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The Joyful Noise

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"I Believe - Walking with Christ in the Adventure of Faith"

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Luke 5:4 (NIV)



After a long cold winter, the first glimpse of Spring is ever so welcome. The warming of the weather, the melting of the snow, the return of the birds, and the squirrels scurrying about lightens are hearts for we know Spring has come. Days outside, walking, riding, fishing, and more bring joy to the heart after the gray, cold and dismal overcast days of the past few months. We can hardly wait for the next big thing to come - SUMMER!

Signs, sights, and sounds show Spring has come soon to be followed by SUMMER! We see, and we feel and we know what is coming. - For you and your faith, what does the Empty Tomb signal?

Does the actual historical fact of the Empty Tomb show you that life in Christ Jesus is ETERNAL? Do you see? Do you believe? Can you trust the Words of Jesus when he said "I go and prepare a place for you so that where I AM you may be also?

Listen to the testimony from the Gospel of **John 14:1 - 3** "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am"

By the historical fact of the Empty Tomb you can KNOW with CERTAINTY that in Jesus Christ you have forgiveness of sins. You can KNOW with CERTAINTY that believing Jesus is the Son of God you are REDEEMED! You can KNOW with CERTAINTY that though your body will one day die, you will LIVE.

Jump for Joy! Shout to the highest Heavens! Let your exhilaration show! Proclaim with all that you are:



HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Peace,
Pastor leff



It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ: Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of loving-kindness toward us, Your servants, You gave up Your Son. Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured fourth in loving-kindness. You cleared away the darkness of sin By Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror. You reconciled heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us. Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your love!

Saint Gregory the Great's Easter Prayer



Tuesday Night Bible Study
April 7th, 21st, and 28th at 7 P.M.

Come and Studying the Bible with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

Jerusalem has fallen! Prophetic warnings were not heeded. Judah did not repent and Babylon has come as the instrument of God's judgment. Yet the Lord will not forsake His chosen people.

We conclude by 8:15 p.m.

Children's Sunday School

We are traveling down Route 66! Beginning at Genesis we'll work our way down the road through the 66 books of the Bible.



Sunday School

Moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas, great-grandma and great-grandpas, these intentional times of discipling will nurture the FAITH of those entrusted to your care. Make a Sunday morning faith commitment for you and your family! Attend Sunday School and Worship together.

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Discipleship

- ! Learn what Jesus taught Study the Scriptures of Old and New Testament.
- ! Do what Jesus taught Live what you have learned from the Scriptures
- ! Spread what Jesus taught Go and make disciples of All Nations.

Listen Online to a Sunday Sermon Message

Sunday Sermon messages are recorded and made available for listening on our Website: www.ficlc.net The link to the message archive is found on the Pastor page.

This is a great opportunity to hear again the Word Preached and also a great opportunity to share the Word Preached with a friend at work or anywhere you have access to the internet. The Lord can bring a blessing and draw another to Faith in Christ.

COSI Faith in Christ trip Saturday April 25th

Meet at Church 8:30 A.M. We'll drive together. \$5 discount parking is available for COSI guests.

COSI Hours are 10 A.M. tp 5 P.M.

Group Admission: each person	\$10
Group Admission + Giant Screen Film	\$14
Planetarium	\$5

Please sign up so we are able to let **COSI** know the size of our group and plan car-pooling. Need at least 12 for group pricing.

Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday worship service will be traditional with Holy Communion. The service will conclude with the stripping of the altar.



Good Friday, April 3rd 7:00 PM

Good Friday worship service will be candle light and contemplative.





Easter Sunday, April 5th

7:30 am

Celebration Worship – Worship with Holy Communion

9:00 am

9:45 am

Easter Breakfast begins serving

Easter Egg hunt begins - (get ready at 9:35 am.)

Celebration Worship – Worship with Holy Communion



Loyal Followers of Christ - (LFC)

Will meet on Friday, April 3rd, 12 Noon, in the Bay Breeze Restaurant. Newcomers are always welcome.

Women of Today

Will meet at 3:00 p.m. Monday, April 20th. The location of the meeting will be advised at a later date.



Beginning May 3rd

Blessings in a Bottle Fundraiser

On Sunday, *April 26th*, the Women in Service (WinS) Group of FIC will once again have colorful baby bottles for you to pick up, fill with money and return them to the church the end of June. You will have the months of May and June to fill your bottles as these months contain the special days of both Mother's Day and Father's Day, so are very appropriate for this special fundraiser to benefit our youngest angels.

All funds collected will go to benefit women and children in need.

P.S. This project is only one of the many Outreach Projects sponsored by FIC.



Faith in Christ Lutheran Church is blessed with many active ministries. To help support the total ministry of the congregation the church uses several special offering envelopes throughout the year. The church council has designated the special offering envelopes for 2015 as follows:

New Year's Prayer - Building Fund Ash Wednesday - TWIGS ministry to IHN Lent - TWIGS ministry to IHN Maundy Thursday - Building Fund Good Friday - Building Fund Palm Sunday - General Fund Easter - General Fund Pentecost - FIC music ministry Special Music - FIC music ministry Reformation - Helping Application Rural People ministry (BUD's ministry or something similar) Thanksgiving - Local Food Pantries Advent - Building Fund Christmas Eve - General Fund Christmas - General Fund Sunday School - Day Camp Ministry

These designations may be changed by the church council. If you have a suggestion of a ministry of this congregation that would benefit from the special offering envelopes, please share that with Beth Brown or any council member.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry for our Lord, Jesus Christ.

David Hare, Secretary

God has 10 very important ones that He wants us to honor and obey!

Join TNT for their TEN Commandments Musical



Sunday, April 19 10:15 pm

A special luncheon will follow the service!

Mark your calendar and join us!



Apr 2	Maundy-Thursday Worship
Apr 4	LFC @ Bay Breeze Restaurant
Apr 3	Good Friday Worship
Apr 5	EASTER SUNDAY
Apr 12	TNT Brown Bag Meeting
Apr 14	Ministry Teams & Council Meeting
Apr 19	TNT Musical & Luncheon
Apr 25	COSI Trip
Apr 26	Food Pantry Sunday
May 1	LFC @ Bay Breeze Restaurant
May 1	Scout Dinner @ FIC
May 3	Parish Nurse Sunday
May 3	Confirmation Sunday & Luncheon
May 5	Special Election - Voting @ FIC
May 7	Last TNT
May 9	Possible Eagle Scout Ceremony
May 12	Ministry Teams & Council Meeting
May 16	Northland Condo Mtg. @ FIC
May 24	Food Pantry Sunday
May 25	Church Office Closed
May 30	Scout Pack Blood Drive & Car Wash @ FIC
May 31	Graduate Recognition Sunday

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