

March
2018

Arms of Faith

Dear Friends in Christ,

What comes to mind when you think of sin? How would you define it? Sin, at its most basic, is separation from God. It is commonly associated with the “biggies”- you know what I mean - things like murder, adultery, stealing and the like. Gossip and slander do not generally make the top of the list, perhaps because they have become so commonplace in today’s society. As Christians we are wise to remember that just because something is seen as the “norm” in the world does not give it God’s seal of approval in ours. Gossip and slander are like a cancer to relationships, metastasizing to all aspects of bonds formed through human interaction, leaving nothing but destruction in their wake. This type of activity in a church can be devastating, even terminal. What does the Bible have to say about gossip and slander? Lots! Here are just a few of many passages:

Exodus 23.1: You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with the wicked to act as a malicious witness.

Proverbs 10.18: Lying lips conceal hatred, and whoever utters slander is a fool.

Proverbs 16.28: A perverse person spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.

James 1.26: If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

James 4.11: Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another speaks evil against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

How can we address gossip and slandering? The best way is to stop it in its tracks. Don’t be taken in when it disguises itself under other names like venting or sharing our concerns, see it for what it is. A rumor is any unverified information. Slander is defined as false or malicious information with the intent to harm. Gossip is talk passed from one to another because of its nature (makes for a good story), whether true, rumor, or slander.

When a church family member speaks unkind criticisms/slander against someone, stop them. Simply say stop, no more! Ask who it was that hurt them, who it is that they feel offended by, who ignored them or slighted them. Address the issue by taking the gossipier/slanderer to the person they have a discrepancy with so the matter can be properly discussed and peace can be restored to the body of the church. Let it be known that talking critically of others who aren’t present to defend themselves will not be tolerated, and your desire is to resolve any issue of this kind immediately.

Friends, while gossip and slander tear down a church community, love and acceptance build up. Ephesians 4.29 states: Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. In Proverbs 26.20 we read: For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases. May we take these words to heart this Lenten season and always!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Lori

Faith Presbyterian Church

“To know, to grow, and to show Christ to all people”

Holy Week services

Maundy Thursday 7 pm; Good Friday 7 pm

Our Maundy Thursday service will consist of a drama that is aimed towards helping us see things from the perspective of Jesus' disciples. In fact, we are still looking for a few disciples- everyone is welcome to sign up- all ages and genders! No need to memorize lines and there will only be one practice prior to Maundy Thursday. A small commitment for an excellent opportunity to experience Holy Week in a new way. If you would like to help, let Pastor Lori know. Thanks!

Seniors' Night Out

All seniors 50 and over, join us
Friday, March 2nd
at 5:00 pm
(note time change)
Saint Gerald Catholic Church
96th and Q Street
Questions? Call Carol
at 402-339-1157

FAITH PRAYER CHAIN

Email prayer requests to
prayer@faith-presbyterian.com
or call the office from 9am - 5pm
402-331-6944

Pastor Lori's Installation Service

Yes, we are about to officially make it official! The Missouri River Valley Presbytery will be here to officially install Pastor Lori at 3 pm on Sunday, March 18. The service will take place in the Faith sanctuary followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend!

Spring Time Outing

Save the Date

Friday, March 23, 2018

The Fellowship Team's Spring event will be attending the PLHS musical "Foot Loose" at 7:00 p.m. Reservations must be made by March 18. Tickets prices are Adults \$10.00, Seniors (age 55+) and students \$5.00. Sign up for this Springtime event either before or after church in the FLC. We have a block of a limited number of tickets that will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Your Session

Fellowship	Carolyn Ernst
	Debbie Kippley
Leadership	Dave Olney
Facilities	Rod Bosserdet
	Steve Norman
Mission & Ev	Lexie Stephenson
Discipleship	Stacey Dunbar
Support	Dave Wennstedt
	Scott Jamieson
Human Res	Kit Zimmerman
Worship	Terri O'Brien
	Meg Dorsee

Faith Walkers

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.

