

FAITH NEWSLETTER

October 2005 / November 2005

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Rejoice in the Lord always...(Philippians 4:4). It is with much joy and happiness that I write this first letter as the Called pastor (which happens to be my first Call) of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church. On our initial visit with you in early August, my wife Anna and I were deeply moved by your overwhelming warm welcome. Truly, the Lord of the Church has placed us here in Oak Lawn, Illinois with His wonderful people at Faith!

Ready to faithfully serve Faith congregation as pastor and to help with the needs of the Oak Lawn community, I realize that the ministry work the Lord will have us do is going to be best accomplished by all God's people at Faith working together. Yes, I know...in this life there are disagreements and frustrations and there will be times when these occur in the Faith family. However, it is exactly these times that can help us Christians realize our need for God's Word and prayer. Indeed, it is precisely God's Word that soothes, sustains, and helps us through difficult times in our lives and helps us grow in Christ.



As we know all too well, Hurricane Katrina is one of the most devastating hurricanes on record. The lives of thousands of people who survived have been changed forever. Of course, in thinking about this tragedy, there are a plethora of Biblical passages that one could turn to for hope, assurance, and comfort. One favorite passage that comes to mind is **Proverbs 3:5-6; Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.** Whatever we are facing in our lives or is happening to us, we first and foremost are to trust God and rely on Him and His ways, especially when we cannot make sense of the situation. We acknowledge our Lord by loving and serving Him with a faithful heart that He gives to us. When we trust in Him, our lives will be blessed (**Proverbs 16:20**) even in the most horrendous circumstances.

How do we obtain this trust? We pray that God would give us that trust in Him and that He would calm our troubled hearts (**John 14:1**). With the Holy Spirit working in us, we can trust in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We can trust in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, who died on the cross at Calvary for you and for me to be cleansed of our sins and have everlasting life with Him. No wonder our hearts are not to be troubled. In fact, Jesus promises to be with us no matter what trials and tribulations are going on in our lives, **...I am with you always, even to the end of the age (Matthew 28:20).**



As your pastor and brother in Christ, I look forward to an exciting and fruitful ministry in serving you under the blessings and grace of God, where **The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song (Psalm 28:7).** Under the Lord's help and guidance, we are joyfully able to work together in sharing God's Good News of sins forgiven and eternal life! In serving Christ, we are joyfully able to work together in serving one another and our community when **...again I will say, rejoice! (Philippians 4:4).**

Yours in the Risen Savior,

Pastor Stephen Bocklage

In and Around Faith Church

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Our next activity will be Oct. 1st at 8:30 AM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle. “The Incredible Light Gathering “ activities will end at 3:30 PM.

We had an enjoyable time at the September 10th “Celebration”. We decorated bibs for Bethesda Home, made cards to insert with the bibs, and made bracelet kits for the ladies’ to take to Nicaragua when the ladies go there to witness for the Lord in November.

Grace Scott

Faith Seniors

We will meet October 20th at noon in the Parish Hall. This will be an important meeting so I hope all members and any new members will attend.

Grace Scott

Faith Ladies Aid

Faith Ladies Aid meets the first Thursday of every month. The October meeting will be held on Oct. 6th at 7:00 PM. This will be a make and take meeting. The Nov. 3rd meeting will be at 7:00PM. This meeting will be a final planning meeting for the Bazaar.

All Ladies are welcome. So why not drop in for a fun social evening.

We are in need of items for the white elephant table, bakery items and Christmas/craft items for the bazaar. The white elephant items and any craft items can be dropped off at church 1 – 2 weeks prior to the Bazaar. The bakery items may be dropped off the night before or the day of the bazaar.

Thank you for your help.

Fall Bazaar

Nov. 8th is the big day. The chili lunch will be from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM. For \$3.25, you can enjoy a relaxing lunch, then you can browse the white elephant booth, purchase a homemade bakery item or shop at the craft booth. Don’t forget to join in on the raffle for some great prizes.

