



Faith Lutheran Church - Volume 4, Issue 9 - September, 2020

This month we celebrate the return of LifeKids, Sunday School, WoW! meal and worship, confirmation and youth studies, and more!

LifeKids is in full swing! How wonderful it is to hear the children at church each weekday afternoon. In today's world, the assurance of good quality care infused with the Lord's Word is a blessing beyond measure. Radina Jansen has worked diligently to get our program ready according to DHS standards. It has been a tall task and she has forged through the thickest woods to get us to a ready state. Now, we can pour God's word into the children as they spend their afternoons at Faith. This program is wonderful and takes lots of resources to help it succeed. Will you please consider how you might support this outreach program? Your prayers are the most important gift. Other options include food, supplies, time, hobby, skill, and financial donations. All gifts contribute to the success of LifeKids! Please contact the LifeKids Director, Radina Jansen, to share your contribution! Also, remember to encourage families you know to consider this excellent after school program.

Our Sunday School kicks off with **Rally Day on September 13**. This year we will meet at East Leach Park immediately after our regular 9:00 a.m. worship for two hours of food and fun.

See page 13 for more details.

Beginning **September 20, Sunday School begins** for people of all ages. Watch the bulletin and weekly email for more information.

WoW! – Worship on Wednesdays! begins on September 9 with a community meal at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m. The theme this fall is WaterLife. We look forward to seeing you soon!

The garage room is looking spectacular! The construction is done. The furniture is in place. The audio and video equipment is ordered. What a fantastic room! Stop in sometime to enjoy the room that is the result of many hours of labor, paid and volunteer. We are very grateful to all volunteers including Mark and Mary Speidel, Steve Oleson, and Paul Wire. God will use this room for great opportunities to share His word!

Check out the rest of the newsletter for stories about Marriage Night, Stephen Ministry, and more! Good things are happening at Faith! Praise God!

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Dear Faith family,

When God's people wandered in the wilderness for forty years, and God had sustained them all along the way, the time came for them to enter the Promised Land. Moses had died. Joshua was their new leader. God told Joshua to be "strong and courageous" because He was and would always be with them.

The Pastor's Pen
by
Pastor Lee Laaveg



The day came for them to cross the Jordan River and enter the Promised Land. The priests of God carried the Ark of the Covenant on their shoulders. At the water's edge, they stepped into the flooded, swift current of the Jordan. Not until they stepped into the waters did God part the waters, so that they could cross on dry land. That is faith. God repeated the miracle of the parting of the Red Sea. God again made a way for them, leading them into the future. There would be battles and challenges, but would go before them to give them victory. They walked by faith into the future promises God had in store for them.

Perhaps because of the Corona virus, we feel like we have been wandering in the wilderness. Our life together has been 'suspended.' We need God to lead us into all the promises of Jesus for us as a congregation. Confident that God is with us, confident that God will lead the way, confident that God will keep every promise, empowering us to do great things for His kingdom, we now must step forward in faith toward our future together.

Be strong and courageous. As we confidently walk in faith, God's Spirit will lead the way. The social rhythms of all people will continue to feel the impact of COVID-19 for a little longer. But, God will give us wisdom and guide us as the journey continues.

Step into the water with me, and God will open a clear path for the future of Faith.

In His love,

Pastor Lee

Pastor Lee



**2020-2021 Confirmation classes begin
Wednesday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m.**

**2020 Confirmation Sunday was postponed.
On Reformation Sunday, November 1,
Emily Quanbeck and Drew Sandven will be confirmed.**

Happy 10th Anniversary, Faith!



Thank you, Donna!

We are grateful that Donna Frederick has donated an altar cross and two candlesticks to Faith Lutheran in memory of Bill Frederick!

The Church will be blessed for years with these gifts!!



Properties Team



I would like to thank the Properties Team members and other volunteers for helping with the garage retro-fit and for continued help in the future. Without the volunteers at Faith we could not accomplish all the work now and in the future.

Thank you!
Mark



Faith Lutheran Church LCMC



Above: We are excited that gifts for a sign are enabling us to put our name proudly on our building above our main doors! YEAH!!

At left: We are grateful to David and Jan Hopkins for donating this large projection screen for the north end of our church building. It will accommodate many teaching purposes for years to come!



