

Faith Lutheran Church—Hot Springs Village 1196 Desoto Blvd. 71909 (501) 922-5700 7th Sunday of Pentecost, July 27,2025 Pastor Larry Marhenke

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church this Seventh Sunday in Pentecost. We pray our ministry of Word and Sacrament is renewing to your faith and life. Your presence is a blessing to all others as we worship together today. Members and guests please complete the visitor card and as you exit, place it in the basket.

Holy Communion will be celebrated this morning. Attending the Lord's Table means you are affirming what the Lutheran Church teaches concerning this Sacrament; namely that Christ is your personal Savior and that in the bread and wine we receive Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith.

#### **AS WE GATHER**

In 1535, Martin Luther was asked by Peter, his barber, for instructions to let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances. Strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently; through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever in prayer. Luther wrote a little book explaining how he organizes his own prayers to God. He pointed to the Lord's Prayer as well as the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed as ways to focus and form his prayers. The Bible is filled with people who prayed consistently—people like Abraham, Moses, Hannah, and David. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray and shares two stories to emphasize the importance of bold, persistent prayer.

# PRELUDE "Elevation" by Alexandre Guilmont; arr. Lani Smith WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



(Please Stand)

#### **INVOCATION**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

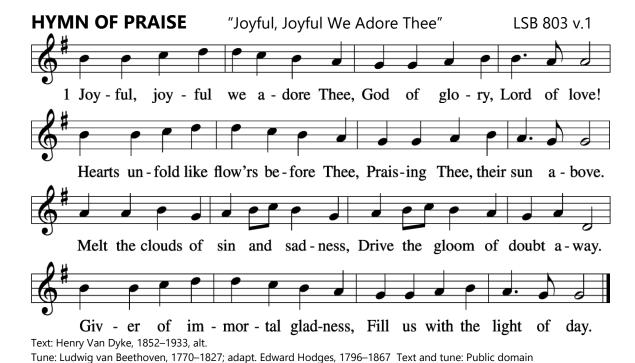
#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- Let us approach the throne of mercy, humbly, and in need of forgiveness. (Silence for reflection and self-examination).
- P We call upon You
- because we are troubled by our sins—our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We are equally troubled by those times when we have failed toact or speak up. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through Hisperfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.
- P As an ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of uthe → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY P** Let us pray together.

Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances. Strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently; through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(Please be seated)

L <sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

**I** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: VOCAL DUET

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" music by William B. Bradbury Vocalists: Sigilda Naidin and Chris Marhenke; Organist: Lynne Border-Koon

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Your tender care.

In Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us, we are Yours.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be.

You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, early let us do Your will.

Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

#### **EPISTLE**

**L** A reading from

Colossians 2:6-19

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal

demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Pleased Stand)

#### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

- P Alleluia. As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
- so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him Alleluia

**HOLY GOSPEL**Luke 11:1–13

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the eleventh chapter
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my

children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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# SERMON "I've tried prayer and it doesn't work" Pastor Larry Marhenke

Luke 11:1-13

#### **NICENE CREED**

- **P** We stand and confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.
- I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

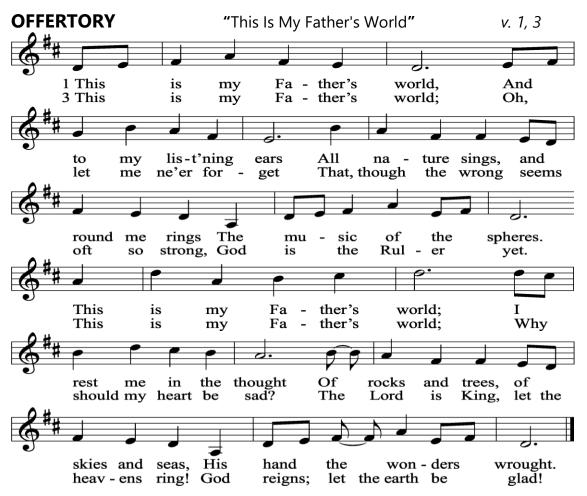
- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, You hear the prayers of Your dear children and care for all their needs of body and soul. As we come before You with our petitions, unburden our hearts from the weight of our sins and troubles, and give us faith to live in the light of Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C Lord, hear our prayer.

- P O Lord, You have bestowed a high honor and duty upon Your Church by teaching her to pray and promising to hear her. Bless our pastors in their prayers for Your people, and hear us all as we offer our petitions in the name of Jesus. Nurture the life of prayer in the homes of Your people, that we all would know the full blessing of Your fatherly care. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Lord God, You have ordered the nations that men would seek after You. Curb the wickedness of this world, embolden the witness of the righteous, and make our nation a repentant and faithful place where Your gracious presence is welcomed with thanksgiving. Give to the leaders of our nation not only wisdom, but fill them with compassion for the poor, the needy, the defenseless, and the victims of natural disasters. Lord, in Your mercy
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Righteous Lord, You do not condone wickedness, and You promise that Your patience with evil will not last forever. As You punished Sodom and rescued Lot in days of old, save Your people today and vanquish our enemies. Give us prayerful hearts to leave all vengeance in Your hands. Lord, in Your mercy
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, You promise to hear our prayers and, through them, to involve us in Your divine plan. As You heard and considered the prayers of faithful Abraham, hear our prayers on behalf of [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all who suffer whom we name in our hearts. Spare their lives, and through all things draw them ever closer to You. Lord, in Your mercy
- **⚠** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Heavenly Father, we remember with thanksgiving those who are celebrating birthdays..., anniversaries...., and other moments of joy this week. May their lives reflect Your glory and grace. Lord in Your mercy
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, give us a child's confidence as we come to Your table this day, that we might approach it in sure and certain faith so that, in the gifts of Christ's

body and blood, the forgiveness we ask for will be given and the life with You that we seek we will have. Lord, in Your mercy

