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The newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

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ELCA World Hunger

One billion of our neighbors are living in poverty. They struggle on less than a dollar a day—without enough food to eat or clean water to drink. Even in the United States, more than 50 million people do not know where their next meal will come from. Every few seconds...*the length of each breath we take...* someone in the world dies from

poverty-related causes.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is working to change this.

[ELCA World Hunger](#) responds to global hunger and poverty by addressing its root causes. Through a comprehensive program of relief, development, education and advocacy, people are connected to the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty. Between 70-75 percent of ELCA World Hunger funds are spent internationally; 20-25 percent are spent domestically.

Thanks to the ministry of ELCA World Hunger, families and communities who once knew hunger now give thanks for daily bread.

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Lenten Worship and Suppers

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. We will have our first supper that night from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., followed by a traditional worship service, including the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, with Pastor Brian preaching.

This schedule will continue on Wednesday evenings through April 9, with Supper from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., and a half-hour worship service from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Our theme is "**Lead Me Lord**," and each week a member of the congregation will share a portion of his or her faith journey.

This is wonderful way to have fellowship with other members and guests over dinner, and then a time of reflection and inspiration afterwards. May God bless you on your Lenten Journey.

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Relief: ELCA World Hunger provides individuals and communities with immediate access to food, shelter, clothing, medical supplies and care. Whether providing meals to people who are homeless in New York City or providing survival kits to refugees in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, this work ensures that the most basic of human needs are met.



Development: Ending hunger is about more than providing food. ELCA World Hunger supports programs, projects and micro-enterprises that help communities lift themselves out of poverty for the long-term. Cornerstones of their sustainable development work include:

Agriculture and Livestock

Small-scale farmers improve agricultural production & nourish their families.

Health Care

Hospitals, clinics and community health programs provide medical care for the poor.

Water

Water projects provide clean, safe water for drinking, washing and irrigating crops.

Education and Training

Children and adults receive basic education and training to make long-term, positive change in their lives.

Peace and Human Rights

Communities overcome suffering due to war, genocide, racism and other forms of oppression.

Education: ELCA World Hunger is also called to tell the story of our brothers and sisters who live in poverty around the world and close to home. Educational programs engage members of the ELCA—including children and youth—in learning about hunger and how our daily choices can make a difference.

Advocacy: By speaking with and on behalf of those who are hungry, ELCA World Hunger works to change the systems that perpetuate hunger while equipping and encouraging members of the ELCA to do the same.

In 2012, ELCA World Hunger received gifts totaling \$18.6 million. This supported projects and programs in 43 U.S. states and 56 countries (including the U.S.) **You can support ELCA World Hunger through your Mission of the Month offerings during March, or through the [online giving portal](#) on our website.**

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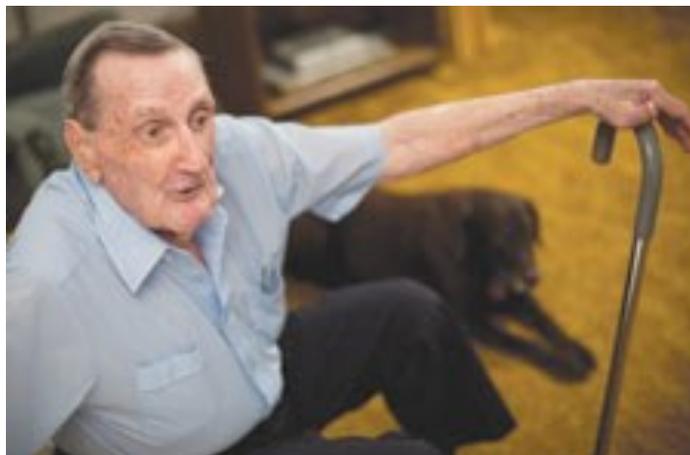
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March Hunger Challenge: Food Stamp Meal

Meet Jim

Every afternoon for the past 10 years, 88-year-old Jim Freeman hears a knock at the door. A smile comes over his face as he walks to greet a volunteer from Mobile Meals, who is holding a warm, nutritious meal. Sometimes a nurse or a chaplain is there too—just to check on him. On his birthday, he receives a birthday card and cake.

Jim's wife recently passed away after a 22-year battle with Parkinson's disease. His two adult children have moved away. So it is just Jim and his dog, Brook, who occupy his home in Spartanburg, South Carolina.



Jim, like many of the 600 people served by Mobile Meals each day, lives below the poverty level. "I have no income other than my social security," he says. "When I crunch the numbers, I realize that without this [help] I would not eat the way I do."

As Jim ages, volunteers pay careful attention to his dietary needs—adding vitamins, limiting salts, increasing fluids—whatever it takes to keep Jim healthy and free from hunger. "We are feeding God's people," says Ralph Gillespie, a Lutheran volunteer. "And that's what ELCA World Hunger is all about."

