

Faith Presbyterian Church



"To know, to grow, and to show Christ to all people"

Arms of Faith

Friends in Christ,

Today it is sunny and 50 degrees outside. Tomorrow the snowflakes are expected to start falling. One thing you can always count on in this life is change. Just like the weather, we too are always changing. The season of Lent is a time in the church year when we look inward. A time of prayerful reflection that's intended to prepare us for Holy Week. A time of change in our hearts and minds. Some perceive Lent as a time to let go- to give up chocolate, or television or something for the next 40 days. Yet Lent can also be a time when we choose to pick something up. Like a new spiritual discipline- maybe spending ten minutes each day in prayer for the church or world peace, reading scripture, or becoming involved in ministry programs. However we may elect to observe Lent, may we do so with intention and purpose, with each step of the journey towards Jerusalem and the cross helping us grow closer to Christ. May this poem help prepare us for the season ahead.

Seven Stanzas at Easter John Updike (1932–2009)

Make no mistake: if He rose at all, it was as His body; if the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules reknit, the amino acids rekindle, the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers, each soft Spring recurrent; it was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled eyes of the eleven apostles; it was as His flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes, the same valved heart that-pierced-died, withered, paused, and then regathered out of enduring Might new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor, analogy, sidestepping, transcendence; making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the faded credulity of earlier ages: let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mâché, not a stone in a story, but the vast rock of materiality that in the slow grinding of time will eclipse for each of us the wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb, make it a real angel, weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with hair, opaque in the dawn light, robed in real linen spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous, for our own convenience, our own sense of beauty, lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are embarrassed by the miracle, and crushed by remonstrance.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Lori



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1	Dave Gillespie	Feb 5	Joan Ehrenberg	Feb 13	Jack Ridge
Feb 2	Jim Day	Feb 7	Cindy Andersen	Feb 14	Dean Dierks
Feb 2	Simon Gach	Feb 7	Marcia Jones	Feb 14	Ellie Lantz
Feb 3	Jayne Cromer	Feb 8	Marcia Jewett	Feb 15	Deb Ziegler
Feb 4	Unell Dickey	Feb 8	Janice Miner	Feb 19	Mary Ridge
Feb 4	Susie Melonis	Feb 10	Marc Wagoner	Feb 25	Rod Bosserdet
Feb 4	Ruth Tresemer	Feb 11	Tim Stephenson		

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402-331-6944

Faith Walkers

Need to get some exercise on these cold winter days? Men & women, join the Faith Walkers each Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am to walk in the Family Life Center. Come when you can and walk as long as you want at your own pace.

Annual Meeting and Congregational Dinner

The annual meeting and congregational dinner will be Sunday, February 11th following the worship service. The dinner will be a potluck shortly after the service and then we will move on to the meeting. Please, bring your favorite dish. Since this is a "true" potluck, please be sure to bring enough to share with your church family. It's always fun to come together for a meal. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Ash Wednesday

We will begin our Lenten Season with a Soup & Chili Supper on February 14th; followed by a Communion Service in the Family Life Center. Dinner will begin at 6:15 pm with the service following at 7:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holiday signifying the beginning of Lent. We will have the "imposition of ashes" as an option at our service that night. Ashes are a reminder of our mortality and sinfulness, and we can openly confess our imperfections. The shape of the cross signifies the good news of Easter.



During February

The Presbyterian Women of Faith

will meet on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly meeting. All women of Faith are invited to join us for fellowship, bible study and refreshments.

Then on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., we will host Bingo for the residents of Shadow Lake Huntington Park nursing home, providing prizes and refreshments at 3:00 p.m. Call Jackie Cook at 402 339-3682 if you would like to help with this rewarding mission project.



Thank you to the Knitting group and individuals who made donations to the Mitten Tree. Hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves were given to G. Stanley Hall and La Vista West Elementary schools and Carole's House of Hope.

Seniors' Night Out

All seniors 50 and over, join us
Friday, February 2nd
at 5:30 pm
El Vallarta
8045 S 83rd Ave
(84th and Giles Rd)
Questions? Call Carol
at 402-339-1157

EXCITING NEWS!!

Get Ready! Right Now Media is coming to Faith! We will all have the opportunity to do the Lenten Study, *The Easter Experience* together using this wonderful source! This study was created by Kyle Idleman and is DVD driven with Kyle teaching throughout the presentation. I promise this Easter study will have you looking at things in a whole new way – a lot of your ideas about how Easter affected people then & now. This is what it says about *an experience*.

"We *feel* an experience. We *meet* an experience. We *enter* an experience. Maybe more accurately, an experience enters *us*." During this 6 week study, all of these things will happen to us as we eat with Him, cry with Him, walk with Him, carrying His cross and even celebrate with Him on Easter morning. This study is about identifying with the others that were involved in Jesus' life and finding out who we are. Do we know Him - the "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27)

This study is great to do in a small group environment, structured classes, at home alone or with your entire family. We will be offering this study on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings as well. Please consider joining us for *The Easter Experience!* and get ready to receive your special invitation to Right Now Media! It's free!

The Papillion La Vista Arts Network presents...

Murder at the Malt Shop

February 23 & 24, 2018

Christ the King Lutheran Church

7308 S. 42nd St at 7 PM

Tickets available at the door for \$5.50



This is a 50's era comedy murder mystery.

