

Faith Lutheran Church - Volume 3, Issue 9 - September, 2019

In Full Swing!

September is here! And with it a host of activities at Faith! Read the newsletter today to learn how and where you can find a place (or two) to connect with others and deepen your faith.

The month begins with the **Labor Day holiday on September 2.** Even the church office will be closed that day. It's a good time to rest or enjoy those last activities with an extra day!

WoW! is back again! It is a fun evening complete with a **prepared meal at 5:30 p.m.** and worship beginning at **6:30 p.m.** This year's theme is Bible Superheroes. Plan to join us each Wednesday

The first four Sundays in September **Pastor Lee will teach** a 4-session course on four stories from the book of Daniel. Check the bulletin to find out where the course is taught each week!

The first 3 Sundays the children will gather together for large group Sunday School. After worship, the children will be behind the worship wall for an hour of activity.

Bible Presentation Sunday is September 22. Those receiving bibles include pre-school,

kindergarten, 2nd grade, and new students. This is a special gift to our children at Faith. We are thrilled they can dive in to the bible so soon!

On **September 29** we welcome **Dr. David Lerseth** with Friends of Madagascar Mission (FOMM). He will share a message and then share the mission work in Madagascar.

The church is filled with people and activity. Thanks be to God!

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Many Opportunities

Greetings, friends. How's it growing? Your faith, I mean. The month of September gives us many opportunities each week to grow deep in

our faith walk with Jesus Christ. I encourage you to plug in, keep in close fellowship with Christ and the church, and continue to grow in your knowledge and love of Jesus. He calls us in love to follow and learn as His disciples.

Worship – Sunday mornings this month, we will finish the series called the Prophet's Hope. We will focus on Daniel and Ezekiel. Then, the last Sunday of the month, we welcome Dr. David Lerseth, who will share with us about mission work in Madagascar [FOMM] for a Mission Sunday. Commit your heart to worship every Sunday!

Adult Education @ **10:30 Sundays** – Please come study about Daniel and the stories of God's faithfulness to His people in exile.

WoW! – Worship on Wednesday is a student-led worship time each Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. It's a great mid-week opportunity to recharge your spirit and your faith. Come at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy a family style meal and fellowship together.

Stephen Ministry – I am very excited that Faith is now a Stephen Ministry congregation. Eric Patten will be offering two weekly sessions in compassionate, caring discipleship. Even if you take the class, but decide not to "officially" become a Stephen Minister, this course will have us grow deep as disciples of Jesus, learning excellent life skills for all aspects of life.

What's your God story? – Every believer in Christ has a unique God story. What is yours? Each person's faith story is as distinct as fingerprints. This fall, we wish to refresh our commitment to be a church that invites, welcomes, and shares with others our love for Jesus. In October, Eric Patten will be teaching a Sunday morning class, "Contagious Christians." I hope that everyone will plan to take the course and feel equipped to share our "God stories" with others.

Journey Teams – Journey teams are small groups of people meeting regularly to study the Bible, study a Christian course, pray, and fellowship with one another. These faith friendships will strengthen our whole church, and empower us to carry out God's mission. Please consider starting one or joining one today!

Family and/or personal devotions and prayer – Wouldn't it be powerful if each household of Faith would commit to have daily devotions together? When a family has devotions and prays together, that is a "journey team." I encourage you to be intentional about "feeding" your faith to keep it strong.

I don't know about you, but I find food at least three times a day, usually more. Yet, how often do we feed our faith to keep it strong, healthy, and growing? Let's make use of all our opportunities at Faith to stay strong for the Lord!

See you in worship!

Pastor Lee Laaveg

REGISTER YOUR CHILD OR CHILDREN FOR ...

Sunday School!

- Online at http://bit.ly/2Z0CxFH
- Contact Korrie Anderson 712.363.3556 childrensministry@faithlutheranspencer.com



The Church Office 712.580.4316 faithlutheran@smunet.net



LifeKids!

