

Pastor Kory's Page

Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD

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How Can I Help?

A few ideas!

As we approach the upcoming pastoral vacancy at Faith, due to Pastor Sailer's election as District President, a number of people have been offering to help with the work of our congregation. I'd like to use this Page to share a variety of ideas—in no particular order ☺. I think that there should be something for *everyone* on this list!

Pastor Sailer reminded us last week in his Pastor's Page of St. Paul's words in Romans 12:3-6. Paul teaches us that we are one body in Christ (the Church), yet with *many* uniquely gifted members – that's you! How might you use your gifts to serve?

Pray – please pray for our congregation in this coming year. Pray for our leadership, our pastors, and for Pastor Sailer as he begins his new ministry.

Prayer Requests – please communicate specific prayer needs to our prayer chain, coordinated by Phyllis Wise. If you would like a public prayer during worship, please let the church office know (dmf.lutheran@gmail.com).

Recommend Faith – the very best outreach strategy for churches is still a personal invitation. Many of you have joined Faith congregation because someone invited you! Who can you invite?

Pastoral Care – when you or a loved one or another member of Faith are in need of pastoral care due to illness or other circumstances, please contact the church office! Also, don't forget that you also have an elder assigned to help care for you.

Visit – are you able to visit or call fellow members whom you know to be lonely, grieving, or in need of encouragement? Please don't hesitate to reach out and support one another in Christian love!

Church Library – we are in need of one or more members to categorize our library resources and to help keep things tidy & organized. Minimum time commitment required – please let Pastor Kory know if you can help (kory.janneke@gmail.com).

Children's Activity Bags – could you donate Bible storybooks, activity pads, or other small, quiet items for the activity bags which children use during worship services? Please contact Lois Hartmann (loishartman655@yahoo.com).

Banners – you might have noticed that our selection of banners for our sanctuary is limited and dated. Would you be willing to help make banners for special occasions and seasons of the Church Year? Have an idea for a banner? Sketch it out and share it! Or do you have recommendations for purchasing pre-made banners? Please let Pastor Kory know.

Technology – do you have a good grasp of technology or ideas for how we could improve our use of technology as a congregation? A committee is currently being formed to begin discussing this. Please contact Pastor Kory or our Chairman-Elect, Scott Hirsch (morgan24@sio.midco.net).

Decorating – would you be willing to share your decorating ideas for our facility, or help purchase accessories or art for certain spaces? If you'd like to help make our building warm and inviting in this way, please contact Jessica List (kleinjess@hotmail.com).

Announcements – do you have an announcement, word of thanks, or an invitation that you would like to include in the weekly News Notes? If so, please communicate this to the church office by the end of the day Wednesday.

Green Thumb – do you enjoy taking care of your yard and landscaping? If so, would you be willing to help keep Faith's outdoor property looking sharp this summer? Can you spare a half hour now and then to pull weeds or pick up litter?

CLC Crew – the tables and chairs in the Christian Life Center often need to be taken down and set up again multiple times per week. This is especially the case during the fall and winter months. Would you be willing to be "on call" to help with set ups/take downs? Please let the church office know.

Contact Information – no longer have a landline phone? Has your e-mail changed? Was your birthday omitted on the calendar? Please notify the church office of any updates or clearly make note in the friendship register at the end of the pew.

Keys – do you have a church key that you no longer need on a regular basis? If so, please return it to the church office. (We are running out of keys!)

More ideas on the back!

Maintenance/Repair Items – have you noticed something that might need to be brought to our Trustees' attention? If so, please fill out a card on the bulletin board in the east hallway.

Musical Gifts – do you have an instrumental or vocal musical talent that you could share during a worship service? Please contact our Music Coordinator, Mavis Smith (mavis@xrx-inc.com).

Hygiene Kits – our El Salvador medical mission team has a goal of distributing 800-1000 hygiene kits on this summer's trip. Could you donate a few washcloths, combs, toothbrushes, or other items to help our team as they share Christ's love?

