



Greetings!

If you've ever read any of Anne Lamott's books, you'll know they both have an edge as well as make you laugh out loud. One of her first books, *Bird By Bird*, is filled with advice for the budding author. She encourages writers to write about things we know, especially using the stories of our own lives. She says that if we're still alive, we have more than enough material to fill a book. One technique she uses to get the creative juices going is to remember then write about your lunch in elementary school. Was your lunch box of the Spiderman variety, or like mine, was it painted gold by your mother then decoupage with butterflies? Was it filled with Wonder Bread, grape jelly and peanut butter sandwiches, or like mine, filled with tuna fish or egg salad in a short squat Thermos? Did you eat the lunches dished out in the cafeteria line? Perhaps even those dreaded beet cubes that cursed my lunch tray on occasion? Remember the importance of that famous lunchroom scene in the movie *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*? When we remember our elementary school lunches, we get such great insight into our childhood and the people who filled our days.

In a few weeks Alan and I will travel to Cartersville, GA. My sister, Nancy, is building a new house, and with the move will come a cleaning out of her current home. Many of our parent's things are in that home, including unopened boxes from our family move in 1972 from Indianapolis to Marietta, GA. There is also a buffet filled with china and memorabilia that has remained closed since our mother's death in 1991. We've promised ourselves over and over that we'd go through especially the buffet, but we've avoided it. Now is the time, though, for us to sit on the floor, open and unwrap one item at a time, and remember our parents and our childhood. My sister and I will likely laugh, most certainly cry, but we will remember....

Our faith calls us to remember. It calls us to remember the relationships we have with the people of our lives – the good and the bad. It calls us to remember the relationship we have with our God – the times when God seemed so very present, and the times when God seemed distant. Our faith calls us to remember both the peanut butter and the tuna fish. Even the beet cubes.

The Bible has a word for remember. *Anamnesis*. This biblical kind of remembering is more than just a fond passing thought. To remember is to bring the event into today and to make it real for us now and into the future. When remembered, God's saving acts of the Exodus are experienced again today. When remembered, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for us and his love for all people are experienced again today.

Do we remember what God has done for us? When God spoke to us as clear as a bell. When we cried in worship, overcome with joy that a loved one was next to us, or remembering a hymn sung at a funeral When we were in a deep dark hole and then, somehow, there was a crack of light which pulled us through. When we sat on a mountaintop and felt a presence which could only have been God. When a broken relationship was unexpectedly repaired. When we remember God's presence in our lives and then share these stories, God's presence is again felt and experienced. It's passed from generation to generation. God is again real for us.

I'll let you know, but I'm really hoping that we find my gold lunch box. Perhaps inside will still be one of the notes my dad would put into my lunch – a note that always said "God loves you."

Eastertide blessings,
Pastor Karen

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THANK YOU

I give thanks for all who assisted in making our Holy Week services very meaningful this year. Your gifts of energy, skills, time, and love for Jesus made this Easter such a special time at Faith Lutheran. I give thanks for:

- all who attended worship, lifting your voices in praise and in song
- the acolytes and crucifers, ushers, assisting ministers, lectors, greeters and all who kept the services running smoothly
- the choir, Adam Bowles and Fred Ehrensperger for the beautiful choral music
- Ky-Lin Berg, Mia Graham, and Alan Boda for the beautiful preludes on Easter morning
- the altar guild for preparing our table and space for worship
- those who stripped the altar on Maundy Thursday in a most reverent and meaningful way
- those in the kitchen who prepared our delicious Good Friday fish dinner
- Devin Kennedy for running our sound board
- all who brought flowers on Easter morning to turn the cross into a thing of living beauty
- the Property Committee who made our facility look incredible
- Michelle Selensky for taking care of our littlest ones in the nursery
- Connie Waylander and her crew for feeding the community at Trussville First United Methodist Church during Holy Week
- Martha Lewis for creating the many worship folders and keeping the office running smoothly
- the Worship and Music Committee for planning the services
-and the many many others who served in countless ways quietly in the background.

