



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## Faith Matters

AUGUST  
2020

### Hope and a Future

#### WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS— 9:00 A.M.  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
WEDNESDAYS — 6:15 P.M.  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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When times are challenging I remember and hold onto God's word as spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:10 – 13). These words were spoken to the people of Israel who were in bondage in Babylon. It was to give them hope that God would bring them home when the time was right, but also to encourage their faith in the midst of trials. Seek God. Keep the faith.

During this time of the COVID 19 health crisis we are trying to navigate our way through troubled waters. We have gotten back to worshipping in the sanctuary, but we also understand that for some the risk associated with this virus is greater due to age or underlying health conditions. Stay home and stay safe. We will continue to put our services online and on TV.

With the school year coming, our Board of Christian Education is considering options for Sunday school and will be looking to parents for input as well. We are also waiting to see what the school districts are doing. These are uncharted waters for all of us. "We are all in this together."

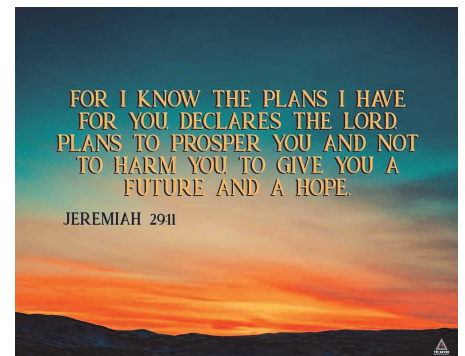
We are also experiencing turbulent times in our nation over race. Lincoln, in his second inaugural address at the end of the Civil War, said, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds..." Lord, give us hope and a future as a nation.

Remember, our hope is not just in ourselves. It is in God. It is in Jesus Christ. It is in the Holy Spirit. May we all together look to God and follow him, especially as we know God through his Son, Jesus. That will always give us hope and a future in the midst of life's challenges. Keep the faith!

Serving Christ better together,  
Pastor Jim

FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE  
FOR YOU DECLARES THE LORD  
PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT  
TO HARM YOU TO GIVE YOU A  
FUTURE AND A HOPE.

JEREMIAH 29:11





## AUGUST STEWARDSHIP SCHOOL KITS

- (4) 70-SHEET NOTEBOOKS OF WIDE OR COLLEGE RULED PAPER  
8 X 10 ½, (NO LOOSE LEAF PAPER)
- (1) 30 CENTIMETER RULER, OR A RULER WITH CENTIMETERS  
ON ONE SIDE & INCHES ON THE OTHER
- (1) PENCIL SHARPENER
- (5) UNSHARPENED #2 PENCILS –(NO MECHANICAL)
- (1) BOX OF 16 OR 24 CRAYONS
- (5) BLACK OR BLUE BALLPOINT PENS (NO GEL OR CLICK PENS)
- (1) BLUNT SCISSORS
- (1) 2 ½" ERASER (no smaller than 2 ½")

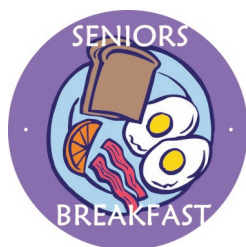


DUE TO COVID 19, WE WILL NOT BE SENDING ANY KITS TO LWR. WE WILL PLACE ALL DONATIONS IN THE CABINETS ON THE STAGE.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR/PURCHASE ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS AND WE WILL SEND OUT IN 2021.

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT & UNDERSTANDING.

PLEASE PLACE ITEMS IN THE STEWARDSHIP CABINET NEAR THE CHURCH OFFICE, LABELED "SCHOOL KITS".  
Any monetary donations can be left in the office with Christine.



Senior Christians will meet  
Tuesday, August 18 at 9:00 am at  
the Fork and Knife in Manitowoc.

## IN THE LIFE OF FAITH CONTINUED...

Dear Members of Faith,

Due to low interest rates on our investments and minimal grave sales, the Cemetery Association is running low on funds. We would encourage members who need grave sites to consider purchasing them now. Donations would also be accepted for the upkeep of our cemeteries.

Anyone interested, can contact Dave and Terry Haupt at 758-2643 for Gjerpen, Bob Wigen at 775-9743 for West and Loren Ulness at 775-4878 for Our Saviors.

Faith Lutheran Cemetery Association  
Loren Ulness, President



*Join us for*

**“God’s work. Our hands.”**

A dedicated day of  
service in our community.



**Save the Date**

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday  
Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

While we are not sure what the impact of COVID-19 will be in September, the Board of Evangelism is exploring ways to continue the tradition of this dedicated day of service.

