

Let Freedom Ring!

Happy Independence Day! The month of July begins with an important celebration! Our country is 243 years old this year. We Americans are exceptionally fortunate to have the freedoms we enjoy including the freedom to worship our living God.

Pancake Breakfast! Mother's Day Baskets! Father's Day Pie Auction! Gifts and donations! After several months of planning and fundraising, **our international mission trip team is on the home stretch to their trip to Mexico City!** They will spend the week of **July 20-27** in two different churches with the help of Operation Serve International. The team will partner with OSI and God to bring His love and kindness to all those they encounter. Thanks to donations, the team is providing food baskets, medicines, and eyeglasses to those in need. Keep them and their work in prayer this month! With God they will do great things!



Celebrate! On **July 28**, **we will start our worship service with a dedication of the new offices and storage area.** We will thank God and those who made the new offices and storage area

possible. This significant project, led by Paul Behrens and the Properties Team, is a product of many volunteers and volunteer hours. Our church and those we serve will benefit from this added space. All praise to God!

Summer is the time for relaxing. We hope you get an opportunity to take a break and relax with family, friends, and our Lord. Time spent with those we love is certainly time well spent. We are free in God! Enjoy!

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Dear family of Faith,

A few days ago, Stu Christians forwarded this interesting article on why we should worship at church every Sunday.

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

It is so easy to fall out of the habit, the rhythm, of worshipping the Lord each Sunday. Yet, it is an essential part of the life of faith. So, I share a few reasons that every believer, every disciple, every follower of Jesus, will worship faithfully every Sunday.

Our Father loves when His children come to His house to meet with Him. He is honored by our love and worship.

We lay down our burdens.

Our souls are nourished and healed.

Our faith is strengthened, and our love and gratitude to God is deepened.

Our identity as children of God is reaffirmed.

Together, we remember God's promises.

Together, we are immersed in God's truth and wisdom.

Together, we hear the stories of God's people.

Together, we hear the story of Jesus and His love.

Together, we seek to love and bless our brothers and sisters in Christ's body.

See you in worship!

Pastor Lee Laaveg





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July	21 Luk	e and Tedra Jorgensen
July	22 Ric	h and Cheryl Stueven
July	27 Ter	ry and Jolene Hansen
July	30 Lec	and Carol Wigen
July	31 Pai	Jl and Lori Wire



Missions Team Partner

ATLAS of Spencer

"ATLAS is here to be your friend and walk with you through the tough times of your life"





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 ATLAS Group was founded in Sioux Center in 2004 and has since planted over a dozen independent ATLAS organizations across the nation.

Started in 2011, ATLAS of Spencer serves clients in Spencer and the Lakes Area. The purpose of ATLAS is to help those in need by providing advocacy through mentoring while walking alongside those seeking help. David Lyons serves as the Spencer group's executive director.

ATLAS of Spencer promotes expanding community ministry that provides relational, emotional, physical, financial, and/or spiritual support and guidance to anyone seeking help with any of life's trials. ATLAS mentors provide loving assistance in the process while demonstrating the unconditional love of God, encouraging salvation through acceptance of His Son Jesus Christ, and promoting a relationship to the Body of Christ, the Church.

ATLAS tries to get people past looking for a handout. Rather, they help individuals take ownership of their situations and their lives. When they need help from others, they seek a hand-up, not the hand-out.

Are you able to be that neighbor who can be support for someone in the community? Are you available to meet with someone and listen to and pray for them? Would you be willing to pray for ATLAS and those they serve or give a monthly or one-time donation? ATLAS is always looking for volunteers and mentors to help individuals and families through the tough times of their lives. To volunteer, phone 712-580-3277.



- 70 Sheet Notebooks (wide or college ruled)
- BLUNT Scissors
- 16 or 24 box Crayons
- 2-1/2" Eraser
- Unsharpened No. 2 Pencils with Erasers
- 30 Centimeter Ruler (can have inches on it)
- Pencil Sharpener

Thank you for your generosity!

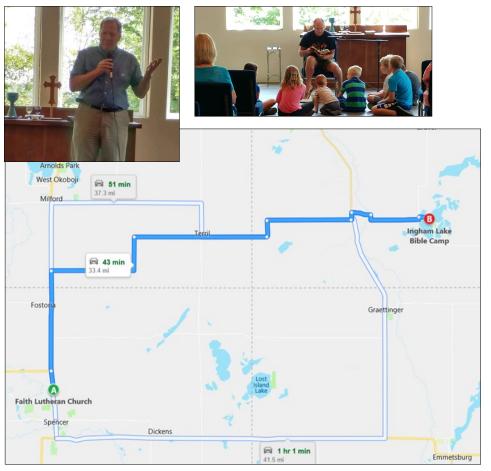
Please place the items in the yellow Mission box by the front door.