Thank you, Faith Lutheran!
Pastor Karen

REVERENCING THE CROSS

The Worship & Music Committee invites our congregation to participate in a practice common to many other churches. Reverencing the cross is a simple act of turning to the cross held at the back of the church by the crucifer when the Gathering/Processional Hymn begins. As the cross moves forward, we continue to follow facing it to the front. You may bow your head if you desire. In the same manner, as the cross, held by the crucifer, moves to the front of the church during the Sending/Recessional Hymn, we follow facing it as it moves down the aisle to the back of the church. We follow it with our bodies and faces until completion of the final hymn. Many of the things we do in liturgical churches are symbolic. These rituals and symbols point to our Holy God. God is the focus and our actions are symbols of our reverence, honor, love and deepest respect for God. These kinds of acts are to involve our bodies in worship, just as kneeling, bowing our heads, or closing our eyes for prayer are signs of respect and reverence. Recall that "liturgy" means the work of the people. So, we "do" things to show reverence including standing, sitting, bowing, lighting candles, celebrating Communion and other acts. In itself, the actions are meaningless unless the focus is a conscious offering of our physical bodies in acts of worship. We give our hearts, minds, and bodies in love and reverence to The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thanks Be To God!



Preparing for and responding to disasters is an important part of the Southeastern Synod ministry. The work is directed by a [Disaster Ministry Committee](#). The Synod partners with both [Lutheran Disaster Response \(LDR\)](#) and [Inspiritus](#) and the congregations across the synod to leverage the reach and to maximize the impact made in both disaster preparedness and response. (Adapted from <https://www.elca-ses.org/disasterministry>.) John Boettner from Shepherd of the Hills is the chair and our representative for the Disaster Response Team.

LDR has been active in the recent damage inflicted by Hurricane Michael in Albany, GA and Florida, the recent tornado in southern Alabama, and past damage in both Mississippi and the Carolinas. Lutherans are typically the first in and the last out. You can be proud to be a Lutheran!

The Faith Lutheran Church Council voted in March to send its Lenten offerings (Ash Wednesday, Wednesday evenings, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday) to the Southeastern Synod in support of this ministry. Faith also recently donated \$500 in increments of \$10 Wal-Mart gift cards to assist those who suffered the effects of Hurricane Michael.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES TO REMEMBER

QUILT RAFFLE

A drawing for the quilt displayed in the Narthex will be May 5. The winner will be contacted via phone.

Tickets - \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00

Proceeds will benefit Lutheran World Relief Projects.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee will be meeting Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 at the church.

The primary item for consideration is the replacement of the church's roof. Most of the current roof is asphalt fiber shingles. There is a rubber bladder type material in the cricket between the sanctuary roof and the roof over the vestibule. The bladder has been patched several times and we have found pieces of the asphalt shingles on the ground after at least two storms.

The committee is currently looking at a metal roof. We have received two preliminary quotes; both were well within our projected budget. We are fortunate that the finance team and the church council recognized this need several years ago and established a fund to cover the repair/replacement cost.

We have asked John Boyer from Metal Roofing Headquarters to meet with us Tuesday the 7th to give an overview of our options. MRH can provide several different options from ribbed panels to slate or shake like shingles. A primary selling point is a 50-year non-prorated warranty as opposed to a 20-year limited warranty for asphalt shingles.



Anyone interested in this or other property committee concerns are encouraged to attend the meeting on the 7th and also check out the mrhqroofs.com website.

CLIPPED WINGS

Clipped Wings May Luncheon: Loaves and Fishes.... The Clipped Wings Group will taste of our Lord's seafood bounty on Thursday, May 9th at The Gulf Seafood Restaurant on 85 Purple Heart Blvd in Springville. We will meet at the church at 11:15 am for those of you who want to "follow" or ride with someone, or at the restaurant at 11:30 am. Rides are available by calling Gail Kohser or Beate Cole. Hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will meet only one time in May, on Monday the 20th at 6:30 pm. At that time we will finish up with our book Liturgy of the Ordinary by discussing both Chapter 10 and Chapter 11. After this meeting we will take a break over the summer months and start up again in the fall. If you have suggestions for future studies, please bring them with you that night.



Wedding bells will soon be ringing for
Katherine Boda.

In honor of her special day, we will collect money for a gift card to one of her registries. You can contribute to the group gift card by giving cash or a check to Wanda Quinn or Linda Herold by 5/12/19.

If you would like to give a gift on your own, she is registered at *Pottery Barn* and *Macy's*. We will be hosting a special reception after the worship service on May 19th.

