



Faith Life Together

Faith Lutheran Church - Volume 3, Issue 5 - May, 2019

Planting Seeds!

It's time to get our seeds planted in the fields or in our yards. It feels good! We will plant seeds here at Faith this month too.

On **May 5** the International Mission Trip Team is fundraising by serving another pancake breakfast after worship. We know the pancakes are good and the mission is solid. Our support of this mission helps the team plant seeds for God in Mexico City this summer.

Ann Viedenkamp passed away on April 14. Our church family will say good bye to Ann on May 11. Her memorial service begins at 10:00 a.m.

May 12 is Mother's Day and we will acknowledge the mothers in our lives. For many of us, they are the wonderful people who planted seeds of faith in our lives and some are still planting!

We will recognize our high school seniors on **May 19**. They have grown to maturity and are ready to move on to plant seeds of their own. Let's celebrate and support them as they move on to the next season of their lives.

The month ends with a Sunday School sendoff – an Ice Cream Social on **May 26**. The students and teachers had fun over the year planting their own faith seeds. It's time to celebrate their good work and give them a summer sendoff!

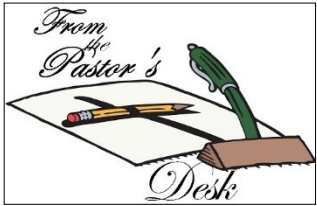
God is the great master gardener. As May unfolds, let's thank God for His good gifts to us and the wonder and mystery of each little seed that grows in to a mighty plant!

God's Blessings for all!



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Walking in the Son's Light

I love spring, and I love bright sunny days which lift our spirits.

French poet, Gerard de Nerval, wrote, "Every flower is a soul blossoming in nature." It is a romantic vision of reality. I'd like to turn the phrase over and say, "Every soul is like a flower blossoming in the Son's Light."

We continue to celebrate the truth that Jesus is raised from the dead. He is alive to bless us each day with His love. He shines His light on us, and "in His light, we see light" (Psalm 36:9). In the light of Jesus, our souls can blossom in beauty to become all that He intends us to be. We are at our vivid best when we walk in Jesus' light. The scriptures are full of this imagery.

"The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned" (Matthew 4:16 quoting Isaiah 9). Before our faith came alive to trust Jesus, we walked in darkness – both ignorance and immorality. Now the light has dawned. Jesus love shines on us. We now walk in newness of life.

Jesus is the Light of the world. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). Jesus' Spirit illumines our soul, our spirit. Light always dispels the darkness. Jesus' presence purges our souls of all that is inappropriate and wrong.

"Your Word is a lamp for my feet, and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105). Walking with Jesus, we bask in His light, and we know the way to live. If we go back to living in the darkness, we have stopped following Jesus, and we have left the Light.

"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:5-9). The only way for our lives to blossom with beauty, and become all that God intends is to continually walk in the Son's light.

Finally, Jesus' Spirit within us allows His light to shine through us, like the beauty of a stained glass window in a cathedral. "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16).

People of Faith, keep walking each day in the Son's light!

Together in His light,

Pastor Lee

Pastor Lee Laaveg



Kiwanis National Day of Prayer

The Spencer Daybreakers Kiwanis is hosting The National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 a.m. at the Spencer Area Activity Center/Senior Center at 104 East 4th St. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Find these prayers and more in the 2019 National Prayer and Prayer Guide on the Welcome Center.

WE PRAY FOR EVERY FAMILY, EVERY WORKPLACE, EVERY COMMUNITY, AND EVERY CITY IN AMERICA to choose love. We believe there is power in love. We believe love is the better way. We believe love is God's Way. Oh Lord, change families, workplaces, communities, and cities through the power of love. Raise up a Love One Another movement across America.



