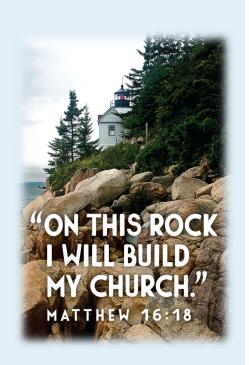


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a message from senior pastor, Jacob Heine

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
~Built on the Rock (LSB 645:1)

The last several months I have had the joy of walking through years of bulletins, Weekend Updates, Messengers, and other church records getting ready for the celebration of Faith's 75th Anniversary. It has been enlightening to read through these documents and see the joys of new members, new pastors and DCEs, years when building projects happened and mortgage burnings were granted. There were years of surplus budgets and attendance that pushed 600 people per Sunday.

There have also been the years of struggle and hardship. Articles that have noted the deaths of prominent and well-loved members, the departure of pastors and DCEs to other places, the closing of a daycare and the end of a Saturday night service. There are lean years in giving when there needed to be appeals for the members to give more to cover the budget and so employees could be paid, and where attendance declined.

There have been ups and there have been downs.

But there is one constant that has been there through it all. Christ, the Rock of the Church and our solid foundation.

This year is no different. 2023 is a year of some wonderful moments for us as a congregation. We are celebrating 75 years of making disciples in Topeka. This year we called Hannah Elsey as our second DCE and Jeff Lane will ready to be ordained early in 2024. Our leadership has worked on cleaning up our constitution and bylaws, worked on the Board Policy Manual, and are dreaming about the future of the congregation. We have seen visitors nearly every week (many returning week after week) and new members being welcomed in. There are great things to celebrate this year.

And we have our challenges. Giving has been down this year. Though we are currently making our budget obligation, you have probably noticed in previous Messengers that we have also run a deficit several months. Our facilities have

been aging and needing repairs and upgrades, we have been challenged balancing what needs to be done immediately with what can be taken care of later. We have also experienced the heartbreaking reality of the closing of our association school, Topeka Lutheran School. We have our challenges this year as well.

But there is one constant that have been there through it all. Christ, the Rock of the Church and our solid foundation.

The hymn, *Built on the Rock*, is one of my favorites. It has been used in many of our worship services throughout the years and even one of the congregation's anniversary services. It reminds us that no matter what may come, falling steeples or chiming bells, Christ is our Rock. We do not fear because we are in Christ and Christ is in us. There are times of great joy and times of deep sorrow, but through it all we have one constant, Christ, the Rock of the Church and our solid foundation.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."
~Built on the Rock (LSB 645:5)

In Christ's Hands,
Pastor Jacob

MUSIC MINISTRY PREPS FOR ANNIVERSARY

Faith has a long history of a strong music ministry and this will be evident in the 75th anniversary worship on June 11 at 9:30am (one service that day). The service will include all aspects of our Music Ministry with participation by the Adult Choir, Alleluia Ringers, Praise Team, and brass.

If you've been in the Adult Choir in the past or want to join just for this joyous worship, please come! Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:15pm through June 8 (no rehearsal on May 11). Please direct questions or comments, to Linda Meyer, director.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Sydni Meehan—4100 SW Emland Dr apt 2, 66606

Tracy & Heidi Kutscher—817 SE Oakridge LN, 66609

Kim Fowler—3913 SE 30th Park, 66605

Beryl (Bebo) Born—1318 Lafayette Dr, Manhattan, KS, 66502

Shelley Jensen—2831 SW Herefordshire Rd,, 66614

David Atchison—7820 SE Adams St., Berryton, KS 66409

Ashley McCallister—1701 NW 59th Ter, 66618

JoAnn Kroenke—7820 SE Adams St, Berryton, KS 66409

UPDATE FROM LLC....

Mark Zillinger has taken Richard Liedtke's place (Richard has taken a job in Texas) as a member-at -large. At the voter's meeting on Sunday, April 16, a call for Hannah Elsey as DCE at Faith was approved.