Assemble Kits & Quilts | Tuesday, July 30 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We invite you to join us as we work on quilts, baby and personal care kits and other items. At noon, we have a potluck lunch with World Relief the main dish provided. **Please join us!**

Ingham Lake Day | Sunday, August 4

Join us for worship, a potluck lunch, fun & fellowship!

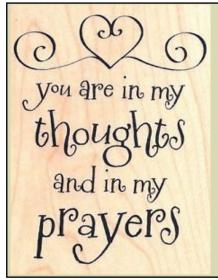


Bring your lawn chairs swim suit, baseball & bat, lawn darts ... or whatever!

Be active - or - sit and talk while watching others be active!







Keeping Them In Your Prayers . . .

Jesus, you promise to hear our prayers and answer us in our time of need. Touch the lives of those who are sick, hospitalized, battling a long-term illness, battling addictions and depression or grieving the loss of a loved one. With your power, restore them to wholeness and give them your joy. Amen.

Bless Peggy Olson, Keith Dannatt, Tracy Bengston, Kathy Petersen, Jack Greene, Gerry Ferguson, Arlene Fairchild, Steve DePauw, Chuck Dammann, Charlotte Roy, Alice Nielsen, Matt Essick, Norma Johnson, Ken Meyer, Kim Taylor, George Alspach, John and Jacinda Tracey and their daughter Braelynn, and Patrick and Katie Morrow and their boys Brycen, Ryker and Riley.



LifeKids Task Team

Members of the Task Team are: Pete Crew, Eric Patten, Ann Lear, Courtney Schwartz, Kyle Rouse, Pastor Lee and Lori Krei.



Golf Tournament August 17 Okoboji View Golf Course

The Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp's annual Golf Tournament is a great way "fore" you to spend some time with family and friends, work on your putting, and support the ministry of IOLBC! A little friendly competition, great food, and free t-shirts make our Golf Tournament a great time of fellowship.

Golf and Dinner Package:

1:00 pm Shotgun start (NOTE CHANGE IN TIME) \$90.00 per person

Or sign up a two-person team (\$180.00), or a four-person team (\$360.00).

Dinner Only:

Join us for supper at 5:00 pm for only \$25.00 per person.

Have a business, group, or family that would like to sponsor a hole? Give us a call to be represented - 1-800-OKOBOJI.

For more information or to register your team, please contact Registrar Sara at www.okoboji.org - go to the pull-down tab "Events" or call 712-337-3306.

(Remember to register by August 1 for your FREE T-shirt or Ball Cap!)



Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps Quilt Auction Weekend August 2 & 3

Quilt Auction Weekend includes several events: Scandinavian Feast 32nd annual Quilt Auction Glenn Henriksen Concert 5K Fun Run (Walkers Welcome!)

If you are interested in donating a quilt, items are due at the camp by Monday, July 22.

If you are interested in the 5K Fun Run, the cost is \$25 (no cost for kids). To be guaranteed a t-shirt, please register by July 26.

If you are interesting in volunteering or donating in some other way to make this weekend a success, please contact
Registrar Sara at the camp - 712-337-3306.

For more information on the Quilt Auction Weekend, to donate a quilt or to register for the 5K Fun Run, please visit the Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp website www.okoboji.org

Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp offers the following in **July: AT OKOBOJI**

Black Hills Excursion	June 29-July 3
Family Camp #3	June 30 - July 5
Jr. High Camp (6-9th)	July 7-12
Sr. High Encounter (9-12th)	July 14-19
Family Camp #4	July 21-26
Backpack Expedition	July 21-28
Family Camp #5	July 28 - Aug. 2
Family Camp #6	Aug. 4-9

Trailblazers #3 (4-6th) Pathfinders #3 (2-5th) Camp-in-a-day (K-2nd) July 7-12 July 7-9 July 10

AT INGHAM

Camp-in-a-day (K-2nd)

Trailblazers #4 (4-6th)

Pathfinders #4 (2-5th)

July 14-16

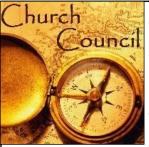
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Outdoor Advanced Camp (7-12th), July 28 - Aug. 2 LiveWire Music Camp (7-12th) July 28 - Aug. 2

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



Church Council Meeting | June 12, 2019 | 7:00 PM

Members present: Radina Jansen, Paul Behrens, Larry Wigen, Jim Unrau, Kent Heazlett, Kyle Rouse, Kay Iversen, Lori Krei, and Cindy Tigges.

President Kyle Rouse called the meeting to order. The meeting did not have a quorum so minutes and financials will need to be voted on at the next meeting. Radina opened the meeting with a devotion.

