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Summer Fun

Faith Life Together

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June Blooms!

God is always creating, always doing something new! Isaiah 43:18-19 says *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."*

The church month begins with **Pentecost on June 5**. This is the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples. What must have the scene been like? How did the disciples react? We know they had the passion and the "fire" to go out to proclaim the message of the Lord! Their passion encouraged over 3,000 people to come to Christ! To remember that particular Pentecost nearly 2,000 years ago, the modern church uses the color red and images of the dove and fire to remind us of such a transforming event. If you are so inclined, wear red to church the first Sunday in June.

The Faith Lutheran Church **Council meets on Wednesday, June 8**, at 7:00 p.m. These faithful servants carve out time and effort to help Faith move forward. If there are questions, praises, concerns, or agenda items, please contact one of the council members, President Paul Behrens, or Pastor Ben.

June is the month to honor and remember fathers. **Sunday, June 19 is Father's Day**. They are an important part of each family.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is happening again at Faith! This year the Children's Ministry team is trying something a bit different – VBS in the afternoon. Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp (IOLBC) staff will lead the campers **June 20 – 23 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** This is sure to be a fun time for those who attend!

God gives us seasons of the year. Spring and summer are times of renewal and growth. You can see it everywhere. Take time to relax in the beauty of the outdoors and marvel at God's creation.



PASTOR BEN UNSETH

Your Next Step

I am *grateful* for where I am, but I don't want to become *stagnant* where I am. I love my home above The Butchery. I wake up in the morning and look out over Grand Avenue at the beautiful sunrise. Wow!

Through the coldest days of winter, my dining room table welcomed great college students from around the world. But the table maxes out as it runs into walls. On Monday evenings this spring, my living room has been full with fabulous college students discussing their lives and the Bible. However, my living room fills up with a few people.

My brothers and nieces and nephews love coming to visit Mom here in town. But not all of them want to sleep in my living room. Mom has climbed the 25 steps to share a meal with her family. However, the steep stairway is a barrier.

Last week I retrieved my tuned-up bicycle from Bikes, Boards & Shades, and I am having a ball flying around town. One day soon, I hope to pedal up to Okoboji. Then, Ruthven? Hartley? Linn Grove?

My life is blessed. And there is always a next step.

I biked to Walgreens and bought four pocket notebooks for the four quadrants of Spencer – NW, NE, SW, SE. Then I began to pedal up the Streets of NW Spencer and write down addresses of interesting houses. After I finish the Streets of NW Spencer, I will pedal the Avenues of NW Spencer and write down more addresses. Then I'll crisscross NE, SE and SW Spencer and scribble more notes.

I pedal and pray. I give thanks for my beautiful apartment, and I pray, "Where do you want me to live in the coming years? Where is the best place for me to welcome guests? If my apartment is best, thanks be to God! If you want me in a house, thanks be to God!"

Your life is blessed. And there is always a next step.

Is there a seed of an idea or dream that God has planted in your soul? In God's cultivation of our lives, seeds do not need to sprout in a few weeks. Harvest does not necessarily come in months. God shepherds us through years and decades. His timing is perfect. We get in a hurry, but God does not.

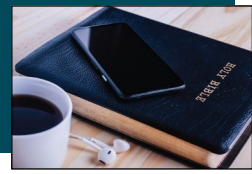
Joseph was sold into slavery at 17 years old and then imprisoned. At 28, he interpreted dreams for Pharaoh's butler and baker, yet continued to suffer in prison. His career plans were far off track... except in the eyes of God!

Next step, Pharaoh had a dream and summoned Joseph to interpret it when the prisoner was 30. Nine more years rolled by before Joseph's brothers appeared to beg for Joseph to sell them grain. The reunion took 22 years, longer than Joseph had been alive when he was betrayed. Joseph comforted his brothers, telling them, "God sent me ahead of you" (Genesis 45:5, 7).

Your life is blessed. And there is always a next step. I pedaled to Walgreens. What is your next step?

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

Tuesday, June 14 | 1:30 p.m. | SON Room



This month we take a look at verses 10 through 19 in Philippians 4. Consider that Paul was writing from prison, not knowing if he would be put to death, yet he gives us these words of encouragement! We learn his secret of contentment. A good verse to say over and over when you are at the point of looming discouragement or despair comes from Philippians 4:13 - *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

We will also discuss who is blessed more when we give. The giver or the recipient of the gift?

Hope to see you on June 14 to learn from God's word!

All are welcome!

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday Blessings to ...



