



Faith Life Together

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July 2023 at Faith

Baptisms:

Oliver Harrison Gray,
baptized on July 9

Births

Confirmed

Deaths

Marriages

New Members

Mark Your Calendar

- 8.6** Ingham Lake Day
- 8.9** Council Meeting
- 8.13** Hollis Neiderheiser Baptism
Marlee Nicholson Update
- 8.20** Charles Rouse Baptism

Rejuvenation

His mercies are new each morning!

Welcome to the newly revised edition of *Faith Life Together*! Inside these pages you'll find many familiar features from previous editions, and also discover new items such as a dedicated page for community events. Take a look and see what you think of the changes!

This month we have the wonderful opportunity to worship at Ingham Lake Bible Camp. On August 6, we will have a shortened service with communion at 9:00 a.m. at Faith, followed by worship with communion at Ingham at 10:30 a.m. We will be joined by 4 area churches, and will have the pleasure of hearing a testimony from Marlee Nicholson, a missionary in Scotland. Marlee will return to give a full update on August 13.

Also on August 13 we will have the baptism of Hollis Neiderheiser, and Charles Rouse is scheduled to have his baptism on August 20. Come share in the joy of these families as they dedicate their youngest members to the Lord! Baptism is a special time, not only because we welcome the person being baptized into God's family, but also because it is a time for each of us to reaffirm our faith. We are reminded that God wipes our sins away, and we are welcomed into His arms with mercies to cover each day.



From the Pen of Pastor Ben

To “Center” Is to Shift

I learned physics on teeter-totters. These almost extinct playground toys were challenging, and sometimes dangerous for me because I was so light. In second grade, I weighed a whopping 45 pounds. My friends would automatically sit an equal distance from the end of the teeter-totter as I was, which would drop them to the ground and bounce me into the air.

To center, or balance, us, my friend would need to move closer to the fulcrum, and I would sit at the end of the board. We did not look centered, but our weights balanced.

A centerpiece belongs in the middle of a table. To center one’s life, however, is not to move to the easy middle. To center your priorities on Jesus is to make him the pivot point for your decisions.

A wealthy young businessman came to Jesus and asked him, “*Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?*” (Mark 10:17).

Jesus’ answer sounded something like this: Your life is out of whack. Sell everything, and give away the money. Your wealth will transfer to heaven. Then, center your life in me.

The young man walked away from his greatest opportunity – a life centered in Jesus, closely following him. The older we get, the more we settle into our habits and priorities. We resist shift.

That’s one reason I’m so excited to be part of our Mexico City mission trip. Half our team members are in college or high school. In a disorienting environment, Jesus will challenge each of us to re-center our lives on him. Make him the pivot point for all our decisions and priorities. Jesus can help these young people establish radical, Jesus-centered, lifelong priorities. With the rest of us, Jesus may challenge us to loosen our grip on our fool’s-gold treasures and rediscover him.

Although I’m writing this before Mexico City, you will receive this in church the morning after our late-night return. Ask team members to tell you about their journey with God to Mexico City. Now that we are home again, pray for us that we will continue in Jesus-centered lives.

Which begs the question: What is God nudging you to change to enjoy a more Jesus-centered life? I would love to hear your story.

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request for the **Prayer Chain**, please direct it to the Prayer Team Leaders. They are:

Linda and Dave Susie at
djslrs74@yahoo.com or

Doreen Scribner at
doreenscribner@outlook.com

Eric, Garold and Lisa Becker would like to thank their Faith family for the birthday cards and well-wishes sent to Eric for his birthday. It was greatly appreciated and a lot of fun for Eric!

God Bless you all!

Sunday Morning Prayers of the Church

If you would like to be included on the Sunday Morning Prayers of the Church, please contact the church office at 712-580-4316 or
office@faithlutheranspencer.com

Looking to grow in your prayer life? Try one of these ideas!

1. Ask God to teach you to pray, much like the question the disciples asked Jesus right before He taught them the Lord's Prayer.
2. Set aside a new time and space dedicated for prayer, and challenge yourself to pray there for the next month to start a new habit.
3. Pray while doing another activity, such as taking a walk or coloring a picture.

