



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faith Matters

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WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS— 9:00 A.M.
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Pastor’s Life Lately

Oh man! As I write this, we have a contract on our house. Now if the appraisal goes right and the bank approves the buyers loan, and the bank doesn’t go bankrupt from investing in Bitcoin, and none of that other stuff you can’t see coming happens, -then we will sell our house. Then my wonderful wife will be able to move to America’s Dairyland. She has had to stay behind to show the house and keep the pool from turning green, to keep the dogs and vacuum up all the hair from the dogs.

I knew someone in a similar situation. Her husband stayed behind for months and months. None of us had ever seen him. We took to calling him “the alleged husband.” In a court of law, evidence for his existence was entirely hearsay. But eventually he showed up in the flesh. Sheryle will be here as soon as she can. I can hardly wait.

I have been here 7 months without my wife. That is a long time.

When I drove up here I thought the house would be sold in a couple weeks. I thought all my stuff would be shipped in a couple weeks more. And I would not even have time to miss my wife. Because I had an optimistic expectation, I packed like that. I just brought clothes. I did not bring books or any of the paraphernalia that I like. I have been without any of my stuff for a long time. This is true, but it is not the main thing.

The main thing is being without my wife. I miss her, but discovered new ways to miss her. Living alone, I just have myself to please. If I do not want to do the dishes, I do not have anybody else to do them for, so they do not get done. I am not a slob. I do them. I do them because I want to do them. Everything is like that, though. Do I want to do my laundry? Do I want to cook dinner? Do I want to skip breakfast? Have a piece of toast? Or maybe go all out and make waffles?

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UBS Carnival Fun!



Lions, Tigers, Clowns, and Monkeys - oh my!



Finances

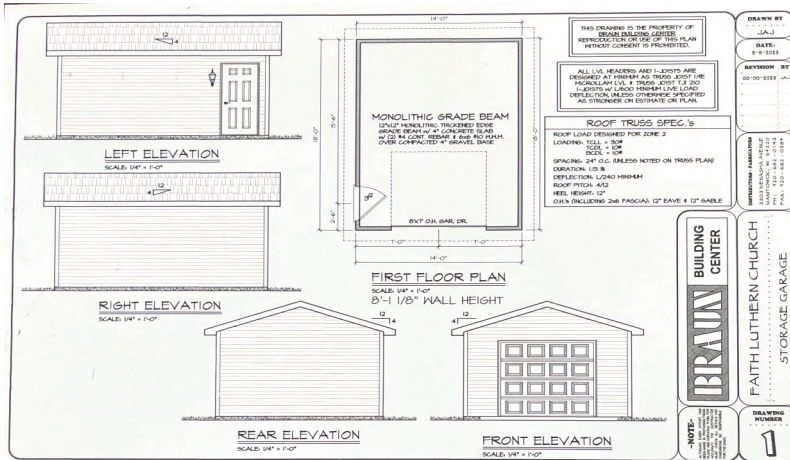
Income - May 2023

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 19,105.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 663.00			
General Fund Income	\$ 19,768.00	\$ 25,883.00	\$ 121,092.09	\$ 129,415.05
Dedicated Income	\$ 1,791.00		\$ 10,904.18	
Total Income	\$ 21,559.00		\$ 131,996.27	

Operating Expenses - May 2023

Benevolence	\$ 1,592.00			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 2,292.71			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 20,184.58			
General Fund Expense	\$ 24,069.29	\$ 27,954.66	\$ 130,807.78	\$ 139,215.70
Dedicated Expense	\$ 816.00		\$ 8,873.18	
Total Expenses	\$ 24,885.29		\$ 139,680.96	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$ (9,715.69)



VBS kids enjoying the new equipment.

Donations are still being accepted for the new storage shed. Currently donations have totaled \$1701.00 and the total approximate cost with building materials, cement and electrical is \$9,000.00. Donations can be brought to the church office or placed in the white envelope in the pews marked "Shed" and placed in the offering plate.

We are only \$400.00 away from reaching our goal of \$2,500.00 for rubber mulch under our playground equipment. Your donations will help us reach our goal!

