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Faith Life Together



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Spring Into Summer!

What does summer mean to you? For some, it means a chance to relax, enjoy the outdoors, and spend quality time with family and friends. For others, the summer season is a busier time of year, between sports schedules, attending camps, and other extracurricular activities. Perhaps your summer looks like a mix of those two. Whatever June and the rest of summer may bring, may you still find time to connect with God and bask in His creation.

Although the summer brings a slower pace to the church life, June still brings several opportunities to grow in your faith and connect with others. **Saturday, June 10, at 11:00 a.m.** is Spencer's annual **Flagfest Parade!** Faith has a spot in the parade, and we hope you are able to be involved in some way with our float! We have room for people on the float to hold signs and throw t-shirts, and walkers to pass out candy – and of course people to cheer from the sidelines! If you can't help the day of the parade, we can also use help the Saturday beforehand, on **June 3 from 10:00 a.m. - noon**. We will be decorating the float and getting all the supplies ready to go. Contact Eric Tigges or Cheryl Stueven if you are interested in helping out!

On **Sunday, June 18**, we will celebrate the fathers in our church family in conjunction with **Father's Day!** Part of the service will include honoring the fathers and father figures present that morning.

Beginning the next day and going until Thursday, **June 19 - 22**, from **12:30 - 5:00 p.m.** we will have counselors from Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp (IOLBC) here to lead us in **Vacation Bible School!** This year's theme is Foundation, and is sure to be a lot of fun. Sign up your kids, your neighbor's kids, your grandchildren visiting you for the week – all kids Preschool through entering 6th grade are welcome to join the fun! Older kids and adults can also participate by being helpers for the week or helping in the kitchen.

May God bless each of you during the month of June, and we pray you are able to see the light of Christ in new ways that encourage your faith each day!



Smartphones or Dumbphones?

I need you.

Sometimes I need alone time, but God has created us to do life together. In college I felt sorry for the wife of the church's founding pastor. Everyone knew who she was, but each week she walked into the sanctuary and sat alone.

Through the Covid isolation, we learned that social isolation harmed all of us socially and emotionally. Perhaps worse, the development of children and teenagers was damaged in ways that can affect them the rest of their lives.

Social media and digital entertainment can warp people at any age. I sat on a plane with a mom, dad and two children, watching while the dad immersed himself in his phone and then video on his tablet, lost to his wife and children.

Many people have told me about restaurant tables where teenagers physically sit together, but ignore each other as they scroll Tik Tok, Snapchat, Instagram or Facebook.

God created us to interact with each other!

Jhett Rogers is a wise 13-year-old featured in an article this week by Olivia Rheingold in *The Free Press*. Thinking about when his friends get their first smart phone, Jhett said, "It kind of feels like I've lost a friend. Whenever I'm with them, they're zoned out and always on their phone."

Jhett is the last of his cluster of thirty friends not to have a smartphone. "It kind of made me feel left out and jealous," he said. "But later I don't want one because I know what happens." He said that his school lunch hour consists of everyone ignoring everyone else while they munch and scroll TikTok.

"The younger the age of getting the first smartphone, the worse the mental health the young adult reports today," writes Jonathan Haidt, professor of leadership at New York University.

I have sat in a worship service, itching to check text messages on my phone. Perhaps you have found yourself endlessly scrolling through Facebook. Whatever age you are, here are a couple things to contemplate regarding a healthy balance of social media and togetherness.

Key Scriptures

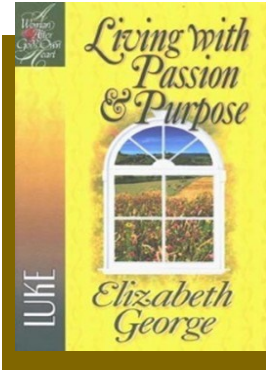
- "Every day they [Christians] continued to **meet together**.... They broke bread in their homes and **ate together**." (Acts 2:46).
- "God's temple is sacred, and **you together** are that temple." (1 Corinthians 3:17).
- "Whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable**—if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy**—**think about such things**." (Philippians 4:8).

