

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2010 A.D.

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together,
In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



As We Gather – We live in a world where it is all too easy to wonder what is going to go wrong next. We are bombarded by stories of crime, violence, war, economic collapse, natural disasters . . . and the list seems endless. It is easy to be distracted by all of this and forget that our risen Lord and Savior has overcome the world through His cross and empty tomb. In the midst of trial and tribulation, we have peace because we know the rest of the story.

THE WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the blue information card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

THE RINGING BELL CALLS US INTO THE PRESENCE OF OUR RISEN LORD

DIVINE SERVICE-SETTING FOUR

THE OPENING HYMN *“Lift High the Cross” LSB 837*
(We cheerfully rise and sing)

THE INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE SINGING OF OUR MIDWEEK YOUTH 11:00

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”...Michael O’ Shields

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

“Shine Like Stars”...Terry K. Dittmer Midweek youth will sing first refrain, congregation will join on remaining refrains.

*Refrain: Jesus is the reason we sing! Jesus is our Savior and King.
 And Ev'ry knee will bow down and ev'ry tongue will confess
 that Jesus Christ is the Lord and in his name we are blessed.
 And as we hold out his word to all the world near and far we will shine.
 We will shine. We will shine like stars.*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record to sins, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His Grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]
- C** **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" *LSB 946*



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Luke 2:14; John 1:29,36; Rev.5:9-14; Eph. 1:20-21

THE SALUTATION (*Spoken*)

2 Timothy 4:22

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

THE COLLECT

Light of the World, the Light no darkness can overcome, let Your face shine on us as we journey through this dark world. Sustain us with constant reminders that You have overcome the world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE FIRST READING *Acts 16:9-15 (God's victory is realized in Philippi.)*

THE SPECIAL MUSIC *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”...Sy Miller & Jill Jackson*
SGM Joan Mercer, guest vocalist

SGM Joan Mercer is a soloist with the Soldiers' Chorus of Washington, DC, and is a member of the Vocal Arts Ensemble. She has served as percussion instructor and vocalist at the U.S. Army Element School of Music, and percussion section leader and vocalist of the 214th Army and 2nd Infantry Division Bands. She has sung with the Atlanta Symphony Chorus and the Robert Shaw Chamber Singers. SGM Mercer earned a B.M.E. in voice and Percussion at South Dakota State University and attended Belmont University. Her parents are Cliff & Norma Konrad of Kaylor, SD; Sister, Kathy Olson of Pierre; and brothers, Paul Konrad of Estelline, SD, and Dan Konrad of Winchester, TN.

THE EPISTLE READING *Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 (God's victory is celebrated in the heavenly realms at the end of the age.)*

John 6:68



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that
 Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St. John 16:23-33 (Jesus reminds His followers that He has overcome the world.)*

THE FEEDING OF THE LITTLE LAMBS

THE SERMON HYMN “Onward, Christian Soldiers” *LSB 662*

THE SERMON “It’s Written”
Revelation 21:27
Pastor Brad Urbach

THE CREED 8:20 *Apostles’ See inside back cover of the hymnal*
 11:00 *Nicene See inside back cover of the hymnal*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

THE OFFERING *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our “Building Together in Faith” gifts*

THE OFFERTORY “*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*” ...Rick Founds (Sung twice)
Lord, I lift Your Name on high; You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
Lord, I love to sing Your praises. from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.

I'm so glad You're in my life; From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
I'm so glad You came to save us. Lord, I lift your name on high!

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Praise belongs to You, O Father, for not only have You created the heavens and the earth and all things in them, and continue to supply us with what we need for life,

C **You continue to watch over us as a father watches over his children.**

P Protect us by Your might.

C **Give Your angels charge over us to minister to us in our every need.**

P Praise belongs to You, O Christ, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End; we are thirsty for the help and healing that You alone can bring.

C **Refresh us always with Your water of life as we remember our Baptism when we were made part of Your family.**

P Praise belongs to You, O Spirit, sent by the Son from heaven above.

