



Faith Life Together

June 2024 | Volume 8 | Issue 6

Snapshot of Faith during May 2024

Baptisms | Births
Confirmed | Deaths | Marriages
New Members:
Don & Sandy Schnell

Mark Your Calendar

- June 5** Hands-On Missions
Work Day 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- June 11** Women's Bible Study
1:30 p.m.
- June 16** Father's Day
- June 17-20** VBS at Faith!
12:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- June 27** Canvas Painting Fundraiser
6:30 p.m. at Oneota Park



Grow in God's Grace

Spur each other on toward love & good deeds

June marks the beginning of the summer months, which for many families means a shift in schedules, as kids are out of school and many families plan summer vacations. However, Faith Lutheran Church continues to spend time together in the Word and in worship each Sunday. We also have a few additional opportunities for growing in faith and Christian fellowship during this lovely month of June.

June 16 is Father's Day, and we will honor our fathers that morning, and also thank God for being our Heavenly Father. There may be some additional surprises in the service that morning, so come along to find out what our Music and Creative Arts Team has been cooking up!

June 17-20 is a very exciting time for our youngest generation, as we will be

hosting a week of **VBS Day Camp** that week! Children in preschool through entering 5th grade will enjoy 4 fun-packed days from **12:30-5:00 p.m.** as they experience worship, skits, games and activities, and learn how to 'Cultivate Life'. Older kids and adults have the opportunity to take part in the fun by volunteering as a helper and guiding the campers through each day.

During the final week of June, the Stewardship Team is hosting a **Canvas Painting Fundraiser on Thursday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Oneota Park** in Spencer. Come out for a fun time of painting, even if you haven't held a paintbrush in awhile! Proceeds from this event will go toward the projector fund.

Thank you for your continued generosity, and may God bless you during this month of June and beyond!



From the Pen of Pastor Ben

What Does Love Look Like?

Last Sunday Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Fontanelle, Iowa, gathered to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They gave thanks for God's many blessings. They listened to His Word. They prayed for those in need.

Today, the members of Emmanuel are standing in the need of prayer. A tornado ravaged Greenfield, Iowa, on Tuesday, only five miles from Fontanelle. Seven families from Emmanuel lost their homes to the tornado! Two more families cannot return to their homes because of extensive tornado damage!

On Wednesday Pastor Steven Broers of Emmanuel waited in line for hours to help, only to be told that random volunteers would not be allowed into the tornado damage zone. His son went to his job in the damage zone, and after work he helped a friend search for an urn of ashes of a loved one. The house was a pile of rubble, but they were delighted to find the urn.

Pastor Steven returned home, disappointed that he could not help. Then word came of a group home that had been destroyed. All the residents needed shelter. Emmanuel opened the doors of their church building, and they provide food for the group home residents. Pastor Steven and his family opened their home for these newly homeless neighbors to take showers. This is what love looks like—serving a stranger in need.

A pastor friend of mine calls tears liquid prayer. If that's true, I'm praying while I write to you now. How can Faith Lutheran Church show love to these Christian brothers and sisters who have lost their homes?

At the moment, on-site volunteers are not allowed in the tornado damage zone. Financial donations to charitable organizations are helpful: Faith's mission partner, GoServ Global, based in Eagle Grove and Ankeny, will faithfully serve these tornado victims. www.goservglobal.org

As weeks go by, there may be opportunity for Faith members to volunteer.

I am remembering the Red River Flood in the spring of 1997. More than 50,000 people were evacuated from their homes. Several weeks later I led a van of workers from Minneapolis to Grand Forks, North Dakota. We helped one family whose basement had flooded. Two days of hard work made a world of difference for that family in their house. Not only was their basement well on the way to recovery, the flooded family was overwhelmed by the love of Jesus as Christian brothers, total strangers, gave themselves freely in service.

What does love look like? We can show needy strangers.