Dear Friends at Faith Lutheran Church,

In the past, we have highlighted some of the physical aspects of the work we are involved in at the Aliyah Return Center (ARC) in Tiberias, Israel. As you know, we try to keep a good balance between helping physically and helping spiritually. We see our role in the spiritual area growing quite a bit as we spend time in Israel and people get a better sense of our hearts and spiritual maturity, by His grace and to His glory.

As a couple, we are now recognized as the spiritual leaders for the ARC. This encompasses being available to help with any necessary counseling, correction, or just lending an ear when needed. Les has been asked to be actively involved with organizing regular prayer and worship and leading in team devotions. There is also a team meeting every Monday that is specifically for corporate prayer for the team. We hold this prayer meeting in the Vertical building.

Many ask, how do we get fed spiritually? We have plugged into a local congregation, at least as much as we can due to COVID-19. Les has had the opportunity to share the word of God during an afternoon service on Fridays. This does give us a chance to interact and fellowship with other believers. We also are involved in a Bible Study Tuesday nights.

Our opportunities to share the Gospel remain discreet and usually divine appointment oriented. It is always amazing to see how God opens doors or forms relationships that allow conversations to come around to spiritual matters. We do know that a lot of that has to do with regular prayer support. So, you prayer warriors out there ... keep it up! Thank you. Les and Catherine

Les and Catherine DeRoos are from Alta. For more information on the DeRoos or Laborers With Christ, please go to their website at laborerswithchrist.org

Missions Team



Items of the Month:

Continued Support of the UDMO Food Pantry AND Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO) is in need of egg noodles, cake mix and jelly (please, no glass jars) as well as other non-perishable food and personal supplies.

For the **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**, Faith Lutheran needs: Wide or college-ruled, 70 sheet count notebooks,
Blunt scissors | 16 or 24 count Crayons
2-1/2 inch Erasers | Unsharpened No. 2 pencils
Rulers with inches and centimeters

For a complete list of items for Lutheran World Relief kits, please see the Clip 'n Save list on this page.

Items can be donated by placing them in the yellow Missions box inside the church near the front doors or taken to UDMO (please, try to avoid Monday and Thursday as many people are receiving needed items then. Also, when in the parking lot, please call - 712-262-7409).

Mission Partners for 2020:

- ♦ General Council of Assembly of God
- ♦ ATLAS of Spencer
- ♦ Grand Avenue Community Outreach
- ♦ The Multi-Church Community Assistance Fund
- ♦ LifeKids Tuition Fund
- ♦ World Mission Prayer League
- ♦ Wycliffe Bible Translators
- ♦ Laborers with Christ
- ♦ International Messengers
- ♦ Operation Serve International
- ♦ Friends of Madagascar Missions
- ♦ Reaching the Unreached, West Africa
- ♦ Faith Lutheran Mission Trips
- ♦ LCMC

Be the Light Together

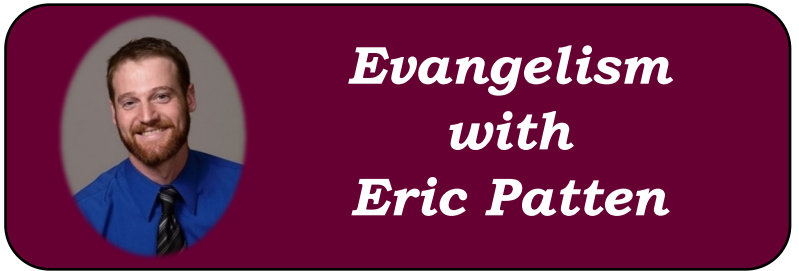
I remember a vivid example from my childhood of what church is meant to be, and how we can be the light of Christ together. It was Christmas Eve church service, held every year at the Methodist church in Webb. At the end of the service, everyone gathered in a circle and held a lit candle as the lights turned off. Together as one group of people singing in unity, we sang *Silent Night*.

There is something about the moment we sang *Silent Night* that sticks in my memory. I would say it's an image of what church is meant to be. Many individual lights that are shining with the burning love of God filling them, spreading light for all to see. And together, all the lights shine brighter, bright enough to see one another. Authentic, raw, and real, the kingdom of God manifesting itself here on earth through the living embodiment of you and me. Real relationships, real people, not perfect people, but sinners saved by grace who are growing as disciples and becoming more like Jesus.