Social Media Tactics

- Get a **non-internet smart phone**, texting and calling, but no social media.
- **Set your phone to grayscale** two hours before you go to bed. Surprisingly, it will reduce the desire to pick up and check the phone.

We need each other.

Bible Study: A Study of Luke



Bible Study: “Living with Passion & Purpose”

Tuesday, June 13 | 1:30 p.m. | SON Room

In Luke 7 we see Jesus’ loving concern in action as He continues His ministry. What is Jesus teaching His disciples then and us now? Our world is full of people who are hurting physically, mentally and spiritually; people in need of the love of Christ. May our prayer be “Lord, who can I reach out to and touch today?” As we show forth Christ’s love, others are shown the way to the Savior.

Come and join in the discussion! All are welcome!

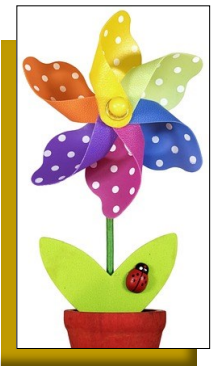
June Birthdays and Anniversaries

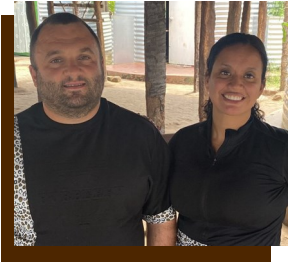
Happy Birthday Blessings to ...

June 4	Stan Jongma Janet Schutter
June 6	Katie Johnikin
June 8	Carla Vanderberg
June 9	Andrea Crew Lauren Lee Paul Caton
June 10	Tom Hanson
June 13	Del Brockshus Brady Vreeman Liliana Johnikin
June 16	Molly Crew
June 19	Aaron Storley
June 20	Doreen Scribner
June 21	Mia Schwartz Justin Spieker
June 22	Casey Vanderberg Rachel Skadeland
June 23	Cheryl Stueven
June 25	Grayson Hansen Sarah Harris
June 26	Pam Harris
June 27	Drew Sandven
June 28	Elmer Nielsen
June 29	Gary Klett
June 30	Cooper Harris Blake Blazek

Happy Anniversary Wishes to ...

June 1	Darold & Diane Jamtgaard
June 5	Lee & Nancy Ketcham Brandon & Mallory Anderson
June 6	Tim & Pamela Egland Mark & Amy Freeman
June 8	Norm & Alice Nielsen
June 10	Bill & Ruby Nitzel
June 11	Brett & Jolynne Eilts
June 13	Tim & Joy Kelsch Greg & Ann Lear
June 16	Kyle & Jamie Rouse
June 18	Randy & Barb Enge Troy & Anne Rosendahl
June 19	Larry & GA Darnell- Wegner
June 20	Larry & Shirley Nelson
June 21	Dave & Linda Susie
June 24	Jake & Karen Jacobson
June 26	Gene & Denise Lovitt
June 27	Bill & Deb Neiderheiser
July 29	Troy & Chelsea Schmidt





Meet Your Missions: International Messengers and the Smith Family

Josh and Whitney Smith, along with their three kids Jordyn, Jadyn, and Jonah, are currently serving as missionaries to the people of Uganda in Africa. They work with the sending agency International Messengers (IM), which has been operating as an independent, nonprofit mission organization since 1989. In an effort to involve lay people and impact local churches, IM created a ministry concept called Evangelistic English Language Camps. The number of people involved in these English camp teams has grown annually from 15 in the beginning to over 200 at present. This concept continues to expand into medical, nursing, educational and professional English camps.

One thing International Messengers loves to focus on is short-term mission trips. God uses these trips to spread the Gospel, help local missionaries, and transform the lives of those who come! There are two such trips coming up this summer that perhaps you and your family could join in on! The first is from July 20-30 in Kaliro, Uganda, and the second is from July 31-August 10 in Kyunga, Uganda. Both opportunities will focus on encouraging the local church and reaching out to area children.