Prayer Corner

Lift Up in Prayer ...

- Pray for students who will attend a new school this year.
- Pray about serving with a ministry team, such as helping with teaching or food as we approach Children's Sunday School, Confirmation and Wednesday night Youth Group.
- Pray for each other as we dig into God's word in the Blizzard Bible Challenge.
- Pray for God to guide us regarding the Finance Team.
- Pray for Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp staff members as they minister to souls in need.
- Healing for Brady Vreeman, Dave Frerichs, Peggy Olson, Randy Enge, Garold Becker, Elmer Nielsen, Marjorie Solberg, Ely Kleszczelski and all those we name in our hearts.

Reasons for Praise!

- Give thanks for the baptism of Oliver Harrison Gray.
- Give thanks for the new Executive Director of LifeKids, Cheryl Jackson.
- Give thanks for our new Treasurer, Lisa Carpenter.
- Give thanks for our new Financial Coordinator, Carolyn Dundas.
- Give thanks with our Mexico City Mission Team, July 22-29.





Gloria
McKenney,
Worship and
Communications
Director

Dance as Worship

Do you ever want to just dance in worship? To praise God with your whole body, not just your voice? It may not be an everyday desire, but sometimes I am so overwhelmed by God's goodness that I just have to let it out in some full-bodied worship!

King David also had this desire. When the Ark of the Covenant was being returned to the temple in Jerusalem, "David danced before the Lord with all his might" (2 Samuel 6:14). What a celebration that must have been! The Ark returning was a sign of God's Presence returning to be with the Israelites again. During David's time, God had not yet sent the sign of the Holy Spirit to dwell within our hearts, but they could experience God dwelling among them through the vessel of the Ark of the Covenant. If David and the Israelites were celebrating the return of the vessel that contained God's Presence, then imagine how overjoyed they would be to learn of the gift of the Holy Spirit – and indeed, how joy-filled we should be as well!

I was blessed to be part of our Vacation Bible School earlier this summer, and something I noticed is that kids love to dance. They love to jump and sing and do the actions and praise God with their whole bodies. I think we have a lot to learn from them. We all have an inner child – what a better way to embrace that young spirit than by dancing for the Lord!

There are many songs that make me want to dance, and you could probably add to the list as well. One song I heard recently is titled "Revival's in the Air", written by Melissa Helser, and it is one of those songs that you can't listen to while sitting still. It paints such a beautiful picture of God's love and glory; it's almost as if you can hear creation singing along with you as you worship. I would encourage you to look it up on YouTube or scan the Spotify code above if you have the Spotify app on your phone or iPad. (If you haven't scanned a Spotify code before, just open the app, click search, and then tap the camera icon in the top right corner. Tada!) Once you've got it open, let the song play, and let yourself dance to the music as you praise the Lord! This act of worship will bring joy to our Savior's heart, and I guarantee you will feel the joy too. Happy worshipping!