C **Work in and through us, that in all our activities, thoughts, and words we would bring glory and honor to Jesus.**

P We pray for our Faith family and its friends in the midst of life's joys and struggles... Give the leaders of our nation, including our legislators and judges, wisdom to know and to do what is right, just, and fair.

C **Guide Your Church, pastors, and leaders that Your kingdom would not be hindered in any way but that Your hand of blessing would always rest upon us.**

P Empower our witness in our homes, work places, communities, and nation, that in every place and in every time the name of the Lord would be praised.

C **In the holy name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The 8:20 service concludes on page 7 with The Benedicamus
and The Benediction

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
11:00

P It is truly good, right, and salutary ...evermore praising you and saying:
THE SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



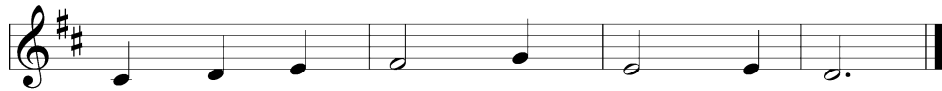
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB 427

“Beautiful Savior” LSB 537



THE BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

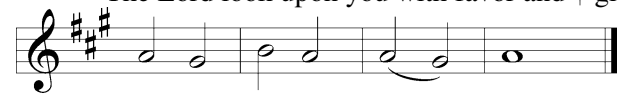
C Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION (With Sung Amens)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LSB 425

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Second Sunday of Easter!

We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

Before Early Service

Marvin & Mary Buxcel

Dennis & Sue Hanson

After Early Service

Harlan & Verna Fransen

Russell & Arta Pahl



Before Late Service

Dale & Barb Vermundson

Tanner & Brittany Kost

After Late Service

Brian & Laurie Gustafson

Jason & Bonnie Bauder

Preaching this morning is Pastor Brad Urbach who will also preach at Trinity Lutheran in Blunt between our morning services. Pastor Levi Willms is our Liturgist and will lead our Adult Study.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord brings us strength and forgiveness to be about His vision and mission. Those confirmed Lutherans who come to the Sacrament of the Altar today are asked to read the communion side of our information card found in the pew rack and to sign the bottom of the reverse side so that our communion records might be complete.



Fresh Cup of Café Sola Join us for a fresh cup of Café Sola in the Christian Family Life Center after our 8:20 service this morning.

Sunday School meets this morning at 9:45 and is for all our children age 3 by September 1, 2009 through High School. Our High School youth meet in the Great Room.

Adult Bible Study Our Adult Study continues this Sunday. Our study is on the rich history of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Nursery There is nursery this morning during our 11:00 service. This is located in the Preschool Room. It is for children ages infant through 5 year olds.

God Be With You!

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Our Broadcasts Sonrise is made possible this morning by Steve & Sheila Ingram, Pat & Jill Burger, and Julian & Alberta Olson.

The Ingrams do so in loving memory of Sheila's mother, Geraldine Goodale. Thanks Steve & Sheila, may God bless you Sheila with wonderful memories of your mother.

The Burgers do so in thanksgiving to God for daughter, Sarah's May 8 graduation from USD. Thanks Pat & Jill. Way to go, Sarah – congrats!

The Olsons do so in celebration of Julian's mom, Mina Mary Olson's 90th birthday. Mina Mary is a member of Trinity – Blunt. Thanks Julian & Alberta, and God bless you Mina Mary, we wish you a blessed 90th.

Our Cable Broadcast is also made possible by Steve & Sheila Ingram on this Mother's Day. Sheila, we again wish you joyous memories and rich comfort as you remember your mom.

The Broadcast schedules are on the traveling Bulletin board, which is in the Narthex.

Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at www.faithluth.com. **COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sonrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

May 2, 2010, Att. 450; General Fund \$9,458.02; Building Fund \$7,888.00; Sunday School \$20.60; Love Fund \$50.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$2675.10 (General \$1870.10; Building Fund \$705.00); Utecht Ministries \$100.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Mae Erickson \$25.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Herb Jungemann \$20.00.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: May 9

8:20 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Communion
4:00 pm 8th Grade Acolyte Training
4:45 pm Bd. of Elders/LYF Welcome 8th Grade with Pizza
7:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship

Mon: May 10

7:30 LWML

Tues: May 11

8:25 am Staff Devotions
6:30 pm Choir

Wed: May 12

6:30 am Ladies Bible Study

6:30 "Out of Nothing" Bible Study – contact Bob Miller at 224-9955 for location

7:00 pm Kitchen 101

7:30 pm LYF

8:30 pm LYF Nat'l. Youth Gathering Meeting

Thurs: May 13

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

8:25 am Staff Devotions

Sun: May 16

8:20 am Communion

9:30 am LYF Bake Sale

9:45 Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Worship



BUILDING NEWS

Gifts –

- Thank you for your gifts of \$7,888.00 to the Building Fund last week that includes special gifts designated for the chairs.

Work Day – Thank you for all your help at our last Work Day. We may need one more before "Dedication" Day.

A Reminder Just one final thank you. We have already appreciated the use of additional tables and chairs. *We will use the Building Fund account for this. Please note your gift is for the Building Fund and designate that it is for tables or chairs.*

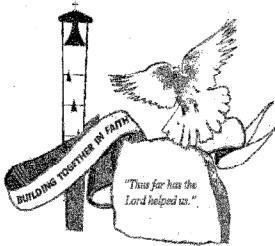
New Concrete in the Parking Lot. You have noticed several panels of concrete were replaced in the parking lot. These panels were broken up during construction by the crain and other heavy equipment. They were paid for by Sioux Falls Construction who also added rebar to the pour as an act of kindness toward the parish. We are grateful to Sioux Falls Construction for not only fixing the damage at their expense, but gifting the extra materials to strengthen the parking lot.

COLORS Two Sundays coming soon might bring out some special clothes. May 23 is Pentecost, wear something **RED** if you can. June 6, like our Groundbreaking Sunday, is another **CHARTREUSE** Sunday. The green of Spring will match our growing congregation.

Different Gifts/Equal Sacrifice

Important dates pending: The Fulfillment Committee – Monday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Dedication Day Sign-ups **June 6, 2010 – Another Chartreuse Day**



* **The Meal** – our noon German meal will be provided by the Action Ministry Team of Zion Lutheran in Sioux Falls. While we will provide for extra meals for guests and contractors, it is very important that we have a base number for their planning. The sausage is ordered from the Blue Bird Locker in Delmont.

So help us help that remarkable group of fellow Lutherans who are volunteering their time and energy. Sign up today in the Narthex. There will be a free-will offering for the meal and everything over the cost of the meal will be given as a gift to support the ministry of Lutheran Hour Ministries.

* **Cakes** – for our noon meal we will have a cake dessert bar with ice cream cups. We would like to have 30 cakes. Please begin signing up today.

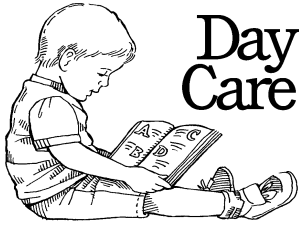
* **Kuchen** – we intend to serve Kuchen and Kuchen bars following the 2:00 Dedication service. We would like to have 30 Kuchen or pans of Kuchen bars. Please indicate if you are bringing Kuchen or Kuchen bars on the sign-up sheet.

Addresses – We would like to send invitations to our Parish sons and daughters, parents of members and former members. Please fill out the white, Member/Formal member sheets on the Dedication Sign-up Table in the Narthex.

Chartreuse Sunday – Dedication Day, June 6, 2010 will be another Chartreuse Sunday. Dig out your chartreuse clothing to help us bring our building cycle full circle.

Banquet *On June 3 the Board of Elders will serve the Banquet on behalf of our congregation. It would be very helpful if members of the congregation come to help with the serving and clean-up. We need your help between 5:30-7:00.*

Kitchen 101 All Boards and organizations at Faith are requested to have representatives at a meeting on Wednesday, May 12. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. to go over proper use of the commercial dishwasher, disposal, and new items in the kitchen. Please have 1 or 2 people from your organization there to share the directions with your group. Thank you. Jan Larson, Kitchen Committee.



