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for children, ages two and up.

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*The mission of
Faith Lutheran Church
is to know God's grace
and make it known.*

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Sunday, March 13, 11 AM worship service Preschool children sing

Preschool prayer partners meet their preschool children following the worship service

Everyone invited to attend the reception on the patio

Child of Faith Preschool
joins with over a 250,000
school children, enrolled
in The Lutheran
Church—Missouri Synod
school
system (preschool
through high school) cel-
ebrating Lutheran
Schools Week, March 6-
12, 2011.



**Securing Each Child's Future
Making Disciples**

*"If you abide in my word,
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and you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free."*

John 8:31b-32^{ESV}

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In-service Kid's Chat : 11A.M.

Weekdays:

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10 A.M.

Youth Events

2nd & 4th Fridays

6:30 - 9:30 P.M.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICES

Christ In The Strangest Places: Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever

A Series of Special Services for Lent

By Dr. Reed Lessing

"CHRIST IN THE STRANGEST PLAC- ES"

Two tablets of stone, a few vessels of oil, simple markings, a small army, a remote field, a solemn oath--these are some of the strangest people, places and things through which God revealed himself to his people in the Old Testament. The Old Testament is chock-full of passion themes, from the serpent being crushed in Genesis 3:15 to Isaiah's Fourth Servant Song. Yet this series looks at some of the lesser-known Old Testament passion themes and focuses on them by means of single words.



Ash Wednesday: March 9 — "Mine!" — Exodus 20:17
The commandments point out our desire to acquire

Week 1: March 16 — "Nothing" — 2 Kings 4:1-7
Elisha provides for a widow

Week 2: March 23 — "Marked" — Isaiah 44:5
God marks his people

Week 3: March 30 — "Enlist" — Judges 6:16
Gideon's call

The View from the Pastor's Desk

There is a special hospital in London for those whom other hospitals consider a lost cause. It is a hospital for those who are diagnosed as "terminal." Most people would consider such a hospital to be a very sad place, but it is not. Actually, it is a hospital filled with hope and a lot of life. The emphasis in this London hospital is on life and not on death. The truth is that several of the patients have seen remissions in the disease process instead of death. A great deal of the credit is given to the way the facility is run.

The basic philosophy is different from most other hospitals. In this program the patients are expected to give themselves away in service to the other patients. Each patient is given another patient for whom to care. So, for example, a person who is unable to walk might be given the task of reading to another who is blind. The blind person would then push the wheel chair of the one who could not walk but who gives directions on where to push the chair.

Is that not what Jesus meant when He said: ***"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another - by this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*** He calls us to be disciples who love one another. We are the ones who are healed and strengthened when we learn how to give and how to love.

This theme of service to others beyond us is a major theme of the season of Lent. Lent is a time for spiritual renewal and strengthening. During Lent, we discipline ourselves a little more as we focus on all that our Lord's passion means.

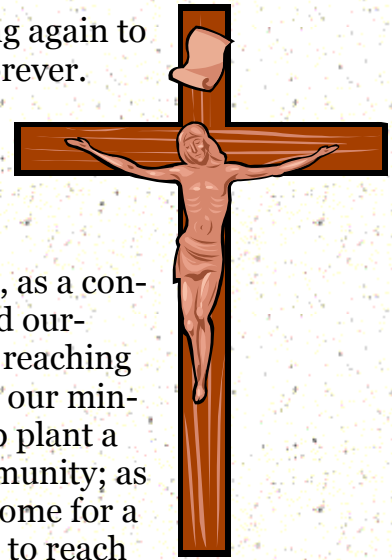
Several years ago the major focus of our Lenten journey was the hands of Christ. It was Jesus' hands that touched and healed. It was his hands that were nailed to a cross that we might have life. His pierced hands gave Thomas his boldness of faith. And his upraised hands re-

mind us that he is coming again to take us to be with him forever. With His hands He reached out to do for us what we could not do for ourselves.

This year we have begun, as a congregation, to look beyond ourselves to others. We are reaching out to our community in our ministries, as we look to help plant a church in a Korean community; as we look to help build a home for a needy family; as we seek to reach families through our children's ministries. All these are ways to help us to stop focusing on ourselves and looking to impact the world around us.

Lent is also a time to be in prayer. As we set aside extra time to focus on the Passion of the Lord, we need to focus as well and listen to the voice of God and the direction he has in store for us. There is a world out there that desperately needs to know the Lord. God has placed us in this time and place for his purposes and he is challenging us to look to the future with excitement as we anticipate the possibilities that will develop and the people whom God will lead to our ministry.

I encourage you to attend both the Wednesday evening Lenten services with their special messages and Sunday morning for the special Sunday Lenten Sermon series. I believe this can be a wonderful time for each of us individually and for us as a congregation to focus and to seek God's guidance on our personal lives and our life together as the people of God at Faith. May this Lenten season be one of Spiritual renewal for each of you.



