

Faith Lutheran Church

The Parish News

This Month's Message from Pastor Josh Davis

The summer months are upon us now and that means Vacation Bible School is set to kick off. This year, **VBS will take place June 5th through 9th from 9:00-11:30 AM, concluding with a program for kids and parents at 11:30 am in the church sanctuary on Friday the 9th.** All this is structured around the theme, **"Under Construction."** You'll see hard hats and orange barrels all around the building, reminding us of how we are being "built into a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:5).

The Bible is filled with examples of important building projects. From Noah's construction of the Ark (Genesis 6:14-16), to the building of the tabernacle (Exodus 26) and the temple (1 Kings 6), to the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem (the book of Nehemiah) God's people have often been involved in significant construction work. **And we ourselves, as people of God are constantly "under construction."** We are being built into a community, gathered around and united in our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we are being built, we continue to grow:

- **In number.** We welcomed more than a dozen new members into our family of faith last month through the new member class. You can find their pictures and contact information in this newsletter, on a page that you can pull out and put into the back of your picture directory. We have also celebrated 12 baptisms already this year (with more to come), in which God has claimed infants, children and adults as members of the body of Christ. What a joy to see the kingdom of God expanding among us!

- **In knowledge.** We are never too young or too old to continue learning more

about our great and gracious God. This summer, there are opportunities for all ages during the Education Hour on Sunday morning (9:15-10:15). Preschool - 6th graders are invited (parents too!) to learn about the Fruits of the Spirit through Bible lessons, singing, craft and fruit tasting. 7th through 12th graders will be watching Bible story videos and comparing them to the text of Scripture. And adults are invited to join in a weekly study, also learning about the Fruits of the Spirit, beginning on June 11th.

- **In our love for others.** Members of our congregation will be taking part in mission trips to Puerto Rico (June 10th-17th), Omaha, Nebraska (July 9th - 14th) and South Dakota (July 23rd - July 28th) to serve others and model Christ's love. We've all had the opportunity to support these teams (and other servants of God) through our time, donations, and prayers, and we will send them off with a blessing in worship on the Sundays before they depart.

God is at work in our lives and in our family of faith as the master builder, constructing us into a spiritual house. As you know, any good building project must begin with a solid foundation, and so as we are under construction, **we can take heart that we are "built on the rock" – the solid foundation of Christ Jesus, our cornerstone** (Ephesians 2:19-20). "In Him, the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. In Him, you too are being built together to become a dwelling place for God by His Spirit" (Ephesians 2:21-22). Come, join us this summer to be under construction, built upon Christ.

Contact us at:

402-462-5044

Visit us at:

AFamilyofFaith.com

Vacation Bible School

June 5 - 9

9:00am—11:30am

Summer Hot Talks

Wednesdays

10:00am



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June

News & Notes

TheoPub - June 1, 6:30pm at Steeple Brewing. All men (21 & over) are invited to join others for informal Bible Study and Christian fellowship.

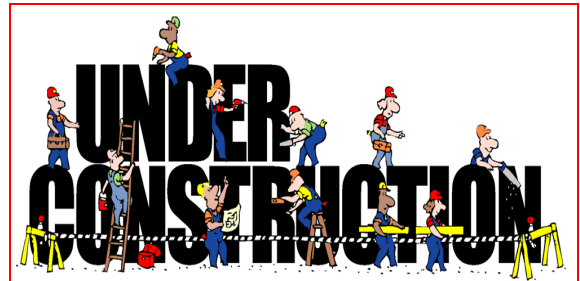
Priscilla Circle - June 6, 12:00pm at Special Scoops. All women are welcome to join with us for this month's meeting of Priscilla Circle. Please note change of time and place.

Book Club - June 8, 7:00pm at Dally's on South Street. We'll be discussing - *The Orphan Collector* by Ellen Marie Wieseman. If you'd like to join the group, contact Deanna Dirks for more information.

All Church Picnic - June 11, 12:00pm at the Lake Hastings Picnic Shelter. Join others from the Faith family for an all-church picnic. See the article on this page for details.

Bible Study for Women - June 22, 6:30pm at Steeple Brewing. All women (21 & over) are invited to join together for a time of fellowship and informal Bible Study.

YAM Lunch and Games - June 25, 12:00pm. All young adults (aged 18-30) are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship and games. See the sign below for more details.



Vacation Bible School
June 5 - 9, 2023
Register online today!!



Priscilla Circle

June 6, 12:00pm at Special Scoops
As a special treat for the June meeting of Priscilla Circle, we will be gathering for lunch at Special Scoops. Please note that we will be meeting at 12:00pm instead of our usual time.



