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A message from Pastor Andy...

I suggested one time in a sermon that if you want to feel better about your life, thank God for ten things every day. Stole it from Oprah. Doesn't matter what they are. Ten things. I dare you. Try it from now till Thanksgiving and see what happens. Then come tell me.

Thanking God is one of the most powerful ways of keeping our outlook healthy and our minds well. Thanksgiving Day is a deeply healing tradition in our country. Even if it has been a hard year, we still remember the blessings and thank God for them.

Thanksgiving forms one of the major categories of psalms. It is a primary means of describing Holy Communion—"The Great Thanksgiving," or "Eucharist," in Greek.

Why is gratitude so healing? Because it acknowledges that we are not alone. We receive what we have from others. Even if we worked for it, the ability to work came from God. We are held in the hands of One who is much bigger than we are and who loves us.

So have a blessed Thanksgiving. Remember Holy Communion as a Thanksgiving every Sunday. Thank the people around you for the good they do. Thank God for the breath in your lungs and the spark of life in your soul. It will help you see God's beauty.

--Pr. Andy

Mission Statement: As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace, reflect and proclaim God's unconditional love.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE



The Prayer Shawl group got together for the first time on July 2. Prior to that, 10 shawls were blessed at all services on June 29. Since then an additional 16 prayer shawls have been made and blessed and 17 have been given to the receivers by Pastor or the Pastoral Care Team.

If you like to knit or crochet or would like to learn how to knit or crochet come and join us on the first Wednesday of each month from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the Narthex. During the winter months if Fayette Co. Schools are cancelled because of snow/ice and it is the first Wednesday of the month, we will NOT meet.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Anderson (859-263-8412) or Linda McDaniel (859-296-6627). Patterns for several shawls will be available.



FLC Family,

Thank you to all church members who attended, volunteered, and/or donated items for the Fall Festival. We really appreciate your support. It is a great opportunity for church members and learning center families to meet one another. We had a blast!!

Many of you have been asking about the program so I would like to share some updated information. We have been blessed with a full program since August; capacity of 65 students. We have 30 preschool students and 35 after-school students. We also have four preschool students who drop-in on days when their schools are closed and 27 K-5 students who drop-in for snow days and Fayette County scheduled days off.

We have quite a few students on our waitlists for preschool and after-school care and continue to give families tours. FLLC welcomes families from all backgrounds into the program (20 percent of our current after school and 22 percent of our current preschool children are from diverse backgrounds; 6 same sex families have children enrolled).

Thank you for your prayers and support. Have a blessed November!

Charla Heersche, FLLC Director



One of the compassion ministries FLLC supports annually is Operation Christmas Child, a part of Samaritan's Purse: International Relief. We will be packing shoeboxes and collecting them for donation. If you would like to participate, please see the OCC table of info in the Narthex or visit their website for shoebox packing instructions and ideas, <http://www.samaritanpurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>.

National Collection Week this year is November 17-24, so all shoe boxes are due by Monday November 24. This is a fun and easy way for children and adults of all ages to spread God's love! We hope you will be able to participate.

We will ring the bell:



Saturday,
November 22
10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
Tates Creek Kroger
(Tates Creek at Man O War)

There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex with hours spelled out for volunteers to sign up.

We welcome Clif Cason
Interim Director of Music Ministries to Faith!

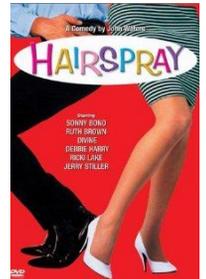
Clif Cason was born and raised in Lexington. He graduated from Bates Creek High School and attended UK where he earned his Bachelors degree in organ. He continued organ studies and completed a Masters degree at the University of Illinois followed by a year of study in Paris, France where he was awarded the *Premier Prix* from the Conservatoire de Rueil-Malmaison. His teachers have included Nancy Field, Nathaniel Patch, Richard Dwyer, Arnold Blackburn, Jerald Hamilton, Larry Smith, Marilyn Keiser and Marie Claire-Alain. Clif also has a Masters in Library Science from Indiana University and worked in the Engineering Library at UK for three years. He has served several churches in Lexington including Maxwell Street Presbyterian, Central Christian, Central Baptist and Calvary Baptist. Clif and his wife, Shari, were married in 1982 and have three children: Claire, a senior at UK, Brad, a sophomore at UK, and Holly, a fifth grader at Squires Elementary.

