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Our lead articles of all 2020 Messenger issues explore favorite Bible verses.

This month's favorite Bible verse is:

Isaiah 53:5

"He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

The Great Exchange

Life is filled with exchanges. Employees exchange forty hours for a paycheck. Fans exchange forty dollars for a seat at the game (and then exchange another ten dollars for a hotdog and drink)! Every day we exchange time, money, effort, and emotion for what we hope brings us joy, peace, satisfaction, and even relaxation.

The Bible speaks about exchanges, too. It says that God does not want us to have any sin. In fact, he says that if we do sin, we cannot live with him because he is a sinless, holy God. Sin is so serious to God that he pronounces the death penalty for anyone who sins. He says,

"The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23) and "The soul who sins is the one who will die" (Ezekiel 18:20). So, who can ever hope to stand in God's presence and enjoy his favor? For try as we might, we are not perfect. Sinful thoughts, words, and acts clutter our lives.

There is good news, however. In love for us, God made an exchange. Instead of holding us under his judgment for all our wrongdoing, he placed his Son under judgment instead of us. The Bible is speaking about Jesus when it says, "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon

him, and by his wounds we are healed."

That is a great exchange! Jesus came and exchanged his life for ours. Our transgressions (times when we fail to live according to God's holy will) were taken away when Jesus was pierced on the cross. Our iniquities (all the things we think or do that don't measure up to God's perfect will) were taken away when Jesus was crushed in death. Our punishment was paid for by Jesus.

Through Jesus you have peace with God. Through his wounds you are given life with God. Through Jesus you are forgiven and loved by God. Yes, you! God chose to make that exchange for you.

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Special Lent Wednesday Worship Opportunities

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Faith's observance of the forty days leading up to Holy Week once again features very special weekly Wednesday worship services at 3:30 and 7:00 PM through April 1.

Our mid-week Lenten theme for 2020 is "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." Many picture Jesus in robes, holding a shepherd's staff and guiding his sheep. Others view him crowned and bright, sitting on a throne in heaven. Less commonly today, we recognize him as the soldier the Word tells us he is. He is brave and often opposed, yet ultimately victorious.

The **Son of God Goes Forth to War** series takes a thoughtful look at Christ's role as warrior through the Scripture's telling of the battle against sin and death that Jesus won for us. Our weekly worship themes will also focus in on the tremendous courage, humility and power of our Savior.

Lent cont'd next page

A number of Faith ministry groups will once again take turns hosting free fellowship meals each Lenten Wednesday in the Faith Christian Life Center from 5:30-6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome! We hope you will consider joining us along the way on our Lenten journey to the cross - and empty tomb!



Faith School Once Again Receives "Exemplary" Recommendation After Accreditation Visit

It's been fifteen years since Faith Lutheran School first began the process of seeking international accreditation. The WELSSA program of our church body is an internationally accredited process of accreditation for the third largest parochial school system in the country. Faith received an "exemplary" rating all those years ago that required review for reaccreditation every five years.

In February an independent accreditation team visited our campus for a three-day reaccreditation review. After looking through documentation on the 260 standards in areas such as school climate, security & crisis planning, communication, curriculum & instruction, as well as relationships between the school & students, families, congregation and community the

WELSSA accreditation team gave the following recommendation on February 5: *The school has met the requirements for exemplary accreditation. Therefore, the visiting team will recommend to the WELS Commission on Lutheran Schools that Faith Lutheran School receive the exemplary level of accreditation for grades 3K - 8.*

This finding of status allows Faith to also remain a State of Illinois recognized school and keep all of our certifications with the federal government for hosting international students. We are most thankful of the hard work of our many dedicated volunteers and our Faith staff.

EASTER 4 KIDS! is April 4!

Need some 'kids free' time for some Easter candy shopping or an early spring project? How about just a little quiet time for yourself? Your friends at Faith would love to help you out.

We would be happy to keep your children busy for a few hours on Saturday morning, April 4, during our annual Easter 4 Kids activity day for children who are currently three years old through those currently enrolled in fourth grade. Please also tell your friends and neighbors about this **FREE** opportunity. Advance registration will begin on-line and at a display in our church commons the

second week of March.

Considering a Fall 2020 Enrollment at Faith Lutheran School or Pre-K?

Are you looking for a nationally accredited, state recognized Christian elementary school or Pre-Kindergarten program for your child? A place where learning humanity's accumulated knowledge and a knowledge of man's Creator hold equal priority? Did you know Faith Lutheran School is fully accredited and is also an *Illinois Invest In Kids* qualified school which means any qualifying child may obtain a grant which can add up to full tuition for a school year?

How can our staff be of help? An appointment to pursue more information? A tour of our school campus? Meeting the teacher of your child's class level for next year? Perhaps even a walk through the paperwork of an enrollment application? A layout of the available resources for tuition assistance? More info on the many different schedules that can be chosen for PreK students? Please give our office a call at 847-395-1660. We'd be happy to be of help in your search for answers!