- Contact Eric Patten 712.229.1340 eric@faithlutheranspencer.com
- The Church Office 712.580.4316 faithlutheran@smunet.net

Birthdays

September 2 Shirley Parks

Christine Piercy

September 4 Lauren Rouse

Shawn Sembach

September 5 Isaac Edie

September 6 Justin Lee

September 7 Jared Hansen

Betty Ricklefs

September 8 Dylan Harris

September 9 Jacob Heikens

September 10 Tracy Coleman Wigen

Marcia Klett

September 11 Andre Enge

September 12 Harper Stykel

September 13 Parker Gilley/Harrington

September 14 Stella Anderson

Rory Schuster Sydney Schwartz

Diane Van Kleek

September 16 Ken Ricklefs

September 17 Barb Enge

Jeremy Voit

September 18 Larry Clark

September 20 Rachel Simington

September 22 Sheryl Lee

September 23 Jackson Hummel

September 26 Julie Williams

Brayden Yungbluth

September 27 Madelyn Edie

Steve Johnson

September 30 Nancy Heckathorn

Ellie Sp<mark>ieker</mark> Keith Van Kleek

Enniversaries

September 5 Kent & Marci Sandven

September 12 Chris & Carolyn Christofferson

September 13 Bob & Pam Livasy

September 14 Wayne & Barbara Burnham

September 16 Brad & Lori Krei

Eric & Syndee Patten

Mark & Rhonda Vreeman

September 19 Mark & Lauriann Heilman

Eric & Cindy Tigges

September 21 Gene & Pam Englin

Eli & Sara Franker

September 25 Shawn & Mary Sembach



Mexico City Recapped

Submitted by Cindy Tigges

Thank you to our church family! Without your love and support our trip to Mexico City would not have been possible. Thank you in memory of Charin Brockshus and the Brockshus family for their generosity to provide eye glasses and medications to the extremely needy.

What an impactful trip ... as it always is. Seeing God work through our members of the team by not only taking care of the Mexican people's immediate needs but also by sharing His love was truly an experience to share. It was so amazing to have young people with us, who even though language was a barrier they worked so well with the people and never complained of the long bus rides, the no lunches and the unclean work areas.

The whole team had their hearts in the right place ... sharing God's love. I have told people, if you ever have the chance go on a mission trip and serve our Lord, do it ... it will change you forever. One of the best parts of this trip was how we were able to not only give many people their much needed eye glasses and medications but we were also able to plant a seed of faith and hope. For those that we blessed, prayed with and shared God's love, they were given the opportunity at the local church we worked at to continue to learn more about our Lord. They were given hope in an area of the world that is so poor, and in desperate need of salvation.

During our week we served along with OSI (Operation Serve International) and Zion Church the following weekly totals:

Medical: 150 Optical: 264 Healthcare: 56 Haircuts: 104
Nails: 117 Kids: 250 Dental: 46 Salvations: 120!!!!!

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 Scholarship 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



Dark-colored Hand Towels

Thank you for your generosity!

Please place the items in the yellow Mission box by the front door.

Assemble Kits & Quilts | Tuesday, Sept. 24 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!**

Great News!! Faith Lutheran is a Stephen Ministry Congregation!

Stephen Ministry is a wonderful ministry program which trains and equips Christians to be devoted, caring followers of Jesus Christ. It is a discipleship course designed to teach all believers to engage others in relationships of listening, compassion, encouragement, and support. Because Faith Lutheran is a "lay-led" congregation, this ministry program is a perfect fit for us.

Eric Patten will teach classes on

Thursdays 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

or

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Classes begin September 19.

The classes will go through April 2020, giving each minister 50 hours of coursework.



Sunday, September 1

Large-group Sunday School Adult Sunday School - Daniel 1 with Pastor Lee

Sunday, September 8

Large-group Sunday School Adult Sunday School - Daniel 3 with Pastor Lee

♦ Sunday, September 15

Large-group Sunday School Adult Sunday School - Daniel 5 with Pastor Lee



Sunday, September 22

Bible Presentation Sunday Sunday School classes begin Adult Sunday School - Daniel 6 with Pastor Lee

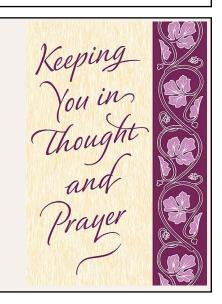
♦ Sunday, September 29 - Mission Sunday

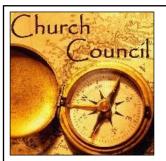
Dr. David Lerseth guest speaker

Keeping 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, battling addictions and depression or grieving the loss of a loved one. With your power, restore them to wholeness and give them your joy. Amen.