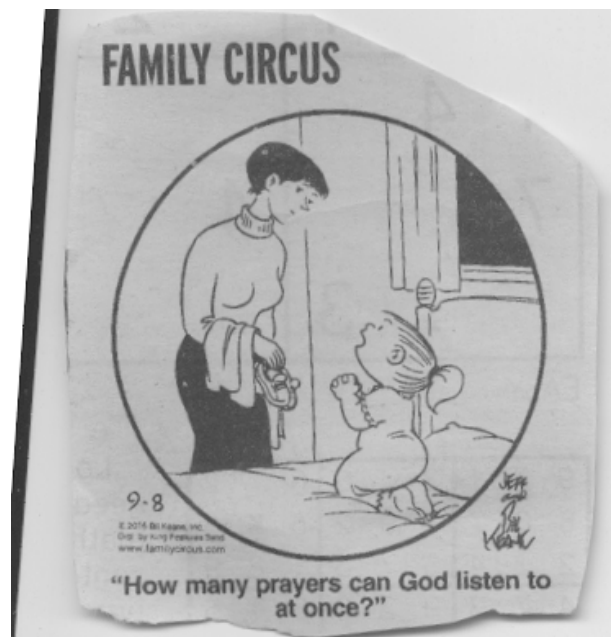
Please plan on returning for the evening Pork Roast Dinner. Tickets will be available at a cost of \$8.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Seating times are 5:00 PM or 6:30PM. Drawing for the raffle prizes will be held after the 6:30 PM seating. Reservations are required for the dinner.

Make plans to join in the fun and excitement.

Voters’ Meeting

There will be a Voters’ meeting Oct. 14th at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

Please join us.



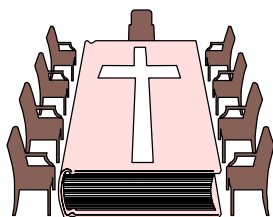
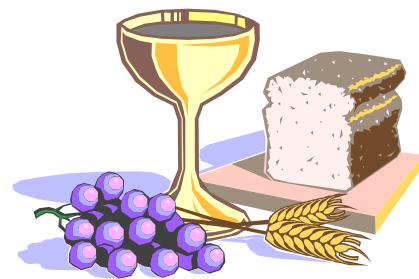
Schedule of October 2005 / November 2005 Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>October Event</u>
1	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
2	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Adult Bible Class
9	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Adult Bible Class
15	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
16	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Adult Bible Class
23	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Adult Bible Class
30	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School Adult Bible Class

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

Weekly Meetings

AA Groups	M & F - 6:00 PM
	Sat - 8:00 AM
Girl Scouts	Tu - 6:00 PM F - 6:00 PM
ALANON	Tu - 7:00 PM
Choir	W - 6:30 PM
Seniors	(Third) - Th. - 12:00 PM
Ladies Aid	(First) - Th. - 7:00 PM



Oct./Nov. Elders, Ushers & Lay Readers

Worship 9:00 AM Sunday

Oct. 2 Ed Neaves
 Bill Weems
 Al Skopek
 Andrea Skopek

Oct. 9 Gene Osmanski
 Mary Slepki
 Gail Henson

Oct. 16 Richard Clark
 Ray Godbout
 Mark Trojanowski
 Nick Trojanowski

Oct. 23 Alden Ketchum
 Christina Trojanowski
 Elise Trojanowski

Oct. 30 Frank Oslakovic
 Bill Weems
 Brian Weems
 Colleen Weems

Lay Readers 9:00 AM Sunday

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October 9 Alma Rissky

October 16 Mark Trojanowski

October 23 Gene Osmanski

October 30 Brian Weems

Worship 9:00 AM Sunday

Nov. 6 Ed Neaves
 Gene Osmanski
 Ralph Banta
 Adair Banta

Nov. 13 Ricahrd Clark
 Gene Tebo
 Wilma Laschober

Nov. 20 Alden Ketchum
 Glenn Werth
 Dory Moeller
 Bob Stegman

Nov. 23 **Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 PM**
 Richard Clark
 Frank Oslakovic
 Mary Slepki
 Gail henson

Nov. 27 Bill Weems
 Al Skopek
 Andrea Skopek

Nov. 30 **Advent Service 7:00 PM**
 Alden Ketchum
 Gene Osmanski

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