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Faith Life in May

Spring is here! No matter what Mother Nature brings our way, we know the cool days won't last for long. This month renews the earth as we see spring flowers burst into bloom and seeds are planted.

May 9 is a big day at Faith! First, it's a **Mission Sunday as Josh and Whitney Smith** will share a message and lead a forum after worship. They are working with International Messengers to bring God's word to people in Uganda. We look forward to hearing about their work there.

Second, we will enjoy our last Sunday with Evan Nielsen. He is concluding his time with Faith and moving on to other opportunities. We want to shower him with notes of appreciation. Look for the card basket on the table in the back of the worship space.

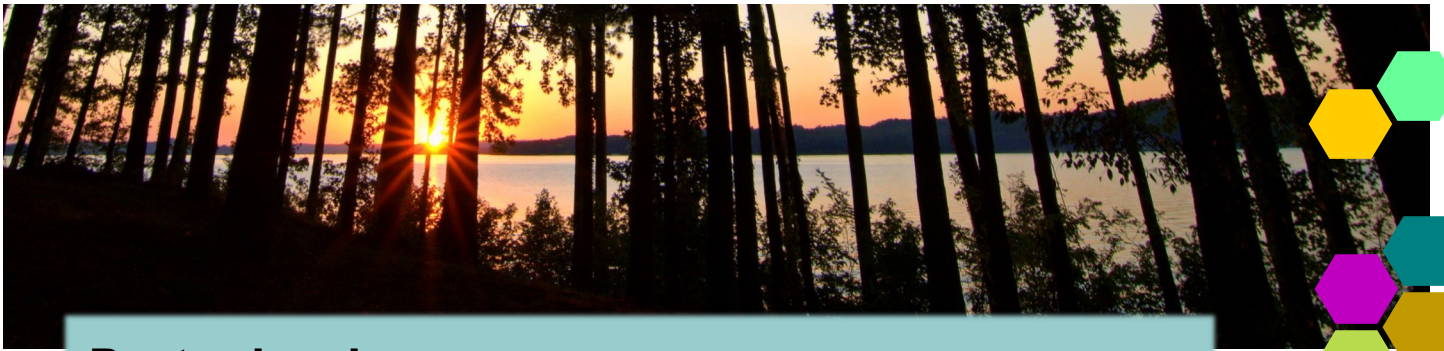
Third, we will remember our mothers today. God richly provided for children by giving them mothers.

Faith is excited to honor their **graduating high school seniors on May 16**. These students will join us during worship to share their plans for their future. The Youth Team is gathering notes and cards of good wishes from our members. Please share these notes with the Youth Team or drop them off at the church office. The students will receive them on May 16.

May 23 is Pentecost Sunday. Scripture says the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles in flames of fire and violent wind. What must that have looked and felt like? The apostles became empowered to share the Gospel with others around the world.

Memorial Day is May 31. This long weekend provides for great opportunity to remember those who have gone before us. We especially remember those military members who gave their lives so we can remain free. This ultimate gift is amazing. Just as our Lord gave his life for each one of us to be free in Him.

Blessings to you from our risen Lord and Savior!



Pastor Lee Laaveg

Dear Faith family,

It feels surreal that Denise and I are experiencing a series of “lasts.” Last Christmas, last WoW! (mid-week service), last Lent, last Holy Week, last Easter, last Confirmation. I feel comfortable that it is time to “pass the baton” and move forward to the next portion of our life journey, yet it also feels a bit melancholy to prepare to conclude full-time parish ministry. Still, it is exciting for Faith to stand on the threshold of another chapter of the “adventure of Faith.” Faith is in very good hands, because Faith is in the LORD’s hands!

It is always joyful to honor our mothers this month. My mom certainly had her idiosyncrasies (don’t we all?) but she was a source of unconditional love, the first person who shared Jesus with me, and my biggest cheerleader. In our home, Denise was certainly the main source of love, beauty, food, organization, cleanliness, and music for our family! Thanks to all moms, for all the ways you are a huge blessing to all of us!

