

# FORWARD WITH FAITH

May each person feel invited to this community, equipped to use their gifts to the Glory of God and sent to serve.

Faith Lutheran Church

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## THIS WEEK AT FAITH LUTHERAN

### SUNDAY, March 7 — GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service; Sunday School (PreK-Grade 6)
- 8:30 AM Confirmation Class (Grades 7 & 8) - class repeats at 12:00 noon
- 9:45 AM Traditional Worship Service; Sunday School (PreK-Grade 6)
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service led by Praise Band; SS
- 12:00 PM Confirmation Class (Grades 7 & 8) - repeat of 8:30 AM class

### MONDAY, March 8

- 5:30 PM First Communion Class (fellowship hall)
- 7:00 PM Church Council meeting (youth room)

### TUESDAY, March 9

- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Marsha (youth room)
- 6:30 PM Ringers of Faith bell choir rehearsal (sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM AA meeting (fellowship hall) - open to all

### WEDNESDAY, March 10

- 5:15 PM Logos Youth Ministry: Karate Night
- 6:00 PM Midweek Lenten Dinner at Faith Lutheran Church
- 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Worship at Faith Lutheran Church
- 7:00 PM NicAnon Meeting (youth room) - open to all

### THURSDAY, March 11

- 7:30 PM Senior Choir rehearsal (choir room)

### SATURDAY, March 13

- 9:00 AM Borg-Crossen mini retreat/discussion (adults)
- 4:00 PM Acolyte Training (sanctuary)
- 5:00 PM FireFLY bowling and pizza party

### SUNDAY, March 14 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service; Sunday School (PreK-Grade 6)
- 8:30 AM Confirmation Class (Grades 7 & 8) - class repeats at 12:00 noon
- 9:45 AM Traditional Worship Service; Sunday School (PreK-Grade 6)
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service led by Praise Band; SS
- 12:00 PM Confirmation Class (Grades 7 & 8) - repeat of 8:30 AM class
- 12:00 PM 20 Questions Your Adolescent is Asking (adults) - youth room
- 12:00 PM 20 Questions Teens Want to Ask (teens) - choir room



March 7, 2010

### "Embracing Christ" Discipleship at FAITH

Seeing and experiencing the temptations that abound, we center ourselves on Jesus Christ through our **worship** and **study**.

Recognizing our blessings, and that we are not self-made, we "**name the name**" of God, giving thanks in daily life.

Being blessed by God we seek to be a blessing unto others – by **giving** of ourselves to our church and to our community.

### Undies Sundays

This year, Faith Lutheran and the Greater Lawrence Council of Churches (now Communities Together) are teaming up through Lent to collect diapers, Pull Ups, underpants and baby wipes for the needy. Please consider participating in this drive, There is a container in the lobby through lent to leave your donations.

### Out of touch ...

Communication at Faith Lutheran has recently been impaired by to power outages and ongoing problems with our email system. If you have left us a message which has gone unanswered, please let us know. We likely did not receive your original message. Thanks for your understanding

The pink candle on today's altar celebrates the birth of Rachel Grace B., daughter of Suzanne and John (and granddaughter of Marianne and Ed K.). Rachel was welcomed home by her big brother, David.



### Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 14!

Remember to move your clocks ahead by one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



**An Excursion to Egypt**  
 travelogue by Rosemary Hempstead  
**Thursday, March 18**  
**10:30 AM**

Time to pull out your Faith Lutheran PrimeTimer passports and get ready for another exciting excursion. This one, led by Rosemary Hempstead, will take you on an adventurous visit to Egypt. Bring a bag lunch as meals will not be served aboard the aircraft. FMI, contact Pearl Vimer at 978-475-4059.

**EmptyNesters to Celebrate Spring!**  
**Saturday, March 20**  
**6:00 PM**



Usher in Spring with a meal and a fellowship activity. If you'd like to help with this evening, see Pr. Marsha.

**Please get us to 100!!!**

At last count we had received nearly 90 photo reservations for Faith's 2010 pictorial directory! Photos will be taken in March and April. Due to the tremendous response, and to allow everyone interested to find a time that works for them, **we have added additional appointment times for March 22, 23, 30 and 31.** (Hint: Alternative time slots are also available online!!!) Please stop by the display table in the lobby or go online to reserve your spot today.



Sign up online at [www.signup.olanmills.com](http://www.signup.olanmills.com). Enter the Church Contract and church telephone number with no dashes or spaces to sign in. Those who sign up online can also manage your account online (change family info, appointment date/time, etc.).

All participating families/couples/individuals will receive one free professional 8 x 10 portrait and a pictorial directory. FMI, contact Sharon Saline or Wilma Breiland.

**Celebration & Farewell for Katie** Please join us on Sunday, March 14th, between services, to wish Katie well in her new endeavors and to celebrate her contributions to the Youth Ministry program at Faith Lutheran.

**Easter Breakfast 2010**

Chef Doug Peterson will return on Easter morning to serve up a delicious Easter breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, mixed fruit, orange juice, milk and coffee. The breakfast will be served from 7:00-8:00 AM.

