



# Faith Life Together

Indeed, the LORD will give what is good,  
And our land will yield its produce. Psalm 85:12

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## *Because You Prayed . . .*

*You don't know how many people have been strengthened because you asked God to encourage them; how many people have been healed because you prayed for their bodies; how many spiritual runaways have come home because you prayed for their souls. None of us may ever know the true effects of our prayers this side of death.*

*But we do know this: History belongs to the intercessors.*

John Ortberg, *The Life You've Always Wanted!*

## *October . . .*

The month of October begins with the **LCMC 19th Annual Gathering in Omaha**, September 29 – October 2. People from the United States and around the world will gather to worship, celebrate, and work. The LCMC has grown and changed a great deal these past 19 years. The coming year will see more leadership transitions as well. Please pray for all those attending this gathering including our church representatives Pastor and Denise Laaveg and Lori and Brad Krei. Look for a report next month!

For the past several years, the finance ministry team has stated their goal to create an **Endowment Fund for Faith**. Over the past year a dedicated group of people have been working on this project and are ready to present "Faith Funds" to our congregation. What does this look like? How can you participate? Plan to attend and informational presentation immediately following worship on October 6.

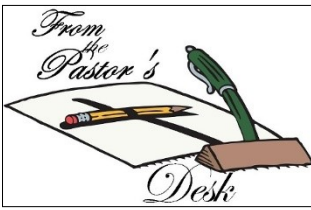
**New members** will join Faith this month. New member orientation is October 13. We will welcome our new members in worship on October 20. We are so excited for these new members to join us on our journey with the Lord!

**Reformation Sunday is October 27.** This is the Sunday all Lutherans celebrate the beauty of the themes in Luther's reformation - Scripture alone; faith alone; grace alone, Christ alone; to the glory of God alone.

Praise God for our blessings and for our family of Faith!

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## Celebrating Opportunities

At the beginning of 2019, we said that this year would be an adventure of Faith. It certainly is, and continues to be. Beyond attending worship each Sunday and Wednesdays with WOW, we have many, many wonderful opportunities for all ages to grow in faith. This joint is jumpin'!

**Fellowship!** We love coffee, good food, and *fellowship* at Faith. It strengthens our friendships as we journey together. We enjoy a cup before and after worship. But, did you know that all are welcome to come on Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and fellowship? Also, we host a community meal for all ages each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. followed by WoW! Is there someone at Faith you do not know yet? Grab a cup, sit down and make a new friend.

**Singing!** Do you love to *sing*? A “pick-up” choir is rehearsing each Sunday, immediately after worship until Sunday School classes begin. All God’s children have a place in the choir! This choir will share a special song in worship on Reformation Sunday.

**Deeper Discipleship!** Do you want to go *deeper in your discipleship* studies? Do you desire to learn more of God’s Word? Do you wish to be equipped to serve Christ in a special way? This month, Eric Patten begins teaching a class on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. called “**Contagious Christians.**” Every person of faith has a “God Story.” What’s your story? We want to be a church full of people willing to share their love for Jesus with others.

Also, we are offering the opportunity to learn to go deep in compassionate discipleship through a course called **Stephen Ministry**. Stephen Ministry trains and equips people to support anyone facing adversity to experience the love of Jesus. It also offers life skills that serve people well in all relationships.

In addition, we continue to encourage all people of Faith to be in a “**journey team**” to gather for friendship, Bible study, and prayer. The church office can direct you to one of our existing small groups. Eric and I would be delighted to assist you to form a “journey team” with others from Faith, or from your circle of friends.

**Serve!** The question is not IF everyone should serve, but *where* you would like to serve. Each Sunday, many volunteers are needed to lead various roles in worship, or in the tech booth, or teaching Sunday School, or greeting people. Come help create quilts on mission days, prayers shawls with the “loopy ladies” or weighted blankets for people who appreciate the comfort they provide. Take a turn serving coffee. Serve as a surrogate grandparent for LifeKids. Roll up your sleeves and serve with the Property team on one of their numerous projects. There is joy in serving!

**Leaders!** We need *Leaders* for Faith. We have always enjoyed excellent people serving on Faith Council. Faith Council is made up of people chairing the various ministry teams who carry out all the different areas of our faith life together. Each of these teams needs committed, willing people to make ministry happen. Is there an area of our congregation’s life that stirs your passion? Offer to join one of our ministry teams! Is the Spirit calling you to be a leader of Faith?