WE PRAY FOR ALL ETHNICITIES AND PEOPLE IN AMERICA to love one another. Lord, tear down every wall of division and change any attitude that divides us today. Bind up our nation's wounds and may the transforming love of God lead us to the day when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Birthdays

May 1	Lisa Bengtson Laura Heikens
May 4	Bill Knoer
May 5	Mackenzie Rosendahl
May 7	Ken Hessenius Tedra Jorgensen Carol Wigen
May 10	Shirley Kooker
May 13	Pam Eglund
May 14	Katelyn Rye Al Vanderberg
May 15	Cassidy Hanson
May 17	Jenn Schuster
May 19	Brandon Anderson Dave Simington
May 20	Blake Clark Chase Kooker Jan Larson Courtney Schwartz
May 21	Karol Gafkjen

May 22	Becca Stykel Kim Wilson
May 24	Delaney Weeks
May 27	Zach Lear Jason Vulk Lewis Vulk
May 28	Eli Franker Jody Vulk
May 31	Luke Johnson Finnegan Jorgensen Silas Jorgensen Blake Rosendahl

Anniversaries

May 5	Murray and Karol Gafkjen
May 9	Jason and Jody Vulk
May 14	Kevin and Sheryl Lee
May 15	Justin and Christin Lee
May 19	Ken and Cheryl Hessenius
May 20	Michael and Sara Ruhs
May 27	Jared and Nickie Hansen



Mission Support

Operation Serve International

During the Faith mission trip to Mexico City in December of 2016, Operation Serve International (OSI) and its mission and work came to light. OSI was present at the time our team was in Mexico City. The team from Faith was very impressed with the individuals of OSI and their mission.

Operation Serve® International (OSI) is a non-profit, non-denominational 501 (c) (3) humanitarian organization. OSI was established in 1983 with a passion to extend the Kingdom of God on earth through serving the poor and needy, as well as train indigenous pastors & leaders.

As a Kingdom-minded ministry, OSI deploys short-term mission teams from a wide range of Christian denominations and affiliations to encourage and support our national ministries. Hundreds of Great Commission minded Christians join the ministry of OSI annually.

We are all called to serve others and OSI offers an opportunity to answer that call. Anyone can join the family of OSI and everyone can find a program that fits their desire. OSI offers one-week missions, internships (one month), field assistant program (3 months) and teaching English as a second language (2 weeks-2 months).

Give sight to the blind, save lives through medications, heal a broken heart, hug a child, show the Love of Christ through your deeds. These one week missions are a great way for anyone to get involved. There is always a mix of beginner and skilled missionaries for every trip. The great thing about Mercy Missions is that OSI has them year round, so you can start the process now and be in the field in just a few months.

No matter what your experience, OSI invites you search out your God-given talents and unite with them to serve the underprivileged. For more information, visit the OSI website (www.operationserve.org).

Mission Partners for 2019:

- ◆ General Council of Assembly of God
- ◆ Atlas of Spencer
- ◆ Grand Avenue Community Outreach
- ◆ The Multi-Church Community Assistance Fund
- ◆ Shepherd's Canyon Retreat
- ◆ LifeKids Tuition Assistance Program
- ◆ International Missions Team
- ◆ The Church of Damascus Road – Rockwell City Prison Worship
- ◆ World Mission Prayer League
- ◆ Wycliffe Bible Translators
- ◆ Laborers with Christ
- ◆ The Gospel Mission
- ◆ International Messengers – Josh & Whitney Smith
- ◆ Operation Serve International
- ◆ China Venture Services
- ◆ LCMC

*Item
of the
Month*



**Unsharpened,
#2 Pencils with
Erasers**

Thank you for your generosity!

Please place the pencils in the yellow
Mission box by the front door for use in the school kits.

**Assemble Kits & Quilts | Tuesday, May 28
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

We invite you to join us as we work on quilts, baby and
personal care kits and other items.

At noon, we have a potluck lunch with the
main dish provided. **Please join us!**



International Mission Trip to Mexico City!

We are going to Mexico City to share the word of the Lord! Our 2019 International Mission Team, consisting of 17 people (ranging in age from 11- 55+) will be traveling to Mexico City, July 20-27.