Bless Tracy Bengston, Alice Nielsen, Todd Darnell,
Susan Blair, Niles Swancutt, Bob Rovang,
John and Jacinda Tracey and their daughter Braelynn,
Dr. Steven Wolfe, Jack Greene, Gerry Ferguson,
and Wyatt Leininger.





Church Council Meeting | Special Session August 7, 2019 | 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Courtney Schwartz, Paul Behrens, Korrie Anderson, Jim Unrau, Kirby Fueston, LaVonne Clark, Lois Christman, Al Vanderberg, Kyle Rouse, Pete Crew, Pastor Lee, Cindy Tigges, Kay Iversen, Eric Patten and

Barb Enge

The Church Council met in a special session to make a decision concerning LifeKids and a contract with IOLBC YMT. (Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp – Youth Ministry Team).

President Kyle Rouse called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer. The regularly scheduled Council meeting will still be held on August 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The Council was presented with a contract for the YMT position. Following discussion, a motion to accept the contract for IOLBC to provide a YMT member for the 2019-2020 school year was made by Courtney Schwartz and a second came from Korrie Anderson. The vote was unanimously approved. A copy of the contract is attached.

A motion to accept the financial reports for May was made by Korrie Anderson with a second by Lois Christman. The vote was unanimously carried.

A motion to accept June financial reports was made by Courtney Schwartz with a second by Korrie Anderson. This motion was unanimously carried.

The delayed acceptance of May and June financials were due to the lack of a quorum for the June and July meetings. Minutes from the May, June and July 7th meeting will be accepted with a vote during the August 14th Council meeting.

Courtney Schwartz motioned to adjourn with a second from LaVonne Clark, this motion was carried unanimously. Pastor Lee closed our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Enge – Council Secretary

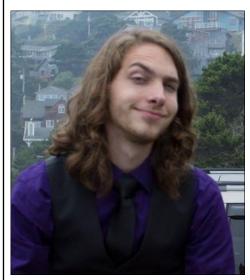
Church Council Meeting Special Session August 14, 2019 | 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Radina Jansen, Courtney Schwartz, Paul Behrens, Korrie Anderson, Jim Unrau, Kent Heazlett, Kirby Fueston, LaVonne Clark, Lois Christman, Al Vanderberg, Kyle Rouse, Lori Krei, Cindy Tigges, Kay Iversen, and Barb Enge.

President Kyle Rouse called the meeting to order and Kent Heazlett opened the meeting with a devotion.

Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the May minutes was made by Al Vanderberg with a second from Paul Behrens. The vote was unanimous to approve. Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the June minutes was made by LaVonne Clark with a second from Kirby Fueston. The vote was unanimous to approve. Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the July minutes was made by Courtney Schwartz with a second from Kent Heazlett. The

Welcome Evan Nielsen!



In partnership with Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps, Evan Nielsen of Harlan, Iowa, is joining the staff of Faith Lutheran beginning in September. He will work with Faith LifeKids each Wednesday and one Monday a month, share in WOW (Worship on Wednesdays), assist with all aspects of Youth ministry and events, teach Sunday School, and assist with Faith confirmation.

Evan is part-time at the Bible camp and part-time at Faith. He is designated by the camp as a YMT (Youth Ministry in Training). Approximate division of hours is 20 to 25 hours for each ministry. He will work with us until May 2020. Welcome Evan! May you feel blessed by God's Spirit as you serve Him at Faith!

vote was unanimous to approve. Minutes from the August 7 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the August 7 minutes was made by Kent Heazlett with a second from Radina Jansen. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Financial Reports for July were not available. Council will review at the September meeting.

