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I Gotta Love Who?

"I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:44, 45).

I imagine the disciples found this call to love your enemies as challenging. It is not our normal reaction to people who hurt or hate us. Our country and state politics are deeply divided. The tendency is to see the other side as political enemies. Sometimes churches get divided like that too, or even families. Can we love and pray for people with whom we have very real differences that pit us against one another? Jesus teaches us to love *all*.

David Livermore, an expert on cultural differences shares this story, "The other day I was working out at the gym and I overheard a guy say to his buddy, "So tomorrow I have to go to diversity training ... " "That's right up there with getting a root canal!" to which his friend responded, "I don't mind diverse people as long as they agree with me!" That's the real divide: views, values, and beliefs.

One of the growing challenges of being church together is the budding diversity of congregations. Even twenty to thirty years ago, such widespread diversity did not typically factor into being the church together. National politics has become a dividing wall that separates. How do we respond to these differences? There are more polarizing issues and politicians today. Can we talk politics and religion, or is that just causing division? Can we disagree without being disagreeable? Can we truly love one another regardless of our different views, values, and beliefs? Of course we can, and Jesus commands it. We just need to express ourselves with respect for the other. And we need to be accepting of our differences.

We can model what it looks like to love others even when we disagree. Remember, they are human beings made in God's image also. Maybe the key is seeing each person as someone God deeply loves (loved enough to send his Son to die on the cross for). For us as Christians, that is the most important view, value, and belief. It means we need to love them even if they don't love us. Jesus did. That is what it means to be children of our Father in heaven.

Serving Christ better together,
Pastor Jim Wilson





In the *Life* of FAITH

Senior Christians will meet Tuesday,
August 17 at 9:00 am at the Lighthouse Inn
in Two Rivers.

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")

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.



Join us for an outdoor worship experience on Sunday, August 1, at 9:00 AM. Faith's Praise Band will lead the service in music and Holy Communion will be offered. Weather permitting, the service will take place in the church's upper level parking lot. Seating will be available, but if possible, bring a lawn chair. We hope to see you there!

Back to SUNDAY School is coming up soon! As you are shopping in stores over the next few weeks, please consider buying packs of markers for our Sunday School students to use at Faith Lutheran. Crayola markers should be on sale at this time of the year and we are looking to replenish our supply. If you are able to donate, please put boxes of new Crayola markers in the basket outside the Sunday School office (next to the church office.) Thanks in advance for your help from the Board of Christian Education!





Sunday School Update

This year Sunday School will look a bit different to the adults at Faith Lutheran - but the kids will recognize a familiar format! Sunday School will be a similar format to Vacation Bible School starting in September! Each week from 10:00-11:00 a.m. we will spend time reading from the Bible, playing games, making crafts, singing songs and watching videos to connect Jesus to our lives today.

Our Sunday School theme this year will be "The Life of Jesus." Each week, kids will walk in Jesus' footsteps from his birth to his resurrection and ascension. Kids won't just learn about the historical Jesus - they will get to know him personally. They'll discover that Jesus is a real person - a real friend - who makes a difference in their lives today.

**We are looking for our adult members to guide our kids
on this exciting Sunday School journey!**

- Sign up to lead the kids in areas YOU are comfortable - sharing a Bible story, leading a craft, singing a song or playing a game. Each week, 3-4 adult leaders will teach one of these elements to 3 different groups that rotate through a station.
- No major commitment required! Sign up on the calendar outside the Youth Office or online (via a link to a Google Sheet) for the Sunday/s that work for YOUR schedule. You may sign up for as many or as few Sundays that you are available.
- All lesson plan ideas will be provided. You can pick up the lesson plan anytime so you can look it over and be ready for Sunday School.

We hope to have many adults (and kids!) be part of Sunday School. Invite your friends! If you have questions, contact: Chloe Cigler 920-860-6864, Stefanie Kaderabek 920-901-4878 Anderia Frank 920-973-4658.



**Yee Haw! Yer Invited! Y'all are welcome to mark your calendars
for a Cowboy Kick-Off to Sunday School!**

Rally Sunday - September 19, 2021

Round'em Up for Jesus!

Parents and their buckaroos, as well as the Members of Faith Lutheran should walk, trot and run to join us for this western-themed kick off.

Stay tuned for details!



