

# THE MESSENGER

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP MINISTRY

On March 13, Young Chung was notified by the Immigration and Naturalization Service that her Application for Employment was approved and she received her Work Authorization Card. She is now officially a member of our lead staff and will be included as a staff member in our publications and church stationery. Congratulations Young and welcome to our church family.

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## FAITH CONGREGATION TO CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Faith Congregation was established 60 years ago in 1948. To mark this occasion we are planning a celebration on June 22. The speaker for the church services will be Pastor Nathan Shaus, associate pastor at Faith from 2000 to 2004. The services will have special music and Holy Communion.

At 12:45 p.m. we will have a catered dinner in the Fellowship Hall. The cost for the dinner has not been determined and reservations will be required. Watch for more details later. The program following the dinner will highlight Faith's past.

The committee members planning the celebration are John Barrett, Janet Johnson, Lois Kirkwood, Linda Laird, Karlea Landman, Mary Shaw and Norm Wilms.

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## FAITH'S CALL COMMITTEE SEEKING YOUR INPUT

Faith members are invited to participate in a process to identify those characteristics and strengths needed in our next senior pastor. A congregational survey is available for members to complete through April 13. The survey can be accessed on-line at Faith's website: <http://www.faithlutherantopeka.com>. Kiosks for completing the survey and paper copies of the survey will be available after services on March 30 and April 6 in the lobby. Paper copies of the survey are also available in the church office.

After April 13, the survey information will be compiled and shared with the congregation. Those priority characteristics and strengths identified by the congregation will be listed in the form used in seeking nominations from the congregation for the next senior pastor.

Please help the Call Committee by completing the survey. We also ask that you keep Faith and the call process in your prayers.



### Special points of interest:

- **Women's Spring Salad Luncheon—April 19**
- **Favorite hymns announced**
- **Senior Youth to hold Garage Sale in May**

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*Welcome*  
**New Members**  
*to Our*  
**Church**  
**Family**

On Sunday, March 9, Faith welcomed 11 households into membership through baptism, transfer and confirmation. These people are ready to get involved in the life of our congregation so now it's your turn to take an active role in helping them get to know Faith Lutheran Church a little better. Take a moment to say "Hi!" and make them feel welcome.

• **Gene & Rosie Ash**

1111 SW Western 66604 233-0781

Gene and Rosie have joined by adult confirmation. They are retired and joined Faith because we have an interpreter for the hearing impaired.

• **Jessica Balluch**

3321 NE Kincaid Rd 66617 640-7181

Jessica joined by adult confirmation. She is a kindergarten teacher in the Topeka USD 501 school district. Jessica will be marrying our member, Shad Allen, in July.

• **Connie Bennett and Brian**

1120 NE Kellam 66616 234-4538

The Bennett family has joined by transfer from St. John Lutheran, Topeka. Connie is an application support representative for Fiserv and is married to Kevin. Brian is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Topeka Lutheran School.

• **Jimmie Bramlett**

1807 SW Cheyenne 66604

Jimmie joined by reaffirmation of faith. He is retired.

• **Gary & Sherrie Dick**

2712 SW Tutbury Town 66614 273-3437

The Dicks have joined by transfer from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Topeka. They own "Topeka Today!" newspaper where Sherrie is the editor.

• **Melissa Duncan**

906 SW Kent Place 66606 272-2238

Melissa joined by transfer from Calvary Lutheran Church, Council Grove. She is a special education teacher for USD 501 and recently married Justin.

• **Phil & LaVada Gjerstad**

11815 Goldfinch Rd, Maple Hill 66507  
 711-256-6724

The Gjerstads have joined by transfer from Christ the King Lutheran Church, Dodge City. They are both self-employed.

• **Jon & Vici Hummell, Mysti and Addisyn**

3200 SW 32nd St 66614 272-7099

The Hummell family joined by adult and child baptism. Jon is an aide to the U.S. Senate and Vici is a homemaker. Their children are Mysti, 4-years-old and Addisyn, turning 1 in May.