Pastor Paul



Lent, from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten*, means springtime. The season lasts from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Saturday's Easter Vigil form the core of the Church Year, sometimes called the Paschal Triduum.

Lent is the Church's "springtime." Out of the darkness of sin's winter emerges a people – the Church – reborn in their Lord's resurrection.

Easter is the oldest Christian season. The

What is Lent?

observance of Lent first appeared between 200-300 A.D. Lent was a time of preparation for persons being instructed in the Christian faith before their baptism. Following the model of Jesus' time in the wilderness, new adult converts practiced Lenten penance and prayer for 40 days, waiting to receive their baptism, confirmation and first Lord's Supper at the Easter vigil.

Today Lent calls us to look back on the impact of our baptism on our lives. How are we doing, we who have died to sin and come alive to new life in Christ? In repentance we ask our Lord to clear our lives of sin.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday's repentance and leads us to Holy Week's bitter story and Easter's joy.

These 40 days (excluding Sundays) are the first half of a larger rainbow arch. The other half includes the Easter season's 50 days in which we celebrate our baptismal rebirth in Christ. The celebration continues in the Church Year – every Sunday is a "little Easter."

Sunday Sermons During Lent

Normally, during the Season of Lent, we focus on the Passion of our Lord. Lent is that time where we think of the sacrifices our Lord made for us and we concentrate on the story of Christ's journey to the cross as told to us in the Gospels.

This year, our sermons on Sunday will take a look at the Old Testament texts appointed for the day. Many of us struggle with the God of the Old Testament, but in these sermons we pray that you will see, maybe even for the first time, a God who loves you and who loved the world in Jesus Christ. Be sure to join us for these inspiring messages.

March 13	"Falling From the Tree"	Text: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7
March 20	"Honest With God"	Text: Genesis 12:1-4
March 27	"Eat Your Weeds"	Text: Exodus 17: 1-7
April 3	"Clearing Up Your Sight"	Text: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13
April 10	"Can These Bones Live?"	Text: Ezekiel 37: 1-14
April 17	Palm Sunday – Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau – President Pacific Southwest District – The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod	



Does this pastor look familiar?

He's Pastor Greg Seltz, filling in on a Sunday morning last year, while Pastor Paul was out of town. Seltz also spoke at one of the Men's Prayer Breakfasts.

Seltz is Director of the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center at Concordia University (CU), which trains students to launch LCMS ministries in a variety of cultural settings.

We're pleased to hear that Dr Seltz has accepted the position of Speaker for The Lutheran Hour® radio program (effective June 1, 2011).

The Lutheran Hour—heard worldwide for over 50 years—is broadcast locally on radio station KBRT-740 AM, Sundays at 1:30 PM.

For more information on the Lutheran Hour and Lutheran Hour Ministries, go to WWW. LHM.ORG.



Faith Leadership

Church Council is the governing body of the congregation, administering congregational affairs.

Committees under the council (listed below) meet the first Thursday of each month, 7 PM, unless otherwise noted.

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Ministry of Youth Activities
Garrett McFaul, 714-894-6689

Ministry of Youth/Education (Education – first Thursday, 7 PM)
(Youth Ministry - first Monday, 6:30 PM)
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“Serve the Lord with gladness!”

Kurt Rossten

Parent Workshop

March 24, 2011
6:30 p.m. in
Haas Hall

Presenters

Jane Jones and Callie Paesano



The Three A's: Autism, ADD (or ADHD), & Aspergers

All interested parents and those who interact with children are invited. There will be light refreshments and child care.

REMINDER: Save your aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles and bring them to the church for recycling. Thank you.



Kids U meets

Sunday, March

Kids' University is all about the kids learning and having fun with Jesus! The ministry has been such a blessing, which allows kids to learn about the Good News of Jesus and fellowship with new people.

**Faith Lutheran
Church**
**Big enough to serve
Small enough to care**

- ✝ 11 AM - Family Contemporary worship in the church (babysitting provided)
- ✝ Noon - Free lunch for kids and families
- ✝ 1 – 3:30 - Children's activities



NEW LARGE HD FLATSCREEN TV FOR HAAS HALL!



The Rossten's have generously donated \$1000.00 toward a new HD flatscreen TV for Haas Hall.

This TV will give us the opportunity to show presentations in both the Women's and Sunday morning bible studies, movie night social evenings for our families, VBS and Kids U presentations as well as the Super Bowl and other sporting events to share with each other during the year.

If you are interested in helping us reach our goal of \$2,000.00 which includes the TV, hardware, installation and an enclosure case for the TV, please write your check payable to Faith Lutheran Church, and in the memo section mark it "TV for Haas Hall". You can place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. A designated fund is in place for these donations and Properties has approved it.