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request for the **Prayer Chain**, please direct it to the Prayer Team Leaders. They are:

Linda and Dave Susie at
712-363-1130 or djslrs74@yahoo.com or
Doreen Scribner at 712-260-9884
doreenscribner@outlook.com

Sunday Morning Prayers of the Church

If you would like to be included on the Sunday morning Prayers of the Church, please contact the church office at 712-580-4316 or office@flcspencer.org

Prayer & Praise Corner

Lift Up in Prayer...

- Pray for families who have lost loved ones, homes and other property to recent tornadoes.
- Pray for unchurched children to come to VBS, that God will stir their and their families' hearts with the Gospel.
- Pray for the children of Faith, that God will renew their faith through VBS.
- Pray for our VBS volunteers, that God will give them joy, wisdom and stamina.
- Pray for wisdom for our graduates as they have finished one chapter and make decisions about the next one.
- Pray for our congregation, that God will awaken generosity to provide for our ministry this year.
- Pray for wisdom as we consider new projectors and the equipment to run them.
- Pray about serving on one of our ministry teams.
- Pray for students and adults as they consider a week at Bible camp this summer.
- Pray for Josh and Whitney Smith and their family as they minister among South Sudanese refugees in Uganda.
- Healing for Luella Unseth, Becky Simons, Duane Meling and all those we name in our hearts.

Reasons for Praise!

- Thank God for generous donors.
- Thank God for volunteers in Fellowship ministry.
- Thank God for volunteers with LikeKids ministry.
- Thank God for volunteers with Hands-On Mission and Loopy Ladies.
- Give thanks to God, who "as a father has compassion on his children" (Psalm 103:13).



Gloria
McKenney,
Worship and
Communications
Director

Just Like Jesus by Iveth Luna

If someone were to ask you what the point of Bible Study is, what would you tell them?

“To learn more about God’s character”

“To study how we ought to live as Christians”

“To find solace when we are dealing with times of trouble or uncertainty”

Yes, all those reasons and many more are why we study the Bible. If you were to claim studying the scriptures only resulted in one of these outcomes, you would be missing out on the many ways God wants to bless our lives with the Word! And just as studying God’s Word has multiple purposes, so too does singing songs of worship.

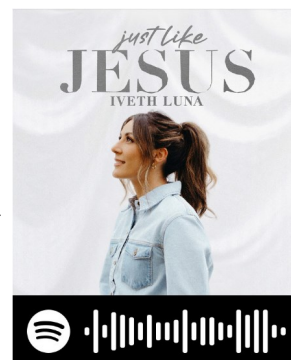
Some songs of worship are entirely focused on God. They praise God’s name, describe how God acts, and proclaim God’s sovereignty. Other songs guide us through life here on Earth as we follow God’s call. And some songs give us encouragement, comfort, or solace as we continue living for Jesus.

The song I have chosen to focus on this article is called “Just Like Jesus”, and is by Iveth Luna. I did not choose this song because it fits neatly into one of the above categories - I actually chose this song because it fits into all of them, and reveals why each of these categories are important.

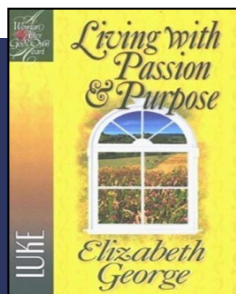
The song starts by asking about God’s character: “Who says ‘I’m not scared of your fears, All your doubts bring ‘em here; I’m wiping all of your tears?’” The answer, of course, is Jesus, and it is knowing the attributes of Jesus that provides assurance for the listener. Knowing that Jesus is gentle, kind, loving and understanding helps the listener to realize they are indeed loved and cared for, and this provides encouragement for them to face their fear, doubts, and troubles. The chorus emphasizes this when Iveth sings, “It’s just like Jesus to give me strength when I need it, hope when I cannot see it.”

What I love most about this song is not just that it talks about God’s character as a way of giving us assurance and hope. It takes it a step further into the third category, and leads us in how to act in the world around us. Iveth exclaims, “You wanted me when nobody wanted me, now I just wanna be just like Jesus. His hands, His feet, His arms reaching.” Knowing God’s character is a catalyst not only to bring comfort to our lives, but also for us to bring comfort to others.