Day Care

AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER

We've Moved Faith Lutheran Daycare Center has a new home! The Daycare is upstairs in the former Fellowship Hall, Library and our former kitchen. It also has a large new room in the Christian Family Life Center called the Good Shepherd room which serves as a Nap room and an activity room. The Daycare has a wonderful, spacious, fenced playground off the new Third Street entrance. During the lousy weather days of winter, they have enjoyed the Christian Family Life Center.

The move took place Friday & Saturday, April 9 & 10. We thank the Daycare staff, the Early Childhood Education Board, Rebekah Circle, several parents of Daycare kids and members of the Parish who lugged an enormous amount of stuff up the stairs to the new digs.

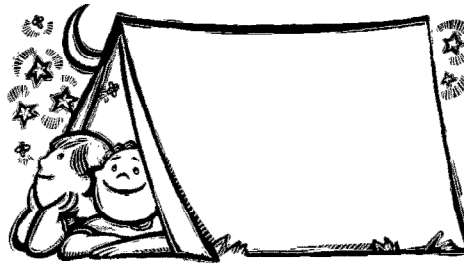
The Daycare is very nicely done and the kids and staff love their new home! We thank the Faith family for all it has done to make this possible.

Preschool Registration Our Preschool is now taking applications for next fall. The registration forms are on the information desk in the Narthex.

YOUTH NEWS

Circuit Bible camp this summer, July 27-30 at Custer State Park. This is for kids currently in 3rd-8th grade, registration forms can be found in the Narthex. If there are any adults that would like to go and help with Circuit Bible Camp, please speak with Pastor Willms.

CAMP MINNEBOJI information and registration forms are now available here at the church (or get this information on-line at www.minneboji.com)! Camp week is June 20-26 at Camp Okoboji in northwest Iowa. The camp, for kids in grades 4 – 9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, and the chance to meet new Christian friends. This year's camp theme is "OutSTANDING!" It concerns the life of Daniel. The camp registration fee is \$255 (\$285 for 9th grade "Honors" campers). The registration deadline is June 5. **You can pick up registration booklets in the office. Faith will cover \$50 of the registration and send the registrations in so please drop them off at the church office.**



LYF Meetings We will be having LYF meetings at 7:30 in May and through the Summer on Wednesday nights. Our upcoming meetings are May 12th, 19th and June 2nd. We will also have a special meeting today, May 9th at 4:45 to welcome our new 9th graders to LYF, eat Pizza and play some games.

LYF Bake Sale The LYF will be hosting a bake sale on the morning of May 16th to raise money for the trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July 15th-22nd.



Acolyte Training Our new Confirmands will have acolyte training on Sunday May 9th at 4:00 in the Sanctuary. Following the board of Elders will provide pizza at 5:00 for the kids, they will be welcomed into LYF and we will have a few games after pizza as well.

National Youth Gathering Meeting: We will have a meeting after LYF on May 12th at 8:30 for youth and parents concerning the National Youth Gathering in Orlando and Fundraising. Please make every attempt to get there for this meeting.

VBS Dates Vacation Bible School will be Sunday June 13th-17th from 6:00-8:30. There are sign up sheets for workers as well as registration forms in the Narthex. I hope many of you can be a part of VBS this year. We again have Captive Free joining us and this year have a group that also spent some time overseas.

VBS Decorating If you have a talent for decorating for VBS please indicate on the poster in the Narthex. Pastor Willms will contact those signed up and schedule a time to meet and come up with ideas for decorations.

Life Quotes “Who has more influence on the Church: the Word or the world? Theories of evolution don’t mix with the Truth of creation (Genesis 12:1; 27). Arousing love before its time (Song of Solomon 3:5b) is contrary to love that is patient (1Corinthians 13:4), pure (1Thessalonians 4:7; 1 Timothy 4:12), and procreative. Although Satan wanted woman to be the mother of death, God directed man to name his wife Eve because she would become the mother of all the living.” *Linda Bartlett, founder of Titus 2 for Life (www.titus2-4life.org)* This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.