All-Church Picnic

June 11, 12:00pm
Lake Hastings Picnic Shelter

Our Faith family and friends are invited to an all-church picnic at the Lake Hastings playground. Please bring a main dish, side, or dessert to share. Afterwards, you can grab a friend to walk or bike around the lake, enjoy outdoor games, or go fishing. Join the fun!

Hosted by the Board of Family Life.



Library Renovation-

Do you have favorite Christian books that you want to see in our library? Let us know! You can still submit your suggestions on our church website. Look for 'library' under the 'grow' tab.

Prayers

Celebrations

Recently baptized into our family of Faith are:

- Annabelle Marie Bengtson
- Dalton Monnier
- Jaxtyn Ray & Easton Lei Monnier
- Wesley Alan & Jensen Paul Kroll
- Reggie Renee Kenny

We give thanks for God's gift of marriage to Samuel and Kimberly (nee: Hansen) Branum.

Health & Healing

Recently included in our prayers:

Iona Heath

We continue our prayers for:

Pam Baker, Vicki Fisher, Harvey Goings, Justys Hurt, Kathy Johnson, Jerry Kehn, Julie Kempf, Sheila Lightner, Bob Matthies, Andrea Niemann, Gail Shively, Melissa Svoboda, Chase Van Scyoc, Ezra Venteicher, and Paul Wathen.

Sympathy

We pray for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially: Tammy Craig at the death of her mother; Angie Thomas at the death of her mother; Rob Harris at the death of his father, Keith; and Dolores Hellwege at the death of her brother, Bob Borchers.

Thank You

Thank you to the Faith Lutheran Church Foundation for the opportunity to participate in Leadership Hastings. Our graduation from the class took place on Wednesday, May 17th. I look forward to applying the knowledge and skills I have gained from the class. ~ **Leah Werling**

Thank you for your generous donations of food for our Hastings Shelter. With your help, we are able to provide our guests with a warm nutritious meal. May God bless you for your sacrifice on our behalf. ~ **Crossroads Staff**

We are so thankful for your donation to the Hastings High School Food Pantry. The HPS food pantries were started by our teachers who have first-hand knowledge of the fact that students' basic needs must be met before they are ready to learn. The HPS Food Pantries continue to work to provide healthy opportunities for all students. ~ **HPS Food Pantries**

Thank you so much for your gift to Wellspring. We appreciate you helping moms and babies in Hastings who need help! ~ **Wellspring Pregnancy & Health Center**

Community News

Zion Lutheran Church Salad Luncheon

Friday, June 2, 11:00am-1:00pm

Zion Lutheran Performance Center

465 S Marian Road, Hastings

Please join the Zion Lutheran Church Altar Guild for a fundraiser salad luncheon at the Zion Lutheran Performance Center in Hastings. Cost is \$9 per plate. All are welcome to come and enjoy this event.

Wisconsin Style Fish Boil

Friday, June 16th, 5:30—7:00pm

Zion Lutheran Performance Center

465 S Marian Road, Hastings

Lutheran Layman's League, in partnership with Orphan Grain Train is hosting a meal of boiled fish, pearl onions, salads, dessert, and a drink to be served for a freewill offering. Proceeds are used for shipping relief items to Zambia, Honduras, Moldova, Panama, the Republic of Georgia, Latvia, and Mission, Texas.

Relay for Life

June 9, 5:30—10:00pm

Harmon Park, Kearney

The Relay for Life of Adams County has joined forces now with the Relay for Life of Central Nebraska. The Relay will be Friday, June 9 from 5:30-10:00pm at Harmon Park in Kearney, with the survivor dinner from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Participants and survivors can sign up at relayforlife.org/centralnebraska.

Unclaimed Dishes

Please help us get ready for Vacation Bible School by claiming your dishes from the table in the basement by June 2. Any dishes remaining after June 4 will be donated to charity.



YOUTH PAGE

Sunday School Offerings

Sunday school offerings through the summer will go to supporting Freddy Victorio Sanchez Sanchez, our Compassion International child in Nicaragua.



Perfect Attendance

Sunday School –

2nd: Julia Jabs.

4th: Hannah Jabs. **6th:** Abby Jabs.

Weekday School –

Pre-School: Isaac Bulas, Levi Martin, Maddyn Modlin, Addison Nelson, Nolan Wissing.