It is my prayer, and I hope it is yours too, that as we sing songs of worship, we will learn more of God’s character, His will for us, and His will for others. Let’s go be “Just Like Jesus”.



Coming Events at Faith



Bible Study: "Living with Passion & Purpose" **Tuesday, June 11 | 1:30 p.m. | SON Room**

Come join in the discussion of Luke 16 as Jesus tells us two more parables: All of life is a stewardship. We are asked by God to be good stewards and to make the most of each opportunity. What is Jesus' message about faithfulness, money, and listening to the Word of God in "The Parable of the Unjust Servant"? Do you wonder about life after death? Jesus gives us a glimpse of life beyond this earth in "The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus".

All are welcome!

Hands-On Mission and Lutheran World Relief

Hands-On Mission Day | Wednesday, June 5 **9:00 a.m. to Noon.**

Hope you are able to come and enjoy fellowship and participate in the way you enjoy.

All are welcome!!

Item of the Month ~ 30 Centimeter Rulers



(can have inches on one side and centimeters on the other)

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. Maria Tinda is a teacher at Isede Primary School in Tanzania. She said this teachers used to dread telling the children to ask their parents to buy them supplies. In turn, students were often absent when they had nothing to bring. But since the kits were delivered, attendance has greatly improved.

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, Inc.
UDMO

Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Pantry is in need of the following items for our community:
Mac 'n cheese, canned fruit

Christian Woman Speaks

Several women at Faith are involved in the radio broadcast *Christian Woman Speaks*. The program is a fun experience and a great way to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Christian Woman Speaks broadcasts over KICD-AM on
Sunday, June 30, at 7:50 a.m. with Alice Nielsen

If you would like to be a part of this ministry,
please contact Alice Nielsen at 712-264-0727.

Schedule of future programs: October 13 – Nancy Ketcham | December 29 – Alice Nielsen





LifeKids Spencer



Cheryl Jackson, Director

What a wonderful year it has been in LifeKids!

As I reflect on my first year with LifeKids, I feel so blessed to have had this opportunity given to me by God. I feel blessed to spend time with these children, watching them grow as people and grow in their faith.

Learning to do the right thing can be difficult, but I firmly believe that LifeKids gives them the opportunity to learn about, discuss, and practice what is right. Even as adults we must still sometimes be reminded what choices and actions God asks of us.

As we move into our summer season, I remind you to take time to notice when you are presented with the opportunity to do good – and then do it.

Even though the children and I are not present, the program still needs your support. If the opportunity comes your way to tell someone about us, share it. LifeKids has a place in our community. Please support us financially through your donations, and spiritually by praying for our numbers to grow as we register children for fall.

Registrations forms are available in the Faith Lutheran Church office or by scanning the QR code below. As always, you can reach me at my email address: director@lifekidsspencer.com

Have a wonderful summer and I hope to see you in the fall!



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday Blessings to ...

June 4	Stan Jongma Janet Schutter
June 7	Mark Cameron
June 8	Carla Vanderberg
June 9	Andrea Crew Lauren Lee Josh Vos Paul Caton
June 10	Tom Hanson
June 11	Catie Vos Sandy Schnell
June 13	Del Brockshus Brady Vreeman Oliver Gray
June 16	Molly Crew
June 19	Aaron Storley
June 20	Doreen Scribner
June 21	Mia Schwartz Justin Spieker
June 22	Casey Vanderberg Rachel Skadeland
June 23	Cheryl Stueven
June 25	Grayson Hansen
June 26	Pam Harris
June 27	Drew Sandven
June 28	Elmer Nielsen
June 29	Gary Klett
June 30	Blake Blazek

Happy Anniversary Wishes to ...

