

Creating Connections
Through Extending
Christ's Love

The Lighthouse

FAITH EVANGELICAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MARCH 2018

My dear friends and members at Faith:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

I just want to remind you that we are in the season of Lent. In this season we prepare our hearts to really give our full attention to the reality and necessity of Jesus Christ our Lord, who died upon the cross in our behalf. The world may continue to doubt his death, neglect his death or even overlook the necessity of his death for entire humanity, but those of us who believe in him, are called upon to re-examine our lives and renew our faith in this season.

A comedian once jokingly said that he was busy recording the donations that he had made to charity. When he will leave this world, he planned to present the balance sheet to God and say, "There you have it, Lord, what do you make of that?" In a world of credit, debit and other economic gains and losses, I want you to be very careful with such ideas floating flawlessly in our modern world. Such ideas and opinions are not part of our faith. They are coming from the secular world. Yes, indeed there people who think that God keeps a statement of their good deeds along with their bad ones. If you have a credit balance then God will accept you into His kingdom; if not, then that's it for you! It is a scary scenario!!

This is not at all the way Jesus views the matter. What God expects is for us to have faith in Him, Jesus Christ. Faith is more important than deeds. To have faith is to believe that Jesus is the One the Father sent to be the Savior of the world. It means seeing the face of God the Father in the living Christ. It also means trusting in him as your personal friend and Savior. However, this does not give us freedom from good deeds. They are important and God will receive your good deeds with a smile. Those good deeds must become a continuous outcome of your faith in the Son of God. Good deeds are a mere reflection of our faith or you can say the fruits of our faith. Therefore, in this season of Lent pray, "*Lord Jesus, let my faith in you grow daily.*" And remember: "*the work of God is this: to believe in the One He sent.*" John 6:29.

As I try to be faithful to God in ministry here at Faith, I want to congratulate the congregation for the appointment of Pastor Uziel Hernandez, effective July 1, 2018. I am positive that he will lead you and love you so you will continue to be God's people. As your Interim-Pastor, I am enjoying the fellowship of preaching and learning at Faith. I thank everyone for your appreciation, support and moments of love and reflections. There were some moments of shock and sadness for our congregation when our dear custodian Gil, suddenly went to be with the Lord. Thank you for your support for his Memorial Service.

Right now, we are meeting in the lower level hall for worship and all other events because our old boiler has given up!! In other words it must be replaced with a new energy saving heating system. Please pray that our Trustees will be guided by the power of the Spirit to seek a permanent solution. Thankfully, it is the end of February with a thaw and the Spring is around the corner. However, we will need the sanctuary. So pray about this urgent need and believe that God can do anything. A donation for this purpose is always welcome. Please do your best.

May God bless you as we prepare to celebrate Easter!! Please keep me informed of your pastoral care needs by calling me at 847-220-1300 or writing me: davidsr50@yahoo.com.

Your servant in Christ,

Dr. George E. David, Interim-Pastor

Committee News



The Church Council will meet on Monday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Chair, Rod Kingzette at rodnmae@comcast.net

Holy Week 2018

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY **Sunday, March 25, 2018**

10 a.m. Worship Service

Scripture: Mark 11:1—11

Message: "Watch Out After the Parade"

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018

Scriptures: Isaiah 42:1—9, Psalm 36:5—11, Hebrews 9:11—15, Job 12:1—11

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018

Isaiah 49:1—7, Psalm 71:1—14, 1 Corinthians 1:18—31, John 12:20—36

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

Isaiah 50:4—9, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1—13, John 13:21—32

MAUNDY THURSDAY **Thursday, March 29, 2018**

6:30 p.m. Community Potluck — Bring a Dish to Share

7 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

Scripture: John 13:1—15 (Exodus 12:1—4, 11—14; Psalm 16:1-2, 12—18; 1 Corinthians 11:23—26)

Message: "Changed Lives!"

GOOD FRIDAY **Friday, March 30, 2018**

7 p.m. Worship Service

Scripture: John 18:15—27 (Job 14:1—14, Psalm 31:1—4, 1 Peter 4:1—8, John 19:38—42)

Message: "A Complicated Disciple"

HOLY SATURDAY **Saturday, March 31, 2018**

Psalm 31:1—4, 5—16; 1 Peter 4:1—8; John 19:38-42

EASTER SUNDAY **Sunday, April 1, 2018**

7 a.m. Easter Monologues: Organized by Joanna Leonor & Hannah Leonor

8 a.m. A Continental Breakfast will follow.