#### **C** Lord, hear our prayer

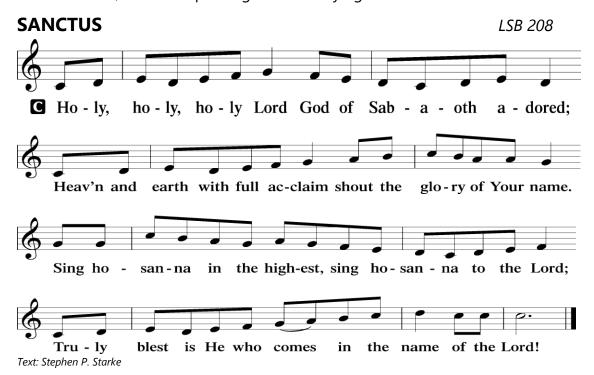
- Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing and look to You as the Giver of all good gifts. Make us always eager to come to You in prayer and thanksgiving, as Your Son has taught us, for in His name, we boldly pray to You
- (Please be Seated)
  (Ushers to deliver offerings to the Pastor at the altar)



#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### **PREFACE**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **Q** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, holy Lord, whose Son became our Good Samaritan, not only teaching about love, but even paying for our sinfulness. Therefore we join angels and archangels and all the host of heaven, evermore praising You and saying:



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Holy are You, O Father, and Your only begotten Son, and Your Holy Spirit, holy and magnificent is Your glory, for You so loved the world that You gave Your only begotten Son that all who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Remembering His incarnation to the virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, His sacrificial death for our sins upon the cross, His mighty resurrection from the dead, and His ascension to the right hand of the Father, we give You thanks and praise.

Send down upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine Your Holy Spirit that they may be to us the body and blood of Christ, as His Word proclaims. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

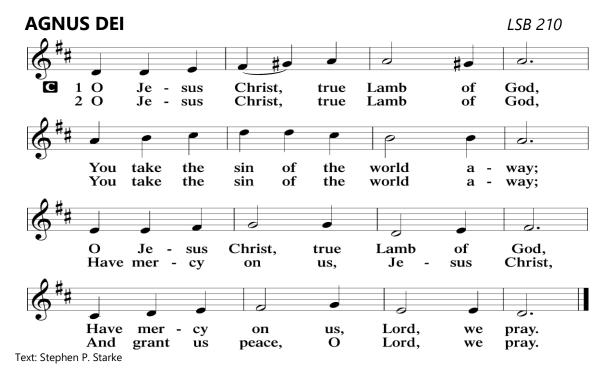
"Take, eat; this is My 

→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

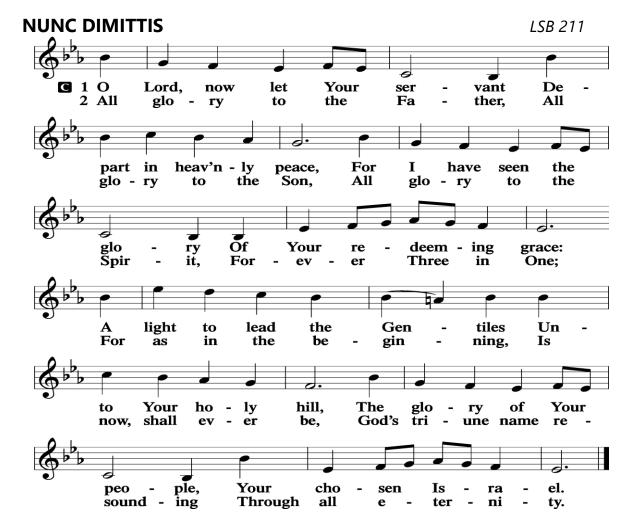
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



"(Those not going to the rail for Holy Communion may remain seated and receive Holy Communion under the guidance of the Pastor. For those seated in the back of the Church, you will be served Holy Communion.)"

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 618
"Hear Us, Father, When We Pray" LSB 773
'To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray' LSB768



#### **CLOSING COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION**

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  The Lord look upon you with favor and 

  → give you peace.
- C Amen.

(Please be Seated)



- 1 Come, my soul, with ev-'ry care, Je sus loves to an-swer prayer;
- 2 Thou art com-ing to a King, Large pe ti tions with thee bring;
- 3 With my bur den I be gin: Lord, re move this load of sin
- 6 Show me what is mine to do; Ev 'ry hour my strength re new.