LLC continues to look for a recording secretary, if this is something you would consider, please talk to David Lippe

FAITH LUTHERAN 75 YEARS LIVING AS DISCIPLES

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

• 6-9PM: YOUTH GROUP REUNION AT THE PENNANT'S PRIVATE ROOM



REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO GUARANTEE A T-SHIRT IN YOUR SIZE.
 SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER OR GO TO FAITHLUTHERANTOPEKA, COM.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

- 7:30AM: RUN WITH THE REV 5K FUN RUN & WALK AT GAGE PARK
 - \$10/PER PERSON SUGGESTED DONATION TO COVER COURSE FEES & T-SHIRT.



- REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO GUARANTEE A T-SHIRT IN YOUR SIZE. SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER OR GO TO FAITHLUTHERANTOPEKA.COM.
- 12PM: COMMUNITY SERVICE SENDING
 - MEET AT FAITH AT NOON TO RECIEVE A SACK LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE, AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS PERTAINING TO YOUR SERVICE PROJECT ASSIGNMENT.
 - REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH PROJECTS COORDINATED FOR THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER OR GO TO FAITHLUTHERANTOPEKA.COM.



6:30PM: TRIVIA ON THE GREEN

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

- 9:30AM: ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT FAITH
- 12PM: ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AT THE TOWNSITE TOWER BALLROOM
 - RSVP REQUIRED, \$10 SUGGESTED DONATION PER PERSON, MAXIMUM SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$50 PER FAMILY.
 - RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.
 - DONATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED BY CASH, CHECK, OR ONLINE.
 - IF SUBMITTING VIA CHECK OR ONLINE, PLEASE PUT "ANNIVERSARY BANQUET" IN THE NOTES/MEMO SECTION.

Be sure to note that the Youth group reunion on Friday, the Run with the Rev at Gage Park Saturday morning and the Saturday afternoon Community Service all require an on-line registration. The Anniversary Banquet requires a RSVP to the church office. If you need assistance registering online, please call the church.





Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Psalm 95:1

Our Spring Salad Supper was held on April 18 with many delicious salads and a presentation by Jill Dunning from Jackson's Greenhouse. The new officers who were installed by Pastor Heine are Karen Peterson, President; Sheri Albrecht, Vice President; Jan Rankin, Secretary; and Connie Tarvin, Treasurer. We received a Thrivent grant for Homeless Shower Kits which participants assembled at the meeting. Personal notes of encouragement using cards from our church's Care Card Ministry (Thank you so much!) were also added. We assembled 18 kits for men and 18 kits for women which will be donated to Valeo's Homeless Shower Trailer at the Topeka LWML Zone meeting on April 29th.

May 8th at 7:00 pm will be the Circle's last meeting before summer break. Members will meet in the Church Parlor to assemble beautiful baskets for Faith's "shut in" and recuperating members following the theme, Our Cup Overflows. Karen Tardiff has made Mug Rugs for each basket and Connie Crowder will use her Thrivent Grant to purchase gifts of mugs (Cups), Tea, Cocoa, snacks and more, along with a laminated copy of the 23rd Psalm. Karen Tardiff will lead in Devotions and Sherrie Dick will host. Please call Karen 785-845-2600 or Sherrie - 785-506 -5764 to learn more about Eve Circle.

Deborah Circle will meet on May 16 at 7:00pm at the church. Brenda Perry is hostess and Ginny Falk is the topic leader. Brenda Perry is now our circle chairperson.

Ruth Circle and guests are invited to meet May 10th at 9:30am in the Church Parlor. Our lesson titled " Chosen for a Purpose" is a visit with our Biblical sisters. Elaine Eggold has the lesson and Jan Rankin and Jeanette Wehmeier are hosting.

Eve Circle served as Host for the April 18th LWML Spring Salad Supper and General Assembly. The theme was "A Garden Picnic."



