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a message from senior pastor, Jacob Heine

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19

Every organization needs to have Core Values that help guide and direct decisions and all that they do. Faith Lutheran Church is no different. We have our Core Values that help to guide and direct all that we do and the decisions we make. Several months ago I started highlighting these values and why they matter to us. We heard how we are to put Christ at the center of all things. Christ is our light and our salvation, and it is important to put Him first in all things. We have heard about the importance of worship, about how we need to hear God’s Word proclaimed and receive His Sacraments. We have heard the importance of Christian Education and the need to continue to learn and grow in God’s Word. We have heard how God has a mission, and church to fulfill that mission. Last month we talked about how we are all called to care for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This month we look at our 6th, and final Core Value.

Core Value #6 – Innovation

It is absolutely true that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8) God never changes and His gospel, the good news of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone is as true now as it ever has been and will ever be. In this constantly changing world where new discoveries and upheavals happen it is wonderful and glorious that we have a God that never changes and is always faithful.

However, the means by which the message of this grace of God is conveyed to people has changed many times and will continue to until Christ returns in glory. There was a time before computers, before affordable books, before printing presses, and before any of the modern conveniences the world now has. Christians have always needed to adapt our methods to bring God’s eternal truth to the world.

Faith Lutheran Church has long been known as a congregation that has been innovative, one that is ahead of the curve, trying new things to reach people with the never changing Gospel of Jesus Christ, while being true to our beliefs and the DNA of the congregation. It is important that we continue to ask the right questions and make changes that are necessary to bring so that more would come to faith and grow in their faith. And so, we lean forward in faith, knowing that the message of grace through faith in Christ needs to go out.

In Christ’s Hands,

Pastor Jacob



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*Oh come, let us sing to the
LORD;
let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our*

Deborah Circle met February 20 to clean the kitchen and then enjoyed eating out together. Our next circle gathering will be March 19 at 7:00 pm at the church. Karen Peterson will host and have topic.

Eve Circle will meet next on March 11 at 5:30 PM to clean the kitchen, followed up with a pizza party and our regular meeting at 7PM.

Hannah Circle meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM. They are responsible for organizing the Women's Retreat coming up on March 2nd beginning at 8:30 AM at the church and have invited all women from our congregation to come and enjoy "Living a Chocolate Life" by Deb Burma. There will be a yummy lunch, snacks, crafts/service project, and a small take-home gift.

Ruth Circle is meeting March 13 at 9:30am in the parlor. The hostess are Pam Boetcher and Joan Reynolds. Brenda Reynolds is the topic leader. For questions please call Brenda Reynolds (785-437-2050).

The Topeka LWML Zone meeting is March 9 at Christ Lutheran in Topeka and is a wonderful opportunity for us to gather in Word, fellowship, and service with our sisters in Christ from churches in the Topeka area. Registration and the servant event starts at 9 AM.

The Kansas District LWML Biennial Convention is April 12-14 in Wichita with the theme, *Jesus is My Anchor*. Regular registration is due by March 28. for more information visit:

www.kansaslwml.org.

We are honored to making the banner for the Topeka Zone which will be carried in at the start of the convention by our Young Women's Representative, Claire Banion. A big thank you to our banner making committee; Susan Thowe, Claire Banion, Shari Albrecht, Tracy Leonard, and Karen Tardiff for taking on this project.

Luther College Symphony Orchestra Concert

Join us on Saturday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Topeka (1234 SW Fairlawn Rd.) for a concert by the Luther College Symphony Orchestra on tour from Decorah, Iowa.

You won't want to miss the fine performance by this ensemble made up of students from a variety of academic disciplines under the direction of Dr. Daniel Baldwin. The program includes works by Bernstein, Faure, Mussorgsky, Wagner, and Moncayo.

No tickets are necessary to attend the performance; freewill donations will be collected in support of the orchestra and their travel expenses.

LFACT needs help in housing these students. Volunteer hosts are the only way LFACT can bring some of the many groups to Topeka.

If you could help by hosting two students, please contact Marlene Urban, mmu1940@gmail.com or Ann Mah anmah@att.net



FAITH IS ENROLLED IN THE DILLONS COMMUNITY

REWARDS PROGRAM

Anyone with a Dillon's Shoppers Card can designate Faith Lutheran Church – Topeka (organization # CX912) as the reward recipient for their purchases.

