

Arms of Faith

Faith Presbyterian Church

“Our lifework is sharing Christ’s love, spreading Christ’s Word, caring for others”



Dear Faithfuls,

Somebody once asked me if I get in my 10,000 steps walking through our building. Not quite, but it was a reminder: we do have a large building! Just like a home, which always seems to need some kind of maintenance, so a church building needs constant attention. Because our building is large, it requires extra work.

I am thankful to the Facilities Team, which actively tends to our building! Already, the mowers have been mowing the grass – coordinated by our Facilities Team. The boiler has been very, very finicky. Thank you to the Facilities Team for working with our HVAC company to get this all sorted out.

Your pastor noted that the “Comfy Room” (Room 1), actually isn’t so comfy, as most of the couches and chairs have sag – when you sit in them, your hips are lower than your knees. For those of us of a certain age, it makes getting out of a seat challenging. Session approved funds to upgrade this room, and Facilities got right on it. The room has been painted (it’s lovely!) and new furniture is being ordered. The groups that meet in this room will truly be comfy, thanks to Facilities.

The lights in the Family Life Center are sky high, requiring a lift for any bulbs to be replaced. Yes, currently, one light bulb is out – but Facilities knows about it and is waiting for a second bulb to go out before paying for a lift and changing light bulbs. In your home, if a ceiling light goes out, it’s just a matter of standing on chair to replace the bulb. It’s a bigger project in the FLC, and Facilities is handling this.

Our Facilities Team oversees all groups, both within our congregation, and from the outside, who use our building. Groups requesting to use our building complete a form, which Facilities reviews and approves (or doesn’t), noting the correct fees to receive from the groups.

The next time you notice how attractive and well maintained our building is, please thank **Doug Bogenhaugen, Rod Bosserdet, Steve Bottorff, Ray Glesmann, Steve Harmsen, Matt Kasprzak, John Tresemer** and **Jim Willett**. Maybe even give any or all of them a pat on the back.

*Peace,
Becky*

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Session Highlights

One responsibility of the Presbytery Commission on Ministry is to have triennial visits with sessions to learn how the churches are doing, and determine whether there is anything that COM can be helpful with. This month, the COM team met first with the pastor, who assured them that she's thoroughly enjoying being the pastor of Faith Church. Then the team met with your elders. Please ask an elder what their impressions were.

Our presbytery has a lengthy covenant, which you can find at <https://www.pmr.org/covenant/> This covenant is read at all Presbytery meetings, and all presbytery committee meetings. The Presbytery hopes that sessions and congregations will use it, too. Our session opted to create their own covenant, which says: "Listen respectfully to God and to one another. Speak truthfully, with love. Be good stewards of our resources. Be the Body of Christ. Affirm that God uses us. Be mission-minded. Be open in our thinking and at the same time, be down to earth. Be efficient and productive." This covenant will guide the session as they meet.

Peter Svoboda reported that we continue to be in great financial position, thanks to the continued generosity of our faithful members.

This year, we are living into our Lifework of **sharing Christ's love; spreading Christ's Word; caring for others**. As we make decisions, let our lifework guide those decisions.

Transitions Group

When a family member's memory starts to change and decline, it is a challenge for the people around them. If you are in this situation, Faith Church is here for you. A small group of members and friends meets monthly, all of whom have a family member with some form of dementia. We share our experiences. We listen. We comfort and console, and we even give a little advice.

If there is a member of your family that is transitioning to the next stage of life, a time when their memory isn't good, you are invited to be part of this group on the third Friday of every month, at 10:00 am in Room 1– the room with comfy chairs. Coffee is always served.

Questions? Please call Becky Balestri at 402-709-0568.

Clothing Give Away Update

John and I can not express our gratitude for the many volunteers who sorted, organized, and helped to get things ready for the April Give Away.

The May Give Away will be May 18. We will be sorting May 15 and 29.

Thanks again for your continued support.

John and Terri O'Brien
and the Mission and Evangelism Team



La Vista Prayer Walk

Meet at La Vista Middle School
May 29 at 7:00 pm

A van will be available for those who cannot walk the entire route. Water will be provided.

Members of Faith Church are invited to walk and pray! Let us show the city of La Vista that we are people of prayer, who are supportive of our community.

Topic Saturday

Please come to the Village Inn at 72nd and Giles on Saturday, May 25, at 10:30 am for **Topic Saturday**.

Questions? Please call/email Becky Balestri at bkillion@hotmail.com or 402-709-0568.



The next Fun & Lunch will be
May 3rd at 12:00 pm

Chili's

8373 Barmettler Drive, La Vista
 (In La Vista City Centre, 84 St north of Brentwood Dr)

If you haven't
 attended yet, consider participating in a fun filled
 lunch time.

