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**Christian
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9:45 – 10:45 AM

**Daily Visits with
God**
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Voice of Faith

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MAY 2008

Voice of Faith

May is a busy month in many homes. With the end of school fast approaching, there are graduations and summer activities to plan. With the return of warm weather, there are yard duties that need to get done and outside activities to enjoy. After what has been a very long winter, the spring and summer are welcomed times.

Here at Faith, these are days of much activity. As you read this *Voice*, you will discover that we continue to be active here also. Special worship services are planned over the weeks of May.

May 4 – Ascension Sunday – Presentation of our New Vision Statement
May 11 – Pentecost & Mother's Day – Celebrating Mother Church and the Women of our congregation
May 18 – Trinity Sunday
May 25 – Memorial Day Sunday

Sunday's are not the only special days; please remember the whole weekend of May 10 with the annual plant sale and the garage sale. These events will take a lot of support and help.

We also need your support by letting people in your neighborhood know about these events and events like the Mad Hatter Bash, LEGO Club, and even the SportLife Camp coming up later this summer. If we are going to reach out into the community, it will only happen through you, since you are outpost in your part of the community. Without you letting others know, our programs and outreach will not work. It is our plan to produce some small fliers for you to share with your neighbors for these events. Please use them and help Faith fulfill its God-given mission and vision.

Speaking of vision, the Board of Directors has been working on the vision statement. At present it goes something like this: During His earthly ministry, children had a special place in the heart of Jesus (Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-16; John 21:15). We believe that our Lord is calling Faith to be partners with Him in southern Arlington Heights and to make a special place in our hearts and congregation for children and their families. We will focus our ministries towards children and their needs of heart, body, mind and soul. In reaching the children, we shall also be able to share the love of God with their families. In order to do this, we will touch the lives of 1,000 children (and their families) through at least 10 different ministries by Pentecost, 2010.

Bringing Children and Their Families to the love and care of Jesus

We would love to have your comments and suggestions about this vision statement. Revitalization continues as does renovation. Hopefully over the summer, we will start some painting and other activities to spruce up the building. We hope you can help with that also. Summer at Faith continues to be a time to ***partner with Christ is building his kingdom!***

STAFF TRANSITIONS

Jim Thunder has informed the Board of Directors that he wishes to retire on September 1, 2008. He will continue serving after that date in various capacities. He will guide the Fine Arts Committee in their ministry; he will serve as curator of the organ until the new organist is totally familiar with the instrument, and will play as needed for services, funerals, weddings, etc. He will probably be playing on Sundays in September and beyond depending on how the search for a replacement goes. We will keep you informed on the progress of our search and plans to celebrate Jim's ministry.

SUMMER CHOIR - COME ONE, COME ALL!**Top 10 reasons to join summer choir**

1. No robes - just wear what you would normally wear to church.
2. No Thursday night rehearsal—we'll rehearse for 45 minutes before the service.
3. Think you can't sing? No problem! We'll be singing simple, fun, familiar music.
4. Come to one, two, three, or all four services! The choice is yours.
5. 7:45am doesn't seem so early when it's light out at 5am.
6. Make some new friends, or become reacquainted with old friends.
7. Singing is more fun when you sing with a group!
8. Participate in your church in a new way.
9. You'll know where the choir room is.
10. If you find you enjoy it, you'll be able to continue with us in the fall.

Mark your calendars!

June 8th - 7:45am rehearsal in the choir room, 8:30am service

June 22nd - 10:15am rehearsal in the choir room, 11am service

July 13th - 7:45am rehearsal in the choir room, 8:30am service

July 17th - 10:15AM rehearsal in the choir room, 11am service

Questions? Please contact Amy Bakalar at

purplepiecat@yahoo.com



PROJECT LINUS
Providing Security Through Blankets

Lutheran Home residents are making fleece blankets for children and teens. The residents are excited to be helping others and are requesting our help in providing the material for these single-layer fleece blankets. Fleece is usually 50-60" wide and needs to be a minimum of one and a half yards for infants and young children. Two yards of fleece makes a nice blanket for an older teen. The most popular blankets for kids are made of bright, colorful materials. There is always a big need for blankets for teen boys. Kids love blankets that feature animals and pets, sports and sports teams, cars and trucks, or colorful cartoon characters. There will be a collection box outside the church office. Any questions, contact Betty Steben.