To designate Faith on your Shoppers Card account: go to www.dillons.com/communityrewards

Sign into your Dillons account. Go to "Link your Card to an organization." Then click on "Search for your organization here."

On the next screen, in the field "Find an Organization", enter Faith Lutheran Church and press enter. Click on "Enroll" under the name "Faith Lutheran Church – Topeka". You will see a message you have successfully enrolled and you are finished.

Shoppers Card holders must re-enroll annually to designate Faith in this program.

The first Quarter we were enrolled (Oct—Dec) we received \$249.86 from Dillons Community Rewards. Thank you to those who have signed up!



Community Rewards Program

Faith is now enrolled! Designate your Dillon's Shoppers Card Community Rewards to Faith!



Field Notes

Devotional from the Field: Spiritual Reflections from our Czechia Team while abroad!
\$15/Devotional

Look! The Cross

Photography Collection: Crosses from the Field from our Czechia Mission team!
\$15/Photo Book

Order from a Czechia Team Member or scan the QR Code!

CARE CARDS

Join friends at church every-other Wednesday in room 206 to make 4"x4" Care Cards. All materials are provided and no experience is necessary. Card making days this month are March 6 & 20. Finished cards are placed in a box at the Care Card Center near the church's front entry - to be sent to members who need to know people CARE about them. Please write a note to the person(s) whose names appear on the white board at the Care Card center.

EASTER Flowers

Order forms available on the Usher's Table! Return to the church office by March 12!

FOR YOUR HEALTH ...The beat goes on...Coronary Artery Disease

a message from our Parish Nurse Pat Schultz, RN

Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) is the most common heart problem in the United States. Our heart has coronary arteries that lay on the outside of the heart and feed the much-needed oxygen to the heart. These arteries are vital to our heartbeat and to our life!

A largely or completely blocked coronary artery can cause a myocardial infarction (MI), which is more commonly known as a heart attack. Every year about 805,000 people in the U.S. experience an MI; of these 805,000 heart attacks, about 200,000 are second or subsequent heart attacks. Approximately one in five MI's is called a silent MI, which occurs without any signs or symptoms of the event. Unfortunately, a silent MI can cause damage to the heart muscle.

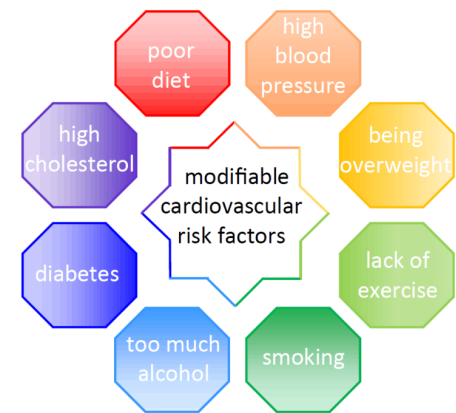
What causes a blocked coronary artery? Plaque in the coronary arteries, which is made up of deposits of cholesterol and other substances, can cause the inside of the artery to narrow. This is called atherosclerosis. The formation of this plaque inside the coronary arteries can also cause small blood clots that occlude the artery.

CAD often develops over decades. Symptoms may go unnoticed at first or may be noticed only with activity that increases the heart rate. As CAD worsens, or as the coronary arteries become narrowed, the symptoms become more severe and/or more frequent. The symptoms of CAD include: **Chest Pain**, or angina... You may feel pain, pressure, or tightness in your chest, sometimes radiating up your neck and jaw or into your back. Some say it feels like an elephant is sitting on your chest. Stable angina occurs during physical activity or when under mental or emotional stress. Unstable angina occurs during rest, without apparent reason. Unstable angina is a medical emergency. **Shortness of breath...** You feel like you can't catch your breath. **Fatigue...** When the heart cannot pump enough blood to meet the body's needs you

can feel unusually tired. **Nausea/vomiting/diaphoresis...** You might feel nauseated and be sweaty. These symptoms are "textbook" symptoms; women especially may have different symptoms.

Physiologically the damage created from a heart attack can range from slight or mild to severe to deadly. Let's think about our heart. It is basically a big muscle. As mentioned last month our muscles require oxygen to function. When a coronary artery becomes partially occluded less blood flows through the artery. When the heart muscle gets less oxygen than it needs it starts to cry out...in the form of chest pain. Restoration of blood flow to the coronary arteries and heart muscle can be achieved by medications, supplemental oxygen, angioplasty and stent placement, or Coronary Artery Bypass Grafts. Once the blood flow is restored to the artery the pain is relieved.