As we sang *Silent Night*, we were filled with the simple truth that this is what God meant for the church to be. United in harmony, showing others the love of God by the love He has given us. When we shine the light of Christ together, we are stronger and burn brighter as one community of love. Be the light of Christ together.



Eric Patten, Outreach and Stephen Ministry Director



Discipleship

Four Ways to Grow

I don't know about you, but I am ready to see my brothers and sisters in Christ once again. How can we do that in a safe way, while growing deeper as disciples in Christ together? Let's look at four ways we can plug in and grow as a disciple this fall!

Adult Discipleship Hour. Beginning Sunday, Sept. 20, at 10:30 a.m. after worship, we will be working through a video study called, "In Pursuit of Jesus." We will discuss what it means to be a Christian in parts of the world, including: New York, Singapore, Sweden, Argentina, South Africa, Galilee, and Jerusalem. Curious about Christianity in other parts of the world? Join the Discipleship Hour!

Journey Teams. Are you in a Journey Team? Though COVID-19 has put a damper on people meeting for worship or other social events, you may find ways to meet with others in smaller groups. Would you feel comfortable getting together with one or two other couples to study God's Word? We encourage Journey Teams to meet, and look for safe and creative ways to meet with others in your faith family.

Bible Studies and Courses. Still a little uncertain about meeting in person with others? Don't worry, we have just the thing. Soon to be released online in September are a series of Bible studies and courses for you to study and grow. We at Faith will create these videos! More details to come.

Marriage Night Event. Enjoy a date night with your spouse! Faith will be hosting a simulcast event called *Marriage Night*. Turn to page 6 for more details.

Final thought: Keep your eyes on the horizon. Keep your eyes on the cross. Trust God. He does not fail.

In Christ, Eric Patten

MARRIAGE — NIGHT

Saturday, September 26

6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

\$15/person | \$30/couple

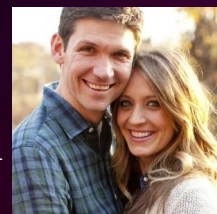
Snacks Provided!

What is Marriage Night 2020?

- ◇ It is a one-night event at Faith Lutheran.
- ◇ It is an opportunity to answer the question “What is marriage supposed to look like when those initial bursts of excitement give way to everyday troubles and routines?”
- ◇ Marriage is made for more than a fairy tale ending. It is a picture of God’s hope and redemption for a world in need of rescue.
- ◇ It will provide you with expert teaching and principles for a lasting relationship while challenging you to see the greater purpose of marriage - to glorify God and advance His Gospel.

Faith Lutheran is excited to invite all married couples - young in years or more advanced - for a night dedicated to focus on your marriage!

We will hear from speakers like:

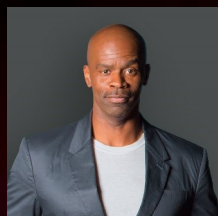


- ◆ Matt and Lauren Chandler (right). Matt is the lead pastor of The Village Church in Flower Mound, Texas, and Lauren is a worship leader.



- ◆ Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott (left). The Parrotts are founders of the Center for Relationship Development at Seattle Pacific University. Their best-selling books include *Love Talk* and the award-winning *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts*.

- ◆ Dr. Conway and Jada Edwards (right). Dr. Conway is the founding and lead pastor of One Community Church in Plano, Texas. Jada is the Creative Arts Director at One Community Church.



- ◆ Michael Jr. (left). Michael Jr. has been featured on *The Tonight Show*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, and *Comedy Central*. He is a passionate Christian with a stand-up style for all ages. He has earned a reputation as one of the best comics performing today.

To register: Go to www.marriagenight.org/attend

⇒ Click on “Register for Host Site Simulcast”

⇒ Type in zip code 51301 in the search tab and click on “Spencer, IA”

⇒ Find Faith Lutheran Church in the locations shown at the bottom, and click register.

⇒ Login with your RightNow Media account.

⇒ Proceed to the registration page to register for the event!



Stephen Ministers to be Commissioned!

The day has finally arrived! Over the course of the last year, a group of Faith Members has been training to become Stephen Ministers, and now it is time to put their hard work into action! On Sunday, September 27, during worship, we will have a Stephen Minister Commissioning. Following their commissioning, they will begin to provide care services for people in need. Let me tell you a little more about what Stephen Ministry is, and what our Stephen Ministers will be providing for Faith Members and community members.