Coming Events at Faith



WORSHIP AT INGHAM LAKE

Bible Camp

Sunday, August 6

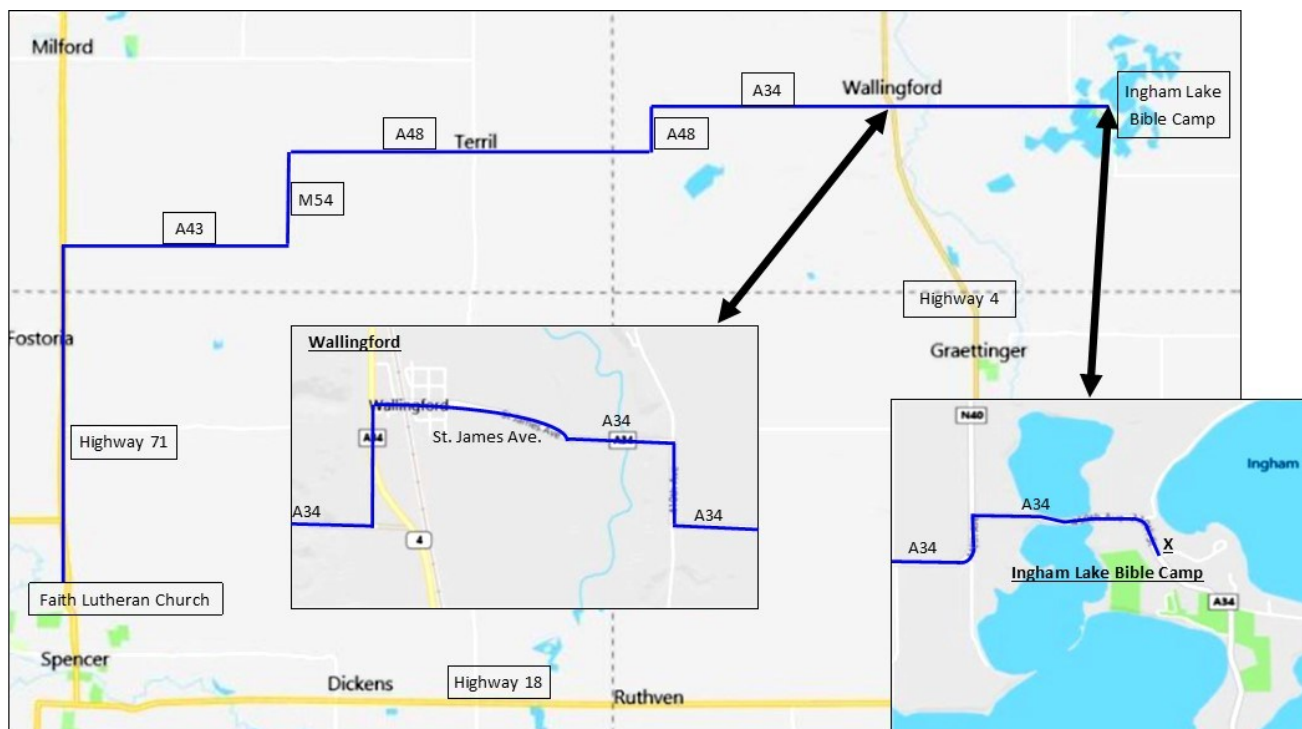
9:00 a.m. Abbreviated Worship with Communion at Faith

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Ingham Lake

11:30 a.m. Potluck *(Main meal is provided, please bring a dish to share.)*

12:30 a.m. Fellowship, Games and Water Fun!

(Bring lawn chairs and any games you would like to play, plus a swimsuit!)

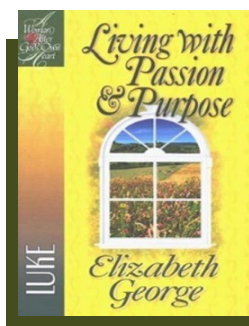


Bible Study:

“Living with Passion & Purpose”

Tuesday, August 8

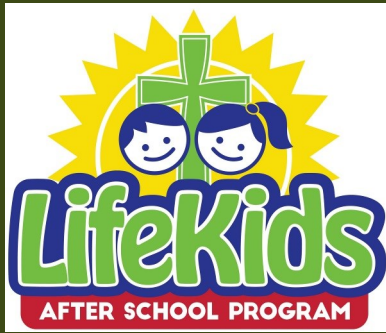
1:30 p.m. | SON Room



In chapter 9 of Luke Jesus continues teaching the disciples (and us). The title of this study is “Counting The Cost”. As more people begin to follow Jesus He reminds them to consider the cost. What does He mean? What is required of us to truly follow Jesus? We will also look at two more miracles Jesus performs and see what they reveal about Him.

Let’s get together and learn from God’s Word.

All are welcome!



LifeKids Spencer

Register Your Child for LifeKids 2023-2024!

Monday - Friday LifeKids from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

LifeKids begins in the fall when Spencer Community Schools starts the new year.

To register your child/children, please visit the online registration form: <https://bit.ly/3HneZig>
A packet of additional forms to fill out will be sent home the first day of attendance to comply with DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) licensure requirements.

Monday - Friday including Monday full day in-service day:
\$30 per week.

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

Wednesday only is \$5 per Wednesday.

