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Monthly Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

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## Scattered Thoughts

by Rev. Kerry Nelson, Senior Pastor



*"Oh Lord, the sea is so big and our boat is so small..."*

The first time I heard that line was from a parishioner whose mother had just died. Her mom had been close to the center of her daughter's life. Now her daughter would be left with caring for her father and the future seemed bleak. We prayed together and those were the words she used as she began her prayer. I've never forgotten them and still think of them often.

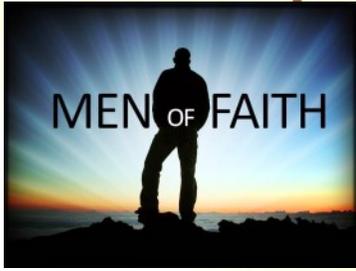
We spent four weeks in August focusing our eyes and ears on the pernicious power of racism. The goal wasn't to present a balanced point of view; it was to listen from a brand new point of view. I come away feeling very challenged but also committed to being part of the solution rather than the problem. So what do we do with that? *"Oh Lord, the sea is so big and our boat is so small..."*

Yes, the sea is very, very big. We can easily feel powerless against the winds and waves of cultural dynamics and systemic racism, but Jesus stilled the waves and the Bible reminds us that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. And our boat is much larger than we imagine. As a congregation, we physically touch thousands of lives each week. We CAN make a difference.

What can we do?

1. We can become allies. We can use our power as a congregation to support and advocate on behalf of other congregations who can help us see through other eyes and need what we bring to the table. (1 Corinthians 9:19-27)
2. We can lead by example. We can be the change that we want to see in the world. Broadening our ministry with the Faith Chinese Fellowship and intentionally including youth from St. James/Santiago Apostol in the trip to the National Youth Gathering are steps in the right direction. (Galatians 2:11-21)
3. We can be a learning community seeking information by reading books that tell stories and bring perspectives that we would otherwise miss. (John 16:7-15)
4. We can be a listening community. There are service providers in our local community that we can learn from and partner with. It is time to engage in re-rooting again to help us discern where God is calling us. (Mark 9:38-41)
5. We can engage in daily "micro-support" behaviors in our personal lives. "Micro-aggressions" refer to those little daily demeaning slights that people of color experience. We can learn to do the opposite— offering our micro-support – by listening before speaking, leading with politeness, dignity, and respect, exercising care to question our prejudices and to become suspicious of quick fix ideas that deepen divides rather than seek holistic growth. (John 13:31-35; Matthew 25:31-46)

The sad but simple truth is that the Church has been on both sides of many questions. The Church was long the primary apologist for slavery and a host of other dehumanizing and demeaning practices and attitudes. But there were always other voices in the Church that sought to bring Jesus' love to bear in the world, fighting against slavery, fighting for human rights, advocating and serving the poor and forgotten. We can join such voices. We can be proactive for justice and positive change; in this I believe we are following Jesus in blessing the world with faith, hope, and love.



**Due to Labor Day Weekend, there will NOT be a Men of Faith breakfast gathering in September.**

BUT...

I want to invite all the Men of Faith to consider joining me in the weekly Bible study I (Pastor Nelson) will be leading every Wednesday night in the Fall Season of Learning.

This is not a "men's only" Bible study but it would be a great opportunity for you to come and spend some time listening for God in your life in some new ways.

We will meet in the Conference Room from 7:00 PM—8:00 PM. I can't promise snacks but I can promise decaf coffee.

I'm looking forward to starting up a new Bible study. I spend so much time doing other things and I think it is crucial, vital, to make sure and have time every week to gather around the Bible in the company of others.

Please give it a try!



## Prayer Corner - "Peace in a Violent World"

by Peggy Porter

Read Isaiah 35:1-7 (also Psalm 27)

*"Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong, fear not!" (Isaiah 35:4)*

Fear is depressing and debilitating. It only adds to the troubles of Christian life. A father worries about how to provide for his family, and worry makes him grumpy. Patients experience anxiety as they wait for the results of medical tests, and the anxiety makes them feel sicker. A high school student fears failure, rejection, and embarrassment, so in fear, she withdraws to herself.

