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Faith Life Together

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Sunday School & Confirmation resume!

September is a great month for so many reasons. We enjoy the last warm days of summer. We prepare for another year of worship. God provides for us to be together to worship Him and be renewed with His Word and in our church friendships.

All month-long Faith welcomes new guest speakers on Sunday mornings. See page 4 for the list of speakers our volunteers have lined up. Faith is fortunate to have people willing to step in to help during this pastoral transition period.

Faith focuses a lot of energy and time on the youth and September is especially so.

On **Wednesday, September 1, the confirmation meeting** will be held in the Discipleship Room. Many plans are being made for a good year. Check out page 12 for full details!

Sunday, September 5 our young children will **receive Bibles and our Sunday School teachers will be installed.** What a blessing to have children to pour into and teachers willing to pour. God provides for each as needed so all can come to Him.

Get ready to kick off Sunday School on **Rally Day, Sunday, September 19**, at East Leach Park. After worship, all church members are encouraged to head out to the park for food, fun, and games.

Sunday School classes begin on Sunday, September 26 after worship. The children will gather as a large group that day to start their year. The adults will also begin Sunday School bible studies in the SON Room. Grab your coffee, a donut, and settle in for a good bible study!

Check this newsletter for other opportunities to serve our Lord and be filled with His blessings.

Continue to pray for Faith Lutheran Church during this time of transition. We celebrate 11 years of praising God and look forward to many more!



LARRY WIGEN - FAITH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Welcome to the September edition of Faith's newsletter. I hope this letter finds you well and you are enjoying all of God's beauty this time of year. In the absence of a full-time Pastor, I am filling in to stay in touch as much as possible.

First, I want to thank each and everyone that is stepping up to lead Faith in this time of transition. Your entire Council and Executive Team is doing a great job. Many, many volunteers are stepping up to help them from the congregation and it is awesome to see and hear.

With the absence of a lead Pastor, I just wanted to communicate a few things on how the office is running. For any pastoral emergency we ask that you call the church office and someone will contact Eric Patten who will be taking the lead on this. I want to thank Eric for stepping up and willing to do this. His compassion and heart will serve well. As far as the internal office, Lori will be directing the traffic and flow day to day. She will handle anything that she feels she can and is comfortable with. If a situation arises that needs additional attention or help, she will contact me and we will resolve whatever the issue is.

As I am writing this we are just past our 4th week of Sundays since the retirement of Pastor and Denise. The four Sundays have gone very good with the work of many people. We all need to remember things are going to be different and not everything is going to be smooth. But with each obstacle we learn and move on to better things.

I want to thank the Call Team and their incredible work to date. I know they are very excited about their work. I look forward to seeing who they bring forward for our next Pastor. Thank you everyone.

Also, I want to thank the entire staff: Lori, Cheryl, Eric, Rich and Radina. They are doing a fantastic job and are a pleasure to work with. They make Faith look very good by all their behind-the-scenes work.

As we are gearing up for the Fall and things ahead, our youth teams are planning very hard to have creative and meaningful programs for the youth. These parents are stepping up and doing an awesome job. We should be proud of our youth and show them off. I look forward to whenever they are involved.

Thank you to everyone for your time. If someone reaches out to you to help or volunteer at Faith, please consider if you feel it is in your passion to do so. I encourage you to get involved with Faith. I promise it is very rewarding and worth it.

Blessing, Larry

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



Is not meeting in September!

In this study we are getting tips from Paul on how to find God's peace. Read Philippians 1 to see what he prays for his friends and how he "blooms where he was planted" even when he was "planted" in prison! May we all choose to bloom where our all-wise God plants us.

All are welcome to come! Come join us!

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the SON Room.

For more information, please contact Linda Susie at 712-262-6621 or djslrs74@yahoo.com

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Blessings



September 2	Shirley Parks Christine Piercy
September 4	Lauren Rouse
September 6	Justin Lee
September 7	Jared Hansen Betty Ricklefs
September 8	Dylan Harris
September 9	Jacob Heikens
September 10	Marcia Klett Tracy Coleman Wigen
September 12	Harper Stykel
September 13	Parker Gilley/Harrington
September 14	Rory Schuster Stella Anderson Sydney Schwartz Diane Van Kleeck
September 16	Ken Ricklefs
September 17	Barb Enge
September 18	Larry Clark
September 20	Rachel Simington
September 21	Bev Hummel
September 22	Sheryl Lee

