

Faith Life Together



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It's here! Happy Summer!

We've been mindful of our activities while the COVID-19 issues swirl around us. Thankfully, our natural world continues to move on and it is time to enjoy good summer weather.

Faith Lutheran has been moving on as well. While the foot traffic in church is less, all church employees continue to work each week with current and new projects. Since April 29, our council has been very diligent to meet each week via Zoom to work out questions and concerns. They continue to meet each week to evaluate worship, consider future worship options, and decide on building use requests.

The garage retrofit continues to move on nicely. The walls and lighting are done, the windows are nearly done, and the flooring will be installed soon. We have dedicated volunteers who have helped all along while the paid workers do a great job as well. Take a moment to view the pictures on page 3.

Faith is thrilled to congratulate the graduating HS seniors. This year their graduation ceremonies will be unique. Something to remember always. Turn to page 7 to learn more about our graduates. We have included their addresses if you are inclined to send them greetings!

We are so excited to announce the hiring of Radina Jansen as our LifeKids Director! She is hitting the ground running as efforts ramp up for opening this fall. In addition, the LifeKids Board has been convened and is working alongside Radina to help with moving to a 5-day program.

As the world begins to re-open, we are preparing for our new normal. We wish for all our members to be well and we look forward to seeing you soon!



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Dear Faith family,

“How will people call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? ... How beautiful the feet of him who brings good news ... So faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:14, 15, 17).

The Pastor's Pen ***by*** ***Pastor Lee Laaveg***



Do you have beautiful feet?

Eric Patten and the Evangelism Ministry Team have shared with me a vision for Faith's future with is very exciting! This vision, which he calls our "GO! Mission," will actively seek to change the culture of our congregation to be more inviting than we already are! One of the key ways to facilitate this change is for all of us to share our God stories.

What is our God story? It is when and how we first came to faith in Jesus. It is the story of the important people in our circle of life shared with us about God in a way which helped us understand Jesus' grace. It is the story of how God has, through the years, touched our lives in special ways at specific times to help us on our faith journey.

Everyone who believes has a relationship with God. Each of us has awakened to understand the grace and forgiveness of Jesus. Every one of us has been positively influenced by others whom we loved and respected. Was it a grandmother? A Sunday School teacher? A coach at school? A father or mother? A friend? Many times it is because someone cared enough to tell us their God story, that we also came to faith ourselves. Their spiritual witness influenced our understanding of God and our desire to trust Him.

So, our church will be more powerful as witnesses for Christ if everyone of us thought through the content of our personal God stories and willingly shared it with others. You will be hearing more about our God stories, and our need to share them. I am grateful for Eric Patten's vision for this initiative. It is central to our congregation's mission.

No two God stories are alike. They will be as beautifully unique as a snowflake or a fingerprint. But each person's story matters. You matter to the God who made you and loves you. Your story can be used by God's Spirit to create faith in others, or invite them to His love.

When we share our story, the ways we have experienced God's grace, it can give hope to those who hear it. And faith comes from hearing.

What's your God story? Would you share it with others?

Together for Christ and His kingdom,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Lee".

Pastor Lee

Properties Team



The walls and ceiling are painted. Paul Wire and Mark Speidel installed the sink cabinets and basin.



BV Glass installed the glass front.



Toft Electric installed wall lighting and has begun work on the technology panel.



Mark and Steve Oleson work on leveling the floor in preparation for floor covering, which the Properties Team has finalized! Thanks, Mark Speidel, Properties Team leader

Birthdays

June 1	Kora Anderson
June 4	Stan Jongma Janet Schutter
June 8	Carla Vanderberg
June 9	Andrea Crew Lauren Lee
June 10	Tom Hanson
June 13	Del Brockshus Brady Vreeman
June 16	Molly Crew
June 20	Doreen Scribner Cooper Harris
June 21	Mia Schwartz Justin Spieker
June 22	Casey Vanderberg
June 23	Cheryl Stueven
June 25	Grayson Hansen Sarah Harris
June 26	Pam Harris Brody Klatt Andrew McKenney
June 27	Drew Sandven
June 28	Elmer Nielsen
June 29	Gary Klett