Knowing that fear can be so troublesome and crippling, terrorists have used fear as their greatest weapon against our nation, our civilization, and our way of life.

When we have anxious hearts, our Lord tells us, "Be strong; fear not!" Now, suppose some ordinary person tells you "Oh, don't worry so much; it'll all be fine." You might very well respond, "Yeah, what do you know about it?" But this is God Almighty speaking. God knows what God is talking about. God means it when God tells you not to worry or fear. In the death and resurrection of Jesus, God has demonstrated the lengths to which God will go to remove all that would harm us or cause us anxiety. Let all who trust in God say, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 27:1)

Pray: Dear Lord, protect us from harm and remove our anxiety. Amen.

## President's Page

by Kathy Patrick, Faith Lutheran Church Council President



***But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:29***

It has been a hard summer of heat and heated rhetoric around questions of immigration and race. We've begun a dialogue at Faith that has asked important questions about how to build bridges to people who look and speak differently than we do. At bottom, all of those questions are the same question: "Who is my neighbor?"

Would we say to our neighbor that their child was an "anchor baby"? Would we dismiss their concerns about the plight of immigrant children because they "speak Mexican"? Would we respond to their desperate cry that "Black Lives Matter" by saying, "Well, really, *all* lives matter; don't you get that?" Would we cut down shade trees and erect barricades so that those praying quietly for a transparent investigation into a black woman's death would be made *more* not *less* uncomfortable while they prayed?

Where, Jesus, did we see you hungry and feed you, naked and clothe you, thirsty and we gave you water? In times like these, the gospel of Jesus makes the answer very simple. Whatever you did for one of my children, you did for me. Full stop. And here at Faith, as a congregation blessed with resources, we have many opportunities to "be a blessing" to others. One opportunity we have is the chance to reach out to our Latino neighbors—as we have to our Mandarin-speaking neighbors—by supporting other Lutheran congregations that serve the poorest of the poor among us. The Synod's Latino Mission Table has sent a letter to all congregations in the Houston area lifting up the plight of those congregations and asking them for help. Here are some stark statistics:

- Of the 18 Latino ministries that planted in this Synod, only four survive.
- The four surviving ministries—Santiago Apostol in North

Houston, Santa Cruz in the Spring Branch area, Principe de Paz in Southeast Houston, and El Buen Pastor in Central Houston—have thriving ministries to first generation immigrant communities.

- All four serve the poorest of the poor in Houston. Their shared Sunday offerings, across all four churches, amount to just \$500.00 per Sunday on average.

All of these congregations need financial support and, over the next few months, your Council will be considering whether to add financial support for these Latino missions to our congregational budget. But these congregations are also looking for ministry *partnerships*, ways in which we can *learn* together, *serve* together, and *spread the Gospel* together. My husband, Arthur Murphy, is the pastor of one of these churches, St. James/Santiago Apostol. Through generous gifts from people at Faith, they were able to send their youth to the National Youth Gathering—something those children could not afford on their own, but something we, at Faith, take for granted. As a result of that experience, those four young leaders have begun to gather together 18 high school youth *on a Friday night* (!) to share a meal, to have Bible Study, and to hang out in a safe, spiritually healthy environment.

There are many opportunities like this for us to build bridges. A little bit of much-needed financial support can expand the reach of the Lutheran church to Latinos in Houston—in the same way that the four youth we helped send to the National Youth Gathering have now stretched out their hands to reach 14 others.

Please keep this question—who is my neighbor?—in your prayers in the coming weeks. It is, I believe, the fundamental question we should answer each time we consider how our budget should be formed for the sake of the world.



## Stockholder's Dinner Sunday, September 13 at 7:30 PM Fellowship Hall

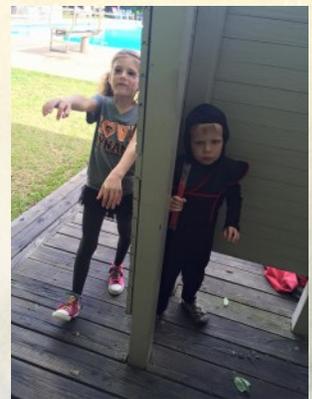
At the Stockholder's Dinner, participants will tell about their experiences from the ELCA's National Youth Gathering in Detroit and give a presentation. This event will be for Stockholders only.

