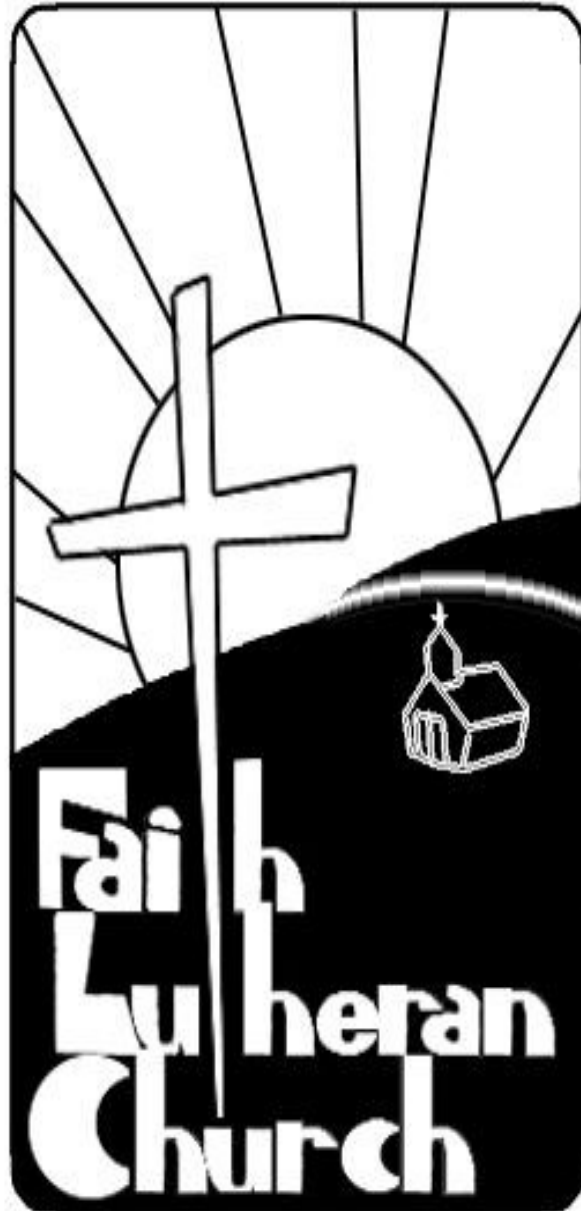


The Grapevine

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Clippings from the Vinedresser

"When he established the heavens, I was there...I was beside him, like a master worker." Proverbs 8:26,30



"He writes that the whole cosmos, the whole universe is held together by the Christ."

The World Council of Churches has designated September 1-October 4 as The Time of Creation. During this time, Christians are urged to focus on our world and issues which effect it. There are liturgies to be used in congregations which help us think about climate change, our water, our air, our universe. Most Lutheran congregations that I know don't use these resources, but many of our United Church and Roman Catholic friends do.

At our weekly lectionary group, we looked at text designated for Universe Sunday, part of which is quoted above. It prompted me to rummage through old text books and reliable Internet sites that deal with our universe. We live in a truly amazing world.

Did you know, for instance that at any given time, on the darkest night, in the darkest place on earth, we can see only about 4,550 stars with the naked eye? Seems like we can see a lot more. Then, when we widen our scope, did you know there is anywhere from 200-400 billion stars in our galaxy, the Milky Way? And if we pull back even farther, there is an estimated 100-200 billion galaxies in the universe, and it is expected that during Hubble's journeys, that number will be adjusted upwards. And the universe continues to grow.

So what we might ask. Well, here's what. For one thing, God is bigger than all this. No matter how you might believe the world came to be, behind it all, responsible for it all stands God. In Paul's letter to the Colossians, he writes that the whole cosmos, the whole universe is held together by the Christ. Wow!

Here's what. Odds are that there is intelligent life on many, many planets in our galaxy let alone the whole universe. What that life looks like, how it behaves is the stuff of science fiction, but there is little doubt that it is out there. God created it, loves it as much as God loves us.

Our modern age has pretty much given up on God. Who needs God? We will cure cancer. We will make space travel as simple as driving a car, just give us time. This we say as we destroy our planet and kill our neighbour. Yeah, right.

Thinking for a moment about our universe should at the very least humble us; we are but specks. But specks loved and redeemed by God through Jesus Christ our Lord. What an awesome, awesome privilege.

The psalmist once asked, "What is man and woman that God is mindful of them?" Well, creatures created in the image and likeness of the God of the universe; people loved intensely by that God. For which we can only say, "Thanks be to God!"



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Beginning on Sunday September 11 and running through Thanksgiving Sunday, October 10, we will be collecting food and gently used clothing and shoes (adult) for Gate 3:16.