The Challenge

14.6 percent of U.S. households struggle to put enough food on the table. That's 49 million Americans—including 16.7 million children. One in eight people is enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Nearly half of those enrolled are children. The average SNAP benefit is \$3 per day, or \$1 per meal. For this meal, prepare dinner on the budget of the more than 49 million Americans who live in households struggling to put food on the table.

Here's a recipe idea to get you started. It costs less than \$1 per serving.

Baked Lentils Casserole

1 cup rinsed lentils	1/4 tsp. garlic powder (optional)
3/4 cup water	1 can (16 oz.) tomatoes
1/2 tsp. salt	2 thinly sliced carrots
1/4 tsp. pepper (optional)	1/2 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 cup chopped onion	

Combine lentils, water, seasonings, onion, and tomatoes. Place in 2 quart casserole dish. Cover tightly with lid or foil. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and add carrots. Stir. Cover and bake 30 minutes longer. Remove cover and sprinkle cheese on top. Bake, uncovered 5 minutes, until cheese melts. *\$0.67 per serving; Serves 4 people.*

Table Prayer

Lord, we greatly rejoice: our souls exult in you. You cause the earth to bring forth food: we eat and are glad. And we beg you to cause righteousness to grow forth from the world that all peoples may live in strength and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christian Education at Faith

Faith offers many opportunities for learning and growing in our Christian faith.

- + Children's Sunday School and occasional Adult Discussions, **Sunday mornings, 9:45 a.m.**
- + Confirmation Classes for 6th-8th graders, **Sundays once a month**
- + Lydia Circle for women, **2nd Monday of the Month, 7:30 p.m.**
- + Discussion Group in the Fellowship Hall, **Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.**
- + Bible Study in the Lounge, **Thursday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.** led by lay leaders.

Confirmation Reminders

Contact: Pastor Brian, [pastorbrian\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:pastorbrian(at)flcva.org)



Confirmation Student—Mentor Service Event, Saturday, March 8, 9:00—11:00 a.m.

Confirmation students and mentors will be gleaning produce for AFAC at the [Mid-Atlantic Gleaning Network](#) (MAGNET) warehouse (in Cheltenham, MD near Andrews Air Force Base). MAGNET is one of AFAC's main gleaning partners and provides produce to the large food banks and smaller food pantries like AFAC. It is a non-profit organization that connects volunteers to orchards and farms in the area for gleaning events during summer and fall. Over the winter months, MAGNET "rescues" trailer tractor loads of produce and asks volunteers to sort and bag fresh produce at their warehouse for local food pantries and food banks. Stay tuned for more details.

Shekinah, March 14—16, Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA

[Shekinah](#) is the DC Metro Synod's annual retreat for 7th & 8th graders (and 6th & 9th graders who are in Confirmation). Our youth will be challenged to think about grace – what it is, what its attributes are, and how it comes to us. As it says in Ephesians 2:8-9, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith... it is the gift of God."

Vacation Bible School Seeking Volunteers

Contact: Jody Manning, [jody.manning10\(at\)verizon.net](mailto:jody.manning10(at)verizon.net), 571-274-9284

Vacation Bible School will be held **July 21 - 25 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. daily**, with optional aftercare available until 5:00 p.m. VBS is a great opportunity for kids ages 3½ (and potty trained) through age 10 to enjoy Christian education that is relevant and fun through music, lessons, crafts, and games. Registration forms will soon be available on the church website (www.flcva.org) and from the church office. **The registration deadline is June 15**, and early registrations are appreciated.



We are in need of someone to serve as VBS Coordinator to oversee all aspects of the program, as well as adult and youth volunteers to assist with teaching and general crowd control. Please contact Jody Manning to volunteer or for more information.

Young Adult Border Immersion Experience

Contact: Pastor Brian, [pastorbrian\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:pastorbrian(at)flcva.org)

For the 4th year in a row we will be returning to El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico. The main part of the trip will be **Saturday, May 24 to Friday, May 30**. There will also be an optional add-on of May 31 to June 1 for those who want to spend the weekend living with the families we visit in Lomas de Poleo, just west of Juarez. As in past years, participants will have a choice as to whether or not to actually go into Mexico.



This experience is a program of [Cristo Rey Lutheran Church](#) (ELCA) in El Paso, Texas, which seeks to educate participants about border issues through shared learning, experience, work and prayer. Here at the intersections of cultures, languages and nations you will encounter spiritual, emotional, political and justice issues that challenge, inspire and deepen understanding and faith.

This travel seminar is primarily experiential in nature, and will include visits and experiences such as the following:

- † Worship on Sunday Morning with the Cristo Rey congregation and their pastor of 16 years, Rev. Rose Mary Sanchez-Guzman
- † Personal accounts of border life by members of the congregation and various non-profit organizations working on the border
- † Visit to an ICE Detention Facility and tour of the border fence and river
- † Visit in Mexico to clinic of Dr. Juana Mendoza, who maintains a free clinic in Juarez, and to families in a poor barrio just outside of Juarez
- † Work with children of La Mansion (an after-school program of Cristo Rey)
- † Intentional time to reflect through journaling and group Bible study

This seminar will be led by Pastor Brian. We receive a significant subsidy from the Faith Endowment Fund, so your cost for the week, including airfare, should be only around \$300. Please email [pastorbrian\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:pastorbrian(at)flcva.org) for more information or to register.