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Membership

Baptized	812
Confirmed.....	595
Famillies.....	111

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
5/21	193	35
5/28	74	31
6/4	73	37
6/11	47	39

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

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

Lectors

7/2	Joan Pritzl
7/5	Kelly Meyer
7/9	Ron Jones
7/12	Kerry Schnell
7/16	Stacy Wilker
7/19	Deb Schreiner
7/23	Tiffany Jandrey
7/26	Carol Ulness
7/30	Ava Ulness



Communion Servers

7/2	Joan Pritzl
7/12	Kerry Schnell
7/16	Stacy Wilker

Acolyte Schedule

7/2	Phoebe Cigler
7/9	Arianna Herrick
7/16	Logan Bratt
7/23	Liam Cline
7/30	Audrey Sorenson



Head Usher

Lee A. Evenson

Greeters

7/2	Ben and Chloe Cigler
7/5	Judy Valleskey
7/9	Ron and Jo Jones
7/12	Aric Olson
7/16	Paul and Jill Franz
7/19	Don Schreiner
7/23	Ellen Polifka
7/26	Tom and Kathy Muench
7/30	John Robley

Ushers

7/2	Steve Ahrens and Mark Ulness
7/9	Wayne Huske and Loren Ulness
7/16	Earl and Barb Griffin
7/23	Keith Lippert and Tyler Madson
7/30	Brian and Mary Thomsen

Sound Operator

7/2	Loren Ulness
7/5	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/9	Terry Huske
7/12	Kerry Schnell
7/16	Makenna Kaderabek
7/19	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/23	Erin Lenzner
7/26	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/30	Bill Riesterer

Video Operator/Live Stream

7/2	Bill Riesterer
7/5	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/9	Jake Kaderabek
7/12	Sue Christel
7/16	Eric Thomsen
7/19	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/23	Travis Schisel
7/26	John Schnell
7/30	Mike Lenzner



Projection

7/2	Ethan Ulness
7/5	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/9	Terry Huske
7/12	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/16	Stefanie Kaderabek
7/19	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/23	Kolten Schisel
7/26	Kerry Schnell
7/30	Bill Riesterer

Pastor's Message continued

I find that it is difficult to maintain mental focus without the normative presence of my spouse. She does not try to be a "normative presence" nor do I. That is just how relationships work. If I wanted to go all out and make waffles, I would do that in relation to her. Maybe she would suggest going out to the restaurant that makes good waffles. Maybe she would pitch in and go all out with me making waffles at home. Maybe she would stand back and let me go at it. She would probably be wise to remind me how the waffle iron works.

I am starting to feel a little stretched. Like too little butter spread over too much toast. Somewhat dried up. As difficult as it has been for me, I feel like it is worse for Sheryle. At first the only living thing at my apartment "that cared if I lived or died" to greet me when I came home, was my Christmas Poinsettia plant. I took good care of it. It is still thriving and blooming. At Easter I went to Florida and brought back one of our dogs. Now that dog does a happy dance whenever I come home. And recently I flew home and got the cat. She dances no happy dance, but she comes and looks at me disapprovingly as I pet the dog. That is a lot for a cat.

And of course I have had all of you. You make a big difference in my life. I should not be able to be lonely in a congregation of 800 Baptized members. Sheryle has been living in a house that gets emptier and emptier as she packs up the last of it. She has taken on a lonely duty. She is looking forward to coming up and getting to know you all, to the adventure of making friends. We are both tired of this separation.

Sheryle and I are both, like most clergy, introverts who have learned how to act like extroverts. Introverts are pretty good at the solitary life. If I had to live shipwrecked alone on an island, I feel like I could do it for a while, but it would be best to be rescued within a couple of months. Or if I lived alone on a lighthouse, again relieve me in a month or two. I would be fine. But let me live with my darling wife in that lighthouse. Come see us in a year or two and you will find me perfectly happy.

I write this while the papers are still to be signed. Please add me and mine to your prayers. Sheryle and I thank you for your support in this difficult time. — Pastor Dan

*Senior Appreciation
Service and Luncheon*

Wednesday, September 6

More details to follow...



Sunday, July 23 at 9:00 a.m.

"Redeemed Quartet" a subgroup of Pine Haven's Men's Chorus will be with us during worship.

A free will offering will be taken for the group.

Join Us!



Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, July 18 at 9:00 a.m. at 7 Angels in Chilton.

Faith's Pantry

Pantry Needs



Items needed before July 15:

Ketchup, assorted crackers, assorted snack/candy items, canned and boxed meals, peaches, pancake mixes/syrup, peanut butter/jelly/jam, tuna (regular flavor only), noodles/spaghetti/sauce, boxed mashed potatoes, au gratin potatoes, tomato products (stewed, diced, etc.), stove top stuffing, paper towel/Kleenex/toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant for men and women,

dental care items, cereal (regular size boxes please), pop tarts, granola bars/breakfast bars, cake/brownie/frosting/dessert mixes, powder/ brown and white sugar, applesauce, cookies, cleaning items, Tide laundry soap, bar soap, bottled water, instant coffee (unflavored), gluten free foods, pizza kits, taco kits, brown beans. Anything is needed that isn't mentioned above EXCEPT SOUP, GREEN BEANS, CORN, JELLO/PUDDING.