September 26	Julie Williams Brayden Yungbluth
September 27	Steve Johnson
September 30	Nancy Heckathorn Keith Van Kleeck Ellie Spieker

Anniversary Blessings

September 5	Kent & Marci Sandven
September 12	Chris & Carolyn Christofferson
September 14	Wayne & Barbara Burnham
September 16	Eric & Syndee Patten Mark & Rhonda Vreeman Brad & Lori Krei
September 17	Brady & Megan Vanderberg
September 19	Mark & Lauriann Heilman Eric & Cindy Tigges
September 21	Gene & Pam Englin Eli & Sara Franker Casey & Alexa Vanderberg

Prayer and Praise Corner

Lift Up in Prayer ...

- Call Team as they search for a pastor.
- The search for a worship director.
- Peace in our country and for our elected officials, both local and national.
- For healing for Jim Smith, Peggy Olson, Norma Johnson, Gene Lovitt, Ellie Wiemers and all those we name in our hearts.



Reasons for Praise!

- Generosity of Faith in support of our missions and ministries through their time and efforts, but also for special needs through the Project Tree.
- TEAM Restoration Ministry offering counseling through Erika Adolph, a licensed counselor.

Pastoral Care

As Faith waits for its next pastor, Eric Patten, along with other pastors or lay people as needed, will provide pastoral care in immediate or emergency situations.

Please call the church office to request pastoral care - 712-580-4316.



During the month of September, Faith Lutheran welcomes the following Guest Speakers!

Sunday, Sept. 5 - Joe Simington

Sunday, Sept. 12 - Dan Winkowitsch

Sunday, Sept. 19 - Dan Winkowitsch

Sunday, Sept. 26 - Brett Eilts



Have you experienced online giving?

Online giving provides the ability to donate on our website. After creating an account, you are able to give a donation or schedule a series of donations directly from your checking or savings account or by using your debit or credit card.

If you have not tried online giving, now is a good time to start! Go to: <http://bit.ly/33RXUbH> and follow the instructions!

OR!

You can send your tithes and offering to Faith via a *text message*. Text “**give**” to 712-214-4317. You’ll receive a link. For your first time click “**sign in**” then “**register for an account**”. Follow the prompts to receive your secure PIN. Select the fund, enter the donation amount and payment information. Tap “**save payment**” to use it for future gifts!

If you have questions or need help, please call the office at 712-580-4316.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 26!

- **September 5** **Bible Presentation and Teacher Installation**
1st year Preschool, Kindergarten, 2nd Grade and students new to Faith Lutheran will receive Bibles
- **September 19** **Rally Day** at East Leach Park!
- **September 26** **1st Day of Sunday School**
Large Group Sunday School
- **Late October** We will start practice for the Christmas Program
- **December 12** **Christmas Program**

**Register your child/children today
for Sunday School!**

Forms are available by ...

✍ clicking the QR code at the right

✍ online at <https://bit.ly/3ifU96c>

✍ or paper forms are available on the Welcome Center!



OPERATION SERVE INTERNATIONAL



Operation Serve International (OSI) is another of Faith's Mission Partners. It is a non-profit, non-denominational, humanitarian organization established in 1983. They provide physical and spiritual relief through Mercy Missions and short-term missionary teams who serve the poor, homeless, distressed and underprivileged throughout the world.



OSI provides leadership training through seminars and publications of training materials. They train and develop indigenous pastors and leaders from congregations interested in being short-term missionaries. They develop short-term mission from a wide range of Christian denominations and affiliations to encourage and support their international ministries.

Faith has partnered with OSI on our last two mission trips to Mexico City.

Faith's Mission Team is pleased to support this organization.



Lutheran World Relief



Hands-on Mission Day ***Wednesday, Sept. 1 | 9:00 a.m. to noon***

Come for fellowship as we sew, tie quilts and assemble kits.
All Are Welcome!

**This month we are collecting dark colored bath towels -
minimum size 20x40 inches, maximum size 27x52 inches.**

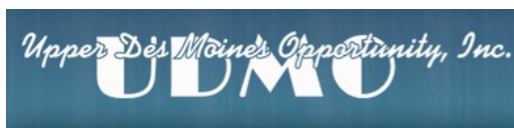


Thanks to your donations you gave throughout last year on August 7 we took 223 personal care kits, 85 school kits, 41 baby care kits, and 52 quilts to the truck that delivers them to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Minnesota. Now we begin again to collect items to make more kits and quilts. Know that your efforts do make a difference for someone - giving them hope and comfort and expressing God's love to those suffering and in need. 1 John 4:19 says, *"We love, because he first loved us."*

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:

Tuna, canned fruit and juice.