You are also most welcome to simply stop in at school to discover more during our advertised Spring registration times coming in May. You can also search for and find more enrollment information at faithantioch.org any time.

March Staff Profile Getting to know Middle School Teacher & Musician... Charissa Breitreutz

Charissa was born in Livingston, Montana. She attended Martin Luther Prep School and was in the last graduating class in 1995. She went on to study to be a teacher at Martin Luther College. She was assigned to Bylas, Arizona on the Apache Indian Reservation in 1999, where she enjoyed teaching grades 3-5 for eight years. While she was on the "Rez", she also received her master's degree in Reading and Literacy from Walden University.

Charissa met her husband while they were both teaching in Arizona. After their first child, Brett, was born, she became a stay-at-home mom. The



Lord blessed them with three more children: Caitlynn, Emily, and Caleb.

After living in Arizona for fifteen years, the Lord decided he should bring the family to Baraboo, Wiscon-

sin, where Charissa had to learn how to cope with cold weather and snow. While in Baraboo, Charissa worked as a banquet server at Springbrook Golf Resort and also was National School Lunch Coordinator for their school's hot lunch program.

Charissa began her service at Faith in the school office. This year she has moved back into the grade 5 & 6 classroom for this school year while directing the Junior Choir and serving as Faith's lead organist.

Charissa enjoys spending time with her family. She also loves to garden, camp, hike, and play organ.

Spring & Summer AIC Planning

Most years the only Adult Instruction Class sessions that continue during Lent would be on Sunday mornings. But with the staffing realities at Faith this year only Wednesday evening AIC classes are being offered. The Fall sessions just wrapped up in February.

So if you've been looking for a new AIC to start and were wondering when it was going to happen we thought we'd give you a "heads up" here in The March Messenger. SUMMER AIC will begin a bit earlier this year on the first Wednesday of MAY!

As with Summer AIC sessions in the past there will be a handful of summer Wednesday evenings when we "double" up for sessions at both 7:00 and 8:00 PM. However, starting in May will require only a few of those longer evenings during some of the longest days of the year. The April and May issues of the Messenger will have reminders and more information on the 2020 Summer AIC details. Feel free to contact Pastor Ungemach at 847-293-6101 with any suggestions or questions.

Developmentally Disabled - Jesus Cares!

Everyone is welcome to gather at Faith for monthly *Jesus Cares* activities. Intended for people of any age with intellectual and developmental disabilities, it all begins on our church campus the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 AM. These events consist of a specially constructed Bible lesson, a craft, music time and a light snack. "Jesus Cares" is an international ministry focused on providing those with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages with targeted worship and learning experiences. Faith has offered these events monthly since last October. If you would like to attend as a volunteer or invite anyone you know for whom you believe this event would be a blessing - EVERYONE is welcome at a Jesus Cares event! Faith and all of its facilities on our church campus are fully accessible. Caregivers are welcome to choose to drop off or stay. See you next Saturday!



MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.

	A type of horn	_____ <input type="checkbox"/>	MURTETP
	Played by King David	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	PRHA
	Plucked to make sound	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	IGSNSTR
	Similar to a tambourine	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	MRBELIT
	A type of harp	_____ <input type="checkbox"/>	ELRY
	Blown through to make sound	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	EPPI
	A percussion instrument	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	YBLACMS

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
_raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, tamborel, lyre, pipe, cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Crowned

King Jesus was given a crown to wear. The crown he received from the Roman soldiers was mockery and jest. It was a strip of thorns twisted. A gesture of total contempt. The prophet Isaiah had said in 53:3, "**He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.**" It is the paradox of the gospel that it is through the wounds of Christ that you and I are healed.

**Pastor Mark Jeske
of Time of Grace**

Listen to "Time of Grace"

Monday at 9 am - Tuesday at 9 pm
Thursday at 9 am - Saturday at 9 pm



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Our Mission:

The mission of every Christian and of Faith congregation is to help make more and stronger disciples by sharing with everyone the good news of Jesus Christ.

Highlighting Coming Events at FAITH of Antioch

*Please note at which facility the activity will take place... our **Church Campus** on Grass Lake Road or our **Lutheran Elementary School Campus** on Main Street...*

- ◆ March Wednesdays Worship at 3:30 & 7:00 PM (*church*)
 Lenten Suppers from 5:30-6:30 PM
- ◆ March 14 **MEN'S** Bible Breakfast at 8:00 AM (*church*)
- ◆ March 14 **JESUS CARES** activities at 10:30 AM (*church*)
- ◆ April 4 **Easter 4 Kids** activity day (*church*)
- ◆ April 5-12 **Holy Week & Easter Services** daily (*church*)
- ◆ April 26 **Youth Confirmation** Service 10:45 AM (*church*)

*We invite you to be with us for any of these occasions.
For questions look to our website www.faithantioch.org for more information
or feel free to give Pastor Ungemach a call at 847-293-6101.*