10 a.m. Worship Service

Scripture: John 20:1—19

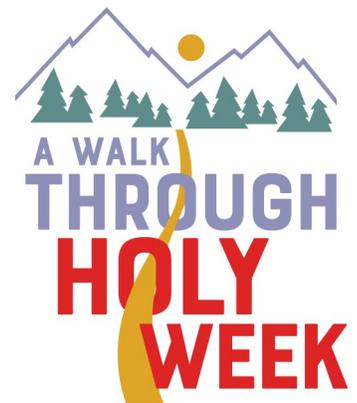
Message: "The Most Amazing Celebration"

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER **Sunday, April 8, 2018**

10 a.m. Worship Service

Scripture: John 20:19—31

Message: "Easter Continues....."



Educational & Service Opportunities

ONE Prayer Meetings
March 3 & 17, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

On Saturdays, March 3 and March 17, from 8:30 a.m. — 9:30 a.m., the ONE Prayer gatherings will be held at the Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church. Join us and members of other churches as we pray for our community. This prayer time is a special time for us to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Elmhurst to support and encourage each other as we share the love of Christ with our community.



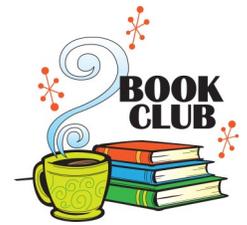
Women's Bible Study

Women's Midweek Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study Group meets every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We are continuing to meet at the home of Alice Dvorak. The group will continue to meet until April 25. The study is on the Gospel of Luke. For more information or to get a study guide, please contact Jane Ahrens at janelaine3@comcast.net or 630-834-2965

Next Book Discussion Group on March 12, at 7:30 p.m. **"Ghost Boy" by Martin Pistorius**

Come join us for the next book discussion. We will be discussing, "Ghost Boy" by Martin Pistorius. The back of the book describes the book as a "hopeful story of a discarded life awakening from passivity to action, despair to hope, captivity to freedom." All are welcome to come and join the discussion on Monday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. The location is to be determined. If you have any questions or would like to come and join the group, please email Hannah Leonor at han-nahwagle@gmail.com or Jane Ahrens at janelaine3@comcast.net



BOOK CLUB

Small Group meeting Wednesdays March 7 & 21 @ 7 p.m. at the home of Rod and Mae Kingzette, 5921, Electric Avenue, Berkeley. For more information, please contact Rod or Mae at rodmae@comcast.net or 708-415-3622.

The Children's Choir Musical, "Zeroes into Heroes" Will Be Performed on Sunday, May 6 @ 6:30 p.m. Please note the change in date.

"We live and die; Christ died and lived!"
—John Stott



Mission and Outreach News

The Happy Heart Warmers Group will meet on Wednesday, March 21, @ 1:15 p.m. at the home of Jane Ahrens. The group is continuing to meet for the purpose of donating afghans and other items they have created to ministries and people in need. Crocheters and Knitters are both welcome, but anyone can come for the fellowship. The group also meets for spiritual encouragement and fellowship. Donations of yarn are always appreciated! For more information, please contact Cindy Bennish @ swcks@yahoo.com or Jane Ahrens @ janelaine3@comcast.net



Special Service on Sunday, March 18 @ 10 a.m.

Join us on Sunday morning on March 18, for our 10 a.m. worship service when we will have a special speaker, Sonia Lecce, daughter of Pastor George and Myra. Sonia recently went on a mission trip to Panama with VIM (Volunteers in Mission) and is a member of Our Savior's United Methodist Church in Schaumburg. A coffee fellowship will follow the service. Come and join us as we learn out the work of the United Methodist Church in Panama.

Extended Care Worship Services

Each month on the second Sunday, our church conducts a worship service at Elmhurst Extended Care Center, 200 E. Lake Street, Elmhurst. Many thanks to Donna Larson for coordinating the services these past months; Bonnie Smith and Cindy Wohler who rotate accompanying the hymn singing and those who have come to help with the residents finding the hymns to sing and who have read Scriptures or devotional readings.



For the March 11 service at 2:15 p.m., Pastor George will be leading the worship service with communion assisted by Lola Magee. Volunteers are always welcome to attend to help with the service. If you are interested in doing so, please contact Jane Ahrens in the Church Office.

Easter is Eternal



If Easter means anything to modern man, it means that eternal truth is eternal. You may nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes and seal it in a tomb. But truth crushed to earth shall rise again.

Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow ... but with an inevitable certainty, after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter morn.

