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... In God we Trust

Faith Life Together

Welcome Summer!

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It's here! The sun and long days! The flowers are in bloom. The fields are filling with the crops! It's a great time to thank God for these wonderful miracles in our lives.

July is historically a quieter month at Faith. Yet, there are still great things happening inside and outside the walls of the church building!

The month begins with our country's 246th birthday on July 4. There are many ways to enjoy the day. Festivities, food, fun. Some may prefer a quiet day. Some may work. However you recognize our country's birthday, may it be a blessing to you.

Each quarter, a **congregational forum** is held after worship. Plan to stay after worship **on July 10** to visit together about the revised constitution, heating and cooling in the SON Room, and other topics as they are brought from the floor. This is a time to talk. Let's talk about what's happening at Faith. Communication is an important part of a congregation.

LWR (Lutheran World Relief) is an organization that collects specific kits and quilts for distribution to those in need in the USA and around the world. There is a group of women who work on these specific kits and quilts at Faith throughout the year. This month they are boxing up their work and sending it to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis. From there, LWR determines where the need is greatest and sends out boxes of supplies. On **Sunday, July 24, we will bless the kits and quilts during worship**. The quilts will be on display on the backs of many of the sanctuary chairs. Just imagine how wonderful it must be to someone in a crisis to receive a lovingly handmade quilt. The prayers of those who sew and those of us in worship go along with the quilts to bless the receiver even more.

Whatever the month holds, we know that God is right along beside us. A comfort for all!

Hello, July and Goodbye June. Here's to an exciting, joyful, enjoyable, peaceful, and blessed month.



PASTOR BEN UNSETH

God's Loving Eye Is on You

I love summer, but it slides by too fast. There are so many things we want to do, and there is no way to get them all done. There are work responsibilities – tasks that have to be finished before autumn.

There are personal schedules and wish lists. The wedding is July 9, or the family reunion is August 6. Then there's that fishing pole collecting dust. We want to go see friends down there. We've been planning a trip up there.

The calendar does not slow down for me or for you. As I am writing, Vacation Bible School is all in the future. By the time you read this, VBS will be history. Our alphabet-only sign reads: *When God Throws a Party*. By the time the August newsletter comes out, we anticipate a digital sign with graphics. The sign will point 10,000 drivers a day to Jesus. High school youth are gathering this week. We are preparing for children's Sunday School and Confirmation for the fall.

How can we possibly balance what we **want** to do and our **responsibilities** with work, family and church? David offers us a great promise from God:

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you"* (Psalm 32:8).

God is not monitoring us with a critical eye but guiding us with an eye of love. God knows our responsibilities, our wants and our needs. I tend to chain myself to a desk and WORK. God knows that is harmful for me. Three summers ago, someone loaned me a bicycle to ride all summer. I explored. The next year, I moved to a house with great hiking trails across the road, and I enjoyed them all, except when I got lost. Last summer, my son gave me a bicycle that got me outside and in motion.

Last Sunday, I shared how God wants to give us great joy in unplugging from work, sharing time and meals with fellow Christians, and spending time with God—together. I felt hypocritical as I was preparing. I have a winter "pilgrimage" planned but nothing for this summer. However, God promises, "I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

In the middle of my week, a friend called me out of the blue and invited me to go high-altitude hiking and camping in August. I could not believe my ears. This is the kind of trip I have dreamed about ... but never experienced.

Let God guide you this summer, and autumn – and that next season that I am not ready to mention.

Ben Unseth

Women's Bible Study: *Experiencing God's Peace*

Tuesday, July 12 | 1:30 p.m. | SON Room



This month we finish our study of Philippians. We will review the 4 chapters. Do you have a favorite verse?

Peace with God, Peace from God, Peace of God, God of Peace - what are your thoughts when you read these phrases? All the same, or different?

Hope to see you on July 12 to learn from God's word!

All are welcome!

Come with ideas for our next study or if you are unable to make it that day, contact Linda Susie at 262-6621.

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday Blessings to ...