• **Arlyn Johnson**

5203 SE 45th St, Tecumseh 66542 379-5292

Arlyn has joined by adult confirmation. She is a ticket scanner at USD 450-Shawnee Heights school district. She came to Faith through our member Delane Brunken.

• **Henry & Gayle Schulteis**

6131 SW Brookfield Circle 66614 272-5462

Henry and Gayle have joined by transfer from Prince of Peace, Topeka. Henry is an attorney.

• **Matt Traxler**

6123 SW 27th St #6 66614 249-4903

Matt joined by adult confirmation. He is a Technician I for Sears Auto Center. Matt is getting married to our member Jana Krien in 2009.

**A new 'Doorway to Faith' session begins March 30 to learn about God, Christianity from a Lutheran perspective, and becoming a member of Faith church.**

**This six-week class is Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in Room 100A.**

## Small Groups—Spring 2008

Did you know we had so many Small Groups (Bible studies) meeting? Pick a group to join! Or . . . none of these fit you schedule? Talk to Pastor Dave to get a new group started.

Day and Time	Host	Topic
Sunday afternoons	Ann VanZandt	Book of Revelation
Every other Sunday at 4:30 p.m.	Lori Hennessey	Book of Mark
Sunday nights, twice monthly	Joe & Janet Zima	Jesus: Legend or Lord
Sunday nights	Holly Robertson	Financial Peace University
1st Monday of each month	Diane Taylor	Teachers
Monday evenings	Deb Payne	Getting a Grip
Monday evenings	Wayne Peterson	How Do You Start a Fire with Water?
Tuesdays at 9:30 am.	Helen Hanson	Life of David
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.	Irma Straub	LifeLight: Acts
Tuesday evenings	Mark Brewer	Genesis
1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings	Deb Hale	Changed
Wednesday mornings	Edie Snethen	Spiritual Formation
Wednesday evenings during WOW	Dean Landman	Bethel Bible Series
Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.	Lavonna Creviston	Ecclesiastes
Every other Thursday evening	Darlene Strader	Proverbs
Saturday mornings	Martin Albrecht	Romans

## STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASS TO BE OFFERED IN FALL

Have you ever felt at a loss for words when someone confides in you about a problem, a stressful situation, a crisis? Have you avoided talking to friends or relatives when they are in need because you have felt inadequate to meet their need? Does it seem that people want to share their situation with you and you feel uncertain as to how to respond?

We live in a stressful world in which many people find themselves without a support group. They feel a need to reach out to others. We often feel we are not able to respond in the best way.

Stephen Ministers are a group within our church who have been trained in the skill and art of active listening. They stand ready to serve when a need is expressed. More Stephen Ministers are always needed. Some use their skills in special assignments and others use their skills in everyday situations.

If you feel a calling to this ministry or if you would like to sharpen your skills in your everyday communication with others, the Stephen Ministry class may be for you. It is an intensive study of the art of active listening along with training for specific situations

and areas of need such as illness, grieving, job loss, divorce, and many others.

This class is anticipated to be offered beginning in the fall. We need to plan for those who wish to attend. The commitment is for 20 sessions of intense classwork with materials that cost \$40. Scholarships are available. If you are interested, do not let the cost keep you from the class. After the initial class work, there are monthly Team Meetings to continue the learning and sharing process. Confidentiality is emphasized, so individual situations are never discussed in the sharing process.

If you are interested in taking the class either for your own personal growth or to make a commitment to the Stephen Ministry team at Faith, please contact Barbara McComas (233-7293), Jan Hoover(357-7063), or Sue Larson ( 235-2609). If you are a small group leader or a spiritual life leader, this class would be for your benefit as you lead your group or make visits. If you make hospital visits or nursing home calls, this class will assist you as well. If you enjoy having coffee with friends and troubles are shared, this class will help you respond in a caring way.

## LAY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

### FIRE AND SMOKE DETECTION SYSTEM

McElroy's Inc. has submitted their bill of \$20,000 (as bid) for installation of the new system. The actual installation cost was \$32,000 but McElroy's deducted \$12,000 as a donation of labor and material reducing our cost to \$20,000. A letter to acknowledge and convey our appreciation for their donation was sent to Dan Beal, President of McElroy's Inc.