Finances

Income - June 2021

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 32,676.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 472.00			
General Fund Income	\$ 33,148.00	\$ 25,816.83	\$ 149,711.49	\$ 154,901.04
Dedicated Income	\$ 3,570.00		\$ 17,410.16	
Total Income	\$ 36,718.00		\$ 167,121.65	

Operating Expenses - June 2021

Benevolence	\$ 2,568.97			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 11,001.96			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 12,065.82			
General Fund Expense	\$ 25,636.75	\$ 25,485.48	\$ 137,207.52	\$ 160,702.86
Dedicated Expense	\$ 3,750.00		\$ 17,313.19	
Total Expenses	\$ 29,386.75		\$ 154,520.71	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$ 12,503.97

Capital Appeal

05/31/21	LOAN BALANCE			\$25,038.27	
Payment Amount			\$1,250.00		
Additional payment			\$4,570.00		
Total JUNE Payment		\$5,737.77	Principle paid	82.23	Interest paid
06/30/21	LOAN BALANCE			\$19,300.50	

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms..... Kace Michael Goehring
..... Colt Clifford Zutz, Colt Verlin Christianson

Membership

Baptized 803
Confirmed 592
Famillies..... 110

Worship Attendance

Sunday		Wednesday
Worship— 108	Video— 67	32
Worship— 144	Video— 65	19
Worship— 49	Video— 63	49
Worship— 72	Video— 57	34

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

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

Lectors

8/1 Clarissa Ulness
8/4 Kelly Meyer
8/8 Stefanie Kaderabek
8/11 Lorin Berge
8/15 Judy Harris
8/18 Carol Ulness
8/22 Ava Ulness
8/25 Susan Christel
8/29 Jenniffer Zutz

Communion Servers

8/11 Lorin Berge
8/15 Judy Harris

Acolyte Schedule

8/1 Whitney Ulness
8/8 Peter Cigler
8/15 Tristan Teuke
8/22 Mollie Junk
8/29 Gage Spindler

Head Usher Sunday

Scott Reinertson

Greeters

8/1 Cheryl Domrath
8/4 Don and Nancy Christianson
8/8 Makenna Kaderabek and Family
8/11 Delton and Cheryl Duchow
8/15 Paul and Jill Franz
8/18 DJ Schisel
8/22 Wayne Huske
8/25 DJ Schisel
8/29 Brian and Mary Thomsen Family

Ushers

8/1 Larry Naidl and Loren Ulness
8/8 Bob Argall
8/15 Bob Wigen and Tyler Madson
8/22 Lori Propson
8/29 Mitchell Zutz

Sound Operator

8/1 (not needed)
8/8 Loren Ulness & Makenna Kaderabek
8/15 Lucas Spindler
8/22 Terry Huske
8/29 Makenna Kaderabek

Video Operator & Live Stream

8/1 (not needed)
8/8 Travis Schisel
8/15 Jake Kaderabek
8/22 Carter Lenzner
8/29 Eric Thomsen

Projection

8/1 (not needed)
8/4 Libby Olson
8/8 Timber Schuler
8/11 Libby Olson
8/15 Makenna Kaderabek
8/18 Libby Olson
8/22 Terry Huske
8/25 Kayla Hildebrandt
8/29 Stefanie Kaderabek

IT WAS A FUN WEEK AT VBS!



More VBS pictures can be found on our facebook page. Thank you to everyone who contributed to The Healing Identity Foundation service project (wigs for cancer patients). \$892.43 was raised for the foundation!



ALL ABOARD THE ROCKY RAILWAY AT VBS!



We enjoyed the sweet singing of this group while waiting to get our afternoon started, in the halls, in the sanctuary and even on the bus coming home from our field trip.



Faith Lutheran Church Minutes— June 21, 2021

Housekeeping Item: Lori Krueger. She is not a member of our church but has been a very active member of the community and volunteer fire department, etc. She has recently had medical issues running into tremendous medical bills. This was brought before the Council -is it possible to give her any help? A discussion followed; there are some concerns of setting a precedent, especially since she is not church member, so it doesn't fall under expanded ministry. It was decided to forward the information to John (head of Endowment).

OLD BUSINESS: EID Grant, All money from this grant is spoken for and has been paid out.