July 1	Silas Simington Isabelle Patten
July 2	Pete Crew Eric Weeks Blaine Erdman
July 3	Karen Brandt Abbey Crew
July 4	Drew Piercy
July 5	Jake Jacobson
July 6	Dave Solberg
July 8	Nathan Rouse
July 9	Taryn Milbrath
July 10	Savannah Ruhs Rhonda Vreeman Carol Heazlett Olivia Harris
July 12	Pat Larsen
July 13	Gene Berkland Ashley Szafraniec Isaiah Rustad
July 14	Phyllis Hanson Gloria McKenney Chelsea Schmidt Eric Becker
July 15	Seth Knoer Carson Weeks

July 16	Miles Rouse Kent Sandven Jacelyn Rustad
July 17	Paul Wire
July 18	Corbin Maaland
July 19	Isaac Rustad Andi Treybal
July 20	Erik Sandven
July 21	Eric Tigges Ashley Vreeman Lori Krei Leah Kreutner
July 23	Mike Hummel Joyce Spieker
July 24	Joshua Smith Serena Rustad
July 26	Denise Lovitt
July 27	Terry Frerichs
July 28	Jake Simcox
July 31	Audrey Maaland David Frerichs

July 2	Justin & Cassie Simcox
July 4	Larry & LaVonne Clark
July 6	Gary & Marcia Klett
July 10	Elmer & Marge Nielsen Al & Carla Vanderberg
July 14	Marv & Janet Schutter
July 20	Tom & Pam Hanson Darren & Christine Piercy
July 22	Rich & Cheryl Stueven Jesse & Serena Rustad
July 27	Terry & Jolene Hansen
July 31	Paul & Lori Wire

Happy Anniversary Wishes to ...

July 1	Darrel & Nancy Heckathorn Eldon & Pat Larsen
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Meet Your Missions: LifeKids After School



Our featured Mission partner this month is LifeKids. LifeKids is a partnership within Faith that provides after school and once-a-month in-service days to children ages K & up.

Radina Jansen, Director, does an exceptional job. She plans and executes the daily activities, field trips and fund raising for the program. Daily activities include learning

about the Bible, learning the 10 commandments, snack time with a healthy snack, conversation and interaction, group games and music.



The field trips are held on the once-a-month in-service days. Most of the in-service field trips are funded with Thrivent cards. The children have been to various outings such as the Children's Museum & Planetarium in Cherokee and the Pumpkin Patch. Upcoming field trips for this next year will include fishing, ice fishing and archery with the Clay County Conservationist.

The children also learn about community service and how it feels to help others. Some of the community service projects in the past have been making fleece blankets for Lutheran Family Service for children in foster care, tying quilts with Linda Susie for World Missions and making Christmas cards for shut ins.

The fund raising events include the pizza sale and the sale of Rada cutlery.

Most of the children attending are unchurched. The focus is on kindness to each other, appreciation and support, and becoming well rounded Christian adults.

Lutheran World Relief

Hands-On Mission Day | July 6 | 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Items of the Month:

School kit supplies!

(70 count, spiral bound notebooks; 16 or 24 ct. box of crayons; pencil sharpener; blunt scissors;; unsharpened No. 2 pencils; black or blue ball point pens (no gel); 2 1/2-inch eraser and 12-in/30-cm ruler)



Watch for sales on these items starting July & August!

Items can be donated by placing them in the yellow Missions box inside the church near the front doors.



Upper Des Moines Opportunity

Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Pantry is in need of items for our community.

They suggest:

Boxed potatoes and Mac & cheese



Mission Emphasis: Mental Health Conditions



Youth Mental Health

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him." Psalm 127:3. In spite of this belief, sometimes patience can run thin as the lack of structure and routine during summer break takes its toll on family life. For youth, this change in schedule can bring on a sense of relief

from the rigors of the classroom and school-based activities. A new set of challenges, though, can emerge as the switch is made to community opportunities (summer rec, more work hours, etc.), more screen time, or the distractions from unhealthy influences that can take center stage.

Adolescents can revert to not sleeping or sleeping too much, eating more or less than usual, experience little enjoyment in hobbies and interests, mood swings, anxiety, trouble concentrating, lack of motivation, low energy, and difficulty connecting with their families. Some youth may resort to using substances because of their free time, networking with different people outside their usual circle, and less supervision and/or accountability for their time.

At any age child or youth, behavior may be the best indicator of emotional health. If one is easily irritated, has angry outbursts, withdraws from others routinely, expressing helplessness or hopelessness (all more often than not for a month or more) these can reflect more serious risk factors which require attention, monitoring, and/or intervention. Some youth may use substances to change their perceptions of challenges or fit into their social scene, which is also problematic.

Perhaps a talk with a trusted family member, friend, pastor, physician, counselor, or coach/mentor, can be the first step in gaining support with the current situation. Working through conflict or destructive emotions is a must to improve strained relationships, especially at home. Promoting an active faith life and good communication within the family helps ground us in His Love. As Corinthians 13:4 (paraphrased) reminds us, "Love is patient and kind ... it is not irritable or resentful ... It endures all things." Work at staying connected and committed to each other and to God in the coming days to experience His grace.

To God be the Glory!

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.

Meet Erika Adolph!