Sermon Series Available Online

Did you miss any of Pastor Brian's sermon series entitled ***A Failure of Nerve?*** If you missed any of the sermons, you can listen to them by visiting our website (www.flcva.org/category/sermons). Pastor Brian is also happy to email a copy to you—just drop him a line at [pastorbrian\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:pastorbrian(at)flcva.org).

Tuesday Bible Study Taking a Break During Lent

Our Tuesday evening Bible Study, "Living the Questions," is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers and instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. We will continue the study after Lent, on **Tuesdays at 7 p.m., from April 22 to May 6**. Please join us any weeks you are free.

Preschool News

Contact: Kirsten Holtz, FLP Director, [preschool\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:preschool(at)flcva.org)

Registration is complete for the next school year! We had many applicants for both our 3 and 4 year old classrooms. Church members, current families and alumni families filled 49 of our 63 spots. A lottery panel was convened to fill the remaining fourteen openings from the general public applicants. The remaining applicants have been placed on our waitlist. We have 17 students on our waitlist for the four's classroom and 26 students on the waitlist for the three year old classrooms. There were so many families interested in our preschool this year. Those



Kids enjoy the moon-bounce at the annual FLP Spring Festival.

who came in for a tour were especially impressed by the quality of our program. They were treated to our three year old classrooms studying the thrills of the English language during a fun **rhyme time** unit. They were able to see the Fish classroom's **castles** unit. The four year olds were enjoying all things medieval, including making their own coats of arms and replicating stained glass windows. The Frog classroom was busy creating faces with beautiful stuff, inspired by **Picasso**. March's activities will be focused on the properties of air. **Balloon races** will be an exciting lesson!

maternity leave. She did a great lesson on baptism by acting out the process. We feel very blessed to have such wonderful Pastoral support for our preschool program!

The school enjoyed a new face in chapel. Pastor Lisa has been taking over our chapel time while Pastor Yvette is on

February brought many delays and closures. The teachers are looking forward to the warmer spring weather, providing more time to explore in the outdoor classroom once again. Speaking of spring, please save the date for our annual **Spring Festival March 15th from 9:30-12:30**. This is a great family event hosted by FLP for the entire community. (See flyer on page 14.)

Celtic Band to Visit Faith

Faith is excited to welcome Celtic band, *Points of Roguery*, to worship on **Sunday, March 2**. The band will then give a **freewill offering concert at 7 p.m.** that evening.

Points of Roguery have been playing both nationally and internationally since 2007, formed by Faith Lutheran musician Julia Brundage. They have played for President Obama and President George W. Bush, as well as many high ranking military officials. In 2010, they deployed to the warzones to entertain our troops, coalition troops, and played shows in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Kyrgyzstan. They've shared concert venues such as DAR Constitution Hall and the Strathmore with both Ronan Tynan and the Rogues.

A mix of stunning 4 part vocals and rousing traditional Irish instrumental music will put you in the mood for a great St. Patrick's Day! [Tell your friends.](#)



Worship Participants for March

	8:00 a.m.			11:00 a.m.		
	ACOLYTE	A. MIN.	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	A. MIN.	LECTOR
March 2	Kelsey Wengert	Corey Holmes	Gina Brumback	Nikolas Lersten	Allison Baker	Brenda Wallestad
March 5	Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 p.m.			(open)	Greg Mantell	Carl Hoffman
March 9	Terry Flannery	Kurt Lowe	Carolyn Landry	Sarah Shaw	Katie Brewer	Lori Oney
March 16	Kelsey Wengert	Jonathan Bertsch	Anne Johnson	Alyssa Herbst	David Colman	Rebecca Thompson
March 23	(open)	Dan Cable	Corey Holmes	Youssef Guerch	Greg Mantell	Carl Hoffman
March 30	John Brandt	Kurt Lowe	Paul Wengert	Ariana Herbst	Allison Baker	Rebecca Thompson

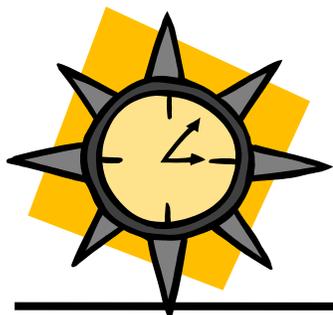
Coffee Fellowship Team

	Set-Up	Between Services	Clean-Up
Mar. 2	Manning		Lounberg
Mar. 9	Burggraf		Nelson
Mar. 16	Lowe		Hoffman
Mar. 23	Landry		Kane
Mar. 30	Lowe		Sandene

*Contact these people to **get involved** in worship ministries!*

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 A/V Ministry: Michele McGuirl, Michele.McGuirl(at)gmail.com



Spring Forward March 9!