### Faith Camp 2015 Look Back

by Jason Houlihan, Director of Faith Formation

#### Faith Camp by the Numbers

	2014	2015
# Campers	190	245
<b>By Weeks</b>		
Week 1	76	89
Week 2	67	73
week 3	47	83
<b>Income</b>	\$22,821	\$28,262
<b>Expenses</b>	(\$29,750)	(\$26,882)
<b>Net</b>	(\$6,929)	\$1,380
<b>Scholarship Given</b>	\$2,360	\$7,755



## 30th Anniversary of the Visser-Rowland Pipe Organ

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This year we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Visser-Rowland pipe organ at Faith Lutheran Church. We are commemorating our wonderful instrument with two events on Reformation weekend. On Saturday, October 24 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM we will host an Organ Master Class, “Stop and Text,” with George Mims (Organist and Director of Music Emeritus at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston). This Master Class on hymnody is held for the purpose of sparking creativity on the part of the organist and will be open to area musicians. On Sunday, October 25 at 3:00 PM everyone is invited to enjoy a hymn festival led by Marsha Seale (Minister of Worship and Music at Holy Comforter Lutheran Church, Kingwood). Also Pieter Visser, builder of our organ, will be joining us and offering reflections on our beautiful instrument.

### CCSC Back to School was a Great Success!



Faith Lutheran Church successfully hosted CCSC's back to School event on August 7-8. With tremendous gratitude to volunteers, donors, and other supporters, Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is pleased to report that we achieved our Back To School 2015 goal: 6,642 students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade received a new, grade-specific package of school supplies and a voucher for new uniforms/shoes. Through numerous donations and notable time spent in event preparation, local students are better prepared for their first day of school and academic success!

#### Here are some highlights from Back to School 2015:

- 6,642 students received a new, grade-specific package of school supplies and a voucher for new uniforms/shoes.
- 3,181 of these children were assisted at our community event at Faith Lutheran. These students were pre-registered in May, and the program was offered to clients living in 33 zip codes. The majority of registered clients reside in Gulfton (77081), Sharpstown (77036), and the Greater Fifth Ward area (77020).
- Children served through this distribution event also received hygiene kits thanks to a generous grant from the Louise J. Moran Foundation.
- As available, families were able to obtain valuable "bonus items" such as gently used clothing and shoes.
- 91% of clients who pre-registered in May attended the event.
- 3,461 of these children were served directly at their schools or organizations. CCSC created these strategic partnerships to support students in targeted areas.
- There was a substantial volunteer turnout: approximately 750 volunteers contributed more than 3,400 hours to Back To School 2015, from the registration phase through event clean up!
- Faith members donated 580 backpacks.

**Thank you again to the CCSC Community! Your support made an amazing difference in the lives of these children!**



## 2015 Tune Up Worship Band Gathering Recap

by Dr. Clayton Faulkner, Director of Worship, Music, and Technology



On Saturday, August 8, 2015, the TUNE UP worship band gathering was held. Over 100 worship musicians, pastors, sound techs, and video techs assembled on the campus of Westbury United Methodist Church in Houston, TX for a multi-denominational training event. Hosting over 100 participants for the third year in a row, the event was organized by the Worship Excellence Team of the TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod (ELCA) to improve the quality of band-led worship in smaller churches.

The assembled musicians and techs represented over 20 congregations including Lutheran, Nazarene, Baptist, United Methodist, and Non-Denominational churches. Churches from all over Texas including San Antonio, Austin, and the Houston vicinity were represented.

The gathering began with opening worship and a panel discussion about the issues facing church musicians today. Then everyone divided into instrumental/vocal/tech tracks, and conceptual tracks. The instrumental tracks were divided by specific area (worship leader, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, drums, Latin percussion, vocals, sound tech, and video tech). Conceptual track offerings included sessions on hospitality in worship, multicultural worship, creative worship planning, and loops and multi-tracks in worship. During the "Coaching for Bands" session a volunteer church band received feedback and help with their music from a panel of track leaders. Then an "Instant Band" was formed from volunteer participants that had never played together. They were able to learn and arrange a song on the fly. An optional post-event included a tour of the worship technology at Houston's First Baptist Church.