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Mar 6 Karen Seda
 Mar 9 Terri O'Brien
 Mar 9 Sandy Stiverson
 Mar 10 Heather Irish
 Mar 13 Ken Andersen
 Mar 13 Maynard Boehler
 Mar 14 George Pfeffer
 Mar 17 Mark Cromer
 Mar 17 Navaeh Hall



Mar 17 Katelyn Norman
 Mar 19 David Wennstedt
 Mar 22 Rick Chamberlain
 Mar 22 Pat Neubert
 Mar 23 Courtney Herrington
 Mar 26 Abby Hansen
 Mar 31 Kit Howe
 Mar 31 John Tresemer

Upcoming Meetings

In the December newsletter information was shared about a motion that was on the Missouri River Valley Presbytery docket meeting in October. This motion was removed for several reasons- one, the fact that there are conflictive issues on the current relationship between Faith and the Sudanese congregation; two, the fact that Faith's congregation and Session had not been provided the time necessary to discuss the matter. For the last couple of months research has been done to properly look into the matter. In the near future the Pastor Lori and the Session will be hosting small group meetings in order to ensure everyone is up to date with the circumstances regarding the relationship as well as provide an environment where all can freely discuss the issue. Pastor Lori encourage everyone to prayerfully spend some time on this issue, jot down any questions or items you may like to share, and watch for the small group signup sheets in the future. Thanks!

Per Capita

At our annual congregational meeting last month, some questions were brought up concerning per capita. This article provides some more information on the topic. Per capita is based upon the number of active members a church has at the end of the year. This number is multiplied by the amount of per capita that is set by presbyteries. That amount is remitted to our denomination to further its work in the world. Basically, the way its set up, we pay per capita on the membership numbers from the year prior.

The current per capita for the Missouri River Valley Presbytery is set at \$38.33. Those funds are shared among our presbytery (\$25.20), our Synod (Lakes and Prairies, \$5.40), and General Assembly (\$7.73). In terms of our church, Faith's per capita amounted to \$11,000 which was paid last month.

For the past several months Joe Seda, Robin Gentry, and Carolyn Ernst have been working to tidy up our membership roles. This will result in a more accurate vision of our membership, as well as a difference in the amount of per capita we will pay next year. Per capita is often seen as an opportunity to grow in stewardship, and they elect to cover the cost of per capita for their families. Anyone who would like is welcome to do so, just please be sure to specify on your donation. Still have questions about per capita? Feel free to stop by Pastor Lori's office or get a hold of Joe Seda.

Note: here is an exert from the Book of Order G 3.0106 on per capita: "Each council above the session shall prepare and adopt a budget for its operating expenses, including administrative personnel, and may fund it with a per capita apportionment among the particular congregations within its bounds. Presbyteries are responsible for raising their own funds and for raising and timely transmission of per capita funds to their respective synods and the General Assembly. Presbyteries may direct per capita apportionments to sessions within their bounds, but in no case shall the authority of the session to direct its benevolences be compromised."

General Assembly- June 16-23

The General Assembly will be holding its 223rd meeting this year in St. Louis, MO. If there is interest, perhaps we can get a group together for a road trip down. In any case, some get togethers are being planned for Faith to keep tabs on the event.



F.Y.I. FAITH YOUTH INFORMATION
MARCH 2018

FAITH ON FIRE!

Wednesday Nights
6:00—8:00 pm

- Here are the themes for each night:
- March 7th— Go Fly A Kite!
- March 14th - **No Faith On Fire**—Spring Break
- March 21st - Something On A Stick Day
- March 28th— Faith On Fire Holy Week
- April 4th— Cartoon Night
- April 11th— Faith On Fire Gong For The Gold end of Year Celebration

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

YOUTH GROUP

Mark Your Calendars
Sundays 12:00—3:00

- March 4th :** Bowling
- March 11th:** Youth Sunday Practice
- March 15th:** Winter Jam—Mid -America Center
- March 18th:** TBA
- March 23rd:** FOOTLOOSE Musical
- March 25th:** Fill Easter Eggs—Easter Bunny Movie & Jelly Beans
- April 1st: Easter Breakfast—8:00-12:30pm Youth Fundraiser For Summit**

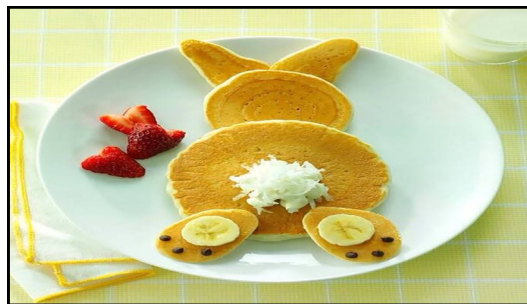
Youth Group meets every Sunday. Youth are texted on the Friday before each meeting as a reminder and it is appreciated if an acknowledgement is sent back so we can plan for snacks, tickets, etc.