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 9. Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour before you go to bed, otherwise you'll be late for church!

Sunday Lectionary

March 2

Transfiguration of our Lord
 Exodus 24:12–18
 Psalm 2
 2 Peter 1:16–21
 Matthew 17:1–9

March 9

1st Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7
 Psalm 32
 Romans 5:12–19
 Matthew 4:1–11

March 16

2nd Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 12:1–4a
 Psalm 121
 Romans 4:1–5, 13–17
 John 3:1–17

March 23

3rd Sunday in Lent
 Exodus 17:1–7
 Psalm 95
 Romans 5:1–11
 John 4:5–42

March 30

4th Sunday in Lent
 1 Samuel 16:1–13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5:8–14
 John 9:1–41

Faith Classifieds: Gods Work, Our Hands

Worship Volunteers Needed

Thanks to Jonathan Satria for responding to our call for a volunteer bass player last month. Thanks, Jonathan!



- † We are still looking for multiple volunteers to help out with **designing our weekly Songshow projections** for the contemporary service each week. The program is easy to use—it's very similar to PowerPoint—and allows a good deal of flexibility and creativity. To volunteer, email Darrell Partin, Faith's Worship & Music Director, at Darrell(at)flcva.org.
- † Faith also relies on volunteers to **run the sound** on Sunday mornings. It's not usually complicated, and training is available. The sound volunteers turn on the sound board, monitor microphones, and make the worship recordings that get sent to home-bound members. To get started, contact Michele McGuirl at Michele.McGuirl(at)gmail.com.
- † Faith could use a few more youth to serve as **acolytes**, especially at the 8:00 service. For more information about becoming an acolyte, please email Paul Wengert (poor.yorick(at)verizon.net).

CD Ministry Volunteer Sought

Carolyn Mauck has been duplicating the **recordings of worship services** and mailing them out to members who, for health or mobility reasons, cannot attend worship on a regular basis. She retired from this position at the end of January, and it is currently being managed by the Church Office. Is there someone (or some few) out there who will take over this essential service? All materials, including the duplicator, blank CDs and stamped envelopes, are provided, and it can be done anywhere you have a power outlet—at home, at the church, at your favorite coffee shop! Please contact Jen Moore at office(at)flcva.org if you'd like to help.



Stewardship Bouquets

This month we say "Thank you"

... to Sally Arason, Erin Kimsey and friend, Gerald & Mary Hubbard, Mary Sawich, Tim & Ann Felker, David & Aden Brown, Cindy Taylor, Sandy Uhler, Mary Hibbits, and Marilyn Haugen for helping with the **homeless ministry of bagged meals and clothing in February**.

... to Liz Talley, Cindy Taylor, Michele McGuirl, Lynn Riggs, and Iris & Bruce Nelson for **volunteering at the A**

-SPAN Emergency Winter Shelter over the past several months. We're still looking for a few folks to staff our team on **March 12**. If you'd like to know what it's like, seek out one of these people to hear about their experiences first-hand!



Volunteer at the A-SPAN Emergency Winter Shelter

Contact: Liz Talley, [lizabethdawn\(at\)hotmail.com](mailto:lizabethdawn@hotmail.com)

Faith has been involved with A-SPAN's Emergency Winter Shelter (EWS) for over 10 years. **We still need a few volunteers on Wednesday, March 12.** Volunteers serve the evening meal and monitor the clothing room. The evening shifts are from 5:30—7:30 p.m. [Click here to sign up online](#), or email Liz Talley.

Homeless Clothing Ministry

Contacts: Marilyn Haugen, [mb_haugen26\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:mb_haugen26@comcast.net);
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On our most recent outing in February, we were able to distribute a good amount of winter socks, thermal underwear, our last pair of gloves, coats, blankets, and sleeping bags....thanks to the generosity of the Faith community. As is sometimes the case during the winter months, we were equipped to nearly fully "winterize" one of our clients who came to the line wearing only a light jacket. He was so grateful, but his thanks go to all of you.

As we finish up the last of the winter months, we have only a few items of immediate need: **men's jeans; double-edged disposable razors; and travel-size powder (medicated, especially).**

Donations can be placed in the bins by the Jackson Street doors. Bless you for caring.

Stephen Ministry: Encouraging One Another

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up . . . Encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. — 1 Thessalonians 5

Anyone who drives on the beltway recognizes that patience can be in short supply in a dense urban area like the one we live in. But hopefully not here at Faith, where we respond to God's call to love one another with special care for you, should you need it, through our strong Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers are members of Faith who have gone through training to provide quality care to individuals experiencing a crisis, or just a challenge. Stephen Ministers volunteer to help anyone who may be going through a difficult time. If you know of someone who could benefit from confidential time with a caring Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Brian, at [pastorbrian\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:pastorbrian@flcva.org), who can make a reference.



Meals on Wheels

Contact: Kay Flatin, [flatinbruceandkay\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:flatinbruceandkay@gmail.com)

Our Meals and Wheels program is running smoothly due to the dedication of our terrific teams of drivers and deliverers. Many thanks to you all!