Anniversaries

June 1	Darold & Diane Jamtgaard
June 5	Brandon & Mallory Anderson Lee & Nancy Ketcham Pastor Lee & Denise Laaveg
June 6	Tim & Pam Egland
June 8	Norm & Alice Nielsen
June 10	Bill & Ruby Nitzel
June 11	Brett & Jolynne Eilts
June 13	Dan & Korrie Anderson Tim & Joy Kelsch Greg & Ann Lear
June 16	Kyle & Jamie Rouse
June 18	Randy & Barb Enge Troy & Anne Rosendahl
June 20	Larry & Shirley Nelson
June 21	Dave & Linda Susie
June 24	Jake & Karen Jacobson
June 26	Gene & Denise Lovitt
June 27	Troy & Kim McKenney

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Local missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators are Louis and Jane Faulstich from Ruthven. They are ministering to the people of Vanuatu. Together with their team, Louis and Jane are working on 11 New Testaments as well as teaching language skills to the Vanuatu people.

Wycliffe Bible Translators are working to bring the Bible to all people in their native, heart language. As a mission partner of Faith Lutheran, this organization receives funding throughout the year to advance the gospel in Vanuatu.

Vanuatu is a small country in the South Pacific and the name means “the land stands” or “exists.” The islands - a Y-shaped chain of four main islands and 80 smaller islands - stretch across 550 miles of Pacific waters and are part of Melanesia, a large archipelago that includes Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia.

Missions Team



Louis and Jane Faulstich

Clip 'N Save

Kit items I can buy at anytime!

- *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:**
- *Diaper pins | Socks
- *Cotton t-shirts | Cloth diapers
- *Receiving blankets
- *Long or short-sleeved gowns

Most of the islands are inhabited; some have active volcanoes. Vanuatu is mountainous and much of it is covered with tropical rain forests. Like most of the area, it is prone to earthquakes and tidal waves. Most of the people live in rural areas and practice subsistence agriculture. Local traditions are strong. The main sources of revenue are agriculture and eco-tourism.

Traditionally the people of Vanuatu work the land as gardeners. They have a strong sense of community and familial ties. Most people claim to be Christian, having had some form of contact with Christianity for over 100 years. Early missionary work - including attempts at Bible translation - was done in the late 1800s, but today the translations are no longer understood by the people because the languages have changed over time. Many are confused by their mixing of animism and incomplete Christian understanding. The people have a keen sense of the spiritual world but many do not have a true and helpful understanding of God as He shows Himself in the Bible. There are around 108 different languages spoken throughout the islands. Most of these people have no Bible in their primary language which makes them susceptible to the false teaching of cults who pass through.

Item of the Month: Support UDMO Food Pantry



Upper Des Moines Opportunity is in need of **macaroni and cheese, liquid dish soap and toothpaste** as well as non-perishable food and personal supplies.



Items can be donated in any of 3 ways:

1. Place them in the yellow Missions box inside the church near the front doors
2. Drop off items at the home of Dave and Linda Susie - 1514 W. 14th St., 712-262-6621
3. Drop off at Upper Des Moines Opportunity (please call them from the parking lot - 262-7409). Try to avoid Monday and Thursday mornings as many people are receiving needed items.



What We Live For, What We Die For

May 14th marked the six-year anniversary of my brother-in-law's death to a very rare disease. Cole was gone within 2½ weeks of the onset of symptoms, which first looked like the flu. He was just short of his 24th birthday, and had been married to my sister for less than a year. This tragedy made me take a hard look at my faith. Losing someone you love is never easy. It sure wasn't easy for me, and I know it tested my faith. Not that I was going to stop believing in God, but rather it led me to ask bigger questions about the nature of God. Though I had hope and faith, I still had to work through questions of death and eternity. Also, what if I pray for something and don't receive it, or are upset with God because He didn't answer the way I thought He should? How do I look at life and death?