Mission Emphasis: Mental Health Conditions



Mindset means different things to all of us. Some of us may believe we have no control over our thoughts. We may find ourselves thinking less and feeling more, frequently reacting to people and situations. In contrast, we may be so engrossed in our own thought life that we miss external circumstances around us.

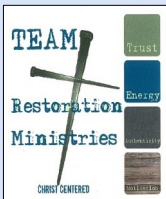
Our mindset and the sum of our thoughts run in tandem to the feelings we experience as we react to situations we face. Because feelings can be strong and filled with drama, it's easy for them to take over our ability to control our thoughts. It's like when we are stressed, do we realize that our thoughts swirl in a sea of judgment, criticism, and a lack of compassion that stoke our outward anger, fear, or anxiety? Do we find identify our thoughts of helplessness, hopelessness, and an inability to cope priming our depression, desperation, and struggles in life?

Our need for clarity and wholeness can lead us to counselors, especially Christian counseling, like TEAM Restoration Ministries, for God to help us regain better mental wellness. These resources can provide us with additional tools to learn new skills of how to improve our mindset, manage our thoughts, and regulate our emotions. Please contact them for some extra help.

As Christians, we possess the antidote to combat the pain, suffering, stress, and negativity in our lives. We can strive to have a mindset that is based on God's love, mercy, and grace to get us through whatever comes our way. Remembering God's words about Who is in control: *"You make known to me the path of life: in your presence there is fullness of joy"* (Psalm 16:11) can help enrich our thought life.

As believers, we can always rely on the assurance that He is with us. This can give us power to redirect our thoughts. In Romans 15:13, we are told, *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

To God be the Glory!



TEAM Restoration Ministries

TEAM Restoration Ministries has a God-driven commitment and passion for facilitating the healing and strengthening of marriages, families and individuals, both children and adults. They offer many different types of counseling.

Erika Adolph, a counselor with TEAM Restoration Ministries, is 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 about TEAM Restoration Ministries
or to schedule an appointment with Erika, please call 515-238-9010
or visit them at www.team-restoration.org**



- ♦ 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



WORSHIP, MUSIC AND CREATIVE ARTS

One of my favorite hymns is “It Is Well With My Soul.” When times of uncertainty or trouble come my way, I am comforted by the words of this song:

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul*

It is easy to say ‘it is well with my soul’ when everything in life is going well. Can you imagine being Horatio Spafford, the man who wrote this song? He was a successful lawyer in Chicago whose world was turned upside down rather quickly. His son passed from Scarlet Fever at the age of four. The following year, all of his investments were lost in the Great Chicago Fire. Shortly after, his four daughters perished when the ship they were aboard sank.

It’s hard to believe that Mr. Spafford was able to write the words of this hymn when he had hit rock bottom. It’s an example of truly inspiring faith and his trust in the Lord. In challenging times, I encourage you to rest in God's peace and trust that ‘it is well, it is well with my soul.’

Blessings,

Brett & Jolynne Eilts, Music & Creative Arts Team leaders



First Day of LifeKids - August 24!

Radina Jansen, LifeKids Director, was there to greet the children as they get off the bus. Spencer School Community Schools has made Faith Lutheran a bus stop.



LifeKids Director Radina Jansen

www.lifekidsspencer.com



Year 2 of Expanded LifeKids!

Thank you for making the LifeKids Fundraiser a success:

\$10,021.00 was raised through table reservations, the dessert auction, silent and live auction, donations from bracelets Ann Lear made, and numerous monetary donations that were given.

A big LifeKids "THANK YOU" ...

- to everyone who attended!
- for those who donated desserts!
- for those that donated items for the live and silent auctions.
- to Jodene and Stan Jongma and Doug and Courtney Schwartz for supporting the fundraiser through the use of their Thrivent Action Team cards which helped with purchasing of food.
- to the LifeKids board and all those who worked in the kitchen, clerked for the auction, Cheryl Stueven for running the tech both, Matt Essick for being the emcee, Dennis Larson for being the auctioneer, Pete Crew for smoking the brisket, and pork loin and providing the corn, Ann Lear for preparing the side dishes and Rich for cleaning after the event was over!