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a program that equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulty in their lives, and need to talk to a caring Christian friend.

A Stephen Minister Is:

A child of God who walks beside a person who is hurting

A congregation member with gifts for caregiving who was carefully selected to serve in this role

A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care

A caring, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages

Someone who will be there for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week, for as long as there's a need

A Friend in Need

In times of trouble, we look to caring Christian friends to listen to us while we work through our feelings. A Stephen Minister can be such a friend, either to you or to someone you know. If you or someone you know could benefit from having a caring presence and listening ear, contact Eric Patten at the church, 712-580-4316, his cell phone, 712-229-1340, or email Eric at eric@faithlutheranspencer.com to learn how to connect with a Stephen Minister.

Stephen Ministers are:

✦ Del Brockshus

✦ Heidi Skadeland

✦ Dave Solberg

✦ Cheryl Stueven

✦ Roger Godfredsen

✦ Barb Solberg

✦ Bill Nitzel

✦ Vickie Godfredsen

✦ Laura Heikens



REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!

Register online at <https://bit.ly/3ifU96c> **Or!** Contact Korrie Anderson at 712.363.3556 - childrensministry@faithlutheranspencer.com **Or!** Contact the Church Office at 712.580.4316 - office@faithlutheranspencer.com



"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city."

Revelation 22:1-2a

We are excited to begin the third year of WoW! on Wednesday, September 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m.! This year's theme is

WaterLife. We will be exploring stories from the Bible that deal with water. The Bible is filled with stories where God reveals His love and His power to save His people using water. Water is essential to life, and helps us understand the ways God works on our behalf.

Children again will be leading in the welcome, reading Scripture, in prayer and in closing the worship service. Each service will include one or more of the following: a video, an activity, and/or a drama and Story Puppets. Because of the Corona Virus there will be no singing for now, each student will be assigned a different mic, and social distancing will be encouraged as we worship and during any planned activities.

We invite all ages to come and enjoy a prepared meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the service planned from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Let's learn about God's stories as we praise Him, and have FUN together!

Denise Laaveg

Denise Laaveg, Worship Director

Worship with Denise Laaveg



WoW!

WaterLife

Sept. 9 - WaterLife

Sept. 16 - Flood Waters

Sept. 23 - Crossing the Red Sea

Sept. 30 - Crossing the Jordan

5:30 p.m. WoW! Community Meal

6:30 p.m. WoW! Service



Keeping Them In Our Prayers ...

Jesus, gracious healer, you promise to hear our prayers and answer us in our time of need.

Please bless those who are battling addictions and depression. With your power, restore them to wholeness and give them your joy. And Lord, please touch the lives of those who are sick, hospitalized, grieving or battling a long term illness.

Please bless Bernard Fairchild, Jim Smith, Leora Riedemann, Liv and Levi Helmers, Rexanne Brink and all those we name in our hearts.



Council Minutes | Wednesday, August 12, 2020 7:00 p.m. Zoom

Pete called meeting to order and Pastor Lee opened with a prayer.

A motion to accept July minutes as printed was made by Jim Unrau and seconded by Korrie Anderson. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the financial reports as presented by Becky Simons was made by Al Vanderberg and seconded by Randy Enge.

Motion carried.

Following discussion on topics before the Council, motions were made as follows:

A motion to reopen the church office to normal hours with individual church employees to establish their own protocols based on their comfort level on how to handle the public was made by Al Vanderberg and seconded by LaVonne Clark. Motion carried.

A motion to reopen the fellowship area, the kitchen, and the north end of the church with enhanced sanitation practices (install Plexiglas barriers in the kitchen, remove hard to clean toys and objects, and have Rich Stueven clean what was handled by fogging, wiping down, etc.) was made by Kent Heazlett and seconded by Korrie Anderson. Motion carried.

A motion to open the nursery if parents wished to staff it with enhanced sanitation practices applying to the area was made by Randy Enge and seconded by Becky Simons. Motion carried.

A motion to open the kitchen for coffee and donuts on the third Sunday in September, September 20, with enhanced sanitation practices applying was made Jim Unrau and seconded by Al Vanderberg. Motion carried.

