

FAITH NEWSLETTER

February 2008 / March 2008

Dear Members of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church –

It is a joy and blessing to be serving as your interim pastor during this time of transition in the mission and ministry of the congregation. Accordingly I have been invited to tell you something about myself.



I was born on June 15, 1959 in Indianapolis, Indiana where I was baptized by Rev. Paul G. Lutz on August 23, 1959. At that time my father, Hugh A. Simpson, was stationed there in the United States Air Force. After a couple of moves the family settled in Council Bluffs, Iowa. I was confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs by the Reverend Richard C. Ebke.

I attended public grade-school in Council Bluffs and, after a subsequent move, completed high school in Des Moines, Iowa. After high school I studied engineering at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa where I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. Upon graduation in 1981 I worked for a gas and electric utility company a couple of years before attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

Upon completion of seminary studies in May of 1988 I served Peace/Zion Lutheran churches in Grenfell/Windthorst, Saskatchewan (1988-1993); St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (1993-1999); and King of Kings Lutheran, St. Albert, Alberta (1999–2002).

I married Cindy (nee Hegberg) on December 31, 2000 at King of Kings Lutheran, St. Albert, Alberta. I have two step-children: Meghan (Lyndon) Golby, 25, of Burlington, Ontario, Canada, and Ryan Wilisko, 26, of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

I completed studies for a Master of Sacred Theology degree (STM, exegetical major/practical minor) at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in May 2006. Until being called as your interim pastor I was serving various pulpit supply needs in the greater Chicago metropolitan area, and was pursuing a church mission-start possibility in the Chicago metropolitan area – after having completed the Basic Mission Planter Training offered by the Center for US Missions.

My wife, Cindy, works as Senior Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations at Concordia University Chicago. She joined the University from the national Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Foundation in St. Louis, where she served as vice president for development. She possesses 18 years of experience in higher education, and 11 years of professional advancement and fundraising experience. Previously, she served as director of church relations and external events at Concordia University College of Alberta, Canada; director of major gifts at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and executive director of development at Concordia Seminary prior to becoming vice president at the Foundation. As if that were not enough already, she also is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) and currently is completing a master's degree in philanthropic studies at Indiana-Purdue University in Indianapolis. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Concordia University College of Alberta.

Both of us want to extend our appreciation and gratitude for the reception and well wishes you have given us. We look forward to our time and blessing among you, and would wish that every member of the congregation seek us out and introduce themselves to us.

With warm regards in Christ,

PASTOR SIMPSON

In and Around Faith Church

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We have two activities pertaining to the Lenten season. On Feb. 6th St. Paul Church at 4660 W. 94th St. O.L. will host the annual Lenten breakfast at 9:00 AM.

On Mar. 8th Mt. Greenwood Church at 109th & Trumbull Chicago will host the Lenten Inspiration Day. The speaker will be Janice Brauer. Morning refreshments and lunch will be served. The cost is \$12.00. If you would like to attend these activities please contact me.

Grace Scott
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Faith Ladies Aid

Have you made your New Years Resolutions? We hope it has included joining the Ladies Aid at our first meeting of 2008 on February 7th at 7:00 PM.

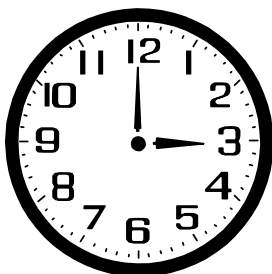
Our December Christmas Social was another enjoyable get together. Everyone enjoyed our potluck chicken supper and bunco games. Thanks to all who attended and know you are always welcome.

Looking forward to seeing all of you Ladies of Faith. Join us as we keep strong in Faith and fellowship. Look for our activities and projects in the church bulletin.

Kathleen Nowak
Membership Chairman

Day Light Savings Time

Don't forget to spring ahead before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8th. The other option is to stay up until 2:00 AM March 9th to set your clocks ahead.