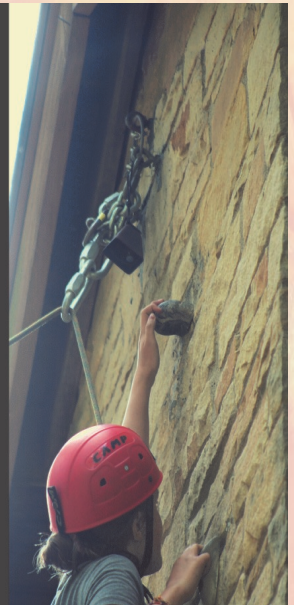
## \$50,000 Challenge: UPDATE

HELP US RING THE BELL ON  
THE \$50,000 CHALLENGE!

**\$41,760  
SO FAR**

Only \$8,240 remain to fully meet the  
\$50,000 challenge and bring our staff  
back from furlough. Can you help?

[www.crosswayscamps.org/donate](http://www.crosswayscamps.org/donate)



At Crossways, we love Camp People -- the donors, advocates, and supporters who make this mission possible. Because of you, we are *bringing people together in Christ, so that lives are changed and communities enhanced.*

# Finances

## *Income - June 2020*

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 25,934.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 27.00			
<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 25,961.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,983.50</b>	<b>\$ 154,614.65</b>	<b>\$ 149,901.00</b>
Dedicated Income	\$ 330.00		\$ 4,516.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 26,291.00</b>		<b>\$ 159,130.65</b>	

## *Operating Expenses - June 2020*

Benevolence	\$ 1,817.27			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 7,085.12			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 11,223.99			
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$ 20,126.38</b>	<b>\$ 23,976.54</b>	<b>\$ 144,039.27</b>	<b>\$ 143,859.24</b>
Dedicated Expense	\$ 330.00		\$ 4,437.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 20,456.38</b>		<b>\$ 148,476.27</b>	

**Year to Date General Fund Net Income: \$10,575.38**

## *Capital Appeal*

05/31/2020	BANK FIRST NATIONAL			\$102,641.19	
Payment Amount			\$ 1,000.00		
Additional payment			\$ 1,285.00		
Total JUNE Payment		1940.70	Principle paid	344.30	Interest paid
6/30/2020	BANK FIRST NATIONAL			\$100,700.49	

# Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

## Pastoral Acts

Funeral ..... Dale Bergene

## Membership

Baptized ..... 797  
Confirmed..... 597  
Families ..... 113

## Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
6/28	Worship—45 Video—60	20
7/5	Worship—30 Video—40	15
7/12	Worship—35 Video—59	14

## Altar Guild Servers

### Communion:

August..... **Bev Torrison**, Chair (Committee #2)  
September .. **Marlene Evenson**, Chair (Committee #1)

## Lectors

8/2 Ava Ulness  
8/5  
8/9 Garrett Ulness  
8/12 Lorin Berge  
8/16 Joyce Sorenson  
8/19 Cheryl Duchow  
8/23 Tiffany Jandrey  
8/26 Jill Backus  
8/30 Erin Lenzner



## Projection

8/2 Terry Huske  
8/5  
8/9 Ethan Ulness  
8/12 Otis Berge  
8/16 Judy Harris  
8/19 Maranda Simons  
8/23 Stefanie Kaderabek  
8/26 Mary Evenson  
8/30 Lyle Roehrig

## Acolyte Schedule

8/2 Mollie Junk  
8/9 Whitney Ulness  
8/16 Carter Valleskey  
8/23 Makenna Kaderabek  
8/30 Peter Cigler

## Head Usher Schedule- Sunday

Scott Reinertson

## Greeters

8/2 Joan Pritzl and Arlene Roehrig  
8/5 Scott and Nicole Zucchi  
8/9 Stefanie Kaderabek and Carter Lenzner  
8/12 Romelle Rusch and Aric Olson  
8/16 Paul Schmidt and Julie Hartman  
8/19 Delton and Cheryl Duchow  
8/23 Geoff and Bridget Valleskey  
8/26 Jill Backus and Judy Valleskey  
8/30 Dennis and Marlene Evenson

## Ushers

8/2 Lyle and Arlene Roehrig, Lori Propson  
8/9 Mark and Angie Ulness Family  
8/16 Brian and Mary Thomsen Family  
8/23 Earl and Barb Griffin, Keith Lippert  
8/30 Austin and Stetson McCulley, Ethan Ulness