A motion to open the Community Meals before the WoW! worship service made by Brett Eilts and seconded by Brittany Spieker. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the \$1,200.00 per month from Zion Lutheran Church in Ruthven for pastoral services per the current agreement with Faith Lutheran was made by Randy Enge and seconded by Jim Unrau. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Al Vanderberg and seconded by Brett Eilts. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Crew, 2020 Council President

Contact the church office to see special Council meeting minutes from July 29.

Sept. 13 - Sunday School Rally Day!
Sept. 20 - Sunday School Classes begin



GENERAL OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

January 1 - August 23, 2020

Year to Date: \$220,871.17

Average Attendance: 56

Thank you for generously giving in 2020!

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 9 | 7:00 p.m.

Council Members:

Please submit your September team report to the church office (office@faithlutheranspencer.com) by Tuesday, September 8. - *Thank you*

LifeKids: When Dreams Come True

Late August, as the area public schools reconvened and classes resumed, Faith Lutheran experienced a historic day! In the last two strategic planning visions, LifeKids proposed to be a tangible way for our congregation to love the children of Spencer and to reach out with Jesus' love. For the last three years, this program has been a vital part of our weekly programs on Wednesdays.

Not long ago, Faith proposed to expand this program to better and more fully serve young families and their children by expanding to an every day program, Monday through Friday. For the last year and a half, the council appointed a LifeKids task team to lay the foundational groundwork for this expansion.

In June, Radina Jansen began her duties as the executive director and lead teacher for this expanded LifeKids program. She has been working diligently to complete all necessary paperwork for state licensing to open our doors to the children. As the Spencer Schools began their academic year, LifeKids opened our doors for our first day of our expanded everyday program.

We begin with a nice core group of seven children. Wednesdays will have more. Once a month, as the public schools have a teacher's in-service day, we will be open all day. We know and believe this program will blossom and grow as word spreads of our excellent program and wonderful care for the children who come.

Eric Patten will continue to teach in the LifeKids program, in addition to his duties with evangelism, Stephen Ministry, and assistance to Zion Lutheran. He will also serve as primary bus driver. Many, many Faith members have faithfully volunteered for this program. We are very grateful to each one.

Dr. Courtney Schwartz, who just completed a term on council as Youth Ministry Team leader, also served on the LifeKids Task Team. She has accepted the role of chairing the separate board for LifeKids. Also serving on the LifeKids Board are: Dr. Courtney Schwartz, Larry Wigen, Alisha Bartlett, Barb Enge, Ann Lear, Matt Essick, Pete Crew (ex-officio) and Pastor Lee Laaveg (ex-officio).

LifeKids is applying for a separate 501(c)3 non-profit license. They will always be a "mission cause" for Faith, and therefore the program will be directly connected to our vision for ministry as a partnership. But, eventually, they will be a separate entity for budgeting, grant applications, and function operating in our facility.

How can we support LifeKids, the staff, and the children who attend? First, pray each day for the children who come and their families, the staff, and the board. Second, tell everyone about our wonderful program, encouraging them to consider enrolling their children. Third, pray about becoming a LifeKids friend, financially supporting the program. If you are interested in giving or volunteering, please feel free to call the church office, or call Radina Jansen, LifeKids Director.

The birth of LifeKids as an every day program offering the love of Christ to the children and families of Spencer is a dream come true! Thank you, God, for everyone who made this possible!

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY!

www.lifekidsspencer.com

Grades K-5 | Monday - Friday | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. | \$30 per week

- **Transportation to Faith from Spencer Middle School**
- **Daily Snack**
- **7:40 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Child Care on Spencer In-Service Days**
- **Multi-Child Discount**
- **Tuition Assistance**





LifeKids with Radina Jansen



LifeKids Behind the Scenes

- DHS has approved LifeKids Spencer for temporary licensure. DHS will come to observe our program and check paperwork over the next 4 months. We are confident after the 4 months that we will receive full licensure!
- Applying for tax exemption with the IRS was completed on 8/14/20. We should know in 180 days if we eligible to be tax exempt.

Welcome!

LifeKids welcomed children to the five day a week program on Tuesday, August 25th, the first day of school for the Spencer elementary students! It warms my heart to hear the laughter and see the smiles of the children each day!

We have safe health practices in place. Temperatures are taken and hand sanitizer is used when children enter the building. Masks are worn when moving as a group from one place to another. Children social distance when eating snacks, playing whole group games, listening to stories while sitting on the floor and when completing projects while sitting at the tables, so masks are required.