He bid thee pray, There-fore will Him - self has not turn a - way. pow'r are such None can ev - er For His grace and ask too much. sin - ners spilt, Set my con-science free from guilt. Thy blood, for Let life of faith; Let me die Thy peo-ple's death. Let me live a

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#### **SENDING**

- P Go in peace to love your neighbor as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!", arr. Douglas E. Wagner Tune: MARION by Arthur H. Messiter

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#### **SERVING US TODAY**

**Preaching: Rev. Larry Marhenke** 

**Organist: Lynne Border-Koon** 

**Elder: Keith Keck** 

**Altar Guild: Mary & Joe Michels** 

& Constance Garrett

**Audio: Javier Ramon** 

**Visitor's Desk: Veronica Detjens** 

**Music Director: Sigilda Naidin** 

Reader: Keith Keck

**Ushers: Bob Johnson,,** 

Randy Bennett, Russ Garrett
Counters: David & Martha Olson

& Grace Wersching

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Today's flowers at the Altar are placed there to the glory of God by Larry Smith in celebration and loving memory of Shirley's birthday on July 26th and in celebration of his own birthday on July 25th

### Please remember in your prayers: Faith Members:

Pastor Bob Benke, Mary Benke, Frankie Berlanga, Sherry Galatis, Janet Johns, Pam Johnson, Sonya Marhenke, Bette Miller, John & Pat Muzika, Fred Smith, Karen Tidquist and Bobby Traywick as well as loved ones of...

Faith Members' Family and Friends, Marge Avoles, Mary Baldwin, Joan Beach, Patricia Beauregard, Scott Brooks, Bill Burke, Stephanie Carley, Linda Dean, Floyd Garrot, Lori Gregorski, Tim and Lisa Gula, Eileen Hood, Debbie & Stan Kjarland, Jane Leathers, Michael Lilly, Jan Malzahn, Cheryle Mauro, Oliver "Olly" Meyers, Michael Nally, Bonnie Nelson, Joshua Reed, Julianne Reed, Charlie Salman, Mark Schaumburg, David Schmidt, Diane Schultz, Linda Skaggs, Tyler Soto, Linda Stipp, Mark & Chris Strong, Chelle Vandertulip, Fran and Manny Werfelmann Jake Whisenhunt and Sue Zacek.

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MEN'S MINISTRY IN AUGUST We are gathering again on August 4th at 5pm. We hope you can continue to join us for good food, fun, fellowship & devotion.....or if you weren't able to join us in July, we pray this will work better for your schedule! All men are certainly invited and encouraged to participate. Please call John Tidquist, 501-282-0039, Jan Railsback, 281-546-2724 or David Knoernschild, 901-606-1986 with your SIGN UP!!

**BRAILLE ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING CONTINUES** 

Please deposit your aluminum cans in the box behind the shed with the Cross on the front. It would be appreciated if you would bag your cans in plastic grocery bags or trash bags. Please do not deposit bags of plastic bags. The funds from this program provide for coffee, snacks and supplies for Braille Production Ministry #156 located at Faith Lutheran church. For information, contact Don Putnam at 501-984-2144 or <a href="mailto:dfputnam@hotmail.com">dfputnam@hotmail.com</a>. THANKS!!

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-LADIES BIBLE STUDY will begin again in September. Watch for more details and information soon!

Blessings....Veronica Detjens 409-992-3441

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CUPCAKES TO CELEBRATE MICHELLE RAMON'S 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, AT 9:00 AMIN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. NO GIFTS PLEASE – CARDS ARE WELCOME!

# AARP SMART DRIVER SAFETY COURSE THANKS TO GARY PEEKS EFFORTS, THE ABOVE CLASS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 29 FROM NOON TO 4PM HERE IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL.

**COST: \$20 FOR MEMBERS, \$25 FOR NON-MEMBERS** 

NOTE: You will need to bring your drivers license, AARP membership card and payment in the form of check or cash. No credit/debit cards accepted. Length is a 4 hour course with a 15 minute break. A certificate will be awarded upon successful completion.

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## GAME DAY MONDAY AUGUST 4, I I:30 - 3:30 PM

THE WOMEN OF 242 MINISTRIES INVITE YOU TO OUR SUMMER GAME DAY FOR THE BENEFIT of the

VILLAGE WALK FOR CANCER RESEARCH!

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A GENTLE REMINDER!

You are welcome to donate to the Holiday Family Fund anytime during the year.

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	7/27	8:30 am	Adult Bible Study
		9:00 am	Birthday Cupcake for
			Michelle Ramon
		10:00 am	Regular Service
Monday	7/28	9:30 am	World Relief Quilters
-		1:00 pm	Mah Jongg
Tuesday	7/29	12:00 pm	AARP DRIVING CLASS
Wednesday	7/30	12:00 pm	AA
Thursday	7/31		Open
Friday	8/1		Open
Saturday	8/2	9:00 am	AA

**Faith Lutheran Church** 

1196 Desoto Blvd. Hot Springs Village, AR 71909
Sunday Bible Study 8:30 am Divine Worship 10 am
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