June 1	Kora Anderson
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 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
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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	Dan & Korrie Anderson 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

Meet Your Missions: International Messengers



The concept of International Messengers (IM) actually took place in the mind and heart of Robert Rasmusson in 1980. IM became an independent, nonprofit mission organization in 1989. The offices were moved to Clear Lake, Iowa, in 1992.

IM set out to provide effective cross-cultural, short-term missions experiences for college-age students and adults. This pursuit led to a new and innovative ministry concept called Evangelistic English Language Camps (EELC), born in 1985 with a camp in Austria. The camps were expanded to Communist Poland the following year and then began in Hong Kong and other Eastern European countries from 1987 – 1992.

In 1990 IM started offering 2-1/2 week opportunities aimed at involving adult lay people and impacting the local church. Winter camps began in 1991 for the same purpose. At about the same time, IM started to focus on recruiting church teams, where all the team members were from one church. The number of people involved in these English camp teams has grown annually from 15 in the beginning to over 200 at present. In the late 90's the concept continued to expand into medical, nursing, educational and professional English camps which have had an effect on the adult population of Central & Eastern Europe.

The ministries of our cross-cultural staff include Bible study and discipleship, children-at-risk ministry, cooking class outreach, evangelism through English teaching, jail ministry, marriage and parenting outreach, medical ministry, men's accountability ministry, ministry to people with HIV, ministry to the elderly, ministry to the homeless/addicts, ministry through business, motorcycle ministry, Native American and First Nations ministry, outreach to businessmen, outreach to sex-trafficked girls and women, planting and pastoring churches, refugee ministry, Roma ministry through adult education, therapy using dogs and horses, translation of discipleship material, university student outreach, women and children-at-risk ministry, and youth ministry.

We anxiously wait to see God's plans unfold for IM in the coming years.

Lutheran World Relief

Hands-On Mission Day | June 1 | 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Item of the Month:

Dark colored hand towels

The towels are used in the baby care kits.



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

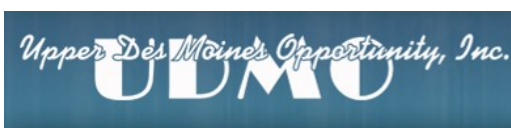


Upper Des Moines Opportunity

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

They suggest:

Canned fruit, tuna, tuna helper



Mission Emphasis: Mental Health Conditions

MENTAL

HEALTH



Men's Mental Health

Did you know that over 6 million men suffer from depression each year which is often undiagnosed? Men are more likely to report fatigue, irritability, loss of interest in work or hobbies, rather than feelings of sadness or worthlessness. Approximately 19.1 million American adults

ages 18 to 54 have an anxiety disorder. Three million men have a panic disorder, agoraphobia, or any other phobia.

Male suicides have been on the rise since 2000, becoming the 7th leading cause of death among males. More than 4 times as many men as women die by suicide and the highest rates in the US are found in Caucasian men over the age of 85. Risk factors for suicide include social isolation, substance abuse, unemployment, military-related trauma, genetic predisposition, and mood disorders.

Men who serve as providers, protectors, and active members in their families and communities, may become overwhelmed with the full weight of their responsibilities. God reminds in Joshua 1:9 of how to cope with these feelings. *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* (NIV)

Reaching out to supportive people within your circle of loved ones, your pastor, a counselor, your physician, or a trusted coach or mentor, are great first steps to get the support needed to face daily and more unique circumstances. God's peace and our wellbeing can be more readily attained by knowing our worth as His child and defining our purpose with the help of His grace and mercy. The Bible tells us through Paul's writing in 1 Corinthians 15:58: *"Therefore my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."* (NIV)

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"

There is joy in following Jesus, but we cannot assume that people will accidentally fall into it simply by showing up and attending our churches. We must be intentional about forming meaningful relationships, and take seriously the need to actively teach, train, and develop followers of Jesus. If we do not become more active in discipling our people, the world will continue to do it for us.

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

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." – Matthew 6:34

If I'm being honest, I'll admit I was rather worried about what was going to happen after Marlee's time at Faith Lutheran ended. Brett and I both had flashbacks from last summer of attempting to coordinate music with the guest speaker's message and their chosen scripture. Finding someone to play the piano each week was a big challenge. Spring and summer are busier seasons for our family as our kids are involved in baseball and softball and Brett coaches multiple teams. How would everything get done?

We were blessed with Gloria McKenney's acceptance of the Worship Director position, but she can't start at Faith until mid to late August. Marlee's last day was May 15th. I believe that God had a hand in our transition process when Leah Kreutner suggested that she could fill in as our temporary Worship Director between Marlee and Gloria. Leah has been an answer to many prayers! She is such a talented musician with a servant heart. We are so grateful for Leah's willingness to fill in over the summer months.

