

FAITH NEWSLETTER

June 2004 / July 2004



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to use this space to write two words: "Thank you!"

I can never stop at two words, so here's some more. Thank you for who you are and all you do. Thank you for keeping Karen, the baby and me in your prayers during this exciting time. Thank you to everyone involved in organizing the wonderful baby shower. Thank you for showering us with so many spectacular gifts.

Some churches have an annual "Pastor Appreciation Day." They show their appreciation for their pastor once a year. But that's not the way it is at Faith. Your care, concern, love and appreciation are like a river that keeps running, like a fountain that keeps flowing.

That's why I join with St. Paul who wrote, "I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers" (Philemon 1:4) and "**I thank my God every time I remember you.** In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the Day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:3-6).

The love of Christ flows through you and for that I simply say, "Thank you!"

Your Very Appreciative Pastor,

Pastor Mike Gudgel

In and Around Faith Church

LWML

We will have a board meeting in early August. At that time arrangements will be made for the Fall Rally at Mt. Greenwood Church. The meetings are interesting and enlightening. I wish more of our Faith ladies would attend. Please continue to save and bring our B.L.E.S.S. items.

Grace Scott

Faith Seniors

We have changed our meeting day to the first Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be on June 3rd. Please join us for goodies, conversation and a movie.

Our picnic will be at Wolfe Wildlife Park on July 1st with a box lunch and bingo.

Grace Scott

New Worship Service

The family of Faith has grown and keeps on growing. We've experienced so much growth, that we're ready to add a second service.

The worship schedule will remain as it is throughout the summer, but will change the week after the annual Church Picnic. Starting on September 26th, worship will begin on Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study will be held each week from 9:45 to 10:45.

Why two services? Why on Sunday? Will the services be the same or different? Those important questions, and any others you might have, will be answered over the next several months.

Pastor Gudgel looks forward to sharing his vision for the second service. That vision will be shared in a series of sermons and letters. In the meantime, praise God that you are a vital member of a growing church family and anticipate the great growth that is still to come.

Ladies Aid

The ladies are taking the summer off. We will return with our first meeting in the fall on September 2nd. See you then!

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Youth Group will soon be heading to Orlando, Florida at the end of July to attend the "Beyond Imagination" National LCMS Youth Gathering. Due to the generous support of our congregation, the Youth Group has surpassed its target goal of \$5,000. To date, we have collected approximately \$6,200.00.

Our latest fundraiser, Carson Pirie Scott Community Days, raised a total of \$1,685.00. Five hundred dollars was earned from selling the Community Days coupon books and the additional \$1,185.00 was earned by Faith Lutheran Church on the day of the actual sale at Carsons. In order to receive the extra money distributed by Carsons, Pastor Gudgel, Mark and Lynne Trojanowski and Ellen Weems each had to work a 4-hour shift at the store. Carson Pirie Scott & Co. is truly generous with community organizations such as Faith.

Thanks again to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts either by buying candles, baked goods, calendars, coupon books, attending church breakfasts or just having us in your prayers. You will now be able to walk out into the Narthex without being approached by a Youth Group member selling something.

We are truly Blessed!

Deann Machtan
Lisa Machtan
Lynne Trojanowski
Nick Trojanowski
Colleen Weems
Pastor Gudgel

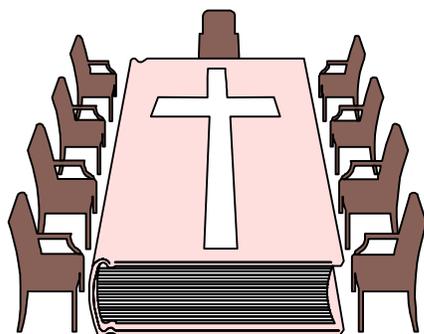
Schedule of June 2004 / July 2004 Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>June Event</u>
5	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
6	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
13	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
19	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
20	9:00 PM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
27	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>July Event</u>
3	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
4	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
11	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
17	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
18	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
25	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class

Weekly Meetings

AA Groups	M, F- 6:00 PM - Sat - 8:00 AM
Brownies	(Second / Fourth) Tu - 3:30 PM
Christianity 101	Sat. - 10:00 AM
Crafters	(Third) M - 7:15 PM
ALANON	Tu - 8:00 PM
Choir	W - 6:30 PM
Seniors	(First) - Th. - 12:00 PM
Ladies Aid	(First) - Th. - 7:00 PM



Watch for details in the church bulletin or call Diane Osmanski at (708) 425-7192 or the church office at (708) 424-1059.

We are looking for children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends to come learn about our Lord. Helpers of all kinds would be greatly appreciated.

Church Picnic

Plan on attending the Church picnic at Wolfe Wildlife Refuge on September 19th.

Watch for more details in the August Newsletter and in the church bulletin.