Thank you.

BUNCO PARTY AT FAITH – MARCH 12th

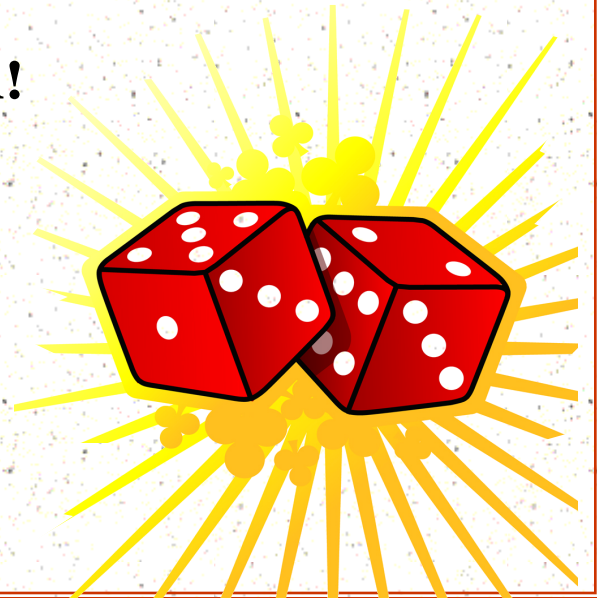
Put this evening on your calendar for
Saturday, March 12th at 7 pm!

The Recreation Committee is sponsoring another evening of Bunco in Haas Hall.

No need to know how to play
– it's easy and it's fun.

Snacks and prizes will be available and a whole lot of laughter.

Sign ups will begin on the patio Sunday,
February 20.



PROPERTIES UPDATE MARCH 2011

Good news! Our campus is holding up well, not much breaking down in the first months of this glorious New Year.

There are a few items on the horizon to be aware of:

First off, carpet cleaning will be scheduled sometime before Easter; the exact date is yet to be determined.

Second, Properties is looking into slurry coating and re-stripping the parking lot in the coming months.

As always "Work Day" is the second Saturday of the month from 9AM -Noon.

Thanks for showing your support!

Upcoming Opportunities for Community Service HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/THRIVENT BUILDS

Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent are teamed up to build in our own back yard. What an opportunity this presents for Faith congregation to reach outside ourselves in our own community. This build is scheduled to break ground April 2011 and be completed December 2011.

The build address is: 18541 Patterson St., Huntington Beach, located within walking distance of Faith on the north side of Ellis between Faith and Beach Blvd. Check it out.

Properties unanimously approved a motion to volunteer the use of our parking lot for Habitat volunteers as parking on-site is limited. Opportunities are coming up in June for "Build Day" volunteers.

Stay tuned for updates on how you can become part of "FAITH'S HABITAT HAMMER-N-SAW TEAM."

For info, or to volunteer, see Gregg

Leonard. No experience necessary. Opportunities to serve in Fundraising, Youth Activities, providing Lunches, and Site Hosting are also available for the tool-challenged, yet WILLING volunteer. For more info, go to THRIVENTBUILDS.COM.

I will be putting together Faith's hammer-n-saw team, and scheduling a build day for us. Email greggleonard@verizon.net to volunteer and get on the emailing list.

Gregg Leonard,
Properties



February Birthday Wishes



- Matthew Almanza 3/3
- Jon Whitcomb 3/3
- Barbara Joslin 3/4
- Randall Nagel 3/5
- Patricia Schuller 3/9
- Kathryn Dudash 3/13
- Mikayla Bajhart 3/14
- Dan Rands 3/16
- Robert Hill 3/17
- David Swiger 3/17
- Robby Swanson 3/19
- Barbara Luebcke 3/23
- Charlotte Poulsen 3/23
- Joyce Paul 3/26
- Lauren Gergens 3/27
- Glenn Johnson 3/27
- Catherine Rasch 3/27
- Jeffrey Joslin 3/31

February Anniversaries



- Jeffrey & Barbara Joslin
March 8th
- George & Doris Moore
March 10th
- Dwight & Bridget Gergens
March 16th



Child of Faith Preschool

Callie Paesano, Director
 Karen Nepl, Assistant Director
 Phone: 714-962-1864

Ages 2-6 yrs, 6:30 AM - 6 PM
 Email: childoffaith@faithhb.org
 Web: www.childoffaith.org

Our Mission - Child of Faith is committed to providing quality care in a loving, Christ-centered environment where children can develop to their fullest social, physical, emotional, Intellectual and spiritual potentials.

Directors Report:

"If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31b, 32)

National Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated March 6 – 12, 2011. The theme, *Securing Each Child's Future – Making Disciples*, is based on John 8:31b, 32.