The gift card and gifts will be presented at the reception.

SHANNON MCMILLAN GRAHAM

AND

BRIAN DAVID PURCELL

INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN THE JOY

WHEN THEY EXCHANGE MARRIAGE VOWS

ON SATURDAY, THE EIGHTH OF JUNE

TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

6704 DEERFOOT PARKWAY

CLAY, AL 35048

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



DINNER & DISCUSSION GROUP

Dinner & Discussion group meets on Wednesday evenings. We look forward to seeing you at 6:30pm for dinner and 7pm for discussion.

LAWN CARE

Spring has sprung & it is grass cutting season once again. In order to avoid spending a whopping \$7000 (that we have budgeted) to a lawn care company, the Faith property committee is asking for volunteers to come to the church once a week and cut the grass & trim the playground area. Please help by doing your part to keep our property beautiful. We have a great riding mower that anyone can learn to use with a few simple instructions. Contact Will Daum to sign up for a week & learn to use the mower. Remember, it takes a village...



FAITH LUTHERAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



All children ages 3 to 11 are invited to attend "To Mars and Beyond" Vacation Bible School (VBS).

Theme: *To Mars and Beyond*
Explore where God's Power can take you!

Dates: July 15 – 19, 2019 (Mon-Fri evenings) 6 to 8 pm

Come and enjoy a free and fun week of bible learning activities. We are shortening the time frame this year to help with getting kids home a little earlier so the small dinner has been eliminated, but the children will still have a fun snack each evening and will participate in incredible Bible-based experiences.

Pre-registered children will receive a VBS t-shirt.

However, shirts must be ordered in June, so only children who register by **June 15** can be guaranteed a t-shirt. Be sure to indicate your child's t-shirt size in the appropriate place on the registration form.

Print the attached registration form or pick one up in the church office.

SUMMER CHOIR IS BACK!

Have you ever dreamed of being in the choir, even if only for a week? Summer choir single commitment Sundays are back! Last summer we had a great turnout and the music was glorious! Come at 10:00am to the choir room, practice a simple piece, and then sing with the choir during worship that same Sunday. All ages are welcome, so plan to join us as we lift our voices in song.

Men's choir, Sunday, June 16 (Father's Day)

Women's choir, Sunday, July 14

Mixed voices (Men and Women), Sunday, August 11

CONGRATULATIONS to Luke Richey on his graduation with a Master's Degree from Auburn University on Sunday, May 5th.

MAY

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Katie Beyer
David Ehrensperger
Emily Ford
Al May
Skip & Marsha Craig
Suzanne Manning
Mia Graham
Merle Wentzell
Jeannine Spann
Gary & Connie Waylander
James & Brandi Kennedy
Dorothy Body
Ken & Paulette King
Dennis & Paula McMillan
Ruth Spitzer
David & Cheryl Ehrensperger
Joan Laframboise
Aaron Nafziger



HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY to Dorothy Body



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Registration Form

Vacation Bible School
July 15 - 19, 2019
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Child's Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Phone(s): _____

T-shirt Size: <i>(circle one)</i>				
Youth sizes:	XS	S	M	L
Adult sizes:	S	M	L	XL 2XL

	Allergies or other medical conditions: _____
	In case of emergency contact: _____
	Phone: _____
	Relationship to child: _____

DISMISSAL INFORMATION - Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS:

Photo Release: ? Yes ? No As parent/guardian, I understand that my child's picture (individual & group) may be taken during VBS. I give permission for my child's picture to be used for promotional materials to highlight this event. No names will be used, only photos.

Consent & Liability Waiver

I, parent/guardian, grant permission for my child(ren) to participate in Vacation Bible School at Faith Lutheran Church (FLC). I release Faith Lutheran Church and/or any FLC representative from responsibility for accidents during church sponsored activities. In case of emergency, I, the parent/legal guardian of the above-mentioned minor(s), give permission to the adult representatives of Faith Lutheran Church to secure proper treatment for the health and comfort of my child until I can be reached.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

HEALTH ROOM NEEDS



The Health Room nurse at Clay Elementary School needs some more undies for students before closing out the school year. Both boys' and girls' undies in sizes 6-12 are needed. Please place these in the metal tub in the narthex for delivery to the school, one of our Outreach partners. Thank you.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

On Saturday, April 13, 2019, Linda and Karl Nelson, and Mark Richey served about 65 at the Community Kitchen. They are pleased to report that the Kitchen has been updated with a new stove, refrigerator and fresh paint. Randy Yarbrough, Executive Director of the Community Kitchen, told Mark that the monetary gifts they received from Faith Lutheran Church in Memory of Mr. Ron Erickson helped to fund these kitchen renovations.