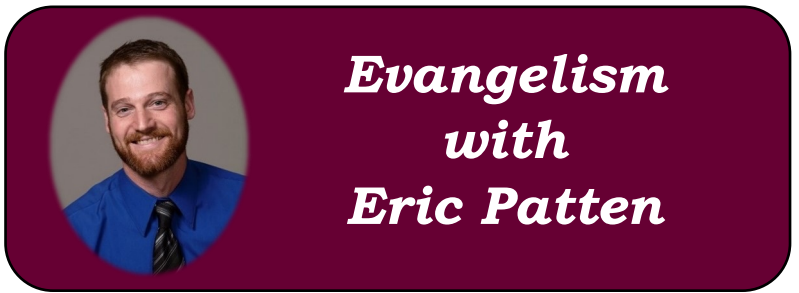
As the anniversary of Cole's death has come and gone, I now contemplate life's most important realities of faith and purpose. Death can come at any moment. Can I say that I live to the best of my ability for God? Do I utilize my time effectively? Do I live with integrity, authenticity, kindness, tenacity, courage, and love? Do I share the love of God and the Gospel with others? Do others see Christ in me?

In Philippians Paul wrote, "to live is Christ, and to die is gain." While we are here on this earth, we are to live for God. For His purpose, His plan, His will, and His joy. We are to walk in fellowship with Him, and enjoy living for Him. We are to live in His unhindered presence, filled with perfect peace of mind and soul, and overwhelmed in His love. Yet if we die, we go home to be with Him.

I want you to know this: God is bigger than problems or issues in your life, whether you see it or not. No matter what is going on, live for Christ. Live fully and intentionally in the ways He has called you. Don't give up, and don't settle for less than your best. Renew your heart in the Lord. Draw near to the Lord. Seek Him while He may be found. Trust in His promises. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not be afraid. Live for Him today, one day at a time. Don't miss an opportunity to lead others to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Look for opportunities to tell others about Him. Finally, look forward with hope and anticipation to the day where you will be ushered into the presence of God and He says, "Welcome home."

Eric Patten

Eric Patten, Evangelism Director



Public Acknowledgement of our New Members

Due to the Corona Virus, we were unable to publicly celebrate receiving the new member group which would have happened on Sunday, March 22nd. But, certainly we have "officially" received them as members of Faith Lutheran, and we are blessed to have them.

Jessica and Kiersten Campbell

Dennis and Sara DeWitt

Patty Ellsworth and Grandsons Josh Kruger and Connor Orr

Jake and Karen Jacobson

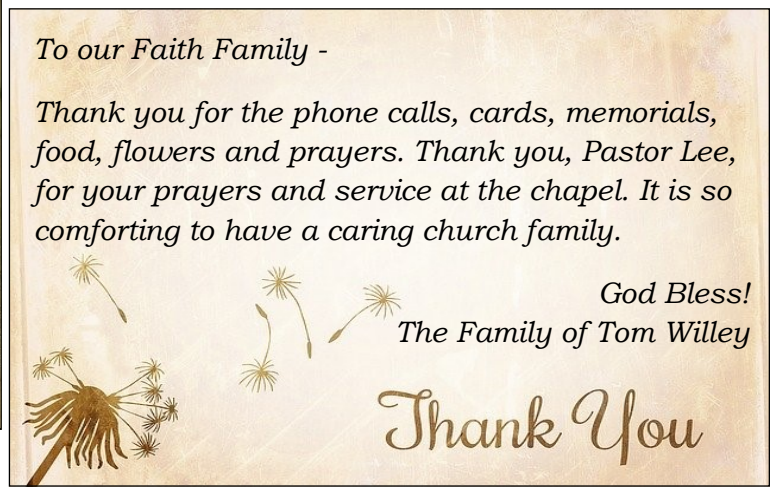
Bill Kersting

Darla Kurtenbach

Shawn Meislahn

We will celebrate with them publicly at a later date. Welcome to Faith!

Friends and Family



Thank you to the anonymous donor(s) who provided a secure Donations box to Faith!

Thank you to Steve Oleson who mounted the box on the outside west entry wall. During this time of social distancing, this is another option for secure and touchless donations to be shared with Faith.

Amazon Shoppers - Consider Supporting Faith!

