From the Pastor

Summer is a good time to open our eyes and ears to the world around us. Plants seem to grow overnight. The cicadas fill the air with their rhythmic buzz. If you are fortunate enough to take a vacation and travel, be open to experiencing all sorts of new sights and sounds. I think my soul begins to shrivel if I don’t spend an adequate amount of time outdoors communing with nature and being present to the sights and sounds all around. Summer is also a great time to get together with friends for life-giving conversations.

I invite you to join me for such a conversation that I’m calling Fermenting Faith on Wednesday, August 14, over beer, wine, or any other beverage that you choose at Puccini’s Smiling Teeth in Chevy Chase Plaza, 2 blocks north of the church.

The theme I would like to discuss is based on Father Richard Rohr’s latest book, The Universal Christ. Here’s a short quote from the book:

“You and I can reopen that ancient door of faith with a key, and that key is the proper understanding of a word that many of us use often, but often too glibly. That word is Christ.

What if Christ is a name for the transcendent within of every "thing" in the universe? What if Christ is a name for the immense spaciousness of all true Love? What if Christ refers to an infinite horizon that pulls us from within and pulls us forward too? What if Christ is another name for everything in its fullness?”

You don’t need to read any of the book to participate. I only ask that you come with an open mind and willingness to interact respectfully with others. I’ve heard it said that we shouldn’t treat faith as a noun that is static and fixed. As a verb our faith is forever fermenting, sometimes comforting us, sometimes challenging us, but never staying the same for long.

So, come and join in a spirited conversation of the Spirit’s leading, Wednesday, August 14, 7-8:30pm at Pucci-ni’s.

In Love, Fermenting Faith, and Hope,

[Signature]

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Supporting God’s Pantry

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Why
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Who
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If anyone is interested in helping on Friday or Saturday, please let Lisa Janecek know via email at lisajanecek@gmail.com or via phone at 909-586-5958.

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Friday August 23, 2019

7:00 pm
Hehman Hall at
The Cathedral of Christ the King
299 Colony Blvd.

A fundraiser aimed at developing grace in the Lexington community!

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Ways you can help:

- Donate items for the Silent Auction or a $25-and-up valued bottle of wine for the “Wall of Wine”!
- Donate your time to volunteer!
- Purchase tickets to the event for $50.00 in advance, $55.00 at the door!
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Breakfast Potluck (every first Sunday)
Join in on August 4th at 9:45 in the Gathering Area. This is an informal time for all ages to gather in order to share what’s happening in your life and faith with each other. Everyone is invited to bring something to share, be it fruit, pastries, juice, breakfast casserole, or whatever. If you forget to bring food to share, then you can still participate and share about yourself. Volunteers are needed to help set up or clean up. Please sign up on the cabinet door in the Gathering Area.

Melrose Street Closed

LFUCG will begin doing sewer work on Melrose, next week (same type of work that has been happening on Sunset). They will be digging throughout the street, beginning past our driveway, so you will still be able to enter the Melrose entrance of our parking lot, coming from Tates Creek. There will be a flagger there to let you through. Most of the time, access on the other side of Melrose (from UK), will be blocked.

Director of Music Ministries
We are seeking a full-time Director of Music Ministries to continue our liturgically vibrant tradition. For more information, click this link.

Thank You!
Thanks to all who contributed to funding the Ranquitte Mobile Clinic in Haiti. Dr. Johnson Deshommes and Dr. Stevenson Dimanche are two of our Grace Missions scholarship students who are now medical doctors. They will be attending to approximately 3000-5000 villagers who have had no medical care. You are known for your generosity, and once again you opened both your hearts and your wallets. We very much appreciate your willingness to give. If you did not get an opportunity to donate and wish to do so, please contact either Sherri Greer or Pat Mundt.

The Church’s Role in a Divided Society
A Workshop
Saturday, August 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Christ Lutheran,
9212 Taylorsville Rd., Jeffersontown, KY
Is your church wrestling with how to live out its faith in an increasingly divided American culture? Are you finding that partisan politics are affecting your congregation in unhealthy ways? Are you looking for resources for having respectful, balanced, and open-minded discussions about the important issues that affect our lives? This workshop will introduce clergy and laity to the “The Purple Zone” – the common ground within the red-blue divide in this country and in our churches. Participants will receive training in how to facilitate a deliberative dialogue for helping their church navigate the divisiveness of our current time and move to a gospel-centered engagement based on shared values. The workshop leader is the Rev. Dr. Leah D. Schade, a Lutheran pastor and Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship at Lexington Theological Seminary. Cost: $5 for lunch. To register, contact Rev. Karleen Jung: pastorkarleen@graceglory.org.

New Member Inquiry Class
A new member inquiry class will meet between our Sunday morning worships 9:45-10:45am at Faith House September 22 & 29, October 13 & 20 (no meeting on potluck Sunday Oct. 6). Pastor Mark will lead a four-week class on what it means to live the Christian life from a Lutheran perspective. The class is open for all, and will be especially geared to those inquiring about joining Faith Lutheran congregation. We’ll be looking at our baptismal call as a Way of Seeing, a Way of Hearing, a Way of Teaching, and a Way of Following. There will also be an orientation into the many ministry opportunities within and through the Faith congregation.
Afghani Family Needs Support
The Afghani family, the Hadis, that Faith sponsored two years ago currently has five children and, considering all the stressors they have had recently, is doing quite well. Four of the five children will be in school this fall. They are in need of the following items: sofa, love seat, or upholstered chairs; floor or table lamps; end tables; bunk or single beds; kitchen table with chairs; rugs; child desk, or anything else that you have that would make their house more like a home. If you have something to donate, please call Ellen Eggers (608-8940) or Miriam David (278-3333).