Leah will choose music for worship and lead rehearsals and Sunday morning worship. Brett and I will coordinate vocalist groups should someone need a substitute. As usual, God has created a plan! No need to worry!

In Christ,
Brett & Jolynne Eilts, Music & Creative Arts Team leaders



Wear red Sunday, June 5, to commemorate Pentecost!

Pentecost Sunday commemorates the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples and other followers of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem for the Feast of Weeks as described in Acts Chapter 2.

Ultreya

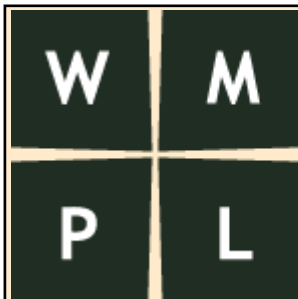
To all who have attended Via de Cristo (VDC) in the past:

We are holding Ultreya on **June 12th, 2022** up at the camp by the firepit and beach. Ultreya is a Spanish word meaning 'Onward'. For us it is a time to gather and seek Jesus and share memories and ideas, along with having some FUN!!

We will gather around **noon to 4:00 pm**. Bring your kids, the beach will be open!

We will have some music and we will share communion and even hear from a couple of 2022 pilgrims.

Please join us.



Join us Sunday, June 5, as we welcome back members of the World Mission Prayer League!

They will be giving the sermon!

Prayer and Praise Corner



Lift Up in Prayer...

- * Leah Kreutner as she serves as our interim Worship Director through the summer.
- * Members of the World Mission Prayer League as they come on June 5 to share about ministry in India.
- * High School and college graduates as they navigate major life transitions.
- * Fathers, to lead their families in following Jesus.
- * New members, as they seek ways to make friends and serve within our congregation.
- * War-torn Ukraine, and Christians serving in the middle of the danger.
- * Pastor Ben as he teaches for Eldersiversity with Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps.
- * Healing for Bernard Fairchild, Tracy Bengtson, Emily Hoppe, Jerome Christianson, Neldon Swancutt and all those we name in our hearts.

Reasons for Praise!

- ♦ Leah Kreutner, willing to step up as Worship Director.
- ♦ Thanks for men who mentored you and modeled integrity and devotion to Christ.
- ♦ 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

Crazy Crayons!

Join BeMobile Verizon as they collect Crayons to donate to Crazy Crayons. Millions of pounds of crayons are discarded every year turning into a waxy sludge that clogs our landfills.

That's where Crazy Crayon comes in! They turn those discarded crayons into recycled FREE crayons to be donated to children in schools across the nation.

BeMobile is proud to partner with this great program to bring a little bit of joy to kids in every community we are a part of. All BeMobile locations are drop-off points for crayons. Help us reach our 2,500-pound goal!

BeMobile Inc. Verizon is located at 712 11th St. SW, Suite 1 - next to Arby's.



High School Graduation

On Sunday, May 15, Faith honored these youth as they graduated from High School on Sunday, May 22, 2022.



Sophie Colene Behrens is a graduate of Okoboji High School where she participated in large group speech, show choir, tennis, basketball, volleyball, key club, FFA, 4-H and the National Honor Society.

After graduation, Sophie plans to major in nursing at South Dakota State University.

She is the daughter of Paul and Kris Behrens.



Blake Allen Blazek is a graduate of Spencer High School where he participated in football.

After graduation, Blake plans to attend Kirkwood in Iowa City.

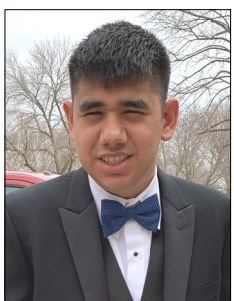
He is the son of Lisa Blazek and Colby Blazek.



Chase Roger Kooker is a graduate of Spencer High School where he participated in debate, the National Honor Society and golf.

After graduation, Chase plans to attend Iowa State University for Aerospace Engineering.

He is the son of Todd and Shanna Kooker.



Raul Antonio Ortiz is a graduate of Spencer High School where he participated on the SHS Golf Team, Special Olympics cycling, basketball, swimming and track. He participated with the Unified Sports Club that meets monthly with his peers.

After graduation, Raul will attend the My Day program in Spencer and continue to work at the Spencer Country Club. His dream is to attend college.

He is the son of Julian and Debbie Ortiz.



Allison Ellen Piercy is a graduate of Spencer High School where she participated in volleyball, basketball, track and softball.

After graduating, Allison plans to attend Northwestern College majoring in business and playing basketball.

She is the daughter of Darren and Christy Piercy.

Graduation is a time when one journey ends and another begins.