Faith Lutheran has always made a point to shop local whenever possible and encourages all church members to do the same. We take pride in our community and want to support our businesses!

Still, there are times when we look to online vendors like Amazon for particular items. If you are an Amazon shopper, please consider supporting Faith Lutheran.



Logon to smile.amazon.com using your current login information.

Choose a charity to support – Faith Lutheran Spencer

Shop as normal. Up to 0.5% of each qualified purchase is sent to Faith!

Try it today!



2020 Faith Lutheran's High School Graduates!

Hannah Campbell

2520 320th St., Spencer, IA 51301

Photo not available!



Carissa Doran

24094 187th Ave., Apt. 16, Spirit Lake, IA 51360

"I will be attending Morningside College in Sioux City. I plan to double major in Business Administration and Sports Management. I have also signed my letter of intent to play basketball. After graduating college, I hope to find a career as an athletic director, and I would like to coach a girls' basketball team somewhere."



Brooke Freeman

1107 Saint Luke Dr., Spencer, IA 51301

Brooke will be attending Iowa State, majoring in kinesiology and pre-physical therapy.

Trent Freeman

1107 Saint Luke Dr., Spencer, IA 51301

Trent will be attending South Dakota State, (SDSU) majoring in human biology.



Nola Gafkjen

4060 225th Ave., Spencer, IA 51301

Nola is a graduate of Okoboji. She plans to attend ISU in the fall and is considering being an Architecture major.

Erik Sandven

P.O. Box 155, Fostoria, IA 51340

"My future plans are to attend Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon to pursue a degree in Industrial and Commercial Wiring." Eric is a graduate of Okoboji.



Connor Tigges

704 E. 17th St., Spencer, IA 51301

Connor plans to attend South Dakota State University and major in Mechanical Engineering.

*"This is my Father's world,
And to my listen ears,
All nature sings,
And round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
Of rock and trees,
Of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought."*

Worship with Denise Laaveg



A few weeks ago Lee and I made a quick trip to open our seasonal cabin in northern Minnesota. We quarantined there as we have at home. I was raking the leaves in the woods and was thinking how beautiful and peaceful, far away from the current craziness of the world.

*"This is my Father's world;
He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass
I hear him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere."*

As I enjoyed my task, it was surprisingly interrupted by a bald eagle close by relentlessly calling. I looked and looked trying to find him but never did. But his call persisted over and over. We cannot physically see God but God relentlessly calls each of us. He calls us where we are ... happy, disillusioned, frightened, rejoicing, burdened, confused, questioning and praising. How are our 'listening ears?'

*"This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise;
The morning light,
The lily white,
Declare their maker's praise."*

Whether we are at worship, in the word, in song, in devotions or in the woods let us lift up His name in praise! May your heart sing and praise with me!

*"This is my Father's world;
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king,
Let the heavens ring:
God reigns,
Let the earth be glad!"*

Denise Laaveg - Denise Laaveg, Worship Director



Keeping Them In Our Prayers ...

Jesus, gracious healer, you promise to hear our prayers and answer us in our time of need.

Please bless those who are battling addictions and depression. With your power, restore them to wholeness and give them your joy. And Lord, please touch the lives of those who are sick, hospitalized, grieving or battling a long term illness.

Please bless Leah Heikens, David Susie, Nancy McCarroll, Peggy Olson, Jeff Schoelerman and all those we name in our hearts.



Council Meeting Minutes | May 13, 2020

President Pete Crew called the Zoom meeting to order.

Lois Christman made a motion to accept April's meeting minutes; Jim Unrau seconded the motion; motion carried.

Jim Unrau made a motion to accept April's financial statements; Korrie Anderson seconded; motion carried.

Lois Christman made a motion to accept Pastor Lee's "LifeKids Spencer – A Case Statement 2020" with the inclusions of volunteers

and a budget; Korrie Anderson seconded; motion carried.

Korrie Anderson made a motion to take Paycheck Protection Program money out of the giving column and put it in a separate account; Jim Unrau seconded; motion carried.

