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J. L. Kreger

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Greetings to all members and friends of Faith Lutheran Church

It has been a great honor for me to be your supply pastor for the last two Sundays of April and the first Sunday of May. I come to you from Venice, Florida, where my wife, Mary Ann and I, have lived for the past nine years. Most of my ministry was spent in northeast Pennsylvania. I will be celebrating my 44th Anniversary of Ordination on May 30th.

Although Easter Sunday has been over for a few weeks we continue in the Easter season in the church. Many of the gospel readings for the Easter season come from the Gospel of John. May 3rd, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, has often been called "**The Good Shepherd Sunday**," when Jesus refers to himself as The Good Shepherd who is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. The following Sunday, May 10th, Jesus refers to himself as the true vine and we are the branches that need to bear fruit. On May 17th, Jesus gives his followers a new commandment that we are to love one another just as he has loved us.

Thursday, May 21st, is **Ascension Day**, the day we recall Jesus ascending to his Father in heaven. It is unfortunate that most Lutheran congregations do not celebrate this important day in the life

of Christ with a worship service. Over the years I have attempted to hold a worship service on this day, but with little support. Perhaps you and I can take time in our personal devotions on this day to remember Christ's ascension.

May 24th, the seventh and last Sunday of the Easter season, we hear Jesus speaking his High priestly Prayer, in which he prays to his Father for the faithfulness of his disciples. Finally, the last Sunday of May 31, is **Pentecost Sunday**, the day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus and the birth of the church. As you can see Easter is an awesome season of the church year.

Another important event during May is the **Florida-Bahamas Synod Assembly** which will be held in Orlando beginning May 7th to May 9th. The Assembly will be composed of worship time, presentation of reports, workshops and guest speakers. As in all synod assemblies there will be elections for various positions.

There are also two important secular days in the month of May. Who can forget **Mother's Day**, which always comes on the second Sunday of May? On behalf of Faith Lutheran Church I wish to extend to all mothers our warm congratulations and our sincere appreciation for your servanthood as a mother.

The other day that our country observes in May is **Memorial Day**, this year being on May 25th. It is the day we remember all those men and women who have served in the military and who gave the ultimate sacrifice. We are indebted to their dedication and service to defend our nation and to guarantee our freedom and liberty as a people.

Finally my prayer will go with you as you welcome another short-term supply pastor and then in July your Interim Pastor. May the Lord bless you and Faith congregation as you prepare for your next pastor.

Pastor Carl Schweitzer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly March 2009
Year to date

INCOME	\$21,946.05	\$111,178.48
EXPENSE	\$13239.56	\$105,962.24
NET	\$ 8,706.49	\$ 5,216.24

COUNCIL REPORT

03/10/09

Pr. Doug officially announced his call to Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran in Naples, FL. The Learning Village approved paying for the monitoring of the fire system at \$300 annually. We won't send anyone to the Synod Assembly this year because of funding. The organ and piano need tuning and we need the funds to go ahead with tuning.

Ron Shively gave a report on the lawsuit with Loy Construction. The trial is in continuance.

WITHIN THE FOLD

ALTAR GUILD

Peggy Fjelsted & Julie Yennerell

GREETERS

10:30am

05/03	Lorraine Schultz & Hank Hendel
05/10	Reyn Helle & Edythe Hewitt
05/17	Mary Jane McArthur & Gloria Heidelberg
05/24	Mary Jane McArthur & Gloria Heidelberg
05/31	Lorraine Schultz & Hank Hendel

USHERS

8:30am

05/03	Linda & Mary Sue Carter
05/10	Pat Erickson & Melinda Pensinger
05/17	Norman & April Erickson
05/24	Becky Olney & Betty Lou Kelley
05/31	Larry & Frances Vandivier

10:30am

05/03	Dick & Edie Lapish, Doug Patterson &	Gary
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05/17 Dick & Edie Lapish
05/24 Dick & Edie Lapish
05/31 Dick & Edie Lapish

