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***XL YES***

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “To God be the Glory”

\*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

**We praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Confession and Forgiveness (*from the Book of Acts*)

God commands all people everywhere to repent. For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the Man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead.

**Lord, You know everyone’s heart. You made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit. Yet we disowned the Holy and Righteous One. We have not lied just to human beings but to God. We repent and turn to You so that our sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.**

You know the message God sent, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. He has opened your eyes and turned you from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that you may have a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus. Be filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit!

\*Prayer of the Day (*from the Book of Acts*)

**God Most High, You do not live in houses made by human hands. You made the world and everything in it. You are the Lord of heaven and earth. You give everyone life and breath and everything else. Strengthen us, Your disciples, and encourage us to remain true to the faith. Open our hearts to respond to the good news of Jesus and the resurrection. Amen.**

Song – “Pass It On”

\*Gospel – John 15:5-9

Children’s Message

Song – “All of Our Tomorrows”

Sermon Text – Acts 18:1-11

Sermon – “XL YES”

Song – “We Believe”

Rite of Confirmation

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

Holy Communion

\*Words of Institution for Holy Communion

\*Lord’s Prayer

Distribution Songs

“Grace Alone”

“I Surrender All”

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song – “Go Light Your World”

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Inviting all People to Faith ... Come and Worship - Go and Work*

Pastor - Ben Unseth | Ministers - All

Phone: 712-580-4316 | 2912 Highway Blvd, P.O. Box 1322, Spencer, IA 51301

April 28, 2024 | 5th Sunday of Easter/Faith Lutheran’s Confirmation Sunday

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. | Live Stream: [youtube.com/@flcspencer](https://youtube.com/@flcspencer)

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Watch us on SMU: Monday @ 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.

Text your giving to Faith at 712-214-4317

**Welcome Visitors!** We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Please scan the QR code to help us connect with you, or find the “Guest Connection Form” on the Welcome Center and leave the form in the offering box.



## **Sermon Text – Acts 18:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup> There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup> and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. <sup>4</sup> Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. <sup>5</sup> When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. <sup>6</sup> But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” <sup>7</sup> Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. <sup>8</sup> Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized. <sup>9</sup> One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. <sup>10</sup> For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” <sup>11</sup> So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.



## **Gospel – John 15:5-9**

<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in Me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to My Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love.”



## ***Faith Warmly Welcomes New Members!***

Faith will receive two new members,  
Dan and Sandy Schnell,  
on Sunday, May 5, at the 9:00 a.m. worship service!






# LIFEKIDS ANNUAL PIZZA SALES

**\*12" Pizzas \*More Cheese & Toppings \*Self Rising Crust**

**Pasquale's Fundraiser is Exclusive & NOT Available in Stores!**

		Pepperoni	Sausage	3 Cheese	All Meat	(Sausage, onion, bacon, pepperoni, green pepper, mushroom)	Special	Breakfast (Sausage & Bacon)	Total
Name	Phone								

**ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 7:00 P.M. TODAY – Sunday, April 28**

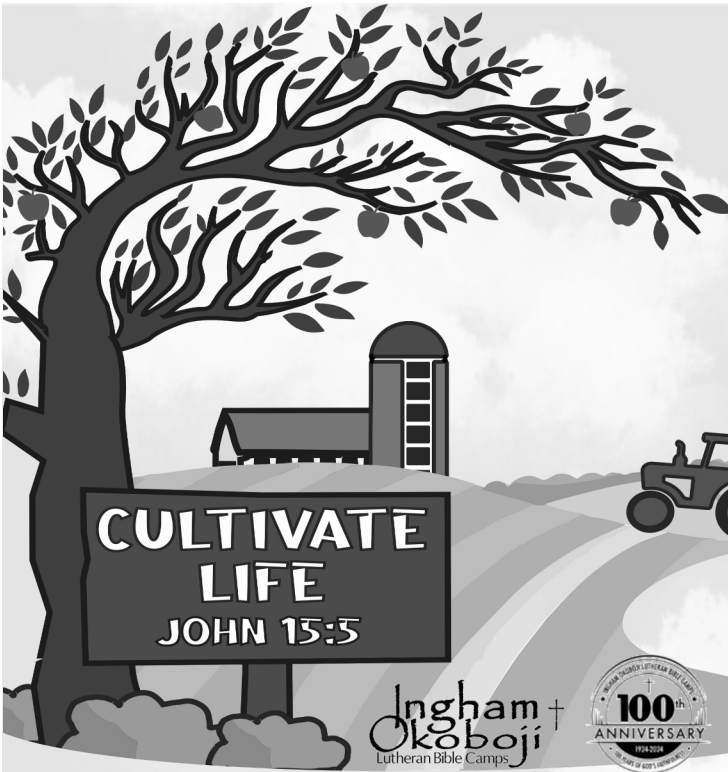
To place an order, please fill out an order form at the Welcome Center.