The Smith family primarily ministers to the community of Pawel, Uganda. There, they host the Uganda Bible Society. This organization works to provide Bible-based trauma healing to bring restoration to the people living there. As the Smith family works to serve God wherever they go and whoever they meet, let's remember Josh and Whitney and their family in our prayers and ask God's blessings and protection over them.

Hands-On Missions and Lutheran World Relief

Hands-On Mission Day | Wednesday, June 7
9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Thanks all who brought in the "Items of the Month" throughout the year and to all who gathered on Hands-on Mission Days to sew and assemble kits and quilts. On May 13 we sent by truck to the warehouse around 700 lbs. of items for Lutheran World Relief to distribute to those in need – 34 quilts, 11 baby care kits, 164 personal care kits, and 71 school kits.

Hope to see you on June 7!

Item of the Month ~ **Unsharpened #2 pencils**

The #2 pencils with erasers are included in the school kits.

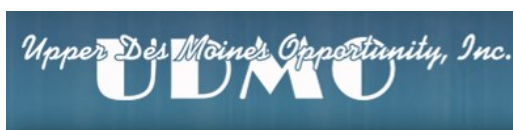
All too often, poor families are forced to choose between feeding their children or buying other necessities like school supplies. Without the needed school supplies, children cannot go to school. Your gift of love will help provide the supplies kids need so that they can continue their educations.

Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

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



Upper Des Moines Opportunity



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

Boxed potatoes, applesauce, cereal

Mission Emphasis: Mental Health Conditions



Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

Anxiety takes many forms. Struggling with fear can make individuals have unwanted, intrusive thoughts (obsessions) and behaviors (compulsions) that dictate many facets of their life. There is no known cause but theories mention either a genetic predisposition, brain health

conditions, chronic stress, major life changes, trauma, or sleep disturbances as precursors for the form of anxiety disorder called Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD).

A person with OCD may struggle with obsessions of contamination (extreme fear of touching certain types of substances or certain items in particular places), of harm (hurting one's self or loved ones), of doubt/checking (not trusting one's memory, attention, or perception necessary to reach a decision), of ordering and arranging (meticulously setting up or moving things so they "look right", counting, tapping, touching), and/or of hoarding (persistent difficulty discarding or parting with possessions, regardless of their value.) Whatever the fear and resulting behavior to mitigate it, life with OCD at its worst is wrought with overwhelming anxiety and mental suffering.

You may think: I feel these doubts, have insecurities, or find myself compelled to react in a manner similar to those listed above. You would be right since these are universal reactions that affect us all in some manner. Mental health conditions and mental illness become more evident and defined when the symptom severity affects our daily functioning (i.e., avoiding school or work, interpersonal relationships, activities, etc.) because of our anxiety.

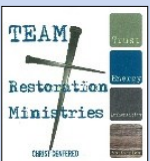
Combatting the stigma of living with the consistent challenges of OCD takes strength and fortitude to endure. Reconciling oneself to living with OCD may be assisted through counseling, which teaches techniques to combat intrusive thoughts and identify coping skills to lessen their effect on daily life. In addition, options for treatment can include a diet rich in protein, complex carbohydrates, nuts, seeds, Vitamin B12 and folate, and medicinal solutions to make living with this mental health condition more manageable.

Having supportive family and friends also goes a long way in successfully navigating a path to better mental health. Acceptance of this illness depends on people around us knowing these internal unsolicited thoughts and resulting compulsive actions are a signal that compassion and understanding are needed. Ridicule and condemnation are of no good when confronting and managing this illness.

As Christians, God's Word tells us to equip ourselves with faith and peace to endure. The Bible also gives us insight on how to regain some control over our mental well-being. Philippians 4:8 tells us to

"Fix your thoughts on what is true, honorable and right, lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." Through Romans 5, we are reminded that suffering brings us closer to Him, and fosters perseverance, which in turn, builds our character, and gives us hope to conquer our pain. May we find His peace to triumph over our adversities.

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.



Erika Adolph is a counselor working out of Faith Lutheran for TEAM Restoration.

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



Do you ever feel like life is just chaos revolving around you – like a tornado warning when it feels like something might let loose and life will start spinning out of control?

