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ANNOUNCEMENTS

C3 (Crafty Christian Chicks)

We are meeting on Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm. Please join us for fun, food, fellowship and some crafts.

Brotherhood

We are meeting on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm.

Faith Circle

Join us on Thursday, March 8th at 10:00 am for Game Day.

OWLS

We will be meeting on Friday March 16th at 11:30 at LaPeep's.

"In Context" Chronological Bible Study

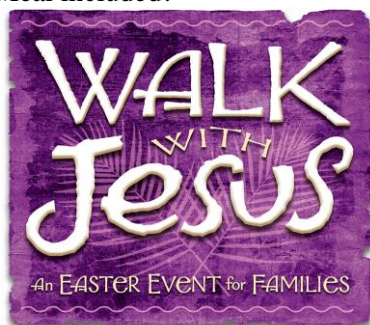
Please consider joining us for the awesome Bible Study every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We are studying the Major and Minor Prophets.

Recharge: A Midweek Music Service

Please join us for Recharge on Wednesday March 28th at 6:30 pm.

Walk With Jesus

Walk with Jesus is a powerfully moving outreach event that guides you through Jesus' last days on earth. They will travel to: Jerusalem for Palm Sunday, Sit down for the Last Supper, Discover the sacrifice of Good Friday, And...Celebrate freedom from our sins at the empty tomb that first Easter morning. Join us for this amazing night, Friday Mar. 30th, at 6:00 pm. Meal included!



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Women's Fellowship Program for March

Sarah Elder, Director of Collections at the St. Joseph Museums, Inc., will present the program for the Women's Fellowship meeting on Tuesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. She will share a program about Important Women of St. Joseph. These women's life's impacted not only St. Joseph, but in some cases the world. You might be surprised by some of the names, and you might learn something you didn't know before. I definitely did the first time I heard the program! Everyone is welcome to come hear what she has to say, all members of the church and friends are welcome to attend. A brief meeting to elect officers for the coming year and a time of fellowship and refreshments will follow. Please plan to attend.

Thank You's

Thank you to those who donated food items to Souper Bowl Sunday. We had a total of 159 items donated and a majority of those items were place on the side of the Eagles. Way to go Faith Church! You correctly predicted the winners of the Super Bowl, but the true winners are those who will receive the food items.

Lay Life Commission

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on Saturday March 31st, at 2:00 pm for our annual Easter Egg hunt. We are also taking donations of candy to fill the eggs. Please drop off in the office.



Holy Week
Celebration
Faith United Church

Maundy Thursday Service
3/29 @7pm

Walk with Jesus' Family Event/Dinner
3/30 @6-8

Easter Egg Hunt
3/31 @2pm

Easter Sunday Worship 4/1
Sunday School @9am
Worship @10:15am



*Remember To set your Clocks ahead
On Sunday March 11, 2018*



From The Pastor's Desk

“SURRENDERING OUR HEARTS TO GOD”

I recently read a devotional from Rick Warren that ties our theme for 2018 **“Of Good Courage”** to this Lenten season. It begins with a verse found in 1 John 4: 18a which says, ***“Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear.”*** So that raises the question, “How do we learn to experience God’s kind of love that can free us from all fear so that we can be the followers of Christ we are meant to be?” The answer is that we have to surrender our hearts to God. Well how do we do that?

You start by waking up each morning and giving God control of your emotions and feelings. When you give God your emotions and feelings, God begins to fill your life with His love. In the book of Job, Job has three friends who try to come to his aid after he has lost everything. Most of what they tell Job blames him for what has happened to him, but his friend Zophar does give him some good advice in Job 11: 13-18. He says, ***“If only you would prepare your heart and lift up your hands to him in prayer! ¹⁴ Get rid of your sins, and leave all iniquity behind you. ¹⁵ Then your face will brighten with innocence. You will be strong and free of fear. ¹⁶ You will forget your misery; it will be like water flowing away. ¹⁷ Your life will be brighter than the noonday. Even darkness will be as bright as morning. ¹⁸ Having hope will give you courage. You will be protected and will rest in safety.”*** Zophar lets Job know that if he will follow these three commands, then God will provide him with eight promises. Do you see them in that passage?

The commands are right there at the beginning of the text. Zophar tells him:

1. To prepare (or surrender) his heart to God.
2. Lift up his hands in prayer.
3. Get rid of his sins by confessing them to God.

These are all commands each of us need to follow as we prepare ourselves for Resurrection Sunday (Easter) during this Lenten season. Give each day to God. Pray! Confess our sins to God and ask for forgiveness when we have failed Him. The cool thing about God

is that with every command come promises of hope!

1. Your face will brighten with innocence (you are unashamed).
2. You will be strong (a confidence to face each day).
3. You will be free of fear.
4. You will forget those things that are troubling you (like water flowing away).
5. Your life will become brighter than the noonday sun (Jesus said in Matthew 5: 16, ***“let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”***)
6. You will be filled with a hope that gives your courage.
7. You will be protected.
8. You will rest in safety (you’ll be emptied of worry).