Jacelyn Leigh Rustad is a graduate of Spencer High School where she participated in speech and drama, band, choir and youth group.

After graduating, Jacelyn plans to attend Iowa Lakes Community College then transfer to USD where she will major in Human Resource Management.

She is the daughter of Jesse and Serena Rustad.



Sydney Ann Schwartz is a graduate of Spencer High School where she participated in cross country, soccer and the National Honor Society.

After graduating, Sydney plans to attend Dordt University majoring in statistics with the hope of going into sports statistics. She will also continue with soccer next fall.

She is the daughter of Doug and Courtney Schwartz.



Ashley Renee Vreeman is a graduate of Spencer High School where she participated in soccer, volleyball and the National Honor Society.

After graduating, Ashley plans to attend SDSU.

She is the daughter of Mark and Rhonda Vreeman.



Carson Eric Weeks is a graduate of Spencer High School. He participated in bowling on the Sioux Rapids team.

After graduating, Carson plans to attend Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville where he will major in Electrical Technology.

He is the son of Eric and Sheila Weeks.



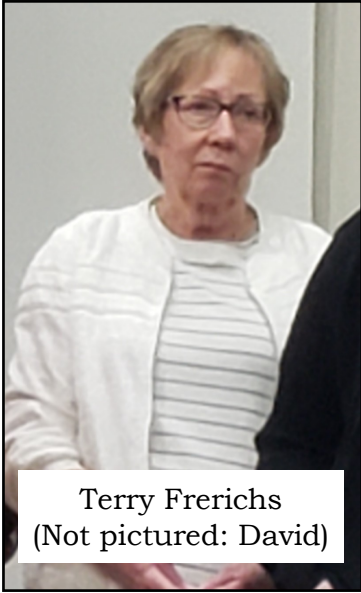
*Congratulations
Graduates!*





***Faith Lutheran Warmly and Proudly
Welcomed These New Members on
Sunday, May 15!***

These candid photos were taken during the
New Member Installation portion of the worship service.



Terry Frerichs
(Not pictured: David)



Phyllis and Roger Hanson



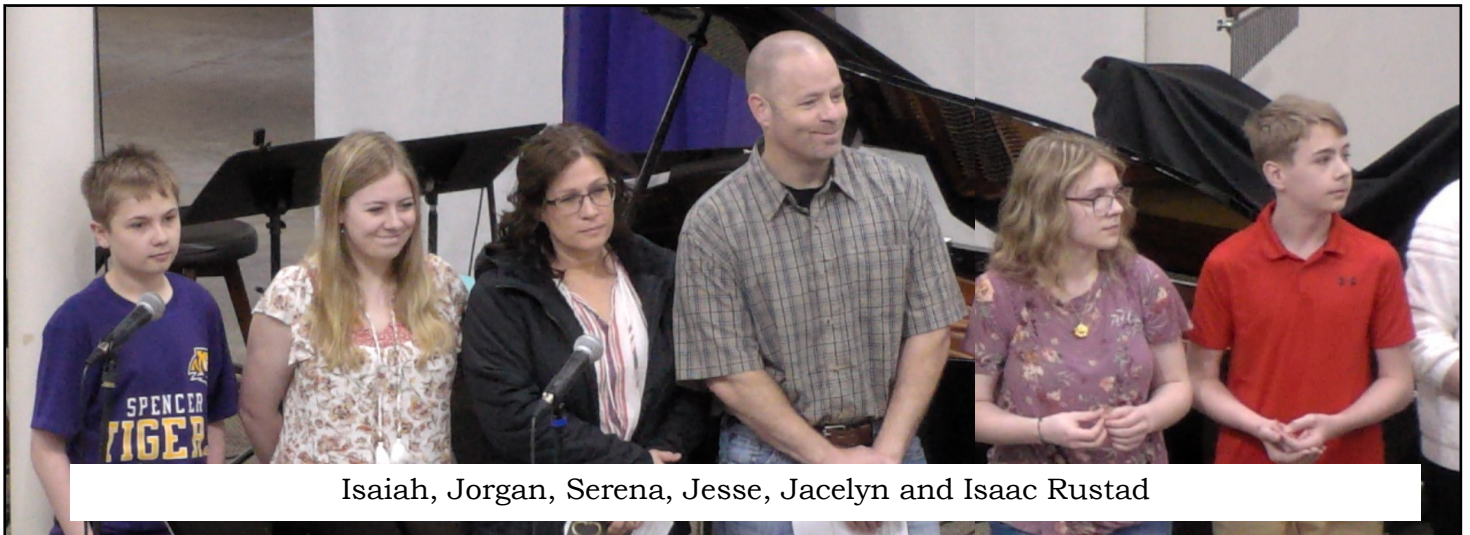
Leah Kreutner
(Not pictured: Adam,
Owen and Ross)