Spencer Schools in-service day only is \$15 per in-service day.

Faith Lutheran warmly welcomes our new Finance Coordinator, Carolyn Dundas, and our new Treasurer, Lisa Carpenter!

While you may have seen her filling in on the piano at Faith, Carolyn Dundas is the new Finance Coordinator for the church. She and her husband, Erick Marchand, and their two young daughters, Claire and Alice, moved to Spencer over a year ago from Lima, Peru. Prior to that, she worked many years at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps and also used to manage Terrazzo Coffeeshop here in Spencer. She is excited to keep records up-to-date in the church while also watching God at work in her family.



Jim and Lisa Carpenter live in Milford and have 2 children, along with a daughter-in-law and granddaughter. Lisa has worked at OLM Foods for over 24 years and is currently the Plant HR Supervisor. She is also a bookkeeper and payroll administrator for their family business and other small companies. Lisa enjoys reading, family time, traveling, and skiing. She is looking forward to serving the congregation in this new role and excited to see what God has planned for us.



ALLISON EIDE

CONCERT

GREAT FOR CHURCHES, YOUTH GROUPS, & FAMILIES

AUGUST 2ND

7:00 PM

INGHAM LAKE BIBLE CAMP



CONCERT: 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

LOCATION: CHAPEL AT INGHAM LAKE BIBLE CAMP

ADDRESS: 2258 450TH AVE, WALLINGFORD, IA 51365

ADMISSION: FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TO HELP SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF INGHAM OKOBOJI LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMPS.

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CHECK OUT MORE ABOUT ALLISON AT WWW.ALLISONEIDE.COM
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Faith's Missions

Lutheran Asian Ministries

By Alice Nielsen

Lutheran Asian Ministries (LAM) is part of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) with Pastor Tom Lovan as the executive director. Pastor Mark Vander Tuig is part of the leadership. The goal of LAM is sharing the Gospel in Southeast Asia. This includes the countries of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

The church in Cambodia is growing because the government is the most open to the Gospel, allowing freedom of worship. LAM in Cambodia is led by Pastor Samuel Chin. He has 15 ministry sites where he oversees the training of new pastors. Pastor Chin meets with them regularly to better equip them for the ministry they are carrying out with the house churches in their area.

LAM works with evangelist Paul Muang Win throughout the Myanmar region. Paul is reaching people who have never heard the Gospel as he holds crusades in many cities, towns and regions. When LAM sends him financial support, he uses it to buy food for the poorest of the population. In the orphanages, the children have daily Bible study and

worship. Here they are nourished with the Good News that God loves them, has a purpose for their lives and has not forgotten them.

LAM's work in Thailand is primarily with people in the mountainous region. They are ethnic minorities. A few years ago, Pastor Lovan was visiting these people, telling them about Jesus. The tribal king came to faith, resulting in the entire tribe of hundreds believing and being baptized. Before this, their primary crop was opium. Now, it is strawberries. This was a miracle as less than 1% of Thailand's population of almost 70 million people are Christian, and 95% are Buddhists.

Mission work in Vietnam is very different from Thailand. Extreme caution is necessary as it is illegal to evangelize there. Christians can meet together, but they must not exceed a certain number of people in one place. It is harder to do mission work in the countryside as cities tend to be more difficult to police. But, even with the number restrictions, LAM has about 50 house churches throughout the countryside. Most are in the northern province where they gained access to electricity just 10 years ago. Pastor Chin also offers his support in this area.

The Gospel is still moving and drawing more people to Christ in Vietnam and elsewhere!

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.
UDMO

Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Pantry is in need of the following items for our community:

Canned fruit, pasta, tuna

Hands-On Mission and Lutheran World Relief

Hands-On Mission Day | Wednesday, August 2
9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Help us assemble quilts, baby care kits, personal care kits and school kits.

Hope to see you on Wednesday, August 2!

Item of the Month ~ **School Kit Items**

As we prepare for the new school year, let's remember those who must make a choice between food or pencils and help them with their school supply needs. In order to make more school kits we are in need of: 70-sheet spiral notebooks, 16 or 24-count crayons, 30 centimeter rulers, and 2-1/2" pink erasers.