Our Short Term Debt

To date we have had three major Building Fund expenditures.

- Sioux Falls Construction - \$2,876,673.31
- Architecture Incorporated - \$207,912.70
- Miscellaneous Expenses (such as the moving of utilities, the site borings, etc.) - \$115,991.42
- We still have a final bill for Sioux Falls Construction, Architecture Inc., and the sealing and striping of our parking lot.

We have striven to meet these obligations with:

- \$2,160,226.00 in giving thus far as of 3/31/10
- \$1,000,000 loan from the Church Extension Fund.

We have a shortfall –

- We have a short term interim loan of \$100,000 from Bank West, which we wish to pay back quickly because we will on July 1, begin repaying our Church Extension Fund loan which is \$5836.00 per month. We will make interest payments in the interim.

Why the need for the short-term loan?

Two reasons –

- We had a \$100,000 contingency which we had hoped to spend very little of, but among these expenditures were: replacing concrete by the sanctuary door entrance sidewalk, that was broken, with 5” reinforced concrete, Fire alarm system in Daycare, footing adjustments at existing building, abandoned water line leak, sanitary sewer extension, underground piping for existing roof drain, added retaining wall and drain in courtyard off 3rd St., additional excavation and fill due to ground water, reinforced new parking lot concrete with rebar.
- Secondly, the Building Committee in a most responsible manner, approved expenditures to help us finish the project to date with upgrades that will save money later while having the contractors on site.

For example –

* All the materials, the steel studs, the drywall, the doors, the frames, the paint, etc. to finish the Hallway on the second floor were purchased for very reasonable rates while we were receiving other materials. As our members finish the second floor hallway the following will be accomplished.

- Utilities savings
- provide a more secure and safe facility

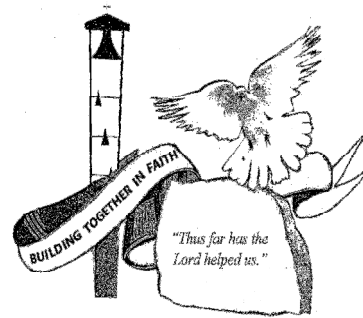
- it will provide an already finished and usable St. Matthew room and by the fall, with no carpet or ceiling, a useable St. Mark room
- and quite obviously, as we look up to the second floor from the Christian Family Life Center, it provides an attractive finished look.
- * While we had F & M Acoustical on site the ceiling above the two staircases were finished. Because of the height of the staircase we didn't feel this was a "safe" thing for us to use volunteers for. Also, for a remarkable \$200.00 they finished the hallway grid. We had a family graciously pick up this cost.
- * We also had families buy all the blinds in the new building.
- * Additional Kitchen cabinets
- * Irrigation sprinkler system
- * Moved the utilities and phone line
- * Wired and moved phones from older additions into newer additions
- * The filing of the abstract
- * Brosz Engineering expenses
- * The fees for the Capital Funding Program
- * We carpeted the Narthex while carpeting the "Living Room". This enabled us to replace the aging, bubbled, worn carpet with the same dye lot. We thank Country Carpet for donating the carpet on the landing of the Kitchen staircase and the Daycare office.

What is our plan?

We ask our families to continue to give through May and to consider a very significant gift on Dedication Sunday.

After our June 6 Dedication, our Board of Stewardship will quickly meet to assess our situation and to consider if we need to appeal to our congregation to consider extending their Building Fund commitment and giving for a period of time to meet this short-term Bank West obligation.

We express our **HUGE** thanks to the 370 family units (plus a good number of anonymous and "out of the blue" gifts) who have given to our "Building Together in Faith" project. *You are remarkable!* To God, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, be all glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.



“Thus Far Has the Lord Helped Us”
1 Samuel 7:12

Different Gifts – Equal Sacrifice