Financial update: The Endowment Funds have been given to Thrivent to manage. There will be two funds 1-Endowment and 2-Gifts and Memorials. We have transferred \$10,000 from gifts and memorials to the endowment fund and two people have paid \$3,000 for the Endowment Fund. Currently the Finance Team is working on setting up accounts on financials, more to come next month. Larry also mentioned they are renewing the Capital Campaign line of credit for another year. Pastor's report: the group reviewed.

President's report: Kyle updated the group about the conversation he had with the St. John's board and they agreed to part ways but they were grateful for our partnership. We will need to vote to end this relationship when we have a quorum.

LifeKids: this will continue as the Wednesday only day, but they will look to hire an YMT from the camp to help with curriculum etc. and then look at going to 5 days in 2020.

Leadercast update: Lori shared that Community Insurance, SMU, BVU and the Young Professionals met recently to talk about the 2020 Leadercast event. We are trying to bring in more outside companies to help grow this event.

Committee updates:

Leadership support finished reviewing the handbook and will submit to the office for their inputs.

Caring Ministry has a new member, Sara Franker and they have been doing a great job of reaching out to church members. Plus, the church office has been an asset in letting them know of people who need some extra prayers, etc.

Building had a few issues with the water heater and toilet. The new offices have carpet and are waiting for trim and then furniture can be moved in.

Music made pins for Pentecost, they are looking for a new piano tuner and they are adding praise team members.

Fellowship - not a lot to update. Thanks to Paul for fixing the hot water heater.

Missions had a meeting this past Sunday and they made some donation decisions through the end of June.

Next meeting is July 10 at 7:00 PM Submitted by, Cindy Tigges

Devotional Schedule:

July – To be determined Aug. – Kent Heazlett

Sept. – Radina Jansen Oct. – Cindy Tigges

Nov. – Kirby Fueston Dec. – Korrie Anderson

Jan., 2020 – Jim Unrau

A Note To Council Members!

Please submit your team's report to the Church Office for the July 10th Council meeting by

Monday, July 8.

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

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Wednesday, June 12, 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 June 28, 2019

Year To Date: \$ 44,185.00

Total Giving: \$358,177.50

Pledged

Remaining: \$ 41,822.50



GENERAL OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

2019 BUDGET: \$405,639.00

JAN. 1 - JUNE 28, 2019

YEAR TO DATE \$150,263.53

BALANCE

REMAINING \$255.375.47

AVG. ATTENDANCE 140

THANK YOU FOR GENEROUSLY GIVING IN 2019!

Mexico City International Mission Trip



Members of Faith Lutheran Church and area church will be in Mexico City July 20-27. They are serving with the people from Operation Serve International (OSI).

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



On Monday and Tuesday, July 22 & 23, the Team will be at Apostolic Community Restoration in Ixtapaluca. The church's pastor is Rutilo Uriostegui and his wife, Estefania.

"God brought us to Ixtapaluca to establish a congregation that shares the Gospel! Recently, the

municipality registered approximately 25% grown in its population. In these years, Boulevard Ixtapaluca was full of bars and centers of prostitution and alcoholism! These are the challenges we face in addition to drug addiction, broken families and idol worship! The harvest is great and the workers are few. Our mission is to conquer Ixtapaluca and its surroundings. Our vision is to flood the people of Ixtapaulca with the Word of God, to establish His kingdom and share the Good News of the Gospel! Your team will be a part of conquering Ixtapaluca for Christ!"



On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 24-26, the Team will be at Christian Family Center Unifying Families in Chimalhuacan. The Center's pastor is Esteban Alonso and his wife, Soledad.

"This church is a new church plant and we are in the midst of construction. We are already reaching many

children and their families in this region through feeding programs, children's programs, and preaching the Word of God in the region. The challenges in the area are broken families, alcoholism, drug addition and juvenile delinquency. We have a heart to impact our community for Christ. Thank you for serving with us in this community. We are believing for a GREAT harvest of Souls!"

Fourteen members of Faith Lutheran and 3 from area churches make up the team for the 2019 Mexico City International Mission Trip. The team will be in Mexico City Saturday, July 20, through Saturday, July 27. Members are: Eric, Cindy, Connor and Reid Tigges, Pastor Lee and Denise Laaveg, Christin and Lauren Lee, Joan Loring, Kirby Fueston, Kris and Sophie Behrens, Autumn Erdman, Brittany Spieker, Jane Wiest and Dr. Terry and Stevie Shively.

Send-Off Sunday, July 14 | Faith Lutheran will commission this Mexico City International Mission Trip team.



Stewardship at Faith

Take Care

In Jimmy Fallon's first monologue as host of NBC's The Tonight Show, he expressed thanks to all past hosts. On an occasion when he might have said, "And now this stage is mine!" or "I'm delighted to be counted among such greats," instead he stated with deep humility, "I just want to do the best I can and take care of this show for a while."