Great News:

Transportation - If you haven't heard the good news, the Spencer Community Schools bus will transport children to Faith Lutheran after school! A prayer answered!

LifeKids received a \$2,000 grant from an anonymous donor through The Gospel Fund of Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing.



Jarrett Smith, member of the Iowa Lakes Electric Members Charitable Foundation Board, and Amy Howard, the communication specialist at

Iowa Lakes Electric, presented Dr. Courtney and me with a check in the amount of \$991.39 to purchase non-religious books.

A staff person has not been hired yet, but there has been interest in the job. The next step is to check references and set up interviews. Please pray that God will lead the right person to the job.



Stay up to date on the LifeKids adventures at the end of each month with the Monthly Wrap-Up. You will see some new faces as we've welcomed some new children this fall!

Radina Jansen

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>





Stewardship ... Stewards of the Month: Matt and Steph Essick

The Essick couple we get to celebrate for the Stewards of the Month in September needs no introduction. Their gifts and talents can be seen during worship on Sundays through their acting abilities used in worship dramas and readers theaters.

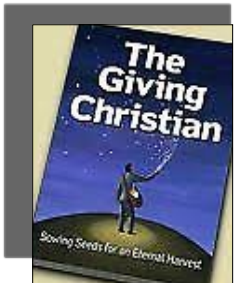
Matt has graced us by leading Worship a time or two, reading Scripture, worked on the Properties Team, and was a Confirmation helper. Matt served as our Vice President in 2017 and President in 2018. Currently, Matt is part of a wonderful ministry started at Faith by being on the LifeKids Board of Directors.

Matt and Steph have been Fellowship Team leaders and thereby served on the Church Council. They have also encouraged the Journey Team small group ministry by leading a small group as well.

Steph is a wonderful supporter of her husband, especially when Matt teams up with Pete Crew which, has been visible a few times just this summer, as the humor and the laughs abound. The smiles this couple brings to our congregation are so genuine and appreciated, so we get to appreciate them back and express our thanks to the stewardship the Essicks share with our congregation.

Thanks for every laugh and every minute of time you bless Faith with using your gifts and talents. Kudos and blessings Essicks, our good and faithful servants!

The Giving Christian: Chapter 2 - Giving the Gift of Help



by
Kirk
Nowery

I would hope that Mother Teresa was a household name during her years on this earth for all the good she did for those that needed help, but have you heard of “Father” Thomas? Most likely not, though millions in India would believe that his impact on their country was equal to the impact of Mother Teresa in Calcutta.

M.A. Thomas became a father to over 10,000 children who were poorest of the poor and lived in unspeakable conditions and deprivation. Because of M.A. Thomas, these children had food, clothes and a roof over their heads, but even more so a boundless love around them.

Thomas graduated college in 1960 and only had 200 rupees, or \$8, to his name. As Nowery tells the story, he and his wife, Ammini – who was pregnant with their first child – were ready to set off by foot to help children that were 1,500 kilometers away. The state of Rajasthan, India, was the most needy and spiritually challenging place in all of India, but M.A. was ready to go and help as much as he could. A few days before they were going to start their travel on foot, they met a man from the United States, Bill Bright, founder of the worldwide Christian Ministry, Campus Crusade. Bright was so impressed by M.A. Thomas’ determination that he took \$25 from his pocket and gave it to Thomas and his wife along with the promise to support him monthly with missionary support. That first gift was enough for train tickets so the couple didn’t have to walk the long journey ahead.

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When M.A. Thomas arrived in Kota, Rajasthan, India in the middle of August, he went to the most prominent intersection in the city and began sharing the Gospel. He was promptly arrested, beaten, jailed, and ordered to leave the city. When he was released, he went back to that same intersection and began sharing the same message. His joyous attitude confused the authorities so much that they inquired more into his story of why he was there and so determined to share the Good News. "Thomas replied, 'I'm here to tell the Good News to everyone, and I can't leave because God sent me here to help those for whom no one cares.'" The judge M.A. was standing before inquired more and wondered why M.A. would be so interested in helping the poor, to that M.A. assured the judge that they were loved by Jesus and he loved them as well. The judge jailed M.A. again but rescinded the order that M.A. would have to leave the city. M.A. cared more about Jesus than his own life, more about people than money, and is the most loved man in a city of 2 million people for all he has founded from colleges, to hospitals, clinics, schools, and children's homes.