The next opportunity to serve is May 11. Please consider taking a turn at serving at the Kitchen. No experience is necessary just a willingness to serve. Volunteers meet at Grace Church at 11:30; however, if you would like to ride share just let Mark Richey know.

Location: Grace Episcopal Church 5712 1st Ave N
Birmingham, AL 35212

Second Saturday of each month

Time: 11:30 a.m. to approx. 1:30 p.m.

PARISH NURSE NOTES

Did you know that some vegetables help to detoxify your body? Let me tell you the benefits of one particular vegetable that has been often overlooked in today's diet, but is now being promoted as a supplement for heart health. I'm referring to beets. Eaten as a vegetable, they contain vitamins A & C, plus B1, B2 & B6. Beets are higher in iron than spinach and are rich in calcium, copper, magnesium, potassium, choline & others. The iron in beets effectively cleans the blood & by releasing nitric oxide relaxes & dilates the blood vessels which may prevent varicose veins.

Benefits of consuming beets include normalizing blood pressure, cleaning toxins from the liver, kidneys & gallbladder. Atherosclerosis is prevented due to a powerful solvent to dissolve inorganic calcium deposits that harden the arteries. In addition, the iron in beets, treats anemia & it's said to relieve symptoms of gout.

Now what more can we ask of a vegetable? Nature provides so much of the goodness of God's gifts to us. Thanks be to God.

Gail Kohser, Parish Nurse

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30am

May 5

Asst. Minister: Linda Herold

May 12

Asst. Minister: Paula McMillan

May 19

Asst. Minister: Dennis McMillan

May 26

Asst. Minister:

10:30 a.m.

Ushers: Wayne Graham, Sharon & Jerry Towry

Greeters: Beate Cole & Mary Yarbrough

May 5

Asst. Minister: Paula Daum
Lector: Amy Hollar
Acolyte: Annabelle Beyer
Crucifer: Devin Kennedy
Comm. Presenters: John & Katie Beyer

May 19

Asst. Minister: Sharon Towry
Lector: Matt Kirksey
Acolyte: Carter Kirksey
Crucifer: Ky-lin Berg
Comm. Presenters: James & Brandi Kennedy

May 12

Asst. Minister: Mark LaRue
Lector: Mary Stahl
Acolyte: Michael May
Crucifer: David May
Comm. Presenters: Al & Sandra May

May 26

Asst. Minister: Skip Craig
Lector: Caryl Stahl
Acolyte: Mia Graham
Crucifer: Devin Kennedy
Comm. Presenters: Merle & Hazel Wentzell

PRESCHOOL CORNER

Our end of the year program is Friday, May 17th at 11am. All are invited to attend. The program will be followed by a potluck lunch. If you'd like to attend, please bring a covered dish to share. We hope to see you all there.



PRAYERS

Members: Al & Janet Awtrey, Johnnie Starnes, Ruth Spitzer, Teresa McCullough, Nancy Quinn, Tammie Richey & Dorothy Body