Donated items for both Lutheran World Relief and Upper Des Moines Opportunity can be put in the yellow Missions box near the front doors.



Community Events

Activities at Ingham Okobojo Lutheran Bible Camps

At the Okobojo site:

Quilt Auction Weekend – Aug. 4

- ⇒ **Quilt Preview** – 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- ⇒ **Scandinavian Feast** – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- ⇒ **Glenn Henriksen Concert** – 7:00 p.m. –
Okobojo amphitheater

Quilt Auction Weekend – Aug. 4

- ⇒ **5K Fun Run/Virtual 5K** –
Adult @ 8:00 a.m. & Youth @ 8:50 a.m.
- ⇒ **Quilt Preview** – 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- ⇒ **Lunch in the Dining Hall** – 11:00 a.m.
- ⇒ **Quilt Auction** – 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
- ⇒ For more information at
www.okobojo.org/quilt

Golf Tournament - Aug. 19

Okobojo View Golf Course - 1:00 p.m.
For information on packages available go to
www.okobojo.org/golf

Summer Outdoor Worship

Sundays 9:30 a.m. | through Sept. 3
Okobojo amphitheater
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### At the Ingham Lake site:

#### **Ingham Hog Roast & Pie Auction – Aug. 27**

Meal served 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Auction at 6:00 p.m.  
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Pre-registration may be required for some
events. Please check the IOLBC
website: www.okobojo.org or call
712-337-3306.

The poster is for Okobojo Bible Conference Ministries. It features two main acts: Steven Curtis Chapman on Sunday, August 6, and Charity Gayle on Saturday, August 5. Steven Curtis Chapman is shown in a blue jacket, and Charity Gayle is shown in a white dress. The poster includes the Okobojo logo, the text 'SUNDAY, AUGUST 6' and 'SATURDAY, AUGUST 5', and the names of the acts. It also mentions 'On Preservation Plaza' and 'at the Tabernacle'. At the bottom, it says 'THE GLORY OF GOD | AUGUST 5TH-11TH 2023' and 'OKOBOJOCONFERENCE.ORG'.

23rd Annual



Gathering & Convention

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ's (LCMC) Annual Gathering is October 1-4, in St. Charles, Mo.

Faith Lutheran sends 2-4 delegates each year to the gathering. The Council has approved reimbursement for hotel, gas and convention meals. Early bird registration deadline is August 15. To register and for more information, see the LCMC website: www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering

Backpack Giveaway

BeMobile Verizon is having its
10th Annual Backpack Giveaway!

**Tuesday, August 1, at 9:00 a.m. through
Friday, August 4, at 5:00 p.m. at the Spencer
Verizon store, 721 11th St. SW**

To help support parents as the new school year
approaches, backpacks filled with school supplies will
be giving out for free on a first-come-first served basis.

No preregistration is required .



Bipolar Disorder

By Kim Wilson

The journey started simply enough. As a younger child, he had been prone to outbursts and had difficulty with mood swings. As time wore on, he became increasingly restless, exhibiting reckless behaviors, and euphoria, combined with bouts of deep sadness, a sense of worthlessness, loss of energy, and sleep problems.

She had a similar path, although her emotions would result in easily provoked irritation, confusion, anger, and inconsolable crying. The switch to bursts of excessive energy, being uncharacteristically overly talkative, and spending impulsively would complicate her life with strained relationships and bad debt.

Both individuals in the preceding descriptions knew something was amiss as they cycled through the unpredictable and complicated maze of emotions they experienced. For either one, these disruptive rhythms of life made them more prone to substance use and other risks of self-harm, including suicidal thoughts or attempts.

For some exhibiting these behavior extremes, bipolar disorder (BPD), also known as manic depressive disorder or manic depression, may be present. This serious mental illness affects 4.7% of the population or 6 million U.S. adults. Rates of incidence in men and women are roughly equal and those between the ages of 18 and 34 are the most adversely impacted, especially when combined with physical health conditions and a higher risk for suicide.