The LCMC Iowa District Annual Gathering to be held November 9, 2019 at Faith was discussed. Lori provided the council with a tentative itinerary for the day. A committee will be working with the various Teams that will be affected. A copy of the itinerary is attached.

Pastor's report and President's report were covered at the August 7 meeting.

In the absence of Pete Crew, Life Kids update was tabled for the September meeting. Teams that submitted reports are attached.

A date for the Leadership Retreat has been set for November 17th immediately following the "Thanks for Giving" service and lunch. More information will follow as it becomes available.

A reminder was mentioned for the Nominating Committee. The Annual Meeting is fast approaching and an opportunity for new Team Members to serve in the following ways include: Music & Creative Arts, Finance, Properties, Discipleship and Youth Ministry. Members of the Nominating committee are: Dennis and Jan Larson, Ann Lear, Shirley Kooker and Cole Milbrath.

A motion to adjourn was made by Al Vanderberg with a second from Paul Behrens. Vote was

unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted, Barb Enge – Council Secretary

Devotional Schedule:

Sept. – Radina Jansen Oct. – Cindy Tigges
Nov. – Kirby Fueston Dec. – Korrie Anderson

Jan., 2020 – Jim Unrau

A Note To Council Members!

Please submit your team's report to the Church Office for the September 11 Council meeting by Monday, September 9.

Email the report to: office@faithlutheranspencer.com Thank you!

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7:00 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 August 18, 2019

Year To Date: \$ 49,010.00

Total Giving: \$363,002.50

Pledged

Remaining: \$ 36,997.50



GENERAL OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

2019 BUDGET: \$405,639.00

JAN. 1 - AUGUST 18, 2019

YEAR TO DATE \$200,885.66

BALANCE

REMAINING \$204,753.34

AVG. ATTENDANCE 172

THANK YOU FOR GENEROUSLY GIVING IN 2019!



Discipleship: What's your next step?

Discipleship in Stephen Ministry

Discipleship... the process of walking alongside someone, helping him or her grow in a relationship with Christ. An intentional training and pouring into someone to see their roots of faith grow deeper. Like



planting a flower or soybean in the spring, you take special care to help the plant grow. Sometimes that means pulling weeds around it, pouring water onto it, or adding proper nutrients to the soil.

The same thing happens with discipleship. We speak words of truth to a brother or sister in Christ where sin is creeping in. We give him or her Jesus at the right time, who is the well that never runs dry. We encourage him or her to come to church, connect into a Bible study, or keep diving deep in morning devotionals to add nutrients of life to the soul.

Finally, sometimes discipleship is caught not taught. Being Christ to someone and walking alongside with the character of Christ can be infectious and contagious. When others see Christ in you, they will want Him too.

Some of these same characteristics of ministering to others are found in Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministry is a ministry where you intentionally walk alongside with someone as a care giver, with the hope that they will grow in Christ and find healing in Him. Jesus is the true healer of the heart, and Stephen Ministers seek to lead others to Him. Stephen Ministry is a process of discipleship, filled with compassionate care and depth of faith.

For more information about Stephen Ministry, how to become a Stephen Minister, or how to receive care from a Stephen Minister, please contact me.

Be filled with the Lord!





Stewardship at Faith

Stewards of the Month



Stan and Jodene Jongma

Stan and Jodene Jongma are another busy pair at Faith! And they are willing to serve in any capacity! They help with fellowship, greeting, ushering, communion, serving for the banquets by the Children's Ministry team, and providing food for various events at Faith.

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant!

The Beauty Of Stewardship

Stewardship has to do with how we manage our time, talent, resources - basically our entire lives. It's a beautiful concept when properly understood. Here are the basics of good stewardship:

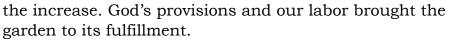
- God is the source of all creation, including our lives.
- God is the primary owner of all that exists.

We are blessed by being given the task of managing well all that we have influence over: our lives, our abilities, our minds and bodies, our time, our part of the earth, our finances, our children, our church buildings, our automobiles, etc.

Although we can make decisions regarding each of the above, ultimately we are responsible to God. Sooner or later, we must give an account of our management of God's creation and of God's gifts.