Is that awesome or what? Who wouldn’t want to be living with these promises from God? To live confident and unashamed each day! To live free of fear and to forget those things that tend to be troubling us! To serve others and live for God in a way that others see Jesus in us and give Him the praise He deserves! To feel safe and secure with the hope and love that comes from knowing Jesus and resting in His promises. All of this happens when we learn to surrender our hearts to God! Are you willing to surrender your heart to Him today?

Be God’s!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

Mar. 4 th -	Communion Sunday 10:15 am
Mar. 6 th -	Visitation Committee 11:15 am
Mar. 6 th -	Women's Fellowship 7:00 pm
Mar. 8 th -	Faith Circle 10:00 am
Mar. 11 th -	Daylight Savings Begins
Mar. 11 th -	St. Patrick's Dinner 11:30 am
Mar. 13 th -	Food Kitchen Team #1 5:00 pm
Mar. 15 th -	Leader's Night 7:00 pm
Mar. 16 th -	OWLS @ LaPeep's 11:30 am
Mar. 20 th -	Brotherhood 7:00 pm
Mar. 22 nd -	C3 Meeting in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm
Mar. 25 th -	Palm Sunday Service 10:15 am
Mar. 28 th -	Recharge 6:30 pm
Mar. 29 th -	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm
Mar. 30 th -	Family Night Easter Experience 6:00 pm
Mar. 31 st -	Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 pm
Apr. 1 st -	Easter Breakfast 8:00 am
Apr. 1 st -	Easter Sunday Service 10:15 am

Communion Assistants

Mar. 4 th -	Debbie Demuth & Carolyn Sagaser
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Acolytes

Mar. 4 th -	Jordan Hill & Montana Frakes
Mar. 11 th -	Rawlins & Josh Oswald
Mar. 18 th -	Brodie DeSchepper & Montana Frakes
Mar. 25 th -	Josh Oswald & Jordan Hill

Van Drivers

Mar. 4 th -	Roy
Mar. 11 th -	Corey
Mar. 18 th -	Roy
Mar. 25 th -	Brent

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Jan. 28 th -	\$1,772.25	\$225.00
Feb. 4 th -	\$2,901.00	\$310.00
Feb. 11 th -	\$2,985.00	\$372.00
Feb. 18 th -	\$2,973.25	\$68.00
Totals:	\$10,631.50	\$975.00

\$11,291.00 needed each month to meet current expenses.

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Jan. 28 th -	78	22
Feb. 4 th -	90	22
Feb. 11 th -	75	25
Feb. 18 th -	72	18

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing"

1 Thessalonians 5:11

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: We are truly Children of God – His own Chosen Ones; the season of Lent; Maddie Frakes is VP of Lafayette High School.

Cancer Patients: Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart)- inoperable brain tumor; Dale Arn's brother, David- cancer has returned; Sonya & Tony Tannheimer – (she- breast cancer) (he- recent diagnosis- stage 4 Melanoma)- (Johnson's.); Shelby Erb- Terminal; Gary Gann (friend of Jim Wood) – Widespread cancer- terminal.

Other: Continued prayers for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends & his son, Brett, who is deployed for a year in Kuwait; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Donna Brooks- chronic health issues; Tom Vanlone- home with home health; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp's great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; All suffering from severe depression; The Catron Family; Elizabeth Schoenlaub; individual & family- blood transfusions; Brothers of Joanie Shaw – Ronny with diabetes & Jim with congestive heart failure; Andrew Powers (a K-State grad) – spending 3 years teaching in India (2020); Baby Chloe- friends of Darren & Amanda Wood; Reggie West- his mother, Emily, who suffered a stroke- put on hospice; Ermal Gottswieler- back at Living community; Gracie Abersold- at Diversicare for rehab; Prayers for Miranda Nill, a friend of Angela Cobb, as she is facing tests for tumors; The Bryson family- family issues; Scotty Sharp family- family issues; Mina McCall- has lost all hearing in her left ear; Teresa Kidwell- tests; Layne Insko- newborn in NICU in Cincinnati, Ohio (friend of Amy Bryson); Prayers for students' safety while away at college; All those seeking jobs; All flu sufferers.

Traveling Mercies: Ashley West in England; Donna Von Belia traveling to Vienna, Prague & other places; Donna Wood traveling to see her granddaughter

Sympathy: The family of Donna Dye who passed away on Feb. 12th.

Finally: all our people & programs; Recharge Worship Service & Portions Worship series; attitudes- may we live as Jesus told us- "love one another as I have loved you"; our music director, Steve Haskey; our youth Director, Alex King; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families; be **of good Courage!** – No opportunity is too small!