



April 2015

Crossroads Connections



A church in the crossroads of life

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A Moment with Pastor Mike

**Just when things seemed the darkest
 Just when there was no hope left
 Just when the powers of death overwhelmed life
 Just when dreams were crushed
 It happened.**

**It began with a rumor, a crazy story, unbelievable,
 Too good to be true.**

**An empty tomb? The stone rolled away? An Angel? Rolled up grave cloths?
 People tried to answer the unanswerable.
 People tried to make up excuses and conspiracy theories.
 But then Jesus started popping up
 Walking the road and teaching,
 Showing up behind locked doors,
 Breathing the Spirit of Life.**

**And the light came back into the world.
 First a pre-dawn glimmer, next a glorious sunrise. Or sunrise.
 Hope came back. Life came back. Dreams came back.
 God through Christ had conquered death.
 Christ died, Christ arose, Christ is with us always.
 We will all still die, of course, no getting around that.
 But death isn't the end of life, it's the threshold to a greater life.
 We will find new life, eternal life, in Christ.
 The end is not the end, but the beginning.
 Christ is risen. Alleluia.**

Pastor Mike

Worship times:

Sunday
School at
9:30 am.

Worship at
10:45 am.



Chalice Hymnals to Austria

Once again, the hills (of Salzburg, Austria) will be alive with the sound of music (from Disciple's Chalice Hymnal) from Crossroads.

It's fitting that on the 50th anniversary of the film "The Sound of Music" music from hymnals from Crossroads will be in use in the Disciples' congregation in Salzburg, Austria.

About a year ago Sandy Dixon saw a notice that the Disciples church in Salzburg was looking for copies of the Chalice Hymnal, now out of print. Coincidentally, the Worship Committee had been thinking about how to get best use from the excess hymnals that were being stored, gathering dust. It didn't take long for the Worship Committee to contact Rev. Ed. Bartlett in Salzburg and a deal was struck. Delays occurred, though, in trying to find the least expensive shipping method. That has been settled and the 40 hymnals will be on their way shortly. Crossroads will absorb the cost of shipping and the Salzburg church will reimburse us.

It's a good feeling to know that a part of our congregational corporate worship will live on.

MECC Sprint Concert

Metro East Community Chorale

2015 Spring Concert

Sunday, April 19, 2015

@ 3:00pm

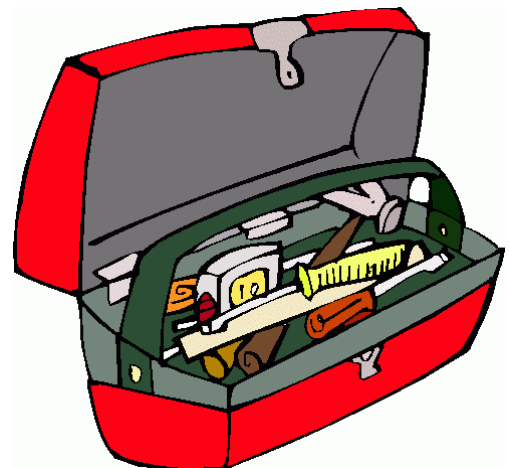
Faith Lutheran Church

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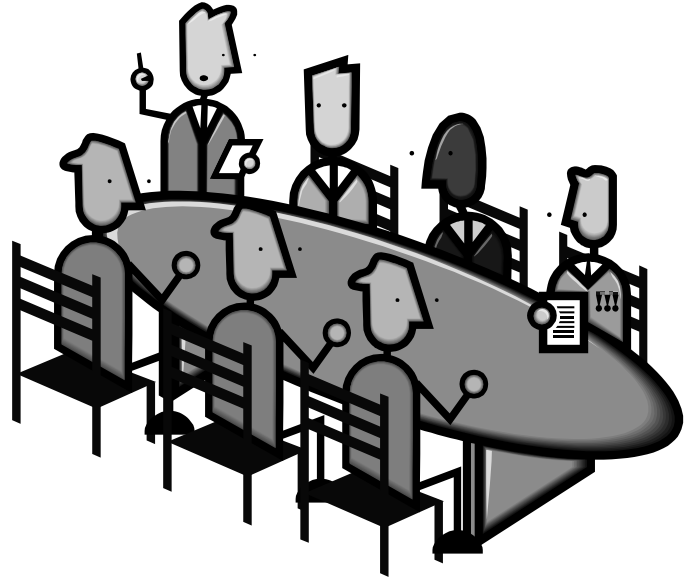
Restroom Renovations

The renovations on the men's restroom are completed. There are new fixtures, partitions and sink, along with a new paint job. Many thanks to the Property Committee for the planning and Ferguson Construction for completing this project.



