



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## Faith Matters

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### WORSHIP TIMES

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

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### What a Year!

**It has been a challenging spring** due to the COVID 19 crisis. Many of us have not seen each other. The church family that we cherish is separated. But we are united, one in Christ and able to worship through on-line services.

**We are excited to be reopening worship** in the sanctuary starting Sunday, June 28 and Wednesday, July 1. You should have gotten a letter explaining how we will do it. Your safety is important to us.

**Home is church too.** We can listen to the beauty of God's Word (the Bible) in a devotional time. God's Word can help us appreciate the world around us and help us grow deeper in who we are and how we live this life God has given us.

### This Summer:

- **Thank God for the wonder of life.** We gather as God's children to give thanks for the goodness of God and the beauty of his creation whether together in the sanctuary or on-line or the TV. This helps open our eyes and ears to the gift of life and the goodness of God.
- **Take time to listen to God's Word in daily life.** It is in the quiet times that we can listen to God's Word in scripture. Grab a cup of coffee in the morning and read a devotional or work your way through a book in the Bible. The Holy Spirit can speak to us in these moments.
- **Slow down and smell the roses.** Summer is a great time to appreciate the beauty of God's creation. People are such an important part of that creation. Connect with family and friends, if not in person, give them a call. Go for a walk. As you walk you can also pray. Start by thanking God for blessings.

**Finally, pray for our nation.** First there was the challenges of COVID 19. People were saying, "We're in this together." In many ways people did pull together to help support health care workers and other essential personnel. Schools found ways to teach and support their students. Great stories were told.

**Then came the tragic death of George Floyd.** So much of the "We're in this together" was silenced. God cries when anyone is treated unjustly. Pray for our nation. Pray that justice be done. But also pray for the healing of our nation. God can change hearts. We need to love one another as Christ has loved us, laying down his very life. As we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, pray for our nation.

Serving Christ better together, Pastor Jim

# In the Life of FAITH



Senior Christians will meet July 21 at 9:00 am at Riverview Restaurant in Kiel.



Where has Flat Pastor Jim taken you? Email your Flat Pastor Jim picture to the church office at [faith21@tds.net](mailto:faith21@tds.net) or post it on our face book page. Here are a couple of places he has been.



God  
created  
this snake.

Enjoying the beautiful alliums that withstood the winds last night and this morning. God is good!



God created our pets Shadows and Three Musketeers.



# CELEBRATE



Congratulations to our 2020 High School graduates:

Desirae Behnke  
Caroline Berge  
Kolten Johnson  
Quinten Robley  
Tannor Wittmus

May God continue to watch over and guide you throughout your life. Best wishes for the future!



Look for the sun in the Gathering Space starting Sunday, June 28. It is sure to brighten our area!

## Prayer For Our Nation

God of Justice and Truth,  
we ask your blessing on our nation.  
Thank you for the freedoms we enjoy,  
especially those we take for granted.  
Thank you for the diversity of our people  
and enlarge our capacity for tolerance  
and mutual respect.  
As we celebrate our independence as a  
sovereign nation, may we also  
celebrate our interdependence.  
Make us mindful of the blessings of our  
rich and abundant land.  
May your gracious Spirit inspire us to  
work together to meet the challenges  
of our times.  
With all hope, faith, and trust in you,  
we pray.  
Amen.

All flags have meaning, here is the meaning behind the United States flag:

**STARS:** The star is a symbol of the heaven and the goals to which men can reach.

**RED:** Hardiness, Valor, Bloodshed

**BLUE:** Vigilance, Justice, Perseverance

**WHITE:** Purity and Innocence

**STRIPES:** The stripe is a symbol of the light coming.



# Finances

## Income - May 2020

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 20,632.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 55.00			
<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 20,687.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,983.50</b>	<b>\$ 128,653.65</b>	<b>\$ 124,917.50</b>
Dedicated Income	\$ 450.00		\$ 4,186.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 21,137.00</b>		<b>\$ 132,839.65</b>	