This month we wish to thank Evan Nielsen for his good ministry among us! Evan, working in shared ministry with Ingham Okobojo Lutheran Bible Camp as our YMT, has been with us through two wonderful years. Evan has co-taught Confirmation with me, participated in our youth programming and outreach nights at the camp, taught Sunday School each week, worked with LifeKids three days a week, shared children’s messages, led in various worship roles, shared messages at WoW! on Wednesdays, and preached a few times. We always enjoyed him in dramas and skits. On Sunday, May 9th, we will have a “card shower” for him as a way to say “Thanks!” Evan, God’s richest blessings as your life journey continues.

This month we also say “Farewell!” to our graduating seniors – Titan Coleman, Colton Christianson, Molly Crew, and Seth Knoer. In addition, a young man from the Spencer community, Lucas Kuehler, has also been very faithfully involved in our youth ministry. We wish to honor him as well. On Sunday, May 16th, we will honor these young people in our regular worship services. May our Lord bless each one!

Each year it is appropriate that we pause to say “Thank you” to all who have served our country in the armed services to protect the innocent and preserve our freedoms as Americans. Thanks to all the brave, willing soldiers for serving our country.

I ask that each of us continue to pray for our Call Team as they seek the next pastor to join all of you in your journey of Faith.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Lee

Prayer and Praise Corner

Prayer for ...

Faith's Call Committee as they seek the next pastor for Faith, for the Holy Spirit to guide their work and give them joy and confidence in their task.

The next pastor of Faith (God already knows who this person is), that the Holy Spirit would prepare this person's heart for this new call.

Faith Council and leaders of our congregation considering a possible partnership with Trinity Lutheran similar to our covenant with Zion, and what to recommend to the congregation about this decision.

Faith staff as all elements of the transition to a new pastor unfold.

The Holy Spirit to maintain a sweet spirit of unity, love, and respect among our congregation, as we move in faith together toward a new future of ministry.

Faith church to live out our mission of "Inviting all people to faith . . ."

Healing for Pam Eglund, Norma Johnson, Peggy Olson, David Hopkins, Becky Simons, Linda Bennett, Brittany Spieker, Barb Goettle and Doris Patterson and all those we name in our hearts.

Praise and thanksgiving for ...

The five young men who confirmed their faith on Sunday, April 18 - Jackson Eilts, Conner Essick, Cade Freeman, Blake Kooker, and Brady Vreeman.

The Sunday School teachers, Confirmation small group leaders, mentors, and other adults who willingly shared their love for Jesus and the Word with these confirmands.

Mothers who love and care for their children, who pray daily for them, and who teach them about our Lord Jesus.

Our high school seniors graduating this spring, that the Holy Spirit would journey with them into the next chapter of their lives.

Service men and women who have fought to protect, preserve, and defend our freedoms in our country, especially those who have sacrificed their lives so that we might be free.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Blessings to ...

May 1	Lisa Bengtson Laura Heikens
May 4	Bill Knoer
May 5	Mackenzie Rosendahl
May 7	Ken Hessenius Darla Kurtenbach
May 10	Shirley Kooker
May 13	Pam Eglund
May 14	Katelyn Rye Al Vanderberg
May 15	Cassidy Hanson
May 17	Jenn Schuster
May 19	Dave Simington Brandon Anderson Joey Vos
May 20	Chase Kooker Jan Larson Courtney Schwartz

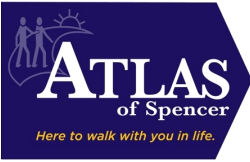
May 21	Karol Gafkjen
May 22	Becca Stykel Kim Wilson
May 24	Delaney Weeks
May 27	Zach Lear
May 28	Eli Franker
May 31	Luke Johnson Blake Rosendahl

Anniversary Blessings to ...

May 14	Kevin and Sheryl Lee
May 15	Justin and Christin Lee
May 19	Ken and Cheryl Hessenius
May 20	Michael and Sarah Ruhs
May 27	Jared and Nickie Hansen
May 31	Dennis and Sara DeWitt



ATLAS of Spencer



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

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

ATLAS is always looking for volunteers and mentors to help individuals and families through the tough times of their lives. To volunteer, phone 712-580-3277. The Spencer ATLAS office is located at 816 South Grand Ave.
Email: atlasofspencer@gmail.com

Lutheran World Relief

For more than 75 years, the Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Ministry has worked with caring people like Faith Lutheran Church to share God's love with families around the world. From earthquakes to hurricanes, from global pandemics to extreme poverty, our world is full of challenges and suffering. The items we gather for quilts and kits are urgently needed to care for our neighbors in need and allow us to show them that even in their most trying times, they are not alone.