We will travel to Mexico, to help the helpless, and change the world. We, along with OSI will provide physical and spiritual aid to the poor and destitute living in Mexico. We will help connect these people with local churches to have them be tied to support even after our team leaves.

Some of the work we will do will consist of: helping bring people to Christ, taking vitals, eye exams and fitting for glasses, pampering

women with hair cuts, nails, etc, prescribing medications, giving physical exams, loving and playing with children, supplying food and so much more!

Feel called to help? Your prayers or financial support will be appreciated. Watch for the upcoming fundraising events! If you have any questions feel free to contact Eric or Cindy Tigges, ectigges@hotmail.com

Thank you for supporting the sharing of God's love as we move outside our walls!



Mission Trip Support Opportunities!

Mother's Day Basket Silent Auction

Sunday, April 28: Bidding begins

Godfather's Tip Night - May 20

Friday, May 10 - Mother's Day baskets pick up

Saturday, June 1

5:30 p.m. **Spaghetti Supper**

7:00 p.m. **Talent Show**

Sunday, June 9

Father's Day Pie Auction: Immediately following Worship Service

Faith Friends and Family

Thank you for being so thoughtful

I would like to say thank you to my many friends and family of Faith for the prayers, food and "Get Well" cards during my back surgery! You are the hands and feet of Jesus! God bless you all.

Darrel Heckathorn

A heart-felt "thank you" to Shirley Nelson for making the 2019 Confirmation stoles.



On Sunday, May 26, the flowers on the altar are from Colleen Rouse in honor of all the loved ones we are remembering this Memorial Day.

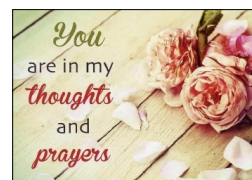


Faith Lutheran Church -

Thank you so much for your love and support of our family! Training is going well and very fast! We are so looking forward to seeing our Faith Lutheran family once we are back in Spencer!

Love, Joshua, Whitney, Jordyn, Jayda and Jonah Smith
(The Smiths have shared a limited number of bookmarks with prayers requests on the back, available at Welcome Center.)

Keep Them In Your Prayers



Jesus, you promise to hear our prayers and answer us in our time of need. Touch the lives of those who are sick, hospitalized, battling a long-term illness, or grieving the loss of a loved one.

Bless Chris Susie, Keith Dannatt, Kathy Petersen, Peggy Olson, Jack Greene, Gerry Ferguson, Steve DePauw, George Letscher, Alan Banks, Lyle Hoffman, Darrel Heckathorn, John and Cinda Tracey and their daughter Braelynn, and Patrick and Katie Morrow and their boys Brycen, Ryker and Riley.

Also, bless those who are battling addictions and depression. With your power, restore them to wholeness and give them your joy. Amen.



Amy Bendlin and Dax Ginger



Laura and Tony Ranslow

Welcome New Members!

On April 7, we welcomed 7 new members in to the Family of Faith.



Bill McCarroll



Nancy Petersen



Heidi Skadeland



Do this in remembrance of me ...

On Maundy Thursday, Faith Lutheran celebrated with six children of God who made the decision to knowingly participate in their First Communion as a way to remember the communion in the upper room with Jesus and his disciples on the night of Passover.

Together with their parents, the six youth were:
Stella Anderson, Abbey Crew, Blaine Erdman,
Conner Essick, Gavin Patten, Ellie Spieker

2019 Confirmands

Through Confirmation, a baptized person affirms Christian belief and is admitted as a full member of the church. On April 28, we celebrate with four of our youth as they publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ.



Emily Grace Campbell

Daughter of Justin and Katie Campbell | Baptized on June 25, 2005

Favorite Scripture Verse: *Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*

Favorite Bible Story: The Story of Job | **Favorite Bible Character:** Moses

Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory: "When we were doing small groups."

People who have helped with Emily's faith development: Joan Loring, Ann Lear, the teachers at Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School, Emily's friends. | **Confirmation Mentor:** Didn't have a mentor.