Take care of. That's language not of ownership but of stewardship. That's the language of Genesis 2:15 (NIV) - "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

What have we been called to "take care of for a little while"? The earth, surely. Perhaps a congregation, a business, a neighbor in need, a volunteer or an employee. A child, who may need less care - or different forms of it - as time goes on. We don't own these people and things. God invites us to be stewards of them, to care for them, to use wisely and value these precious gifts ... and someday, to pass them on to others.

STEWARDS OF THE MONTH:

CHURCH DECORATION TEAM

Cheri Banks, Denise Laaveg, GA Darnell, Colleen Rouse, Pam Harris, Jan Larson, Pam Livasy, Lora Johnson, Denise Lovitt

"A house is a house until you make it a home."

The Church Decoration Team makes our church feel like a church - our spiritual "home."

The team changes the colors of altar paraments and the flags that hang in the sanctuary as the seasons change, along with the banners on either side of the altar area.

They take care of the Easter Garden display, Pentecost geraniums, placing and decorating the Christmas trees and arranging the Christmas poinsettias.

Changes in the front entry way are their handiwork.

The team also changes the floral decorations on the Fellowship tables!

WELL DONE! GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!



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

Sending your Tithes and Offerings to Faith Lutheran is as easy as clicking your mouse!

Visit our church website **www.faithlutheranspencer.com/on-line-giving/**

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

Looking for something to put in the offering place? "I Gave Online" cards are available at the Welcome Center.

Stephen Ministry

From the Desk

I made it home from Orlando, Florida! Did I wrestle alligators while there? No, but that would have been exciting! During my week in Orlando, I trained to be a Stephen Leader in Stephen Ministry. The training was great, and the people I met were amazing. There were representatives from congregations all over the United States.

Eric Pallen

I was blessed to go and receive training in the ministry, and I am excited to bring this excellent ministry back to our congregation. I believe this ministry fits hand-in-hand with the intentional goal of our church to be a lay-led congregation, as those trained in Stephen Ministry are members of the congregation. We are all ministers for Christ, as Christ has called us in our respective life callings, jobs, and families.

Though I wasn't far from Universal Studios, I mainly stayed at the Conference Center for sessions all day. I ventured out a little bit, which included getting coffee at Starbucks (I drank a simple black coffee with an added espresso shot every morning), and a couple restaurants, including Waffle House!

So the Elephant in the Room question is ...

What is Stephen Ministry?

It is a ministry that equips lay people to provide one-toone Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remain private.



Stephen Ministers can help people go through all different life challenges, providing care and support through spiritually and emotionally challenging times. Life challenges can include divorce, hospitalization, terminal illness, birth and adoption, loss of a loved one, challenges in college, unemployment, and many other life situations. Stephen Ministers pray for people, listen, and walk with people through difficult times.

I am excited to share more about Stephen Ministry, and how Faith members can get involved! Look for videos during worship, brochures, and more information about Stephen Ministry through the

month of July. In a couple months, I will begin training people to become Stephen Ministers at Faith Lutheran. If you like to listen to others, and provide compassionate Christian care to those in need, this ministry may be just the thing for you!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE! For up-to-date information, got to "Events" at www.faithlutheran spencer.com	July 1	July 2 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	July 3 11 a.m 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 5:30 p.m. Executive Team mtg. 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group	July 4 Independence Day Office closed	July 5 Office closed.	July 6 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
July 7 8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal 8:15 a.m. Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	July 8	July 9 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting 1:30 p.m. Women's Small Group Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	July 10 11 a.m 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 5:30 p.m. Executive Team mtg. 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Council mtg.	July 11 8:30 a.m. Coffee Group.	July 12	July 13 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
July 14 - Send-Off Sunday 8:00 a.m. Musicians Rehearsal 8:15 a.m. Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Mentor / Mentee mtg. (Grades 5-8)	July 15 July 16 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting 5:30 p.m. Private Bible 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study Lori Krei : Out of the Office. She will return Friday.		July 17 11 a.m 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group	July 18 8:30 a.m. Coffee Group	July 19	July 20 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study Mexico City Mission Trip
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Sunday July 29 10:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. Mission Work Day 8:15 a.m. Prayer time 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	am in Mexico City for an Intern July 29	July 30 10:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. Mission Work Day 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting 5:30 p.m. Private Bible Study	July 31 11 a.m 4 p.m. Christian Counseling 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Reh. 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group			

Faith Lutheran Church

2912 Highway Blvd Spencer, IA 51301

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - JUNE, 2019

No Births | No Baptisms | No Marriages | No Deaths No New Members | No First Communion | No Confirmation

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

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