Faith Lutheran is in need of the following for Baby Care Kits:

Jacket, Sweater or Sweatshirt - Size 9 to 24 months

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

They suggest: Canned tuna, Manwich sloppy joe sauce and spaghetti sauce.

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



- ♦ World Mission Prayer League
- ♦ Lutheran Asian Ministries
- ♦ The Multi-Church Community Assistance Fund
- ♦ LCMC
- ♦ Friends of Madagascar Missions
- ♦ Falls Community Church
- ♦ LifeKids
- ♦ Operation Serve International
- ♦ Wycliffe Bible Translators

Faith's Mission Team

Pam Harris, Mission Team leader

Julie Williams, Denise Lovitt, Kay Iversen

Kim Wilson, Sheryl Lee



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Here to Serve ...

Further developing Faith's Response to Life with Mental Health Conditions



As God's children, we have all experienced life's blessings and challenges, praising God for the good and asking for extra doses of faith, perseverance, and peace as we navigate the rougher spots. No one knows more about those "rougher spots" than individuals who live with mental health conditions. Since May is Mental Health Awareness month, Faith Lutheran wants to shine its light of care and concern in the direction of adults and children in our church family who have this lived experience. Compassionate outreach to affected church and community members can position us to reduce stigma and promote acceptance when coping with the darkness of mental health conditions.

We know there are many references in the Bible to thwart the negativity, the anxiety, the shame, the guilt, the depression, and the unworthiness mental health conditions can spark in our lives. Anyone can have such thoughts and feelings at any given time. It's only when it affects our functioning (can't work, go to school, maintain daily tasks etc.) that we cry out for God's favor. As the Psalmist said in Chapter 55, verse 22: *"Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken."* Like him, we can all hold on to the certainty that God will somehow deliver us from our pain, unhealthy thoughts, and behaviors by His saving grace.

Could it be mood swings, fear, anger, lack of motivation, low energy, disturbances in appetite or sleep, strained relationships due to a variety of stressors, increased substance use, or risks for self-harm you or a loved one struggles with? We know that God sees all and provides us with gifts from the Holy Spirit to intercede on our behalf if we just ask. Paul knowingly shares in Romans 8:26: *"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."* When we feel out of control, helpless, and hopeless, we can remember that seeking the Lord is the antidote to promote a more positive perspective to help lift us out of our misery.

The Holy Spirit can also use our church family relationships. If we dare to share what may be bothering us to draw us closer to Him and His strength. In the coming months, our Faith Mission Team will be working closely within our church and with various community resources to provide opportunities to learn more about mental health conditions. We know as a church family that being informed and guided by God's love, we can serve the saints and our community in this area of need with His grace.

NAMI FAMILY-TO-FAMILY EDUCATION CLASS

FREE 8-week course for family members of individuals with:

Major Depressive Disorder, Bipolar Disorder; Borderline Personality Disorder; Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder; Anxiety, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder; Post-traumatic Stress Disorder; Co-occurring Brain Disorders and Addictive Disorders

**Classes begin Monday, June 21, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at
Faith Lutheran Church (2912 Highway Blvd., Spencer) in the SON Room**

Leaders:

**Jamie Crum - 712-229-7145 | Email: jcrum@cherokeeermc.org
Tonya Draper - 712-229-5425 | Email: tdraper@cherokeeermc.org**

Watch a very brief video at: <https://www.nami.org/Find-Support/NAMI-Programs/NAMI-Family-to-Family>

Call now for more information, call or email Jamie or Tonya. Class size is limited.



Worship Director Denise Laaveg

Excellence in Worship

“Sing a new song to the Lord, play skillfully before Him, and shout for joy”.

- Psalm 33:3

Excellence comes from God. God Himself exhibits excellence through His creation. In worship, the pursuit of excellence honors and glorifies God and effectively engages the worshiper to lead them into the presence of God. We offer our best to Him.