### MINISTRY PLANNING TEAM

The Ministry Planning Team has scheduled congregational forums for April 6 to present six scenarios to address facilities required for ministry. A lunch will be provided immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service and small groups will have an opportunity to review, discuss and evaluate these scenarios and participate in forming a plan to address ministry facility solutions. Child care is planned.

### DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP MINISTRY

Another step in Young's work permit application was completed February 28, when Young traveled to Kansas City to have her picture recorded and finger prints taken.

### KINDLE

Marilyn Shults, Director of Children's Ministry is submitting an application and the council approved an expenditure of \$2,200 for tuition and to cover related travel and study materials. The congregation applied to the Kansas District for a grant in aid and was awarded \$300 toward tuition expense. Expenses for her to attend will be within 2008 Budget for Staff Continuing Education and Conferences and Conventions.

### SING - N - SIGN

Deb Hale has registered for the four day seminar at Concordia University, St Paul, Minnesota in June. Signing assistance is provided regularly at our Sunday, 9:30 a.m. services and allows deaf and hard of hearing individuals to participate in worship services.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE BOARD

The Spiritual Life Board reported approval of a \$2,000 grant from the Rath Educational Assistance (Scholarship) Fund to assist Christina Shults as she enters seminary to prepare for the pastoral ministry. Christina is a daughter of our congregation and preparing for professional church work as a pastor in a denomination she can pursue her calling. This grant will allow her to apply for matching funds from The Fund For Theological Education. She has been accepted at Pacific School of Religion and applying as well at Chicago Theological Seminary. A recent contribution of this amount to the Rath Educational Assistance Fund provides this assistance to Christina.

### PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION

The Lay Leadership Council confirmed the recommendation from the Spiritual Life Board to engage an outside professional consulting firm to provide guidance for the professional staff for the upcoming vacancy and transition to a new senior pastor. The plan is to engage a firm with experience in these circumstances with the appropriate personnel familiar with the difficulties experienced when this change occurs in professional church staffs. The cost is expected to be \$3,000 to \$4,000 and budget dollars will be appropriated from senior pastor salary not required during the vacancy.

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## WOMEN'S SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON



All women are invited to a salad luncheon on Sat., April 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A musical program will be presented by Young Chung, Faith's Director of Worship Ministry, before lunch. A short LWML business meeting and installation of officers will follow the meal. Bring a salad to share and enjoy music and fellowship!

**General Fund & Mortgage Payment Fund**  
**Year to Date - February—2008 (8 Sundays)**

	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Needed to Fund Budget	\$ 22,697	\$181,574	
Contributions Received	\$ 19,512	\$156,093	
Actual Expenses	\$ 21,882	\$175,059	

The Challenge Budget of \$60,500 is not included in these amounts.

St. John's Lutheran Church  
 901 SW Fillmore  
 51st Annual LLL  
 Smorgasbord  
 April 22  
 5:00—7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$7  
 Children 6-12: \$2  
 Children under 6: free

Menu  
 Chicken Breasts/Baked Ham  
 Barbequed Meatballs  
 Deviled Eggs/Baked Beans  
 Jello Salads/Potato Salad/Cole Slaw/Cottage Cheese  
 Pie/Coffee

Matching funds provided by Northern Shawnee  
 County Chapter—Thrivent Financial)

**Address Changes**

John & Shari Boswell  
 2849 SW Bingham Rd.  
 66614

Rebecca Beardmore  
 1219 SW MacVicar 66604

Sylvia Walters  
 4900 SW Huntoon, Apt. 508  
 66604

Jennifer Kuhn  
 2028 SW Hope 66604  
 554-9000

**Thank You**

Thank you all so very much for accepting my father in your congregation. He always spoke of Pastor Pete and Pastor Dave and how much he cared for them. He was also proud of how kind and gentle all of the parishioners of your church are. Many well wishes to all your family and friends. May God guide your lives in peace.