We have fun lessons and activities planned for the week. The lessons include bible stories, puppet shows, singing, and art activities.

The children will be singing March 13 at the 11am service. Hope to see everyone there! You can meet the child you've been praying for after service on the patio for a cookie reception.

Hands on Service Activity/Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

As part of National Lutheran Schools week, the children will be starting a new service project toward the end of the month. Child of Faith has paired with Camp Pendleton Armed Services YMCA in support of their military families. These families, as we know, come from all parts of California and the United States.

The preschool children will make/fill Easter baskets for two preschools on the base. The schools are Mommy and Me schools. The baskets will

have the traditional candy and a Christian toy, decoration, or card made by our children.

We are asking that anyone who wants to participate may donate wipes, markers, hand sanitizer, glue sticks, or stickers for the teachers, moms and children to use at school. We can include these with our Easter gifts.

The deadline for donations is Sunday, April 10.

Prior to Easter, the school can also use help packaging the materials. Please pray for this mission of our little ones. "Jesus called them one by one..."

Our Mission India Project was a great success! We raised enough money to send 55 children to Bible School.

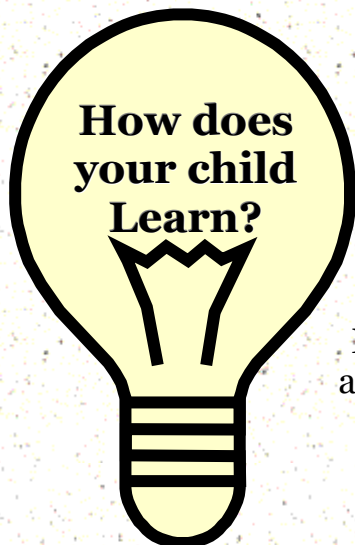
Important Dates:

March 13 "Spring Sing" - preschool children sing at the 11 am service, celebrating Lutheran Schools Week

March 18 Special Persons Day (Grandparents Day), 10:30 am

March 24 Parent Workshop, 6:30 pm

In His Service,
 Callie Paesano, Director



PARENT WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 24, 6 pm
 Faith Lutheran Church, Haas Hall

Child of Faith Preschool is offering its next Parent Workshop for parents of young children, Thursday, March 24, 6:00 pm. Dr. Jane Jones and Director Callie Paesano will be on hand to present and discuss learning differences, especially differences between autism and ADD, and ADHD.

Watch for further details.



Every Wednesday @ 6:30pm

March

- 3/1 Youth Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 3/5-6 Junior High DYG, 8:00 am
- 3/9 Ash Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 pm
- 3/11 Parents Night Out, 7:00 pm-10:00 pm
- 3/16 Confirmation 5:30 pm & The Source 6:30 pm
- 3/19 Youth Car Wash 7:30 am-1:00 pm
- 3/23 Confirmation 5:30 pm & The Source 6:30 pm
- 3/26 Food Distribution Trinity
Cristo Rey 11:00 am-3:00 pm
- 3/30 Confirmation 5:30 pm & The Source 6:30 pm
Youth Soup Supper Night



Please Note: Confirmation is now from 5:30-6:30 pm and students are welcomed to stay for The Source, which is from 6:30-8:00 pm. Food will be provided for those who stay.

April

- 4/1 Parents Night Out 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
- 4/5 Youth Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 4/6 Confirmation 5:30 pm & The Source 6:30 pm
- 4/13 Confirmation 5:30 pm & The Source 6:30 pm
- 4/16 Outsource Event
- 4/17 Palm Sunday
- 4/21 Maundy Thursday 7:00-8:00 pm
- 4/22 Good Friday 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm
- 4/23 Youth Decorate Sanctuary for Easter
Trinity Cristo Rey 11:00am-3:00 pm
- 4/24 Easter Sunday 6:00am, 8:30 am, & 11:00 am
- 4/27 Confirmation 5:30 pm & The Source 6:30 pm

Parents Night Out

Are you looking for a free babysitter? Well, **March 11th from 7:00-10:00pm** the Junior High and High School Youth will be providing a fun night for children at the ages of pre-school-11 years old. They will play games, watch a movie, and much more! If you want more information contact Deacon Jack

Youth Car Wash

Does your car need to be washed? This is your lucky day! **Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 7:30 am- 1:00 pm** the youth will be hosting a car wash to raise money for the National Youth Gathering in 2013. This is a great opportunity to support the youth. If you would to help out or have any questions email Cory Schlinsog, coryschlinsog@socal.rr.com.



Kids' University

Kids' University is all about the kids learning and having fun with Jesus! The ministry has been such a blessing, which allows kids to learn about the Good News of Jesus and fellowship with new people. The Next Kids' U is scheduled for March 27. Please contact Dave Simenson for more information if you would like to donate supplies or get involved.