YOU'RE INVITED

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 days, in May, are the 10th and 24th. 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. Words of encouragement, sympathy, and love mean so much to those who receive them!

Please write a note to the person(s) whose names appear on the white board at the Care Card center.

Quilters Needed

Our Monday morning quilters are in need of more help. Please consider joining them on 2nd & 4th Monday mornings here at Faith. Upcoming quilting dates: May 8, June 12 & 26. No experience necessary. Questions? Contact Anne Johnson, 408-8004.





Aspen Maxwell	1
Mark Brewer	2
Isaac Gately	2
Caleb Hillrichs	2
Reva Hossfeld	2
Sharon Stuewe	2
Jason Wills	2
Jeff Kuhn	4
Tim Owen	4
Mason Voth	4
Alisha Bolz	5
Brian Burgoon	5
Ann Mah	5
Donna Hass	6
Angela Marichal	6
Juli Mazachek	6
Aidan Obdyke	6
Jay Williams	6
Tom Ditt mer	7
Dan Ramsey	7

David Schwartz	7
Dathan Horn	8
Kristie Stuewe	8
Jarrett Woodley	8
Theresa Heine	9
Rachel Shelton	9
Aric Zillinger	9
Laine Caleb	10
Barb Bowers	11
Marissa Khalil	11
Ruthie Blenz	12
Margie Corum	12
Tom Crites	12
Megan Glinka	12
Jacob Schwartz	12
Lauren Rollenhagen	13
Rebecca Gerhardt	14
Mary Ann Graham	14
Floyd Marlatt	14
Rebecca Nelson	16
Rick Steinhauer	16
Claire Banion	17
Felecia Goins	17
Howard Graham	17
Jacob Marchant	17
Brooks Burdiek	18

Megan Deiter	19
David Pinick	19
Leroy Schick	19
Rich Mesloh	21
Judy Hamilton	22
Christine Jordan	22
Rosalyn Taylor	22
Brenda Doby	23
Delainey Durmeier	23
Caitlyn Lambrecht	24
David Lippe	24
Rachel Schultz	24
Jeanette Wehmeier	24
John Frese	25
Mike Poe	25
Emilio Brackman	26
Melissa Knowland	26
Wyatt Pursell	26
Cliff Sheets	26
Walker Vines	26
Kimberly Apps	27
Holly Mace	29
Blake Ramsey	29
Diane Shaffer	29
Jacki Theis	29
Damon Moran	31

John & Carolyn Watson	1	Larry & Ann Mah	19
Harry & Darlene Strader	1	Justin & Dani Campbell	21
Roger & Jennifer Offermann	1	Larry & Caryn Sheets	21
Robert & DeAnna King	1	Angie & Anthony Decker	20
Marcy & Gene Bilynsky	1	Tom & Debbie Crites	22
Bob & Merrilee Kuhn	4	Isabelle & Gabriel Bennett	22
Rod & Barb Bleich	5	Darin & Betty Schwant	24
David & Colleen Lippe	9	Gerald & Carolyn Schneider	24
Ivan & Tami Lierz	14	John & Kim Holter	25
Mohinder Pal & Mardi Long	17	Brooke & Joshua Rush	25
Jeanette & John Driscoll	18	Elmer & Ethel Kruse	26
		Micah & Abby Offermann	30

Jim & Joanna Bradshaw	30
Tim & Jan Lyle	30
Chris & Linda Meyer	31
John & Cynthia Barrett	31



MONTHLY FINANCIAL RESULTS

Update from our treasurer...

- Donations for March were \$109,557 and expenses were \$109,989 resulting in a **Negative** balance for the month of \$(\$5,432).
- YTD Donations are \$272,140 and expenses are \$280,734 resulting in a net YTD negative balance of (\$8,594).
- YTD donations are \$31,173 below 2022 and \$5,9767 below projected.
- YTD expenses are \$7,382 higher 2022 and \$35,424 below budget.

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.CHILDREN. .YOUTH. .FAMILIES.