Kay Flatin

Creation Care at Faith

Contact: Greg Blatt, [gpb113\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:gpb113(at)yahoo.com)

As we are drawing near to the Lenten season, people start thinking of things that they might give up or changes they want to make for the 40 days of Lent. You might be thinking of giving up eating certain foods, not using Facebook, or going to the gym every day. One thing I ask you to think about is going on a carbon fast. A carbon fast involves making 1 change each day during Lent to reduce your carbon footprint. Please see the [2014 Lenten Carbon Fast calendar](#) created by Interfaith Power and Light (MD-DC-NoVA).

Most of the changes listed in the calendar are small changes that you can do, but can have a big impact on the environment. I invite you to keep track of each change that you make and contact me at the end of Lent with the total number of changes you made. In turn, I will track each change I make and include it in a future newsletter.

If you would like to know more about or be involved with Creation Care at Faith Lutheran Church, please contact Greg Blatt.

From the Treasurer's Desk

Contact: Jody Manning, [jody.manning10\(at\)verizon.net](mailto:jody.manning10(at)verizon.net)

Estate gift received

Faith received a special gift in the amount of \$99,736.33 from the estate of the late Shirley E. Rollins in late January. Ms. Rollins attended Faith in the 1980's with her family and passed away in 2012. We give thanks that Ms. Rollin's gift allows us to support several worthwhile efforts, including several ELCA ministries. The church Council allocated the proceeds of the estate as follows:

\$10,000	Special gift to the Metro DC Synod of the ELCA
\$1,000	Gift to Wycliffe Bible Translators to support the missionary work of Steve and Kim Blewett
\$5,000	Lutheran Disaster Response
\$3,000	\$500 each to Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Mar-Lu Ridge and Caroline Furnace camps, and Gettysburg Seminary
\$5,000	Pastoral Care Fund
\$5,000	Information Technology Fund (support cloud computing for another 4 years)
\$16,000	Capital Improvement Fund (seed money for upcoming Conservation Measures appeal)
\$54,736.33	Replenish Contingency Reserve Fund to support 2013 operating budget

2013 Financial Wrap Up

As reported at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 26, giving to Faith's operating fund in 2013 was the highest ever recorded at \$512,000. However, Faith still ended 2013 with a shortfall of \$87,752.56 in the General Fund. This was covered from reserve funds, which are monies set aside to meet unanticipated financial needs. With the receipt of the Rollins estate gift, we were able to replenish the Contingency Reserve Fund with \$54,736.33. This resulted in a net depletion of reserves by about \$33,000, which is significantly less than the prior year's \$49,000 draw down of reserves.

Faith Family Updates

March Birthdays

3	Brenda Wallestad	12	Bret Hautamaki	21	Ashley Swain
4	Mary Beth Allen Eliz Storelli	13	Philip Kaskela Jim Jewel	22	Andrew Frankosky Mary Klapmust
5	Eric Petersen		John Guy		Kelly Trygstad
6	Chica Brunsvold Lauryn Rothaermel Kyle Quattlebaum	15	Janet Somers John Edwards Mary Carbone	25	Thomas Lamb Jennifer Bayles Jonathan Bertsch
7	Karen Reinbacher Lamb Candi Meyer		Carol Dreibelbis Hermione Dewitt	26	Lindsay Martens Joyce Robinson Jon Discount
8	Matt Clark Erik Rodriguez William O'Connor	16	Ethan Boyagian	27	Kelly Foelber
9	Doug MacIvor Arthur Dymond	17	Larry Farnsworth Allison Baker Claire Flynt	28	Rob Wheeler Jennifer Thompson
10	Win Olson	19	Shannon Wilson	30	Sue Swanson
11	Andrew Wagner	20	Karla Farnsworth Andrew Link	31	Shirley Haugrose
		21	Alicia Rodriguez		

March Wedding Anniversaries

17 Carl & Marian Wiehle

March Baptism Anniversaries

Bob Francis

Jason VerWest

1 Virginia Traher
Bill Horne

4 Geneva Webber
Drew Wright

5 Lauren Thomas
Mitchell Curlin

6 McLean Sieverding

11 Owen Jordan

18 Andrew Rosti

20 Erik Kaiser
Evan Meyer

21 Kiersten Link
Connor Wright

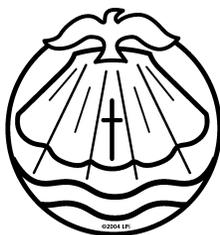
27 Destiny Boyd
Addison VanHaaren

Dedicating Altar Flowers

Each week, flowers adorn the chancel in the sanctuary. You are invited to dedicate one or both vases in celebration of a special occasion, in thanks, in memory of loved ones, or simply to give glory to God. The cost for each vase is \$22.50. Dates can be reserved by writing your name



on the flower chart, located in the breezeway between the sanctuary and fellowship hall, filling out a dedication form, and placing the form with payment in the offering plate or Finance Team's mailbox.