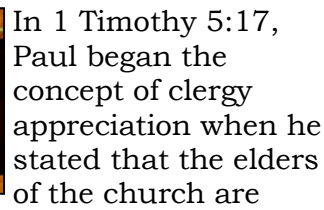
**Cross-Generational Events!** This year we are continuing to offer Cross-Generational events for people of all ages at all stages of life. By the time you read this, we will have had a blast together on a hayride on Simington’s farm. In the coming months we will offer more Cross-Generational opportunities: Skiing retreat, movie nights, Twins games, and concerts. Do you have ideas for events you would like to see happen? Please share them!

Whew! Many opportunities for the people of Faith to have fun, enjoy friendship, grow strong spiritually, serve the congregation’s mission and worship our Lord! Thanks for all the ways you plug in and make our congregation a wonderful church family.

Journeying with you in Faith,

Pastor Lee





**Thank you Pastor Lee for leading the flock at Faith Lutheran! Your hard work along with your kind and willing heart are so appreciated!**

## Friday Fellowship at Northshire

The topic might include bringing a pet, sharing about a trip, or sharing a talent (musical, hobbies, etc.).

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| October 2  | Ryker Morrow<br>Riley Morrow                                 |
| October 4  | Sharon Simington   |
| October 5  | Noah Spieker   |
| October 6  | Gary Arndt<br>Roger Godfredsen<br>Fern Sembach<br>Joan Unrau |
| October 7  | Joan Helland   |
| October 8  | Ross Brockshus<br>Vickie Godfredsen<br>Elliot Stykel         |
| October 9  | Bennet Hansen<br>Rod Quanbeck                                |
| October 12 | Blake Kooker<br>Andy Yungbluth                               |
| October 14 | Patricia Rohmiller   |
| October 15 | Joan Loring<br>Simon McKenney                                |
| October 16 | Doug Schwartz  |
| October 17 | Allison Brown  |
| October 19 | Dave Susie   |

## Anniversaries

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# Missions

***Once a month we spotlight one of the missions Faith Lutheran Church contributes to. This month we look at China Service Ventures!***

In 1890, a farmer from Iowa, with a clear call to missionary work in China, sold his farm and possessions and left for China with \$500 in his pocket. In 1901, he moved his family to begin a mission outpost in a remote town in the southern Henan Province (about 500 miles west of Shanghai). Over time, friends and churches began sending support. Soon others were sent to join them in the work.

Dr. Paul Martinson, a missionary and teacher at Luther Seminary, and his wife, Ida, had a vision to go to this area in the 1990's. Missionaries were still not officially welcome in China and Henan Province was one of China's poorest provinces. Paul and others decided their mission would be to improve the quality of life for the rural poor. This mission effort was given the name China Service Ventures (CSV).

CSV works to provide a brighter future for stay behind children in Henan through innovative educational programming and cooperative partnerships. To inspire stay behind children to a better life CSV provides: Financial aid; Innovative education; Train and equip teachers and school administrators; Facilitate faculty and student exchanges; Provide cross-cultural opportunities in China and abroad to help broaden a student's world perspective; And work in partnership with provincial, country, and local governments and education authorities and community leaders to provide the best possible learning environments, educational materials, and educational programming. It is estimated that 6% of the Chinese people identify as Christian and the missionaries are able to give witness to the Gospel through Jesus' words, "Not to be served, but to serve."

To learn more about China Service Ventures, go to [www.chinaserviceventures.org](http://www.chinaserviceventures.org)



## Personal Care Kit Items

**On November 10 Faith Lutheran members will assemble Personal Care Kits.**

**Our goal is to tie up 150 - or more - kits!**

**Your help is needed both NOW and THEN.**

**Now** - we need to gather the items listed below. That means 150 towels, 150 bars of soap, 150 adult-sized toothbrushes and 150 metal nail clippers ... Or more!!!

**Then** - on November 10, we need **YOU** to help tie the bundles!!



- Dark colored bath towels (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27")
- Bath size bars of soap
- Adult-sized toothbrushes
- Metal nail clippers (with or without nail file)



**Thank you for your generosity!**

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

**October Prep Work Day (Help us prepare for November 10!)**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 29 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

We invite you to join us as we work to prepare for Sunday, Nov. 10, when the congregation will help tie quilts. At noon, we have a potluck lunch with the main dish provided.

**Please join us!**

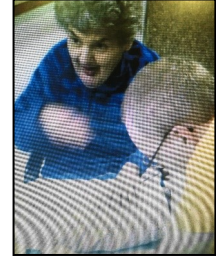
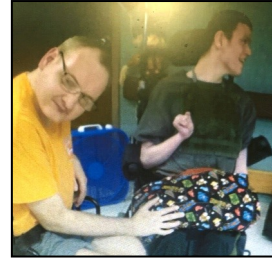
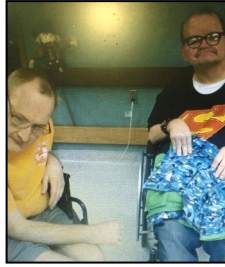






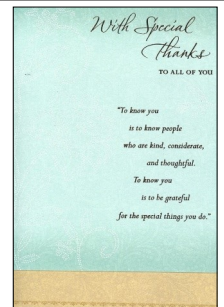
LORD, for those who make, who live out their faith with kindness and care, who share Your love in so many ways, big and small ... We gratefully say, "Thank you." You are a blessing and your ministry helps make the world a brighter place every day.