Erika Adolph is a counselor working out of Faith Lutheran. She completed both her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and her Master of Arts degree in Professional Counseling at Liberty University (Lynchburg, VA). Erika is also certified through EAGALA (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association) to provide Equine Assisted Psychotherapy which uses horses to assist clients in an experiential therapy to work through challenges, relationships, and reach therapy goals.



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



2022 LCMC Annual Gathering & Convention

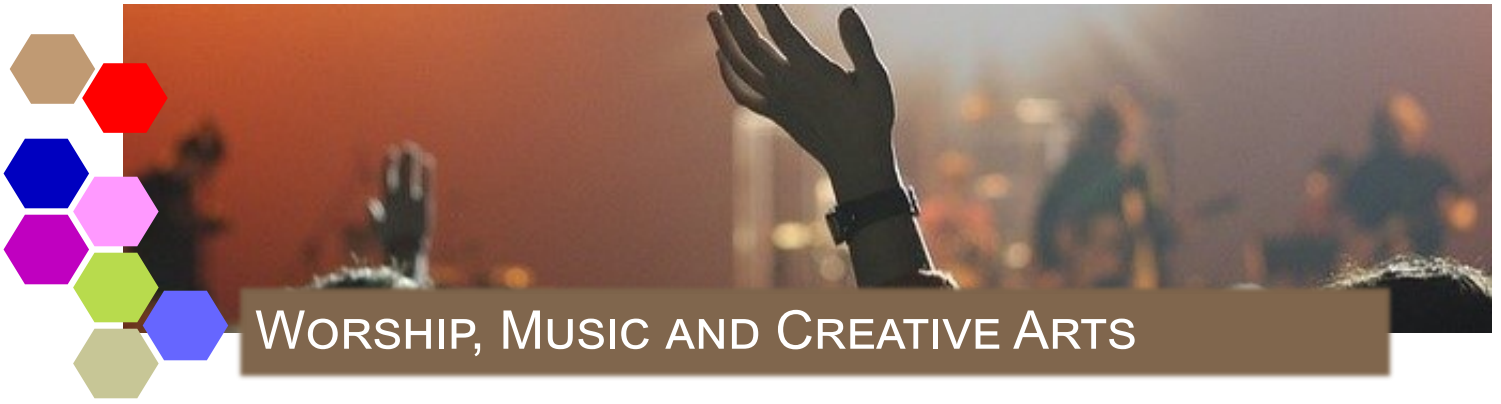
October 2-5 | Hosanna Church, Lakeville, MN

Theme: "Discipleship: Following Christ in a Complicated World"

**Registration deadline:
Sept. 28, 2022**

For more information or to register to attend, please go to lcmc.net then click on "Events".





WORSHIP, MUSIC AND CREATIVE ARTS

As many of you may know, our kids are baseball and softball players. Brett coaches Spencer's freshman baseball team that Jackson plays on and he also coaches Haley's city league softball team. Katie plays on city league and travel softball teams. Haley also started on a travel softball team this summer. Needless to say, we see a lot of games!

Sometimes Brett and I have to "divide and conquer" to be at all of the games, which isn't a problem for Brett, but I am directionally challenged so that can present some issues for me! Let's just say Google Maps gets me where I need to be but can take me on some scenic routes along the way! My most recent adventure took me through a countryside with beautiful rolling hills. The green grass waving in the warm summer wind was absolutely gorgeous. How amazing is it that God created the world and everything in it?!

The words to the song "How Great Thou Art" came to mind that day:

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

In the midst of creating the universe, God created you and me. He knows how many hairs are on each of our heads. He knows every intricate detail about us. How Great Thou Art!

Jolynne Eilts,
Worship, Music and Creative Arts Team lead

Faith Lutheran Church Photo Directory



Size sent to the office

Share your family picture with **FAITH!**

As you enjoy the summer, consider taking a photo to share with Faith for the directory.

Use the online form or QR code below to upload your picture.
We'll add it to your record!

If you need help, please call the church office: 712-580-4316 or
office@faithlutheranspencer.com

Send picture via this link: <https://bit.ly/3Nbqs6d>



Actual size
to be printed





Lori Krei Announces Resignation

At the June 8 council meeting, Lori Krei announced her resignation from her position as Church Administrator and Technology Director at Faith. She will be with us through the end of October. We appreciate her work over the past 12 years and wish her the best in her new season of life!



Meal Train for Jim Spieker

Extended through July!

mealtrain.com/mm10e3

Joyce and Jim Spieker (Justin Spieker's parents) recently joined Faith. Joyce is experiencing major health issues that required hospitalization in Sioux Falls. She is now in rehabilitation at a Milford care center.