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.



GenOn Youth Summit

This year's Summit will be held July 8th - 14th at the YMCA Camp of the Rockies. It is important that you get the registration forms into me so you can go. The total cost to go to the Summit is \$450.00 with a down payment of \$125.00 by March 1st. If we receive it after that you will have to pay the late registration fee of \$465.00 with the same down payment of \$125.00. All those who have registered will be asked to help with the fundraisers so their fee can be reduced. If you have questions or need more info please either call (402-331-6944) or e-mail me at anne@faith-presbyterian.com



YOUTH SPONSORED EASTER BRUNCH
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, EGGS, FRESH FRUIT, COFFEE, JUICE and WATER

EASTER MORNING 8:00—10:00AM & 11:00—12:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
COST \$7.00—ADULTS and CHILDREN—10 YEARS OLD and UP
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH AT Faith attending the GENON YOUTH SUMMIT in Estes Park, Colorado, July 8th—14th

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Sunday Worship Times	
10:00 am	
Sudanese:	12:30 pm
Fellowship:	9:00 - 9:45 am
	11:00 - 11:30 am
Classes	
for Adults:	9:00 am
Faith Kids:	10:00 am

1	10am Yesterday's Kids 10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 3:05pm Campus Life 5:30pm Table Tennis - FLC Team Meetings 6:30pm Leadership - 7 7pm Facilities Team - 12 7pm Fellowship Team - 14/15 7pm Mission/Evan - 9 7pm Human Resources - 4
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2	5:30 pm Seniors' Night Out Saint Gerald Catholic Church
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3	10am Organ Practice
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4	11:45am Worship meeting 1:00-5:00pm Volleyball - FLC 6:00pm Table Tennis - FLC TBA Youth Group
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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
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6	10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Praise Rehearsal
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7	7:00am Campus Life - FLC 6:00-8:00pm Faith on Fire 7:15pm Faith Group - 9 7:30pm Choir - Choir room
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8	10am Yesterday's Kids 10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 3:05pm Campus Life 5:30pm Table Tennis - FLC 7:30pm Support - Off 7pm Discipleship - 7 7pm Stephen Ministry - 4
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10	8:00am Men's Breakfast - FH 10am Organ Practice
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11	1:00-5:00pm Volleyball - FLC 6:00pm Table Tennis - FLC TBA Youth Group
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12	1:30pm LOLs - 8 6:00pm ABC Book Club 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
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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
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14	7:00am Campus Life - FLC 6:00-8:00pm Faith on Fire 7:15pm Faith Group - 9 7:30pm Choir - Choir room
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15	10am Yesterday's Kids 10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 3:05pm Campus Life 5:30pm Table Tennis - FLC 7:00pm Session meeting - FH
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17	10am Organ Practice
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18	1:00-5:00pm Volleyball - FLC 3:00pm Installation Service Sanctuary Reception-FH 6:00pm Table Tennis - FLC TBA Youth Group
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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
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20	10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 1:30pm PW Circle - FH 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Praise Rehearsal NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
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21	7:00am Campus Life - FLC 6:00-8:00pm Faith on Fire 7:15pm Faith Group - 9 7:30pm Choir - Choir room
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22	10am Yesterday's Kids 10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 3:05pm Campus Life 5:30pm Table Tennis FLC 7pm Stephen Ministry - 4
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23	6:30 pm Omaha Christian Singles - FH
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24	10am Organ Practice 10am-12pm Cub Scout Pine wood Derby - FLC
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25	PALM SUNDAY 1:00-5:00pm Volleyball - FLC 6:00pm Table Tennis - FLC TBA Youth Group
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26	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
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27	10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal 7:00pm Praise Rehearsal
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28	7:15pm Faith Group - 9 7:30pm Choir - Choir room
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29	MAUNDY THURSDAY 10am Yesterday's Kids 10:00am Faith Walkers - FLC 5:30pm Table Tennis FLC 7:00 pm Service
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30	GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 pm Service
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31	10am Organ Practice
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