Likely we've all been there at some point or another in our lives. Even the disciples felt this way, even when Jesus was *right next to them*. Many of the disciples had been fishermen all their lives. They knew the sea, knew how to maneuver their boats – but that one night on the Sea of Galilee, they asked Jesus 'Don't you care that we are drowning!?' You can almost hear the panic in their voices. They knew the sea, but this storm was beyond their power to control. In a matter of minutes, they knew they would be overcome by the waves if nothing changed.

Jesus' disciples were in a literal storm, but life can often behave much like the wind and waves – out of control, threatening to overwhelm us, teeming with chaos. It could be an external situation such as a job loss, unexpected loss, or conflict among family members. Or the storm may be more internal, such as struggling with depression or anxiety. However storms manifest in your life, they can wear at your soul, drain the energy from your body, and leave you trembling in the dark.

The band *Mosaic MSC* from Los Angeles wrote a song back in 2016 that begins with these lyrics: *"Peace, bring it all to peace. The storms surrounding me. Let it break at Your Name. Still, call the sea to still. The rage in me to still. Every wave at Your Name."* The lyrics immediately draw to mind the story of Jesus calming the storm and bridges it with the current events happening in our lives. I love how the language they use acknowledges the storm, but redirects our attention to the One who has power over it all. This pattern continues in the chorus, and notice the unique imagery they use: *"Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble. Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear."* What a powerful image, which the song draws from for its title: "Tremble".

Rather than leaving us alone trembling in the darkness, Jesus steps in and causes the darkness to tremble. We know that He holds all the power. Even in the midst of tumult, Jesus won't leave us, and even though the storms may overwhelm us, they can never overcome Him. As it says in the bridge, *"Your Name is a light that the shadows can't deny. Your Name cannot be overcome."*

Sometimes it's hard to remember Jesus is more powerful than the storm when you're right in the middle of a trial. At least for me, it helps to remember the times God has previously been faithful in my life – kind of like remembering that spring does come when the winter seems to drag on, or that sunshine will return when it's been cloudy and raining for a week. Just as the sun is no less hot during the winter, our God is no less powerful during a storm. But when we look for the light, and focus on Jesus, it becomes much easier to focus on the One who holds the power, rather than the chaos surrounding our life.

The storm may not end immediately. Jesus may not bring the rushing peace like He did for His disciples. But we can still find rest for our souls knowing that the One who holds the world is also holding us, and He will never be overcome.



Thank You!



A big "Thank You!" goes to the confirmation kids for their help in contributing items and assembling personal care kits. Without their help we would not have been able to send so many personal care kits.
~ Linda Susie



Congratulations Graduates!



Faith honors these youth as they graduate from Spencer High School.



Emily Grace Campbell is a graduate of Spencer High School where she participated in band and choir and helped with Special Olympics.

After graduation, Emily plans to attend college at Buena Vista University in the fall studying Computer Science to go into software engineering.

She is the daughter of Justin and Katie Campbell.

Autumn Kay Erdman is a graduate of Spencer High School where she participated in soccer, FFA, 4-H, yearbook and showing sheep.

After graduation, Autumn plans to major in Animal Science at Iowa State.

She is the daughter of Jolene Hansen and Bob Erdman.



Jada Mary Piercy is a graduate of Spencer High School where she participated in volleyball, basketball, track, softball and the National Honor Society.

Jada says, "After graduation, I plan to attend Northwestern College to play basketball and major in Exercise Science."

She is the daughter of Darren and Christy Piercy.

Reid Christian Tigges is a graduate of Spencer High School where he was a 4-sport athlete. He participated in track, baseball, football and swim. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Faith Lutheran Youth Group, Faith Lutheran international mission trips, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and a swim instructor at the YMCA.

After graduation, Reid plans to attend St. Cloud State University to study mechanical engineering and play baseball and swim for the Huskies.

He is the son of Eric and Cindy Tigges.



School's Out for the Summer!