ACOLYTES

8:30am 05/03 J. J. Iglesias
05/12 Natalie Peters & Jeremy Smith
05/17 Natalie Peters
05/24 R. J. & J. J. Iglesias
05/31 Jeremy Smith

10:30am 05/03 Chelsea Dzurinko & Tiffany Brimlow
05/10 Katie Harvey
05/17 Vinny Trosterud & Thoran Fjelsted
05/24 Josie Fjelsted
05/31 Jake Zander & Thoran Fjelsted

READERS

8:30am Toria Via
10:30am 05/03 LaVon Koenig
05/10 LaVon Koenig
05/17 Mark Brown
05/24 Mark Brown
05/31 Open

DRIVERS SCHEDULE

05/03 Will Rogers
05/10 John Kintz
05/17 Ed McIntyre
05/24 Damon Shelor
05/31 John Kintz

Happy Birthday and God's Blessing to:

Larry Day 05/01
Barbara Lindroth 05/02
Richard Lapish 05/03
Kim Natoli 05/04

Bob Bollenbach	05/05
Jim Hausle	05/06
Lisa Hadley	05/06
Melissa Bent	05/07
Robert Lovejoy	05/08
Harry Ludwig	05/10
Barry Moll	05/10
Lydia Frantz	05/10
Grace Ballinger	05/10
Violet O'Donnel	05/12
Toria Via	05/12
Abby Sokhanvari	05/12
Joe Scofield	05/14
Rose Poidevin	05/16
Darian Peters	05/18
William Hertzner	05/20
John Short	05/20
Frances Vandivier	05/21
Brenda Short	05/21
Danielle Poidevin	05/22
Jeanette Vesper	05/23
Robert Yennerell	05/23
Ruth Sonnenberg	05/24
Ryan DeVore	05/24
Mark Brown	05/25
Cole DeVore	05/25
Mary Stasey	05/26
Abe Landes	05/26
Peggy Fjelsted	05/26
Nick Lohr	05/26
John Kintz	05/27
Medlyn Hamilton	05/27
Marsha Williams	05/27
Bill Richardson	05/28
Sandra Lohr	05/31

Happy Anniversary and God's Blessing to:

Don & Mary Grace Getz	05/02
Gary & Sandra Lohr	05/04
Antonio & Josephine Ramirez	05/07

John & Bonita Kintz	05/12
Michael & Mickie Shaw	05/15
Nils & Barbara Lindroth	05/16
Joseph & Delores Sheppard	05/17
Gerald & Carol Arthur	05/23
David & Colleen Cress	05/24
Tom & Dotty Nelson	05/24
Sid & Peggy Fjelsted	05/27
Doug & Linda Patterson	05/28
Greg & Loretta Menuetz	05/29

The Lord bless you and keep you.....Num. 6:24

FAITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

LCPL Logan Raymond, LCPL Hannah Frank, LCPL Trevor Frank,
Pendleton AFB, California

Airman Jennifer Iglesias, Air Force Base , AZ

Senior Airman Kenny Brooks, US Air Force, Davis/Mothan AFB, AZ

Petty Officer Tim Fjelsted, US Navy Reserves

Private 1st Class Nick Schmidt, US Army, Afghanistan

Lance Corporal Tyler Blum, US Marine Corp, Iraq

Sergeant Robert Waigand, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA

SA David Pykal, San Diego

YOUTH EVENTS

Sun Splash—May 16, 2009

WELCA ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have old sheets or new ones (that are washed), please bring them to the church for a quilt project at Redeemer Lutheran in Ft. Myers.

Don't forget the *Carry-in Dinner* on May 7, 2009 at 6:00pm in Sweatlock Fellowship Hall.

PRESCHOOL EVENTS

The Learning Village will be holding their annual Graduation

Ceremony for the class of 2009 on May 17, 2009 at 3:00pm. The children will be performing a variety of songs at graduation. We will be handing out their graduation diplomas promoting them to either their VPK year or to Kindergarten. It is a great time to see the students perform some fun songs. The kids look adorable in their caps and gowns.