NOVEMBER Flyer

Kids Against Hunger

11/1: 8:30-11:30 a.m. - Kids Against Hunger meal packing (at Woodford Community Church in Versailles). Join us for a morning of packing meals for those in need. It's a very rewarding event in and of itself; of course, this will count for any community service hours you may need.

11/9: 6:00-8:15 - High school movie night: Hairspray (1988 - rated PG) at the Zollers. 9th-12th graders are invited to this 1988 classic placed in the 1960s with themes of overcoming stereotypes.



11/21: 8:00 p.m. - 11/22 8:00 a.m. - Marvel comics-themed lockin. Spend the night at church enjoying super-hero related games, movies, and food. Come in costume for a marvel-ous night.

YOUTH LOCK-IN



Living well as we mature in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer* community. This event is open to all.

Senior Pride Initiative, a standing committee of Lexington Fairness,

heartily welcomes everyone **Friday, November 14, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.** when we gather with noted and respected authorities who will share LGBTQ community insider perspectives about faith, history, and healthy aging **at the Thomas Hunt Morgan House, locally known as the Women's Club of Central Kentucky, at 214 North Broadway, Lexington.**

For free information and free registration, please see <http://www.seniorprideinitiative.com/conference.html>.

Topics include "Queer history in Lexington," with artist and historian Robert Morgan at 9:45, "A Discussion on Transgender Aging," with Joanne Wheeler Bland, former Special Justice on the Kentucky Supreme Court at 11:00, "Living Life with Pride and Purpose," with Steve Sprinkle, Ph.D., Professor of Practical theology and LGBTQ Advocate, Founder of Unfinished Lives at 1:30, and "A Space for Audience and Panel to Discuss Important LGBTQ Aging Issues" at 3:15. All presentations leave time for audience questions and discussion.

*"Queer" is used in this case not as a put-down, but by people who see themselves as not fitting into any of the other categories-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Straight.



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Financial Secretary's Report
September 1-30, 2014

The following is the list of persons who have said they would like to be listed. Please keep them in your prayers. In the future, when putting people on the prayer list, please inform the church office if you would like their names and concerns to be shared in this way.

Bonnie Harstad's family

Elizabeth Bowers, daughter of Diana Shappley, has finished chemotherapy and is doing well.

Steve Carter, complications with his transplant.

Sydney and Adeline Taber, daughters of Leslie Taber, continued growth as premature infants.

Misty Hess, healing from hand surgery.

Randy Will, son of Eileen Will, spinal cord injury.

Henning Egner, undergoing cancer tests and diagnosis.

Linda McDaniel, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

INCOME TOWARD BUDGET

General Fund

Offering Envelopes	\$ 30,558.00
Loose Offering	<u>630.03</u>
	31,188.03

Other Income

Property Committee	75.00
CC Reimb - Workman's Comp	125.00
CC Reimb - Custodial	370.00
CC Reimb - Loan	<u>1,222.16</u>
	1,792.16

Total Income Toward Budget 32,980.19

DESIGNATED MONEY

Pastor's Discretionary Fund	122.20
Sunday School Offering	29.87
World Hunger	103.00
Book Sales	244.50
Staff Celebrations	225.00
LWR-Fair Trade Sale Proceeds	203.00
God's Pantry	20.00
Oktoberfest Proceeds	596.74
Restorative Justice	200.00
Taste of Grace	276.00
Memorial - Bonnie Harstad	260.00
Postage Reimbursement	<u>50.15</u>

Total Designated Money 2,330.46

TOTAL SEPTEMBER RECEIPTS 35,310.65

Comparison to Budget

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	31,188.03	317,019.19
Budget	34,716.75	312,450.75
Percent of Budget	89.84%	101.46%

The Daytime Sophia Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2014, at the home of Muzzy Hemken, 3381 Pimlico Parkway, Lexington. The book to be discussed is, Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, by Jamie Ford. We welcome anyone who is interested in a book discussion group, even if you have not read the book. For more information contact Muzzy at 272-5053.

The Evening Sophia Group will meet on Wednesday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Gail Swanson. They are reading, The Untethered Soul, by Michael Singer. For more information contact Gail Swanson, gailandjoe@windstream.net, 273-4601.

—Celebration of Life for Chris Flannery—

Chris had a tabby cat named Dixie. Actually there were three cats in the house and a dog. But Dixie was Chris's cat. He would talk to her in the morning when he was getting ready for work. He would say goodbye to her before he left, with an eye to returning at the end of the day.