*\$5/person or \$15/family maximum*

**TICKET DEADLINE: Sunday, March 28**

*Please place check (payable to Faith Lutheran Church with "Easter Breakfast" in memo line) in offering plate or leave in church office.*

**2010 Lenten Schedule**

*Please help yourself to Lenten devotional booklets and coin folders which can be found in the church lobby. Coin folder donations will help provide scholarship funds for children attending Camp Calumet.*

**LENTEN DINNERS & WORSHIP with St. Paul's:**

- 6:00 PM Dinners
- 7:00 PM Worship Services

- Wednesday, March 10 - at Faith Lutheran
- Wednesday, March 17 - at St. Paul's (North Andover)
- Wednesday, March 24 - at Faith Lutheran

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:**

**Palm Sunday:** 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 AM  
*Faith's festival choir and Ringers of Faith, will again present music selections that will celebrate Palm Sunday and prepare us for Holy Week. These musical selections will be presented at both the 8:30 and 9:45 services.*

**Holy Thursday:** 12:00 noon with light luncheon  
 7:00 PM

**Good Friday:** 12:00 noon  
 7:00 PM Tenebrae service

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES:**

- 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise (outside, weather permitting)
- 8:00 AM Easter breakfast (served until 8:00 AM)
- 8:15 AM Traditional worship with bell choir  
 (note earlier start time!!!)
- 9:45 AM Traditional worship with Senior Choir
- 11:00 AM Contemporary Easter worship: 11:00 with Praise Band



by Katie Proctor

**March's Theme = International Mirth Month**

*Have a laugh! It's the month to get a good chuckle! Everything we're doing will bring a smile to your face and joy to your heart!*

**FOR FLY**

We're hanging out after the 11am service!  
 No program, just hang time til 1pm!  
 EVERY 9-12 grade student is welcome!!

**FOR Li' FLY**

CONFIRCAMP @ Calumet!  
 It's NOT too late to sign-up!  
 Talk to Katie if you want to join us!  
**SIGN-UP ON THE YOUTH BOARD!**  
 \$110/person - 3/19-21/10

**FOR FireFLYs**

*Bowling & Pizza*  
*March 13th—5-7pm*  
 Parents In Charge: Shauna Wagner/Mary Ann Cox  
 TRAINING BEFORE EVENT 4-4:45pm @ church

**FOR PARENTS**

NEXT 20 Questions Meeting  
 March 14th from 12-1ish  
 RSVP to Mark Hebeisen  
 mark.hebeisen@comcast.net  
 OR call the church 978-475-4059

**20 QUESTIONS FOR TEENS**

March 14th (same time as parents forum)  
 12-1:30ish in the youth room  
 Come and hear the answers to your questions and answer some new ones from the parents! If you've got questions that you don't want to talk with your parents about, THIS IS FOR YOU... YES YOU!!!  
 ALL 6-12 grade students are welcome  
 - snacks provided :)

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Rhonda Boudreau is participating in the **Avon Walk for Breast Cancer** on May 15-16 in Boston. Donations will help fund research and mammograms for patients who could not otherwise afford them. She will walk 26.2 miles the first day and 13.1 miles the next day. Her goal is to raise \$1800.00. If you would like to support her, go to [www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org), click on donate then type Rhonda Boudreau. Checks can also be made out to "Avon Walk for Breast Cancer" and mailed to Rhonda's home at 10 Redgate Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

**Easter Flower Orders 2010**

*All plants are \$10/each*

**ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, March 28, 2010 (Palm Sunday)**

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10/plant)  
*Please print name as you would like it to appear in our bulletin*

Please circle your flower choice: Daffodils (#) \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies (#) \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips (#) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:  In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 To the Honor and Glory of God

*Please make out checks to Faith Lutheran Church and write "Easter Flowers" in memo line.*  
*Place your order form and check in box in lobby or mail to:*  
 Faith Lutheran Church (ATTN: Linda Downer), 360 South Main Street, Andover, MA 01810

# PRAYERS, READINGS & HYMNS

## Third Sunday in Lent

### March 7, 2010

**Hymns** (hymns can be found in this bulletin)

- 338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus
- 603 God, When Human Bonds Are Broken - 9:45 AM service only
- 608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

### **Confessional Prayer**

O Lord, we eagerly seek your acceptance. Yet we are just as quick to reject others. Forgive us ... *(extended silence)*  
As you are merciful unto us, may each of us seek to be a source of such mercy for those around us. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Day**

Lord of mercy, grant that we see through eyes of grace. Make us into people of compassion and understanding, a people who empathize with those around us, a people who suffer with those who suffer and who rejoice with those who rejoice, a people who experience the meaningful abundant lives you promise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### **Today's Reading**

This is why I speak to them in parables: Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' *Matthew 18*

Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother... 7 times?" Jesus answered, "(N)ot 7 times, but 7 times 70. "(T)he kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. A man who owed him 10,000 talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. "The servant fell on his knees. 'Be patient with me, and I will pay back everything.'

The master took pity, canceled the debt and let him go. "But when that servant went, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him 100 denarii. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. His fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. (T)he other servants were greatly distressed and told their master everything that had happened.

Then the master called the servant. 'You wicked servant, I canceled that debt because you begged me. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant?' (H)is master turned him over to the jailers until he should pay. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat you unless you forgive your brother from your heart." *Matthew 18*

### **Lenten Psalm** (bold = congregational response)

#### PSALM 121



- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes<sup>1</sup> to the hills;  
from where is my<sup>1</sup> help to come?
- <sup>2</sup>My help comes<sup>1</sup> from the LORD,  
the maker of heav-<sup>1</sup>en and earth.
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your<sup>1</sup> foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you<sup>1</sup> fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup>Behold, the keep-<sup>1</sup>er of Israel  
will neither slum-<sup>1</sup>ber nor sleep;
- <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches<sup>1</sup> over you;  
the LORD is your shade at<sup>1</sup> your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup>the sun will not strike<sup>1</sup> you by day,  
nor the<sup>1</sup> moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you<sup>1</sup> from all evil  
and will<sup>1</sup> keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup>The LORD will watch over your going out and your<sup>1</sup>  
coming in,  
from this time forth for-<sup>1</sup>evermore.