Five members of the Faith puppet team are in this play. The proceeds from these performances go to Domasi Mission in Malawi.

For ticket or more information contact Debbie Kippley. drdbk@aol.com. 402-981-7762

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



Sunday Worship Times
10:00 am
 12:30 pm
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 Fellowship:
 9:00 - 9:45 am
 11:00 - 11:30 am

<p>4 11:45am Worship meeting 12:00pm Youth group 1:00-5:00pm Volleyball - FLC 6:00pm Table Tennis - FLC</p>	<p>5 1:30pm LOLs - 8 6:30 pm Knitting Group - 1 6:30-8:30 Cub Scouts 2,3,4,7 7-9:30 Boy Scouts - 8,9,14/15</p>	<p>6 10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 6:30pm Bell rehearsal 7:00pm Praise Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 7:00am Campus Life - FLC 6:00-8:00pm Faith on Fire 7:15pm Faith Group - 9 7:30pm Choir - Choir room</p>	<p>8 10am Yesterday's Kids 10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 3:05pm Campus Life 5:30pm Table Tennis - FLC 6:30pm Support - Off 7pm Discipleship - 7 7pm Stephen Ministry - 4</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 8:00am Men's Breakfast - FH 10am Organ Practice</p>
<p>11 11:00am Congregational mtg/ potluck 1:00-5:00pm Volleyball - FLC 6:00pm Table Tennis - FLC TBA Youth Group</p>	<p>12 1:30pm LOLs - 8 6:00pm ABC Bookclub 6:30 pm Knitting Group - 1 6:30-8:30 Cub Scouts 2,3,4,7 7-9:30 Boy Scouts - 8,9,14/15</p>	<p>13 10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 11:30am ABC Book Club - Libr 6:30pm Bell rehearsal 7pm Deacons Meeting - 14/15 7:00pm Praise Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 7:00am Campus Life - FLC 6:00pm Faith on Fire 6:15pm Ash Wednesday Dinner 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>15 10am Yesterday's Kids 10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 3:05pm Campus Life 5:30pm Table Tennis - FLC 7:00pm Session meeting - FH</p>	<p>16 6:30 pm Omaha Christian Singles - FH</p>	<p>17 10am Organ Practice</p>
<p>18 1:00-5:00pm Volleyball - FLC 6:00pm Table Tennis - FLC TBA Youth Group</p>	<p>19 1:30pm LOLs - 8 6:30 pm Knitting Group - 1 6:30-8:30 Cub Scouts 2,3,4,7 7-9:30 Boy Scouts - 8,9,14/15</p>	<p>20 10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 1:30pm PW Circle - FH 6:30pm Bell rehearsal 7:00pm Praise Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 7:00am Campus Life - FLC 6:00-8:00pm Faith on Fire 7:15pm Faith Group - 9 7:30pm Choir - Choir room</p>	<p>22 10am Yesterday's Kids 10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 3:05pm Campus Life 5:30pm Table Tennis - FLC 7pm Stephen Ministry - 4</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
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February

FAITH ON FIRE

Wednesday Nights 6:00—8:00 pm

Here are the themes for each night:

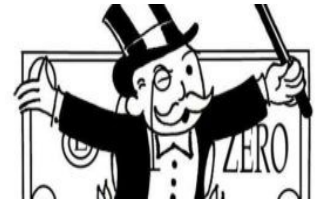
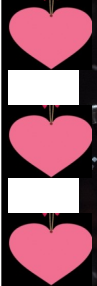
Feb 7th—Mardi Gras

Feb. 14th - Ash Wednesday - Faith
On Fire for God!

Feb. 21st - National Card Day

Feb. 28th— National Tooth Fairy Day

Hey Kids! If you are in Grades 3-12 you are always welcome to join us. Bring a friend too and you both come that night for free! We promise you will go home "Fired Up!" and wanting to come back for more! See you Wednesday nights at Faith On Fire!



We Had Fun in January:
Movies, Board Games, Jacob
& Hockey and Tacos!

This Spring, starting Sunday, February 18th all High School and Junior High students are invited to be a part of our special Lenten Study THE EASTER EXPERIENCE! This study will run for only 6 weeks. We will meet at 4:30 in the Gathering Room for one hour and then at 5:30—7:30 we will have our regular Youth Group fun activities. Don't worry if you have to miss a week as each lesson is separate. On Wednesday, March 28th we will help with an all church event as we step into the last three days of Jesus' life. Stay tuned more info will be coming in the mail. I am excited to offer this class to all our youth. I know it will cause some great discussions and plenty of new perspectives.

Mark Your Calendars...

Youth Sunday is April 8th!!

Any Youth or Young Adult interested in helping to plan this special Sunday please contact Anne asap.



Campus Life for LaVista Junior High

Wednesday mornings starting at 7:00

Thursday afternoons after school until 5:00

Come play, bring a friend or two,
Hear about Jesus

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Mark Your Calendars

Feb. 4: Parent & Youth Meeting—12:00
Lunch and talk about summer trips and Spring plans

Feb. 11: 12:00 Bowling

Feb. 18: 4:30 The Easter Experience!
5:30 Youth Group

Feb. 25: 4:30 The Easter Experience
5:30 Youth Group

Youth Group meets every Sunday. Please note the new time listed above starting on the 18th. Youth are texted on the Friday before each meeting as a reminder and it is appreciated if an acknowledgement is sent back so we can plan for snacks, tickets, etc.

Happy Valentines Day