1 Corinthians 12:7 says: “A *spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.*” Any person having any level of giftedness can approach participation in areas of leading worship either as the “pursuit of excellence” to offer their best to bring glory to God, or, rising to “perform” to bring glory to self. The idea of “performance” is a mindset of people who wish to bring attention and glory to themselves. The difference is in the heart and mind of the individual.

First and foremost, we seek to be excellent in our relationship with God desiring excellence in spiritual growth. In serving God we pray that worship services are created that keep everyone’s heart and mind and eyes on Jesus. I pray that as we worship together we are engaged with our heavenly Father.

We enter the presence of God with humility. We know we do not deserve the right or the privilege to come before Him. Yet, in the name of Jesus, the scriptures tell us we can come before His throne with confidence to seek mercy, and grace. Gratefully we always desire to express our love and adoration to our Lord.

Denise Laaveg

Register for Fall LifeKids!

Monday - Friday LifeKids from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. will start when Spencer Community School starts in the fall.

To register your child/children, please visit the online registration form: <https://bit.ly/3w5hSxy>



Outreach Night: May 2 - Capture the Flag

RSVP to Brittany Spieker at 712-260-4273 by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 29

COVID-19 guidelines will be in place at the Camp.

For more information or to register for an event, please go to www.okoboji.org



10th Anniversary ... Faith Remembers Through the Year



Faith's Memories

Watch for articles in the newsletter, the bulletin, and for videos in our worship together of Faith people sharing special memories of Faith's first ten years! Many of you have cool stories to tell about how God's Spirit assisted in the birth and early years of our congregation's life. Maybe it's about our building, a special memory or event at our church, your involvement as a leader, or a unique relationship with a special person. Would you be willing to write out your special memory, or your treasured event from our life of Faith together? Write your story or memory and send it to Lori Krei in the office at churchadmin@faithlutheranspencer.com. Help us tell our story please! We will be remembering and celebrating these reflections and videos all year.

From May of 2015, flowers for Mother's Day and the year-end Sunday School Ice Cream Social.





2021 Confirmands

Through Confirmation, a baptized person affirms Christian belief and is admitted as a full member of the church. On Sunday, April 18, these five youth publicly professed their faith in Jesus Christ.



Jackson Brett Eilts

Son of Brett and Jolynne Eilts | Baptized on October 1, 2006

Favorite Scripture Verse: John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son so that we may not perish but have eternal life.*

Favorite Bible Story: David and Goliath

Favorite Bible Character: Moses

Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory:
Outreach at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp

People who have helped with Jackson's faith development: My parents and Joe Simington.



Conner James Essick

Son of Matt and Steph Essick | Baptized on August 26, 2007

Favorite Scripture Verse: Joshua 1:9 - *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.*

Favorite Bible Story: "My favorite Bible story is in Genesis, when God created the earth. I really like to think back on when God created the earth and how much thought he put into it."

Favorite Bible Character: "My favorite Bible character is Noah. God looked down on him and saw he was a good man so He saved him and his family."

Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory: "My favorite part of Confirmation was when we would break into small groups because I enjoyed learning about their walks with God."

People who have helped with Conner's faith development: My family, Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School teachers, Pastor Lee and my mentor, Troy Rosendahl.





Cade Michael Freeman

Son of Mark and Amy Freeman | Baptized on October 1, 2006

Favorite Scripture Verse: Psalm 27:1 - *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

Favorite Bible Story: David and Goliath

Favorite Bible Character: David

Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory:

"I enjoyed breaking into small group with my friends to study the lessons."

People who have helped with Cade's faith development: Parents, grandparents, pastors, Sunday School teachers, Confirmation leaders



Blake Timothy Kooker

Son of Todd and Shanna Kooker

Favorite Scripture Verse:

Genesis 2:2 - *By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing; so on the seventh day He rested from all His work.*

Favorite Bible Story: When God flooded the Earth and told Noah to make a giant ark and take one of every creature and put them on the ark.

Favorite Bible Character: Noah

Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory:

"When we went into small groups and we got to share more personal things."