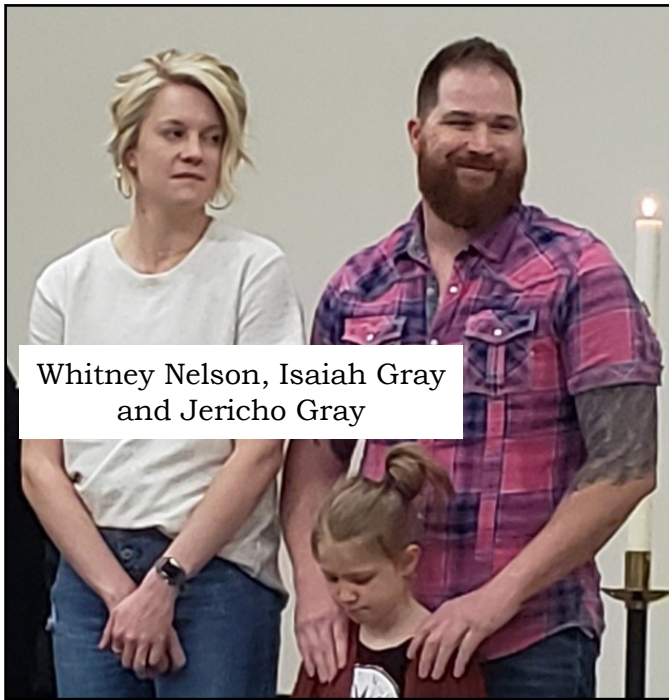
Blake, Jett and Lisa Blazek



Marlene Thorson



Isaiah, Jorgan, Serena, Jesse, Jacelyn and Isaac Rustad



Whitney Nelson, Isaiah Gray
and Jericho Gray



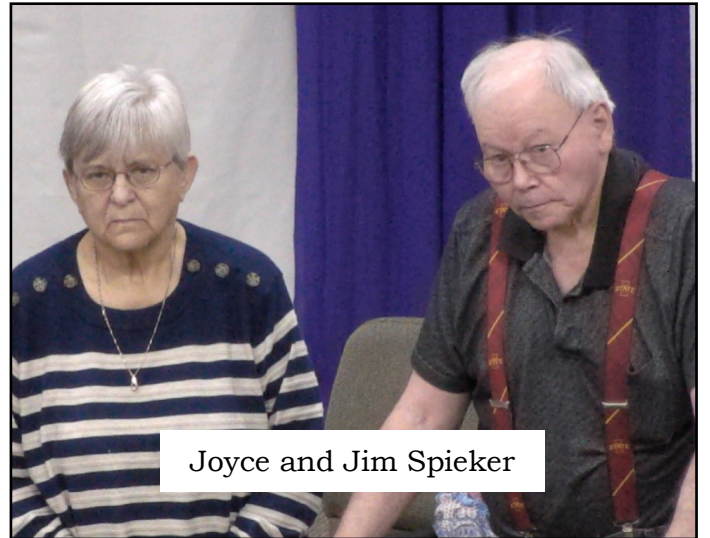
Cindy and Neal Drefke



Luella Unseth



Bill Neiderheiser



Joyce and Jim Spieker



Lita Butler



Laura Hamann



Connie and Gary Jenkins

May Wrap Up!

The kids thoroughly enjoyed Music with Marlee each Wednesday. They mastered singing the books of the New Testament and most of the Old Testament before Marlee's last day on May 11th. They enjoyed chatting with Marlee during snack time, having her assist during lesson time and playing games such as kickball, Uncle Dooger and dodgeball. They were no match for her when it came to running and jumping.



Marlee brought homemade chocolate chip cookies for snacks her last day.



On Marlee's last day the children made her thank you/ we will miss you cards.

Marlee is a light that shines for Jesus. The LifeKids children and I were very fortunate to have had the opportunity for her to spend Wednesdays with us. Her positivity and experience with children with behavior challenges were skills put to great use! We hope to stay in contact with her while she is in Scotland to deepen the children's understanding of the work missionaries do.



The bird houses are completed! The children were so excited to take them home and hang them up. They are hoping that the bird houses will make a nice home for a finch family.

What does summer look like for LifeKids? There are no children here in the summer since we are licensed only as an after school program. I will be taking the month of June off and 2 weeks in July off. I will be promoting registration on Facebook throughout the summer as many families don't make fall arrangements until closer to the beginning of the school year. I will be working on lesson curriculum and arranging

field trips for the once-a-month in-service days.

