

Family Of Faith Lutheran Church

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"Serving community through Christ"

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Dear Members,

Family of Faith is embarking on another bold, God-sized task and I need your participation. On Wednesday, June 21, the church council approved a vision of merging with Christ Lutheran Church and Christ South in Charlotte. If the congregation approves this vision, we will be renamed Christ Concord. Family of Faith is a small, 30 year old congregation that has struggled in recent years, even though we are in a growing and vibrant community near Concord Mills and the Motor Speedway. We believe that this merger will enable us to access resources to create a thriving, vibrant congregation, as well as being partners in ministry beyond our local setting.

This is not a satellite model like mega churches where each site looks and sounds exactly like the other. This model is different. As the third campus, we will mirror what is happening at Christ South in many ways, but will still have our own identity. The three campuses will have one membership, one council, one staff, one budget, one vision, one church, while having individual expressions in terms of worship style, program choices and outreach strategies. As a Redevelopment congregation, we are in the midst of great changes and renewal. This can be one more step in that renewal process.

The North Carolina Lutheran Synod is not only supportive of this merger but has been actively involved in this process, helping out with guidance and finances. The Synod sees this as a potential model to be replicated elsewhere as a means of helping smaller, struggling congregations become sustainable ministry centers.

There are many details yet to be worked out including technology, web site, logos, staffing, worship, finances, etc. And we have a transition team in place working on all of those details. What I need from you is to be a part of this important process with your participation at two events:

Sunday, July 16 at 5:30

Town Hall Meeting

After a meal, we will gather in the sanctuary to hear about the vision, have time to ask questions, and participate in the process.

Sunday, July 30 after Worship

Congregational Meeting to Vote

We will vote on the vision which will include the merger of the membership, finances, staff and property of Family of Faith into Christ Lutheran. I will remain your pastor at the Concord congregation.

I hope that you can attend these two meetings. Unfortunately, our constitution does not allow for absentee voting. If you can't attend or you would like to talk about this at length, you can certainly contact me or one of the Redevelopment team members: Steve Mauney, Susan Myers, Katie Myers, or Ralf Meyer. God is doing something new again at Family of Faith and we are trying to be faithful and bold in our obedience. Your participation will help us in discerning this direction.

Peace,

Pastor Paul Myers.