People who have helped with Blake's faith development:

My family, Pastor, Mentors and Church members



Brady Dean Vreeman

Son of Mark and Rhonda Vreeman | Baptized on October 1, 2006

Favorite Scripture Verses: Isaiah 40:29-32 - *He gives strength to the weary, and to the one who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.*

Ephesians 5:20 - *Always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father.*

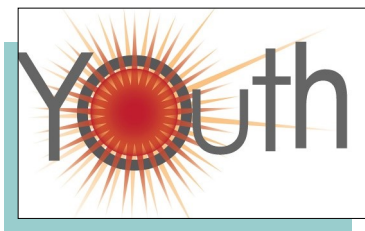
Favorite Bible Story: David and Goliath

Favorite Bible Character: Moses

Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory: Skiing trip and trivia

People who have helped with Brady's faith development: Pastor Lee, my parents and mentor





Youth News with Brittany Spieker

When I prayed about taking on the youth, I didn't anticipate the departure, the goodbye, that month of May. It certainly didn't cross my mind how connected I would get with these kids, I didn't anticipate the youth room being a desired location for so many of us on Wednesday nights, and I certainly did not anticipate the flood of emotions that I would have when our seniors prepared to say "farewell". As a church, and as a youth group, of course our goal is to make sure we as a faith family have done all that we can do to prepare them, support them, guide them to their Christ centered future.

A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps. Proverbs 16:9

While our youth are making their plans, I hope they are thinking about one part of this verse that we just read – the Lord directs your steps. This month I will challenge them to consider the question: "What will you do to live a life that matters"? I know it's not a particularly original question, but it is an important one. Challenging them to truly study people that lived a life that made a difference, and how ultimately, our lives will matter most if we made an impact for Christ's sake and not for our own.

To live a life that matters, we must:

Live With Passion - College is a time like no other to do the ridiculous things that you can't do when you're married with a mortgage and a family. I encourage graduating seniors to embrace this. Do ridiculous things. Have fun. Jesus said in John 10:10, "I came so that they may have life, and have it abundantly." I fully realize the full life Jesus was talking about wasn't primarily about bungee jumping or hang gliding. But, I do think that a fully realized salvation includes embracing the everyday awesomeness of our world, whatever that means to you. It's living life with a passion, and it's a vital part of living a life that matters.

Live Life With Humility - In Philippians chapter 2 Paul writes that even though Jesus was God's very son, Jesus made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, and he humbled himself even unto death on a cross! If this kind of humility was good for Jesus, it should be good for us. I challenge the graduates to put other's interests before their own. To be a servant. To do for others what no one else will. Take up for the weak and the outcast. In a world whose mantra is "me first," they can never underestimate the impact that their humility can make on the world around them. It is not without reason that Jesus said the first will be last, and the last shall be first.

Live Life With Purpose - If they are a follower of Christ, their life does not belong to them. There has been a great exchange made. Christ gave His life for theirs. And if they have accepted His sacrifice on their behalf, their life no longer belongs to them. Paul says in 2 Corinthians that we were "*bought at a price.*" 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "*if anyone is in Christ you are a new creation, the old has gone the new has come.*" We can't walk around living the life of a dead person. Our old life, with all our selfish desires and trivial concerns, is gone. It is dead. Our new life is a life of meaning, a life of grace, a life of purpose!

Summing it up in one verse: Matthew 5:17, "*let your light shine before all men that they may see your good deeds and praise the father in heaven.*" I end by challenging graduating seniors to let their life be such a radiant light in which people will see them and know they are different and know the difference in them is Christ, and that difference draws them to the Lord. As you speak to your graduating seniors, what will you share with them?

Give 'em Jesus!

Britt Spieker

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



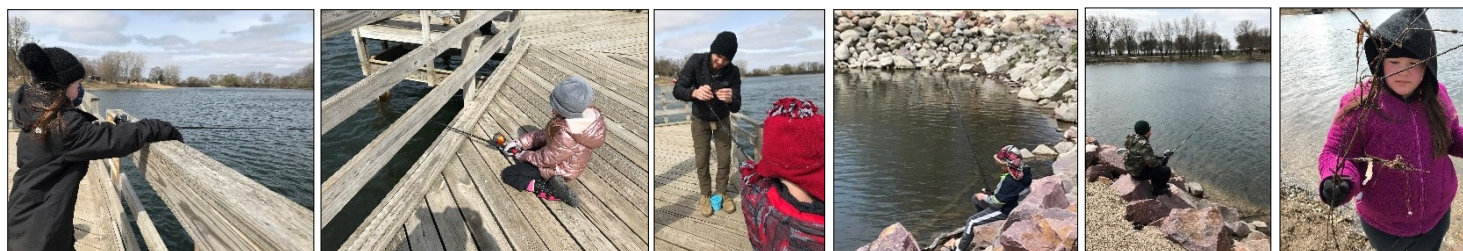
♦ **Instagram Youth Page:**
spencerfaithlutheranyouth
♦ **Facebook Youth Page:**
Faith Lutheran Church Youth

