Dear Faithfuls,

Last month, you were invited to ask people, "Where have you seen hope lately?" I've done this a few times in groups that I have been in. One person sees hope in the spring blooming of flowers. Another person said that he lives daily in hope. Several talked about the hope that they see in their grandchildren. Others spoke of the hope they see in younger people attending church. I hope that you heard encouraging stories of where people see hope today.

Another conversation starter is this: "What's something bringing you joy lately?" Remember – joy is not the same as happiness. One person said, "Joy is courageously believing that there is still hope even when things get hard." And, in this season of Easter, we are especially mindful that we have joy in our risen Lord.

Would you be willing to ask others what is bringing them joy? Again, I'll go first. I have told many people about **Safrina** singing a solo on Easter morning, and getting the whole congregation to sing "Alleluia, alleluia" each time she raised her arms. The congregation was so joyful, they clapped!

What also brings joy is seeing the children at the Clothing Giveaway with toys or stuffed animals. They have a smile on their faces. It's a smile of happiness, yes, and also a smile of comfort – that they received something that they both needed and wanted. The adults are more apt to express a lot of gratitude, and that brings joy, too.

Are you willing to be a bit edgy this month? Rather than talking about sports, or the weather, or world events, are you willing to ask others what brings them joy? It just may change the whole nature of your relationship with that person.

Peace,
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Session Highlights

At the beginning of the April 16 session meeting, the elders were asked what they were thankful for – and it had to be unique. One elder was thankful that her *91-year-old mother* still bowls! Another was thankful for heated motorcycle handlebars. Someone was thankful for a grandson who helped moved furniture. And, maybe the most unique, was the elder thankful for a bubble machine. (Yes, a toy that rather than having to blow bubbles, blows them for you!)

The elders discussed chapter two of the book *Anatomy of a Revived Church.* Actually, it highlighted the many strengths Faith Church has. One proposed possibility from the book was a 24-hour prayer vigil. The elders recognized that as one elder every day of the month is praying for our congregation; we are already constantly praying for our church.

The session took the following actions:

- Approved the website designer that was proposed last month
- Approved a new funeral policy
- Appreciated the ministry of the Stephen Ministry, which has come to a close; transferred remaining funds for that ministry to the Fellowship Committee's funds

Please pray for your elders as they lead this church **to share Christ's love, spread Christ's Word and care for others.**

Clothing Give Away Update

The next Give Away will be May 16. We will be sorting on April 29, May 13, and May 27. In March we started our 4th year of monthly Give Aways. We have averaged about 100 people at each event, so we have served 3300 people. Some guests come every month, some only once. We have helped families who have lost everything to fires and tornadoes. Some families are starting over due to domestic violence or immigration.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the Give Away.

John and Terri &
the Mission & Evangelism Committee

Streaming Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 am

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#.

Do you need a raffle or silent auction item for your school, Boy Scout troop, or other civic organization??

Over the years, I have made and collected a lot of quilted wall hangings, table runners, and lap quilts that I need to find new homes for.
Call me, 402-301-9520
or e-mail me, nequilterterri@gmail.com,
and I will see what I have that I can donate.

Your Session

Clerk of Session - Joe Seda

Discipleship	Lynda Shafer
Facilities	Matt Kasprzak
	Jim Willett
	Doug Bogenhagen
Fellowship	Joni Huddleston
Finance	Angie Madden
Human Res	Bob Meyer
Mission & Ev	Janice Miner
Worship	Al Zimmerman

May 2 Joseph Ciriaco
May 2 Coleman Mavity
May 3 Emily Kasprzak
May 4 Phil Westerfield
May 5 Ray Giesmann
May 8 Julie Bosserdet
May 9 Judi Crick
May 10 Johi Huddleston

The Lunch Bunch

The next Lunch Bunch will be
Friday, **May 1**
at 11:30 a.m.
at **Ollie & Hobbes**
301 El Gold Coast Road, Papillion

Sign up at church by April 29th
or contact Sharon Fleming at 402 709-2103
or sfleming43@aol.com for your reservation
or if you need a ride.

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.

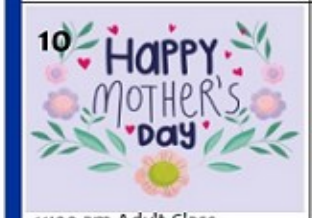
If there is a member of your family that is transitioning to the next stage of life, a time when their memory isn't good, you are invited to be part of this group on the third Friday of every month, at 10:00 am in Room 1 – the comfy room. Coffee is always served.

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

Eagle Scout Project

Scout Troop 461 (both the boys and the girls) is filled with active Scouts! Several have worked on and/or completed their Eagle Scout. Another Scout is working on her project to earn her Eagle Rank. Her name is Isabella Adams. She is collecting fleece fabric for the local animal shelters. There is a box at the east door for collections. She's asking for pieces that are at least one yard in length. The shelters provide comfort for their animals with fleece fabric. Let's help Isabella become an Eagle!

Sunday Worship Time
10:00 am
Fellowship: 9:30 - 9:55 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:30 am Men's Donuts & Dialogue 11:30 am Lunch Bunch	**2** Acappella Omaha Style Show - FLC
3 11:00 am Adult Class 5:00pm Table Tennis - FLC	**4** 6:30 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm Acappella Omaha	**5** 11:00 am Walking Club 6:00 pm Scouts	**6** 7:00 am Campus Life 9:00 am Clothes Sorting 10:00 am Yesterday's Kids 11:00 am Chair Exercises 1:00 pm Mission/Evang mtg 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	**7** 11:00 am Walking Club 6:00 pm Table Tennis - FLC **Committee Meetings** 4:30 pm Worship meeting 5:00 pm Fellowship meeting 5:45 pm Discipleship meeting 7:00 pm Facilities meeting	**8** 8:30 am Men's Donuts & Dialogue	**9** 8:00am Men's Breakfast
10  11:00 am Adult Class 5:00pm Table Tennis - FLC	**11** 5:45 pm Book Club 6:30 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm Acappella Omaha	**12** 8:00 am Election Day - FH 11:00 am Walking Club 6:00 pm Scouts	**13** 7:00 am Campus Life 9:00 am Clothes Sorting 10:00 am Yesterday's Kids 11:00 am Chair Exercises 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	**14** 11:00 am Walking Club 6:00 pm Table Tennis - FLC 7:00 pm Finance meeting	**15** 8:30 am Men's Donuts & Dialogue 10:00 am Transitions Group	**16** 9:00 am Clothing Giveaway
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