Following review and discussion of the recent survey and the responses given, Al Vanderberg made a motion to reopen the church on May 24 with following stipulations:

1. Follow sanitization procedures as recommend by Executive Team.
2. Close the kitchen, nursery and north end of the church.
3. Require all congregational members not involved in service to wear masks.
4. Re-evaluate procedures every week.
5. Ask any sick individuals to stay home. If someone is very sick, ask them to leave.
6. Keep live streaming the worship service to encourage all who are not comfortable to come or follow the rules to stay home.

Brittany Spieker seconded the motion; Motion carried by 7 votes yes to 3 votes no.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Crew, Council president

Please consider sending your tithes and offerings to Faith in one of the four following ways:

1. You can mail in your checks to our church office
2. You can give online <http://bit.ly/33RXUbH>
3. Use the "Bill Pay" option from your online banking
4. We can work with your personal bank to set up a bank to bank account transfer (which could be discontinued any time you desire)

Please call Lori Krei at the church office if you need help in your method of giving (712.580.4316).

Thank you for continuing to generously give to Faith!



Don't forget to check out the Devotionals Box outside the north-facing entry doors! We continue to keep it up-to-date for your convenience.



GENERAL OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

2020 Budget:\$395,364.00

January 1 - May 24, 2020

Year to Date: \$149,966.17

Balance Remaining: \$245,397.83

Average Attendance: 17

Thank you for generously giving in 2020!

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Wednesday, June 10

7:00 p.m.

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.

Council Members: Please submit your team's report to the church office by **Tuesday, June 9** for the June Council meeting. - Thank you

Faith Resumes Public Worship!

Fresh off our celebration of Pentecost, we persevere with courage and confidence that the LORD is with us, and He will guide us toward a powerful life of ministry together in the name of Jesus Christ! In Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit poured out to give birth to the Christian church, to empower our faith and witness, to guide us in our journey, and to bind us together in the unity of His love.



Throughout this Corona Virus world pandemic, our Faith Council has met faithfully each week to wrestle with all aspects of this invisible challenge, and to decide on our best response. Though not always in total agreement, Faith's Council has made significant decisions to guide our life together. On Sunday, May 24th, we resumed our public gathering for worship at our church building. How wonderful to see one another's faces after many weeks of separation. We love the friendship and fellowship of our Faith family!

All is going very smoothly, as we phase toward being more fully open, with each person's health and safety as our continued highest priority. So, we continue to follow CDC and Iowa Department of Health guidelines, wearing masks, and practicing social distancing.

Just a few days ago, Governor Reynolds issued a new disaster declaration that goes in effect until June 25. Starting June 1, the proclamation permits social, community, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events of more than 10 people *if* public health measures are implemented, including limiting attendance to 50% of the venue capacity and maintaining six feet of distance between those attending. This does provide a lot of freedom for social gatherings and events that churches hold. Churches and Christian ministries are now free to host any type of gathering at 50% capacity, if they feel it is best to do so.

Council has approved small groups (Journey Teams) to resume meeting at the church, confirming their meeting time with the church office, and cleaning up after themselves. Council has also approved special events like bridal showers, baby showers, and other events by approval, and contingent upon the church's master calendar. Also, youth meetings are approved to gather at our church, meeting in designated areas. Council is also considering cooperating with Lutheran Services of Iowa to host a series of Foster Parenting classes here at Faith.

The kitchen, the nursery, and the north end of our building will remain closed until further notice. Also, at this time, regular foot traffic through the building during the week is closed. Anyone may visit with any member of staff by appointment.

We have purchased special communion packets with a self-contained wafer and plastic glass. Worshipers will pick this up as they arrive for worship, then when the pastor blesses the elements with the Words of Institution, all the worshipers will receive communion where they are seated.

In the meantime, we will continue to live-stream our worship each week at 9 a.m. as usual. Therefore, for those who are in the 'at risk' category, or who are not comfortable coming to a public gathering yet, we are grateful that we can still worship together via this live-stream technology.