Last couple of days Dixie has been wandering around the house, looking for Chris. She looks bewildered, confused, like she knows that he is not there. But what happened? He was right here not too long ago. Surely he will show up again somehow. Maybe in the bedroom? No. Maybe in the living room? No. This is impossible. How can he possibly be gone?

Anybody else feel that way? We wander around with wide eyes, as if we had been hit in the stomach with a sledge hammer. As if a huge part of us had been torn away.

Chris loved his family and his country. He served in the national guard. He was a good worker. Received many awards for his grounds keeping at Marriott. Worked several years at UK. He was a devoted, faithful and loving husband, son and brother. He and Forrest used to go fishing, with the sunlight flashing off the ripples on the water around them. They used to go hunting in Henry County. Sometimes they would talk all day about everything and nothing. Sometimes they would stand and listen to the quiet of the trees. Chris was a good man. He was too young. This is unfair.

In our Old Testament reading, Job makes a remarkable statement. He says "I know that my redeemer lives."

This is remarkable because of the circumstances in which Job makes this statement. Job is furious with God, because Job has lost everything. All of his children have been killed. His wife is gone. He has no home to live in. He has no possessions of any kind. He has lost his health to a terrible disease. He sits on an ash heap scraping the sores on his skin with a potsherd. And then his friends come to tell him that all this must be his own fault.

Job does not feel the love of God right now. He does not see the promise of God's hope. At one point, he even curses the day he is born.

And yet, he says, "I know that my redeemer lives." That's the first line to one of the favorite hymns at church.

You may have heard it: I know that my redeemer lives." We sing that at Easter time, when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead. It is also used in one of the most famous pieces of classical music. George Friedrich Handel put it into his masterpiece, called "The Messiah," which people often sing at Christmas. It goes like this: "I know that my redeemer liveth." I don't think it is an accident that this sentence has echoed down across the ages. I think it may be precisely because of the circumstances from which it emerges, that this phrase speaks so deeply to our souls.

We may wander around as if a piece of us has been torn off. We may not be able to comprehend yet that Chris is actually gone. We may not feel the love of God or see the promise of God's hope. But we can act as if God's love was there, because it is. We can live as if God's hope was coming, because it is.

Indeed, that is what we are doing right now, by coming to this funeral. At a funeral, we do two things. We say goodbye to who Chris was to us. We tell the stories about the things we did together. We share the things about him that we loved, and also the things that drove us crazy, because that's part of it too. We are all human, all in need of God's grace. We may be in shock, we may feel very angry that he has died so young and suddenly. We may feel deep sadness. All different ways of feeling. We share those. And after a long time, it may not seem so now, but after a good while, it will hurt a little less. We grieve. That's the first thing we do.

Here's the second thing we do at funerals. We say hello to who Chris is. Because, while Chris may not be with us in the way he was before he is with God, and God is with us, so that he is here in a different way. He is not gone.

Chris carried a cross in his wallet. Nobody knew about it until Cheryl found it the other day. He carried a poem with that cross. It's a simple poem. Goes like this:

I carry a cross in my pocket
A simple reminder to me
Of the fact that I am a Christian
No matter where I may be.

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It's not for identification
For all the world to see
It's simply an understanding
Between my Savior and me.

When I put my hand in my pocket
To bring out a coin or key
The cross is there to remind me
Of the price he paid for me.

It reminds me too, to be thankful
For my blessings, day by day
And the strive to serve him better
In all that I do and say.

It's also a daily reminder
Of the peace and comfort I share
With all who know my Master
And give themselves to his care.

So I carry this cross in my pocket
Reminding no one but me
That Jesus Christ is lord of my life,
If only I'll let Him be.

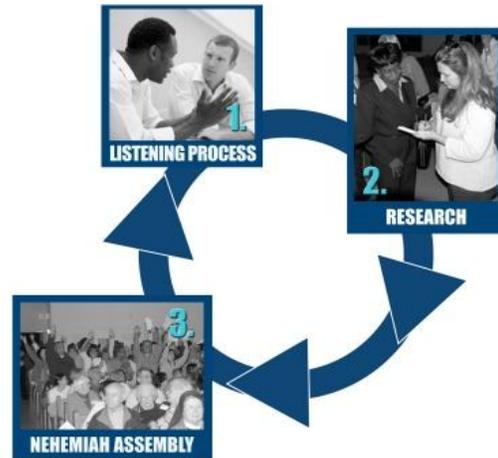
In the Gospel lesson for today, Martha's brother Lazarus has just died. She comes up to Jesus and sounds kind of like Job. She says "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." I can hear us saying, maybe, "Lord, if you had been here, Chris would not have died." What does Jesus answer? "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will never die."