Celebrating the baptismal anniversary can be especially meaningful for young children who were baptized as infants, and offers an opportunity for parents and other adult role models to share their faith stories with the youngsters in their lives. Re-lighting the baptismal candle, reading the Bible or singing hymns are just some ideas for celebrating. If you would like a copy of the ELCA Anniversary of Baptism service, please email [office\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:office(at)flcva.org).

Upcoming Men of Faith Events

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The Men of Faith usually meet at 8 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month for breakfast, except during the summer months.



Saturday, March 29, 8:00 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast. Join us for breakfast as David Brown, who works for the State Department, will present “Christianity and Other Cultures.” David will also make breakfast. Please email Pastor Brian if you plan to attend.

Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.—Washington Capitals vs. the LA Kings. Tickets are \$25 each. Only 16 were available. They are upper level seats priced at \$66. This event is now SOLD OUT. However, if you wish to attend email Pastor Brian in case there are any cancellations. Also, if you are willing to pay a higher amount, up to \$40, Pastor Brian may be able to find you a seat on the secondary market (which is where the other seats came from).



Sunday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.—10:45 a.m.—Easter Breakfast. The Men of Faith are reviving an old activity and providing an Easter Breakfast of sausage, eggs, and flapjacks topped with Dick Brown's famous maple syrup. Please email Carl Hoffman if you can assist with the breakfast. We already have our head cooks.

Repair and Restoration Club

We will be doing some repair work from time to time around the church. If you enjoy this type of activity, please also let Carl know so you can be contacted when we have a project.

XYZ News

“eXtra Years of Zest” - a social group for Faith’s active seniors.

Contact: Carolyn Baker, 703-671-0312

March is a three-trip month. We will travel to Urbana, MD for the **Volunteer Fire Department’s Spring Dinner Buffet**. They plan to serve fried shrimp, country ham, and roast beef. The van will leave at 12:30 p.m. on **Saturday, March 1st**.

On **Tuesday, March 4th**, we will go to the Marco Polo in Vienna. The van will leave at 11:30 a.m.

Normandie Farm will be our destination on **Tuesday, March 18th**. The van will leave at 11:30 a.m.



XYZers always enjoy good food and conversation together.



Women of Faith Tea

Contact: Allison Baker, [Allison.Baker10\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:Allison.Baker10(at)gmail.com)

The Women of Faith invite you to a Tea on **March 29 from 2:00—4:00 p.m.** While we enjoy tea and goodies, we'll also be discussing ways to manage stress.

Stay tuned for more details!

Upcoming Young Adult Events

Contact: Pastor Brian, [pastorbrian\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:pastorbrian(at)flcva.org)

Sunday, March 16, 12:30 p.m. - Sunday Brunch Hosted by Grace Zawistowski, 700 North Wayne Street, Arlington, Va. 22201. If you plan to attend, email [pastorbrian\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:pastorbrian(at)flcva.org). Grace will do most of the cooking but may ask for a few other items to bring.

Movie Series

Three blockbuster religious movies are coming out this year: *Son of God* (February), *Noah* (March), and *Exodus* (December). They have not been reviewed yet, but unless any of them get significantly negative reviews, our plan is to go as a group to each of them and then meet afterwards for a discussion. We will pick a date and time, and then you can purchase your ticket online. We will try to go to the AMC Courthouse theater if available, where you can reserve and pick a seat. Since this will involve last-minute details, please email Pastor Brian if you want to be on an email list to find out when and where we are going. Obviously, you don't need to go to all three--but come to as many as you can. **First outing: *Son of God*, March 22.**

May 24—30, 2014—Border Immersion Experience. See full announcement on page 5.

If you would like to be added to the young adult email list, email Pastor Brian.



**FAITH YOUTH
GATHERING**
Sunday, March 2
3:00—4:30 p.m.

**The Dating Game: How to
Survive the Roller Coaster**

Dating can be a roller-coaster ride!
Let's talk about how to maintain
balance through all the ups and
downs.

For youth grades 6—12.



Faith Lutheran Preschool's



Spring Festival

Indoor Event * All Are Welcome
Proceeds to Benefit FLP's Scholarship Fund

Saturday, March 15, 2014

9:30am – 12:30pm

Faith Lutheran Preschool
3133 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22207



Free Admission!!

Tickets 50¢ or 25 for \$10.00

**Carnival Games, Moonbounce, Prizes, Cake Walk,
Raffle and More!**



Skate for Catherine

3rd Annual

Fight NEUROBLASTOMA



SKATING PARTY & RAFFLE

The Catherine Elizabeth Blair
Memorial Foundation
Fighting Back Against Neuroblastoma



Friday, March 7, 2014
1:30 - 3:00 PM
Kettler Iceplex at Ballston



great
RAFFLE
packages!

Tickets \$20 * Raffle \$5 (5 for \$20)

To purchase admission and raffle tickets, visit:
www.BlairFoundation.org

A **FUN** afternoon * Incredible **RAFFLE** Prizes!