A big thank you to Barb Burnham! Barb's Thrivent Action Team Card was used to purchase school supplies - markers, colored pencils, pencils, pencil top erasers, scissors, glue, tape, watercolor paints, paper for drawing and painting and supply boxes! Children have their own supplies to help prevent the spread of germs. They are pictured with their supply boxes and wearing their Thrivent T-shirts. As many of you know, hearing the bouncing of the basketballs and the hitting against the backboard is a welcomed sound in the back of our church. Barb and Wayne purchased 6 basketballs of different colors. A rotation pattern has been established so six children can play basketball per day, without the worry of germs being spread. The joys of basketball sounds are back! For those not playing basketball, they can be seen using the Hop Its (in my day they were called Skip Its), also part of the Thrivent purchases.



I am grateful for the large inside play area in which the children can play during these hot days!

I am grateful for Ann Lear and Kirby Fueston for volunteering to purchase, prepare and serve daily snacks.

I am grateful for Eric for driving the bus to bring children from Spencer Middle School to LifeKids.

I am grateful for the support from Cheryl, Lori, Pastor Lee, Eric, and the LifeKids Board during the launch of the full day LifeKids program.

I am grateful for all the prayers and monetary support from the Family of Faith.

I am grateful for God's loving presence every day to help guide my planning, teaching, and interactions with the LifeKids children and their families.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17).

Radina Jansen Radina Jansen, LifeKids Spencer Director

Stewards of the Month:



Mark and Rhonda Vreeman

This month's stewards are Mark and Rhonda Vreeman. We celebrate their

generous hearts and all the ways they make a difference at Faith. As is the case each month, this couple has a variety of important roles that they gladly fulfill for the mission and ministry of Faith Lutheran.

Mark has previously served on Faith's council as chair of the Finance Ministry Team, working with our treasurer and church administrator on financial records, bills, gifts, and congregational annual budgeting. He also serves as a member of the Endowment team. In addition, Mark assists often as part of the volunteers who serve as offering counters after worship.

Rhonda has helped with Sunday School and served on the Children's Ministry Team. She has served as a LifeKids volunteer in a variety of ways. Since January of this year, she has willingly stepped in on short notice to serve as our cook for WOW! meals each Wednesday. She will continue in this role this fall.

Both Rhonda and Mark serve as Confirmation small group leaders and mentors for our youth. Often they also have assisted in serving coffee, rolls, and doughnuts for our Fellowship times before and after worship.

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servants!

Stewardship

Giving and Generosity!

The scriptures are full of verses encouraging us to be gracious, generous givers. We wish to share some scripture and principles which encourage us to be cheerful givers, sensitive to the needs of others, and generous followers of Jesus. So I share this month 3 scriptures about our giving ...

1st in Matthew 10:8 we read, **"Freely you have received; freely give."** What a perfect summation of our relationship with God through Jesus' grace, and our relationship to life and others! Gladly we receive from the abundance of God's blessings, including the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of salvation. So, we are free to give and give and give.

2nd in Proverbs 11:25, **"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."** We don't know how the prosperity will come. It might not be in financial gain. But our lives will be blessed. And, our souls will be refreshed. We will experience joy!

3rd in Hebrews 13:16, **"Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."** As we share and do good things to care for and bless others, we reflect the heart of our Father God. God is honored by our generosity and our giving. God is proud and pleased when His people live with generous hearts.

Thank you, people of Faith, for all the ways you give and live generously!

Job opening

Communications and Technology Director

We're looking for a Communications and Technology Director at Faith! Do you have the communication and technology skills to help our church move forward?

If you or someone you know is interested, please find the job description on the church website homepage www.faithlutheranspencer.com

Apply using the online form and attach your resume.

Job applications will be received through September 30, 2020.

Thank you

Zion Report --

Faith is Partnering with Zion of Ruthven

Faith is partnering with Zion Lutheran in Ruthven, and we will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. This summer, Zion's pastor, the Rev. Tom Summerfield, retired. Zion's president, Greg Olson, approached Pastor Lee and Faith's president, Pete Crew, about the possibility of providing preachers for their worship services in August and September.