—Donald H. Tippet

March 2018

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				<p>1 5:30 pm Cherub Choir 6:30 pm FG Choir</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 8:30 am ONE Prayer</p>
<p>4 9 am Adult Study 10 am Worship</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 6:30 pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p>7 11 am Bible Study 7 pm Small Group 8:08 pm AA Group</p>	<p>8 5:30 pm Cherub Choir 6:30 pm FG Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 9 am Adult Study 10 am Worship 2:15 pm Extended Care</p>	<p>12 7:30 pm Book Group</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 11 am Bible Study 8:08 pm AA Group</p>	<p>15 5:30 pm Cherub Choir 6:30 pm FG Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 8:30 am ONE Prayer</p>
<p>18 9 am Adult Study 10 am Worship 11:15 am Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>19 7 pm Church Council</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 11 am Bible Study 1:15 pm HHW 7 pm Small Group 8:08 pm AA Group</p>	<p>22 5:30 pm Cherub Choir 6:30 pm FG Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 9 am Adult Study 10 am Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 11 am Bible Study 8:08 pm AA Group</p>	<p>29 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Potluck & Worship Service</p>	<p>30 7 pm Good Friday Service</p>	<p>31</p>

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2018 Giving Statistics

<i>Expenses Exceeded Income By \$1220 In January</i>	Date	Weekly Income	INCOME TO DATE	BUDGET TO DATE
	28-Jan	1063.00	7499.00	10545.54
	4-Feb	2297.00	9796.00	13181.92
	11-Feb	3011.40	12807.40	15818.31
	18-Feb	1832.00	14639.40	18454.69
		Income to Date	7499.00	
		Expenses to Date	8719.45	
		Net Income	-1220.45	

OVER AND ABOVE

This describes our Kewanee boiler. She gave us well over 100 years of service, faithfully keeping us warm! The time has come that her parts are no longer available, so it is time to move forward.

The estimates for a new 95% efficient system is in the \$71,000 range. Before work can even begin, 2/3 of that amount (\$47,500) needs to be raised.

The Trustees and the Church Council are now asking for our Faith church family to go **OVER AND ABOVE** your regular offering and contribute toward the new, more efficient heating system.

Donations are, of course, tax deductible! Please make gifts to Faith Evangelical UM church with "Boiler" in the memo line.

Philippians 4:19: "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

With Heartfelt Gratitude,

Trustees Church Council
Cindy Wagle Rod Kingzette



NOTE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:

If we had to finance the entire cost of the boiler under consideration, we would have to add up to \$2126 per month to our budget for a 3 year loan, or \$1348 per month for a 5 year loan. Every \$10,000 that we can raise in special donations would reduce the monthly payments by about \$300 for a 3 year loan or \$190 for a 2 year loan.

FAITH FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 JESSICA DE L'ANNEE DE BETRANCOURT
- 4 GRACE HOUSEMAN
- 20 JACOB HOUSEMAN
- 21 BRYAN SERRANO
- 23 RICK RUELO
- 27 EMILY TURNER
- 31 SANDY WIECH



ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 JOHN & LATHA SANGHA
- 27 MAURICE & JESSICA DE L'ANNEE DE BETRANCOURT



Coffee Fellowship Times happen on generally the fourth Sunday of the month. Hosts are needed to serve each month. Two or three families are needed. If you can help out, please sign up on the signup sheet on the easel next to the sanctuary entrance in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee Fellowship is planned for April 22 next month and volunteers are still needed to host.

Our sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Gil Sidener who passed away suddenly on January 29, 2018. His sister, Michelle, was able to join our Faith Church family and Gil's friends for a memorial service remembering Gil and celebrating his life. The memorial service was led by Pastor Jason Turner on February 13, at Faith Church. Gil was a member of Faith Church and served as the church custodian for the past few years. Please keep Michelle, Gil's friends and the Faith Church family in your prayers during this time of grief. Michelle requests that Memorial gifts be given to Faith Church.



From the Church Office:

Please remember the deadline for the issue of The Lighthouse will be March 18 for the April issue. Also during the present heating situation, I will be working from home during the Church Office hours and will not be present in the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact me at 630-941-0212 or faithelm@gmail.com Thanks for your help!

Jane Ahrens



Special thanks to Rich and Laura Shafer who opened up their home for our worship service on January 28. Thanks to Cindy Wagle and the Trustees who have been working overtime on our heating situation in our church building.

Thanks also to Hannah Wagle who organized the Women's Brunch at the Beach on February 17. It was a great time of good food, fellowship and fun!

All are
Welcome to
Join us each
Sunday
at 10 a.m.
for
Worship in
the Church's
Lower Level



Join us for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, March 25, Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March, 29 @ 6:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner with a communion service to follow

Good Friday, March 30, service at 7 p.m.

Then celebrate with us on Easter Sunday:

7 a.m. Sunrise Service
8 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10 a.m. Resurrection Sunday Worship Service



EASTER SUNDAY

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Jane Ahrens, Church Office Manager

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Office Hours 8 AM - Noon
Tuesday through Thursday

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