As we look forward, we know that this unusual period of our life together will eventually pass on toward a rhythm feeling more close to normal. While you have been away, our 'garage' has been transformed into a beautiful multi-purpose room! This facility development project is the last phase of the "Building Faith . . . Loving People" campaign. What a tribute to the excellent management of the members of the Property Team and the Technology Team through these last years, overseeing all these facility improvements! And thanks once again to the generosity and commitment of you, the people of Faith. Together in the power of the Spirit, we will seek to do great things for Christ and His kingdom.

Steward of the Month: Karol Gafkjen



In the month of June, Faith's "Steward of the Month" is Karol Gafkjen. From the very first day of Faith's gathering at Del's Garden Center for planning, Karol has been an integral part of this community of believers.

Karol was elected to serve on Faith's very first Council as chair of the Discipleship Team. All who know Karol respect her as a quiet, competent leader. She continues to serve her Lord and Faith church in a number of ways.

With her medical background in nursing, she has, of her own volition, supported numerous people with on-going medical issues, staying in touch, encouraging them, and praying for them. In addition, she also visits with a number of elderly members, offering friendship and love.

As a woman of prayer, Karol has coordinated and been the contact point for Faith's Prayer Chain. She receives the requests via email or phone, then posts them appropriately to the prayer chain email circle. Through her efforts, we come together to lift one another up in intercessory prayer.

People know Karol has deep faith. They seek her out for conversation about life and faith. They know she will gently listen, and she responds to each person with grace, compassion, and wisdom.

Early on, Karol assisted in composing Faith's Values, together with Rachel Simington and Amy Peterson. As they were articulated by that trio, they were then adopted by Faith's Council and have served to describe our values as we seek to do Christ's mission ever since.

Karol has also served as our Facebook guide, overseeing the content and the posting on a regular basis.

In worship, Karol has served as worship leader, scripture reader, communion server, and leading the congregation in the Prayers of Faith.

Karol lives out her faith in Jesus with authenticity, faithfulness, and compassion. Our congregation is stronger because of her presence, her faith, and all the ways she serves. Thank you, Karol!

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

Stewardship

Generosity Literally Gives Life!

Please read the following story from Reader's Digest stories on giving ...

Brenda Jones, a 69-year-old great-grandmother, had spent a long year on the donor list waiting to receive a liver. Then, on July 18, a hospital in North Texas called - they had a viable liver for her. Meanwhile, 23-year-old Abigail Flores also needed a liver. Her situation was more urgent than Jones's. Without a transplant, doctors feared Flores had maybe one more day to live. So they asked Jones to give up her spot so that Flores could get the precious organ. Jones agreed. "In my heart, I wouldn't have been able to live with the liver if I had let this little girl die," she told WFAA. Jones was placed back at the top of the donor list and got a new liver days later.

Brenda Jones had a generous heart. Her unselfish gift saved Abigail Flores' life. But, we should not be surprised. God has shown us generosity as a key element in the heart of each disciple of Jesus.

The Word says, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

We give because it is the right thing to do. We give because we believe in the mission or the cause we are supporting. We give because we love the LORD. We give because God first gave to us all His love and blessings in Jesus Christ. We give trusting that God will provide for our every need in the future.

When we give generously, we reflect the heart of our Father.

Discipleship

The Amplified Version of the Bible says, **“Study and do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman (tested by trial) who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling and skillfully teaching the word of truth.”** (2 Timothy 2:15).

To me this verse encourages all who believe - to reveal their love for God by *studying His Word*, growing deeper in faith, and obeying it. Would you describe yourself as a *believer* in Jesus Christ? Or would you describe yourself as a *follower* of Jesus? Finally, would you describe yourself as a *disciple* of Jesus? If so, what are the distinctions of each of these questions? In my view, everyone who believes, is called by our Lord and Master, Jesus, to be *committed disciples*. Discipleship is not an advanced course for those who are really passionate. Discipleship is every believer's calling. Do you hear Him?

But, this journey of discipleship doesn't happen on its own. We have to “consciously commit” to it. We must desire to learn from Jesus as our teacher. That takes discipline. It takes time. It takes prayer. It takes the encouragement and support of others. We need to develop a rhythm of learning which works for us. But, learn we must.

This leads to the probing question, “Are you actively engaged in learning as a disciple of Jesus? Are you reading His Word? Do you talk to Him each day? Do you pray about your daily life, your relationships, your church, your future?”