After further discussion and Faith council's approval, Pastor Lee is organizing who preaches at Zion, and providing a worship order of service for their congregation. Pastor Lee will preach at Zion one Sunday a month, including presiding at communion for them. Eric Patten has preached for them the majority of the time. Other area speakers or retired pastors will be involved in the preaching schedule. Zion is very grateful and pleased with Faith's support and partnership. They are financially paying a per month fee for these services.

The proposed conceptual expansion of pastoral and ministry support would also include teaching and leading Zion's Wednesday evening programming, beginning in October. Each Wednesday, Zion has fifty to sixty youth and children coming to the church for a meal, teaching, and worship time. These responsibilities would be covered by Eric Patten, Evan Nielsen, and Pastor Lee.

In addition, Pastor Lee will be available to them for pastoral emergencies, pastoral care situations, funerals, baptisms, and weddings.

Faith president, Pete Crew, as well as Zion's president, Greg Olson, and Pastor Lee continue to be in weekly communication about all these details. Both councils are informed fully and support our working relationship. We are working on a written covenant so that both congregations are clear about expectations and responsibilities.

Part of Faith's strategic plan has and continues to be a resource and teaching church for all area Lutheran congregations. Pray for this continued partnership as it develops. Pastor Lee believes that both churches will enjoy positive synergy empowered by the Spirit as we move forward.

RALLY DAY

— picnic —

Youth and Children's Ministry would like to invite ALL to join us for some grillin' and chillin'.
ENJOY old school games for kids of ALL ages!

food. fellowship. fun.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
11:00AM - 1:00PM**

East Leach Park

5 Grand Bridge/ 4th Street SE | Spencer, IA

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 20TH

@ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH!

GOD IS CALLING YOU, BE SURE TO ANSWER!

Children's Ministry

Sunday School Teachers are Needed for all Grades!



Teachers Make a Difference!

The Bible records the stories of many people who walked by faith and made a difference. You, too, can make a difference in someone's life. Noah followed God's instructions. Joseph depended on God's favor. Moses lived outside his comfort zone. Hannah never stopped praying. David stepped into the power of faith when he faced Goliath. Mary submitted to God, giving birth to Jesus. Paul was blinded before he saw what a sinner he really was.

**If your heart is being called to teach and would like more information, contact
Korrie Anderson - 712.363.3556 or
childrensministry@
faithlutheranspencer.com**

Youth!



♦ Instagram Youth Page:
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Birthdays

September 2 Shirley Parks
Christine Piercy

September 4 Lauren Rouse
Shawn Sembach

September 5 Isaac Edie

September 6 Justin Lee

September 7 Jared Hansen
Betty Ricklefs

September 8 Dylan Harris

September 9 Jacob Heikens

September 10 Marcia Klett
Tracy Wigen

September 11 Andre Enge

September 12 Harper Stykel

September 13 Parker Gilley/Harrington

September 14 Stella Anderson
Rory Schuster
Sydney Schwartz
Diane Van Kleeck

September 16 Ken Ricklefs

September 17 Barb Enge
Jeremy Voit

September 18 Larry Clark

September 20 Rachel Simington

September 21 Bev Hummel

September 22 Sheryl Lee

September 26 Julie Williams
Brayden Yungbluth

September 27 Madelyn Edie
Steve Johnson

September 30 Nancy Heckathorn
Ellie Spieker
Keith Van Kleeck

Anniversaries

September 5 Kent & Marci Sandven

September 12 Chris & Carolyn Christofferson

September 13 Bob & Pam Livasy

September 14 Wayne & Barbara Burnham

September 16 Brad & Lori Krei
Eric & Syndee Patten
Mark & Rhonda Vreeman

September 17 Brady & Megan Vanderberg

September 19 Mark & Lauriann Heilman
Eric & Cindy Tigges

September 21 Gene & Pam Englin
Eli & Sara Franker
Casey & Alexa Vanderberg

September 25 Shawn & Mary Sembach



September 14-16
September 26

Fall Elderversity with guest speaker Jan McDermott
Woman's Day Away: "The Struggle is Real" - Dive into a series by Nicole Unice as she combines her love of storytelling with Biblical insights.

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

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Births | Baptisms: August 23, Rachel Starlyn Skadeland; August 29, Wyatt Thomas Vanderberg

Marriages: August 15, Jacob and Brandi Heikens

Deaths: August 22, Norman Halverson | **First Communion | Confirmed | New Members**

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