*Eric Becker and clients are very grateful for all your hard work and generosity of the weighted blanket for Eric and his housemates. They are very much appreciated! May God bless! One Vision and Lisa and Garold Becker*



With Special Thanks to all of you ... "To know you is to know people who are kind, considerate, and thoughtful. To know you is to be grateful for the special things you do." For everything you've done ... For being the special people that you are ... Thank you so very much.

*Thank you for making this easy!  
Mom enjoyed all of you and attending church.  
Blessings!  
Cindy Drefke - Jean Halverson's daughter*



Faith Lutheran Church thanks Norm Halverson for the donation of a walker.

*Thank you!*

Thank you for the prayers! I am home from the hospital and am doing well, returning to full health after the heart surgeries.

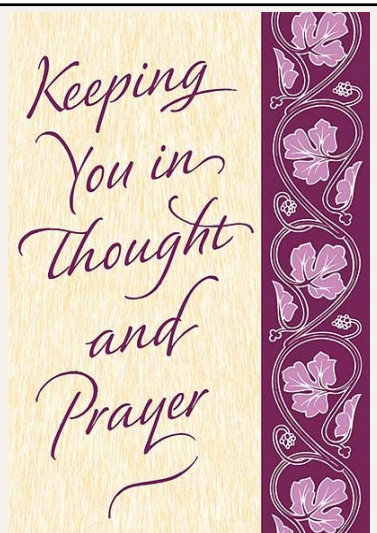
God bless you all!  
Bob Rovang



## *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.

Please bless: Pam Egland; Wyatt Leininger; Jonny Hernandez; Tracy Bengston; Fern Sembach; Kathy Petersen; Joan and Orville Helland; Kate, Patrick, Ryker and Riley Morrow; Al Swanson; and John, Jacinda and Braelynn Tracey.





# Worship

## *Encountering God in Worship*

I remember as a young girl attending Ingham Lake Lutheran Bible Camp with friends. In the evenings we joined others around the campfire for singing. It was the first time in my life that I experienced an emotional feeling that we were in God's presence, truly worshipping Him.

That is what we seek at Faith Lutheran as we plan and experience the worship services. Through the music, the themes, the videos, the dramas, the Word of God, the sermons, and prayer we wish you to encounter a meaningful encounter with God.

I receive many names of favorite contemporary Christian songs, old favorite hymns and favorite gospel songs from worshippers. Please continue to do so! I put them on a list and then plan accordingly with the themes planned.

I look forward to worshipping God with you every Sunday!

*Denise Laaveg*

Worship Director

*"The final aim and reason of all music is nothing other than the glorification of God and the refreshment of the spirit."*

*J.S. Bach*



## **Worship on Wednesday**

### **The 5:30 - 6:20 p.m. Meal**

The main meal is provided for all -  
Faith Lutheran members  
as well as the community!

Ladies - and Gentlemen - are asked to dust off  
their dessert recipes for the dessert potluck!

### **The 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Worship service**

A contemporary, youth-led  
worship service for everyone!

Worship theme is:  
Super Heroes of the Bible!

## **Reformation Pick-Up Choir Rehearsals**



All ages are invited to sing  
Matt Redman's "Better Is One Day" on  
Reformation Sunday, Oct 27.

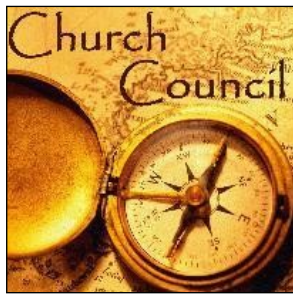
Rehearsals will follow church services until  
10:30 on September 29, October 13 and 20.

**Please note there is NO rehearsal on  
Sunday, October 6.**

**Come and enjoy praising God  
together!**



*Thank you!  
Denise Laaveg*



## Church Council Meeting | September 11, 2019 | 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Radina Jansen, Courtney Schwartz, Paul Behrens, Jim Unrau, Kirby Fueston, LaVonne Clark, Lois Christman, Kyle Rouse, Cindy Tigges, Kay Iversen, Pastor Lee, Evan Nielsen and Barb Enge.

President Kyle Rouse called the meeting to order and Kay Iversen opened the meeting with a devotion.

