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From Pastor Mark

Thanks to all who participated in the Holy Week and Easter worships this year. The music and the visuals helped make them most meaningful for me. I also want to remind you that Easter isn't just one Sunday, but 50 whole days encompassing 7 Sundays. May our Easter celebrations continue throughout this season! When you read this we will already have celebrated an adult baptism on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 23. And I'm looking forward to the JOY choir leading us in worship on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7. During these 50 Days of Easter we're also encouraging one another to show our gratitude for the new life we've been given in this season of resurrection through our generous donations towards our Great 50 Days of Giving Campaign. I'm confident that you will assure our ongoing generous support for the many ministries outside the walls of our congregation that we'll be learning more about over these 50 days.

2017 also marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. There will be many opportunities for us to commemorate this anniversary with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ of Lexington. There will be a series of Reformation Events on Sundays in October, including a joint worship on October 22 with our IK Synod Bishop, Bill Gafkjen, participating. This summer there will be an opportunity for a book study with parishioners from Christ the King, details forthcoming. This month on Thursday, **May 4th, 7-8:30 PM**, Christ the King has invited us to a lecture by Herald Leader columnist, **Paul Prather, on "Hopes**

and Concerns for Christian Unity," as part of their series, *500 Years After the Reformation: Reflections on Ecumenism*. The lecture will be held in Hehman Hall on Christ the King Cathedral campus, 299 Colony Blvd.

One of the behind the scenes wonderful stories that I want to draw out into the light this Easter season is a monthly luncheon for caregivers, which had its genesis in our Care and Support team led by Diann Terry and Kathy Heersche. It's a chance for those who have the main responsibility of caring for someone, most often a spouse, to get together and share a meal, encouragement and support with others in similar circumstances. I've heard that it's like a breath of fresh air for those attending. I think this might be some of what Jesus had in mind when he said, "As I have loved you, so you should love one another."

Don't forget to celebrate each and every day. Why? Because it's still Easter!!!

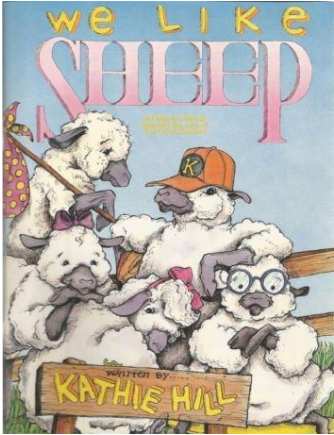
In Hope, Faith , and Love,



Joy Choir presents ... "We Like Sheep"

Sunday, May 7—8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Excerpts from Kathie Hill's delightful musical teaching the love of the Good Shepherd and an allegory of our community.



The Worship Committee would like to thank all who have been patient as we tried a new communion flow during the season of Lent. We also appreciate your opinions about your experience, both positive and negative and hope that you will share them in the next few weeks. Please email them to Joan Sorenson at jsorenson112@gmail.com.

We also appreciate the work of the ushers who have carefully attended to keeping things as smooth as possible and being especially sensitive to the safety of all.

The Worship Committee, in conjunction with Pr Mark, has decided to do communion **at stations** during the 8 Sundays of the Easter season, beginning with Easter Sunday. The posture of standing during Easter has historic precedent dating back to the early church, when kneeling was forbidden until after Pentecost.

During this time we will continue the discussion about what communion flow works best in our particular worship space that is still faithful to our understanding of the sacrament. We will consider church traditions, people's safety, easy flow and time as we talk about our own best practice. We will also be revisiting some of the theology and history of Holy Communion, learning at the same time of many of the different practices throughout the ELCA.

Thank you for your input. Please continue to let us know how you feel about our worship time together.

That evening at 6:00 pm, we will hold a service of healing to which all are invited to receive the laying on of hands and anointing.

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community, nor does it promise a cure. The church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.



Yard Sale—Saturday, June 3rd, 2017—8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Are you doing some spring cleaning? Are you ready to de-clutter? Need extra space in the kitchen, the closet or the garage? Well, here is your chance to support Taste of Grace and Partners for Youth!

The Parish Life Committee is once again organizing a yard sale to help defray the cost of **Taste of Grace**. Please consider donating any unneeded items you may have. **We are not accepting electronics, large furniture items or clothing (with the exception of lightly used children's clothing)**. Due to storage issues, we will begin taking items on Sunday, May 28th. Please stop by the church office for directions as to where to place your donations. Please feel free to contact Scott Gralheer or Don DeLuca at 859-273-5077 with any questions you may have.