The Caring Ministries Team is requesting your help.

First – Prayer – Please pray for Joyce and Jim, and their families, as they navigate this time in their life.

Second – Meal support – A Meal Train is established for Jim Spieker. Right now, the request is one (1) well-rounded meal a day. This could change. Meals should come to Faith Lutheran for someone to deliver them in the afternoon. There are no special instructions, allergies or dietary restrictions. Jim likes most anything. Check the calendar on the Meal Train website for days meals are requested.

Third – Gift of Presence – The family is also looking for someone to visit and sit with Jim for a while. Bringing some special treats like cookies or bars or snacks like crackers and cheese would be appreciated.

Fourth – Financial support – If cooking is not your gift, and you want to help, there is an opportunity to donate to Jim at the Meal Train website (see above).

Thank you for your support. Please direct questions or concerns to Laura Heikens at 712-260-7373.



Prayer and Praise Corner



Lift Up in Prayer...

- Our nation, that public leaders would lead us in confession and repentance.
- Leah Kreutner as she serves as our Worship Director through the summer.
- Recruiting a person or people for church administration and technology leadership beginning this fall.
- Installation of a new sign by the highway.
- War-torn Ukraine, and Christians serving in the middle of the danger.
- Healing for Bernard Fairchild, Tracy Bengtson, Emily Hoppe, Jim and Joyce Spieker and all those we name in our hearts.

Reasons for Praise!

- Incredible week of Vacation Bible School.
- Freedom to worship and to live out our faith anywhere in our nation.
- Lori Krei's dedicated and effective service as Church Administrator and Technology Director.
- Thanks for a decline of the COVID-19 virus.

If you have a prayer request for the **Prayer Chain**, please direct it to the Prayer Team Leaders Linda and Dave Susie at djslrs74@yahoo.com or Doreen Scribner at doreenscribner@outlook.com

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



Highlights from 2022 Vacation Bible School

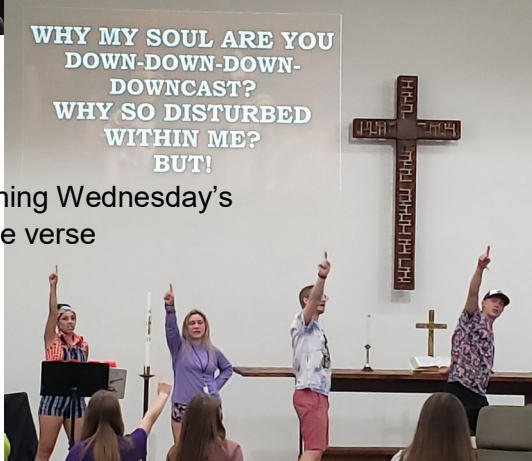


Logan Treybal, Patty Ellsworth, Ann Lear and Diane Van Kleek prepare to greet campers while helpers Levi Simington and Josh Vos look on.



WHY MY SOUL ARE YOU
DOWN-DOWN-DOWN-
DOWNCAST?
WHY SO DISTURBED
WITHIN ME?
BUT!

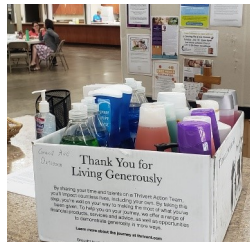
Learning Wednesday's
theme verse



Ski-it! Whoop! Whoop!



**Just stay on course towards the lighthouse and
you won't crash on the rocks!**



Along with fun theme days like miss-matched clothes day or favorite team shirt or hat day, campers were asked to bring an item for people in need: bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief, shampoo or dish soap for UDMO, and a canned good or pair of adult socks for Grand Avenue Community Outreach.

Thank you for your generosity!

Online giving provides the ability to donate to Faith Lutheran even when you are on the go for the summer!

- Go to <http://bit.ly/33RXUbH> or scan the QR code located bottom right
- Text "give" to 712-214-4317. You will receive a link.
 - First time: click "Sign in"
 - Click "register for an account" - follow prompts to receive your secure PIN
 - Select fund - enter donation amount - enter payment information
 - Tap "save payment" to use for future gifts
- Questions: Call the church office at 712-580-4316!

**Give
Online**





Congregational Forum
Sunday, July 10
immediately following worship

Please join us as we discuss the revised constitution, heating and cooling for the SON Room, and other topics as brought from the floor.

Register your children for LifeKids!

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/3w5hSxy>



Next Council Meeting is
July 13 | 7:00 p.m.

In person and Zoom

Council Members: Please submit your
team reports to the office
(office@faithlutheranspencer.com)
by Monday, July 11 at
12:00 p.m. (noon).