June 3	Austin & Madison Crew
June 5	Lee & Nancy Ketcham Brandon & Mallory Anderson
June 6	Tim & Pamela Egland Mark & Amy Freeman
June 8	Norm & Alice Nielsen
June 10	Bill & Ruby Nitzel Tim & Susie Brinkley
June 11	Brett & Jolynne Eilts
June 13	Tim & Joy Kelsch Greg & Ann Lear
June 16	Kyle & Jamie Rouse
June 18	Randy & Barb Enge Troy & Anne Rosendahl
June 19	Larry & GA Darnell-Wegner
June 20	Larry & Shirley Nelson
June 21	Dave & Linda Susie
June 24	Jake & Karen Jacobson
June 25	Gene & Patty Englin
June 26	Gene & Denise Lovitt
June 27	Bill & Deb Neiderheiser
June 29	Troy & Chelsea Schmidt
June 30	Mark & Sharon Cameron

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 is a counselor working out of Faith Lutheran for TEAM Restoration. Erika is certified to provide equine assisted psychotherapy, which uses horses to assist clients to work through challenges, relationships and to reach therapy goals.

**For more information or to schedule an appointment,
please call 515-238-9010 or www.team-restoration.org**



Come! Join the Fun at VBS!

2024 VBS Day Camp

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

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

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>



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Lutheran Bible Camps



Risefest 2024 | June 7-8 | Sheldon

For more information, go to www.riseministries.com/risefest



Welcome New Members!



Sandy and Don Schnell

Sandy & Don live in Emmetsburg and have been married for 55 years. They have 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and another on the way.

Don's hobbies are golf, pickle ball and miscellaneous wood working projects. Sandy likes to make quilts, different sewing projects and making rugs.

Congratulations Graduates!

Faith Lutheran recognized and honored these young adults as they graduated from high school on Sunday, May 12.



Lacey Dianna Johnson

Lacey is the daughter of Chad and Donna Johnson.

She attended Sioux Central High School. "Through high school I have been actively involved in FFA, choir, volleyball, and high school rodeo."

"After graduation I plan to attend SDSU where I will be majoring in Ag. Business."



Emily Renee Quanbeck

Emily is the daughter of Rodney and Crystal Quanbeck.

She attended Okoboji High School where Emily was a member of the swim team, played tennis, served on the student council, was a member of the Key Club, participated in individual speech, the Thespian Society, and the Art Society, was a National Honor Society member, a member of the YMCA Swim Team, and was in choir, Show Choir, and Solo Ensemble Competition.

"I will be attending Southwest Minnesota State University to study Exercise Science. While there I will be part of the choir and the Mustang swim team."



Drew Maurice Sandven

Drew is the son of Kent and Marci Sandven.

He attended Okoboji High School. Drew was involved in track where he was the 1x state champion; cross country where he was the 2x state runner-up; in Jazz band where he was the 2x state runner-up; the Boy Scouts where he achieved Eagle Scout; and baseball.

After graduation, Drew plans to work for a year then go to NCC in Sheldon for Powerline.



Conflict: Managing God's Way!

by
Kim
Wilson

It's easy to be offended and look at life through anger and hostility. The Enemy works hard every day through his spiritual war tactics to lure us into discontent and struggle that potentially could destroy our mental and emotional well-being and our relationships.

God has a better plan to manage conflict. He lets us know we are His people and He can and does give us relief through His grace when we ask for His help. His book, the Bible, gives us, as Christians, many instructions on how to engage and address conflict, and how to live and work with others more peacefully.

So, what makes for conflict in the first place? Usually, at least two people decide they are in disagreement with one another. Left unchecked, it quickly can escalate to harsh words, insults, threats, and even harmful physical interactions (pushing, shoving, hitting, etc.) to inflict pain. Some people say it's their nature to have a bad temper, to get easily angered, and to lash out because of these strong emotions. They may have learned those reactions may get them what they want but it certainly doesn't support healthy relationships in their lives. Add the use of substances to this mix, and it's now a free-for-all of uncontrollable behavior that quickly complicates already tense circumstances.

God gives us instructions to examine our motivations so our reactions can and will be more positive. In James 4:6-7, He advises, *"As the Scriptures say: 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble' so humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."*

In these situations, is our humble heart prepared to listen, to try to understand, and to work through difficulty with grace and humility? Do we seek God's guidance through prayer to give us insight and forethought to choose our words and actions? Do we ask Jesus to deliver and keep us whole and safe during these trials? Can we sense the Holy Spirit coming near us with His peace as we navigate these tough situations?