From a clinical standpoint a person experiencing chest pain needs medical attention. It is always best to call 911 or your local emergency medical response team. Benefits of calling 911 include the onset of medical attention upon arrival of the emergency team. They will perform assessments, start treatment, and notify the ER of your situation before you arrive at the hospital, having a team ready to continue care without missing a beat. Once heart muscle is damaged some percentage of the heart's pumping power is lost, which can cause devastating changes in your life.



Risk factors for CAD include: **Age** (men after 55 and women after menopause); **Inactivity** or a **sedentary lifestyle**; **Diabetes** or **metabolic syndrome**; **Family history** of CAD/genetics; **High levels of LDL** (the bad cholesterol or **low levels of HDL** (the good cholesterol)); **Obesity**; **Smoking** or breathing in second-hand smoke; **Stress**; **Poor dental health**; **An unhealthy diet**; **Alcohol/drug abuse**; and **Sleep disorders**, especially sleep apnea. Risk factors often occur together; one risk factor may trigger another. Any time you see your physician is a good time to talk about any of these risk factors!

Do not use this information to diagnose yourself or a loved one. Any time you think you might have a heart problem I encourage you to contact your physician or go to the Emergency Room for evaluation.

Kenlon Johannes	2
Connor Loupe	2
Parker Moran	2
Brandon Poe	2
Dalton Taylor	2
Eva Rollenhagen	2
Maliyah Runnels	4
Ray Moran	6
Brenda Alvarez	7
Wanita Dammann	7
Kris Deiter	7
Mike Landman	7
Carolyn Onek	8
Karissa Stiers	8
Shari Albrecht	9
Karen Peterson	9
Kim Holter	10
Judy Pagenkopf	10
Ellen Wenger	10
MiKayla Khalil	11
Wyatt Riddle	11
Amanda Albrecht	12
Emma Hubka	12
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Cassidy Haag	13
Rachel Halupa	13
Mark Neddermeyer	13

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Wayne Alumbaugh	15
Rob Hoover	15
Joseph Myers	15
Twila Theimer	15
Chris Carlson	16
Carissa Trimble	16
Marty Flanagan	17
Mohinder Pal	17
Carolyn Dale	18
Idell Dankert	18
Gabriel O'Shea	18
Don Rankin	18
Ron Sivertson	18
Leo Perry	19
Lori Biel	20
Sarah Caleb	20
Gary Tenbrink	20
Lisa Haag	21
Atlee Reetz	21
Edie Snethen	21
Gabby Falk	22
Hannah Heine	22
Alison Rhone	22
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Diane Butler	23
Brenda Schwartz	23
Michelle Ideker	24
Sophie Oswald	24



Daniel Domingo	25
Isaiah Wilson	25
Bob Bartlow	26
Rob Sage	26
Isaak Smith	26
Brady Boyer	27
Spencer Mahon	27
Faye Ideker	28
Lucas Nelson	28
Ron Olson	28
Caryn Sheets	29
Aleksander Westjord	29
Teri Wodtke	29
Rachel Bristow	30
David Huesers	30
Dean Landman	30
Bryanna Nelson	30
Adam Offermann	30
Matt Burdick	31
Gen Cater	31
Jaxon Decker	31
Pat Pierce	31
Abigail Riddle	31



Dan & Karissa Stiers	1
Kelsie & Nick Jefferson	3

Carolyn & Galen Dale	5
Duane & Eva Brunkow	6
Bob & Marita Gabler	10
Rachel & Jayce Brack	11
Don & Edie Snethen	11
Nancy & Lee Kinney	12

Lydia & Jason Spellman-Roberts	19
Kimberly & Michael White	23
Hannah & Sam Eley	25
Ray & Stephanie Moran	30
Blake & Sarah Ramsey	31

Update from our treasurer. . .

MONTHLY FINANCIAL RESULTS

- Donations for January were \$84,974 and expenses were \$95,855 resulting in a **net negative** balance for the month of (\$10,881).
- Donations were \$8,581 higher than 2023.