Evan Nielsen was welcomed to Faith and Council members briefly introduced themselves and shared information for the various teams they represent.

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Paul Behrens with a second from LaVonne Clark. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Financial Reports for July were reviewed. Lois Christman motioned that the financials be accepted. Courtney Schwartz seconded. Approval was unanimous. A motion to accept the August financials was made by Kirby Fueston and seconded by Courtney Schwartz. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Pastor's Report is attached as well as reports submitted by the Ministry Teams.

Kyle Rouse will be contacting the Nominating Committee to review progress for the upcoming nomination deadline. 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.

Kirby Fueston volunteered to man the registration table for the LCMC Gathering to be held November 9<sup>th</sup> at Faith. Lori Krei will continue with the planning for the Gathering.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kirby Fueston with a second from Courtney Schwartz. Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barb Enge – Council Secretary

### Devotional Schedule:

Oct. – Cindy Tigges  
Dec. – Korrie Anderson

Nov. – Kirby Fueston  
Jan., 2020 – Jim Unrau

### **A Note To Council Members!**

Please **submit your team's report** to the Church Office for the October 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting by **Monday, October 7.**

Email the report to:  
[office@faithlutheranspencer.com](mailto:office@faithlutheranspencer.com)  
Thank you!



**Faith Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
Wednesday, October 9  
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.



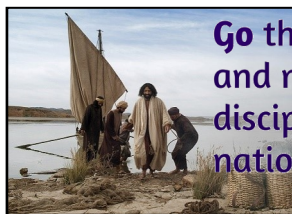
**CAPITAL  
CAMPAIGN**

As of September 22, 2019  
Year To Date: \$ 49,295.00  
Total Giving: \$363,287.50  
Pledged  
Remaining: \$ 36,712.50



**GENERAL OFFERING AND  
ATTENDANCE**

**2019 BUDGET: \$405,639.00**  
**JAN. 1 - SEPTEMBER 22, 2019**  
YEAR TO DATE \$225,639.22  
BALANCE  
REMAINING \$179,999.78  
AVG. ATTENDANCE 174  
**THANK YOU FOR GENEROUSLY  
GIVING IN 2019!**



**Go therefore  
and make  
disciples of all  
nations ...**

- Matthew 28:19

# Discipleship

## Stephen Ministry

Have you ever helped someone who was struggling with a life challenge, and realized you got a little too close to the situation as you helped? Have you felt sympathy for someone, but didn't want to get too close to help, or truthfully couldn't help because it was beyond your ability to help? Have you ever felt compassionate empathy for someone, where you were able to take one step down into the mud to help pull them out, all the while keeping a hand gripped on Jesus to keep your bearings with reality and pull them closer to Jesus Himself?

Future Stephen Ministers have begun the process of learning how to effectively share the love of Christ with those who are hurting, while staying grounded and rooted in Christ. Having effective and compassionate empathy for those in need while offering the love of God gives us the ability to help people get unstuck from the mud and messes of life.

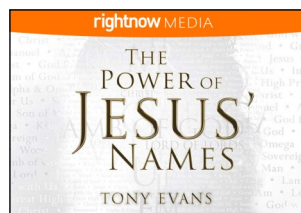
Do you want to help people in need? Become a Stephen Minister! Do you need help wading through the challenges of life, and want someone to talk to? Look to Stephen Ministry! Ministers will be available to those in need by the beginning of summer 2020!

Eric Patten,  
Evangelism and Stephen Ministry Director

## Are you looking for a deeper connection with Jesus?

**Join us on Monday nights starting this Monday, Sept. 30, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

We are an informal group meeting at the home of Gil and Doreen Scribner (1002 West 4th St., Spencer). We watch a DVD then follow the discussion questions. These studies are available on rightnow MEDIA.



**September 30 - October 14:**  
"The Power of Jesus' Names" by Tony Evans

**Beginning October 21:**  
A 13-week study, "Revelation: The Hope of Glory" by David Platt

For more information, please contact the church office at 712-580-4316.

**Hope to see YOU Monday nights!**







# Stewardship at Faith

## *Steward of the Month: Marcene Briest*



Marcene Briest serves Faith's mission in a variety of ways with a song in her heart and a warm smile on her face. She is willing to help wherever possible. Regularly, she helps serve for our fellowship time before and after church. She gladly serves for funeral lunches. Since Faith started and many years before that, she has purchased and cleaned clothing for Lutheran World Relief baby care kits. Marcene is almost always one of the women working faithfully for our Mission days, preparing quilts and children's kits to ship to those less fortunate than we are. God's Spirit shines brightly through Marcene's servant heart.