Chips from the Board

- The March Loose Change Offering raised \$117 to benefit Mukunzi Olivier, the choir's "adopted" young man from Rwanda. The April offering will benefit the Violence Prevention Center.
- Thanks to Hospitality Committee and others who provided food and helped with serving of funeral dinner at Tom Hull's church in Trenton and the coffee and pastry reception during the funeral visitation for Norma "Jodie" Hoehn. Your help was much appreciated.
- SEGA Assembly to be held in Dexter, MO on Saturday, April 18 @ 9:45 am. The General Assembly to be held in Columbus, OH in July.



April Sunday Sermons

April 5, 2015 Easter Sunday
 The Message: Risen Indeed
 Scripture: Psalm 118:14-24; John 20:1-18
 Theme: Jesus conquers death for us

April 12, 2015 2nd Sunday of Easter
 The Message: Peace Be With You
 Scripture: Psalm 133; John 20:19-31
 Theme: Receiving God's gift of peace and life

April 19, 2015 3rd Sunday of Easter
 The Message: Following Jesus' Lead
 Scripture: Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36-48
 Theme: Oh, the Places You Will Go!

April 26, 2015 4th Sunday of Easter
 The Message: The Shepherd's Voice
 Scripture: Psalm 23; John 10:11-18
 Theme: Don't be sheepish about the Shepherd



Prayers

- Gary (friend of Wayne & Marie) recent surgery
- 4 month old Gracey (friend of Susan) doing well with new heart
- Death of Jodie Hoehn
- Death of Tom Hull
- Death of distinguished Disciples pastor Rev. Dr. Fred B. Craddock
- Death of Jim Hamilton (extended family member of Wayne & Marie)



Week of Compassion Update

Since Cyclone Pam hit Vanuatu recently, many of you have written to ask for updates, and many of you have been keeping the people of Vanuatu in your prayers. The category 5 tropical storm brought strong winds, heavy rainfall, storm surges and flooding to the area. At least 11 deaths have been confirmed with the number expected to rise as reports continue to come in from Vanuatu's chain of Islands.

Large parts of the country have been severely affected, and there is particular concern for the 83 southern-most islands of Tafea Province, including Erromango and Tanna, as well as the northern islands of Sanma, Penama and Torba Province. Aerial assessments indicate total or near total destruction of infrastructure and crops on some islands including Tongoa, Tanna and Erromango Islands.

Communication networks have been damaged and the repairs have been slow, making it even more difficult to assess the full damage. Our partners at ACT Alliance have been on the ground and have been able to verify the crucial immediate needs for clean water, food, and personal hygiene supplies, as well as medicine, medical supplies, and the dissemination of safe health information to prevent the spread of disease.

Together, Week of Compassion of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries are sending significant funds through CWS to ACT Alliance implementing partners to provide immediate relief to Shepherd Islands (Shefa Province), Tanna Island, Erromango Island (Tafea Province, Pentecost), Ambae, and Santo (Torba Province, Sanma, Penama, Maewo - Torba Province). Additionally we continue to reach out through Global Ministries in efforts to connect with and support the Churches of Christ Vanuatu.

While the total damage won't be realized until communication networks are fully restored, we will continue to work with our partners and provide both immediate and long-term support. We ask for your continued prayers for the people of Vanuatu and for the recovery efforts in their behalf.