Paul writes in Ephesians 4:31: *"Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior."* That's on us. The human brain circuitry is wired for fight or flight during conflict. Knowing we have a choice to mold our biological and emotional responses is essential to gaining better mental health. Once we have that figured out, we can learn skills and practice to achieve better communication and outcomes.

Paul continues in Ephesians chapter 4:32: *"Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."* He wants us to intentionally respond to negativity, anger, and hate in these ways. Showing compassion and patience helps us see the other person and connect with their pain, while not entering into it. Through empathy and self-control, we can establish healthy habits that help us and others cope with conflict more effectively.

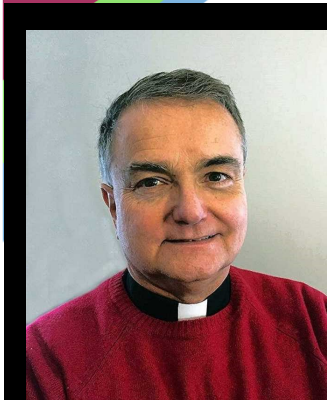
To God be the Glory!

Through the Bible in 2024 – One Chapter a Day

Our goal at Faith is to read one chapter from the Bible each day, and in so doing understand the whole Bible from beginning to end. If you haven't read all of the chapters from January until now, don't worry! Each chapter can be understood on its own. We will read chapters from the Bible that tell the story of God's work among His people and chapters that point us to Jesus.

Date		Day	Book	Ch	Summary
June	1	Saturday	Isaiah	44	God vs. Idols
June	2	Sunday	Revelation	1	Jesus: The First and the Last
June	3	Monday	Isaiah	52	The Suffering Servant
June	4	Tuesday	Isaiah	53	The Sin-Bearer
June	5	Wednesday	Isaiah	55	Invitation to Seek God
June	6	Thursday	Isaiah	56	God Blesses Foreigners and Singles
June	7	Friday	Isaiah	64	Asking God to Come Down
June	8	Saturday	Jeremiah	1	God Calls Jeremiah
June	9	Sunday	2 Timothy	2	Paul Appeals to Young Timothy
June	10	Monday	Jeremiah	2	God Condemns Judah
June	11	Tuesday	Jeremiah	4	God Declares, "Return to Me!"
June	12	Wednesday	Jeremiah	7	God Condemns False Religion
June	13	Thursday	Ecclesiastes	1	Everything Is Meaningless
June	14	Friday	Ecclesiastes	2	Pleasure, Wisdom and Work Are Meaningless
June	15	Saturday	Ecclesiastes	3	A Time for Everything
June	16	Sunday	Ecclesiastes	12	An Old Man's Conclusion
June	17	Monday	Jeremiah	18	God Offers Mercy
June	18	Tuesday	Jeremiah	20	Jeremiah Prophesies Babylonian Exile
June	19	Wednesday	Jeremiah	25	Jeremiah Predicts 70 Years of Exile
June	20	Thursday	Jeremiah	29	Jeremiah Writes to Exiles
June	21	Friday	Jeremiah	36	King Jehoiakim Burns God's Word
June	22	Saturday	Ezekiel	1	God Appears to Ezekiel
June	23	Sunday	Revelation	4	God and the Winged Creatures
June	24	Monday	Ezekiel	2	God Calls Ezekiel
June	25	Tuesday	Lamentations	3	Jeremiah Prays
June	26	Wednesday	Ezekiel	3	God Commissions Ezekiel
June	27	Thursday	Ezekiel	4	Ezekiel to Prophecy Fall of Jerusalem
June	28	Friday	Jeremiah	38	Jeremiah Is Put in a Muddy Cistern
June	29	Saturday	Ezekiel	8	Ezekiel Sees Idolatry in Temple
June	30	Sunday	Revelation	6	Four Horsemen and the Day of Wrath

Stewardship of Our Bodily Health



by Pastor Robert Blezard; Submitted by Emily Hoppe

Paul writes, *“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?”*
2 Corinthians 6:19

God has given each of us a physical body that, like an automobile, is a masterfully engineered, complex vehicle that carries us along our road of life. Like our cars, our bodies need attention and care to function optimally and bring us smoothly down the road of life.