**Pizzas are \$15.00 each.** Please leave the order form and payment in the red box.

Cash or checks acceptable. Please make checks payable to **LifeKids Spencer.**

Questions? Please find LifeKids President Bill Neiderheiser.

**You can pick up your pizzas at McCreary's Creative Catering,  
1900 Grand Ave., Spencer (Northgate Mall) on Tuesday, May 14, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Proceeds pay for field trips, snacks and supplies for craft projects.**



## 2024 VBS Day Camp

June 17-20 | 12:30-5:00 p.m.

**Ages: Preschool Through Those Entering 6th Grade**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

We are looking for middle and high school helpers and any adults that would want to volunteer too! We are also looking for Thrivent cards for snacks and food!

Registration Forms are available on the Welcome Center, scanning the QR code, or online at <https://bit.ly/3KoG5Fk>





# Rite of Confirmation

## April 28, 2024



**Jeffrey Ray Franker**

**Gavin Parker Patten**

**Isaiah Nicholas Rustad**

**Noah Timothy Spieker**

**Kolton David Yungbluth**

Dear Friends,

You have been baptized into Christ's body, and instructed in the Christian faith. May the Holy Spirit stir life in your heart, as you confess your faith in God as Creator, Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the Holy Spirit as Sanctifier and Comforter, in the presence of God and this congregation.

*(Confirmand will kneel. Pastor will address each individually.)*

Do you renounce the devil, all his works, and all his ways?

**Confirmand: I do.**

Do you believe in God, revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior, to forgive our sins and to give us eternal life?

**Confirmand: I believe.**

Will you faithfully continue in this covenant with God by:

Worshipping regularly with God's people,  
Hearing the Word and receiving Holy Communion,  
Sharing Jesus' love with others, and  
Serving all people as a follower of Christ?

**Confirmand: I will and I ask God's help.**

Blessing:

*(Family, sponsors, and friends lay hands on the confirmand for the blessing.)*

May our God, who adopted you as His child, and forgives your sins, fill you with the Holy Spirit, and keep you strong in faith, living in His grace as you follow Jesus Christ all through your life. Amen.

*(After all confirmands have confessed their faith)*

**Congregational prayer:**

**Merciful God, thank You for salvation in Jesus Christ. Thank You that the Holy Spirit empowered these young people to respond to Your grace and confess faith in You. Give them a hunger to know You in love, by reading Your Word and worshipping each Sunday. Help them stand against temptation. In the midst of a difficult world, guide them by Your Spirit. Comfort them with Your Presence. When they are weak, lift them up in Your power. When they fail, call them back to Your forgiveness. Use them as Your servants to reach the world with Your healing love. Give them courage to follow Jesus Christ and live by their convictions. Grant them joy in Your Presence. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

*"<sup>4</sup> Show me Your ways, LORD, teach me Your paths.*

*<sup>5</sup> Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long." – Psalm 25:4-5*



## **Jeffrey Ray Franker**

**Son of Eli and Sara Franker**

**Baptized on April 18, 2010**

**Favorite Scripture Verse: Proverbs 16:24 –**

*"Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and healing to the bones."*