This is my last newsletter as the director of LifeKids. I want to send out a big LifeKids, "Thank you!" to the present and past board members of LifeKids for their support over the last 3 years. A big LifeKids "Thank you!" goes out to the Missions Team for their monthly donation to support Faith Lutheran's local mission, LifeKids. A big LifeKids, "Thank you!" goes out to all those who have donated money, supplies, time and prayers for LifeKids. Without you, the LifeKids program would not be possible. Being the director for three years has been a true blessing. I trust that God has used the lessons, activities, service projects and time spent together to make a difference in each of the children's and parent's lives now and in the future. Each child has been a blessing.

Our last baking day for Grand Avenue Community Outreach was on Wednesday, May 17. The LifeKids fulfilled their monthly community service project by baking their 8th and final dessert. Cookies are one of their favorite things to bake since they get to enjoy a cookie, usually accompanied by a cup of cold milk!



What does summer look like for LifeKids? There are no children here in the summer since LifeKids is licensed as an after school program. The new director will begin around August 1. The name of the new director will be announced after approval by the Department of Health and Human Services (DH&HS) licensing coordinator. When the new director begins, I will help with the transition by providing an overview of the DH&HS requirements, the mission of LifeKids, and what that looks like on a daily basis.

LifeKids brochures were taken to each of the elementary schools. All children in grades preschool – 4th grade will receive a brochure to take home. Registration is being promoted on Faith's Instagram, Faith's Facebook page, LifeKids Facebook page, Faith's LinkedIn account, SMU,

the bulletin. and the church sign in the parking lot throughout the summer as many families don't make fall arrangements for after school care until it is closer to the beginning of the school year.

Registration forms can be found at the welcome center or online at lifekidsspencer.com

For the 2023-2024 school year, Eric will continue to work with LifeKids one day per month, on in-service days, as our bus driver and our plus one to meet the DH&HS child/adult ratio when on field trips.

I look forward to meeting the new director and helping sub when needed! I trust that God will bring children who will benefit from the LifeKids program to Faith Lutheran's local mission.

VBS with Ingham Okobojo Lutheran Bible Camp FOUNDATION – Psalm 62:2

Registration is open for children who are in Preschool through entering 6th grade in the fall of 2023. Fill out the registration forms at <https://bit.ly/3KoG5Fk> or scan the QR code. Paper copies of the registration form are available on the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Kirby Fueston: 712-363-5541.



Time
12:30 to
5:00 p.m.

info
Children in
Preschool
through
6th grade as
of Fall, 2023.

Date
June 19-22

Location
Faith
Lutheran

Register →

*Information and happenings with
Faith Lutheran Youth can be found on the
Facebook youth page:
Faith Youth of Spencer*



Stewardship ... Stewards of the Month: Troy & Anne Rosendahl



As we kick off summer, let's keep celebrating our amazing congregation and a couple of stewards that we couldn't be without, Troy and Anne Rosendahl.

This couple always steps up to the plate for whatever is needed. Together, you can find Troy and Anne either greeting you at the door with genuine hospitality or serving you in the fellowship area with whatever need you have, filling your tummy with yummy goodness, and offering great spiritual fellowship. And wherever you see them, they will always put a smile on your face and a kind word in your heart. This is very fitting because Troy works for Thrivent and is gifted at insurance

and investments and making sense out of both of those. In the same way, Anne is a nurse at Spencer Hospital and covers many areas, but normally helps with cardiac rehab ... helping the heart get stronger; how fitting!

Separately, you will see Troy up front either sharing his wisdom with the kiddos during the children sermon, filling the pulpit when asked, or sharing his tenor voice as a worship vocalist or with the Pop-Up Choir. Troy was also was part of the team that committed themselves to the search for whomever God had for us next and brought us Pastor Ben.

As for Anne, she has served on the Worship Team the last several years where her organizing skills have been put to great use. Anne has been organizing the greeters each week for the last few years and assisting with other things through the Worship Team.

This couple covers a vast area in our congregation and we are so blessed to have them. Well done, good and faithful servants, for using so many gifts that God has given you. Thank you for all you do and may God continue to bless you both as you continue to serve Him.

Stewardship of Our Bodily Heath by Rev. Robert Blezard

Paul writes, *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?"* – 1 Corinthians 6:19

God has given each of us a physical body that, like our cars, need attention and care to function optimally and bring us smoothly down the road of life.