GENERAL OFFERING

January 1 – June 19, 2022

2022 Budget: \$389,684.00

Year to Date: \$175,036.80

Thank you for generously giving in 2022!

IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach

Iowa State University Extension in Clay County is offering a caregiver course this fall. Faith Lutheran Caring Ministries Team is gathering interest at this time. If you, or someone you know, is interested in such a course to please share that with the church office (712-580-4316 | office@faithlutheranspencer.com) or Laura Heikens (712-260-7373). Check out this video to learn more about what the course covers: <https://vimeo.com/707081484>

National Foster Care Month 2022

"You have no idea what difference
you may make in the life of
each child that comes through
your door. What an amazing
opportunity and privilege."

— A western Iowa foster dad —

CONSIDER FOSTERING.

Your commitment can make a lasting impact.



[LSIowa.org/foster](https://lsiowa.org/foster)

Are You Considering Foster Parenting?

When considering bringing new children into the home great care needs to go into making decisions on which children would fit well into the home. Sometimes the children have experienced things that no one knows. A foster parent is opening up their family to all of those hurts.

Please consider what you can do to help support the foster, kinship, and adoptive families you know.

Foster Parenting Classes will be at Faith Lutheran on Tuesdays, August 2 - October 4 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

If you are considering being a foster parent, there is a process to go through prior to doing the class.

<https://lsiowa.org/foster-care-adoption/inquiryform/>



Stewardship ... Stewards of the Month: Larry and LaVonne Clark

The heat certainly came, not only through the weather but also through the fire and passion of July's Stewards of the Month in Larry & LaVonne Clark.

A member of Faith since the beginning, Larry was part of the team that sought out our facility and location for where we are today. Once the building was found and purchased, there were many projects to be done.

Larry even went on to be the Property Team leader and serve on council.

LaVonne and Larry worked on properties projects including painting portions of the north end of our church building. In the past, Larry has even served us by greeting and ushering, along with assisting with Holy Communion services.

LaVonne has also served in many aspects of the ministries at Faith. She recently finished her term being the Worship Team leader and serving on council as well. Her bubbly personality can be seen in other places too, like assisting with Holy Communion services as well, along with leading prayers of the church, reading Scripture, and also leading worship. But her willing heart takes her to many places outside of our Sunday services. LaVonne is always willing to lend an extra set of hands with funerals, special events, potlucks and Wednesday meals when needed. She willingly helps LifeKids along with anything the office needs from answering the phone to assisting with mailings. Our Stewardship team also saw first hand her willingness to help with mailings as she joined us in mailing out Time & Talents sheets last year. When LaVonne is around she's not only extra hands and a willing heart, but also full of fellowship, hugs, warm smiles, beautiful laughs, and the joy of Christ exuding from every pore of her being.

Larry and LaVonne, your stewardship and effort to make Faith what it has become today hasn't gone unnoticed. Thanks for giving so much of your time in the beginning, and continuing to do so through your gifts and talents. Well done, good and faithful servants that have blessed us through all of your behind-the-scenes efforts. Thanks again and blessings to you both.

Stewardship: Rev. Robert Blezard

Don't let your offerings take a holiday

Ahhh, summer! A time to relax and grab much-needed R & R. Vacations and weekend getaways may keep you away from church, but our congregation is still bustling with activity. The bills never take a summer holiday.

It's enormously helpful to the congregation's balance sheet if your gifts, tithes and offerings continue to come in regularly, even if you are away. Here are some ideas for staying current:

Pay in advance: Plan ahead by offering more in the weeks in advance of your time away from church.

Make it up: When you return, give a little more in the weeks that follow.

Use your envelopes: Here's a tip that's good not only for summer, but year-round: If you use giving envelopes and checks, simply prepare them weeks in advance and bring them to church when convenient.

Use banking bill pay: Most online banking services will write and send checks for you. Just plug in the church address, the amount of the gift and how often you want it sent. Viola! You're done! If you need any more input on what's available at Faith, please see last month's newsletter or contact the office with any questions! We're always happy to help!

Enroll in electronic giving: Use the congregation's online giving portal to regularize your gift, tithe or offering.

Stewardship: Rev. Robert Blezard – continued

Give monthly or quarterly: Sometimes it's hard to anticipate how many Sundays you'll be away from church. Planning your gift, tithe or offering for monthly or quarterly can keep you current.

Of course, these methods are beneficial not only for the summer months, but also for the whole year through. Those who embrace giving as a spiritual discipline often find that their lives of faith are enriched, and their sense of joy and fulfillment is deepened. Choosing a regular-giving strategy can help you to discover the joys of generosity.