One attendee commented, "Great clinic! Thank you very much! My band mates and I returned home fired up for the future of our band!" Watch the website for details on upcoming events: [www.TuneUpGathering.org](http://www.TuneUpGathering.org).

**Dr. Clayton Faulkner and Richard Birk**  
Event Organizers  
TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod Worship Excellence Team





## Parent's Night Out

September 11 and 18  
Faith Center Gym  
6:00 - 10:00 PM



Fun activities for kids from ages six months to 12 years old.  
The cost is \$15 for one child, \$10 per each additional child (same household) with a \$45 household max. RSVP via email to [PNO@faithbellaire.org](mailto:PNO@faithbellaire.org) to ensure that we have a spot for your kiddos.

## Happy Birthday, Faith House!



Faith Lutheran Church initiated the Faith House ministry in 1986 -- 29 years ago. The congregation will celebrate this occasion with a **Fiesta Birthday Luncheon** following worship services on **Sunday, September 27**. Lunch will be served in the Faith Center, and will take the place of the usual Sunday lunch. All church members and guests are invited. A free-will offering will defray the cost of the meal.

The birthday celebration will also be an event to raise \$10,000 for the renovation of a guest room in Faith House 2. The renovation will include a total rebuild of the bathroom plus new paint, flooring, and lighting throughout the space. In addition, linens in the room are replaced and new chairs are purchased. The remodeled rooms provide many benefits for our guests who have mobility issues due to illness. The renovation also allows Faith House to take care of needed repairs due to the age of the facility.

To raise funds for a room renovation, we invite you to give a birthday gift to Faith House. During September, Faith House will offer a **"Gift Registry"** of items that are needed to remodel a guest room. This is how it works:

1. You select the item that you would like to give to Faith House.
2. Donate to Faith House the amount of money needed to purchase that item.
3. Faith House does the shopping for you. We will purchase the item during the renovation process.

The Gift Registry will be available for viewing and purchase on Sundays, September 13 and 20, and at the lunch on September 27. It takes all kinds of items, large and small, to refurbish a room. Faith House thanks you in advance for your birthday gifts. But most important, please plan to celebrate with Faith House on September 27. See you there!



## Touch the Wounds

by Rev. Junfeng Tan, Associate Pastor



"Metro is offering free-rides. Tomorrow is the last day," a friend told us at the Faith Chinese Fellowship's Friday Gathering. I went home, googled and found it to be true. To kick off its new-designed bus routes, Houston Metro let everyone have free rides from August 16 to 23. I made a suggestion to Eunsook, John, and Joseph, "How about having a bus-and-rail ride tomorrow?" They all thought it was a great idea.

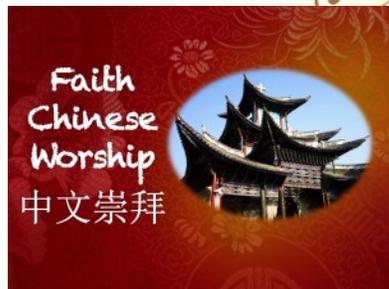
Saturday afternoon, we drove to church, parked the car, and walked to the bus stop on Bellaire. It was not terribly hot and our waiting time was no more than five minutes before the bus came. The bus was cool and clean. John and Joseph had a great time. We then switched from bus to light rail at the TMC Transit Center. I guess because of the weekend the train was almost half-empty. But one thing that took me completely off guard was the terrible, stinking smell. It took a while for us to get used to it. I also felt uncomfortable to be in close proximity of certain passengers — those who looked poor and weary in body and in spirit, those who looked homeless, or like riffraff. The train passed some poor neighborhoods. The rundown houses, dilapidated buildings, and dirty streets made me feel more depressed.