Of course, many of us have health problems for factors beyond our control, such as genetics, environment and misfortune. With so many variables over which we have *no control*, we need to do our best with the variables we *can* control.

For June, dedicate yourselves to being a better steward of your body. Here are some ideas:

- **Move it!** Even small amounts of exercise improve health and wellbeing. Ask your doctor how to get going.
- **Sleep.** Eight hours of shuteye does wonders for body and mind.
- **Pray and meditate.** Spiritual disciplines lower your stress, which improves physical health, too.

God gave us wonderful bodies to carry us through our life's journey of discipleship. The better we care for it, the more fruitful our journey will be.

– Rob Blezard

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Meet Our New Members!



On Sunday, May 7, Faith Lutheran welcomed these 5 people as fellow members in the body of Christ. Left to right, they are: Susie & Tim Brinkley, Lee & Gary Nelson, and Naomi Rosendahl, pictured here with husband Blake Rosendahl.

Prayer and Praise Corner



Lift Up in Prayer...

- Pray for guidance for graduates, including our high school graduates: Emily Campbell, Autumn Erdman, Jada Piercy and Reid Tigges.
- Pray for children to come to our Vacation Bible School in June. Pray about helping.
- Pray about attending Bible Camp this summer – youth and adults!
- Pray for Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps as they train staff members for this summer.
- Pray for couples getting married this month: Austin Crew and Madison Miller; Gene Englin and Patty Schaney.
- Pray for God to guide us regarding Treasurer, Finance Team and Financial Coordinator.
- Pray about serving with a ministry team.
- Healing for Whitney, Isaiah and Baby Gray, Connie Jenkins, Keith Van Kleek, Dave Frerichs, Beckett Morrow, Cole Hanson, Barbara Greene, Ely Kleszczelski, Ruth Bergmann, and all those we name in our hearts.
- Comfort for the families of Wayne Burnham, Jim Spieker, Nancy Ketcham's mother, and Gene Berkland.

Reasons for Praise!

- Thank God for those who joined our congregation on May 7.
- Thank God for generous donors.
- Thank God for volunteers in Fellowship ministry.
- Thank God for volunteers with LifeKids ministry.
- Thank God for volunteers with Hands-On Mission and Loopy Ladies



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Faith Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

May 10,
2023

Council Meeting Minutes

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

Members present were: Joe Simington, Dave Susie, Pam Hanson, Eli Franker, Pam Harris, Kay Iversen, Heidi Skadeland, Vickie Godfredsen, Pete Crew (via Zoom), Jared Hansen, Steph Essick & Pastor Ben Unseth (via Zoom).

The meeting was opened with prayer by Joe Simington.

Discussion over Chapter 3 of The Lost Art of Disciple Making was had at this time.

Minutes from last month's meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Jared Hansen.

Heidi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The month of April hasn't been closed so the reports were printed as is.

PASTOR BEN'S REPORT – Six First Communion kids and seven confirmation kids this spring. We had a baptism and 2 funerals. He will be going to talk LCMC with some congregations in Lyle, MN next month.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Joe Simington) – Nothing to report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- * **Evangelism (Eric Tigges)** – Eric told Pastor that he has a spot reserved in the Flagfest parade. He is looking at promoting VBS. Cheryl is looking to put together some float decorating days/times.
- * **Missions (Pam Harris)** – Talked to Pastor Julius Badigo & he would like to get together with the Properties committee on Sunday, June 4, after their church service (2-4 PM). We may break up their projects into multiple different shifts vs. having to do them all at once. Suggested meeting with them a few times/year. Eli to check with his team and follow up with Pam in a week or so.
- * **Worship (Pete Crew)** – Nothing additional.
- * **Stewardship (Skadeland's)** – Report is in the packet. Going to do a Pay It Forward event and coordinate this with Pastor Ben.
- * **Discipleship (Barb Solberg)** – Continuing with Max Lucado. Looking at coordinating multi-generational small groups.
- * **Children's Ministry (Kirby Fueston)** – Nothing additional.