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Financial Peace University

The Stewardship Team is seeking interest for the next Financial Peace University class. It is a 9-lesson course that teaches you the step-by-step plan to win with money.

We can offer it this summer on: Sundays after church
OR Wednesday evenings starting in July

We would also be willing to offer it again this fall starting in October.

There's a sign up on the Welcome Center, so please put down your name, circle your preference, and let us know when you're interested.

Any questions? Talk to: Greg Lear (712-260-7675) | Karen Brandt (712-240-5967)
Kevin or Heidi Skadeland (Kevin: 712-229-7980 | Heidi: 712-221-9098)

Can't wait to hear from you!



Children's Ministry News of the Month



As you read this, VBS (Vacation Bible School) is over for 2022. The camp was wonderful, we had a great group of volunteers and a fantastic gaggle of children attending. We had approximately 30 children.

Each and every one of them heard that they are loved by Jesus. We played games, did crafts, ate snacks, met new friends, prayed and learned about the Bible and that it is the Word of God.

Ann Lear did a marvelous and meticulous job, as our on-site director. I am so grateful to everyone that helped our church reach out and touch lives. Our middle school volunteers learned responsibility while having fun helping teach and guide the attendees. This is an amazing way to give back to our community and I am proud to be a small part of this experience and church family. All glory to God!

We have sent a survey on Sunday school out to parents of Sunday school age and to the council members back on June 10 via email. We are hoping to gather the responses very soon and make some decisions on our Sunday school program for Faith Lutheran this fall, after the fair. Please be in prayer for our church's program and open your hearts to the possibility of helping in some way. We will need people of different talents. If you can find it in your heart to teach in some capacity – that would be FANTASTIC. It could be every other Sunday, once a month or even just on an 'as needed' basis, when a regular cannot make it. We need YOU! Adults and high school age! We need YOU! If you have never taught before, join us. We will train you. We will have curriculum for you to follow. If you are good with games or crafts, join us! More details will be coming but you can always visit with me or a member of my team.



Faith Lutheran Council Minutes - June 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Paul Behrens at 7:00 PM.

Members present were: Greg Lear, Becky Simons, Kay Iverson, Andrea Crew, Patty Ellsworth, Mark Speidel, Randy Enge, Pam Harris, Kevin & Heidi Skadeland, Joe Simington, Pastor Ben Unseth, Brett Eilts, Roger Godfredsen, Laura Heikens & Paul Behrens.

Devotions were given by Heidi Skadeland. The meeting was opened with prayer by Heidi.

Minutes from last month's meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Brett Eilts. Patty Ellsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Becky Simons) - General giving down from April but up compared to last year. Expenses as whole are down for the month as well as team expenses. Motion made by Mark Speidel to approve; seconded by Randy. Motion carried.

PASTOR BEN'S REPORT - We have 31 new members!! He encouraged everyone to welcome them and become part of the church. He taught up at IOLBC for a few days. See report for other information.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Paul Behrens) - Encouraged us to hang out after church and visit. You can learn a lot!!

COUNCIL REPORTS

***Evangelism (Eric Tigges)** - Nothing to add to the report.

***Missions (Pam Harris)** - Nothing to add to the report.

***Worship (Andrea Crew)** - Continuing to search for people to do the Children's sermons.

***Stewardship (Skadeland's)** - Report in the packet.

***Discipleship (Randy Enge)** - Studying the book of James in adult Bible study. This is a 12 week series. Looking for people to join the discipleship committee.

***Children's Ministry (Patty Ellsworth)** - Nothing to add to the report.

***Youth Ministry (Britt Spieker)** - Nothing to add to the report.

***Caring Ministries (Laura Heikens)** - Looking for people to give rides to people that would like to come but can't get here. Paul asked Mark to get in touch with Rides. Will continue to do the meal train as needed but looking for some "go-to" people. Talking about doing a class for care givers and presenting this to the congregation to gauge interest.

***Fellowship (Godfredsen's)** - Trying to help plan someone's funeral and maybe we need to have a form for people to complete & give to Pastor to have on file. Pastor has a form people can use.

***Music & Creative Arts (Eilts')** - Trying to think of something for Father's Day similar to what they did for Mother's Day.

***Properties (Mark Speidel)** - Another donation after church Sunday to put AC/heat in the Son Room. This is fully funded.

***Technology (Kay Iverson)** - Nothing to add to the report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion

- a. Current worship services - none.
- b. Current church operations - none.

2. Outdoor digital sign - looking at mid-July for completion. Boring is complete. Toft's have not been here yet to wire. Toft's are going to replace the top bulbs with LEDs so going to do all of this at once. Daktronics is where the sign will be coming from.