From Carl Fosnaugh, IV: To VBS and Beyond!
A special thanks to all the volunteers and participants of our Family VBS and to all those who prayerfully supported this ministry.
In the upcoming year, I will be building on the Splash curriculum and Cradle Roll with new classes and fellowship opportunities for parents of newborns to three-year olds. There will be new stories for Children’s Worship and Wonder (CWW) and Godly Play (GP). CWW will now begin at 11:00; and the Children’s Moment will be for the Godly Play-aged children. Kid-Min will kick off with an orientation to the Spirituality of the Child for parents and grandparents, and for the kids an orientation to the CWW and GP space and the first Godly Play story. We have developed a new middle childhood curriculum to invite GP graduates deeper into Sunday worship and Bible reading and to prepare them for Confirmation. The Confirmation curriculum has received a major upgrade, and a new young adult program will roll out in October. Another new program features pop-up adult forums, while those adult classes that already exist will continue to be supported. Please note the following dates:

August 10 11am: CWW/GP Forum: prepping fall stories and signing up for helping and storytelling
August 25 9:45am: Open forum on reconstituting the Faith Formation and Education Committee
September 7 5-7:30pm: KidMin Circle
September 8 Rally Sunday
September 15 Faith Formation Hour resumes (note new times) 9:45 Adult Forum, GP, Confirmation, Fellowship Hour; 11:00 CWW resumes

Coming in Fall 2019
Dinner for Eight (or Six) Groups
Faith Lutheran is reinstating a program for those new to Faith congregation and those who have been around a while. The sole goal of this program is to get to know one another better. There will be two kinds of groups. Some groups will meet in homes (everyone brings food to be shared) and other groups will meet in restaurants (everyone will pay for their own meals). Singles or couples are welcome. Each group will meet three times from September through November. The deadline for signing up will be August 25. Please email the church office office@faithlutheranchurch.com or call 859-266-7621 or fill out the [online form].

Sexton Job Position
We are seeking a person for the position of Sexton. This position is responsible for providing oversight and maintenance of all facilities and grounds for the church in order to ensure a safe and well maintained property. For more information, please [click here].
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1. Jan Dornbrock
2. Jennifer Klee
3. Shari Veil
4. John Atkerson
5. Cheryl Sievers
6. Greg Phipps
7. Isabella Meijer
8. Sara Fenton-Wells
9. Elinor Phipps
10. Oliver Phipps
11. Jeanette Woods
12. Marge Holmes
13. Ryan Filchak
14. Gerald Pierce
15. Joe Seidel
16. Diann Terry
17. Kerstin Wendroth
18. Phyllis Hasbrouck
19. Michael Holmes
20. Paula Klime
21. Julius Fox
22. Faye Gross
23. Lois Steward
24. Christopher Fenton-Wells
25. Makenna Delap
26. Anna Holmes
27. Mike Parsons
28. Ana Maria Hetzel-Ebben
29. Grace Saatman
30. Evan Shearer
31. Julia Wilson
32. Beth McGrath
33. Maximus Schadler
34. Carol Davis
35. Jacob Larson
36. Steve Hayes
37. Judy Knauss

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1. Kevin & Jennifer Carey
2. Joe & Gail Swanson
3. Chris & LaDawn Reynolds
4. Lee & Marge Holmes
5. Paul & Joan Sorenson
6. Martin & Jill Shearer
7. Ned & Diana Shappley
8. Joe & Diana Seidel
9. Jim & Gayle McGrath
10. Joe & Diana Seidel
11. Dale & Scharlene Austin
12. Stuart & Anne Larson
13. Gary & Bonnie Chastain
14. Martin & Jill Shearer
15. Doug & Cindy Palmer
16. Bill & Mary Lee
17. Bill & Claudia Fenton-Wells
18. Bill & Linda Fenton-Wells
19. Laurel & Gary Fenton-Wells
20. Stacy & Michael Fenton-Wells
21. Amanda & Michael Fenton-Wells
22. Ryan & Emily Delap
23. Olivia & Scott Delap
24. Jennifer & Andy Figliold
25. AMY & Kevin Carey
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28. Martin & Jill Shearer
29. Gary & Bonnie Chastain
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33. Tom & Sue Fenton-Wells
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From Cantor Tom

Thank you for the reception and sentiments expressed as I ended four years of service. I know many would have liked me to stay longer, yet music ministry at Faith will continue and remain strong because of all the dedicated disciples who work so hard to make it all happen. I will miss each and every one of you, as well as the beauty of the Bluegrass region. The coffee table book presented to me by the council will remind me of this and I am deeply appreciative.

My new address is 1600 Habersham St. #17, Savannah, GA. 31401. Peace+ Cantor Tom

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Thank you, not only to the Council for the thoughtful gift that was presented to me at the mid year meeting but also to the congregation for entrusting me with the position of treasurer for 9 of the past 11 years. It has been an honor to serve. I will pray for Val Dutcher as she fully assumes the role of treasurer and will be available to support her should she need me. In Peace, Debbie Rosenberg

The family of Doug Palmer would like to thank everyone at Faith for their prayers and concern during his illness. Also the cards, phone calls and food at his passing. It is a great comfort to be a part of such a caring congregation. Thanks again and God Bless, Sandra Palmer

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH. ARTICLES MAY BE EDITED AS TO SIZE, CONTENT AND TIMELINESS.
Service Schedule

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM
(Nursery provided during the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services)
Breakfast Potluck—1st Sunday of the Month 9:45 AM

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