GENERAL OFFERING

January 1
through
May 21, 2023
2023 Budget:
\$413,959.25
Year to Date:
\$144,355.57

*Thank you for
generously
giving in 2023!*

Next Council Meeting is June 14 | 7:00 p.m. | In person and Zoom

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

May Council Minutes – continued

- * **Youth Ministry (Matt & Steph Essick)** – Getting the kids together to go to Sioux Falls to help and possibly a baseball game/concert this summer.
- * **Caring Ministries (Laura Heikens)** – Nothing additional.
- * **Fellowship (Roger & Vickie Godfredsen)** – Two funerals in the past month. Luke Ketcham helped with his grandma's funeral
- * **Music & Creative Arts (Jared Hansen)** – Ordered 150 flowers to hand out for Mother's Day. A video will play for Mother's Day also. Graduation, Pentecost, Memorial Day all coming up so working on those events.
- * **Properties (Eli Franker)** – Nothing additional.
- * **Technology (Kay Iversen)** – Phones are being put into the LifeKids office & tech office.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Rates and paying workers – Recommended to have a small group to better define/structure the rental rates of the church. Ross Brockshus has already said he would be willing to help with this.
Our finance director is wanting to be done so looking at an accounting firm to take this over. This would be approximately \$10,000 and we would still need to submit the numbers to the firm. A small group of people is working through the options. Nicki plans to be done probably next week. We may have somebody to take the Treasurer's position – more to come on that.
2. Missions Team work day at Falls Community Church – see Missions report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Flagfest Parade float – see Evangelism report.
2. LifeKids has found someone to lead their program.

Concerns and/or Celebrations

Closing Prayer was given by Joe Simington.

Adjournment – Jared Hansen made the motion to adjourn. Steph Essick seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolene K. Hansen, Church Council Secretary

Join in Prayer Regarding Financial Positions

**Treasurer,
Finance Team
&
Finance
Coordinator**

We express our thanks to Nicki Lange, as she has ended her time as Finance Coordinator, and we are grateful for the work she has done for us the past several months. With her departure, we need to fill three critical financial roles: **Treasurer, Finance Team, and Finance Coordinator**. As we seek God's guidance in who should step into these roles, will you also join us in prayer regarding these matters? As you do so, consider if you or someone you know may be able to step into one of these roles.

For more information or questions, please contact Joe Simington, Council President, at [712-346-7834](tel:712-346-7834) or president@faithlutheranspencer.com

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	Date	Day	Bk Title	Ch	Chapter Summary
June	1	Wednesday	Isaiah	5	God's Vineyard
June	2	Thursday	Isaiah	6	God Calls Isaiah
June	3	Friday	Isaiah	40	Song of Comfort
June	4	Saturday	Isaiah	43	God Gathers His People
June	5	Sunday	Philippians	3	The Surpassing Worth of Knowing Christ
June	6	Monday	Isaiah	44	God vs. idols
June	7	Tuesday	Isaiah	52	The Suffering Servant
June	8	Wednesday	Isaiah	53	The Sin-Bearer
June	9	Thursday	Isaiah	55	Invitation to Seek God
June	10	Friday	Isaiah	56	God Blesses Foreigners and Singles
June	11	Saturday	Isaiah	64	Asking God to Come Down
June	12	Sunday	Revelation	19	Jesus: King of Kings and Lord of Lords
June	13	Monday	Jeremiah	1	God Calls Jeremiah
June	14	Tuesday	Jeremiah	2	God Condemns Judah
June	15	Wednesday	Jeremiah	4	God Declares, "Return to Me!"
June	16	Thursday	Ecclesiastes	1	Everything Is Meaningless
June	17	Friday	Ecclesiastes	2	Pleasure, Wisdom & Work Are Meaningless
June	18	Saturday	Ecclesiastes	3	A Time for Everything
June	19	Sunday	Ecclesiastes	12	An Old Man's Conclusion
June	20	Monday	Jeremiah	7	God Condemns False Religion
June	21	Tuesday	Jeremiah	18	God Offers Mercy
June	22	Wednesday	Jeremiah	20	Jeremiah Prophesies Babylonian Exile
June	23	Thursday	Jeremiah	25	Jeremiah Predicts 70 Years of Exile
June	24	Friday	Jeremiah	29	Jeremiah Writes to Exiles
June	25	Saturday	Jeremiah	36	King Jehoiakim Burns God's Word
June	26	Sunday	Ephesians	5	Living as Children of Light
June	27	Monday	Ezekiel	1	God Appears to Ezekiel
June	28	Tuesday	Ezekiel	2	God Calls Ezekiel
June	29	Wednesday	Lamentations	3	Jeremiah Prays
June	30	Thursday	Ezekiel	3	God Commissions Ezekiel