3. Constitution - Suggestion was made to have a couple of congregational forums for members to ask questions on any changes that were made. First one is set for July 10. The proposed Constitution would be put out on tables for members to pick up at church starting this Sunday. Patty motioned to approve the new Constitution; Randy seconded. Motion carried with a vote of 10-1. Suggestion was made to have the new Constitution emailed out to members and have some hard copies available at the front table. Looking to do the congregational meeting in 60 days to vote on the AC/heat for the Son Room as well as vote on the Constitution. This meeting is currently planned for Sunday, August 7.

Council Minutes - June 8, continued

NEW BUSINESS

LCMC Annual Gathering October 2-5 – Lakeville, MN – we are able to send 2 voting delegates if we want to. Pastor can be one of these but not necessary. We can send as many people as we want but only 2 can vote.

Constitution voting dates – done August 7.

Lenten offering – people were putting this in the basket by the meal and not in the offering plates at the front table. Lent offering total was \$1641 and the Lenten meals were \$934. The offering goes to Falls Community Church & Atlas. Meal offerings goes to the Fellowship budget. Kevin motioned to take the \$2575 and split \$1000 to each mission project and \$575 to Fellowship; seconded by Becky. Motion carried 9-2.

Later discussion: Going forward, we need to clarify what the baskets for giving are for whether that's a mission project or for the meal. Brittany made a motion to rescind the above motion regarding the Lenten offering; seconded by Laura. Motion carried 8-1. We will split the offering of \$1641 between the 2 mission projects & the \$934 into the Fellowship budget.

Sunday School survey – an email survey of parents of young children & council is to be sent out to gauge the thoughts of having Sunday School during the service or after the service, the length of time, & what you want your children to get out of Sunday School. This should be going out today or tomorrow.

Communion – This was given to those that can't come forward during the same time that the congregation was given communion. Everyone liked this being done this way vs. serving those after communion was done.

Greeters – they thanked & wished everybody well as they left. Made a special effort to check with the new members to see if they needed anything. Greg & Ann did this Sunday and said it was very well received.

Associate Member process – we have a letter to go out to those that qualify as an associate member to decrease our quorum number. This number is currently at 87. The letter was shown to Council.

Family photos to Faith – These are easy to update if you have a new family photo you would like to submit for the Directory. These should be in a digital format and sent to Lori's email.

Church Administrator & Technology Director – Lori has submitted her resignation effective October 31, 2022. We need to clarify her job description and determine exactly what we will be looking for. Lori may be interested in continuing some of her duties but we need to determine what duties those are. Gloria will be picking up some of these duties as well. Paul & Becky will meet with Lori to go over her duties and if she will potentially want to keep some of them as a part-time employee so Council can determine what this position will consist of.

Concerns and/or Celebrations

Brett talked to Lori about the church photo project that was discussed at the April meeting and there is already something out there called Box. More information to follow.

Prayers for Jolynne as she will potentially be having surgery in the near future.

Heidi brought up taking care of our staff and being mindful of inflation and increasing costs to our staff. We are doing a great job with improvements to the church but let's not forget about our staff.

Closing Prayer was given by Pastor Ben.

Adjournment – Brett made the motion to adjourn. Mark seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene K. Hansen, Church Council Secretary

Walk Through the Bible One Chapter a Day!

We will read one chapter a day and we will understand the whole Bible from beginning to end. We will read chapters that can be understood on their own. We will read chapters from the Old Testament that tell the story of God's work among his people and chapters that point us to Jesus - the Messiah and Savior. As we read key chapters from the Old Testament, our Sunday readings will be weekly visits to the New Testament.