***Well Done,  
Good and Faithful  
Servant!***

## ***Generosity!***

Does our giving express our faith, gratitude, and joy? Many Halloweens ago, when my mother was living in Mason City, Iowa in a nice condominium, her friend down the hall was running out of candy as children came to her door "trick or treating." She had more kids than she anticipated, so when she handed out her last grouping of candy bars, she said to the kids, "Well, pick carefully, because this is the last of my candy. I won't have any more to give to the boys and girls from now on." A little boy in that group took his entire sack of candy, handed it to the woman and said, "Here, I don't want you to not have candy to give the children when they come. Take my candy." That's generosity! He freely gave it all.

Knute Rockne, former Notre Dame football coach, devised a play where both guards and the center pull to go block for the halfback sweeping the end. Obviously, that left a huge hole in the center of the line. It was the quarterback's job to sacrifice his body and hit the defensive tackle as he came through the line to fill that hole.

Rockne was explaining the play to a fellow-coach, when his friend stopped him in the middle of his explanation and asked how effective the play had been. "I don't know," admitted Rockne, "I've never had a quarterback stupid enough to call that play!" Sacrifice. Are we willing to commit to a plan of action that calls forth sacrifice from us? Are we willing to "get in the game?"



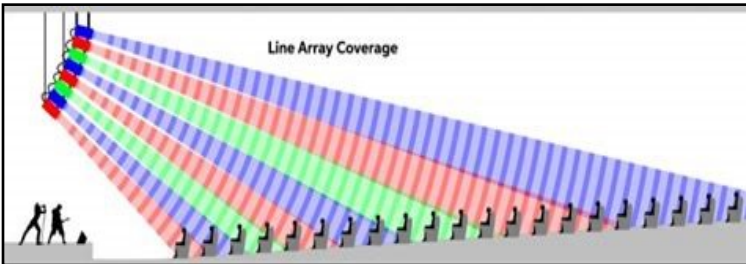
Ephesians 1:3 says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every blessing in the heavens in Christ." All we have is from God. All our blessings come from Him. Not only do we receive salvation, forgiveness, daily grace and eternal life. All the blessings of life are God's gift. Faith and gratitude give back, willingly and joyfully!

# ***The Future of Sound at Faith***

Do you see the new speakers? They are up and waiting for wiring. The following is an article previously published in *Faith Life Together*.

New sound system? We don't need a new sound system! Ours work fine. Besides, I've found the best spot to sit to accommodate my hearing. Why do we want a new sound system?

I'm glad you asked! The sound system we are currently using is meant for a smaller venue. Thanks to faithful volunteers, the speakers, once mounted on stands, were mounted on poles near the ceiling a few years ago. This was a great solution. Over the years our congregation has grown. We purchased chairs for everyone to sit left, center, or right of the worship platform. Now we find the sound is more difficult to hear on the left and right sides. And, some find the sound too loud in certain areas of the sanctuary. What if we could make it better? What if the sound was good no matter where you sat in the sanctuary? That is our goal with a new sound system.



We have been working with sound engineers at R&D Industries from Milford to make this a reality. In fact, R&D did a sound wave test in the sanctuary over 4 years ago. This groundwork helped them to determine the best sound system for our church.

Okay, how will a new sound system be better? The recommended sound system includes line array speakers. These speakers are stacked on top of each other in a curve. They allow for best coverage side to side and front to back. Each speaker projects sound at least 70 degrees side to side. The vertical lineup helps each speaker to direct the sound to a portion of the sanctuary. In this way, the sound is more consistent in the sanctuary no matter where a listener sits.


What happens with the old speakers? We have plans to use them as the portable speaker system they were designed to be. We'll use them elsewhere in the church for special events.

We look forward to the day when sound in the sanctuary will be reasonably the same from wall to wall and front to back. A new sound system will be a great enhancement to our worship!

Thank you!

Lori Krei

Church Administrator/Technology Director



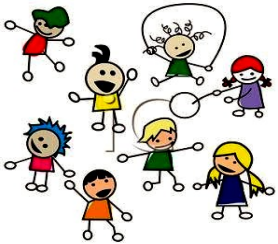
## ***Hymnals***

In the planning and leading of worship at Faith, hymnals and songbooks are no longer used. Therefore, these books are being made available to all who are interested in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) and All The Best Songs.

These books may be found by the west doors.

**Take one today and worship our Lord outside the walls of Faith!**

## **Play Ball!**



In order to keep our members safe, we ask all children and youth use the north end to run and play ball. When children run and play outside of the north end, our members who are unsteady are at risk for falling. Thank you for helping keep all members of Faith safe and sound!

## More than a shelter

Cherish House, with compassion as its cornerstone, is a group maternity home in the Iowa Great Lakes area for pregnant teens and young women who desire to make the most of their lives. Each girl will have the opportunity for personal growth through life skills training in: finance; nutrition; homemaking; parent training; personal counseling and adoption assistance (when needed); spiritual support; and learning to care for one another.