As your pastor, I do not wish to be ‘ashamed’ of my spiritual laziness. I want to live with a hunger for God's Word. I want my passion for prayer to draw me ever closer to Jesus. I want my spiritual strength to be the result of my intentional time spent with Jesus, learning as His disciple.

When people physically exercise, they feel a powerful release of endorphins in their bodies. It is a boost of energy giving the one exercising a little ‘zip’ to their step. When we spend time with Jesus in His Word, in prayer, in study with others, or in worship - it should give us a boost of joy. I believe it will strengthen our faith, and result in an increased awareness of His presence.

As Christ's follower, as Christ's believer, do you hear the Spirit call you to discipleship? Let your spiritual roots grow deep. Invite the character of Jesus to blossom in you. Fully unpack the privileges and promises that Christ makes to us. Pray that the Spirit of Christ would produce much fruit in your life as a result of your disciplined journey of discipleship.

What are you going to do to continue your discipleship journey? Jesus LOVES you, and calls you deeper. Let's keep growing!

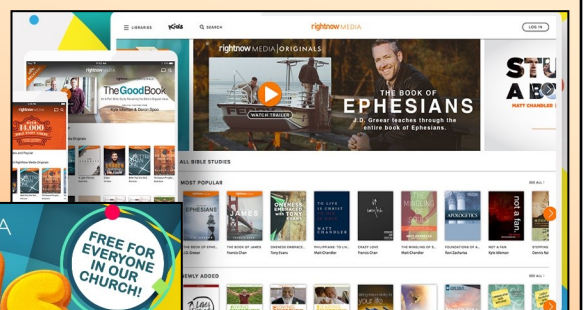
Pastor Lee

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Please contact the church office, 712-580-4316, if you need access or help.





LifeKids with Radina Jansen



I am so excited to be part of the expansion of LifeKids to five days a week. LifeKids is a community outreach program designed to spread the word of God throughout the community, by providing quality after school child care to children in grades Kindergarten through fifth, in Spencer and the surrounding communities.

LifeKids will help to develop character building traits such as respect, responsibility, and charity to others through organized activities, including Bible stories, prayer, drama, music, puppets, games, arts and crafts, fieldtrips, community service, homework assistance, plus many more engaging activities. Our activities will foster an awareness of Christ, such as actions, and attitudes in our response to others and self. We will strive to create an atmosphere where the connections between faith and life can be made.

LifeKids will follow the Spencer School calendar. Children that attend the Spencer Community Schools will be picked up by the church bus at the Spencer Middle School at 3:40 p.m. Children attending Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School will be dropped off at Faith Lutheran Church by their school bus. Parents can drop off their child/children at Faith Lutheran Church that attend school in surrounding school districts or are homeschooled. The after school program runs from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. On full day staff inservice days (one Monday per month), LifeKids will run from 7:40 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

School Year (2020-2021) Fee Schedule

K-5 LifeKids Monday – Friday including Monday full day inservice day - \$30 per week

Multi child family discount - \$5 dollars per child. Example 2nd child \$25 per week, 3rd child \$20 per week, 4th child \$15 per week (for a family of 4 the cost per week including the inservice day - \$90 per week).

K-5 LifeKids Wednesday only - \$5 per Wednesday

K-5 LifeKids inservice day only - \$15 per inservice day

Financial assistance will be available.

Registration forms can be filled out at <https://bit.ly/2VR2V2k>

Goals for LifeKids this summer include: becoming licensed through DHS, purchasing supplies and developing curriculum. I look forward to the launch of the expanded LifeKids at the end of August.

Radina Jansen,
Director of LifeKids

LifeKids Spencer Board members are: Courtney Schwartz - President, Ann Lear, Barb Enge, Matt Essick, Alisha Bartlett, Larry Wigen - Faith Council Vice President, Pastor Lee Laaveg - Ex-Officio, Pete Crew - Ex-Officio and one more potential member.

Register Your Child/Children for LifeKids Today!

Monday - Friday or Wednesday only! | 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

LifeKids will start when Spencer Schools starts in the fall.