AMERICAN GIRL Doll of the Year (Isabelle) * Ashby Inn B&B * Touchdown Club REDSKINS tickets * Family Fun Package * CAPITALS tickets and so much **MORE!**

*Remember - You do not need to be present to **WIN** at the raffles!*



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Regular Sunday Schedule

8am Worship with Holy Communion—S
9:30am Worship with Holy Communion—S
9:45am Learning for All Ages
11am Worship with Holy Communion—S
2pm Korean Worship—P

MARCH 2014

ABBREVIATIONS:

- BP - Bride's Parlor
- CR - Choir Room
- FC - Fabric Crafters
- FH - Fellowship Hall
- K - Kitchen
- L - Lounge
- VR - Nursery
- P - Preschool
- S - Sanctuary
- SM - Stephen Ministry
- U - Undercroft
- XYZ - eXtra Years of Zest (seniors)
- YACC - Young Adult Coffee and Conversation
- YAG - Young Adult Gathering
- MAG—Middle Adult Group

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>2 Transfiguration of Our Lord <i>Sermon Series Part 6</i> <i>Points of Roguery Visiting</i></p> <p>Traditional worship at 8 & 11 Contemporary worship at 9:30</p> <p>Acolyte 8am—K. Wengert Acolyte 11am—N. Lersten</p> <p>10:30am—Discussion—L 3pm—Youth Group</p> <p>7pm—Points of Roguery Concert</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30pm—Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am—Yoga for FLP Parents & Kids</p> <p>11:30am—XYZ to Marco Polo</p> <p>7:45pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>10am—Fabric Crafters</p> <p>6:15pm—Lenten Soup Supper 7:30pm—Ash Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L</p>	<p>7 <i>Pastor Brian's Day Off</i></p> <p>1:30pm—Skate for Catherine</p>	<p>1 12:30pm—XYZ to Urbana, MD</p> <p>8</p> <p>9—Conf. Service Event 1pm—Bagged Meal Prep 5:30pm—Bagged Meal & Clothing Distr.</p>
<p>9 1st Sunday in Lent <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> Traditional worship at 8 & 11 Contemporary worship at 9:30</p> <p>Acolyte 8am—T. Flannery Acolyte 11am—S. Shaw</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30pm—Lydia Circle</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30am—Yoga for FLP Parents & Kids</p> <p>7:45pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30pm—Winter Shelter Volunteering 6:15pm—Lenten Soup Supper 7:30pm—Midweek Lenten Worship Speaker: Corey Homes</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L 10:30am—MONA</p>	<p>14 <i>Pastor Brian's Day Off</i></p> <p>APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30am—FLP Spring Fair</p>
<p>16 2nd Sunday in Lent Traditional worship at 8 & 11 Contemporary worship at 9:30</p> <p>Acolyte 8am—K. Wengert Acolyte 11am—Al. Herbst</p> <p>12:30pm—Young Adult Brunch</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30pm—Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30am—Yoga for FLP Parents & Kids</p> <p>11:30am—XYZ to Normandie Farm</p> <p>7:45pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10am—Fabric Crafters</p> <p>6:15pm—Lenten Soup Supper 7:30pm—Midweek Lenten Worship Speaker: Cindy Lersten</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L 1:30pm—Newsletter Volunteers 7pm—Church Council</p>	<p>21 <i>Pastor Brian's Day Off</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>10am—MONA Event</p> <p>Time TBA—YAG to see <i>Son of God</i></p>
<p>23 3rd Sunday in Lent <i>Newsletters Available</i></p> <p>Traditional worship at 8 & 11 Contemporary worship at 9:30</p> <p>Acolyte 8am—Open Acolyte 11am—Y. Guerch</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11am—Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30am—Yoga for FLP Parents & Kids</p> <p>7pm—Men of Faith Hockey Game 7:45pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:15pm—Lenten Soup Supper 7:30pm—Midweek Lenten Worship Speaker: Paul Wengert</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L</p>	<p>28 <i>Pastor Brian's Day Off</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>8am—Men's Breakfast 2pm—Women of Faith Tea</p>
<p>30 4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Traditional worship at 8 & 11 Contemporary worship at 9:30</p> <p>Acolyte 8am—J. Brandt Acolyte 11am—Ar. Herbst</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30am—Yoga for FLP Parents & Kids</p> <p>7:45pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10am—Fabric Crafters 6:15pm—Lenten Soup Supper 7:30pm—Midweek Lenten Worship Speaker: Rachel Miller -Bleich</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L</p>	<p>4 <i>Pastor Brian's Day Off</i></p>	<p>5</p>



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PASTORAL CARE

Comfort Shawl Ministry
 Provide (through the pastor) shawls for those in need of comfort.
 Carrie Beyer
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Communion Ministers
 Serve Holy Communion to members who are homebound or hospitalized.