I was glad the ride was over. Though John and Joseph want to ride the bus and rail another day, I do not think I want to do it. One afternoon's experience was enough and I wanted to forget about it quickly. But I can't. The terrible odor and the images of the people and buildings lingered in my mind. I keep asking myself, "Jesus loved to hang out with the poor and sick, the broken and the lowly. And they thought it was fun to be around him as well. What makes you feel uneasy and insecure in their presence? Why do you want to run away from them?" I took out Jean Vanier's "From Brokenness to Community" and started to read the passage I read before.

"The cry for communion in the poor and the broken makes us touch our own inner pain. We discover our own brokenness and the barriers inside of us, which have gradually been formed during our childhood to save us from inner pain. These barriers prevent us from being present to others, in communion with others; they incite us to compete and to dominate others. It is when we have realized this that we cry out to God. And then we meet the "Paraclete" [Spirit] whom Jesus and the Father have promised to send to us. The word "paracleta" means "the one who answers the cry." It is not possible to receive the Spirit unless we cry out, and unless that cry surges up from the consciousness of our own wound, our pain, and our brokenness."

Jean Vanier is a Canadian Catholic. He founded the L'Arche in 1964, an international network of communities for people with mental disabilities and those who assist them. Jean's journey to embrace and welcome the mentally handicapped people is also the journey to discover and heal his own spiritual wounds and handicap.

Our world is divided in so many ways because our heart is wounded and divided. Jesus' body was broken on the cross so that we can be healed. Doubting Thomas touched Jesus' wounds and believed in him. We can touch Jesus's wounds and by doing so get in touch with our own deeply buried wounds. When we let our wounds and hurts bind us together, fear will no longer divide us and suspicion will no longer drive us apart. We can become friends to one another and heal one another.



### Chinese Worship Every Sunday

- 9:45 AM Learning Groups  
10:50 AM Worship (FC)  
12:00 PM Lunch

*Everyone Welcome*



## Women of the ELCA Convention

WELCA is hosting a convention on September 19 at St. Paul in La Grange. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend the convention even if they aren't an official member of WELCA. If you have more questions about the convention or WELCA, please contact Deana Fuchs, 979-417-4942.

## Women's Connection

For more information about the Women's Connection, please contact Brenda Cauthen at [bcauthen1@gmail.com](mailto:bcauthen1@gmail.com) or 281-630-8088.



## Are You Healthy?

by Mardi Mayerhoff, First Place 4 Health Leader

Usually when we talk about our health we say things like "I am in good health for my age," or "I have some health issues," or "I have diabetes or high blood pressure," or whatever health problem we are dealing with. Or we may say "I need to lose weight." We are talking about our physical health. Most of the time we try to avoid thinking about how our current physical health will affect our future physical health by its contributing to diseases like heart problems, diabetes, cancer, osteoporosis, arthritis, etc.

Orientation Session-  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Besides our physical health, what about our mental attitude, emotions, and spiritual walk with God? We almost never think about those when someone asks us about our health. But have you ever thought about whether, or how, these three areas can contribute positively or negatively to the condition of your physical health?

That's what we do in our small group called "First Place 4 Health" that meets on Tuesday's at 7 PM in the Faith Center Room 309. Not only do we talk about how the four areas of our health work for and against each other, we work to improve in all four areas. We use a healthy eating plan, an exercise plan, group support, scripture memory, and this session's Bible Study called *Healthy Boundaries*.

The Orientation for the fall session is on Tuesday, September 8 for those who want to know more about the program before making a final decision to join the 12 week course that begins the following week on September 15.

The group consists of men and women, some of whom are members of the Faith family and some who live near Faith but attend other churches. You are welcome to come on September 8 by yourself, with a friend, or family member. At the Orientation, you can decide if you want to participate so that your materials can be ordered.

Please call the FP4H leader Mardi Mayerhoff (713-203-1875 cell) for more information, send her questions via email [mgmayerhoff@juno.com](mailto:mgmayerhoff@juno.com), or come on Tuesday at 7 PM.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.** (Mark 12:30 NIV)

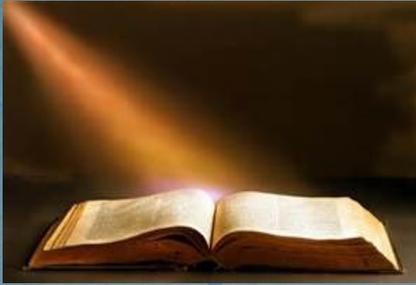


## Rebecca Ruth Circle

The Rebecca Ruth Circle will meet on Thursday, September 3 at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room.