If you can help us that would be great! The shelves are almost empty—so desperate help is needed! We are serving between 8-10 families who are in need of extra help. Cheese, any frozen meats are also needed if you can help! Thank you very much and all you do for the pantry is very much appreciated!

— Sandy Halverson

Dear Mixed Choir,

The Board of Lay Ministry would like to thank you so much for sharing your talents by enhancing our service on Easter Sunday with the beautiful sound of voices resounding in our sanctuary.

Your dedication does not go unnoticed. You unselfishly give many hours of practice to make our services special throughout the year.

Thanks for being an important part of our worship service. God's Blessing to you all!

Music is an outburst of the soul

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—May 15, 2023

Guest's Topic of Discussion: Don Johnson – Stained-glass window (instead of black cloth) in sanctuary in memory of Delores. Don received a quote from Naomi of Abler Art Glass and Studio in Kiel. Abler requires a \$1,200 deposit before Naomi will create a design & \$9,000 before she will start the work. There would be no cost to the church unless issues are found with the glass in the existing window such as water leaking in between panes. The stained-glass window would be created as 4 pieces of glass in a frame and the stained-glass window will be installed in front of the existing window. The method of construction of the window will prevent issues with the screen. Don Johnson will arrange to have a window and glass expert inspect the current window to determine if there are any issues that need repair prior to installation of the stained-glass window. A motion was made and carried to accept the offer from Don Johnson to donate a stained-glass window in memory of Delores Johnson and have it installed in front of the window in the sanctuary. A small committee will be formed to review the design before work begins on the stained-glass window.

Old Business: Allan Gilbertson has volunteered to fill the open delegate position for the Synod Assembly May 20th at First English Lutheran Church in Appleton. Installation of play set was completed, and Erin will send a thank you to the Onkka Family with a picture of the play set.

New Business: Erin researched material for under the playground. She brought 2 options of wood chips and mentioned the safest, longest lasting version is rubber chips which would cost about \$3,000. It was suggested to have a fund drive for rubber chips or rubber mat for under the playground. There was discussion of putting a list together of updates/maintenance needed or desired that Faith would accept donations towards. Items mentioned were updates to downstairs bathrooms, resealing the parking lots, new flooring or other updates in the Fellowship Hall. Combination of Board of Youth and Family and Christian Education into one board. Typically, the same people are involved, and it is hard to get enough people to serve on both boards. The difference between the two is that Education deals more with Sunday School & VBS and Youth & Family deals more with special activities for youth. However, both boards work with youth. Erin will prepare a resolution to make this change to our Bylaws for a vote at the June meeting.

Stewardship – Stephanie Mittnacht: Discussion on how to show the money transferred from the \$10,000 reserved fund for the Youth & Family Coordinator's salary. Suggestion was to put in dedicated income, perhaps as in & out funds. A potential table of contents for financial policies was handed out. Joan was asked to put together financial policies for Faith and this table of contents is a place to start. The need for additional financial policies came about when there was a need to determine who should sign bank documents when Faith took out a CD recently. Stephanie reported Bank First is issuing 7-month CDs for 4.75% interest with a minimum of \$5,000 invested. She asked if we should put more money in this type of CD. A motion was made and carried to invest \$10,000 in a 7-month CD with Bank First.

Evangelism – Julie Hartman: Hands on Mission – do we want to continue? If continued, there is a need to revitalize and determine which missions we want to support. Current fund balance is \$785.74. Don suggested planning mission trips. New members – corsages/boutonnieres for recent new members were more costly than expected & Julie asked if they should continue with corsages/boutonnieres or if there were other ideas to recognize them. Also discussed were best ways to help new members get acquainted and involved. One suggestion was to have members acting as mentors reach out to them, sit with them during church, etc. New picture directory is needed and methods of creating one were discussed. Should it be a hard copy or online?

Lay Ministry – Joyce Sorenson: Baccalaureate service will be held at Faith. There is a need for summer special music. Anyone interested in providing special music this summer should talk to Joyce or anyone from Lay Ministry.

Property – Mark Zutz: Braun Building Center provided a plan (blueprint) for the shed & will defer the cost of creating the plan if materials are purchased from them. Supply cost estimated at \$6,000, cement estimate was around \$2,000. The labor to construct the shed would be donated by members of Faith. A motion was made and carried to go ahead with plans to build the shed as planned by the Board of Properties. A request for funding donations will be made that will include pictures of the plan. A bench with "In Memory of Pastor Robert Onkka" will be purchased with undesignated memorial funds.