Caring, sharing, that's what Mission Ministry is all about.
 The Mission Committee says thanks for your caring, sharing
 and love.

God Bless! - The Mission Committee

Parish



May Is National Stroke Month

Do you know the symptoms of a stroke? Think . . . FAST

- F Face** Sudden numbness or weakness of face.
- A Arms** Sudden weakness of an arm or leg especially on one side of the body.
- S Speech** Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- T Time** The first three hours after a stroke are the most important. Once these three hours pass, doctors are limited on treatment choices.

Other symptoms to be aware of include:

- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause

Women may have unique stroke symptoms such as:

Face and limb pain, hiccups, nausea, general weakness, chest pain, shortness of breath, and palpitations.

Up to 80% of strokes can be prevented, risk factors include:

- Hypertension - High Cholesterol - Diabetes - Smoking - Atrial Fibrillation - Being Overweight
- Lack of exercise - Family history of stroke

Treatment

Treatment for a stroke that is caused by a blood clot or blockage is T-PA. This is a drug that can be used to help dissolve the clot. **This drug must be given within three hours after the first symptoms of the stroke appear and before any tissue damage occurs.**

The typical stroke patient arrives at the ER 12-24 hours after the first stroke symptom. Prevention is key. Life after a stroke can be a life changing event for the stroke survivor and their caregivers. Help is available for those who have been affected by a stroke.



RUMMAGE SALE

LET'S RUMMAGE! IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN WE ALL CLEAN OUT OUR CLOSETS, GARAGES, BASEMENTS AND ATTICS. WE FIND ALL KIND OF ITEMS THAT DON'T MEET OUR NEEDS ANYMORE: CLOTHES, GAMES, TOYS, SMALL APPLICANCES, BOOKS, PICTURES, TOOLS AND ASSORTED OTHER ITEMS.

SO SAVE YOURSELF THE EFFORT OF HAVING TO DISPOSE OF ALL THOSE ITEMS BECAUSE FAITH IS GOING TO HAVE A RUMMAGE SALE ON MAY 9TH AND 10TH. THIS IS THE SAME WEEKEND AS OUR PLANT SALE. WE HOPE TO CAPITALIZE ON THE TRAFFIC AND BRING EVEN MORE PEOPLE IN! NO ONE CAN RESIST A GOOD RUMMAGE SALE!

WE'RE GOING TO NEED ASSISTANCE ON BOTH OF THOSE DAYS TO SET UP AND HELP ALL THE CUSTOMERS. THERE WILL BE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD ACROSS FROM THE OFFICE. IT WILL BE A FUN 2 DAYS WITH ALL OF YOU PROVIDING THE FELLOWSHIP AND COMRADERIE! SNACKS, SODA, WATER WILL BE PROVIDED. EVEN OUR YOUTH GROUP IS LOOKING AT PARTICIPATING! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

SO, PLEASE, BRING ALL YOUR ITEMS TO THE NURSERY BETWEEN APRIL 27 AND MAY 7. THE MONIES RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS OUR REVITALIZATION FUND.



9th Annual
FLOWER AND BEDDING PLANT SALE



"Rain or Shine"
AT



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
431 S. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2007
10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2007
9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Don't miss this opportunity to purchase annuals, border plants
and potted plants. There will also be a beautiful assortment of hanging baskets
ideal for

Mother's Day Gifts

Close to home . . .Plenty of free parking
Large Inventory . . . Public invited
Proceeds to benefit Capital Improvement Fund

Quality flowers & plants still provided
by Arte Verde



SportsLife Camps is coming to Faith Lutheran church for an amazing week of sports, arts and outrageous fun!! The SportsLife Camps coaches, along with volunteers from Faith Church, will lead campers in the following activities:

Main Events

- Street Hockey
- Soccer
- Cheerleading
- Arts Extravaganza

Side Shows

- Frisbee Golf
- Tennis Ball Mania
- Rubber Chicken Challenge
- Capture the Noodle

When? Monday July 21st - Thursday, July 24th Camp begins at 9:00 a.m.

Check-in daily no later than 8:45 a.m., and pick them up at 12:00 p.m.
Daily check-in and check-out will take place just inside the entrance to the entrance to the Educational Building. Kids must be checked-in by an adult each day of camp.

Where? Faith Lutheran Church, 431 S. Arlington Hts. Road, Arlington Hts., IL. 60005

Who can come? Kids entering 1st - 5th grade in the fall of 2008.