For the 2022-2023 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 DHS child/adult ratio when on field trips.

At our May LifeKids board meeting, it was decided to extend registration to children that attend Kinder-kids.

I look forward to another great year of teaching children about Jesus' love, listening to the prayers of the children, playing games, going on field trips, enjoying engaging conversations around the snack table and teaching skills to last a lifetime! I trust that God will bring us children who need us! Thanks for supporting Faith's outreach!

Radina Jansen

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>



2022 Ingham Lake Bible Camp Ice Cream Social

We can't think of a better way to celebrate the beginning of Summer Camp season than with an Ice Cream Social!

Sunday, June 5

Program at 3:30 p.m.
Maid-Rite Dinner
Pie and Ice Cream too!
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Don't forget the PIE AUCTION at 6:00 p.m.!

A free-will offering will be taken for the day - all proceeds go towards project improvements at Ingham!

Ingham Lake Bible Camp is located 5 miles East of Wallingford off County Road A34.
For more information, call Ingham at 712-867-4170.



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 ... Steward of the Month: Pam Harris

Hopefully with June arriving, so will some warm temperatures ... and precipitation! Even if that's not the case, we have someone warm and loveable to celebrate as our June Steward of the Month, Pam Harris!

Pam is one of the beautiful, Spirit-filled women in our congregation making a difference with her time and talents. Currently, she is the Mission Team Leader, helping our entire congregation reach out to others through the numerous ministries we connect with and the missionaries we support. Pam has brought that team together meeting more often and having great follow up with those in need. She is great at being hands on, digging in, and getting things done!

Have you ever noticed the beautiful decorations on the tables that change monthly, even in the bathrooms? I know my girls do and really like looking at what they are and what message they share. Pam Harris is one of the decorators behind that too, along with decorating for special events including the retirement party we had last summer. Pam also helps serve communion, greets & ushers, and helps with altar prep. No matter what she is part of, she's willing to be flexible, is laid back and goes with the flow, and always offers a laugh along the way giving joy to all those around her. What a gem!

Thanks, Pam, for all you do and all you give. Your beautiful faith in Christ that you are willing to share with all of us through your good eye at decorating and keeping things looking fresh are such a blessing to us all. Well done, good and faithful servant, who is also willing to be there for so many other ministries your team encourages and supports. We love having you as part of our Faith family! Blessings to you now and always!

Stewardship: Ways to Give to Faith Lutheran

It's that time of year...summer! Things are picking up, times are busy, and family events arise that take us away from regular attendance at Faith. If you're like my family, we sometimes forget when we wrote our last offering check. Hmmm...is there a way that I wouldn't have to think about that as much and my giving could be more automatic? I'm so glad you asked because there is away...there are actually 4 different [automated] ways you could set up your giving so that "offering" doesn't get written on your "to-do" list this summer...or actually ever again! Here are the ways you can give:

Offering bowl at worship – what I've talked about above is not your cup of tea and you would prefer to generously give when you attend. Nothing wrong with that and thanks so much for all you give to Faith; your presence and your offering!

Bank pay – you can set up through your own bank whatever schedule you would like, for whatever amount you would like, for how often you would like. Very simple! If you choose this option, you can change it at any time as well! Thanks also for your giving!

Faith initiated bank pay – after you sign a form, Faith would set up a withdraw through your bank for whatever you've given them permission to do. It may seem like a different option, but it is always available. If you decide to do this, please contact the office. Thanks for your giving as well!

Online giving – here's the link <http://bit.ly/33RXUbH> and there's a QR code as well. Again, there is a signup required for the first gift and after that it's a breeze to do via computer or text. Thanks much for your giving if this is the avenue you choose to give regularly to Faith!



Stewardship: Ways to Give at Faith Lutheran - continued

Text giving – Again, the first gift requires an account signup, but after that it is easy peasy. Text “giving” to 712-214-4317 and you can use the following keywords for your donation: general, gift, mission, lifekids. Kudos to those of you who choose this way to give, we are appreciative to you as well!

Five different options (4 of them automated) to whichever way you are most comfortable in giving. We just really appreciate receiving regular gifts because it helps our bookkeeping go smoothly and our bank accounts to be active in the best ways possible!

If you’ve never given to Faith before, now is a great time to start. The best part about giving is actually noticing how God blesses you back even more. The bank account doesn’t get depleted as quickly and little surprises may just appear in unexpected ways. If this is something you’ve never experienced, then please rush into using any of the 5 ways above to experience new ways God just might be waiting to bless you! Being a disciple of Christ and being a good steward is just taking care of what God has already given us and a major part of that is giving back to Him what is His to begin with anyway. No matter how we give, whether online, through the bank, or the offering plate at Faith, it’s a great relationship builder with our Father and Savior.