**Favorite Bible Story:** Noah's Ark

**Favorite Bible Character:** Moses

**Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory:**

*"Going to Outreach Nights at the Camp"*

**People who have helped with Jeffrey's faith development:**

Parents; grandparents; Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School teachers, especially Mrs. Bohl & Mrs. Dallman; Matt Essick

**Confirmation Mentor:** Matt Essick



## Gavin Parker Patten

**Son of Eric and Syndee Patten**

**Baptized on January 23, 2010**

**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:** Elijah and the 450 prophets of Baal

**Favorite Bible Character:** Ehud the Judge

**Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory:**

Outreach Nights at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps

**People who have helped with Gavin’s faith development:** “My mom & dad, Grandpa Bill & Grandma Ruby Nitzel, Uncle Chris & Aunt Heather Nitzel, Troy Rosendahl, Pastor Ben, Justin & Brittany Spieker, and Joe & Rachel Simington.”

**Confirmation Mentor:** Troy Rosendahl



## Isaiah Nicholas Rustad

**Son of Jesse and Serena Rustad**

**Baptized on May 2, 2010**

**Favorite Scripture Verse: 1 Peter 2:9** – *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”*

**Favorite Bible Story:** Samson or David & Goliath

**Favorite Bible Character:** Jesus

**Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory:** “When we wrapped presents/supplies and gave them to people in need.”

**People who have helped with Isaiah’s faith development:** Mom & Dad, Jorgan, Jacelyn, Brett, Pastor Ben and Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School.

**Confirmation Mentor:** Brett Eilts





# Noah Timothy Spieker

**Son of Justin and Brittany Spieker**

**Baptized on November 15, 2009**

**Favorite Scripture Verse: Matthew 5:16 –**  
*“In the same way, let your light shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds and  
glorify your Father in heaven.”*

**Favorite Bible Story:** Jonah and the whale

**Favorite Bible Character:** Elijah

**Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory:** Outreach nights and skiing

**People who have helped with Noah’s faith development:**  
Joe & Rachel Simington, Paul & Kris Behrens, Sara & Eli Franker,  
Grandpa Tim and Great Uncle Tom

**Confirmation Mentor:** Joe Simington



# Kolton David Yungbluth

**Son of Andy and Laura Yungbluth**

**Baptized on August 1, 2010**

**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:** David & Goliath

**Favorite Bible Character:** David

**Favorite Confirmation Experience/Memory:** “My favorite memory from  
confirmation is being in small group and meeting with my mentor, Eli Franker.”

**People who have helped with Kolton’s faith development:** My parents,  
grandparents, Justin Spieker, Brett Eilts, Joe Simington and Eli Franker

**Confirmation Mentor:** Eli Franker

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



**Thursday, May 2,  
at Faith at 6:30 p.m.**

The theme for this year is **“Lift Up The Word, Light Up The World.”**

Let's gather together and pray for our church, community, state and nation.

## **Lift Up the Newlyweds**

*Congratulations to  
Marlee and Ashish Ingale on their  
new marriage!*



Would you like to help them continue to celebrate? On the Welcome Center are cards and envelopes that are each labeled with an anniversary month or year. You are welcome to take

a card, write a word of encouragement, advice, or a scripture passage, and return it to the basket on the Welcome Center or Gloria's mailbox by her office.

*Please return the cards to Gloria  
by Sunday, May 19.*

Gloria will collect all of the cards and mail them back to Scotland for Marlee and Ashish to read on the corresponding anniversary of their marriage.



## Item for April ~ **Dark colored Bath Towels**

The towels are used in the personal care kits and should be a minimum of 20" x 40" and a maximum of 27" x 52". Donated items for both Lutheran World Relief and Upper Des Moines Opportunity can be put in the yellow boxes near the front doors.