During her stay at Cherish House, the young lady will experience life within a structured, nurturing, and loving family setting. Our house moms will not only encourage her, but model healthy relationships. By the time the young mother leaves, she will have support mechanisms in place to help her live a responsible, fulfilling life ... for herself ... for her child ... for her future children.

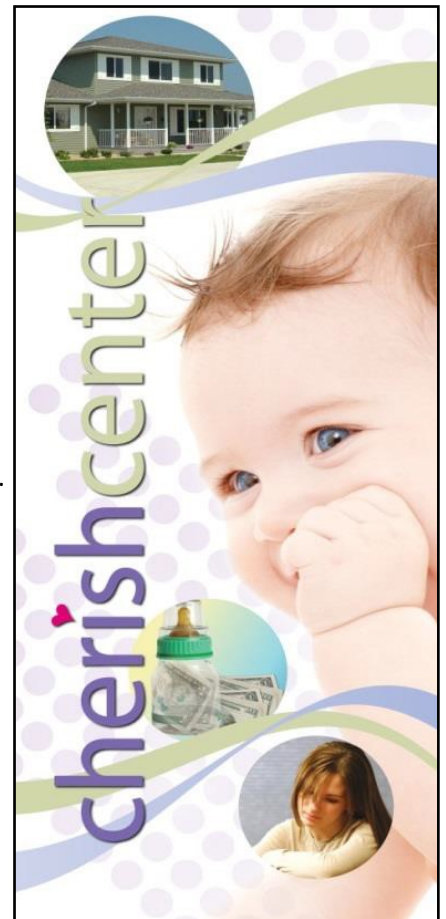
Parenting or placing for adoption? This decision is made by the young mother with the support of our caring staff. We are not an adoption agency but we will help her select one that will work for her. When needed, the young mother will have the option of staying at Cherish House for up to 3 months following the birth of her baby.

*"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for prosperity and not for calamity, plans for a future and a hope."* Jeremiah 29:11

You can help make a positive difference! Your coins can make a difference in the lives of young mothers and their children. The proceeds of this unique fundraiser will be used to help Cherish House.

- ◇ Cherished Mentors: Individually meeting parents with children of all ages to enhance parenting skills.
- ◇ No Apologies for Teens: Event promoting God's plan for purity
- ◇ Father/Daughter Dance: Valuing the importance of the Father/Daughter relationship
- ◇ Mom & Me: *New Event* cultivating the Mother/Son relationship
- ◇ Thee Garage Sale: A thrift store with household and baby items that raises funds for Cherish House
- ◇ Plants to Cherish: Annual sale of garden plants to benefit on-going Cherish work

Cherish Center is a regional, interdenominational, non-profit 501c3 Corporation located in the Iowa Great Lakes Area. For more information, call (712-338-3333) or stop by the Cherish Center office at 1004 22nd St., Milford, IA 51351. Visit us online at [www.cherishcenter.org](http://www.cherishcenter.org) or at [info@cherishcenter.org](mailto:info@cherishcenter.org)



**Please return your baby bottle to the Faith Lutheran by Sunday, November 3!**

### ***Pastor Kevin Weeks To Be Installed!***

**Pastor Kevin Weeks will be installed at  
St. John's Lutheran Church on  
Sunday, October 6, at 1:00 p.m.**



A reception will follow the Worship service. An invitation for laying on hands and prayer will be extended.

The church is located at 5289 320<sup>th</sup> St., Cylinder.  
It is about 7 miles north of Cylinder.

If you are not able to attend, please remember the congregation in your prayers.





Have you ever wondered what each of our teams  
are in charge of here at Faith Lutheran?

Have you wanted to serve, but not quite sure  
where God is calling You? Helping with a task or as a committee  
member, it is a way to serve God and Faith Lutheran!

Each team will have a table set up!  
Stop by one, two, or all of them to see where you can help!

**COME TO OUR MINISTRY TEAM FAIR!**

**NOVEMBER 3 AND 10**

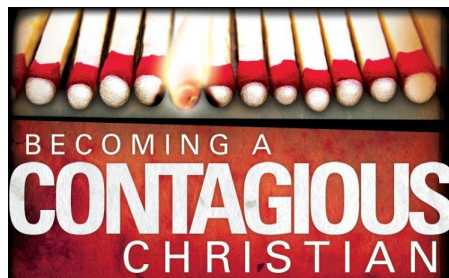
# Evangelism



When we think about evangelism, sometimes we imagine a sidewalk preacher shouting Bible verses as loud as possible for all to hear. Other times, we think of well known evangelists such as Billy Graham and the evangelistic tent meetings and crusades he led. We may think of evangelism as going door to door and handing out gospel tracts. Or, you maybe you envision evangelism as sharing your faith at work, at school, or at home.