While you're at it, **"Save the Date" for Taste of Grace 2017: Friday, August 18th!** **Taste of Grace** will be held in Hehman Hall at the Cathedral of Christ the King from 7-10 PM. This year's beneficiary is Partners for Youth. Partners for Youth (PFY) is a Lexington based 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that acts as a clearinghouse for community contributions including money and in-kind assistance to those programs serving young people. PFY assists in the coordination of these services in order for the programs to work as cooperatively and effectively as possible to have the greatest impact in supporting youth. PFY was founded in early 1995 by then mayor Pam Miller to make resources available to youth in Lexington.

Members of Faith,

We had our Spring Fling on April 21 and had a great time! We also started our school garden on April 18 and will continue planting and watering vegetables, herbs, and strawberries. We are very excited about this project and thank Ms. Lindsay for organizing, Ryan at Seedleaf for partnering, and parents for donating and supporting.



In April we received a heartfelt note in response to our request for a donation for our Spring Fling. Alma Kajtazovic & Selma Sulejmanagic are the owners of Sorella Gelateria on N. Limestone. They generously donated two \$25 gift cards for our Spring Fling. If you haven't been there, I highly recommend it because it is delicious!! I have included Alma & Selma's words to share the impact Faith Lutheran Church and Learning Center have had on families in our community. Many of you know this family and I hope you will enjoy this story.

"Dear Charla & Faith Lutheran Members,
Thank you for the work you do in our community. Over 20 years ago you all helped our family and we are so grateful. We found a new home in Lexington, KY and people like you helped us with new life, school, housing, and finding friends, jobs...THANK YOU ALL! We are so happy we can give something back to you...the work you do helps families, communities, and makes the world a better place! We are so lucky and happy to be here! Alma & Selma"

MAY

- 1-5 Spring Scholastic Book Fair, school hours
- 19 Last Day of School for Fayette County
- 29 FLLC CLOSED for Memorial Day
- 30 FLLC K-5 Summer Camp Begins

Teacher Spotlight: Abby Morrell



Abby Morrell is our Pre-K Lead Teacher. She is an exemplary teacher and says, "I've had the joy of spending the last three years teaching at FLLC. I've fallen in love with the center, the children, and the other teachers. I couldn't picture myself anywhere else!." Some of Abby's hobbies include: running, spending time with friends, family, her husband Justin, and her dog Sven.

Abby is enthusiastic and positive with the children every single day, no matter how she is feeling. This is a difficult thing to do! She is organized in her planning and preparation. She plans her lessons to meet the individual needs of her students and to prepare them for kindergarten. Abby manages small groups that are engaging, hands-on, and educational. She always looks for ways to enhance her curriculum, to build on the students' interests, and to make learning as fun as possible.

Abby takes initiative in the classroom and with her higher education. She has completed both her CDA and Director's Credential while working at FLLC. She is responsible, respectful, has a positive attitude, makes each child feel special, and gives 100% of herself every day.

Thank you to Ms. Abby for her dedication and hard work at FLLC!

Respectfully,

Charla Heersche, FLLC Director

Charla Heersche

FLY Activities
6th—12th grades

5/7 9:45 **Planning meeting during brunch.** Please grab your food and join us in the youth room as we discuss exciting plans for the summer!

2:00-4:00 **BOWLING!** Meet us at Collins Bowling Center- Eastland (750 E. New Circle Rd.) at 2:00pm for TWO games of bowling! Youth should bring \$11 to cover bowling and shoes, plus whatever they might want to spend on snacks. We should be done by 4:00pm!

5/14 **Happy Mother's Day!** (No youth activities)

5/21 9:45 **Simpsons Sunday School**, led by Kevin Lentz for Middle and High School.

6:00-8:30 **MOVIE NIGHT!** Please bring \$3 toward pizza as we gather to watch Star Wars: Rogue One in the youth room!

5/28 6:45-8:00 **Amber will be hosting another "Faith & Culture" discussion.** Join us in the youth room as we share snacks, play a game, and discuss how faith influences culture and vice versa. The more we have, the better the discussion will be! We hope to see you there.

5/30 **We will be taking our annual trip to the amusement park, Holiday World!** The cost of a ticket is \$50, covering entry into the park. However, please bring extra money to purchase food, drinks, and any souvenirs while inside the park. The church will pay for gas and a meal on the way back. In the meantime, we need a volunteer who will be willing to drive and/or allow Amber to borrow their car. We'd like to avoid the cost of having to rent one! Please contact Amber if you're interested in helping in this way.



THRIVENT BUILDS WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Update: Thank You and Mark your Calendars for the Golf Scramble!

Many thanks to you and to Thrivent Financial for their help in raising over \$5,200 through our silent auction, t-shirt, notecard, FLY and Easter flower sales, along with individual contributions! We are moving nicely toward building a permanent Habitat home for the Kashira family! Construction will start on Wednesday, September 13th.