Sherry Tevis (daughter of Otto Krause)

**THOSE WHO SERVE IN APRIL**

**GREETERS**

8AM

- April 6 David & Marie Pinick
- April 13 Eric & Michelle Boling
- April 20 Doug Chitwood & Ian Cook
- April 27 Dean & Karlea Landman

11AM

- April 6 Harry & Lynda Hilderman
- April 13 Bob & Elaine Eggold
- April 20 Beulah Tenbrink & Lila Gooding
- April 27 Tevan & Nicole Wade

**SPIRITUAL LIFE LEADER/COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

- 8AM - Arlene Howland, Don Bartling, Bob Lehmann, Lavonna Creviston
- 11AM — Bob Onek, Dave Ruhnke, Gary Tenbrink, Carolyn Szafran, Nancy Rhone

**USHERS**

- 8AM Ron Kufahl, Doug Leonard, Howard Graham, Doug Helmke
- 11AM Al Gooding, Jeff Lane, Joyce Johnson, Gary Tenbrink, Lila Gooding, Eldred Wenger

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE TEAM**

- April 6 Dale & Sue Larson
- April 13 Mary Shaw & Barb McComas
- April 20 Don Bartling
- April 27 Larry & Jolene Saunders

## YOUTH NEWS

**GARAGE SALE BY SENIOR YOUTH** The Senior Youth garage sale is May 1-3 at Faith and they need donations of clean, used, saleable items. The youth will pick up your donations, if needed. All proceeds go toward funding summer mission trips and spiritual growth retreats. Call Kim Knowland, 478-3977.

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR YOUTH TRIPS** Get your registration in ASAP for youth trips to Eureka Springs, South Dakota, LVR, Michigan and Texas. If you need more details, talk to Carolyn or Audrey. \$100 deposit.

**FRIDAY FRENZIE** Friday, April 18, 6 p.m. - midnight - For 5th through 8th graders - Bring one friend!! Cost is \$10. Watch for more info in your April Youth Mailing.

**SENIOR YOUTH** (plus 8th graders).....Your help will be needed with the Candlelight Dinner we are hosting for all the Faith members married over 50 years. Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 20, and watch for more details!!

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## WORSHIP MINISTRY

### HYMN FESTIVAL ON APRIL 20 IN ALL SERVICES

Thanks to those who selected their favorite hymns for the Hymn Festival. We received 230 surveys. On April 20 we will feature Faith's favorite hymn of each season. It will be filled with beautiful imagery, scriptures and music, featuring organ, choirs, soloists and instrumentalists at the 8 & 11 a.m. services. The 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. services will also reflect the top songs of each season.

#### Advent

Oh, Come, Oh, Come,  
Emmanuel  
Hark, the Glad Sound  
Wake, Awake, for Night Is  
Flying  
On Jordan's Banks the  
Baptist's Cry  
My Lord, What a Morning

#### Christmas

Silent Night, Holy Night  
Joy to the World  
What Child Is This  
Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful  
Go Tell It on the Mountain

#### Epiphany

Shine, Jesus, Shine  
We Three Kings of Orient Are  
Brightest and Best of the Stars  
of the Morning  
How Good Lord, to Be Here!  
We Are Marching in the Light  
of God

#### Lent

Beautiful Savior  
Abide with Me  
Were You There  
Go to Dark Gethsemane  
Just as I Am, without One  
Plea

#### Easter

I Know That My Redeemer  
Lives!  
Christ the Lord Is Risen  
Today!  
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today  
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today  
At the Lamb's High Feast We  
Sing

#### Pentecost

O Holy Spirit, Enter In  
Come, Holy Ghost, God and  
Lord  
Lord, Listen to Your Children  
Praying

O Day Full of Grace  
Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

#### Christ the King

Crown Him with Many Crowns  
All Hail the Power of Jesus'  
Name  
Lead on, O King Eternal  
Jesus Shall Reign  
Soon and Very Soon

### Special thanks to those who enhanced worship services through their musical talents:

- ◆ Cantors for leading evening services during Lent.
- ◆ Cherub & WOW for offering special music in services.
- ◆ Youth Ensemble for playing /singing on March 2 at the 9:30 & 11:00 services.
- ◆ Festival Choir/ Bell Choir members for singing/ ringing for Holy week services and Easter services.
- ◆ Soloists/ instrumentalists for offering special music for Lenten services, Holy week services and/or Easter services.