Friends: Kent Forrester (Jessica Lively's Uncle); Dr. Sharon Gallant (Principal of Clay Elementary); Jay Wesson (cousin of Joan Laframboise); Steve Cheatham (friend of Craig & Sue Kuechenmeister); Wanda Payne & Tom Duke (friends of FLC Preschool); JoAnn Johnaon (friend of Linda Herold); Brett Smith (Hazel Wentzell's nephew); Carol Cantrell (friend of Ken Monk); Jerry McNutt (Sarah Nafziger's father); Pat Ehlinger (friend of Harold & Sonja Utpfall); Larry Allin (father-in-law of the Wentzell's grandson); Treasa Webb (friend of Preschool), Jerry Sellers (friend of the congregation), Gavin McMillan (grandson of Dennis & Paula McMillan), Teresa Buckner (friend of Sarah Nafziger), Ned Brittain (brother of Dick Brittain), Rozann Brittain (sister-in-law of Dick Brittain), Johnny Fricke, Larry Fricke (cousins of Becky Brittain); George Brown (dad of Sandra May); Mary Hamson (Al Awtrey's sister), Martin & Doreen Henry (friends of Johnnie Starnes); Kenneth Piper (cousin of Fred & Joyce Ehrensperger); Brian Poole, Gracie Ann Poole, Jackson Roberts, Kathie Finley, Reba Roberts (friends of Fred & Wanda Quinn), Ronald Park (brother-in-law of Wanda Quinn), Shirley Sanders (niece of Norma Holsombeck); Patricia Hofer & Winnie Starnes (sisters of Merle Wentzell); Neysa Charie Rhodes (friends of Sue Kuechenmeister), Stuart Craig (brother of Skip Craig), Michelle Miskelley (friend of Marsha Craig), Willard Leopard (brother of Wyomie McRae)

Serving Our Country: Connor Butz (son of Terry & Sharon Butz), Adam Ford & Austin Workman (sons of Richard & Emily Ford, grandsons of Jerry & Sharon Towry), Chris Lewis (son of Jeff & Martha Lewis), Noah Graham (son of Shannon Graham, grandson of Dennis & Paula McMillan and Wayne & Linda Graham)

College Students: Allison Boda (Furman), Andrew Boyd (UAH), Noah Graham (University of Alabama), Caroline Hoffman (Jacksonville State), Hannah LaRue (Tennessee Tech); Sarah Nafziger (UAB), Troy Nelson (UAB), Luke Richey (Auburn), Kinsey Waylander (UAB); Courtney Yarbrough (UAB) & Stephen Yarbrough (ASU)

Outreach partners: Lutheran World Relief, Community Kitchen, Trussville Ecumenical Assistive Ministry (TEAM), Clay Elementary`

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2019			1 9am Preschool Yard Sale pricing & prep	2 9am Preschool Yard Sale pricing & prep	3 8am-4pm Yard Sale 9am Preschool	4 8am-3pm Yard Sale 3pm clean & pack up yard sale
5 8:30am Worship 9:15 Sunday school 10:30am Worship – Bethany Craig Baptism 12:15pm Choir practice Quilt Raffle	6 9am Preschool	7 Pastor Karen in ATL for Women in Ministry 9am Preschool 6:30pm Property Committee	8 9am Preschool 6:30pm Dinner & Discussion	9 9am Preschool 11:30am Clipped Wings lunch 6:30pm Executive board meeting	10 9am Preschool	11 Community Kitchen 10-2pm Annual Diaspora conference meeting at SLVC
12 8:30am Worship 9:15 Sunday school 10:30am Worship - children's Sunday school classes sing 12:15pm Choir practice	13 9am Preschool	14 9am Preschool 6:30pm Council meeting	15 9am Preschool 6:30pm Dinner & Discussion	16 9am Preschool	17 9am Preschool 11am Preschool end of year program & potluck lunch	18
19 8:30am Worship 9:15 Sunday school- last day for children until fall 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Choir practice	20 6:30pm Women's Bible study – final meeting until fall	21 6:30pm Worship & Music committee	22 6:30pm Dinner & Discussion	23	24	25
26 8:30am Worship 9:15 Sunday school 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Choir practice	27 MEMORIAL DAY – office closed	28	29 6:30pm Dinner & Discussion	30	31 Synod Assembly	

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 2019

Meeting minutes are a summary & a preliminary draft. Minutes will not be final until the next council meeting.

Attending: Tim Awtrey, Beate Cole, Skip Craig, Linda Herold, Amy Hollar, Pat Holman, Karl Nelson, Troy Nelson, Tammie Richey, Mary Yarbrough, and Pastor Karen Boda.

Absent: Fred Ehrensperger, Jeannine Spann.

Opening Devotion: Karl Nelson opened the meeting with devotion on a cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Review & Approve February Meeting Minutes:

The February Council minutes were approved as submitted. Motion to approve by Amy Hollar, second by Pat Holman.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Awtrey reviewed the March Treasurer's report and noted that there were some extra expenses this month. Additional report details were discussed and Council requests an amended report for March prior to approval.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Karen Boda reviewed her submitted report and gave an update on member care, upcoming baptisms and reported that Lutheran Services of Georgia and Lutheran Services in Tennessee have merged into Inspiritus and are hoping to spread to Alabama.