Anyone of any age is invited to join us.

Sign up at church by May 1st or contact Sharon
 Fleming at 402-709-2103 or sfleming43@aol.com
 for your reservation or if you need a ride.



- May 2 Coleman Mavity
- May 3 Emily Kasprzak
- May 4 Phil Westerfield
- May 5 Ray Glesmann
- May 7 Jim May
- May 8 Julie Bosserdet
- May 9 Judi Crick
- May 10 Joni Huddleston
- May 13 Sally Frick

*April Lunch Bunch
 First Watch*



Sightings

Sharon Fleming and **Willie Ellerbeck** brought cheer to the office with their laughter. And, they folded newsletters for Ranae. Thank you, both!

Peter Svoboda attended a helpful seminar on Composing a Legacy at Church of the Master. The seminar provided good information for our Legacy Fund. Thanks, Peter!

Doug Bogenhagen gave a new worshipper a ride to our church on April 22 - welcome to a first time worshipper, and thank you Doug for being an unpaid Uber driver.

As you may have seen on Facebook, **Richard Kropp** and **Ray Glesmann** worked hard on the boiler, getting it to work so that it wasn't constantly turning itself off. Those of us who like being warm are grateful for these two!

Many of our members do so much for the Clothing Giveaway. And, new members **Joni** and **Charly Huddleston** are the newest active sorters, welcomers and hanger wranglers. Yea, Joni and Charly!

Dear Faith Church Members, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you for the support everyone has provided over the last few months. Whether the support was financial or verbal, every little bit has helped with this enormous leap in my life into being a homeowner. Over the last 16 years, I have grown up around a majority of you and within the last 5, I have felt like I have truly become a part of your congregation. I thought I had experienced community and care, but the connection that everyone has webbed together here is truly remarkable. I'm beyond grateful that all of you have allowed me to become one of the threads of such web so openly. You're all truly amazing and words cannot even begin to describe how thankful I am (not even everything that I've just written out before this sentence). God bless you all and may you continue to help move others to tears the way I was when I opened the cards I received. With adoration and appreciation, -Khyenne C. (Melvin, the puppet)

The Roar of Love

On May 5, the puppet team will offer a presentation based on C.S. Lewis' The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. Lewis wrote The Chronicles of Narnia about the time J.R.R. Tolkien wrote The Lord of the Rings. Both authors wrote Christian truths in these novels about these lands of fantasy. The puppet dialogue will be accompanied by songs from one of the early contemporary Christian groups, The Second Chapter of Acts. Their 1978 album The Roar of Love creatively retells the story of Lewis' The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. This will be the puppet team's most ambitious presentation that creatively retells the love, death, and resurrection

of Christ, and the redemption he offers us. Please invite friends and grandchildren to our 10:00 worship on May 5.



Streaming Sunday Worship Service 10:00am

We continue to broadcast the worship service on Facebook. If you do not have computer access, you may listen to the service by calling 1-844-855-4444 and entering access code 716966#.

We are grateful for you!
Thank you for your generous
gift of \$200.00 to support
students at La Vista Middle
School. These funds were
applied to student negative
meal balances. We are so
thankful for our community
members like you! Together we
are making sure students are able
to have food and learn! Thank you!
Julie Denku, Director of Food Service

Exercise & Fellowship

Pickleball

Monday 6:30 pm
Thursday 1:00 pm

Volleyball

Sunday 1:30 pm

Chair Exercise

Wednesday 11:00 am

Join us in any or all of these
activities.

Questions? Call the church
office.

Helping Hands to the Rescue

Congregation members – Do you have jobs at home that you cannot do on your own (cutting up limbs, small electrical or plumbing jobs, yardwork, etc)? For help from our Helping Hands Team, contact the church office or Doug Bogenhagen at 402-630-8487.

If you would like to join the Helping Hands Team, please let us know and we will add you to our list of helpers.





Members of Faith Presbyterian,

Thank you for your extremely generous \$7,750.84 gift to the Neighborhood Pantry! Your continued support to the pantry ensures we can continue to serve the record number of the Greater Sarpy County families facing food insecurities.

We promise to be good stewards of this substantial gift -- God bless you!

Amy Rogerson, Neighborhood Executive Board

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
1:30 pm Volleyball 5:00pm Table Tennis - FLC	6 6:30 pm Pickleball	7	8 7:00 am Campus Life 10:00 am Yesterday's Kids 11:00 am Chair Exercise 2:00 pm Daniel Study 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9 1:00 pm Pickleball 4:00 pm Worship meeting 6:00pm Table Tennis - FLC 7:00pm Support mtg	10 8:30 am Men's Donuts & Dialogue	11 8:00am Men's Breakfast - FH 1:00pm Omaha Christian Social Group - FH
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