



Faith Lutheran Church

The Parish News

This Month's Message from Pastor Josh Davis

August is upon us once again, and that means the beginning of a new week-day school year here at Faith Lutheran. We'll kick things off as we have in past years with a **Fall Jamboree** on the evening of August 23rd. You're invited to join us for a pulled pork and hot dog dinner from 5:30-6:25 pm (no need to bring anything — just come and eat). At 6:30, we'll all gather in the sanctuary for an opening devotion, introducing our theme for the year. After the opening, everyone will be dismissed to their classrooms for a brief introduction to their teachers and classes. Then at 7:30, we'll end the evening with an ice cream social on the east lawn. Weekday school classes are offered for adults and children ages 3 and up. They will continue on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm until we break for the season of Advent.

Our theme for this year is "Connected." As part of God's family of faith, we have been connected to our Lord in baptism, when we were marked with God's own Triune name ("in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"). St. Paul says that through our baptism, we are connected with Jesus in His death and in His resurrection (Romans 6:3-4). We are also connected with one another as the body of Christ; when one part suffers, we all do; when one part rejoices, we all rejoice with them (1 Corinthians 12:26).

The apostle Paul, in his letter to the **Colossians states, "Christ is before all things and in Him all things hold together" (1:17).** Each one of us is "connected" through Jesus, our Savior. It is His work on the cross and His defeat of death that has united us as the people of God. And it is that truth that will direct us this educational year as we study God's Word together.

This might also be a good time to revisit **the significance of our congregational logo** that you see used in videos, newsletters, Take-Home pages, and other publications. As part of this image (printed above for you to examine), you'll notice the shape of our church building formed by the figures of gathered people, hands lifted and stretched out in varying poses. At the top of it all is the shape of the cross, reminding us that we are held together in Jesus and by His gracious, loving sacrifice. The blue swoosh that surrounds the people recalls the baptismal water through which we joined the family of God. And on the far right and left edges of the image, we see arms reaching out — reaching out to others with the desire that they too would be connected to Jesus and His incredible grace. What a great visual reminder of how we are **CONNECTED** to God and to one another by His love!



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AFamilyofFaith.com

For your calendars:

- 8/5 Women's Retreat
- 8/13 Teacher Training
YAM Kickoff
XYF Luau
- 8/16 Teacher Training
Acolyte Training
- 8/20 Teacher Installation
Sunday School Welcome
Children's Service
- 8/23 Fall Jamboree
Meal served
Weekday School begins
Hot Talks begins
Ice Cream Social
- 8/27 3rd Grade Bibles
Soul Patrol Nacho Night
- 8/30 WOW Music begins
Adult choir begins

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Colossians 1:17

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August

News & Notes

Priscilla Circle - August 1st, 1:00pm in Rm 102-103. All women are welcome to join us for this month's meeting of Priscilla Circle.

TheoPub - August 3rd, 6:30pm at Steeple Brewing. All men (21 & over) are invited to join others for informal Bible Study and Christian fellowship.

Women's Retreat - August 5th, 9:00am—12:30pm. See article on page 3 for more information.

Book Club - August 10th, 7:00pm at Dally's on South Street. We'll be discussing - *Walking Across Egypt* by Clyde Edgerton. If you'd like to join the group, contact Deanna Dirks for more information.

Fall Jamboree - August 23rd, beginning at 5:30pm. Join us for the kickoff to Wednesday WOW School. See the Education News insert for more details.

Bible Study for Women - August 24th, 6:30pm at Rivals. All women (21 & over) are invited to join together for a time of lively fellowship and informal Bible Study.

Top 10 Reasons to be in choir...

1. Vocal exercise
2. Stress relief
3. Fellowship
4. Sunday Worship enrichment
5. Music making to the Lord
6. Preparation for the heavenly chorus
7. Challenge
8. Service to others
9. For the sheer fun of it
10. To meet interesting members you might not otherwise get the chance to meet

Any reason you choose to try the choir is wonderful! We have a place for you and we'd love to see you on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm beginning August 30th.

*Musically appreciative,
Joel*



The Faith Lutheran Church Foundation Fund has recently distributed \$2,700.00 to fund a new computer for Pastor Josh to replace his 2015 Macbook and \$345.00 for Joel Jank's virtual registration fee to attend an ALCM Christian music conference which was held July 4-8 in Philadelphia, PA.

Prayers

Health & Healing

Recently included in our prayers: Phil Herrmann, Phil Homp, Sharon Petersen, Wendell Starr, and Bob Thomas.

We continue our prayers for: Phil & Vicki Fisher, Harvey Goings, Jim Hodson, Justys Hurt, Carter Johnson, Julie Kempf, Bob Matthies, Andrea Niemann, Carolyn Prauner, Melissa Svoboda and Paul Wathen.

Sympathy

We pray for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially: Harvey Goings & family at the death of his son, Dustin; Jack and Jacob Shively at the death of Jack's wife, Gail; Jennifer Laux at the death of her father; Kenny Lutkemeier at the death of his father; Dave Hamik at the death of his uncle; and all those who mourn the loss of Frank Lukow and Wally Beck.

Celebrations

We rejoice over a son born to Gus and Alaina Hamilton.