Submitted Reports: Pastor Karen Boda moved to accept all submitted reports en bloc with a second by Skip Craig. All submitted reports were accepted.

Current Business:

- Staff Position Performance Review Documents – Beate Cole moved to accept all documents with one spelling correction. Second by Pat Holman. Passed.
- Constitution Approval – Skip Craig will send out the “current” versus “new” changes for the Church Constitution prior to the next Council meeting. Linda Herold reviewed the approval process for the new Constitution.
- Sale of the office computer – Computer specs were emailed to the Council prior to this meeting. Troy Nelson made a motion that the Council accept sealed bids for the computer until the end of this month with a minimum starting bid of \$50. Second by Skip Craig. Passed. The Council President will prepare the

information for the Tuesday email and a sign in the Narthex.

- Yard Sale Proceeds – Pastor Karen Boda made a motion that Yard Sale proceeds go toward the Church playground. Second by Tim Awtrey. Passed.
- Updates and/or participation requests for the following were discussed:
 - Clay Elementary Beautification Day is Saturday, April 13.
 - The Nominating Committee now has 4 members.
 - The April Scroll contained a Synod monthly fact.
 - Synod news – some Council members have signed up and are awaiting the newsletters.
 - Help and participation are needed for the Holy Week Luncheon on Maundy Thursday at Trussville United Methodist Church.

New Business:

- Replacement of Janitor's cabinet in kitchen – Tammie Richey made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Janitor's cabinet. Second by Beate Cole. Passed. Mary Yarbrough moved to pay for the cabinet from undesignated special funds and any offerings given specifically for the cabinet. Second by Amy Hollar. Passed.
- Core Generosity Committee and Brainstormers Report – Skip Craig reported on the trip to Emory on April 4 to the Generosity Conference. It was very inspirational with a broad variety of speakers. He also stated that the Faith participants also met later to brainstorm ideas. The committee meets again on April 29th and all are invited with no long-term commitments required.
- Revisiting the mission/vision – The Brainstormers / Generosity Committee has requested that a committee be formed to look at the mission of Faith Lutheran Church. Amy Hollar and Troy Nelson agreed to serve on this committee and are looking for additional help with this project. They will begin work on May 15.
- Revisit of Faith's finances for the first quarter – After much work by the Finance Committee and

discussion with the Church Council, the Finance Committee recommends that the undesignated giving be allocated based on Benevolence commitment first and then Current spending. This is to be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Finance Committee. Any excess undesignated giving for the quarter will be divided between Current and Faith in Action using a 95/5 split. If there is no excess for the quarter, the shortfall in Current spending will be taken from the Current funds balance. Motion to accept by Mary Yarbrough, second by Skip Craig. Passed. Notification will be placed in the Scroll.

Other

- **Preschool Report** – Mary Yarbrough reported on the financial status and enrollment in the Preschool. It has been a wonderful year and registration for the summer is up.

May 2019 Devotion: Fred Ehrensperger

May 2019 Meeting date: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Troy Nelson with a second by Skip Craig. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie Richey,
Council Secretary

Monthly Submitted Reports

Pastor's Report - Karen Boda, April 9, 2019

Worship

- Preached and presided at early/late worship services each Sunday.
- Preached each Wednesday for 7pm worship with meditations on Heidi Haverkamp's book *Holy Solitude* with the *Joyous Light* liturgy by Ray Makeever.
- Dedicated the new exterior cross on 4-7 and thanked Chris Seay of Seay Construction.
- Planning for all special services during Holy Week, including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. I will preach at Trussville First United Methodist Church on Holy Thursday for the 12pm community worship. Faith will provide lunch.
- Baptism for Bethany Craig is planned for 5-5.

Congregational Care

- Ministered to members and families of Faith through visits, calls and cards.
- Trained eucharistic ministers to assist in taking communion to our shut-ins.

Education

- Led Sunday School for Adults each week on the lectionary.
- Led Bible Babble (chapel) each week for the Preschool.