## Operating Expenses - May 2020

Benevolence	\$ 1,396.37			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 5,516.30			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 11,817.11			
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$ 18,729.78</b>	<b>\$ 23,976.54</b>	<b>\$ 123,900.43</b>	<b>\$ 119,882.70</b>
Dedicated Expense	\$ 450.00		\$ 4,107.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 19,179.78</b>		<b>\$ 128,007.43</b>	

**Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$4,753.22**

## Capital Appeal

04/30/2020	BANK FIRST NATIONAL LOAN BALANCE			\$104,632.26	
Payment Amount			\$ 1,000.00		
Additional payment for May			\$ 1,330.00		
Total MAY Payment		1991.07	Principle paid	338.93	Interest paid
5/31/2020	BANK FIRST NATIONAL LOAN BALANCE			\$102,641.19	

# Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

## Membership

Baptized .....	798
Confirmed .....	598
Famillies.....	114

## Altar Guild Servers

### Communion:

July ..... **Marlene Evenson**, *Chair (Committee #1)*

August.....**Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*

## Lectors

7/1	Matt Berge
7/5	Stefanie Kaderabek
7/8	Kerry Schnell
7/12	Chloe Cigler
7/15	Susan Christel
7/19	Joan Pritzl
7/22	Carol Ulness
7/26	Jenniffer Zutz
7/29	Rhys Wilker



## Sound Operator

7/1	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/5	Bill Riesterer
7/8	Kelly Meyer
7/12	Lyle Roehrig
7/15	Jackie Shimek
7/19	Jason Robley
7/22	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/26	Erin Lenzner
7/29	Kai Meyer

## Video Operator

7/1	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/5	Bill Riesterer
7/8	Kelly Meyer
7/12	Quinten Robley
7/15	Shelia Kalies
7/19	Jason Robley
7/22	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/26	Mike Lenzner
7/29	Kai Meyer

## Acolyte Schedule

7/5	Makenna Kaderabek
7/12	Peter Cigler
7/19	DJ Schisel
7/26	Carter Valleskey



## Head Usher Schedule- Sunday

Lee A. Evenson

## Greeters

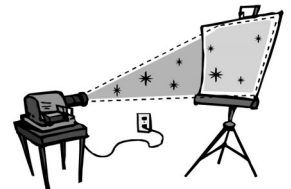
7/1	Judy Valleskey and Terry Haupt
7/5	Stefanie Kaderaek and Mardell Tienor
7/8	Kerry Schnell
7/12	Bob and Julie Wigen
7/15	Susan Christel and Kayla Hildebrandt
7/19	Richard and Linda Menza
7/22	Kelly and Kiara Krogh
7/26	Keith and Audrey Lippert
7/29	Greg and Stacy Wilker Family

## Ushers

7/1	Don and Deb Schreiner
7/5	Ron and Jo Jones, Tyler Madson
7/8	Eric and Lana Nelson
7/12	Ben and Chloe Cigler Family
7/19	Dean and Rose Behnke Family
7/26	Mark and Jenniffer Zutz Family

## Projection

7/1	Otis Berge
7/5	Jake Kaderabek
7/8	Kai Meyer
7/12	Lyle Roehrig
7/15	Maranda Simons
7/19	Libby Olson
7/22	Mary Evenson
7/26	Mitchell Zutz
7/29	Lauren O'Leary



# This is the Day

6/5/2020

11:00:00 AM



*"Out of my distress I called on the Lord" (Psalm 118:5).*

We are a nation in distress. We are a church in distress. The coronavirus has killed 103,000 of us. The virus of racism has taken hundreds of thousands more throughout our history. Now these two deadly viruses converge. Under this distress the veneer of equality has cracked and we see the pain, anger and frustration of those who have been denied the rights and dignity so many of us expect and often take for granted.