Lay Worship Leaders—April 2015

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
Worship Leader	Dan Upton	Patty Buckhannon	Kay Marshall	Mike Thompson
Elder	Mona McAllister	Bob Green	Jan Evans	Carole Thompson
Deacons Prepare	Pat Hayes Shirley Holmes	Patty Buckhannon Mary Weygandt	Pat Hayes Shirley Holmes	Patty Buckhannon Mary Weygandt
Deacons Serve	Pat Hayes Mary Weygandt	Jim Buckhannon Patty Buckhannon	Pat Hayes Meredith Moder	Jim Buckhannon Patty Buckhannon
Deacons Candles	Pat Hayes		Pat Hayes	
Deacons Sanctuary	Shirley Holmes	Mary Weygandt	Shirley Holmes	Patty Buckhannon
Greeter	Marie Reichling	Jim Buckhannon	Curt Sutton	Pat Killian
Audio-Visual	Pat McAllister	Pat Hayes	Pat McAllister	Kay Marshall



April 2015

SEGA Prayers for the Month

4/5-4/11 Hawk Point Community Church, Hawk Point, MO
 4/12-4/18 Memorial Boulevard Christian Church, St. Louis, MO
 4/19-4/25 SEGA-Penny Ross-Corona, support staff,
 and other Regional Ministry team & staff in CCMA
 4/26-5/2 Affton Christian Church, Affton, MO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>No Events Scheduled</i>	2 <i>Mundy Thursday</i> 7:00 Worship	3 <i>24 Hour Prayer Vigil</i> begins at noon	4 <i>24 Hour Prayer Vigil</i> ends at noon
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9:00 Breakfast 10:45 Worship	6	7	8 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	9	10	11
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	13	14	15 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	16	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	20	21 12:00 Lunch Bunch	22 4:15 Elders Meeting 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Board Meeting	27	28	29 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	30		

Happy Anniversary!

3 Cathy & Gary Mielke
 20 Patty & Bill Peterman
 25 Wayne & Marie Reichling

Happy Birthday!

4 Rollie Hoehn
 5 Megan Weygandt
 7 Kathy Upton
 11 Jedediah Goble
 Vera Hudson
 16 Emily Reichling
 Karniesha Roberson
 Amy Dixon
 Gay Lang
 23 Amy Yeager
 Jill Green
 25 Grace Barbee
 27 Teri Reichling
 30 Margaret Sutton

SEGA Assembly—Saturday, April 18, 2015

Southeast Gateway Area 2015 Assembly

April 18, 2015

First Christian Church, Dexter, MO

“Come and See”

John 1:39 – 41

Early Bird Registration Fee (due April 1)

\$15 Adults, \$10 Chi Rho & CYF, \$5 Children

Prices increase by \$2 on April 2.

Lunch included with all registrations.

(314) 918-2515 sega@eden.edu

9:45 am Arrive/check in/morning snacks

10:15 am Opening worship

10:45 am Summary presentation of proposed restructure

11:00 am Break

11:15 am Small groups to discuss proposed restructure

12:00 pm Lunch

12:45 pm Business

1:30 pm Break

1:45 pm “Come and See” workshops (further discussion/input regarding how individual ministries might look given the new structure)

Youth and Outdoor Ministries

Disciples Women

Disciples Men

Together in Mission

Peacemaking Efforts (PR/AR)

Hospitality

Clusters

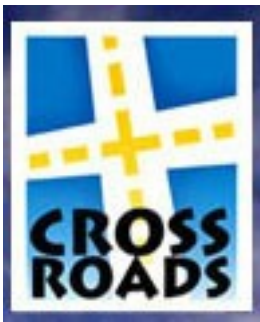
2:45 pm Break

3:00 pm Worship (including communion, offering, and a litany of thanksgiving)

3:30 pm Dismiss



Free childcare upon request with registration by April 1st.



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Nursery - Connie McAllister

Custodian - Richard Reichling

**We're Disciples: a movement for
wholeness in a fragmented world**

Upcoming Events

Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the Lunch Bunch will meet at noon, at Peel—Wood Fired Pizza, 104 S. Cherry St. in O'Fallon, IL. A sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall.



Holy Week at Crossroads



Holy Week

Thursday, April 2, 2015

Maundy Thursday worship service at 7pm

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

24 hour Prayer Vigil begins at noon

Saturday, April 4, 2015

24 hour Prayer Vigil ends at noon

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

Easter Breakfast at 9am

Worship at 10:45 am