Recognizing the signs and then accessing qualified medical professionals to establish an accurate diagnosis and look at treatment options are effective steps in the recovery process. In addition to seeking medical care, families/friends of loved ones with these symptoms can learn about the illness, listen to better understand what is going on in their world, and encourage them as they manage their illness. With a caring and compassionate spirit, family members/friends can give reminders that help their loved ones stick to a schedule and know they are treasured members of their circle as they navigate the challenges of this illness. When difficult situations arise because of this illness, those who make plans in advance see better outcomes when everyone is in agreement on the best action steps.

As with any illness, including BPD, God shares his Word to help us acknowledge our weaknesses and also our strengths through His grace. In 2 Cor. 1:3-5, we are reminded: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings, so through Christ, we share abundantly in comfort too.”*

It’s never easy to admit that we are struggling but we see countless times in the Bible, where requests for restoration are made. We can always seek Him through prayer for relief and His peace. In addition, as we are more similar than different, we can gain solace and kinship when we seek out the encouragement of others to face our pain. May we always be mindful that others need us and we need them to face difficulties together and give hope and healing.

To God be the Glory!

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday Blessings To . . .

August 2	Jolene Hansen
August 5	Alyssa Dotson Isaac Rouse Jorgan Rustad
August 7	Joe Simington Titan Coleman Mary Sembach
August 8	Shirley Nelson Alexander Simons Kent Heazlett
August 10	Peggy Olson
August 11	Marge Nielsen
August 12	Raul Ortiz
August 13	Mike Ruhs
August 16	Garold Becker Dennis Larson
August 17	Pastor Ben Unseth
August 18	GA Darnell-Wegner Linda Susie Autumn Erdman Brooke Freeman Trent Freeman
August 19	Alex Carlson
August 20	Dale Brandt Marge Frad Connor Orr Christina Caton
August 22	Cindy Essick Larry Peterson Mike Trierweiler
August 23	Jackson Eilts

August 24	Ryan Crew Darren Piercy Diane Allen Brittany Spieker Lance Storley
August 25	Nancy Ketcham Shanna Kooker Cade Freeman
August 26	Lora Johnson
August 27	Marv Schutter Easton Anderson
August 30	Jett Blazek
August 31	Jake Hanson Larry Nelson Isaiah Gray

Happy Anniversary Wishes To ...

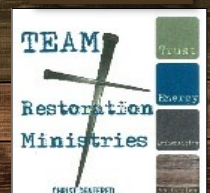
August 4	Stan & Jodene Jongma
August 7	Tracy & Donna Bengtson
August 15	Jacob & Brandi Heikens Jeff & Joan Loring
August 16	David & Jan Hopkins
August 17	Eric & Sheila Weeks
August 18	Al & Kim Rye
August 19	Dennis & Jan Larson
August 25	Jim & Joan Unrau
August 26	Rod & Cryss Quanbeck
August 28	Justin & Laura Heikens
August 29	Larry & Tracy Coleman Wigen
August 31	Craig & Lindsay Neiderheiser

TEAM Restoration Ministries

TEAM Restoration Ministries has a God-driven commitment and passion for facilitating the healing and strengthening of marriages, families and individuals, both children and adults. They offer many different types of counseling.

Erika Adolph is a counselor working out of Faith Lutheran for TEAM Restoration. Erika is certified to provide equine assisted psychotherapy, which uses horses to assist clients to work through challenges, relationships and to reach therapy goals

**For more information or to schedule an appointment,
please call 515-238-9010 or www.team-restoration.org**





Stewards of the Month

Dave & Sharon Simington

By Heidi Skadeland

As we enter the last month of summer, let's celebrate one deserving couple of Faith's originals, Dave and Sharon Simington!

Thirteen years ago this month, Dave and Sharon opened up their home to a group of people who shared the desire to continue worshipping together. The seed was planted by the Holy Spirit who fueled and guided those present and many more to come in the birth of Faith Lutheran Church. In those early years of Faith, Dave helped with construction needed on our current building to bring it how we see it today, and continued on with the Property Team. Sharon, also part of the construction crew, continued with the painting and decoration for the finesse that Faith needed in the beginning.