We would love for you to join us for Bible study. Come hungry! Bring your sack lunch; desserts and drinks are provided. Socializing with the group is so joyful.

All are welcome!!



## Faith Schools

By Kendolyn Pope, Director of Faith Schools



On Tuesday, September 1, we'll enter the new school year. We'll welcome nearly 50 new families between the two schools. Many of these families will send multiple children. Once we start the new school year, we'll have six sets of twins in our school community. We will also officially welcome three new teachers to our Day School Lead Teachers team. Ms. Janis Huerta will take over the Lead Teacher role for our 3D Class. This position was left vacant when Ms. Kevondra Williams left the school to go teach Kindergarten at Kandy Stripe Academy, an HISD Charter School. Ms. Janis comes to the school with an understanding of the specific social and academic needs of Young 3s. Young 3s can be a tough bunch, but Ms. Janis has been teaching Young 3s for six years. Mr. Charles Wilson will take over the Young 3s Lead Teacher position that Ms. Natalie Timme left when she moved on to Henderson Elementary. Finally, in late August, Mrs. Angel, a beloved PreK teacher, shared that she had recently found out that our school does not have the necessary accreditation from TEA to allow her to complete her "intern" year here. Mrs. Angel has been working on her state teacher certification and must complete a year of teaching in a TEA school to complete the requirements. So, Mrs. Angel has moved on to the Cy-Fair School District to teach 1st Grade. The GOOD NEWS is that we have agreed that she will come back after this intern year. Many of our parents with Young 3's or Older 3's have already requested Mrs. Angel for their children. We are hopeful that she will return and will be able to share the gift of teaching that God has given her with the children in our Day School. We will miss Mrs. Angel, but will do our very best to bring her back here to start the 2016 school year with us. Lucky for us, Ms. La'Shay Kay, our long time substitute teacher, has agreed to step into the role of PreK Teacher in the 4C classroom. We are thrilled to have her here full time!

As we enter the new school year, we will restart some of our favorite fundraising efforts. On Tuesday, September 29, we will eat out in support of Faith Schools at Los Tios Meyerland. We know that this is a favorite restaurant. Stop by and mingle with Day School and Mother's Day Out families. Please pick up flyers at the Church Office or in your bulletin. You will also experience another favorite fundraiser. On Sunday, September 27, we will host our first Scholastic Book Fair of the year. This is the perfect time to purchase books for holiday gifts and for yourself. I have to say that this fundraiser provides the greatest benefit to the school. In August of this year, we used the final \$852.00 that we earned from our spring book fair. We bought 2 shelves and a book shelf and spent only \$30 from the school's budget. Nearly \$900 worth of furniture for \$30. We can't beat that! We would not have been able to purchase this furniture if we did not have these Scholastic Dollars. Please know that every dollar you spend benefits the Day School in a BIG way. We hope to see you at the Book Fair!

## Grace Bags

### Pick some up today!



"Grace Bags" are a wonderful way to be a blessing to those asking for help. They are available at our Visitor Center for a donation of \$5 per bag. Keep them handy in your car to give to those in need.

By asking for a donation of \$5 per bag, this ministry can be self sustained as a long term way for us to **Be a Blessing.**



## Special

### Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 20 @ 12:00 PM  
Faith Center

On September 20, we will meet in the Faith Center to have lunch, approve the amended constitution and by-laws, and discuss AC and other facility repair issues. Sign up on the back of the connection card for lunch.  
Q&A Sessions on Sunday, September 6 and 13 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

## New Member Mixer

### Friday, September 18 at 7:00 PM

### Fellowship Hall

- Everyone is welcome - new and long-time members!
- Thinking about calling Faith home?
- Want to learn more about Faith?
- Want to connect with the ministries and with other new members?

Then this is the fellowship event for you; join us for a fun night of food, drinks, and information. Need childcare? Parent's Night Out is also available that night, RSVP to [PNO@faithbellaire.org](mailto:PNO@faithbellaire.org) to save a space for your child(ren).