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

Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, mac 'n cheese

## *Anniversary Wishes*

*April 29 Roger & Vickie Godfredsen*

*April 29 Annabelle Simington  
Dorothy Schmidt  
Penelope Hoppe  
Tatum Stykel*

*April 30 Otto Maaland  
May 1 Lisa Bengtson  
Laura Heikens*

*May 2 Jacob Weeks  
May 3 Beau Hoppe  
May 4 Bill Knoer*

## *Birthday Blessings*

## 2024 GENERAL OFFERING & ATTENDANCE – BUDGET: \$420,894.00

Date	March	April 1-7	April 8-14	April 15-21	
Attendance	174	149	163	174	
Live Stream Computers	20	19	21	16	
General Giving	\$32,254.32	\$6,680.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,822.00	
Year to Date	\$96,334.66	\$103,060.55	\$106,432.86	\$110,301.26	

***Thank you for generously supporting Faith and our Mission partners in 2024!***

### ***Worship partners for today are ...***

Altar Prep: Shirley Nelson, Linda Conlon | Children's Message: Dodo & Emu  
Communion Servers: Matt & Steph Essick | Counters: Jolene Hansen, Greg Lear  
Fellowship: Trisha Rohmiller, Kevin Swancutt | Greeters: Tom & Pam Hanson  
Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley, Kevin Skadeland  
Message: Pastor Ben | Prayer Intercessors: Dave & Linda Susie, Keith & Diane Van Kleek  
Prayers of the Church: Lisa Buchan | Scripture Reader: Carol Heazlett  
Camera: Isaac Storley | Computer: Becky Simons | Sound: Brett Eilts  
Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Joy Kelsch, Troy Rosendahl, Jim & Joan Unrau  
Worship Leader: Karen Brandt

### ***Worship partners for May 5 are ...***

Altar Prep: Susie Brinkley, Lora Johnson | Communion Servers: Marv & Janet Schutter  
Children's Message: | Counters: Barb Solberg, Jolynne Eilts  
Fellowship: Terry & Jolene Hansen | Greeters: Larry & Shirley Nelson  
Instrumentalists: Jolynne Eilts, Jared Hansen, Anna Quanbeck | Message: Pastor Ben  
Prayer Intercessors: Bill Neiderheiser, Dave Simington, Jake & Karen Jacobson  
Prayers of the Church: LaVonne Clark | Scripture Reader: Darrel Heckathorn  
Camera: Kent Heazlett | Computer: Becky Simons | Sound: Cheryl Stueven  
Lead Tech: Brett Eilts | Vocalists: Lauren Rouse, Corbin Maaland, Trisha Rohmiller,  
Whitney Gray | Worship Leader: Greg Lear

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# ***This Week at Faith***

## **Wednesday, May 1**

- 9:00 a.m.-Noon Hands-On Missions
- 5:30 p.m. Executive Team meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

## **Thursday, May 2**

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Coffee Fellowship

## **Saturday, May 4**

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

## **Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, May 5** New Member Sunday
- Sunday, May 12** Mother's Day and High School Graduation Recognition

Please contact the church office (712-580-4316) for a current calendar of events.  
Or, check the online calendar at [www.flcspencer.org/our-calendar/](http://www.flcspencer.org/our-calendar/)

## **Prayer Chain**

Please send your prayer request to Linda & Dave Susie  
at 712-363-1130 or [djslrs74@yahoo.com](mailto:djslrs74@yahoo.com) or to  
Doreen Scribner at 712-262-3488 or [doreenscribner@outlook.com](mailto:doreenscribner@outlook.com)  
To be placed on the Sunday morning Prayers of the Church, please contact the  
church office at 712-580-4316 or [office@flcspencer.org](mailto:office@flcspencer.org)

## **Free WiFi Connection**

Network: FAITH\_Guest | Password: 7125804316

## **Christian Counseling – TEAM Restoration Ministries**

TEAM Restoration operates out of Faith Lutheran. It is a Christian counseling service that has a God-driven commitment and passion for facilitating the healing and strengthening of marriages, families and individuals, both children and adults.  
To schedule an appointment, please call 515-238-9010.