## Sound Operator

8/2 Terry Huske  
8/5  
8/9 Loren Ulness  
8/12 Kayla Hildebrandt  
8/16 Quinten Robley  
8/19 Shelia Kalies  
8/23 Jason Robley  
8/26 Kai Meyer  
8/30 Lyle Roehrig

## Video Operator

8/2 Eric Thomsen  
8/5 Kelly Meyer  
8/9 Jake Kaderabek  
8/12 Kayla Hildebrandt  
8/16 Quinten Robley  
8/19 Shelia Kalies  
8/23 Jason Robley  
8/26 Kai Meyer  
8/30 Mike Lenzner



# A Message from Bishop Eaton



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

June 22, 2020

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

—Romans 1:16

Dear friends in Christ,

As we enter a new decade, I invite this church to consider what it might mean to thrive. Think about your congregation, your synod, the entire Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). What does thriving look like? What has God provided for us to spread the gospel and deepen faith for all people? How do we renew and strengthen evangelism?

This year is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's treatise *The Freedom of a Christian*. I'm inviting members of our church to study and reflect on it. One way to think about what it means to be a thriving church is by reflecting on God's liberation of the world in Jesus Christ.

While you are together at your synod assemblies, take time to hear and share stories of who you have seen Jesus to be. I pray that this time might be an opportunity for us to listen to one another and develop a deeper understanding of who we are as a Lutheran church and of our Lutheran witness of the Christian faith as it relates to God's narrative of freedom in Christ.

In 2020, the ELCA observes the 50th anniversary of women's ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament. We also celebrate 40 years of women of color being ordained and the 10th anniversary of the church's decision to remove barriers to ordination for people in same-gender marriages.

This church has been blessed and has thrived by the gifts of ministry of those called to serve as pastors and deacons. Through all that we do, this church is committed to equipping new leaders for evangelism and empowering congregations and communities of worship for deepening faith, hope and openness to change. Together, we will create a vision for the ELCA that we are becoming, a thriving church spreading the gospel and deepening faith for all people.

Thank you for your faithful partnership and witness to the gospel. May God bless your time together as you gather and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

With hope,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# Warm Biscuits



There is a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.

The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour". The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, dear friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it. AMEN.

## Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—June 15, 2020

### *\*Housekeeping Items\**

**Jazzercise and Covid-19 plan.** We were provided with a formal plan for restarting the use of our facility following isolation during Covid-19; some of the provisions include maintaining individual 6' squares for dancers, being masked appropriately, use of one's own water bottle, towel, and required hand sanitizer; instructors will sanitize used spaces (all touch points, etc.) before and after classes.

**Thank you to Cindy Pederson.** Cindy had been taking care of organization for confirmation classes for years; Judy will get a card to thank her for her years of service.

**Vice President elect position.** Important to have a person in this position; Bill would be willing to make personal contact with the list of people we draw up. A couple names were put forth during our meeting, inform Bill of any others we might think of.

**Blood Drive.** We were contacted by Red Cross—due to the virus they desperately need places to use for drives and people to give blood. They are aware of and will use Covid-19 precautions, so Bill and Pastor Jim discussed and okayed it. They will set up in fellowship hall, July 13 from 2-6 p.m.

### *\*OLD BUSINESS\**

Clarification of which functions (among non-weather-related events) should require Faith Lutheran Council to approve in order that they be cancelled vs. Committee events within functions that could be cancelled without need for Council approval ||i.e. elimination of Youth & Family Ministry; vs. cancellation of one of their trips to go to the park. Functions that would require Council approval: Worship Service, Sunday school, Confirmation classes, Pantry, VBS. **Motion made and carried to require Council Approval before cancellation of these listed five functions.**

### *\*NEW BUSINESS\**

**CARES Act- Loan Grant Update (Don Domrath):** Government funding to maintain salaried staff; originally 75% had to be used within 8 weeks. Requirements have been reduced to 60% to be used to maintain salaried staff, and time is extended to within 24 weeks. So, being fully within those qualifications, none of what we had received had to be returned. Don was not yet sure about the \$7000 (disaster relief grant) but Stephanie mentioned it would not be problematic if that one did requirement repayment.

**Ad in Valders Journal regarding worship startup:** Since the community has been aware that we have been closed for a time, we discussed putting an ad in the Valders Journal so people will know we will again be starting in-house worship.

**Motion made and carried.**

### *\*Council Representative Reports\**

**Stewardship** – They are working on what to do for a stewardship drive in the fall, which will probably be challenging this year. It is thought that it should be a more personal drive this year with many people being somewhat uncomfortable in coming into the building.