Dave always has a warm welcome and strong handshake for any and all visitors that join us. Being such a man of faith, Dave leads by example through stepping up for worship leader, Prayers of the Church, and one of our prayer intercessors. He has also participated in the Men's Bible Study since the beginning. Sharon, with a warm smile for everyone she sees, used to be one of our worship vocalists, always lends a hand for packing up world relief kits, and is willing to cook or bake for funerals when needed.

Together, Dave and Sharon do a number of things together, including greeting, serving communion, serving on Caring Team in a number of facets reaching out to members, and they also hosted one of our Journey Teams small groups in the past. Both have also been hugely involved with Via de Cristo in the past, but we've seen them transitioning to different roles, taking on more supportive roles and leading the next generation with wisdom and supporting through prayer. One of their joys in the church is participating in live dessert auctions and being drawn into the thrill of generosity and supporting families or ministries in need.

If you want to see any more documentation of Dave and Sharon's involvement at Faith, take a look at all the pictures on our walls. Dave and Sharon, well done, good and faithful servants, for your discernment and conviction to follow the Gospel with fellow believers. Trusting the Lord's leading has led to an amazing beacon ministering to our community through Faith Lutheran. What a gift you are to us all in our Faith family.

Blessings in abundance to you both!

Through the Bible in 2023 – One Chapter a Day

Our goal at Faith is to read one chapter from the Bible each day, and in so doing understand the whole Bible from beginning to end. If you haven't read all of the chapters from January until now, don't worry! Each chapter can be understood on its own. We will read chapters from the Bible that tell the story of God's work among His people and chapters that point us to Jesus.

Month	Day	Book Title	Ch	Chapter Summary
Aug. 1	Tuesday	Nehemiah	4	Nehemiah Starts Wall around Jerusalem
Aug. 2	Wednesday	Nehemiah	6	Nehemiah Finishes wall around Jerusalem
Aug. 3	Thursday	Nehemiah	8	Nehemiah Gathers Jews to Hear Scriptures
Aug. 4	Friday	Nehemiah	9	Jews Confess Sin and Commit Themselves to God
Aug. 5	Saturday	Job	1	Job Loses Children and Property
Aug. 6	Sunday	Job	2	Job Loses Health
Aug. 7	Monday	2 Corinthians	12	God's Grace Is Made Perfect in Human Weakness
Aug. 8	Tuesday	Job	3	Job Laments
Aug. 9	Wednesday	Job	18	Job's Friend Bildad Condemns Him
Aug. 10	Thursday	Job	19	Job Yearns to Die and Meet His Redeemer
Aug. 11	Friday	Job	28	The Search for Wisdom
Aug. 12	Saturday	Job	38	God Questions Job
Aug. 13	Sunday	Job	40	Job Submits to God
Aug. 14	Monday	Job	42	God Blesses Job
Aug. 15	Tuesday	Luke	3	John the Baptist Forecasts Jesus
Aug. 16	Wednesday	Luke	4	Jesus Tempted and Rejected
Aug. 17	Thursday	Luke	5	Jesus Calls His First Disciples
Aug. 18	Friday	Luke	6	Jesus Chooses 12 Apostles
Aug. 19	Saturday	Luke	7	Jesus Confirms He Is Messiah
Aug. 20	Sunday	Luke	8	Jesus Overrules a Storm, Sickness, Demons & Death
Aug. 21	Monday	Luke	9	Jesus Predicts His Death a 2nd Time
Aug. 22	Tuesday	Luke	10	Jesus Teaches: Love Your Neighbor
Aug. 23	Wednesday	Luke	11	Jesus Teaches How to Pray
Aug. 24	Thursday	Luke	12	Jesus Talks About Wealth
Aug. 25	Friday	Luke	13	Jesus Heals on the Sabbath
Aug. 26	Saturday	Luke	14	Jesus Heals on the Sabbath Again
Aug. 27	Sunday	Luke	15	Jesus Tells 3 Stories About Lost and Found
Aug. 28	Monday	Luke	16	Jesus Teaches About Heaven and Hell
Aug. 29	Tuesday	Luke	17	Jesus Teaches and Heals
Aug. 30	Wednesday	Luke	18	Jesus Predicts His Death a 3rd Time
Aug. 31	Thursday	Luke	19	Jesus Enters Jerusalem As King

Faith Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes July 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Simington at 7:06 PM.