Some Lenten Self-Denial or Give-Up Suggestions

- Take time as a family (or individually) to learn a psalm. Or read four psalms a day (you will read through the whole psalter).
- Faithfully read the Lutheran Laymen's League Lenten Devotional.
- Learn the Catechism's "morning prayer" and "evening prayer"; "asking a blessing" and "returning thanks" at mealtime (i.e., Section II, pg. 305 in the Lutheran Worship hymnal).
- Memorize each of the six parts of the Small Catechism during the six weeks of Lent (i.e., Section I, pg. 300 in the Lutheran Worship hymnal). Pastor Simpson can give you a schedule on how to do that!
- Don't watch any videos or movies.
- Refrain from eating any sweets/desserts.
- Pledge to lose weight.
- Stop watching television one evening a week. Instead visit some lonely, shut-in, or sick person (the Board of Elders can help you on this one!).
- Find six (or more) books you've always wanted to read – one for each of the six weeks in Lent.
- Avoid reading newspapers or magazines and instead read/study your Bible.
- Don't buy anything but essentials for yourself. Give the extra to God's word or someone in need.
- Exercise.
- Drop some vice.

The idea behind giving up something for Lent is to remind oneself that as you struggle in keeping your commitment (for your own good), how much more faithful and determined the Lord was in keeping His commitment to you in giving up His life (also for your own good).



Schedule of Feb. / Mar. 2008 Events

Date	Time	February Event
2	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
3	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
6	<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>	
	7:00 PM	Worship / Communion
10	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
13	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship
16	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
17	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
20	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship
24	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
27	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 6th.

As in years past, we are pleased to have a different pastor from our circuit join us to lead worship each Wednesday evening beginning at 7:00pm.

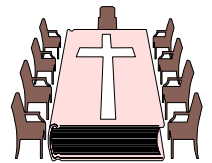
This year's mid-week Lenten theme will be "People of the Passion," with the following preaching arrangement.

Date	Biblical Character	Preacher
Feb. 6	Judas	Pastor Simpson
Feb. 13	Peter	Rev. Valdas Ausra Zion Lutheran Church
Feb. 20	Pilate	Rev. Louis Vician Mt. Greenwood LC
Feb. 27	Mary, The Mother of Jesus	Rev. William Barthel St. Peter Lutheran Church
Mar. 5	Barabbas	Rev. Gary Schmidtke Grace Lutheran Church
Mar. 12	Centurion	Rev. Daniel Gensch St. Paul Lutheran Church

Date	Time	March Event
1	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
2	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
5	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship
9	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
12	7:00 PM	Lenten Worship
15	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
16	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
20	<u>MAUNDAY THURSDAY</u>	
	7:00 PM	Worship / Communion
21	<u>GOOD FRIDAY</u>	
	3:00 PM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Worship
23	<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>	
	7:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:00 AM	Worship / Communion
30	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class

Weekly Meetings

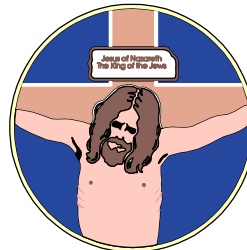
AA Groups	M & F - 6:00 PM
	Sat - 8:00 AM
Bible Study	Fri. - 10:30 AM
Girl Scouts	Tu - 3:30 PM F - 6:30 PM
ALANON	Tu - 7:00 PM
Choir	W - 6:30 PM
Ladies Aid	(First) - Th. - 7:00 PM



Thought of the Day

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.

John 15:13



February / March Elders, Ushers & Lay Readers

<u>Worship</u>	<u>9:00 AM Sunday</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>9:00 AM Sunday</u>
Feb. 3	Frank Oslakovic Bill Weems Nick Trojanowski Glenn Werth	Mar. 2	Bill Weems Frank Oslakovic Al Skopec Andrea Skopec
Feb. 10	Alden Ketchum Howard Johnson Bob Stegman	Mar. 9	Alden Ketchum Mark Trojanowski Dory Moeller
Feb. 17	Ed Neaves Gene Osmanski Christina Trojanowski Elise Trojanowski	Mar. 16	Ed Neaves Gene Osmanski Gail Henson Mary Slepski
Feb. 24	Richard Clark Gail Henson Mary Slepski	Mar. 23	<u>7:00 AM</u> Bill Weems Richard Clark Nick Trojanowski Howard Johnson
<u>Lenten Services 7:00 PM</u>			<u>10:00 AM</u> Gene Osmanski Frank Oslakovic Glenn Werth Mark Trojanowski
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Feb. 10	Debbie Hochgesang		<u>7:00 PM</u> Richard Clark Frank Oslakovic
Feb. 17	Christina Trojanowski		
Feb. 24	Gene Osmanski		
Mar. 2	Bill Weems		
Mar. 9	Elise Trojanowski		
Mar. 16	Debbie Hochgesang		
Mar. 23	Bill Weems (7:00 AM) Frank Oslakovic (10:00 AM)		
Mar. 30	Ed Neaves		