A Fishing Expedition!

It's hard to believe that LifeKids had their last full day on April 19. I had wanted to take the children ice fishing, but it was too cold in February and then in March the ice had melted. The children braved the temperature of 32 degrees with wind. They caught one branch, got stuck on rocks and caught zero fish. The Clay County Conservation Board provided all the fishing equipment as well as the bait. The conservationist, Bree, along with Eric and Evan were the fishing experts and did great baiting the hooks since the only parts of fishing I like is casting and reeling in fish. Even though no fish were caught, the children had a lot of practice casting! They're already asking about fishing next year.



Prior to going to Scharnberg to fish, Bree, the Clay County Conservationist, came to the church and shared facts about fish, had the children identify and match fish that are found in Iowa and practice casting and reeling in plastic fish.



Creativity and laughter were enjoyed in the warmth of the church after fishing!

Attention - The LifeKids Board fundraiser originally scheduled for May 22 is rescheduled due to numerous conflicts with the May date. Saturday, August 14, is the new date. Watch the bulletins, newsletters and the LifeKids Facebook page for more details.

Thrivent Action Team Cards Needed - LifeKids would benefit from the use of Thrivent Action Team cards to help purchase food and auction items for the fundraiser. Please let me know if you are willing to help in this way. Call me at 712-580-4316, or email me at director@lifekidsspencer.com

Registration continues for the fall. Please pass on the information.

Radina Jansen

Stewardship ... Stewards of the Month: Justin and Brittany Spieker



Let's celebrate Justin and Brittany Spieker as Stewards of the Month!

Justin and Brittany haven't been members of Faith for very long, but they hit the ground running! They attended Via de Cristo, started building relationships in our Journey Teams small groups, and are committed to small group Bible studies for couples, men, and women, and have stepped up to other ministries where there was a need.

Justin pitches in wherever he can help. He taught the First Communion class this spring and numerous classes over the last several years. Frequently, Justin is found lending a hand in the kitchen for fundraising meals and also stepped in to help make meals for WoW! On Wednesdays after WoW! meals, he continues by being a confirmation small group leader and mentor. Then on Sundays, he has served as a worship leader, scripture reader, led the prayers of Faith, and has also assisted serving Holy Communion.

Brittany is one of the beautiful voices helping lead music during worship and also singing with the pop-up choir. Brittany has also helped serve Holy Communion during worship. Most recently, Brittany has stepped up to be the Youth Ministry Team leader, making her part of council and now being the council representative on the Call Team.

This family is always on the go, especially with their passion for the ministry of Faith Lutheran. They are generous with their time, usually giving any extra moment they have to church functions, and all their support and smiles to our congregation. Well done, good and faithful servants: Justin and Brittany. We love having you part of our family and serving God with you.



Stewardship ... Online Giving

The term "online giving" is definitely something new that if it had been mentioned around the Early Church, it would have caused quite some confusion. But even now, confusion could still be the result of this term. Why is that? Because it's not something that any of us grew up with, therefore it's not a familiar term. Though if anyone mentioned to me over a year ago that I would soon be picking up my groceries or my

take-out order curbside, because I was high-risk for a new virus since I was pregnant, I would have thought they were crazy. I liked going inside establishments and doing things in person...but much of that has changed and the convenience of curbside is certainly handy since we have two little ones. Maybe curbside has become an answer for you too for many other reasons.