Summer activities at the Okoboji site:

Eldersversity – Pam Avaux | June 5-6

Confirmation/Junior High Camp – completing 6th-9th grades | June 11-16

Family Camp #1 – Rev. Dr. Steve Turnbull | June 18-23

Family Camp #2 – Rev. Scott Rains | June 25-30

Family Camp #3 – Rev. Amy Selby | July 2-7

Summer activities at the Ingham Lake site:

Ice Cream Social – June 4 | 3:00 p.m. program, 4:00-6:00 p.m. supper & ice cream, 6:00 p.m. pie auction

“Abide” Young Adult Retreat (18+) – June 30-July 2

Camp-in-a-Day #1 – completing K-2nd grade – June 21 | **Camp-in-a-Day #2** – June 22

Pathfinders #1 – completing 2nd-5th grades – June 18-20 | **Pathfinders #2** – June 25-27

Trailblazers #1 – completing 4th-6th grades – June 18-23 | **Trailblazers #2** – June 25-30

Beginning June 4 | **Summer Outdoor Worship** | Sundays 9:30 a.m. | Okoboji site's amphitheater

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

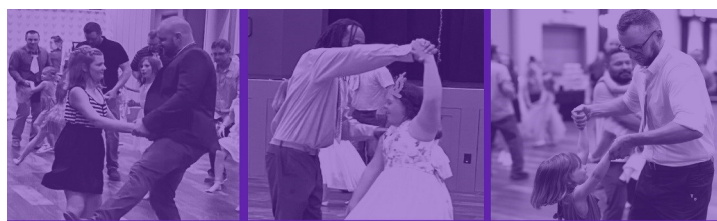
www.okoboji.org or call 1-800-656-2654 (Okoboji Camp) or 712-867-4170 (Ingham Camp).

Prayer Chain & Sunday Prayers of the Church



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 Morning Prayers of the Church**, please contact the church office - 712-580-4316 or office@faithlutheranspencer.com



cherished daughters
Father Daughter Dance

Sunday, June 4, 2023
6 - 9 p.m.
Roof Garden Ballroom
\$55 per family
*scholarships available

A night of intentional investment! Purchase your ticket here for Cherish Center's annual Cherished Daughters Dance on Sunday, June 4, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Arnolds Park Amusement Park property.

Join DJ Spin X at the famous Roof Garden Ballroom for an evening of dancing, crafts, photo booths, snacks, and cookies. When you need a break from dancing, take in some carnival fun on Lake Street, ride down the famous Funhouse Slide in the Arnolds Park Museum, or take a ride on the Arnolds Park Ferris Wheel and enjoy the beautiful views of Lake Okoboji with your princess!



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*Contact Shantel Pausley, Executive Director, at 712.338.3333 for more details on scholarships.

Tickets are also available at the door with cash or check.

Via De Cristo
Ultreya (Reunion)

WHEN: SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH
WHERE: OKOBOJI LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP BEACH
TIME: 2:00 PM
WHAT: SHARING, FELLOWSHIP, SWIMMING
WHO: ANYONE WHO HAS ATTENDED VDC AND THEIR FAMILY (KIDS INCLUDED, BRING SWIMSUITS)

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Faith Lutheran Church – May, 2023

Baptism | Births | Confirmed | Death | Marriages

New Members: May 7, Tim & Susie Brinkley, Gary & Lee Nelson, Naomi Rosendahl

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Watch us on SMU:

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