*Increase over 2022



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

329 (+47)*

EDUCATION ATTENDANCE

119 (+33)*

ANNUAL GIVING

\$1,135,467 (+\$1,071)*

OTHER STATS

- BAPTISMS: 9
- ADULT CONFIRMATIONS: 12
- PROFESSIONS OF FAITH: 2
- TRANSFERS IN: 9
- TRANSFERS OUT: 5
- MEMBER DEATHS: 14

FAITH LUTHERAN
2023 Year-End Recap

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEARS 2020, 2021, 2022 AND 2023**

	12/31/20	12/31/21	12/31/22	12/31/23
General Fund				
Beginning balance	\$ 43,680	\$ 43,680	\$ 43,680	\$ 43,680
Contributions	\$ 1,080,619	\$ 1,152,898	\$ 1,134,396	\$ 1,135,467
Expenses	\$ (973,861)	\$ (1,042,366)	\$ (1,072,826)	\$ (1,099,826)
South Campus Property	\$ (1,565)	\$ (7,226)	\$ (4,138)	\$ (17,859)
Misc. Income/Expense	\$ (105,192)	\$ (103,307)	\$ (57,433)	\$ (17,782)
Net change	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	\$ 0	\$ (0)
Ending balance	\$ 43,680	\$ 43,680	\$ 43,680	\$ 43,680
Designated Funds				
Beginning balance	\$ 496,791	\$ 668,725	\$ 622,966	\$ 689,884
Deposits less disbursements	\$ 171,934	\$ (45,759)	\$ 66,917	\$ (16,094)
Ending balance	\$ 668,725	\$ 622,966	\$ 689,884	\$ 673,789
Endowment Fund				
Beginning balance	\$ 149,885	\$ 164,995	\$ 176,636	\$ 150,217
Contributions	\$ (43)			
Investment Income / (Loss)	\$ 15,153	\$ 11,641	\$ (26,419)	\$ 17,555
Grants paid out	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net change	\$ 15,110	\$ 11,641	\$ (26,419)	\$ 17,555
Ending balance	\$ 164,995	\$ 176,636	\$ 150,217	\$ 167,772
Memorial Funds				
Beginning balance	\$ 21,791	\$ 25,211	\$ 30,166	\$ 28,378
Deposits less disbursements	\$ 3,420	\$ 4,955	\$ (1,788)	\$ (4,424)
Ending balance	\$ 25,211	\$ 30,166	\$ 28,378	\$ 23,953
Liabilities - Payroll Tax & Other	\$ 136	\$ 136	\$ 3,825	\$ 3,892
Total	\$ 902,747	\$ 873,583	\$ 915,984	\$ 913,086

	Balance 12/31/20	Balance 12/31/21	Balance 12/31/22	Balance 12/31/23
Fund Summary				
Bank Account	\$ 693,108	\$ 651,616	\$ 719,317	\$ 697,991
LCEF 40-month Note @ 1.85%	\$ 43,418	\$ 45,182	\$ 46,299	\$ 47,173
LCEF Steward Acct @ 1.0%	\$ 1,076	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stock Certificates	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Endowment (Thrivent Mutual Fund)	\$ 164,995	\$ 176,636	\$ 150,217	\$ 167,772
Petty Cash	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ 150
Total Cash	\$ 902,747	\$ 873,583	\$ 915,983	\$ 913,086

OUTSTANDING DEBT

CYC Mortgage 4.875% / 15 Yrs, Matures	207,260	193,531	179,117	163,985
Miscellaneous Income & Expense				
Checking Interest	\$ (939)	\$ (899)	\$ (989)	\$ (1,578)
LCEF Interest	\$ (1,694)	\$ (1,763)	\$ (1,118)	\$ (874)
Rental Property Reserve	\$ 11,085	\$ 9,895	\$ 11,208	\$ 12,515
Gain/Loss on Stock Sale	\$ (863)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve Cur Year Income	\$ 97,604	\$ 96,073	\$ 48,331	\$ 7,718
Total Miscellaneous Income & Expense	\$ 105,192	\$ 103,307	\$ 57,433	\$ 17,782

The following funds were reserved from net surplus:

Rental House Property Fund	\$ 11,085	\$ 9,895	\$ 11,208	\$ 12,515
Future Projects - Current Year Surplu	\$ 97,604	\$ 96,073	\$ 48,331	\$ 7,718
Future Projects - PPP Loan Forgiveness	\$ 111,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ 219,889	\$ 105,968	\$ 59,539	\$ 20,233

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
WORSHIP | 5PM & 7PM
RITE OF FIRST
COMMUNION AT 7PM



GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
WORSHIP AT
12PM & 7:30PM



EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

6:30AM | SUNRISE
8AM & 9:30AM | TRADITIONAL
11AM | CONTEMPORARY



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				29	1 All Youth Retreat	2 All Youth Retreat 8:00am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Women's Retreat 9:00am Breakfast Club
3 All Youth Retreat 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Doorway to Faith Membership Class 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Cont Worship 12:15pm Traditional Worship	4 7:00pm Boy Scouts	5 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Spiritual Life 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	6 11:00am Care Card making 5:00pm Lenten Worship 5:15pm WOW 5:30pm Lenten Meal 6:00pm Financial Peace Classes 7:00pm Lenten Worship	7 6:00pm Bell rehearsal 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	8	9 8:00am MOST Ministry 9:00am Breakfast Club
10 <i>Daylight-Saving Time Begins</i> 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Doorway to Faith Membership Class 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Contemporary Worship 12:15pm Traditional Worship	11 <i>Spring Break</i> 9:00am Quilting 5:30pm Eve Circle 7:00pm Boy Scouts	12 <i>Spring Break</i> 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm LLC	13 <i>Spring Break</i> 9:30 Ruth Circle 5:00pm Lenten Worship 5:30pm Lenten Meal: Chili Cookoff 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:45pm Praise Team Rehearsal	14 <i>Spring Break</i> 9:00am Scrapbooking 6:00pm Bell rehearsal 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	15 <i>Spring Break</i> 9:00am Scrapbooking	16 6:00am Scout Pancake Feed 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Breakfast Club
17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Doorway to Faith Membership Class 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Contemporary Worship 12:15pm Traditional Worship	18 7:00pm Boy Scouts	19 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Deborah Circle 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	20 11:00am Care Card making 5:00pm Lenten Worship 5:15pm WOW 5:30pm Lenten Meal 6:00pm Financial Peace Classes 7:00pm Lenten Worship	21 6:00pm Bell rehearsal 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	22	23 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Breakfast Club
24 New Member Welcome <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Doorway to Faith Membership Class 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Contemporary Worship 12:15pm Traditional Worship	25 9:00am Quilting 5:00pm LWML Exec Bd 7:00pm Boy Scouts	26 10:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	27	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 5:00pm MT Worship 7:00pm MT Worship w/1st Communion	29 <i>Good Friday</i> 12:00pm Good Friday Worship 7:30pm Tenebrae Worship	30 8:00am Men's Bible Study 11:00am Easter Eggstravaganza
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 6:30am Easter Sunrise 7:00am Easter Breakfast 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Traditional Worship 11:00am Contemporary Worship	1 Church Office Closed 7:00pm Boy Scouts	2 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Spiritual Life	3 11:00am Care Card making 5:15pm WOW 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal	4 9:00am Scrapbooking 6:00pm Bell rehearsal 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5 9:00am Scrapbooking	6 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Breakfast Club

.CHILDREN. .YOUTH. .FAMILIES.

Heather McCormick, director of youth & family ministry

YOUTH

Our junior and senior youth Junior & Senior Youth will be on their annual All Youth Retreat on Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3. All participating students need to be at Faith on Friday no later than 6:15pm and have already eaten dinner. Forget to register by Sunday, Feb. 11? Talk to DCE Heather to see if there are any spots available!

Easter Eggstravaganza!! Junior & Senior Youth will host Faith's annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 30 from 11am-1pm at Faith! Join us "on the Green" for inflatables, lunch, Easter crafts, a telling of the Easter story, an egg hunt, and more! ALL activities are FREE! **Junior & senior youth need to arrive no later than 9:30am to set-up.**

Junior youth will host coffee fellowship on Sunday, March 10 at 8:30am. All proceeds go towards our junior youth summer trips.

Senior youth will host coffee fellowship on Sunday, March 17 at 8:30am. All proceeds go towards our senior youth summer trips

Senior youth are now collecting items for their annual **Garage Sale**. Donated items can be put in the South Campus (look for signs for the designated Garage Sale Collection Room). The Garage Sale itself will take place on Wednesday, May 29 through Friday, May 31.

FAMILY LIFE

Faith's 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off: Join us for Faith's annual chili cook-off on Wednesday, March 13 from 5:30-6:45pm! Try a variety of different chilis and vote for your favorite entry! Enter your own chili to win the coveted Chili Cook-Off trophy (enter to participate in the church office).