Heather McCormick, director of youth & family ministry

Hannah Elsey, DCE intern

YOUTH

Junior youth will host a special coffee fellowship on Sunday, May 7 in celebration of our 8t grade Confirmation students!

Senior youth will host coffee fellowship on Sunday, May 21 starting at 8:30am.

Senior Youth Garage Sale Set-Up: Senior youth can sign up to help with our garage sale setup days happening from 5-9pm on:

Tuesday, May 2

Tuesday, May 9

Tuesday, May 16

Sunday, May 21

Many hands make light work! The more hands we have working, the quicker setup will go! This year's garage sale will take place at Faith's south campus building (former CYC building) on:

Congregation Preview Night: Wednesday, May 31 from 6-9pm



Open to the Public: Thursday, June 1 from 8am-3pm

Friday, June 2 from 8am-3pm

Saturday, June 3 from 8am-12pm (Car Wash from 8am-2pm)

FAMILY LIFE

Junior Youth will have their annual "Welcome the Incoming Class" BBQ on Friday, May 5 from 6-9pm at Faith!

Senior Saints will meet on Thursday, May 18 at 11:30am at Delane and Arlyn Brunken's home. We will have lunch



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Doorstep recently received the following note from a retired Topeka couple who have been struggling to manage their most basic needs because of illness and financial issues.

To Everyone at Doorstep, Thank you so very much for the groceries and hygiene supplies.

It's hard to ask for help, but thank you for Current Clothing Room Needs being there when we do need it. Thank you for help with some of our utilities. Everything is going up. God bless you all."

This message is a reminder that the assistance Doorstep provides makes a difference. It's also a reminder that this cannot be done solely by the four Doorstep staff members.

Doorstep cannot provide all of their programs and services without their member congregations and their many dedicated volunteers. All come together to assist our neighbors in need.

Men's Jeans (Sizes 30-44) Pots & Pans and small appliances Twin/Queen sheets & comforters Gently used bed pillows Gently used bath towels Medium-sized suitcases with rollers Size 6 diapers

If you enjoy garage sales, look for bargains on kitchen items. The "Clothing Room" always needs dishes, silverware, cups and pots and pans.

Bring gently used items to church and leave them in the Doorstep box in the Gathering Nook.



JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

From our Parish Nurse wrap-up

As a congregation we departed from our nativity scene on January 15 and traveled to St. Louis where we saw the LCMS Seminary and Synod Offices, then a little further south to Perry County, Missouri, where many German Lutheran immigrants settled in the 1790's, impacting the LCMS as we know it today. Our next stop was the Port of New Orleans, where many of these and other German Lutherans entered the United States. Right here in the United States' midwest we are so close to so much history.

Along the journey we visited Ireland, Scotland, England, Germany, Greece...seven cities in Greece where Paul had preached the good news of Jesus, Italy, Spain, and Ethiopia before arriving in Jerusalem, the site of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Here in Topeka we ended our Journey at the Cross for Easter services and celebration. We hope this Journey has been meaningful and memorable for you!

When we started planning this Journey we looked at the 6,614 miles from Topeka to Jerusalem...the most direct, "as the bird flies" route, with hope that we would arrive in Jerusalem before Easter. We had 12 weeks to achieve this goal of 6,614 miles. Truly we felt this Journey was a huge undertaking. However, after our first week of the Journey we had walked 1,866 miles, thanks to so many dedicated participants! That took us back to the world map to discuss some sightseeing options. Thank you to Pastor Heine who routed us through so many Bibically-rich places!

Our final tally of miles journeyed is **22,806 miles**, which is 45,612,000 steps! Just for fun let us share some stats. We had 125 congregational members signed up to participate in this Journey. Twenty-eight of those 125 did not turn in activity, and we had 13 participants who had not signed up but contributed steps/miles, making a total of 110 participants who turned in activity! We thank each and every participant for the steps and miles you turned in...making this Journey and our memories so valuable!!