Autumn Kay Erdman

Daughter of Bob Erdman and Jolene Hansen | Baptized on September 25, 2005

Favorite Scripture Verse: *Romans 1:16-17 - ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*

Favorite Bible Story: Crossing the Red Sea | **Favorite Bible Character:** Moses

Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory: Talking in small groups on Wednesdays.

People who have helped with Autumn's faith development: Joining Faith Lutheran Church.

Confirmation Mentor: Rachel Simington



Jada Mary Piercy

Daughter of Darren and Christine Piercy | Baptized on March 6, 2005

Favorite Scripture Verse: *Philippians 4:13 - I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

Favorite Bible Story: Adam and Eve | **Favorite Bible Character:** God

Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory: "WoW! Worship services and Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp Outreach Nights."

People who have helped with Jada's faith development: Jada's family, Pastor Lee, Eric Patten, Rhonda Vreeman, Andrea Crew and everyone who has helped on Wednesday nights!

Confirmation Mentor: Rhonda Vreeman



Reid Christian Tigges

Son of Eric and Cindy Tigges | Baptized on December 26, 2004

Favorite Scripture Verse: *Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Favorite Bible Story: Peter Walking on Water | **Favorite Bible Character:** Paul

Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory: "In my 8th grade year, there was the new 6th graders that entered the group. I can tell by the way that they talk to me that they really look up to me. This is an amazing feeling. Being the only 8th grade boy this year was great. It was a priceless feeling being the oldest of the boys in this program. This was most certainly the year that I will remember the longest about confirmation: the year where I was the one who everyone looked up to."

People who have helped with Reid's faith development: Al Vanderberg, Eric Patten, Pastor Lee, Eric and Cindy Tigges | **Confirmation Mentor:** Al Vanderberg

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



The 2019 high school seniors recognized on Sunday, May 19 are:

Jake Hanson, son of Tom and Pam Hanson

Leah Heikens, daughter of Justin and Laura Heikens

Mathew Heilman, son of Mark and Lauriann Heilman

Taelynn Higgins, daughter of Dwaine and Shelly Higgins

Cayann Knoer, daughter of Bill Knoer and Jenifer Montgomery Knoer

Nathan McKenney, son of Troy and Kim McKenney

Leanne Sebastian, daughter of Bryan and Shantell Sebastian

You are Invited ~ Be a Life Kids Supporter

Faith is moving forward to launch a major ministry expansion this August. Our LifeKids program, which has blessed and loved children each Wednesday in an afterschool program, is now expanding to a full week, Monday through Friday program. Our goal is to bless families in the Spencer community by sharing the love of Jesus with children grades K - 5 each day afterschool, while providing a safe, fun, educational environment.

This is a BIG step. It is a wonderful vision for ministry. It truly serves the community in love. But it takes a great deal of organization, preparation, intentionality, and money. Yes, money. Ministry for the Lord always requires the generosity of God's people to make it happen.

So, you are invited to become a LifeKids Supporter! In order to have the adequate staffing, recreational equipment, art and educational supplies, and all the other necessities to birth this ministry vision, we estimate that it will cost approximately \$1,200 per child each year.



Each family enrolling their children will pay tuition. But, many families cannot afford the tuition costs, or they cannot afford the whole amount. Much like a college financial assistance program, we need a pool of money, which will empower all children to come to our LifeKids program.

Faith needs a significant group of people willing to give toward our LifeKids program over and above our general congregational ministry and mission. Would you prayerfully consider sponsoring a child by giving \$100 per month? Perhaps you cannot do \$100, but you still believe in this program for children and you wish to be a LifeKids Supporter. Could you give some lesser amount each month to this LifeKids program in addition to your regular giving to Faith?

I believe that God's Spirit has guided us to this ministry program. I believe God will provide for it, through the generosity of His people. I ask you to pray about whether you are one of the families who can help us to do this. Then, the children of Spencer will hear about the Bible stories and learn of the love of Jesus Christ through our LifeKids program.

You are invited ~ Be a LifeKids Supporter!



VBS

is coming soon!