Helping others can come in many forms like financial, physical assistance, personal advice or emotional support, for a few examples. Nowery states, "*The Giving Christian* understands the essential nature of help, that is the practical application of a spiritual discipline... . Being a giver of help demands mastery of your words, your actions, your reactions and your attitudes."

Nowery's 4 phrases to help one be a Giving Christian are:

Be aware and sensitive to what others are thinking, feeling and experiencing

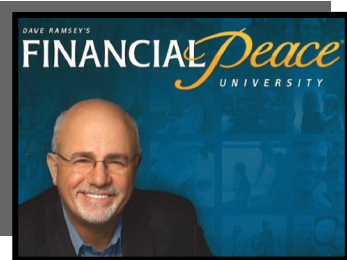
Be tough and don't pull punches when the situation needs you to be direct

Be tender when the situation calls for patience and understanding

Be intentional and intercede even when it may not be welcome

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Financial Peace University Class - Starts Sept. 19!



The Stewardship Team is excited to be offering
Financial Peace University (FPU) at Faith Lutheran once again!

**FPU will start at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, Sept 19
10:30 a.m. | in person in the SON Room**

The content of FPU is tried and true and the concepts never change.
However, things have changed in the fact that they don't sell kits for the
class anymore. Everything is digital through their website and you can

download all your class resources, and so much more through "Ramsey +".

Now you can be a member for 3 months, 6 months, or a year and your membership can be renewed for the same amount of time you first purchased membership. This changes the expense to take the FPU class from as little as \$60 up to \$130. You may be able to get a 1-year membership for \$30 off! Sign up now, save money, and start attending class in just a couple weeks!

Other specifics for this class are...

- Anyone looking to become debt-free, get a handle on their finances are welcome to join us!
- We will watch the 45-60 minute class video, have discussion and dismiss, by 12:00 p.m. (noon).
- Cost for the class is your choice. If you would like to take the class and need assistance, please contact Heidi Skadeland (lifegivingstitches@gmail.com) or Lori Krei (churchadmin@faithlutheranspencer.com).
- This class meets for 9 weeks on Sundays.
- To register, use this link www.fpu.com/1140043
- If you've taken FPU before and would like a refresher, you are more than welcome to come to the class and participate in discussion. Do check out the website for all the new resources!
- Class leaders: Karen Brandt, Greg Lear or Heidi Skadeland!

***Faith Lutheran is excited
about Confirmation for this Fall!***



2021-2022 Confirmation meeting

**Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 7:00 p.m. | Discipleship Room
for parents, youth, and leaders!**



*If you cannot make this meeting, please give Joe Simington
a call before the meeting at 712-346-7834.*

There will be a short leader's meeting immediately following
the large group meeting.

***Confirmation class will begin on
Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m.!***

Parents!

Please be thinking and praying about how you can help with Confirmation.
Discussion at the meeting will include involvement opportunities. However!
Please reach out to Joe and Rachel prior to the meeting if you plan to help.

Joe and Rachel Simington will be facilitating communication for Confirmation under
Brittany Speaker's leadership, Youth Ministry Team leader.

6th Grade Students!

6th Grade students will be choosing a mentor to walk with them through confirmation.

Please be thinking about some adults in your life at Faith Lutheran that you would like to
ask. The names can be given to Rachel Simington via text or call at 712-363-0663.

Please send Rachel your list of 2 to 3 names by Monday, August 30.

If you need help thinking of someone, please let Rachel know.

Confirmation Mentors!

Please be in prayer for yourself and your friends,
if you will be in Confirmation, and for those who will lead and teach.



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



♦ **Instagram Youth Page:**
spencerfaithlutheranyouth

♦ **Facebook Youth Page:**

Ricklefs Birthday Card Shower!

The family of Ken and Betty Ricklefs would like to honor and celebrate the 85th birthday of Betty on Tuesday, Sept. 7, and the 90th birthday of Kenny on Thursday, Sept. 16.

Cards may be sent to them at the addresses listed below their pictures.



Ken Ricklefs
1301 St. Luke Dr.
Room E01
Spencer, IA 51301



Betty Ricklefs
1501 St. Luke Dr.
Apt. 319
Spencer, IA 51301

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." - James 5:16

I am deeply touched by all the support through prayer, calls and cards that I have received! Thank you to each and everyone for taking moments to lift me up in prayer! The road has been long and there have been high points and low points! It is your prayers and God's love and strength that have brought me through! It has been a long journey but the heart is in rhythm for 31 days at this writing. I treasure my Faith family and am so blessed by each of you.