How much? The cost is \$ 25.00 for the entire week of camp.
Make checks payable to: Faith Lutheran Church.

How to enroll? Fill out the registration form below and turn it in, along with your payment, to:
Jim Harbke, Faith Lutheran Church
431 S. Arlington Hts. Road
Arlington Hts., IL 60005

CAMPER INFO

Last Name, First Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Age

Grade (Sept. '08)

Gender

PARENT INFO

Last Name, First Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Home Phone

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Fiscus has agreed to take Rick Kirchoff's place on the Board of Directors. We thank Mike for taking on this responsibility and look forward to his ministry. If you ever would like to contact one of the Board members, the best way would be either by email or phone:

Bob Ehlert	robehlert@yahoo.com
Mike Fiscus	michirol@juno.com
Brett Jackson Sr.	brett-jackson-sr@sbcglobal.net
Gilda Karu	abistaja@yahoo.com

**HOSPITALITY
MINISTRY**

With our revitalization of the ministries here at Faith, we are looking to expand the Fellowship Ministry. We would like to see it not only take care of fellowship activities like potlucks, congregational family nights, coffee an's and the like, but like all the ministries here at Faith, it needs to have an outreach component.

To begin that outreach aspect, starting in June, we will be having **SUMMER COFFEE AN'S**, but would like to have them outside on the northeast side of the campus. We would like to serve coffee, water and goodies not only to members but also those walking or jogging down Pine also. This way we get to meet members of the community and have an opportunity to chat with them. If you would like to be part of this outreach during the summer, please let Pastor Tom know. We will need several people each Sunday, so we can serve between 9 and 11 a.m.

*Being able to say 'Yes'
means a willingness
to pay a price.*

**COMING TO BRIGHTLIFE ON
MAY 17 - GRACE!**

We love to sing "Amazing Grace" and sermons are filled with the word "grace." Lutheran Christians will say the chief attribute of God is grace. It is the heart and core of all that we believe, teach and confess...but is it central to our lives? A few years ago, Philip Yancey wrote the book *What's So Amazing About Grace?* We will be using that book as the basis of our discussions in Bright Life starting Sunday, May 17. Hopefully, we can learn how to move grace from a theological term to how we live our lives as God's people and Christ's Church. Make Bright Life part of your Sunday morning at Faith. Bright Life is not just worship – it is a Bible study for adults!

Thank you to all who helped with the Charlotte's Web Saturday Club on April 19, 2008

Arlene Grewe....Art project
 Jim Harbke....Supplies, Support
 Gilda Karu....Newspaper Publicity
 Ashley KoeckritzCreative Input, Artwork
 Jane Koeckritz....Artwork, Ideas, Donations
 Cooking, Prep. work, and Supervising children
 Cheryl Sanders....Publicity, Promotion, support,
 and donations

Thank you to everyone who donated items. Thank you to all the children who came and had a great time!!!



All Are Invited
To The
Mad Hatters Bash
May 17, 2008



10-12:30

In Fellowship Hall

Paddy Lynn, a Professional Story Actor, will help you "meet" Alice's friends from Wonderland.

Come to Alice's Wonderland to play some "quirky" games.

Create a "crazy" hat with the Mad Hatter

Enjoy a lunch in the "Garden"

This "bash" is for everyone...adults, teens and children. Bring a guest or two to the party! (boys and girls...moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas)

Cost-Bring a non-perishable food item for the Up-town Food Pantry.

&

Free Will Offering will be taken

R.S.V.P. By Wednesday - May 14th See the sign-up sheet on the Lambs of Faith Bulletin Board or call the church office.

(This event is co-sponsored by the Lambs of Faith & Women of Faith Ministries)

LEGO Club

Saturday, May 10th

9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

We continue to erect our LEGO City in our newly painted LEGO room.

If you are a LEGO fanatic, join us or come by just to check out the LEGO room. We are located downstairs in the Education Building.





**FAITH LUTHERAN MEN'S CLUB
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
JUNE 21, 2008**

Men & Women invited

Bonnie Dundee Golf Course,
Rte. 25 & 68
Dundee, IL
847 - 426 - 5511

Tee times start at 1:00 p.m.

Entries must be received with
payment before June 8, 2008

Mail completed entry form and fees
to Golf Chairman - Don Diersen

Green fees, riding cart and awards
fee is \$54 per person.