June 24-27

**Sign up today with
Korrie Anderson or
Eric Patten!**

Once again, Faith Lutheran is teaming up with First Congregational and Trinity Lutheran churches for VBS Day Camp! It's going to be a fantastic week as we learn about our journey of faith with God's Story, Mountaintops, Storms, Life at Base Camp and through all of it we can **PRESS ON**.

**Day Camp runs Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
at First Congregational Church (1212 1st Ave. West, Spencer).
Day Camp participants get to bring their own Bible and sack lunch every day.
However, a snack and beverage will be provided.**

The week's theme verse is Philippians 3:13-14 -

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

The week concludes with a Thursday Day Camp Celebration where Day Campers show all they've experienced as we celebrate Christ! We hope you join us for Day Camp!

Register today with Korrie Anderson or Eric Patten!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
SPRING
SPRUCE & SPIFF

**Spring
has
Sprung!**

And with it, the need to get some spring cleaning done so we are ready for our first campers of the summer! We hope you can join us on one of these dates for part, or all, of the day!

**Wednesday, May 8,
Saturday, May 11, or
Wednesday, May 15**

**RSVP to 1-800-OKOBOJI or
registrar@okoboji.org**

Projects include: Adopting a cabin; Raking leaves; Cleaning up and putting in the waterfront.

FREE EVENT
**Camp
Discovery
Day**

**For all K-6th Graders
Sunday May 19, 2-5 p.m.**

Enjoy a full day of camp activities including games, worship campfire, skits and more

Event takes place at Ingham Lake Bible Camp in Wallingford (2258 450th Ave., Wallingford)

**RSVP to 1-800-OKOBOJI
(1-800-656-2654) or check out
more information at
www.okoboji.org/discover**



**Ice Cream
Social**

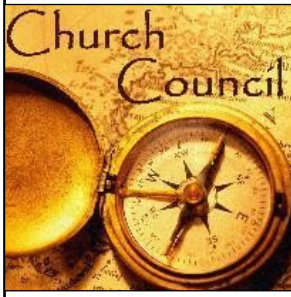
Sunday, June 2

We can't think of a better way to celebrate the beginning of Summer Camp season than with an Ice Cream Social! Hosted at Ingham Lake Bible Camp, our Ice Cream Social is fun for all ages!

Ice Cream Social Schedule:

3:30 p.m.	Program begins
4-6:00 p.m.	Supper is Served (and don't forget the Ice Cream!)
6:00 p.m.	Pie Auction!

A Free Will Offering will be taken for the day- all proceeds go towards project improvements at Ingham.



Council Meeting | April 10, 2019 | 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Radina Jansen, Jim Unrau, Stu Christians, Kent Heazlett, Kirby Fueston, Lois Christman, Al Vanderberg, Kyle Rouse, Pete Crew, Pastor Lee, Cindy Tigges, Kay Iversen and Barb Enge.

Vice President Pete Crew called the meeting to order. Jim Unrau opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the March minutes was made by Al Vanderberg and seconded by Kirby Fueston. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Statements of Financial Activities and Financial Position were presented by Kyle Rouse in the absence of Larry Wigen. A motion to accept March Financial Statement was made by Al Vanderberg and seconded by Radina Jansen. The motion carried unanimously.

Pastor Lee highlighted his report and it is attached.

President Kyle Rouse presented the Council with a proposed compensation package from the Call Committee for the Discipleship Pastor. This proposed compensation package is attached. A motion to approve the compensation package as presented to the Council was made by Kent Heazlett and seconded by Kirby Fueston. Motion carried with unanimous vote. A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday April 14, 2019 to confirm the decision of the Call Committee to extend a call to Pastor Jeff Hoverson as Discipleship Pastor serving Faith and St. John's of Depew.

Pete Crew updated the Council on the progress of the LifeKids Task Team.

NEW BUSINESS

Stu Christians submitted his resignation as Discipleship Team Leader effective immediately. A motion to accept his resignation was made by Al Vanderberg with a second from Lois Christman. Motion carried unanimously. A new Team Leader is being considered and will be announced at the next meeting.