**Evangelism** – The addition to the Mission Statement wall art, will be in color. Size will be 2 feet, hopefully up by the time in-house worship starts.

**Property** – Lawn fertilizing coming up. There is a problem with water coming out of an electrical box- not good and needs to be fixed.

**Christian Education** – Time for Sunday School 2020 will be coming up. They are recommending that we follow what Valders District school does; confirmation classes to follow same plan as Sunday School. Fall confirmation is set for Reformation Sunday (last Sunday in October). Since it is now a 3-yr program (includes the 9<sup>th</sup> grade) there will not be any confirmation this spring, but will catch up after that. Pastor Jim will be taking over organizing confirmation classes from Cindy Pederson.

**Youth and Family Ministry** – They have launched the Flat Pastor program. Planning is beginning for the NYG.

**Call Committee** – Ron Jones saw an article that mentioned a person he thought interesting for us down the road. Contacting the person would first involve a reevaluation and change to our requirements needed for the position, and a Council decision.

**Adjourn**—Having completed all business, a motion was made and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:08 pm.

Next meeting on July 20, 2020 at 6:30. Devotions by Bill Riesterer.

Judy Harris,  
Secretary

# Celebrating Your Birthday!

## AUGUST

2. Cathleen Luckow  
Matthew Berge  
Caleb Boll
3. Donald Sebo
4. Stephanie Mittnacht
5. Myrna Lippert  
Aubrey Hill
6. Arlene Roehrig  
Tammy Meyer  
Taylor Zucchi
7. Thomas Madson  
Scott Zucchi  
Mary Reichardt
8. Guy Valleskey
9. Mark Ulness  
Hunter Griffin
10. Cheryl Domrath  
Kylee Tuschel  
Jordan Torrison  
Matthew Brill  
Kylee Griffin  
Edyn Peterson
11. Gloria Giese  
James Jandrey  
Courtney Platten  
Janice Pingel
12. Talon Meyer
13. Jeffrey Wittmus  
Julie Hartman  
Levi Wenzel
14. Tara Rutherford  
Hunter Popp
15. Lauren Pritzl  
Bridget Valleskey
16. Julie Endries  
Bailey Koehler
17. Steven Tracy
19. Abigail Brill  
Kari Schisel  
Carter Kuentler
20. Brian Thomsen  
Greg Evenson

21. James Giese  
Lilliona Loucks
22. Caroline Alfson  
Carol Zutz  
Nicole Zucchi  
Gary Exner  
Alan Gilbertson
23. Daniel Pederson
24. Sage Peterson
25. Ronald Torrison  
Jill Backus
27. Craig Klessig
28. Lorraine Reindl  
Samantha Duchow  
Isabel Gordon
29. Ronald Jones  
Matthew Jones
31. Emily Menza  
Daniel Griepentrog

## SEPTEMBER

1. Ann Jeske
2. Karen Voss  
Jeanette Schuessler
3. Gary Heeler
4. Chad Junk
5. Cynthia Kwasny  
Caleb Madson
6. Kenneth Popp  
Ethan Halverson
7. Mitchell Kaderabek  
Julian Pope
8. Earl Griffin
9. Lee W. Evenson  
Terry Huske  
Larry Burzynski  
Kamali Williams  
Zachary Lenzner
10. Autumn Robley



# AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:00-9:00 Jazzercise
2 8:00 Board of Christian Ed 9:00 Worship	3 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship 6:00 Board of Lay Ministry	4 6:00 Board of Evangelism	5 6:15 Worship	6 8:00 Quilting  5:00-7:00 Jazzercise	7	8 8:00-9:00 Jazzercise 9:00 2nd Sat. Bible Study
9 9:00 Worship	10 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship	11	12 6:15 Worship	13 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting  5:00-7:00 Jazzercise	14	15 8:00-9:00 Jazzercise 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry Newsletter info due
16 9:00 Worship	17 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship 6:30 Council	18 9:00 Senior Christians at the Fork 'N Knife	19 6:15 Worship	20 8:00 Quilting  5:00-7:00 Jazzercise	21	22 8:00-9:00 Jazzercise
23 9:00 Worship	24 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship	25	26 6:15 Worship	27 8:00 Quilting  5:00-7:00 Jazzercise	28	29 8:00-9:00 Jazzercise
30 9:00 Worship	31 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship				 <p><i>The Lord your God is with you. He is mighty to save. He will rejoice over you with singing and quiet you with his love.</i></p> <p>Zephaniah 3:17</p>	



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