Of course, everybody gets sick sometimes, and many of have health problems that are beyond our control, such as genetics, environment and misfortune. With so many variables over which we have no control, we need to do our best with the variables we can control.

For June, dedicate yourselves to being a better steward of your body. Here are some ideas:

- Get a physical. A doctor can evaluate you and advise you on optimizing your health.
- Move it! Even small amounts of exercise improve health and wellbeing. Ask your doctor how to get going.
- Diet. Not just eating to lose weight, but watching your diet for healthy living. Learn about the nutritional value of the foods you now eat, and explore choices that are more healthful.
- Stop smoking. The number one preventable health risk, smoking causes cancers, high blood pressure, heart disease, etc. Enough said.
- Sleep. Eight hours of shuteye does wonders for body and mind.
- Pray and meditate. Spiritual disciplines lower your stress, which improves physical health, too.

God gave us wonderful bodies to carry us through our life's journey of discipleship. The better we care for it, the more fruitful our journey will be.

– Rob Blezard

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INGHAM LAKE BIBLE CAMP
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
2024

Join Us
SUNDAY, JUNE 2

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR THE NEW 60' X 80' RECREATION COURT! THIS COURT WILL SUPPORT SEVERAL DIFFERENT GAMES FOR OUR CAMPERS AND GUESTS!

NEW REC COURT

COME AND JOIN THE STAFF OF INGHAM OKOBOJI CELEBRATING A NEW SUMMER SEASON AT THE ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

PROGRAM 3:30PM
MAID-RITE DINNER
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4:00-6:00PM

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For more info, please call Ingham at: 712-867-4170

100th Anniversary
Ingham Okoboji
Lutheran Bible Camp

Community Events

Activities at Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps

Family Camp

Family Camp #1 – June 16-21

Guest Speaker: Pastor Mark Vander Tuig

Family Camp #2 – June 23-28

Guest Speaker: Rev. Jeremy Johnson

Family Camp #3 – June 30-July 5

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Paul Sorensen

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### **Camp-in-a-Day at Ingham Lake**

For campers completing

Kindergarten - 2nd Grades: \$42

Camp-in-a-Day #1 - June 19

Camp-in-a-Day # - June 20

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Pathfinders at Ingham Lake

For campers completing

2nd - 5th grades: \$209

Pathfinders #1 - June 16-18

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### **Trailblazers at Ingham Lake**

For campers completing

4th - 6th grades: \$429

Trailblazers #1 - June 16-21

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Junior High at Okoboji

For campers completing

6th - 9th grades: \$449

#1 - June 9-14

Spring Elderversity

June 3-4

Theme: Why I still study the Bible

Guest Speaker: Pastor John Petersen

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### **Ice Cream Social & Pie Auction**

June 2

Begin Summer Camp season with an

Ice Cream Social and Pie Auction!

Hosted at Ingham Lake Bible Camp, our Ice

Cream Social is fun for all ages!

3:30 pm - Program

4:00- 6:00 pm- Supper is Served

6:00 pm- Pie Auction!

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Summer Outdoor Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.

Memorial Day through Labor Day

Okoboji Camp Amphitheater

The service will be live streamed on

Facebook.Live each Sunday

<https://www.facebook.com/IOLBC/>

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### **Celebrate 100 years of fun on June 28-30**

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Pre-registration may be required for some events. Please check the IOLBC website:

www.okoboji.org or call

712-337-3306.

Gigantic Garage Sale at St. Mary's

St. Mary's Catholic Church (1005 Hill Ave.) in Spirit Lake will host their annual gigantic garage sale on Thursday, June 6, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. | Friday, June 7, from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. | Saturday, June 8, from 8:00 a.m.-noon! Please come support our worthy causes, and find some treasures for your family! We accept credit cards!

English Conversation Club Begins!