It was decided to reconsider the Servant lunch on May 5th and possibly make a donation instead. Further discussion of this will be held at a future date. Council agreed to support a pancake breakfast on that date to benefit the International Mission Trip instead.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Enge – Council Secretary

Council Meeting Devotion Schedule:

Jun – Kay Iversen	Jul – To Be Determined
Aug – Kent Heazlett	Sep – Radina Jansen
Oct – Cindy Tigges	Nov – Kirby Fueston
Dec – Korrie Anderson	Jan 2020 – Jim Unrau

A Note To Council Members!

Please submit all team reports
to the Church Office by
Monday, May 6.

**Faith Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 8,
at 7:001 p.m.
Discipleship Room**

All church members are welcome to attend the council meeting. Topics may also be shared with any council member for discussion at the council meeting.

Please find a list of your Council Members on the bulletin board near Pastor Lee's office.



**CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN**

As of April 26, 2019

Year To Date: \$ 41,010.00

Total Giving: \$355,002.50

Pledged
Remaining: \$ 44,997.50



**GENERAL OFFERING AND
ATTENDANCE**

2019 BUDGET: \$405,639.00

JAN. 1 - APRIL 26, 2019

YEAR TO DATE \$ 99,116.24

BALANCE
REMAINING \$306,522.76

AVG. ATTENDANCE 279

**THANK YOU FOR GENEROUSLY
GIVING IN 2019!**

Congregational Meeting April 14, 2019 | 10:30 AM

President Kyle Rouse called the meeting to order. Matt Essick, Chairman of the Call Committee, reviewed the steps they had taken to select a candidate for a Discipleship Pastor. The combined Call Committees from Faith and St. John's voted unanimously to extend a call to Pastor Jeff Hoverson for the position.

A video was shown introducing Pastor Jeff Hoverson and his family. Matt Essick reviewed for the congregation, the proposed compensation package which was approved at the Council meeting on April 10, 2019.

A motion from Greg Lear to extend a call to Pastor Jeff Hoverson as Discipleship Pastor was made. A second came from Troy Rosendahl. A ballot vote was taken resulting in 113 Yes and 5 No. Motion was carried.

Justin Spieker motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Dave Simington. The meeting closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Enge, Council Secretary

Fundraiser Calendar

Hello All!

A fundraiser calendar is new at Faith. This fundraiser calendar is being put in place as a process so fundraising may be spread out over the year as well as let members know what the money is being raised for as well as when the event is. The Financial Team believes this will streamline the fundraising so our members may be more informed.

The Financial Team is asking groups that intend to fundraise to please place their fundraisers on the fundraiser calendar in the church office as soon as possible. Discuss with your teams and get the fundraising events scheduled. The Financial Team believes this will streamline the fundraising at Faith so our members may be more informed.

Tips from the Team: Set up annual fundraisers such as pie auction, mall bake sale, etc in advance or keep them on the calendar as an annual fundraiser. The calendar is designed to go out two years for fundraisers. For example, this enables groups to raise money over a two year period for trips or over events that require more funding. These funds will, of course, be tracked as the fundraising team's project so dollar totals are regularly available.

Questions? Please talk with your Financial Team: Lori Krei, Becky Simons, or Larry Wigen.

LEADING HEALTHY *Teams*

Friday
May 10, 2019
8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
2912 Highway Blvd | Spencer

Tickets: \$100.00

Leadercast  *live*

Leadercast Live . . .

- A LOCAL, 1-day leadership event.
- Talks about Leadership issues relevant to today's leaders to provide solutions and inspiration to help attendees be better leaders.
- Brings nine top leadership experts with worldly perspectives.
- Provides leaders everywhere with the knowledge and tools to be leaders of healthy teams.



ANDY STANLEY
Leadership Author
and Communicator

Leading Healthy Teams . . .