No walkers allowed!

Complete your own foursome or we can
arrange a foursome for you.

Bonnie Dundee Golf Course reserves
the right to determine whether golf is
canceled due to inclement weather.

Limited Tee Times available.
First Come, First Served

This year in order to speed up play
we will play 4 man scramble.
Four man team scores will be used for awards.
No individual score will be recorded.

There will still be a closest to pin
award for both women and men.

If you need an explanation of the
four man scramble rules,
call Art Burmeister.

We will also furnish printed
rules at your request or
at the golf course before tee time.

**All awards will be presented at the
golf course.**

**Sandwiches and refreshments may be
purchased after completion of your round
of golf. Please indicate on the entry form
how many of your foursome will be staying.**

ENTRY FROM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

NO. IN GROUP: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

PREFERRED TEE TIME: _____

NUMBER STAYING
AFTER FOR FELLOWSHIP: _____





COMMUNION ASSISTANTS TO THE HOMEBOUND

We are looking for people who have time during the day and would be willing to visit a few of our homebound members each month. This ministry is to help pastor minister to these people on a consistent basis. Among the duties would be to spend sometime visiting with the member and towards the end of the visit to share the Lord's Supper with them. If human care ministry to our members is something that you feel God has gifted you to do, please contact Pastor Tom. He will be more than happy to share with you this ministry and how to distribute Communion to our homebound.

Thank you to the Jensen Family, Youth Group, Bd of Education, The Ehlert Family and the Board of Directors for hosting Coffee An' in April.

Thank You!

**SAVE THE DATE! MONDAY, JULY 28 –
BACK TO SCHOOL BACK PACK
HAND OUT!**

This special outreach ministry that we started last year continues and grows. Not only will we hand out back packs full of school supplies and offer dental checkups, but health checkups, immunizations, and vision screenings will also be offered this year. We will need much help as we get ready for the day and on the day itself.

Once again, the Salvation Army of Des Plaines, School District 25, the Village of Arlington Heights, Northwest Community Hospital, Village Bank and Trust and United Way will partner with us in this ministry. We thank them for their support as we "bring the children to the loving and caring Jesus."



New Addresses

Albert Christal

Rick & Diana Kirchhoff

Gertrude Glienke

Lillian Kirchhoff

Charlene Nielsen

Kristin & Marc Rissmann

Rebekah Wendling

Deaths

Arthelia Stewart
March 4, 2008

James Otis
March 14, 2008

Dorothy Sieburg
April 7, 2008



New Members

Howard & Susan Gorecki

John Gorecki
Jessica Gorecki
Sarah Gorecki





Louise Johnson

Self Exclusion

Kristopher Holmen



2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 PM Faith Choir	2	3
4 8:30 AM WorshipComm. 9:45 AM BrightLife & Chr Ed 11:00 AM Worship Blood/Presure	5 6:45 PM Men's Bowling 7:00 PM Quilting 	6 6:15 AM, 10:00 AM Great Bible Characters 7:30 PM Kings Rings	7 7:00 PM Word Among Us	8 11:30 AM Men's Day Out Lunch 7:00 PM Faith Choir	9 10 AM -5 PM Plant & Rummage Sale 	10 10 AM-4 PM Plant & Rummage Sale 
11 8:30 AM Washpo 9:45 AM BrightLife & Chr Ed 11:00 AM Worship Comm 5:00 PM FYO Mother's Day Dinner	12 6:45 PM Men's Bowling Dinner	13 6:15 AM, 10:00 AM Great Bible Characters 7:30 PM Kings Rings	14 1:00 PM Bridge 7:00 PM Word Among Us	15 7:00 PM Faith Choir	16	17 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Meditator's Bash 
18 8:30 AM WorshipComm. 9:45 AM BrightLife & ChristEd 11:00 AM Washpo	19 7:00 PM Quilting	20 6:15 AM, 10:00 AM Great Bible Characters 7:30 PM Kings Rings	21 7:00 PM Word Among Us	22 7:00 PM Faith Choir	23	24 8:30 AM Men's Club Breakfast
25 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM BrightLife & Chr Ed 11:00 AM Washpo	26	27 6:15 AM, 10:00 AM Great Bible Characters 7:30 PM Kings Rings	28 1:00 PM Bridge 7:00 PM Word Among Us	29 7:00 PM Faith Choir	30	31