Through the Bible in 2022 – One Chapter a Day

Month	Date	Day	Book	Ch.	Chapter Summary
July	1	Friday	Ezekiel	4	Ezekiel to Prophecy Fall of Jerusalem
July	2	Saturday	Jeremiah	38	Jeremiah Is Put in a Muddy Cistern
July	3	Sunday	Philippians	1	To Live Is Christ, to Die Is Gain
July	4	Monday	Ezekiel	8	Ezekiel Sees Idolatry in Temple
July	5	Tuesday	Hosea	1	God Tells Hosea to Marry an Adulteress
July	6	Wednesday	Hosea	3	Hosea Buys Back His Adulteress Wife
July	7	Thursday	Hosea	6	Israel Remains Unfaithful
July	8	Friday	Hosea	14	God Invites His People to Return
July	9	Saturday	2 Chronicles	36	Babylon Conquers Southern Jews
July	10	Sunday	James	1	Humbly Accept God's Word
July	11	Monday	Jeremiah	39	Babylon Conquers Jerusalem
July	12	Tuesday	Ezekiel	18	God Is Just to Each Person
July	13	Wednesday	Ezekiel	36	God Will Gather and Renew His People
July	14	Thursday	Daniel	1	Daniel Is Taken to Babylon
July	15	Friday	Daniel	2	Daniel Explains King's Dream
July	16	Saturday	Daniel	3	Daniel's Friends Refuse to Worship Idol
July	17	Sunday	Hebrews	12	Receiving a Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken
July	18	Monday	Daniel	5	Daniel Reads Writing on the Wall
July	19	Tuesday	Daniel	6	Daniel Breaks Law by Praying
July	20	Wednesday	Daniel	12	The Last Days
July	21	Thursday	Daniel	9	Daniel Predicts Return after 70 years
July	22	Friday	Zechariah	7	Justice before Fasting
July	23	Saturday	Ezra	3	Rebuilding the Altar after Exile
July	24	Sunday	Romans	12	Offer Your Body as a Living Sacrifice
July	25	Monday	Haggai	1	Haggai Calls Jews to Rebuild Temple
July	26	Tuesday	Ezra	5	Enemies Protest Rebuilding
July	27	Wednesday	Ezra	6	Babylonian King Authorizes Rebuilding
July	28	Thursday	Ezra	7	Ezra Comes to Jerusalem under Artaxerxes
July	29	Friday	Nehemiah	1	Nehemiah Prays
July	30	Saturday	Nehemiah	2	Artaxerxes Sends Nehemiah to Jerusalem
July	31	Sunday	2 Corinthians	5	Christians Are Christ's Ambassadors

The Project Tree

While these named projects need support, please know that other teams may appreciate support as well. Check out the Project Tree and let God inspire you to support in a way that works for you.

Properties Team

- Finish top moulding office: \$400
- Sheetrock back of Worship wall: \$3,000 - \$3,500
- Resurface North/South exterior walls to match front: \$37,000 per side or \$75,000 for both
- Repaint & sandblast North/South exterior walls: \$18,250
 - Repaint & sandblast East exterior wall: \$11,200
- Floor covering (hard surface or carpet): in the Worship area: Estimate \$55,000 - \$60,000 (\$550 received)
 - Paint remaining duct work in Worship area: \$3,000
- Shelves in storage area: \$500 - \$700
- Furnace for the SON Room - \$12,500

- Repair duct work to Pastor Ben and Eric's offices and General Maintenance - \$5,000

Technology Team

- New projectors and system in worship area - \$150,000 (\$3,900 received)

Youth Ministry

- Gift Cards for meals (like Taco Bell, McDonalds, Burger King, any pizza establishment) - Typically the youth are coming from sporting or school activities and have not eaten.
- Money for snacks for Confirmation youth
- Cabin cost at IOLBC for a youth weekend trip
 - Paint ball costs at IOLBC

July at the Okobojo Camp

- **July 3-8:** Family Camp #3 – Guest speaker: Rev. Mark Brandt
- **July 10-15:** Junior High Camp (6th-9th grades)
- **July 17-22:** Senior High Encounter (9th-12th grades)
- **July 24-29:** Family Camp #4 – Speaker: Rev. Paul Cross
- **July 31-Aug. 5:** Family Camp #5 – Speaker: Rev. Nathan Anenson

July at the Ingham Lake Camp

- **July 10-15:** Trailblazers #3 (4th-6th grades)
- **July 10-12:** Pathfinders#3 (2nd-5th grades)
- **July 13:** Camp-in-a-day #3 (Kindergarten-2nd grades)
- **July 14:** Camp-in-a-day #4 (Kindergarten-2nd grades)
- **July 17-22:** Trailblazers #4 (4th-6th grades)
- **July 17-19:** Pathfinders#4 (2nd-5th grades)
- **July 24-29:** Junior High Camp (6th-9th grades)
- **July 31-Aug.5:** Outdoor Adventure Camp (7th-12th grades)
- **July 31-Aug.5:** :LiveWire Music Camp (7th-12th grades)

See brochures on the Welcome Center or posters on bulletin board for more details.

Pre-registration may be required for some events. Please check their website:

www.okobojo.org

Call 1-800-656-2654 (Okobojo Camp) or 712-867-4170 (Ingham Camp).



Information and happenings with Faith Lutheran Youth can be found at ...



♦ **Instagram Youth Page:**
spencerfaithlutheranyouth

♦ **Facebook Youth Page:**
Faith Lutheran Church Youth

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Faith Lutheran Church - June, 2022

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

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