Mission Trips – have you ever been to a place like Nicaragua or Hong Kong? Are you willing to serve your neighbors around the world? Did you know that Faith congregation budgets funds to assist members in participating in short-term mission trips? Please contact Krista Erickson (mkkerick@sio.midco.net) to learn more about the October 2015 trip to Hong Kong, or Patty Peters (drpeters2002@yahoo.com) to share your interest in the 2016 medical mission trip.

Our Lutheran Schools – SFLS & LHSSF are regularly in need of your prayers, volunteer efforts, and financial support. When you hear about opportunities such as the SFLS Plant Sale or the LHSSF Golf Tournament, please participate!

Summer Sunday School – please consider teaching or helping with just one or two sessions of Summer Sunday School this year, May 24-Sept 6. Please sign up on the Sunday School office door or contact JoAnn Hirsch (tejihirsch@gmail.com).

Sunday Service² – have you signed up yet to be a part of our morning of service to our neighbors on Sun, May 31? Please sign up at the table near the sanctuary to join a service team or to donate lunch supplies.

Farewell Reception – please mark your calendars for Sun, June 14. Pastor Sailer will preach his final sermon in the 9:00 a.m. service. Following the service, we will have a reception in the CLC featuring Keg chicken. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to bake a pie and please plan on bringing a side dish to share.

Host Families – this June, Lutheran School students from Hong Kong will be coming to visit us in Sioux Falls! Would you be willing to serve as a host family? They will arrive on Thur, June 25 and depart on Tue, June 30. Contact Krista Erickson to find out more.

SONshine Days – can you share your time and faith with the African immigrant children of our community? SONshine Days, our African immigrant VBS, will be held Mon, June 29 – Wed, July 1. Both seasoned and new helpers would be welcomed! Please contact Sara Klawonn (seg@hcinet.net).

Camp Discovery – no, it's not a rival camp to our beloved Camp Minneboji! "Camp Discovery" is the theme of Faith's 2015 Vacation Bible School, set for Sun, July 26 – Thur, July 30, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. nightly. Please contact Cheryl Hirsch (hirschj@midco.net) if you are willing to help in any way.

Youth – would you be willing to assist with occasional youth activities or Bible studies? Please contact Joan Goddard (joan@freshwayfoodsystems.com) for Middle School Youth or Pastor Kory for High School Youth.

Comfort Meals – like to cook? If so, watch for forthcoming information from our Stephen Ministry group regarding a new "comfort meals" initiative.

Affordable Housing – did you know that one of the biggest needs in our community is affordable housing? (Please visit a-h-s.org to learn more about this challenge.) Faith is exploring possible ways of addressing this need. Want to get involved? Please contact Scott Peters (snpeterslaw@yahoo.com).

Adoption Ministry – did you know that adoption currently costs \$20,000-\$40,000 per child? At this past Sunday's Voter's Assembly, the congregation created a new Adoption Ministry to help with adoption education, networking among adoptive families, and financial support for approved Christian families. Please talk to Adam Weeman (adam.weeman@thrivent.com) or Abbi Eide (abigail_eide@yahoo.com) to learn more.

Medical Professionals – do you work in the medical field? Would you like to use your knowledge and abilities to help reach out to our neighbors in Jesus' name? If so, please attend the Health Ministry Meeting this Wed, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Faith. You can also contact Patty Peters to learn more.

Continue to Serve – one of the tremendous blessings for me as a pastor is the number of laypeople who are involved in serving and leading our congregation. This "bullet point" is my encouragement to *keep* serving as elected officers, *keep* serving as members of boards and committees, *keep* serving as ushers, greeters, and altar guild members, and *keep* serving in your callings to your family, employer, and community!

Take Faith Home – our faith relationship with Jesus isn't something limited to Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings. As our Lord and Savior, Jesus affects *all* of life. Our faith is meant to be on our hearts, minds, and lips all day, everyday: as the day begins and ends, as we're out and about, as we're raising our families, and as we're conversing with others (Deuteronomy 6).

This list is by no means "complete" and perhaps it will spark other ideas! All day, everyday we are blessed to Know Christ, Grow in Him and Show Him to the World. The Lord bless you as you serve in the name of the Savior who first loved and served you!