Stewardship

- Attended with 8 others from Faith the "Giving Freedom: A Right-Side-Up Approach to Church Fundraising" at Candler School of Theology at Emory in Atlanta on 3-23. Participated in a debrief/next steps discussion on 4-4. The conference was outstanding.

Other

- Attended Synod Compensation Team meeting to discuss compensation survey.
- Attended in Atlanta the Synod Personnel meeting to discuss Bishop and staff transitions.
- Am working with Bishop to define Women in Ministry effort for Region 9 and the Synod.
- Attended Synod Dean's meeting and a conference meeting on 3-21 at Christ in Prattville, AL.
- Attended on 3-14 a faith leader's gathering at St. Paul's UMC, Birmingham, to discuss bringing the Jefferson County Memorial from the EJI Legacy Memorial to Birmingham. All Christian denominations and religions were represented.
- Participated in two Clergy Lunch and Learns which included sessions on diabetes and cancer.
- I will take off Easter Monday (holiday) and 4/23-24 as vacation.

Education

Children's Education – Mary Yarbrough

No new report

Adult Education – Linda Nelson

Sunday morning remains the same. Wednesday nights will start back up April 24th. We'll be doing a video series by Ray Vander Laan entitled--In the Dust of the Rabbi: Learning to Live as Jesus Lived. The lessons will weave together the Bible's historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts and give unique insights into the scripture's significance for modern believers.

Fellowship – Marsha Craig

- Pancake supper was well attended. We had about 25 diners.
- A reception was provided for the dedication of the exterior cross on Sun. April 7th.
- We are preparing for the Fish Fry on Good Friday. Everyone is encouraged to sign up so we have a good idea of how many meals to prepare.
- We will be having a bake sale and concession stand at the May yard sale to buy small miscellaneous items needed for the kitchen. Members will be asked to donate baked goods.
- The ice maker was in need of repair and the Property Committee handled this.

Policies and Procedures Committee

The Policies and Procedures Committee met on Sunday, March 17, 2019, and continues to work on the financial policies. Our next meeting is on Sunday, May 5, 2019.

Worship and Music Committee Meeting March 19, 2019 – Beate Cole

Evaluation of Past Worship Services

February 24: Bold Women Sunday - Was well received, we plan to repeat this yearly.

March 3: Transfiguration Sunday - Psalmody was used. This was also the Sunday when several members worshiped at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church to hear Rev Dr Joseph W Ellwanger, Lutheran Pastor, Author, Civil Rights Activist, Congregation-Based Community Organizer, bring the message "Fully Awake to See the Glory of Jesus" and after the service "The Challenge and Reward of Living the Gospel in 2019." Rev Dr Ellwanger has 56 years of urban ministry beginning in 1958 and is a 2008 recipient of the Fred L. Shuttlesworth Human Rights Award presented by the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

March 6: Ash Wednesday, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm - Only 9 present at the early service. We need to put special emphasis on our reminder that, on Maundy Thursday, we will participate in a 12:00 noon service at First United Methodist Church in Trussville with lunch following and on Good Friday there will be an 11:00 am service at our church, a 6:00 pm Fish Fry and 7:00 pm service. Denny McMillan may be contacted for transportation to any of these services.

March 10: Gospel Storyteller Margaret Mynhier - As a biblical storyteller and an active member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers Int'l for 15

years, Marge provided new insight into the written word through her special presentation of the gospel story.

March 13: Midweek Lenten Svc - Very meaningful services in a more intimate setting - new chair arrangement, multi cantors and Adam Bowles' playing as well as the beautiful "Joyous Light" Service Setting and Pastor's thought and action provoking meditations all contribute to make this an enriching Lenten experience.

March 17: Just another Glorious Sunday!

Review of Upcoming Worship Services

April 7: Dedication of Exterior Cross with Chris Seay and family present. We will shorten the service and proceed outside for the dedication during which we will sing *Lift High the Cross*. Tim Awtrey will set up for music outside with ability to hear inside as well. Marsha Craig has a nice reception planned.

April 18: Maundy Thursday

- 12:00 noon - at First United Methodist Church in Trussville, where Pastor Karen Boda will provide the sermon and our church will provide the luncheon for the Trussville Holy Week Services sponsored by TEAM. This will replace the 11:00 am service at FLC - Contact Denny McMillan for needed transportation.
- 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday at FLC - Foot Washing - Adam Bowles will play - Individual blessing and Holy Communion - Stripping of Altar: Pastor Karen Boda will review process with Altar Guild.