Kindergarten: Aubree Brooks, Autumn Davis, Stella Jones, Drake Lemke, Harper Martin, Holly Valentin. **1st:** Harrison Bartunek, Sophie Bulas, Maggie Frey, Oliver Keilig, Andy Klabenes, Audrey Konert, Reid Modlin, Chloe Wahlmeier.

2nd: Julia Jabs, Ellie Wilson.

3rd: Hudsyn Bockerman, Nolan Bulas, Emma Edwards, Emma Hoins, Gentry Timmerman, Claire Valentin. **4th:** Ryker Ayres, Hannah Jabs, Cady Klabenes, Ava Valentin. **5th:** Ben Kuehn, Davis McIntyre, Ryker Timmerman. **6th:** Hadyn Bockerman, Abby Jabs, Rylan Kapustka, Josh Muske, Anna Sidlo, Jaxen Valentin, Emma Wilson.

7th: Kayden Bartunek, Jaxon Brooks, Ashton Kapustka, Audrey Keilig, Brynn Lemke, LJ Martin, Harper Rundle, Ellie Wahlmeier. **8th:** Azul Amaya, Kiley Ayres, Gracie Craig, Kolt Hudson, Mady Karr, Eva Magallanes, Barrett McIntyre, Sarina Wilson.

Summer Sunday School!

9:15-10:15am

Ages: Preschool-6th grade

Join us each Sunday this summer as we learn about the Fruits of the Spirit!

Each week we'll have a Bible lesson, singing, fruit tasting, and crafting! Kids will help create artwork to be displayed and used in the church for Sunday Worship.

Parents are always invited

(but not required) to stay with their kids.

Led by Dan & Beth Jabs, Jean Davis and Cole & Lisa Bulas.



Summer Hot Talks

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

This year, Hot Talks will continue to meet during the summer! Join us for Bible study on Wednesday mornings in the Youth Room. Students going into 9th-12th grade in the 2023-2024 school year are invited to attend! Contact DCE Leah if you need a ride to this weekly event.



XYF Mini Golf

Sunday, June 11th

at 7:00 pm with ice cream after!

We will meet at the mini golf course at the YMCA.
The cost is \$5.

Please RSVP to DCE Leah
by June 10th.



Adult Bible Study

Sundays

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT [E-100] - Fellowship Hall

Have you heard of the fruits of the Spirit? Can you name them? In this summer-long study we'll take time to do a deep dive into each of these nine Christian qualities listed in Galatians chapter five. (The children's summer Sunday School class will also be studying the Fruits of the Spirit).

Wednesdays

MORNING BIBLE STUDY [E-100] - Room 11 at 9:00am. Pastor Dunbar leads the group. This is a time of prayer, devotion, and sermon discussion. All are welcome to be a part of this wonderful group of friends.

Key to Adult Bible Studies

C= Culturalcontemporary issue/current event

E= Exegetical....study of the Bible

H= Historical.... chronological study

P= Practical..... a specific issue/practice in life

100 level- No prior knowledge of subject needed

200 level- Some Biblical knowledge helpful

300 level- More challenging and uses own Bible

400 level- Homework and a "dig deep" attitude



Sponsoring our Website

www.afamilyoffaith.com

Sponsoring the website for June is Linda Parnell in honor of Craig Parnell's birthday and Father's Day. Our website is your go-to location to find out what is going on at Faith. There you will find recorded sermons, Bible Study information, and fellowship and service opportunities. If you'd like to sponsor the website for a month (the cost is \$40) please call the church office at 402-462-5044.

Staff on the Move

The following staff members will be out of the office on the following dates. If you have an urgent need, please contact the office and they will put you in touch with the Lay Minister on call.



DCE Wade Johnson out 6/10—6/17

DCE Leah Werling out 6/19—6/21

DCE Wade Johnson out 6/26—6/30

Pastor Paul Dunbar out 6/26—6/30

Pastor Josh Davis out 6/26—7/8



WELLSPRING
— PREGNANCY + HEALTH CENTER —

Wellspring needs you!

Remember what it was like as a new mom? All the questions and fears you had?

Wellspring currently needs 2 female volunteers to help support our new moms after choosing life. Volunteers meet individually with moms for about an hour a week (Monday or Wednesday 1-3pm). The typical format is watching a short video, asking a few guided discussion questions, and providing crucial emotional support to moms who need encouragement and help feeling confident in their parenting skills.

*From the rising of the
sun unto the going
down of the same
the Lord's name is to
be praised.*

Psalm 113:3

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Our Mission Statement: Faith Lutheran Church is the body of Christ,
called to be the caring hands and loving voice of Christ in this world.

2023 Church Council

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