When we properly use the talents, resources and property that God allows us to manage, we find great joy. Think of planting a garden which soon overflows

with colorful flowers, wonderful vegetables and flavorful herbs, etc. God gave us the plot of ground, God gave us the seed, God gave us the wisdom and strength to bring forth such beauty, such good things to see or eat, or smell. Yet we did the work, with God's help, to make it a reality. Like Adam we tilled it and kept it. But God gave

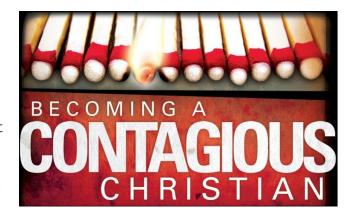


Good stewardship enables us to do something positive and wonderful with the money God has allowed us to have. What feels better than knowing one has managed money well? Our bank account, our checkbook and our portfolio tell the story. When money is handled well, we have enough for ourselves and are still able to give to God's work.

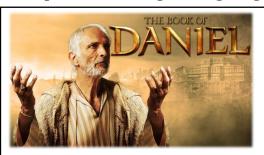
That is the beauty of stewardship.

Communicating Your Faith!

"This might surprise you. You've probably thought of communicating your faith as an important obligation, something you may feel guilty about not doing more. But until you really dive in, you won't realize that extending Christ to others can give your relationship with Him an exciting sense of the unexpected.



God gets great pleasure from sending His agents on secret reconnaissance missions with personal instructions no one else knows about. He loves to stretch us beyond our comfort zones and challenge us to take risks on the front lines of His kingdom-advancement enterprises. He delights in giving us action-on-the-edge where, with white knuckles, we'll



Daniel Bible Study

In September, Pastor Lee will teach a 4-session course on four stories from the book of Daniel.

Set in the country of Babylon, Daniel teaches us important truths of faith directly applicable to our lives of faith as Christian believers today.

Plan to be a part of this 4-week study!

September 1 - Daniel 1 September 8 - Daniel 3

September 15 - Daniel 5

September 22 - Daniel 6

cling to Him as He takes us on the spiritual ride of our lives. The thrilling part is that He does this to help us grow as well as to spread His love to more and more wayward people.

In other words, the Christian life is one of faith, where we find ourselves routinely overdriving our headlights but knowing it's okay because God is in control and has a purpose behind it.

Does this image excite you? If not, it might be a sign that you've been playing it safe in your spiritual life. Maybe it's time to take steps toward becoming a more contagious Christian, one God can use in His exciting search and rescue mission."

These words are an excerpt from the book, "Becoming a Contagious Christian" by Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg. In October, we at Faith will begin a journey of learning how to share our faith with others ... our God story. If these words strike your heart as compelling or stirring, join the adult Sunday School Class in October as we read this book over seven weeks and learn how to become a **Contagious Christian!**

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp offers the following...

Fall Elderversity

Travel Camp - Ark Encounter

Outreach Night - Capture the Flag

Fall Recharge - 4th - 6th grades

Woman's Day Away

Sept. 9-11

Sept. 9-11

Oct. 6

Oct. 6

Oct. 18-20

Oct. 19



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 1 8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal 8:15 a.m. Prayer time	September 2	September 3	September 4 11 a.m 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 3:30 p.m. LifeKids	September 5	Santombar 6	September 7
- 6	Office Closed	5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study		8:30 a.m. Coffee Group		7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
September 8 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 Adult Sunday School	September 9	September 10 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting 1:30 p.m. Women's Small Group Bible Study - CANCELLED 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	September 11 11 a.m 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 3:30 p.m. LifeKids 5:30 p.m. Community Meal 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Wow! Worship 7:00 p.m. Council meeting Worship Vocalist Reh.	September 12 8:30 a.m. Coffee Group - Cancelled	September 13	September 14 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - AUGUST, 2019

Births | Baptisms | Marriages: Bill McCarroll and Nancy Petersen, Aug. 24 Deaths: Carol Wigen, Aug. 2 | New Members | First Communion | Confirmed

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Mondays @ 8:30 p.m. I Tuesdays @ 11:00 a.m.