Faith Family Freezer
 Provide (through the pastor) meals to those in times of family distress
 COORDINATOR NEEDED

Patient Companion Program
 This program—through the Virginia Hospital Center—provides someone who sits at the bedside of a patient during their final hours.
 Barbara Foelber
 bgfoelber(at)aol.com

Prayer Chain
 Lisa Thurston H: 703-751-1622
 LThur0704(at)aol.com

Stephen Ministry
 Provide Christian care to people in crisis.
 Kim Gates, writekdg(at)gmail.com
 and
 Robert Wilson,
 robertlinwilson(at)gmail.com

CD Ministry
 Duplicate CDs of worship services
 Coordinator Needed

ADMINISTRATION

Counting Teams
 Meet after the 11:00 service to count and record the offerings.
 The Finance Team
 Finance(at)flcva.org

Newsletter Team
 Labels and sorts the newsletter monthly.
 Adriana Stone H: 703-536-5914

Name Tags
 Provided for members and visitors.
 Coordinator Needed.

Notification Tree
 Mary Beth Allen H: 703-528-5817

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Acolyte / Crucifer
 Youth who participate in Sunday worship.
 Paul Wengert, poor.yorick(at)verizon.net

Altar Guild
 Prepares the altar and chancel for worship.
 Carol Tschudy H: 703-521-6792
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Assisting Minister / Lector
 Assists with worship and reads Scripture lessons.
 Robbie Lowe H: 703-664-0670
 Lowe_family(at)hotmail.com

Communion Assistants
 Assist with Communion distribution during worship services.
 Sally Arason H: 540-783-2040
 Arasonroscoe(at)aol.com

Friendship Folders
 Maintains folders that are used on Sundays for sign-in, prayer cards, etc.
 Paulette Sandene H: 703-273-8380
 Sandenepc(at)aol.com

Pew Bibles
 Ensures each pew has Bibles.
 Sue Burggraf H: 703-522-1549
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Sound Ministry
 Runs the sound system during worship and records services.
 Michele McGuirl,
 Michele.McGuirl(at)gmail.com
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 Doug Lauer
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YOUTH

Youth Ministry/Confirmation
 Pastor Yvette
 Pastoryvette(at)flcva.org

FYI (Faith Youth Incorporated)
 Andy Ruge, Macruge(at)verizon.net

EDUCATION

Sunday School
 Melissa DeWitt
 Xenafife(at)me.com

Little Lambs
 2 year old Sunday School every other week in the Virginia Room during Sunday School
 Cindy Lersten
 Clersten(at)yahoo.com

Tuesday Evening Class
 Pastor Brian
 Pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

Thursday Morning Bible Study
 Pastor Yvette
 Pastor Yvette (at)flcva.org

Vacation Bible School
 Meet in August to give a wonderful spirit-filled experience to children from age 4 through 5th grade (and older children may volunteer to assist).
 Melissa Dewitt, xenafife(at)me.com

OUTREACH

Greeters
 Welcome worshippers as they enter the sanctuary.
 COORDINATOR NEEDED

Website
 Update and maintain Faith's website.
 Jennifer Bridgman— administrator
 Jen Moore—content and calendar requests
 Jenmoore(at)flcva.org

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Bagged Meal Program
 Prepares and distributes meals the second Saturday of each month for Arlington's homeless.
 Paul Wengert, Poor.yorick(at)verizon.net

Clothing Program (ASPAN)
 Collects gently used clothing and new toiletries.
 Marilyn Haugen, mb_haugen26(at)comcast.net

Friends of the Seminary (LTSG)
 Liaison between Faith and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.
 COORDINATOR NEEDED

Meals on Wheels
 Delivers prepared meals to shut-ins in the Arlington area.
 Kay Flatin H: 703-379-0445

National Lutheran Home Auxiliary
 Liaison for senior residential facility in Rockville, MD.
 Nancy Benson H: 703-644-0609

Green Team/Creation Care
 Being good stewards of God's creation.
 Greg Blatt, gpb113(at)yahoo.com

FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY LIFE

Coffee Fellowship
 Prepares coffee for and cleans up after fellowship on Sundays.
 Sue Burggraf, sburggraf(at)comcast.net

Fabric Crafters
 Makes items for the National Lutheran Home, Culpepper Gardens, and LWR.
 Jeannette Dere H: 703-370-3793
 Djdere(at)earthlink.net

Families of Faith
 Pastor Brian
 Pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

Green Team/Creation Care
 Being good stewards of God's creation.
 Greg Blatt, gpb113(at)yahoo.com

Moms & Babies
 For moms with babies under 1 year.
 Alicia Cornell
 aliciacornell(at)gmail.com

Men of Faith
 Meets once a month for breakfast, fellowship, and discussion.
 Pastor Brian, pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

Middle Adult Ministry
 Social gatherings for ages 40—65.
 Pastor Brian
 Pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

WELCA
 Meet regularly for fellowship and study.
 Paulette Sandene
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eXtra Years of Zest
 50+s who meet frequently for lunch and fellowship.
 Carolyn Baker H: 703-671-0312

Young Adult Ministry
 Social and discussion group for ages 18—39.
 Pastor Brian
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