Youth News Grades 6 - 12



Instagram Youth Page:
spencerfaithlutheranyouth

Facebook Youth Page:
Faith Lutheran Church Youth

As summer begins, like all aspects of Faith's ministry, our Youth Program has been impacted by the pandemic. But, the Youth Ministry Team has lots of ideas for summer and beyond.

First, huge thanks to Evan Nielsen, our Youth Ministry Team (YMT) guy. He just concluded his 9 month contract working with Faith's youth program half time and with the Ingham Okobojo Lutheran Bible Camp program half time. Evan worked with our overall youth program, the high school Sunday School and Wednesday meetings, confirmation, WoW! and LifeKids. Because the camp's programming for the summer is cancelled, we may still see him around sometimes this summer. Yeah! Also, we hope and expect to renew his contract to welcome him back to serve with us this fall.

The Youth Ministry Team has many great ideas to invite our youth to a fun-filled summer. What might we do together? Maybe we will have campfires in a variety of locations, scavenger hunts, swimming at Inspiration Point Winery, or Sundays at the lake.

Of course, confirmation will resume this fall. We will celebrate confirmation for Emily Quanbeck and Drew Sandven this fall, delayed by the virus. We will also reboot our mentor program to have caring adults support and be-friend our youth.

In addition, we hope to offer a small group model of faith growth and Bible study times for our high school youth, following the congregation's model of "Journey Teams." For busy high schoolers, this will give greater flexibility of schedule and offer leadership growth for our youth. These groups can meet at the church or in families' host homes.

Keep praying for the youth of Faith. They are not the church of tomorrow, they are the church of TODAY with all of us!

Ingham Okobojo Lutheran Bible Camp Offerings

- ⇒ **2020 Boji Family Getaway** - Offers your family an opportunity to be together, create some great memories at camp! This will look different from the traditional family camp program. For more information, dates available and registration, please go to www.okobojo.org/bojigetaway
- ⇒ **1 Hour of Power** (Kids' show inspired by Camp Chapel)
Live on camp's Facebook page at 3:30 p.m. every weekday, with archived episodes on Ingham Okobojo YouTube channel under 1 Hour of Power playlist.
- ⇒ **Daily Dose** (brief devotional videos about a Bible verse shared by members of our own IOLBC camp family)
YouTube channel, Instagram, Facebook
- ⇒ **Beyond Weekly** (Weekly blog for adults emailed to you to help you set your mind on Christ.)
Visit www.everydaydiscipleship.org to sign up.
- ⇒ **Everydaydiscipleship.org** (resources for church leaders, parents, and youth of all ages to help them interact with faith based activities, sites, and apps.)
- ⇒ **IOLBC Beyond Ministry App** (Daily Bible verses and devotions) Available on Apple App Store or Google Play

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Lutheran Bible Camps

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	June 1	June 2	June 3 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting 5:00 p.m. Executive Team mtg.	June 4	June 5	June 6 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
June 7 9:00 a.m. Worship Service In-house and YouTube	June 8	June 9	June 10 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting.	June 11	June 12	June 13 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
June 14 9:00 a.m. Worship Service In-house and YouTube	June 15	June 16	June 17 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting	June 18	June 19 Newsletter articles due	June 20 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
June 21 9:00 a.m. Worship Service In-house and YouTube	June 22	June 23	June 24 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting	June 25	June 26	June 27 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1:00-4:00 p.m. Bridal shower for Brandy Bolcher & Jacob Heikens
June 28 9:00 a.m. Worship Service In-house and YouTube 2:00-5:00 p.m. Patten Baby Shower	June 29	June 30	THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE! Due to COVID-19 guidelines, Faith Lutheran Church is closed to public events for the foreseeable future. Please check the online calendar or call the church office (712-580-4316) if there are questions regarding an event. For up-to-date information, go to "Events" at www.faithlutheranspencer.com			

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - MAY, 2020

Births | Baptisms | Marriages | Deaths | First Communion | Confirmed | New Members

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Watch us on SMU:

Monday @ 8:30 p.m. | Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.