NEW BUSINESS: Continuation following the end of Pastor Jim's contract. At some point; we'll need to consider this. He turns 70 next May; would like to cut back farther. We need to know something by November for Stephanie to do the budget. We will need to draw up an exit strategy even though he will not be abandoning us. First step is to find out how flexible will the synod be? Would synod allow going to 25%? He would be willing to mentor Kelly if possible. He will be talking to bishop within next month to month-and-a half. There should be a meeting with the Personnel Committee by October or November, as his birthday is May 15th. We will have to be thinking about what happens with next year's contract? Synod Letter: A letter received from the synod was brought up for thought. The letter had said to save the date; they are looking for 50 congregations for an Initiative. It is to help congregations to come up with new ideas, new plans with a committee of 5 people. This is a 2-year initiative. If we can do this it might be a good thing to help us at this point. They need a rostered leadership drawn up.

Stewardship – *Stephanie Mitnacht*: Looking only at sheet numbers, they can appear kind of funky because of paid out of grant money. That's the reason. Our loan will come due in February. Since we still have over \$100,000 in the checkbook, if we keep paying it down monthly, and the balance is low enough, we'll probably just pay it off. Will look at it again later in the year. Stewardship drive; will be more an inspirational than "desperational".

Lay Ministry – *Joyce Sorenson*: We went thru proper channels but still have that one piano left, and, due to some concerns that have been expressed, we will keep that one. It will be put in the music room; so old electronic piano is still with praise band. Praise band is nearing readiness to return.

Fellowship – *Cheryl Domrath*: They are again serving each week. A suggestion was made to make it part of youth service; one adult, 2 kids.

Property – *Lyle Roehrig*: Our church had inspection from insurance; 1 item was brought up to make to have discussed, brought back to the insurance company as Lyle needs to report result. We need to review our current volunteer and employee program for working with youth to make sure all is up-to-date with relevant policies and procedures, and classes concerning appropriate behavior, & background checks, etc. Cleaning our Welcome Sign; had to take sign off to replace; should we change what it says? Now says "All are Welcome". If you think of something talk to Lyle.

Christian Education – *Anderia Frank*: VBS is a grand success with over 80 kids attending.

Adjourn: Having completed all business, a motion was made and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting on July 19, 2021 at 6:30. Devotions by Lyle Roehrig.

Judy Harris,

Secretary

Dear Members of the Faith Community,

I am writing on behalf of the Faith Lutheran Cemetery Association asking for your help to fund projects. We are hoping to make improvements on our cemeteries such as taking down dead trees, spraying for dandelions and fertilizing at the same time at West and Gjerpen. Our Saviors is done every year thanks to the generosity of George Torrison. We also need to spray Gjerpen for an invasive weed this fall that has taken over a large portion of the cemetery. Other projects are to fill in areas of the cemeteries with top soil that are very rutted or have sunk, to roll all the cemeteries in spring to try and smooth them and stone straightening and bonding headstones together.

This year we purchased a lawn mower with a better suspension because of lawn cutters at Gjerpen having back issues. The purchase price was \$6,500.00.

We are asking for your help by donating to our association or by purchasing grave sites. You may contact me with any questions at 920-242-2785.

Loren Ulness,

Faith Lutheran Cemetery Association

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
Hunter Spindler
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



Happy Birthday!

August



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Holy Communion 9:00 Outdoor Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	2 5:00 Board of Lay Ministry 6:00 Jazzercise and Televised Worship	3	4 6:15 Worship	5 8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise	6	7
8 8:00 Boards of Christian Ed and Youth 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	9 6:00 Jazzercise and Televised Worship	10	11 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship Holy Communion	12 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 6:00 Jazzercise	13	14
15 Holy Communion 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour Newsletter info due	16 6:00 Jazzercise and Televised Worship 6:30 Council	17 9:00 Senior Christians at The Lighthouse Inn	18 6:15 Worship	19 8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise	20	21 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry
22 9:00 Outdoor Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	23 6:00 Jazzercise and Televised Worship	24	25 6:15 Worship	26 8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise	27 "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." JOHN 13:35. ESV	28
29 9:00 Outdoor Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	30 6:00 Jazzercise and Televised Worship	31				

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Chase Wilker

Thank you to Faith Lutheran Church of Valders for donating the money for our new sound system at Imago Dei Village. It is really the cherry on top for finishing the lodge remodel. Last project is finishing up the floors!!