## Fall Season of Learning Launch Day

### Sunday, September 13 at 9:45 AM

### Faith Center

Don't miss out on a morning of fun and great music for the whole family. Adults can register for a Learning Group in the narthex.



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of Faith  
Lutheran  
Church  
is to follow  
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and love.*

## Lutherhill Ministries 9th Annual S'mores & Champagne Gala

Please join us September 12 to celebrate Lutherhill Ministries at the 9th Annual S'mores & Champagne Gala. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with cocktails and time to socialize. It will also feature an opportunity to bid on items in our popular silent auction, check out the Lutherhill Wishing Wall and join in the fun and play the Wine Wall all to benefit Lutherhill Ministries. Following will be dinner, a live auction, and dancing to live entertainment by The Newsboyz. Dress is cocktail attire.

For information about the event, underwriting opportunities or donating to the silent or live auctions, please contact Special Events Coordinators Anne Liddle at [anne@lutherhill.org](mailto:anne@lutherhill.org) or Casey Born at [casey@lutherhill.org](mailto:casey@lutherhill.org).

A room block has been set up at the Gala location. Please contact the

***The Woodlands Waterway Marriott (location of the Gala)***

1601 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77380

800-262-1509

Lutherhill Ministries rate: \$184/night + tax



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MINISTRIES

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### New Church Directory Coming in September



### Photography session scheduling going on now!

Do you know the names of the people sitting around you on Sunday mornings? Help us to build a tool that will put names with faces. Be a part of our new church family directory - we need YOU to make our new family album complete!

You are invited to schedule your photography session today. Professional photography will be provided by Lifetouch in **September**. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and free directory for participating!

Photography sessions will be in 10-minute slots available on:

Wed, Sept 9, 2015	2:00 PM - 8:40 PM
Thur, Sept 10, 2015	2:00 PM - 8:40 PM
Fri, Sept 11, 2015	2:00 PM - 8:40 PM
Sat, Sept 12, 2015	10:00 AM - 4:40 PM
Thur, Sept 24, 2015	2:00 PM - 8:40 PM
Fri, Sept 25, 2015	2:00 PM - 8:40 PM
Sat, Sept 26, 2015	10:00 AM - 4:40 PM

Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday or go online to [www.faithbellaire.org](http://www.faithbellaire.org) to schedule a time for your family.

### Welcome Olivia Helm!

Say hello to the newest member of the Faith Choir, Olivia Helm. Olivia comes to us from Bellaire High School where she is starting her junior year this Fall. Olivia is a soprano in the varsity choir at BHS. She is considering music as a field of study in college. As a "choral scholar" at Faith, Olivia is a contract musician and earns a small stipend for every rehearsal and worship service she sings in. This position was made possible by gifts in memory of Vi Stolz, long time Faith Choir member. Vi's legacy in the choir carries on today through Olivia's vocal talents.





Every Sunday at 6:10 PM. A service of healing and recovery.

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Upcoming Events

•Stockholders Dinner

Sunday, September 13, 7:00 - 9:00 PM Faith Center Gym



•Black Lives Matter Symposium

Friday, September 18, 6:00 PM - TBA St. John's UMC Downtown, 77002



High School group leaving Faith parking lot at 5:15 PM

•Faith Family Friday - Game Night

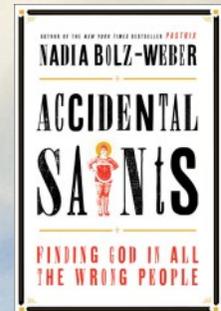
Friday, September 25, 6:45 - 8:45 PM



•Accidental Saints Tour - Nadia Bolz-Weber

Wednesday, September 30, 6 - 8 PM Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral

High School group leaving the Faith parking lot at 5:15 PM



Questions?

Please contact Jason Houlihan [jhoulihan@faithbellaire.org](mailto:jhoulihan@faithbellaire.org).