Members present were: Dave Susie, Joe Simington, Steph Essick, Laura Heikens, Kay Iverson, Pastor Ben Unseth, Kirby Fueston, Heidi Skadeland, & Eli Franker.

The meeting was opened with prayer by President Joe Simington.

Discussion over Chapter 5 of The Lost Art of Disciple Making took place.

Minutes from last month's meeting were not approved since we did not have a quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT – None.

PASTOR BEN'S REPORT – Spoke with IOLBC young adult retreat but turned into speaking with their counselors and having a good discussion with them. The song "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" was sung in a revised version Sunday with mostly good feedback. Pastor presented LCMC to several congregations. Pastor conducted the funeral service for Marv Somers who was sick about a month before passing & was a member but wasn't active in the church since COVID. Pastor has asked if we know of someone that is ill, that we let him know so he can connect with them.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Joe Simington) – Nothing new/additional.

COUNCIL REPORTS

* **Evangelism (Eric Tigges)** –

* **Missions (Pam Harris)** – Joe talked with Pam about the work at Falls Community Church and this has been put on hold until winter for some inside work & possibly next summer.

* **Worship (Pete Crew)** –

* **Stewardship (Skadelands)** – Nothing new/additional.

* **Discipleship (Barb Solberg)** –

* **Children's Ministry (Kirby Fueston)** – Nothing new/additional.

* **Youth Ministry (Matt & Steph Essick)** – Nothing going on in the summer months.

* **Caring Ministries (Laura Heikens)** – Discussed making this team more of a "crisis" committee but wants to discuss this more with her group to possibly revamp the purpose of this committee.

* **Fellowship (No team leader appointed at this time)** –

* **Music & Creative Arts (Jared Hansen)** –

* **Properties (Eli Franker)** – Nothing new/additional.

* **Technology (Kay Iversen)** – Nothing new/additional.

OLD BUSINESS

*None

NEW BUSINESS

- * **Worship & Young Children** – Looking at having a scheduled youth or adult in the nursery to give young families the opportunity to get the most out of our services as we did prior to COVID.
- * **Financial position (action item) – Treasurer & Finance appointments**
Carolyn Dundas has accepted the finance position as part-time. Lisa Carpenter has agreed to take over the treasurer duties. A vote on the hiring of Carolyn & adding her to the bank accounts passed with a motion made by Heidi and seconded by Kirby. Laura made the motion to appoint Lisa as the treasurer as well as add her to the bank accounts with Steph seconding that motion. Motion passed by the members present. We will be doing an email or text vote from the absent council members since we weren't able to have a quorum but needed to get this voted on.
- * **UPDATE** – the other 4 Council members not present at the meeting all approved both appointments to the financial position as well as the treasurer via text voting.
- * **Church at Camp** – August 6 @ Ingham. We invited Zion, Trinity & St John's in Depew/Our Savior's in Emmetsburg.
- * **Congregational Forum on August 20** – we will have a council meeting prior to this so if there is something that the teams would like to present at the forum, please be thinking of those things and let Joe know at our August meeting or prior.
- * **23rd LCMC Annual Gathering** is October 1-4 in St Charles, MO.
- * **Fellowship team lead** – potential person has been contacted & awaiting a response.
- * **LifeKids** – the new director has been hired and is Cheryl Jackson. She is a retired school teacher and will start August 1. Looking at starting up again on August 24. They are thinking of covering 3 days of custodial work with Faith covering the other 2 days of the week.

Concerns and/or Celebrations

Closing Prayer was given by Joe Simington.

Adjournment – Heidi made the motion to adjourn. Kirby seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolene K. Hansen, Church Council Secretary

Next Council Meeting is August 9 | 7:00 p.m. | In person and Zoom

Council Members: Please submit your team reports to the office by
Monday, August 7, at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

GENERAL OFFERING

January 1 through May 21, 2023

2023 Budget: \$413,959.25

Year to Date as of May 21: \$144,355.57

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