Faith Speaks: Thank you to all who joined us for the February Faith Speaks event with Chad Bird! A speaker announcement for June is coming soon!

Lenten Meals

- * March 6: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cookies
- * March 13: Chili Cook Off with Cinnamon Rolls
- * March 20: Taco Bar, Sopapilla Cheesecakes



QUILTERS NEEDED

Our Monday morning quilters are always in need of more help. Please consider joining them on 2nd & 4th Monday mornings here at Faith. March quilting dates: March 11 & 25. No experience necessary. We are now meeting in a room in the south campus building. Questions? Contact Anne Johnson, 408-8004.



Support International Mission trips!



PIZZA HUT FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, March 5 | Any time!
All online Pizza Hut orders count (Code: SY)!
Phone/In person orders at 2219 SW Gage (using code SY)!

Mission • Outreach

BLOOD DRIVE

We exceeded our goal of 15 units -- by collecting 24 units during our blood drive on February 18th!

24 units = 72 local lives potentially saved! The following note was received from the Community Blood Center: *"I hope you and everyone at Faith Lutheran take the most deserved pride in these results and in the real life effects this blood will have in our community. This is exactly how I understand living one's faith."* Thank you to all the donors, volunteers, and supporters for sharing Christ's love!

MISSION TRIP TO CZECHIA

Thank you so much for supporting the team for our upcoming April trip to serve in the Czech Republic! We enjoyed a delicious fundraiser meal on Feb.18.

For the coming weeks, the mission team will continue selling Butterbraids as well as Field Notes booklet written while on the mission field in Czechia, and a booklet of photography. Contact a team member or DCE Hannah for more information. We appreciate your support, encouragement, and prayers.



SERVICE EVENT: APRIL 7

The entire congregation is invited to participate in a community service event on Sunday afternoon April 7. Just a week after Easter, this is a great time to come together to share Christ's love with our neighborhood and community. Our litter cleanup campaign is designed to aesthetically improve our environment by creating cleaner parks, streetscapes, and public spaces. Through litter removal and elimination we serve our neighbors in beautification, function, and safety of Topeka's streets, parks and neighborhoods. Teams will be sent-off with a prayer and blessing from the



church on April 7, and equipped with gloves and garbage bags. Each team will be asked how many bags they were able to fill that

week and we will celebrate the total effect made by God's people for this initiative. Please contact DCE Hannah if you are interested in being a servant-leader for this project.

PIZZA HUT FUNDRAISER:

Mark your calendar for March 5 - it's pizza time! Pizza Hut will donate a portion of all sales on March 5th to Faith's international mission trips.

Online orders: use code "SY" in the coupon code. Good for all Topeka Pizza Huts and many others locations too!

Ordering in person or on the phone: Tell them the code "SY" - must be purchased from the Pizza Hut at 2219 SW Gage BLVD.

DOORSTEP

Faith contributed 724.9 pounds of soup and crackers to Doorstep as our part of the SouperBowl Drive. WOW!!! In 2023, Doorstep gave out 127,370 lbs of food to 2,424 households containing 5,986 individuals. During that year, we had to spend \$54,600 in order to keep our shelves stocked due to the demand. We did this in lieu of decreasing the amount of food we give out or increasing the length of time families had to wait between picking up food from us.

The need for food for our neighbors has increased dramatically. This year, we have spent \$50,000 on food to keep our shelves stocked (we projected only \$8,000 being needed). This year, we have given out almost 120,000 pounds of food. Last year we gave out 81,000 pounds. That's almost a 50% increase; and we're not even done yet!

Currently, we are in need of the following items:

- ◆ Beans—Canned & Dried
- ◆ Boxed Potatoes
- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Hand Can Openers
- ◆ Egg Noodles
- ◆ Milk -Canned & Powered
- ◆ Oatmeal
- ◆ Pancake Mix
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Boxed Pasta, Spaghetti,
- Spaghetti O's, Macaroni & Cheese, Ravioli
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Peas
- ◆ Pork & Beans
- ◆ Soups: Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Tomato, & Cream of Mushroom
- ◆ Tuna

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm (closed 12-1pm)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00* - Traditional Worship

10:45* - Contemporary Worship

12:15 - Traditional Worship

* also live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube

EDUCATION

Sundays for all ages: 9:30am

WOW Wednesdays: 5:15-7:30pm (Sept-Apr)

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