- What defines a team's success - achievement or is there more to the story?
- A successful team is made when focus, care, attention and development is directed to its members.
- Healthy teams yield fulfilled employees, effective collaboration, high organizational engagement and greater long-term success.
- Leadercast Live brings experts in organizational health to help attendees master the art and science of developing and leading healthy teams.



CAROLINE LEAF
Communication
Pathologist



**MARCUS
SAMUELSSON**
Award-Winning
Chef, Restaurateur

Earn CEU Credits . . .

- SHRM - Society for Human Resource Management
- 4 (HR General) recertification credit hours toward California, GPHR, PHRi, SPHRi, PHR and SPHR - recertification through HRCI
- 4 hours of CNE credit by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation
- .4 or 4 hours of general CEU credits by Georgia College and State University (There is a \$10 charge for these credits.)



Information? Sponsorship? Contact Faith Lutheran at 712-580-4316
www.faithlutheranspencer.com | www.leadercast.com



Stewardship at Faith



STEWARDS OF THE MONTH:

Larry and Shirley Nelson

Larry and Shirley are often welcoming worshippers with a warm smile, a handshake and a bulletin, as they arrive on Sundays in their role as greeters and ushers. Or, they are in the kitchen helping to serve coffee and doughnuts or rolls as part of the fellowship servers.

Also, this dynamic pair has assisted in many of Faith's property projects to improve our building and facilities for our ministry together. They

helped construct the stairways to the upper mezzanine, laid carpet, built offices and classrooms, painted many walls, and stained many finish boards.

Did you know that Larry and Shirley laid out the spacing and dimensions for the painting of our parking lot?

They also help with Altar Prep. If there is a baptismal service or holy communion, they are helping to ensure that all the elements are ready for the worship service. In addition, Shirley has sewn the stoles confirmants wear on Confirmation Sundays for many years. She also has sewn covers for the communion plates, and done specialty embroidering.

WELL DONE! GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

Online Giving - A Regular Return to God

It is hard to believe that the summer months are upon us! With this comes vacations, holidays and sports. This means lots of travel and often times not being able to physically attend worship at Faith. For this reason, the Financial Team would like you to consider Online Giving.

This allows you to give even when you are not physically at Faith for worship. The instructions for Online Giving are on the website and are also

available at the church office or see instructions below.

The Financial Team: Lori Krei, Becky Simons and Larry Wigen will answer any questions and/or concerns you may have. Thank you for considering Online Giving!

We wish each of you a safe and happy summer!



ONLINE GIVING

Sending your Tithes and Offerings to Faith Lutheran is as easy as clicking your mouse! Visit our church website
www.faithlutheranspencer.com/on-line-giving/

Click the SimpleChurch Giving button, follow the instructions.
Questions? Contact the church office at 712.580.4316

Online giving provides the ability to donate on our website. After creating an account, you're able to give a donation or schedule a series of donations directly from your checking or savings account or by using your debit or credit card.



Ingham Okobojo Lutheran Bible Camp offers the following recharges, retreats, and Outreach night in May, 2019:

YOUTH RECHARGES

There are no recharges in May.

INGHAM LAKE BIBLE CAMP

May 19 - Camp Discovery Day - Kindergarten - 6th Grade

OUTREACH NIGHT

There is no Outreach Night in May.

BACKPACK EXPEDITION

July 21-28 with trained wilderness guide Kyle Rouse! The expedition is limited to 10 participants.

For more information go to www.okobojo.org/expedition

For more information or to register for an event, please contact Registrar Sara at registrar@okobojo.org or call 712-337-3306 or visit IOLBC's website at www.okobojo.org

LifeKids Task Team

Members of the Task Team are: Pete Crew, Eric Patten, Ann Lear,



Courtney Schwartz,
Kyle and Jamie Rouse,
Pastor Lee and Lori Krei.

Resurrection Power

April brought the most anticipated event on the Christian calendar ... Easter!

We mourned through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as we recollected the events of the Passion Week.