The same can be with online giving. We have faced many challenges in this last year that has shaken our "normal" way of life, but rolling with them has shown that we can get through especially because we have faith and hope in our relationship with Jesus. Online giving can be the next thing to face and conquer. It really is a handy way to give your offering on a weekly or monthly basis (both are available), especially if you're really busy in the summer and you're not around to get your offering to Faith. Maybe you're running low on check blanks, then getting registered for online giving could help out with that problem. Maybe it would be one more thing to take off your "to-do list" and this would help your giving be more regular. Or maybe there's some other way that online giving is the answer for you.

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Properties Team

The leak behind worship wall was determined to be from the roof vents, which need to be covered. Eli Franker and Joe Simington installed bird deflection spirals. Hopefully, this solves the barn swallow nests from being built.

Bids have been received for the window coverings in SON Room. The north and south exterior walls need resurfacing. We are waiting for another bid for sandblasting and then repainting before moving forward with the north and south exterior walls.

Thank you! - Mark Speidel, Properties Team leader

Faith's Project Tree

Currently, the projects on the tree are all Properties Team projects. 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.

Finish top moulding office:
\$400

Finish baseboard in mezzanine and
main floor below: \$200

Door on southeast storage area:
\$500 - \$600

New ceiling fans (Worship area):
\$3,500 - \$4,000

Sheetrock back of worship wall:
\$3,000 - \$3,500

Landscape around cross: \$10,000

Resurface north and south exterior walls to
match front: \$37,000 per side or
\$74,000 for both

Repaint and sandblast
north and south exterior walls: \$18,250

Repaint and sandblast
east exterior wall: \$11,200

Floor covering worship area
(hard surface or carpet):
Estimate \$55,000 - \$60,000

Paint remaining duct work (worship area):
\$3,000

New digital sign:
\$15,000 - \$20,000

Shelves in storage area:
\$500 - \$700

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The giving process is easy and simple. You can use your bank account, credit card, or debit card to complete a transaction.

Just remember stewardship is taking care of what God has given us and a major part of that is giving back to Him what was His to begin with anyway. No matter how we give, whether online, the drop box on the building, or the offering plate at Faith, it's a great relationship builder with our Creator and Savior.

To get signed up follow these instructions: Online Giving Registration – Step by Step

Open your favorite browser

Type in the short URL - <http://bit.ly/33RXUbH>

Click on the words "SIGN IN"

Scroll to the bottom of the page

Click on the words "REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT"

Enter your first and last names, address, city, state, zip code, email address, and phone number

Review all the information in the form for accuracy

Click on the REGISTER button

As always, please contact the church office (712-580-4316) if you have questions. They are always happy to help!

Faith Lutheran Council

Faith Lutheran Council Minutes

April 14,
2021

7:00 p.m.

In person

Those in attendance were: Pastor Lee, Greg Lear, Pam Harris, LaVonne Clark, Kay Iversen, Roger and Vickie Godfredsen, Laura Heikens, Korrie Anderson. Those attending via zoom were: Becky Simons, Mark Speidel, Kevin and Heidi Skadeland, and Paul Behrens.

President Larry Wigen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Laura Heikens opened the meeting with a short prayer.

A motion was made by Korrie, second by LaVonne to approve the March minutes with the addition of attendance. Those attending the March meeting were, Pastor Lee, Greg Lear, Paul Behrens, Pam Harris, LaVonne Clark, Kay Iversen, Roger and Vickie Godfredsen, Korrie Anderson, Becky Simons, Mark Speidel, Kevin and Heidi Skadeland, Brittany Spieker, Randy Enge, Brett Eilts and Kirby Fueston. Voted, all ayes.

The financial report was given by Becky. Motion Roger, second Korrie to approve the financial report, voted, all ayes.

Pastor Lee gave his Pastor's report, he also asked the council's permission to have a card shower for Evan Nielsen who will be leaving in May. All were in agreement.

Discussion was held regarding worship service, in particular the traffic pattern concerns for communion. Some small changes will be made.

A call team update was given by Larry Wigen. Discussion ensued on the timeline it will take to get a pastor hired. By unanimous decision the church council agreed that an Intentional Interim Minister should be hired by the Council so the call team has time to interview and hire a new full time pastor.

The results of the "Trinity Survey" was given by Larry Wigen and updates were given regarding the talks with Trinity.