Jesus' resurrection is bigger than death. The love of God is more powerful even than the grave.

Chris knows that. He sees as God sees now. He can see the light reflected off the ripples of water even more clearly than he could when he was with us. He hears the quiet of the woods more deeply even than he did when he was with us. And he loves us more completely, because he loves us with God's love, which is clearer, deeper, more complete than anything, even than death.

So we come here to say, with our voices and our lives, what we know. What we may not feel quite yet but what we believe nonetheless:

"I know that my Redeemer lives."



The Justice Ministry Listening Process

Listen - Research - Action: BUILD Listened

For the past several weeks our Justice Ministry Team Members at Faith have been conducting House Meetings and one-on-one conversations to find out what justice issues our members are concerned about. At the same time, this was happening in 24 other congregations in Fayette County as part of the BUILD Justice Ministry Listening Process. On October 13 the results were tallied and the top three concerns this year are:

- Jobs
- Youth and Education
- Crime and Drugs.

These three problems were presented at BUILD's Community Problems Assembly on October 27 and a vote was taken to select one for this year's new justice problem. The Messenger had already gone to press by October 27 so this year's new problem will be in next month's Messenger.

After the Listening Process comes the Research. Payday lending and affordable housing, along with the new problem, will be the subjects of the research. If you are interested in working with one of the research committees, please contact Pastor Andy or one of Faith's Justice Ministry Team Leaders: Bryna Reed, Gail Swanson, Joe Swanson, Jim McGrath, Shane Hadden or Jim Larson.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Katie Keinath
Melissa Keinath
Susie Svetich
- 2 Diane Nicely
Joan Sorenson
Tammy Talbert
- 4 Tracy Fugmann
Margie Myers
Diana Shapple
Alex Silvia
- 5 John Trump
- 6 Donna Ballos
- 7 Nate Bower
Ryan Daugherty
- 8 Harrison King
Brandi Zink
- 9 Carolyn Holmes
Glenn Thorstad
- 10 Guy Rion
- 12 Ana Hammonds
Barry Whitley
- 13 Carolyn Carden
Gail Swanson
- 14 Greta Bondurant
- 15 Lois Dunnum
Hunter Parsons
- 16 Scott Fitzgerald
Jimmy Lee
Bowen Workman
- 18 Mark Russell
Breanna Svetich
Thomas Svetich
- 19 Megan Bosse
- 20 Tiffany Abney
Pete Gross
Rose Johnson
Ella Johnson
- 22 Spencer Fenton-Wells
Robert Henry
- 23 Juliana Fox
- 24 Dave Debertin
- 25 Charlie Hamilton
- 26 Emily McGrath
- 27 Carl Whitehouse
- 28 Ashlyn Sievers
- 30 Sharon Fegley

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 John & Patty Trump
- 2 John & Gisela Atkerson
- 15 Roy & Vicky Noble
- 16 Troy & Marsha Peasley
- 22 Rich and Anita Matter
- 23 Paul & Elleonore Patrick
- 26 Jerry & Paula Klim
- 27 Steve & Debbie Carter
- 28 Larry & Jan Isenhour

You are invited...

**to an afternoon of Chamber Music at
Faith Lutheran Church on
November 9th at 3 p.m.**

**Carol Davis, piano, Marcia Freyman,
viola, and Steve Rankin, violin, will
be performing piano trios by Robert
Fuchs, Franz Lachner,
and Astor Piazzolla.**

Narthex Cleanup for
November:
Parish Life



Attendance	Worship	Sunday School
September 28	215	
October 5	193	
October 12	177	45
October 19	203	19

Baptisms

Dempsey Gage Perdue, son of Sean and Lindsay Perdue, grandson of Steve and Debbie Carter, was baptized September 28th.

Oliver and Elinor Phipps, son and daughter of Greg and Shiraz Phipps, were baptized October 5th.

Deaths

Jon Beyer, father of Sue Anne Lau, died September 25th, in Danville, PA.

Gladys Applegate, mother of Teri Applegate, died September 27th, in Florida.

Christopher Flannery, son of Janice Plain, died September 30th in Paris, KY.

Tommy Teague, father of Thomas Teague, died October 18th.



**The OWLs will
meet on
November 20 at
12:30 p.m. at
Sutton's Restaurant**

The Older, Wiser Lutherans meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month for lunch and fellowship.

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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