play Performance along with visits to Munich, Augsburg, Rhine Cruise, Worms, Erfurt, Wittenberg, Leipzig and Nurnberg. Or choose the 10 day Israel & Germany, The Best of Both Worlds Tour-also seeing the Oberammerga Passion Play Performance and the Sea of Galilee area, Jericho, Masada, Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Munich and more. Visit the website at www.ittworld.com for more information, dates of tours and pricing. There is also a flyer on the bulletin board.



Faith Family April Recognitions



April Birthdays

2—Dale Urban
 3—Kory Graham
 6—Wendy Myer
 7—Bill Ketchum
 7—Laurie Essig
 9—Dave Wahlstrom
 10—Madison Porisch
 10—Linda Holmseth
 11—Carla Vacura
 12—Jerry Ingvaldson
 16—Katie Pischke
 16—Katelyn Oakland
 17—Brady Essig

19—Corey Foster
 21—Anthony Foster
 21—Karen Kleinwort
 22—Preston Pflaum
 22—Mike Krause
 24—Missy Pflaum
 28—Anastazia Kozisek
 28—Tracy Head
 29—Craig Kruckeberg

10—James & Melissa Adams
 30—Dave & Jeremy Wahlstrom (1983)

Other Recognition

Congratulations to Tony Foster who has been promoted to specialist in the army Reserves!

Alyssa Foster has been accepted at the University of Minnesota—Rochester in the Occupational Therapy Program. Congratulations!

April Anniversaries

6—Jerry & Karen Ingvaldson
 9—Bill & Marian Ketchum (1960)

Easter Lily Orders

We will once again be placing an order for Easter Lily Plants to place on the altar this Easter. If you would like to purchase a Lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, you will need to fill out a form and turn it in to the church office with your payment no later than Wednesday, April 1st. You can find a form here in the newsletter, in the March 22nd or March 29th bulletins or on the table in the library. The plants will be \$13 each this year. You are welcome to take your Lily home after the Easter Services on Sunday, April 12th.



PLEASE PRINT

Your Name:

Your Phone #:

Your E-mail:

Circle One:

In Honor Of

In Memory Of

Name of Loved One:

If you have more than one Lily you are purchasing, please continue below:

Circle One:

In Honor Of

In Memory Of

Name of Loved One:



April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 – WOW 3:15-5:00 – After School Program 5:00-6:30 – Lenten Meal 6:30 – Lenten Worship 7:15 – 9 th Grade Mentor Project 7:15 – Choir Practice 7:15 – Senior High Small Group	2	3	4
5 8:00 – Worship 9:00 – Fellowship 9:00 – Sunday School 9:30 – Baptismal Class 10:00 – Worship (youth sing)	6	7 8:00 – Weigh In 9:00 – WiseGuys 12:00 – Bulletin Deadline 1:30 – Ruth Circle 7:00 – Book Club @ Daniel's Restaurant 7:00 – Deborah Circle	8 9:45 – Staff Meeting 10:00 – WOW 3:15-5:00 – After School Program	9 Maundy Thursday 5:00-6:30 – Meal 6:30 – Worship	10 Good Friday 6:30 – Worship	11
12 Easter Worship – 6:30, 8:15, 10:00 No Sunday School No Fellowship	13 6:00-8:00 – Night Quilting 7:00 – Council Meeting	14 8:00 – Weigh In 9:00-3:00 – Day Quilting 12:00 – Bulletin Deadline	15 10:00 – WOW 3:15-5:00 – After School Program 5:00-6:30 – Community Meal 6:30 – Worship 7:15 – Confirmation 7:15 – Choir Practice 7:15 – Senior High Small Group	16 9:00 – Sassie Lassies Ministerium meets with school	17	18 9:00 – Marriage Care
19 Return Church Banks 8:00 – Worship 9:00 – Fellowship 9:00 – Sunday School 10:00 – Worship	20 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 – Youth Council	21 8:00 – Weigh In 9:00 – Wise Guys 12:00 – Bulletin Deadline	22 10:00 – WOW 3:15-5:00 – After School Program 5:00-6:30 – Community Meal 6:30 – Worship 7:15 – Confirmation 7:15 – Choir Practice	23	24	25 9:00 – New Member Orientation
26 Bring a Friend to Worship Sunday 8:00 – Worship 9:00 – Fellowship 9:00 – Sunday School 10:00 – Worship 5:00-7:00 – Bible for Dummies	27 5:00-9:30 – 55 Alive	28 8:00 – Weigh In 9:00-3:00 – Day Quilting 12:00 – Bulletin Deadline 5:00-9:30 – 55 Alive 6:00-8:00 – Night Quilting	29 10:00 – WOW 3:15-5:00 – After School Program 6:30 – Adult Fellowship	30	1 SEM N Synod	2 SEM N Synod

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April 2009 Service Group

Date	Service	Ushers	Acolyte	Greeters	Reader	Fellowship
April 5	8:00 am	Jim Jensen Mike Wirkus	Jake Huntley		Jake Huntley	8th Grade Youth
	10:00 am		Preston Pfau			
April 12	6:30 am					No Coffee Hour
	8:15 am					
April 19	8:00 am	Jim Jensen Mike Wirkus				Richard & Arvella Neitzel Bob & Cindy Qualle
	10:00 am	Carl Freyholtz	Morgan Moe			
April 26	8:00 am	Jim Jensen Mike Wirkus				Cindy & Richard Huso Gary & Mary Norstad
	10:00 am		Jo celyn Austin			

Date	Attended	Offering	Date	Attended	Offering
March 1	113/102	Building = \$5,709.00	March 15	105/95	Building = \$3037.15
March 4	140	General = \$3,435.66	March 18	105	General = \$5,046.15
March 8	70/85	Building = \$1,230.41	March 22	75/118	Building = \$995.30 (22nd only)
March 11	120	General = \$2,340.95	March 25		General = \$1,846.19 (22nd only)

Altar Guild

Brenda Bronner

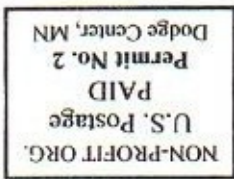
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We’re on the web
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April 2009

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 9th

5:00-6:30—Meal

6:30—Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Good Friday, April 10th

6:30—Good Friday Worship Service

Easter Sunday, April 12th

6:30, 8:15, 10:00—Easter Worship Services