No matter how you view evangelism, there are some key components to it. One of the key components to sharing our faith with others is being an authentic Christian. Before you can become a contagious Christian, we must first live in a way that convinces the people around us that Christianity is real for us!

As written in the book "Becoming a Contagious Christian" the authors write, "If we want to be the kind of high-impact, salty Christians that Jesus said we need to be, we're going to have to first take some preliminary steps of self-examination and then be willing to make any needed character adjustments. We must start by making certain that the way we are living backs up the words we are speaking."



This does not mean that we are expected to be perfect Christians, but rather we seek to live as people who have been changed by Jesus and are still being conformed to His image. It means we live out the values of a life of faith. Forgiving others, seeking forgiveness, living in truth, seeking peace with all those around us, working at something as if working for the Lord, having compassion, and living with empathy.

Let's learn together how to be authentic Christians so that we can become contagious Christians, and the world will see Jesus through us. Come to the adult education class on October 13<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary, as we begin working through the book, "Becoming a Contagious Christian."

See you there!

*Eric Patten*  
Eric Patten

## LWR Mission Kits Clip 'N Save Shopping List

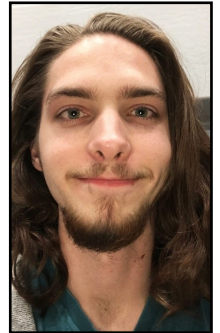
- Wide or college ruled, 70-sheet notebooks
  - 30 centimeter ruler, can have inches on as well
  - Unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers
  - Pencil sharpener
  - **BLUNT** scissors
  - 2-1/2" eraser
  - 16 or 24 ct. crayons
  - Any fabric, mattress pads or blankets for quilts
  - Bath-size towel, dark colored between 20"x40" & 52"x27"
  - Bath-size bars of soap
  - Adult-size toothbrush
  - Metal nail clippers
  - Hand towel, dark colored
- The following can be from 6 to 24 months size and must be new or like new:**
- Diaper pins
  - Cotton t-shirts
  - Receiving blankets
  - Cloth diapers
  - Socks
  - Long or short-sleeved gowns or any variety of sleeper
  - Jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood or include a baby cap



# Youth News for 6th - 12th Grades

## *The End to the Beginnings ...*

September has come and gone and so has the start to many new things: a new school year, new job positions, and new staff members. I personally am excited to be a part of Faith Lutheran and am grateful for all who have welcomed me thus far! Going into the year I hope to reach out to many, youth and adults alike, to grow as Christian brethren and strengthen our community.



As we transition from summer to fall, September to October, we start to get into the more ideal regular schedule that is planned for our youth. Starting September 23rd **LifeKids All Day** begins! LifeKids All Day is an extension to the LifeKids program that will be held one Monday of the month from 7:40 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Dates Include:** Oct. 14, Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 16, April 27, and May 11.

Other fun-filled programs that start this month are Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp's Outreach nights and Youth Recharge!

Outreach nights are held on the first Sunday evening of each month! We encourage that as many youths from 6th-12th grade try and attend! Additionally Youth Recharges are a weekend long event, offering four weekends this fall and three in the spring!

*Evan Nielsen, Youth Director*



### Faith Lutheran hosts the annual LCMC Iowa District Assembly

The leadership of the LCMC Iowa District have honored Faith Lutheran by asking us to host the annual LCMC Iowa District Gathering. Men and women from all over Iowa will travel to Spencer to share this moment. **This special event will happen on Saturday, November 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Keynote speaker for the day will be the leader of the whole LCMC church.

Service Coordinator, Rev. Mark Vander Tuig, will speak to us about the present status of the church, and the dreams for the future moving forward. Plan now to be a part of this awesome day.

## Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp offers the following ...

**Fall 2019:**

**POWER UP!-2 Peter 1:3**



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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Outreach Night - Capture the Flag | Oct. 6     |
| Fall Recharge - 4th - 6th grades  | Oct. 18-20 |
| Woman's Day Away                  | Oct. 19    |
| Fall Recharge - 6th - 9th grades  | Nov. 1-3   |
| Outreach Night - Commandos        | Nov. 3     |
| Fall Recharge - 6th - 9th grades  | Nov. 8-10  |
| Fall Crafting Retreat             | Nov. 22-24 |