We give thanks for children who are newly baptized:

- Milla Amelia, daughter of Bryson and Morgan Henkel
- Greyson Alan, son of Taylor and Bethany Hawes

We give thanks for the following couples who were recently married:

- Mac & Maggie (Koozer) Rundle
- Byron & Marci (Schroeder) Brakke

Women's Retreat

August 5th
9:00am—12:30pm
Cost: \$20



There is still time to sign up for the 2023 Women's Retreat, "Stepping Out with Jesus". Our theme is based around Colossians 2:6, "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him."

Walking with Jesus is all we need, He is the perfect travel companion. Please RSVP to DCE Leah by July 30th.

Exciting News is on the Way!

Please take the time to update all of your contact information (cell phone, address, and email) so we can keep you informed. Changes can be made via completing the reverse side of your Sunday Worship Card, calling the office, or going to our website.

YAM Yard Games

August 13th, 12:00—1:00pm

Young Adults aged 18-30ish are invited to join us for yard games and a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share and RSVP to DCE Leah by August 6th.



Community News

Food Pantry Ministry

Faith Lutheran Church has donated 1080 pounds of shelf-stable food to the Hastings Food Pantry so far this year. Please consider giving as you are able. Collection carts are located at the back of the sanctuary and under the coat rack at the west entrance.



First St Paul's 72nd Annual Ice Cream Social

with car & motorcycle show

Wednesday, August 2nd, 6:30—9:00pm

Come on down to First St Paul's, 501 N Burlington, and join the fun! All proceeds and Thrivent matching funds will go to Kelly Boom to offset financial struggles due to ongoing hospitalizations and health problems.

Thank you all for your love, support, and prayers during this time of sorrow. We are so grateful to have such wonderful friends. ~ Peg Scott and family

My church family is the BEST! I just wanted to say thank you all for the prayers while I was sick. Thank you everyone that also reached out to me. It meant a lot to me. ~Sheila Lightner

Thanks to all the ladies at our church who were kind enough to check on me, and for the food, calls and cards during my hospital stay and recovery. I also appreciate all the love and prayers of our pastors. Blessings to all of you. ~Victoria Vinzant

Dear Faith Lutheran Church, On behalf of "Another Beginnings", we would like to thank you so very much for allowing us to meet at your church for our group meetings. This opportunity to bring hurting people together to receive encouragement, strength, and hope is such a blessing to so many in Hastings and the surrounding communities.

~ Another Beginnings Alanon Group

We would like to humbly thank you for the prayers and support offered as we traveled to Puerto Rico scouting possible future trips serving with LCMS Missions in Latin America and the Caribbean. If you missed the presentation July 9th, be sure to ask one of us about the experience. In His Service,

~ Wade Johnson, Jean Davis and Deanna Dirks

Thank You



Kid & YOUTH NEWS



Children's Service

Sunday, August 20th at both services will be a special time to celebrate the children in our church and to display the role they play in our congregation. Come see what they have been working on in Summer Sunday School. If you have not had a chance to get involved with Summer Sunday School yet, August 13th is the last Sunday. Come join us! Then starting August 20th children will attend regular school year Sunday School classes by grade. *(See the Education News insert for more information.)*



Soul Patrol Nacho Night @ Schenk's house

Who's invited: 6th—8th grade youth
What to bring: Your appetite, an assigned ingredient, and a friend.
When: Sunday, August 27th, 6:00—7:30
Where: Schenk's house

WOW Music



Word On Wednesday (WOW) Music will begin on August 30th. This year it is a weekly time built into the hour of Weekday school classes for Preschool - 2nd graders to sing songs about God. Each week teachers will take their students to the forum for the last 15 minutes of class (7:15-7:30) where they will be led in song. Parents and caregivers, please plan to pick your students up from the forum at 7:30 each week.



Perfect Attendance

Sunday School –
Pre-School: Emersyn Bohlen,
Brady Henkel, Pria Strand
1st: Autumn Davis
3rd: Julia Jabs, Eli Wills
5th: Hannah Jabs
7th: Abby Jabs

Hey, Grads

Please send us your cell number and new address. We'd love to send encouragement to you as you move to new opportunities! And if you're staying in town, try out YAMS, our young adult group!

Hot Talks

Join us for our last two weeks of Summer Hot Talks, August 2nd & 9th from 10:30—11:20 am. Hot Talks will resume on August 23rd at 8:00pm.



High School State Youth Gathering Meeting

September 6th at 7:30pm
Come to an informational meeting for this year's state youth gathering in Kearney November 17th-19th.



Sunday School Offerings

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



Gifts to the Lord

Would you like to have your church offerings automatically taken out of your checking or savings account once a month? Some people prefer to use this system to give their offerings to church. It is simple, convenient, and reliable. If you are already using the system you can re-evaluate and change the amount of your giving at any time. Use this form to begin this program of giving and attach the voided check/deposit slip as specified, and then just **return to church office, attn: Heather.**

I (we) authorize Faith Lutheran Church to initiate entries to debit my (our) account described below:

Financial Institution's Name _____

_____ Checking account number _____

° **attach a voided check to the bottom of this form**

OR

_____ Savings account number _____

° **attach a voided savings deposit slip to the bottom of this form**

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until the church has received written notification from me (or either one of us) of its termination in such time and manner as afford to the church a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Signature _____

Print Full Name _____

Signature (if joint) _____

Print Full Name _____

Date _____ Phone Number (_____) _____

Frequency _____ once a month _____ twice a month

Withdraw on the _____ 10th and/or the _____ 25th of the month

Amount per withdrawal \$ _____ Month to start _____

Attach Voided Check or Savings Deposit Slip



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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.

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