This summer, Carolyn Dundas and Rachael Lyons are leading an English Conversation Club for people who already speak some English, but need practice to help reinforce and correct what they know. They will be meeting two Wednesday evenings per month from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in ATLAS of Spencer (816 S. Grand Ave.). The dates will be May 29, June 12 & 26, July 10 & 31, and August 7. Anyone of any age who wants a safe place to practice English through guided conversation is welcome to come. Anyone who speaks English and is interested in joining in the conversations is also welcome to attend. For more information or for more ideas about helping assist non-native speakers to practice their English, or with any needs for a similar idea for people who want to practice speaking Spanish, contact Carolyn Dundas at carolyndundas@gmail.com.

Faith Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes May 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Pam Hanson at 7:03 PM.

Members present were: Lisa Carpenter, Barb Solberg, Beth Brockshus, Emily Hoppe, Steph Essick, Lance Storley, Dave Susie, Pam Hanson & Justin Spieker.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pam. Devotions were given by Emily.

Prior month's minutes were reviewed. There was no quorum so we were unable to approve them.

Prior month's financial statement – There was no quorum so we were unable to approve them.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Lisa highlighted a few things: we are slightly behind in the first few months this year. One major reason is because of admin expenses. It's difficult and early enough in the year to determine if we will be short at year end. Going to reinforce the different payment methods for giving (online, drop box, etc). Offering the Dave Ramsey course again was discussed within the group.

PASTOR BEN'S REPORT – ON VACATION but had given us some notes: young men & college student outreaches, multiple youth sports events, baptism, confirmation and new members received, youth Outreach and multiple ministry support meetings with other ministers & IOLBC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Pam Hanson) –

COUNCIL REPORTS

- **Evangelism (Eric Tigges) –**
- **Missions (Kris Behrens) –**
- **Worship (Pete Crew) –**
- **Stewardship (Emily Hoppe) –** Filing out Thrivent paperwork for supplies for a Canvas painting fundraiser for the projector on June 27 at Oneota. Working on the details for this event.
- **Discipleship (Barb Solberg) –** Nothing additional.
- **Children's Ministry (Kirby Fueston) –**
- **Youth Ministry (Matt & Steph Essick) –**
- **Caring Ministries (Ross & Beth Brockshus) –** Visited with Pastor Ben a few weeks ago about restructuring their team. The Caring Team is going to get together in June regarding this and report back to Council.
- **Fellowship (Lee & Nancy Ketcham) –**

- **Music & Creative Arts (Jared Hansen) –**
- **Leadership (Dave Susie) –** Nothing additional.
- **Properties () –** Working on getting a lead for this committee & have a candidate in mind.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT (Lance Storley) – talked with Jacob today and going to go back to RDI to re-visit & get different quotes for a less expensive system. The current system is getting to a critical point & will need to be replaced sooner than expected. Jacob will be done working for Faith in a few days but will be in the area working at the Camp and at the airport.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Confirmation, New Members, Funeral Service**
- **Building Rental Agreement Proposal – no quorum, so no discussion or vote.**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Projector Fundraising update –** we currently have approximately \$23,500 raised for this. Discussion about the next fundraising event for this.

Concerns and/or Celebrations

Lack of Council present at meetings. Suggested voting by text as this was done in the past.

Adjournment – Barb made the motion to adjourn. Beth seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Closing Prayer was given by Justin.

Respectfully submitted,
Jolene K. Hansen, Church Council Secretary



**2024
GENERAL OFFERING AND
ATTENDANCE
BUDGET: \$420,894.00**

	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Live Stream Computers</i>	<i>General Giving</i>	<i>YTD Undesignated</i>
<i>April</i>	181	19	\$22,340.75	\$118,973.28
<i>May 1-5</i>	170	15	\$7,545.00	\$126,588.03
<i>May 6-12</i>	183	16	\$4,275.00	\$130,594.65
<i>May 13-16</i>	140	14	\$4,067.00	\$135,031.37

Next Council Meeting is June 12 | 7:00 p.m. | In person and Zoom

Council Members: Please submit your team reports to the office by
Monday, June 10, at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

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