### Special thanks also to those who enriched the worship services in various ways:

Worship Committee, Altar Guild, Banner Ministry, AV Ministry, Sound Technicians, the Art Council, Ron & Audrey Werner, etc. for Lenten services, Holy Week and Easter .

The Woldorf Choir Concert (Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa) will be held on April 20 at 7:30 pm. at Faith

Worship Ministry received a donation from Ellen Jackson for preparing Taize Song Books for pew edition copies.

**CHILDREN MINISTRIES**

**NEW LIBRARY OF SEX EDUCATION BOOKS** Faith has an assortment of children’s sex education books. Check out a book! What a great way to continue your conversation at home. Books for all ages preschool through adults will be on a cart in the south hallway (main level).

**WOW! FAMILY & FRIENDS NIGHT, APRIL 30** Family, friends and leaders are encouraged to attend the last night of Wow for this spring. We will have a wacky night with our annual games, prepare May day gifts, and close with worship. RSVPs for a meal count are helpful. Call 272-4214 or Marilyn4kids44@swbell.net

**WOULD YOU CONSIDER SERVING ON THE TLS SCHOOL BOARD OR CYC GOVERNING BOARD?** New terms begin this summer. If you are interested or desire more details, please let Marilyn know.

**SUNDAY EDUCATION LEADERS FOR SUMMER** Summer is just a few weeks away and during the summer the education leaders who teach during the school year need a break. So it’s your turn to step forward and serve for 3 months. There are a variety of roles (large and small) to serve. Stop by the office and offer your time.

**FAITH CAMP: FRIENDSHIP TREK** Sunday, July 20 – Thursday, July 24  
This congregational event involves children through adults as we dig into God’s Word to discover that friends are great gifts from God...and the greatest friend of all is Jesus, our Savior! Each camper is encouraged to bring a friend. Start thinking and praying about who you will ask to come to Faith camp.

**Children’s Sex Education:** These parent and child classes will be held the next two weeks.

April 6	4 & 5 year olds		206 208
April 6	Grade 3 & 4	Grade 3 & 4	105 107
April 13	Grade 1 & 2	Grade 1 & 2	104 106

**FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE**

Last month’s tip was: Lent—Jesus died for us, lets live for Him. WheatRidge Ministries offers these tips for **Living well . . . In the Lord!**

- L** Listen to the Lord! Let Him do the talking.
- I** Intentionally celebrate life! Go and do the good that God is calling you to do!
- V** Volunteer! Share your talents — reach out and bless the life of another.
- I** Invest in yourself. God declares you precious in His sight! Take care of yourself!
- N** Notice God’s gifts around you. Rejoice in His creation!
- G** Grow spiritually. Find a quiet place to reflect and meditate each day.
- W** Walk regularly. The best exercise if to walk with the Lord each day.
- E** Eat sensibly. Watch the fat calories. Enjoy a healthy diet with lots of fruits and veggies.
- L** Lift people up—through prayer, by saying thanks, by smiling!
- L** Lighten up. Laugh at yourself, trust the Lord. He is in control.

Please continue to give me your tips to share. Stop by the church any Wednesday between 1:30—3:30 p.m. if you’d like your blood pressure checked or have health questions.

Margaret A

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

The Lutheran Hour can be heard on WIBW— 580AM on Sunday mornings at 7:30am.

April 6

*"Some Still Don't Know"*  
(Luke 24:18-19)

If you are someone who doesn't know the conquest completed by Christ, this message is for you!

April 13

*"The Abundant Life"*

Is life unfair? Is it true that Christ came to bring abundance to your life? Find out in this broadcast!

April 20

*"One Lord, One Savior, One Way To Heaven"*

Think all religions are pretty much the same? Today's message points out the uniqueness of the Savior — the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

April 27

*"Baptism: A Matter of Life and Death"*

Guest: Pastor Mark Muenchow  
Baptism is a "near-death experience" that connects us to Christ's death and resurrection.

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