As always, please contact the church office if you have questions. They are always happy to help!



That’s a wrap!

Sunday School is now over until after the Clay County Fair.

Vacation Bible School is this month! VBS is scheduled for week of June 20th. If you are interested in helping, please let Ann Lear or Patty Ellsworth know. All are welcome. It’s free and it’s fun and it’s an investment in our children! Please pray for the children attending.

Patty Ellsworth, Children’s Ministry Team leader (712-260-1867 or dpellsworth13@gmail.com)

Children’s Ministry News of the Month

Summer Day Camp- “Anchored in Hope”
Come discover the hope we have in Jesus!!



Register at:

<https://bit.ly/3KoG5Fk>



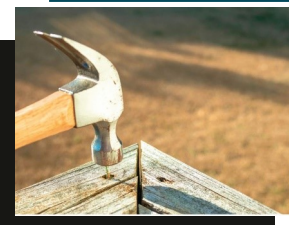
**Monday thru Thursday,
June 20-23**

**At Faith Lutheran
12:30 to 5:00 p.m.**

**For more information, please see
Patty Ellsworth or Ann Lear.**

**Patty: 712-260-1867 -
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**Ann: 712-363-2454 -
ilovejesus24736524@gmail.com**



Properties Team

We have ordered the new digital sign. We're hoping for it to be installed by mid-July. Also the LED for the top sign will be completed at the same time. We have ordered spare bulbs for the church as about 20 need replacing.

Thanking you,
Mark Speidel, Properties Team leader

Faith Lutheran Council

Faith Lutheran Council Minutes

Special Congregational Meeting

May 1, 2022

GENERAL OFFERING

January 1 - May 22, 2022

2022 Budget: \$389,684.00

Year to Date: \$150,492.84

Thank you for generously giving in 2022!

Next Council Meeting is

June 8
7:00 p.m.

In person
and Zoom

Council

Members: Please submit your team reports to the office (office@faithlutheranspencer.com) by Monday, June 6 at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

Meeting was opened in prayer by Paul Behrens at 10:09 AM.

Paul explained the sign that we are looking at. The blue top portion of the sign will stay as is. The white portion of the sign is what will be replaced. Rich Stueven currently changes the words on the sign and the sign is warped and letters don't stay in. Bulbs are difficult to replace and the bulbs will soon be obsolete.

The digital sign the properties team is looking at a sign out of California. The sign will be about the same size as what is currently there. There is an 11 year life without issues if ran 24 hours/day. Lifetime tech support and 5 year warranty will come with it. There are thousands of colors available, you can have up to 7 lines and can be programmed from inside the church. Toft Electric would be available to assist if there are issues. Lead time would be 2-3 weeks.

SMU & Toft Electric bill will be about \$11,000 for the work to run the wires to the sign. The sign itself costs around \$22,000 & \$2,000 for the installation. Total estimated costs is \$35,000. An anonymous party has come forward to pay the balance remaining to fund the sign so the sign will be fully funded. Paul encouraged the congregation to still donate so it wouldn't be so much for this party.

G.A. Darnell motioned to approve the sign purchase with Jim Paulson seconding the motion.

Vote was 109 yes, 6 no. Motion carried & the new sign will be ordered.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolene K. Hansen, Council Secretary

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Behrens at 7:01 PM

Members present were: Kay Iversen, Randy Enge, Brett Eilts, Laura Heikens, Patty Ellsworth, Brittany Spieker, Pastor Ben, Paul Behrens, Roger Godfredsen (via Zoom) & Heidi Skadeland (via Zoom).

Devotions were given by Kay Iversen. The meeting was opened with prayer by Kay Iversen.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT (Becky Simons) - Paul went over the general giving and budget. Becky joined in via phone. Numbers are improving in the past few months. Designated giving amount increased due to the Hoppe benefit, mission fundraisers and Easter/Pentecost flowers. There have been several donations coming in to go towards the electric sign. Team & administrative expenses were down. Randy motioned to approve & Heidi seconded. Motion carried.

PASTOR BEN'S REPORT – Confirmation has been completed & Pastor appreciated how it was handled and he didn't have to start from scratch. New members will be joining this Sunday with 28 new faces. Otherwise, Pastor's report is in the packet.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Paul Behrens) - Report is attached & giving has been awesome!

Office Note: To see the President's Report or Team Reports, please see the May 11 Council Packets on the Welcome Center.

