

# “PASTOR JANNEKE’S PAGE”

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, SIOUX FALLS, SD**

**JULY 9 & 10, 2016**

## **DOLLARS, CENTS & SERVANT-LEADERS**

For most of us, it simply feels like the middle of summer. However, for our life together at Faith Lutheran, we have recently made several important transitions. Our new fiscal year and leadership cycle began on July 1, 2016. First, I would like to introduce those who are serving as congregational leaders in the coming year (or years):

**Chairman** – Tim Vanderpan

**Vice-Chairman** – Joel Neubauer

**Secretary** – Jody Nour

**Treasurer** – Kevin Maxwell

**Financial Secretary** – *Vacant*

**Board of Finance Chair** – Jon Wunder

**Board of Trustees** –

Jeremy Bezug, Eugene Bult, & Todd Basche

**Board of Stewardship Chair** – Todd Taylor

**Stewardship Vice-Chair** – *Vacant*

**Board of Evangelism Chair** – Krista Erickson

**Evangelism Vice-Chair** – Lynn Boyd

**Board of Parish Education Chair** – Sara Wilkison

**Parish Education Vice-Chair** – Jennifer Noble

**Sioux Falls Lutheran School Board** –

Scott Peters (Chairman) & Clara Johnson

**Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls Board** –

Ritch Noble

**Board of Elders** –

Head Elder – Adam Weeman

Vice-Chair – Mike Fick

Secretary – Mark List

Additional Elders – Andrew Brandt, Bruce Herther, Russ Hirsch, & Tim Symes

I am truly grateful for all of these leaders who serve in elected offices, as well as for those who serve in other capacities! As you noticed, we have two vacancies. The vacancy for the Financial Secretary position needs to be filled soon. If you would be able to serve, please let a member of the Church Council know! (The Financial Secretary counts, tracks, and deposits the offerings.)

Now I would like to “turn the page” to share some details about our congregational budget. During my vicarage at Faith in 2010-2011, I observed a stewardship attitude among our leaders as they arranged for approx. 10% of our overall budget to be tithed beyond the congregation.

Looking beyond ourselves is truly the Church’s work! Here are some of the organizations or causes that are included in our budget:

**District & Synod** – *We are not alone!* Our congregation gratefully “walks together” (the meaning of *Synod*) with fellow Lutheran Christians! Through our budget, we support the operational and missional work of our SD District and national church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

**Short-Term Mission Trips** – Faith embarks on annual medical mission trips to Central America and on trips to our sister Lutheran schools in Hong Kong. Our budget provides scholarship funds to assist with our members’ expenses on these mission trips.

**Main Street Living** – The television ministry of our District is entirely funded by donations from viewers and congregations.

**Assisting the Needy** – Faith provides assistance to deserving individuals or families, either directly (groceries, gas, help with rent, etc.) or through “The Community Outreach,” located downtown at the Sioux Falls Ministry Center. We seek to be wise stewards of these limited funds so that we are not just providing a “hand out” but a “hand up.”

**Ethiopian Ministry** – Faith’s Ethiopian worship group sponsors men who are preparing to be pastors or evangelists of the Mekene Yesus (“Place of Jesus”) Lutheran Church, the largest and fastest-growing Lutheran church body in the world. This year, Faith will partner with our Ethiopian members in supporting these seminary students.

**Together In Mission** – Through this new line item, we will directly support three LCMS missionaries: Pastor Adam DeGroot, serving in Philadelphia, PA; Drs. Daniel & Joan Jastram, serving in Japan; and Prof. Alan Ludwig, serving in Siberia. You’ll hear more about our missionaries throughout this year!

**Matthew 28 Project** – At this time, our “Matthew 28 Project” is primarily focusing on supporting adoptive Christian families in our region, working in close partnership with Bethany Adoption Services. Please visit with Adam Weeman or Abbi Eide to learn more!

**“Future Planning” Line Item** – We were blessed this year to be able to pay off our mortgage. However, our leaders wisely left our mortgage payment in the budget, leaving it for “future planning” – funds for new opportunities that the Lord brings!

AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR READING!

PEACE IN CHRIST, PASTOR KORY JANNEKE