Thank you! Becky Simons

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
- Door on southeast storage area: \$500 - \$600
- New ceiling fans in the Worship area: \$3,500 - \$4,000
- Sheetrock back of Worship wall: \$3,000 - \$3,500
- Landscape around cross: \$10,000
- Resurface North/South exterior walls to match front: \$37,000/side or \$74,000 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

- Paint remaining duct work in Worship area: \$3,000
- New digital sign: \$15,000 - \$20,000
- Shelves in storage area: \$500 - \$700

Technology Team

- New projectors and system in worship area.

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

Next Council Meeting | September 8 | 7:00 p.m. | In person & Zoom

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

GENERAL
OFFERING

January 1 - August 22, 2021 | Year to Date: \$207,754.81

Thank you for generously giving in 2021!

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	



Amazon Shoppers - Consider Supporting Faith!

Faith Lutheran takes pride in our community and likes to shop locally, supporting our businesses! Still, there are times when we look to online vendors like Amazon for particular items. If you are an Amazon shopper, please consider supporting Faith Lutheran.

Logon to smile.amazon.com using your current login information.

Choose a charity to support – Faith Lutheran Spencer

Shop as normal. Up to 0.5% of each qualified purchase is sent to Faith!

**Try it
today!**



Youth Recharges - "Into the Unknown" - John 16:33 ...

4th-6th Grades - October 22-24

6th-9th Grades - November 5-7 & November 12-14

9th-12th Grades - November 19-21

Fall Retreats ...

September 13-15 - Fall Elderversity: Sacred storytelling with Pastor Luther Thoresen

September 5-October 5 - Vermont Travel Camp

October 9 - Women's Day Away

November 19-21 - Fall Crafting Retreat

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

Or call 1-800-656-2654 (Okoboji Camp) or 712-867-4170

Financial assistance may be available through Faith Lutheran. Please contact Lori Krei for more information - 712-580-4316 or churchadmin@faithlutheranspencer.com

Faith Lutheran Council

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Larry Wigen. Those in attendance were Roger Godfredsen, Kay Iversen, Pam Harris, Paul Behrens, Greg Lear, Brett and Jolynne Eilts, Korrie Anderson, and Brittany Spieker. Joe Simington was a guest. Those in attendance by Zoom were Becky Simons, Randy Enge, Heidi Skadeland and Mark Speidel.

Opening prayer was given by Brittany.

July Minutes were approved moved by Korrie, second by Brett.

July Finances were reviewed by Becky. Korrie moved to approve and Heidi seconded.

President report was printed with other team reports.

Roger nothing to report.

Kay: Waiting on second camera.

Pam: October is mental health month, lined up Kevin Brown for Oct 3rd message, trying to get videos from mission partners 3-5 minutes.

Korrie: Gearing up for the year through Christmas.

Brittany: Ball game Aug 22nd with pizza, YMT from camp wants to do one Wednesday per month worship, working with Joe and Rachel Simington on Confirmation.

Randy nothing.

Mark nothing.

Heidi: Working on Thanksgiving.

Current Worship needs to be mindful of sharing of the peace for those that wish to keep social distance.

Talked about and decided to start the noisy jar back up for the youth. Have announcement at beginning of children's message and have kids bring up at that time.

Talked about getting the Scripture and Gospel to the guest speakers each week so they can prepare and remind them of their Sunday. Heidi is working on that.

Worship Director Update: It has become a lot of work every week for the volunteers planning. Talked about looking for someone from half time to full time depending on what could be found. Sooner than later was talked about as this is a big responsibility. Members are doing their best

Call Team Update: Joe – Working on second interview with second person the August 24. Looking at maybe Nov. 1 start with the possibility it could be first of year.

Interim has been tabled for now, we will see how the Call Team is doing towards the end of August.

Talked about Trinity and they have hired a pastor. Trinity called about the idea of sharing Confirmation as they only have one or two youth. Brittany and Larry talked to them and all liked the idea. Then talked about possible extending this into WoW! on Wednesday. Brittany and Larry will have further discussions and report back

Talked about next year's Nominating Team and the open positions. The Nominating Team is Pete Crew, Al Vanderberg, Eli Franker, Rachel Simington and Justin Speaker. Open teams in 2022 are Worship, Evangelism, Children's Ministry and Vice President.

Motioned by Pam and second by Brett to adjourn.

Submitted by Larry Wigen

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7:00 p.m.

In person
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