We celebrated the power of the resurrection as Jesus conquered sin and death on Easter morning. The significance of Jesus rising from the dead is pivotal in the story that God is telling from beginning of creation to the end. As Jesus conquered death, you and I also conquer death through His forgiveness of our sins. When Jesus forgives our sins, we go from sinner to saint. Cursed, to redeemed and saved. Foreigner and stranger, to a child of God's family. Nothing can compare in all of history with the resurrection.

The resurrection of Christ is the most important event ever recorded. Through the resurrection, Jesus brought new life. Just as Jesus rose from the dead, we to rise from the waters of our baptism. Jesus cleanses our hearts from of sin, and we begin to live a new life in Christ. Jesus then gives us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all righteousness as we live our daily lives. All of our life becomes about Christ, for Christ, in Christ, to Christ, and through Christ.

May you be empowered to live a new life, empowered to live in resurrection power, by the strength and love of God found through the forgiveness of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen!

Eric Patten
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Let's Match!

The gracious donor of \$10,000 to LifeKids has challenged our congregation to match this donation. Let's pool our resources and add another \$10,000 to the LifeKids fund account. If you wish to give to this fund please mark your donation as "LifeKids Match". As the fund increases by \$1,000 a LifeKids logo will be attached to the poster! Let's support this program and bless the families of Spencer!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!</p> <p>For more up-to-date information, go to "Events" on our website www.faithlutheranspencer.com</p>			<p>May 1</p> <p>11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 3:30 p.m. LifeKids 5:15 p.m. Properties Team mtg. 5:30 p.m. Executive Team mtg. 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group</p>	<p>May 2</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Coffee Group 1:00 p.m. Loopy Ladies</p>	<p>May 3</p> <p>5:30 p.m. International Mission Trip Team mtg.</p>	<p>May 4</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Girls Journey Team</p>
<p>May 5</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal 8:15 a.m. Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Pancake Breakfast Sunday Evening Journey Team</p>	<p>May 6</p>	<p>May 7</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Staff meeting 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study</p>	<p>May 8</p> <p>11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 3:30 p.m. LifeKids 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Council mtg.</p>	<p>May 9</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Coffee Group</p>	<p>May 10</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Leadercast 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Mother's Day basket pick up</p>	<p>May 11</p> <p>Men's Bible Study Girls Journey Team 10:00 a.m. Ann Viedenkamp funeral 5:00-8:00 p.m. Graduation party: Nathan McKenney</p>
<p>May 12 - Mother's Day</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal 8:15 a.m. Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Large-group Sunday School</p>	<p>May 13</p>	<p>May 14</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Staff meeting 1:30 p.m. Women's Small Group Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study</p>	<p>May 15</p> <p>11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 3:30 p.m. LifeKids 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group</p>	<p>May 16</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Coffee Group 1:00 p.m. Loopy Ladies</p>	<p>May 17</p>	<p>May 18</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Girls Journey Team</p>
<p>May 19 - Senior Recognition</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal 8:15 a.m. Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (last day of classes)</p>	<p>May 20</p>	<p>May 21</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Staff meeting 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study</p>	<p>May 22</p> <p>11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 3:30 p.m. LifeKids 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group</p>	<p>May 23</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Coffee Group</p>	<p>May 24</p>	<p>May 25</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Girls Journey Team</p>
<p>May 26</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal 8:15 a.m. Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Teacher meeting</p>	<p>May 27</p>	<p>May 28</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mission Work Day 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study</p>	<p>May 29</p> <p>11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 3:30 p.m. LifeKids 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation (fun day) 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group</p>	<p>May 30</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Coffee Group 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Team mtg.</p>	<p>May 31</p>	

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - APRIL, 2019

No Births | No Baptisms | No Marriages

Death: Ann Viedenkamp, April 14, 2019

New Members: Nancy Peterson, Bill McCarroll,
Heidi Skadeland, Tony and Laura Ranslow,
Amy Bendlin and Dax Ginger

First Communion: Stella Anderson,
Abbey Crew, Blaine Erdman, Conner Essick,
Gavin Patten, Ellie Spieker

Confirmation: Emily Campbell,
Autumn Erdman, Jada Piercy, Reid Tigges

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