The job description for Worship Director was discussed. It was decided that the Worship and Music Team along with Korrie and Roger would form a team to look at hiring a Worship Director. Motion Roger, second Laura, voted, all ayes.

Motion Roger second Laura to adjourn.

Submitted by, Vickie Godfredsen

Next Council Meeting | May 12 | 7:00 p.m. | In person & Zoom

Council Members: Please submit your May team reports to the office (office@faithlutheranspencer.com) by Monday, May 10, at noon.

GENERAL OFFERING

January 1 - April 18, 2021 | Year to Date: \$106,213.40

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Council Members

President - Larry Wigen
Vice President - Paul Behrens
Council Secretary - Vickie Godfredsen
Caring Ministry - Laura Heikens
Children's Ministry - Korrie Anderson
Discipleship - Randy Enge
Evangelism - Kirby Fueston
Fellowship - Roger & Vickie Godfredsen
Finance - Becky Simons

Leadership Support - Greg Lear
Missions - Pam Harris
Music and Creative Arts - Brett & Jolynne Eilts
Properties - Mark Speidel
Stewardship - Kevin & Heidi Skadeland
Technology - Kay Iversen
Treasurer - Becky Simons
Worship - LaVonne Clark
Youth Ministry - Brittany Spieker



Call Team

Members presents: Cindy Tigges, Larry Wigger, Joe Simington, Autumn Erdman, Molly Crew, Ann Lear, Patty Ellsworth, Barb Solberg, Ross Brockshus, Troy Rosendahl, Dave Susie, Jared Hansen.

Members Absent: Seth Knoer, Cheryl Hesenius, Brittany Spieker, Kyle Rouse.

Joe opened the meeting in prayer.

Troy went over the survey with the team. There were 171 surveys sent out with 66 returned.

Of those surveys returned the vast majority were in favor of hiring an interim, whether it be "if needed" or "to hire".

Faith Lutheran Call Team Minutes

April 13,
2021

CORRECTION: Survey results 18 in favor of an intentional interim pastor, 10 not in favor and 33 in favor ONLY if the process dictates it. There were 5 surveys not answering the question.

Barb brought up the possibility of asking the retired ministers within the congregation if they would be willing to help during the interim process. Troy offered to approach those people.

The Executive team of Faith met with the Executive team from Trinity and Pastor Mark Newman about the possibility of sharing an Intentional Interim Pastor and possible other sources. There are numerous ideas of how to proceed. There was much discussion concerning the possibilities. Per the results of the survey, the Executive team from Faith will continue to converse with the Executive team from Trinity.

Cindy, Ross, Patty and Jared worked together to develop a Church Profile. It was suggested to add a video in conjunction with the profile. After the profile is completed and brought to call committee to finalize, the profile will be placed on the LCMC web site and sent to LCMC pastors. It was also suggested to be open to sending to American Reformed Church.

Joe, Dave and Barb will work on a job description and bring it to the next meeting

Patty offered to collect the interview questions we each brought to the meeting. She will go through and compile them into one complete list and bring to next meeting.

Joe reported that he has received several names of qualified individuals who could be interested in our opening. Per Ross, Pastor Travis Else from Sioux Center, (whom Ross had brought to us as a possible candidate) is at this time not interested in the position as he is starting a new church in the Sioux Center area.

Cindy reported findings from contacting firms to develop congregation assessment. General consensus was for Cindy to pursue with Church Doctor Ministries to get price quote.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:15 PM.

Joe closed the meeting in prayer at 8:30PM.

2021 Call Team				
Joe Simington, Call Team Leader				
Troy Rosendahl	Autumn Erdman	Dave Susie	Jared Hansen	Cheryl Hessenius
Ann Lear	Barb Solberg	Ross Brockshus	Patty Ellsworth	Council Rep.: Brittany Spieker
Molly Crew	Cindy Tigges	Seth Knoer	Kyle Rouse	

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Faith Lutheran Church - April, 2021

Births | Baptisms: April 18, Albany Grace Anderson and April 25, Annie Jo Rouse
Confirmed: Jackson Eilts, Conner Essick, Cade Freeman, Blake Kooker, Brady Vreeman
Deaths | Marriages: April 10, Robert Wassom Jr., and Sarah Olvera | **New Members**

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