Christian Education – Larry and Bridget: 7 confirmands have completed all requirements and are ready to be confirmed. A motion was made and carried to accept Peter Cigler, Dominic Hernandez, Makenna Kaderabek, DJ Schisel, Addison Spindler, Whitney Ulness, and Carter Valleskey for confirmation.

Youth and Family Ministry – Gretchen Spindler – reported by Erin: 80 people for Easter Breakfast – good amount of help for set-up but could have used more help with serving. Brewer game May 27th with 26 people signed up to go.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next Meeting is June 19, 2023. Recorded by Joan Pritzl.

Celebrating Your Birthday!

JULY

1. Tiffany Jandrey
2. Gloria Smith
3. Ruth Torrison
Mary Thomsen
Emily Schwoerer
4. Rand Harris
Gloria Scharenbroch
Rylee Endries
5. Barbara Griffin
Jeffrey Ahrens
Anders Sorenson
Lauren Halverson
6. Mark McCulley
Makenzie Simon
7. Mark Zutz
Dorene Schneider
Ashley Reinertson
McKenzie Ott
8. Sharon Naidl
Lee A. Evenson
Tammy Karstaedt
Michelle Schwoerer
10. Taylor Wittmus
Katherine Thomsen
11. Walter Stenzel
Dean Behnke
Nathan Wenzel
12. Dianne Hougen
Donald Schreiner
Robert Pinkerton
13. Keith Lippert
Judy Rusch
14. Joy Madson
Lori Propson
Chloe Cigler
15. Paul Franz
Tommy Spindler
16. Theresa Haupt
Westen Schisel
17. Bree Wenzel
Addyson Johnson
18. Jesse Duchow
Mike Shimek
William Riesterer
19. Ava Ulness
Joshua Duchow
Paden Hougen
20. Eric Nelson
Jared Zutz
Isaac Petska
Tyler Miller

AUGUST

21. Ariana Herrick
22. Susan Christel
24. Richard Lodel
Mardell Tienor
25. Ben Stalvey
26. Macy McDonald
27. Brian Ulness
Cheyenne Saunders
Trevor Wittmus
Luke Evenson
Michelle Koehler
Alyse Fuller
28. Tyler Madson
Samantha Hammel
29. James Schuh
30. Dane Ott
31. Rolyn Jorgenson
Nancy Christianson
Kerry Schnell
Brynlee Meidl
2. Cathleen Luckow
Matthew Berge
Caleb Boll
3. Donald Sebo
Maelyn Miller
4. Stephanie Mittnacht
Callie Wenzel
5. Myrna Lippert
Aubrey Hill
Hadley Beckman
6. Tammy Meyer
Taylor Zucchi
7. Thomas Madson
Scott Zucchi
Mary Reichardt
8. Guy Valleskey
Hunter Spindler
9. Mark Ulness
Hunter Griffin
10. Kylee Tuschel
Cheryl Domrath
Matthew Brill
Kylee Griffin
Edyn Peterson





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour	3 5:30 Jazzercise	4 Office Closed 	5 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:00 Boards of Christian Ed. and Youth Ministry	6 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	7	8 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
9 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	10 5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Boards of Evangelism and Lay Ministry	11	12 9:00 Jazzercise 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship	13 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 5:30 Jazzercise	14	15 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry Newsletter info due
16 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour	17 5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Council	18 9:00 Senior Christians at 7 Angels	19 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship	20 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	21	22
23 9:00 Worship with Redeemed Quartet 10:00 Fellowship Hour	24 5:30 Jazzercise	25	26 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship	27 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	28	29
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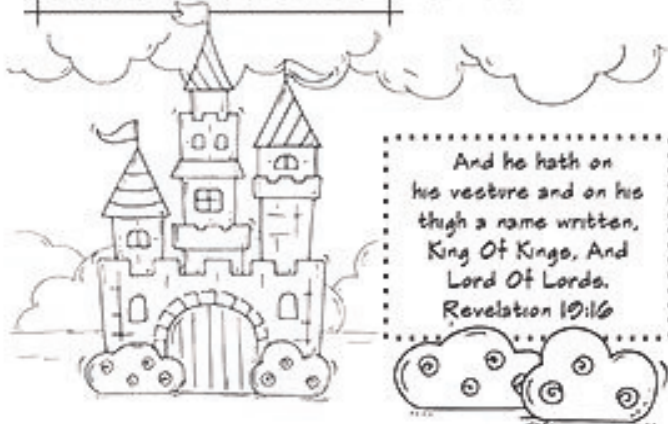
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FIND THE WORDS!

- LOVE
- OBEY
- GREATER
- JESUS
- SON OF GOD
- FATHER
- FRIENDS
- COMMAND
- KING



And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords. Revelation 19:16



Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105