April 19: Good Friday 11:00 am and 7:00 pm (6:00 pm Fish Fry)

- Adam Bowles will play at both services
- Fish Fry only prior to 7 pm service
- Arrive and leave in silence
- Cross in the center with chairs around
- Dark
- Seven Last Words with 1 black candle extinguished for each word
- Nailing of our sins to the cross
- Tenebrae

March 13 through April 10: Lent Wednesday Services

- Evening service only, with transportation offered
- Joyous Light service setting
- Meditations loosely focused on *Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets and Rebels* by Heidi Haverkamp

- Possible inclusion of art/music in the reflections
- Arrange an intimate setting
- Ask Fred Ehrensperger to arrange for cantors
- Have the intercessory prayer/petitions from the Litany sung by others in the congregation based on who is present and able and willing to do so

March 10 through April 7: Lent Sunday Services

- Service Setting - ELW 3
- Alleluias and children's recession put away until Easter Sunday with new song "Go Now in Peace"
- Musical refrain with Prayers of the Church removed for Lent

April 14: Palm/Passion Sunday - Pastor will meet with the children the week before and have them lead the procession into the church. We want everyone to be joyous and active in waving their palm branches. It's about Hosannas! We will use the reader's theater again for the gospel and the transition to the Passion narrative. Pastor Karen Boda will discuss this in the children's sermon the week before Palm Sunday.

April 21: Easter

- Living Cross - Paula McMillan will work with Pastor to add a ritual or formal action to focus on the cross.
- Lilies - Al May
- Easter egg hunt – Marsha Craig
- There will be two stations and intinction will be used.
- Special music during Lent and Easter? Adam Bowles and Alan Boda will play beginning ten minutes before the service. In addition, Adam will seek to enlist the "four young ladies" for music for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter - Adam will identify an appropriate song and seek to enlist Ky-Lin Berg, Mia Graham, Olivia Nafziger and Ava Nafziger to sing at Easter.

Worship Planning

- Planning for Eastertide (April 21 - June 9) will begin in mid-March.
- Feedback on worship folders? - Pastor again encouraged that any identified errors be circled and placed on her desk for follow up.

Miscellaneous

Supply pastors:

- Sunday, April 28 (Monday is a holiday, Pastor on vacation Tue-Wed) - Pastor will preside,

Dennis McMillan will preach.

- Sunday, June 1 (Pastor at Synod Assembly) - Will Daum will lead Service of the Word/preach
- Sunday, June 30 (Pastor at daughter's wedding) - Mark LaRue will lead Service of the Word/preach

Reverence the cross: The congregation will be encouraged to embrace this practice for both the processional and recessional; it will be announced at the service and published in the Scroll.

We will continue the past practice of using **worship setting** *Now the Feast* from Easter to Pentecost.

May 5: Bethany Craig's baptism

Refresher Training for our younger acolytes: Mark Craig will prepare a written training list for the W&M Committee to review to be followed by a training class.

Change of the wording and placement in the worship folder regarding communion: We want this to be an open invitation for all, not just the baptized. This would be an entry point into life in Christ in the same manner as baptism. We believe the means of grace comes to us as a pure gift in baptism and communion. The action is all God's. The wording, adopted from other churches, is:

We believe that in this sacrament Christ comes to us in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. These are Christ's body and blood given and shed for us and for all people. All who wish to receive are welcome.

Contact the Synod Office to request the Bishop visit us and preach one Sunday: Sunday, November 3rd is the tentative date.

Draping of the new exterior cross: This has been beautifully accomplished by Denny McMillan and Tim Awtrey and will be included in the planning for each year going forward.

Eucharistic Prayers: Pastor Karen Boda has reviewed a book of Eucharistic Prayers by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher and the committee approved the use in our services.

Next Two Meetings: Thursday, April 25 and Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30 pm.
Lord's Prayer and Adjournment.



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Worship Service: 10:30 am
Coffee Fellowship: 11:45 am
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Attention Thrivent Members:
If you have any questions about Thrivent Choice,
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