For more information or to register for an event, please contact Registrar Sara at [registrar@okoboji.org](mailto:registrar@okoboji.org) or call 712-337-3306 or visit IOLBC's website at [www.okoboji.org](http://www.okoboji.org)



| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday            | Saturday  |
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| <p><b>THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!</b></p> <p>For up-to-date information, got to "Events" at <a href="http://www.faithlutheranspencer.com">www.faithlutheranspencer.com</a></p>                  |  | <b>October 1</b>   | <b>October 2</b><br>11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling<br>12:00 p.m. Staff meeting<br>3:30 p.m. LifeKids<br>5:30 p.m. Community Meal<br>6:30 p.m. Confirmation<br>7:00 p.m. WoW! Worship<br>Worship Vocalist Reh.<br>High School Youth                    | <b>October 3</b><br>8:30 a.m. Coffee Group<br>1:30 p.m. Stephen Min.<br>1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Min.<br>6:15 p.m. Stephen Min.  | <b>October 4</b>  | <b>October 5</b><br>7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study                     |
| LCMC National Annual Gathering in Omaha   |  |  |  |  |                   |   |
| <b>October 6</b><br>8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal<br>8:15 a.m. Prayer time<br>9:00 a.m. Worship<br>10:15 a.m. Fellowship<br>10:30 a.m. Sunday School<br>Faith Funds<br>Outreach Night                   | <b>October 7</b><br>5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study  | <b>October 8</b><br>1:30 p.m. Women's Small Group Bible Study                                      | <b>October 9</b><br>11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling<br>12:00 p.m. Staff meeting<br>3:30 p.m. LifeKids<br>5:30 p.m. Community Meal<br>6:30 p.m. Confirmation<br>7:00 p.m. WoW! Worship<br>Worship Vocalist Reh.<br>Council meeting<br>High School Youth | <b>October 10</b><br>8:30 a.m. Coffee Group<br>1:30 p.m. Stephen Min.<br>6:15 p.m. Stephen Min.                                | <b>October 11</b> | <b>October 12</b><br>7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study                    |
| Pastor Lee & Denise - out of the office   |  |  |  |  |                   |   |
| <b>October 13</b><br>8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal<br>8:15 a.m. Prayer time<br>9:00 a.m. Worship<br>10:15 a.m. Fellowship<br>Pick-Up Choir Reh.<br>Sunday School<br>New Member Orientation              | <b>October 14</b><br>7:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. All Day LifeKids<br>5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study | <b>October 15</b>  | <b>October 16</b><br>11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling<br>12:00 p.m. Staff meeting<br>3:30 p.m. LifeKids<br>5:30 p.m. Community Meal<br>6:30 p.m. Confirmation<br>7:00 p.m. WoW! Worship<br>Worship Vocalist Reh.<br>High School Youth                   | <b>October 17</b><br>8:30 a.m. Coffee Group<br>1:30 p.m. Stephen Min.<br>1:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Min.<br>6:15 p.m. Stephen Min. | <b>October 18</b> | <b>October 19</b><br>7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study<br>Private Wedding |
| <b>October 20</b><br><b>New Member Sunday</b><br>8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal<br>8:15 a.m. Prayer time<br>9:00 a.m. Worship<br>10:15 a.m. Fellowship<br>Pick-Up Choir Reh.<br>Sunday School            | <b>October 21</b><br>5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study   | <b>October 22</b>  | <b>October 23</b><br>11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling<br>12:00 p.m. Staff meeting<br>3:30 p.m. LifeKids<br>5:30 p.m. Community Meal<br>6:30 p.m. Confirmation<br>7:00 p.m. WoW! Worship<br>Worship Vocalist Reh.<br>High School Youth                   | <b>October 24</b><br>8:30 a.m. Coffee Group<br>1:30 p.m. Stephen Min.<br>6:15 p.m. Stephen Min.                                | <b>October 25</b> | <b>October 26</b><br>7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study                    |
| <b>October 27</b><br><b>Reformation Sunday</b><br>8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal<br>8:15 a.m. Prayer time<br>9:00 a.m. Worship<br>with Pickup Choir<br>10:15 a.m. Fellowship<br>10:30 a.m. Sunday School | <b>October 28</b><br>5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study   | <b>October 29</b><br>10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. LWR Mission wkday<br>5:30 p.m. Leadership Support mtg. | <b>October 30</b><br>11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling<br>12:00 p.m. Staff meeting<br>3:30 p.m. LifeKids<br>5:30 p.m. Community Meal<br>6:30 p.m. Confirmation<br>7:00 p.m. WoW! Worship<br>Worship Vocalist Reh.<br>High School Youth                   | <b>October 31</b><br>8:30 a.m. Coffee Group<br>1:30 p.m. Stephen Min.<br>6:15 p.m. Stephen Min.                                |                   |   |

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## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - SEPTEMBER, 2019

Births | Baptisms | Marriages | Death: Jean Halverson, September 7  
New Members | First Communion | Confirmed

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