Our hope is that the physical activity has been meaningful to you, and that you continue to be active and aware of your activity. In addition to the benefits of the physical activity we hope you experienced some spiritual highs during our Journey and that your memories include them too!

We would love to hear some feedback about the Journey. Would you do this type of journey again? If yes, is there anything that you think could be done differently? What did you enjoy, or what was your favorite part of the Journey? What did you not like? Did you use the weekly devotions? Did you enjoy the information on the places we visited? Any comments you have would be very much appreciated! You can call, text, or email any one of us. We would love to hear your thoughts!

I want to extend a heart-felt thank you to my partners in planning this Journey, Jacki Theis and Jennifer Steere-Offerman. We had some fun, spent lots of time researching places (and learning a lot), and sharing the joys and deadlines of keeping up with the many aspects of our Journey!

We hope you continue to stay active in your life...physically, spiritually, and in your community...and keep making memories!



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00* - Traditional 9:30* - Contemporary 11:00—Traditional * also live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube and available after on our website

EDUCATION

Sundays for all ages: 11:00am WOW Wednesdays: 5:15-7:30pm (Sept-Apr)

The Messenger is mailed monthly to all members. June edition deadline is May 15 to the church office.



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Christian Service Team has determined 2023 Sunday School / Mission

Outreach offering will include:

May & June - Lead A Child July & August - Doorstep September & October - (TBD) November & December -**Sunshine Connection**





SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	Wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Bible Classes 9:30am Contemporary Worship 11:00am 1st Bible Class 11:00am Education Hour 11:00am Traditional Worship	1 7:00pm Boy Scouts	2 10:00am Small Group Bible Study 5:00pm Sr Yth Gar- age Sale setup 6:30pm Spiritual Life	14 11:00am Care Cards 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:00pm Confirma- rehearsal tion pics & rehears- 7:15pm Adult Choral Rehearsal 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	4 6:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5 6:00pm Jr Youth BBQ	6 9:00am Hannah Circle
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SCHEDULE OF SERVING

8:00 Traditional Worship **MAY 14**

8:00 Traditional Worship MAY 7

Spiritual Life Leader Patrice Thomsen

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Patrice Thomsen

Communion assist

Jane Schaible

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Dean Kaufman, Dave Knowland, David Mahon, Brandon Decker

Claire Banion Lay Reader

9:30 Cont. Worship

Spiritual Life Leader Kathleen Tangari-

Service Team Snethen

11:00 Traditional Worship

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Spiritual Life Leader

Dave Schwartz

Communion assist

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Colleen Lippe, Twila Theimer, **Communion assist** Penny Lane

Don Schultz, Henry Schulteis, Brent McGuigan Ushers

Elaine Eggold Lay Reader

Jessica Domme

Lay Reader

8:00 Traditional Worship **MAY 21**

Spiritual Life Leader Patrice Thomsen

Communion assist Jane Schaible

Dean Kaufman, Dave Knowland, David-Mahon, Brandon Decker Ushers

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Ushers

David Mahon, Brandon Decker

Lay Reader

Gabriel O'Shea Lay Reader

9:30 Cont. Worship

Spiritual Life Leader

Kathleen Tangari

Service Team

Saunders

9:30 Cont. Worship

Spiritual Life Leader Kathleen Tangari

Service Team Wilson

11:00 Traditional Worship

Spiritual Life Leader

Dave Schwartz

Dean Kaufman, Dave Knowland, David Mahon, Brandon Decker Ushers

Hannah Heine Lay Reader

Don Schultz, Henry Schulteis, Brent

Ushers

McGuigan

8:00 Traditional Worship **MAY 28**

Spiritual Life Leader Patrice Thomsen

Communion assist lim Janousek

Dean Kaufman, Dave Knowland, David Mahon, Brandon Decker Ushers

10:45 Cont. Worship

Spiritual Life Leader Kathleen Tangari

Moran/Huessers Service Team