Council Minutes - May 11, continued

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion
 - a. Current worship services – None.
 - b. Current church operations – None.
2. Worship director position is filled by Gloria McKinney with a start date of August 15. She's starting in this position only and will gradually work her into the communications piece as she gets acclimated.
3. Sunday morning – lock south door at 9:10 AM. This is being done.
4. Outdoor digital sign – Mark looked into sealing up the digital sign to waterproof it as some similar signs in the area are not lasting long because they aren't sealed up tight. Rolling Signs came out and showed us some signs that are completely sealed. Daktronics out of Brookings is coming next Wednesday to show us some options as well.
5. Constitution - Team Descriptions – made a few minor adjustments and moved these into a continued resolution instead of having them in the Constitution. We need to have the Constitution approved and then brought to the congregation. Roger asked for clarification of some of the changes. The congregation will have 30 days to go through the amended Constitution as well & ask any questions. It was suggested that we present it to the congregation and give them a couple of weeks to review & then follow up with a Q & A session after church prior to the vote. Kay explained some of the changes that were made and why. It was decided to give the Council members until the next board meeting to review the new Constitution.
6. Flagfest – no one had an ideas or the time to put a float together. Laura Heikens motioned to not have a float this year. Brett seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Leah agreed to be the interim worship director over the summer. She will work with Pastor to get the services together for each Sunday. Leah will get \$185/Sunday for doing this which is an increase from \$137. Motion made by Patty Ellsworth, seconded by Randy Enge. Motion carried. LCMC Annual Gathering is at Lakeville, MN October 2-5, 2022 if anyone is interested in going. Pastor would like to get a few people to go with him & possibly Lori.

Marlee's appreciation Sunday will be May 22. This is also graduation Sunday for our seniors. It was discussed to do cake and ice cream sundaes. The Worship Committee is doing a gift for her and there have been several donations given to her from congregation members. Laura to order the cakes and pick up some ice cream. We will serve this after church on the 22nd.

Concerns and/or Celebrations

- *Please pray for Ellie Wiemers as she is having some health issues again.
- *Laura brought up giving rides to church for people that may need it. The bus may be a good option once we have that available.
- *Senior Sunday celebration at church this Sunday. It was discussed to have a cloud for members to dump church event pictures into for future celebrations. Brett is going to look into setting something set up for photos.

Closing Prayer was given Pastor Ben.

Adjournment – Brett Eilts made the motion to adjourn. Randy Enge seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 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
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 and 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

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

June 5 - Ingham Camp - Ice Cream Social & Pie Auction: Program at 3:30 p.m., Maid-Rite Dinner 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Pie Auction at 6:00 p.m.

June 6-7 - Okobojo Camp - Eldersiversity (55+) - Pastor Ben Unseth

June 12-17 - Okobojo Camp - Confirmation/Jr. High (grades 6-9)

June 19-24 - Okobojo Camp - Family Camp #1 - Pastor Tim & Kris Boettger

June 19-24 - Ingham Camp - Trailblazers #1 (grades 4-6)

June 19-21 - Ingham Camp - Pathfinders #1 (grades 2-5)

June 22 - Ingham Camp - Camp-in-a-day #1 (grades K-2)

June 23 - Ingham Camp - Camp-in-a-day #2 (grades K-2)

June 26-July 1 - Okobojo Camp - Family Camp #2 - Rev. Jonathan & Rev. Jana Swenson

June 26-July 1 - Ingham Camp - Trailblazers #2 (grades 4-6)

June 26-28 - Ingham Camp - Pathfinders #2 (grades 2-5)

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

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

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

**Ingham
Okobojo**
Lutheran Bible Camps

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



♦ **Instagram Youth Page:**
spencerfaithlutheranyouth

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

Faith Lutheran Church

2912 Highway Blvd
Spencer, IA 51301

Faith Lutheran Church - May, 2022

Baptisms | Births | Confirmed | Deaths | Graduates: From High School – Sophie Behrens, Blake Blazek, Chase Kooker, Raul Ortiz, Allison Piercy, Jacelyn Rustad, Sydney Schwartz, Ashley Vreeman, Carson Weeks
Marriages: May 28 – Bob VanderTuig and Laurie Davis | **New Members:** May 15 – Lisa, Blake & Jett Blazek; Lita Butler; Neal & Cindy Drefke; David & Terry Frerichs; Isaiah & Jericho Gray; Laura Hamann; Roger & Phyllis Hanson; Gary & Connie Jenkins; Adam, Leah, Owen & Ross Kreutner; Bill Neiderheiser; Whitney Nelson; Jesse, Serena, Jorgan, Jacelyn, Isaac & Isaiah Rustad; Jim & Joyce Spieker; Marlene Thorson; Luella Unseth

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