## Sunday Worship Leader Schedule—September 2015

8:30 AM	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lisa Rollinson	Zach Michaud	Audrey DeKunder	Matt Schawe
<b>Crucifer</b>	Andrew Strickland	Nate Michaud	Ella DeKunder	Helen Schawe
<b>Lector</b>	Mardi Mayerhoff	Troy Becker	Sara Karow	Sharon Koch
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Sara Karow Sharon Koch	Jeff Addicks Myra Condit	Jeff Addicks Myra Condit	Doug Elsen Scott Ramsey
<b>Asst Minister</b>	Sharon Richter	Joann Welton	Karen Elsen	Don Hodde
<b>Ushers</b>	Ralph Maple Scott Ramsey	Ralph Maple Scott Ramsey	Bill Puryear Brian Taylor	Bill Puryear Brian Taylor
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barbara McDowell Ida Medlen	Geneva Freels Anita Lacy	Geneva Freels Anita Lacy	Doris Williams Sharon Richter
10:50 AM	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sam Kennedy Joshua Boihem	JD Jones Ying Stock-Bordnick	Nicolas Groenewold Andrew Strickland	Sabrina Schlather JC Jones
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Michael Farner David Farner	Roxy Funchess Lorah Gough	Karen Ellison Diana Boihem	Mary Jane McBride Susan Tallman
<b>Asst Minister</b>	Susan Tallman	James Cross	James Cross	Michael Farner
<b>Ushers</b>	Jon and Nancy Holmes	The Parkan Family	The Lerch Family Jim Rollinson	The Cross Family
<b>Common Grounds</b>	Stewardship	Stewardship	Stewardship	Stewardship
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Barbara McDowell Ida Medlen	Geneva Freels Anita Lacy	Geneva Freels Anita Lacy	Doris Williams Sharon Richter

*If you have been scheduled as a worship leader and are unable to serve, please arrange to trade with someone else who is scheduled during the month and advise the church office of the change by Wednesday afternoon, email [info@faithbellaire.org](mailto:info@faithbellaire.org) or 713-664-3048.*

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Stacy Williams  
Dr. Clayton Faulkner  
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Alexandria DeCuire  
Alan Balius  
Alicia Obando  
Ana Rivas

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Associate Pastor  
Director of Operations  
Director of Worship, Music, and Technology  
Director of Faith Formation  
Director of Faith Schools  
Office Coordinator  
Office Coordinator  
Organist/Choir Director  
Building Manager  
Custodian

## September 2015 - Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>8:30 AM</b> "Heritage" Worship  <b>9:45 AM</b> Faith Alive Rehearsal  <b>10:50 AM</b> "The Gathering" Worship  <b>10:50 AM</b> Faith Chinese Worship  <b>12:00 PM</b> Lunch (FC)  <b>6:10 PM</b> "6TEN" Worship (FC Gym)  <b>7:15 PM</b> High School Night (400, 401)</p> 	<p><b>All Day</b> Church Office &amp; Schools Closed  <b>All Day</b> Labor Day  <b>7:00 PM</b> AA (300)</p>	<p><b>10:00 AM</b> Church Staff Meeting (101)  <b>2:30 PM</b> Cornerstone(400, 401, 309)  <b>6:00 PM</b> Stewardship Board Meeting (108)  <b>6:30 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous (300)  <b>6:30 PM</b> Cornerstone 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage (400, 401)  <b>7:00 PM</b> First Place 4 Health (309)  <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p><b>2:30 PM</b> Cornerstone(400, 401, 309)  <b>6:00 PM</b> Painting Group (307)  <b>6:15 PM</b> Social Ministry Board Meeting (101)  <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Co-Ed (300)</p>	<p><b>10:00 AM</b> Rebecca Ruth Circle (101)  <b>1:30 PM</b> Palmer Drug Abuse Program Meeting (201)  <b>2:30 PM</b> Cornerstone(400, 401, 309)  <b>6:45 PM</b> Executive Board Meeting (101)  <b>7:30 PM</b> AA Women Only (309)  <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p><b>6:30 PM</b> Chinese Fellowship (101)  <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Co-Ed (300)</p>	<p><b>9:00 AM</b> Grey Sheet Eating Program (204)  <b>9:00 AM</b> Cornerstone (300, 306, 307, 308, 309)  <b>3:00 PM</b> AA Co-Ed (300)</p>
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