There are several things you can still do to help!!

Mark your calendars for the Golf Scramble with others from area Lutheran churches on Monday, June 5 and tell your friends!

WHAT: Thrivent Financial Golf Scramble benefiting Habitat for Humanity

WHERE: Golf Club of the Bluegrass

WHEN: Monday, June 5th

TIME: Tee time is at 1:30, but allow proper time to eat lunch and go to driving range first (recommended time to attend: Noon)

COST: \$75/individual, \$300/team

HOW: Watch for registration details as we get closer to June 5.

Sign up to help with food or on site construction beginning Sept. 13. Please contact Carolyn Carden to help with food and Diane Nicely or Marianne Kehres to help with construction and other tasks.

Give toward the dollar goal: On-line: Please see <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/lexhabitat/> for details; By Check (either mail directly to Faith Lutheran Church or put into the offering basket). Write "Reformation 500 Build" in the memo at the bottom left on your check.

Together, we are joining forces with our fellow Lutherans to build a home in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

For more information: Cindy Heine, cynthi-ahaine@gmail.com or 859-351-9419

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maddie Larson
 - 2 Kim Heersche
Ole Wendroth, Sr.
 - 3 Donita Henry
 - 4 Ellie Burnside
Kristy Cloyd
 - 5 Tricia Brown
Jacob Palmer
Jack Seibert
Ian Young
 - 6 Larry Isenhour
 - 7 Katie Mendenhall
David Templar
 - 8 Patrick Carey
Gunnar Chandler
 - 9 Stephanie Meier
Loren Zink
 - 12 Dani Marquardt
 - 13 Debbie Rosenberg
 - 14 Charlotte Michel
 - 15 Judy Page
 - 16 Ann Rose
 - 17 Lindsay Perdue
 - 18 Jim Larson
Ashton Lee
Dorina Longarzo
 - 19 Henry Davis
Dorothy Schwantes
 - 23 Kathy Heersche
Lori Hetzel
Wayne Schedler
Robert Vaughan
 - 24 Lee Holmes
 - 25 Melonie Atkerson
Joyce Forrest
Abby Parsons
Hailey Veil
 - 27 Barbara Abney
Hannah Hetzel-Ebben
 - 29 Anthony Cloyd
Stephanie Farrar
Berne Hanford
Katie Larson
Eileen Will
 - 31 Paxton VanWinkle
- Worship Attendance:
- March 26 137
 - April 2 162
 - April 5 40
 - April 9 209
 - April 13 53
 - April 14 70
 - April 15 24
 - April 16 316

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Nick & Shari Veil
- 6 Ray & Leslie Hughes
- 11 Chris & Tracy Fugmann
- 15 Pete & Anne Gross
Gerhard & Irmgard Kindler
- 16 Wayne & Sharron Schedler
Tim Sorenson &
Jennifer Barricklow
- 28 Jimmy & Courtney Lee
Scott & Melinda Wilson

DID YOU NOTICE...

...that light in the pulpit side transept is now lighted? Many thanks to Jim McGrath and Brian Lundborg for their persistence.

Tell them thank you!!



First Sunday Potluck Breakfast - On the first Sunday of the month, instead of Sunday School, we will have a potluck breakfast between our two morning worship services as a way to build a stronger sense of community within our congregation. Everyone is invited to bring something to share, be it fruit, pastries, juice, a breakfast casserole, or whatever. There will be no formal Sunday School classes on these Sundays, but rather an informal time for all ages to gather in order to share about what's happening in your life and faith with each other. If you forget to bring food to share, then you can still participate as long as you have a joke or word of wisdom to share instead. **Please join us on May 7th**

O.W.L.s
(Older, Wiser, Lutherans)

HOOT, HOOT

The OWL's are "flying" again so please note where we are landing this month.

OWLs will meet for lunch at Puccinis
833 Chevy Chase Place
May 18th at 12:30 p.m.

We're looking for a big crowd to fly in for lunch.

If you have any questions, contact Marian Lundborg at 559-3784
See you on the 18th.

March 2017 Financial Report

	March 2017			YTD		
	Pledges	Income	Expenses	Pledges	Income	Expenses
Budget	\$30,986.75	\$36,031.75	\$40,511.68	\$92,960.25	\$107,295.25	\$121,535.04
Actual	\$34,833.00	\$41,747.53	\$35,976.74	\$87,764.00	\$108,230.00	\$109,652.57
Variance	\$3846.25	\$5715.78	\$(4534.94)	\$(5,196.25)	\$934.75	\$(11,882.47)
%	112.41%	115.86%	88.81%	94.41%	100.87%	90.22%

Service Schedule

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM
 (Nursery provided during the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services)
 Sunday School (Sept. through May) 9:45 AM

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