Drop off your contributions at the church on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for your generous support.

- Coffee, tea, sugar, coffee whitener, powdered milk
- Jam, peanut butter
- Pasta, pasta sauce
- Ketchup, mayonnaise
- Canned soup, beans (no dried beans), tuna
- Styrofoam plates, bowls, cups (7oz)
- Plastic forks, knives
- Paper Towels, toilet paper, napkins, tissues
- Tin foil
- Dish and laundry detergent
- XL heavy duty garbage bags
- Gently used clothing and shoes



News from your Social Committee

Sun. Oct. 2nd - following Church Services is our **Oktoberfest Potluck!**
Bring your Favourite German Dish: Sausages, Sauerkraut, Potatoes, Pretzels..etc.
Sausages and Sauerkraut not your forte...we always need child friendly options, buns and dessert.



Fri. Oct. 28th - **Family Halloween Fun Fest!**

- Join us at 6:30pm in Cana Hall
- Put the kids in their Costumes, and bring your favourite shareable Snacks/or drinks
- There will be Games, Prizes and even a Parade!!!!
- Lots of fun for kids of all ages!

****Please let the Social Committee know if you will be able to attend so we have enough games and prizes!!!!*

See Poster on page 5 to see what is happening in November!



Faith Council



As you can see from the directory in the Grapevine, Council is now two members short of a full council. So once again we are coming to you and asking you to step up.

Council meets the first Tuesday of each month except July and August. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m., and are generally over by 8:30 p.m. Special meetings may be called during the year, but these occur very seldomly.

Faith Council oversees the ministries of Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Place (as the board of directors) and Faith Place Support Services.

If you think you might be interested talk with Council chair Will Bachewich, Council vice-chair Paul Wolfenberg, any member of Council, or Pastor Dennis.

Choir



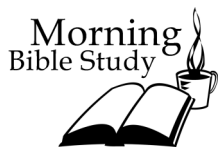
I would like to welcome Elke back to choir and would encourage others to come join us – Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the chapel. We always welcome new member!

The choir is participating in the Harvest Home Hymn Festival at Northminster United Church, 676 Simcoe St N, on Sunday, October 23 at 7:00 pm. We look forward to this oppor-

tunity to join with other choirs from the area for an evening of music in the fall harvest season. Please come out to enjoy the evening with us and lend some support to your choir members.

Laurie

Bible Study



The morning Bible Study is continuing to work through Paul's important letter to the Galatians, sometimes called the "Magna Carta of Christian Freedom." If you are interested in joining please come to the Chapel on October 11 and 25. You will find

lots of lively discussions and thoughtful questions in a loving, supportive atmosphere.

Hope to see you there.

AUCTION



Mark your Calendars!!!! November 13th

It is that time of year we ask for you to donate your time, talents or items for the Annual Auction & Raffle!

This is an important event which helps with our deficit reduction. We would love for you to all come out and support – it is also a great place to pick up Christmas Gifts!!

As always lunch will be served for a small fee.



<p>Communion Set-up 2: L. Molson, C. Plath 16: V. Roth, L. Ikeda</p>	<p>Communion Servers 2: I. Linkie, T. Becker 16: G. Rosenau, A. Hauke</p>	<p>Counters: Irv Linkie Laurie Molson</p>				<p>1</p>
<p>2 Worship, 10:30 Oktoberfest, noon</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Faith Council, 6:30</p>	<p>5 Choir, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6 FLW at Club Lorelei, 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 Sunday School, 10:30 Worship, 10:30</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Bible Study, 9:45</p>	<p>12 Choir, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Worship, 10:30</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Choir, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Sunday School, 10:30 Worship, 10:30 Harvest Home, North- minster UC, 7:00</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Bible Study, 9:45</p>	<p>26 Choir, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27 Pint with the Pastor, 7:00</p>	<p>28 Family Fun Fest, 6:30 Cana Hall</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Pick Your Own Hymn Worship, 10:30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Readers 2: Vickie Goddard 9: Claudia Warrington 16: Brent Molson 23: Carrie Becker 30: Finley Schemman</p>	<p>Flowers: 2: Live Plants 9: Maureen Molson 16: Donna Jennings 23: Elke Rosenau 30: W. Becker</p>	<p>Coffee: 2: Oktoberfest 9: Maureen Molson 16: Vivian Roth 23: Vickie Goddard 30: J. Geres</p>	<p>Ushers: 2: Rob and Vickie Goddard 9: Ed Albrecht, Claudia Warrington 16: Donna Jennings, Laurie Ikeda 23: Paul and Charlotte Wolfenber 30: Ray Latour, Finley Schemman</p>	