I have heard it said that slavery ended with the Civil War. Why don't people of color "just get over it." Here is the question we need to ask, "How do you get over something that isn't over?" The extrajudicial killings of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd that we have seen have laid open the wound in our country that has never been fully dealt with and has never healed. The officer's knee suffocating the life out of George Floyd "reminds us that blatant acts of intimidation, hatred, and violence continue" (*Freed in Christ* social statement, page 3).

Continued peaceful protests, vigils and demonstrations are not only legitimate but essential to move this country and this church to honest and deep self-examination. Just as the body of Christ is COVID positive, so is the body of Christ infected with racism and white supremacy. We cannot turn away from this truth. To deny it is dishonest and dangerous.

Let us stand with those peacefully protesting and acting responsibly. Looting and destruction of property does not further the cause of justice. Government has a role to uphold civil order while also a role to respect peaceful protest. There are those in law enforcement who are acting wisely, even while others have acted irresponsibly. I ask you to support the many people, including those in our church, who are working to de-escalate tensions between law enforcement, protesters and the community.

Psalm 118 continues: "I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (21-24). Christ, the cornerstone, has already broken down the wall that divides us. The time is now. This is the day.

In Christ,

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



# JOIN THE \$50,000 CHALLENGE



**CROSSWAYS**  
CAMPING MINISTRIES

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Christ the King congregation in Combined Locks is challenging you. Starting now, all undesignated gifts will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000!

Because of Covid-19, most of our spring retreats and all of our summer programs were canceled. Campers are missing out on a summer of important ministry and faith development, but you can make sure they have this opportunity in 2021.

If you sit this one out, Crossways faces real obstacles. Our year-round staff are currently on furlough or working reduced hours. That means the care and passion they give to your favorite camps is limited. Maintenance is delayed. Communication is minimized. Developing programs for this fall and 2021 is set aside. When this \$50,000 challenge is met, we can bring our staff back to full time! That means not only can we do the work needed to protect these sacred spaces, we can engage in new kinds of ministry. Digital campfires, small group retreats, volunteer work teams, progress on Capital Campaign projects... all of this becomes possible.

***It's really important to give beyond ourselves. Camp impacts us, but it also affects people in our synod and beyond. This is our chance to help campers, retreaters, college students, and our full time staff. This is God's gift through our hands.***

***~Pastor Dara Clifford, Christ the King church Combined Locks, WI***

Give now, and your \$100 donation becomes \$200. Your \$250 gift has \$500 impact. The campers who are looking forward to Summer 2021 are counting on you.

You can give online at <https://www.crosswayscamps.org/donate>

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## Faith Lutheran Church Minute Highlights—May 18, 2020

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Bill Riesterer at 6:35 pm. Note: This meeting is being held yet within the restricted period of Covid-19; with slow relaxation on restrictions beginning, some members of the Council are present online from home, some are at the church maintaining guideline distances.

**Pastor's Report:** He indicated he would be meeting with the individual boards as to how we can successfully begin to move forward with ministries. Pastor had attended Zoom Synod meetings regarding camp and how to proceed with ministries in the future. There will be no Confirmation Camp. Pastor had the Schuh funeral on April 22 at Chilton Funeral Home. He will take vacation on June 14-21 and will work around worship for that time.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Return to Sunday in-house services. Now that restrictions have begun to relax, members discussed when and how services here at the church could resume. Various ideas were discussed, including: to open with outdoor services and the Praise Band or some musicians, to follow synod recommendations: to open but with many restrictions, to open as "come at your own risk." We'll begin slowly, aiming at a target date no sooner than June 28, if things are ready. Lay Ministry will work on this, possibly getting an outdoor service with the praise band organized. It was decided by motion to continue Virtual Services (you tube and cable).

CARES Act – Loan Grant update: Payroll advance authorized by Executive Board: Don Domrath explained details of this act which gives financial help to businesses (for which the church qualified)- we received a Loan on April 15 with 75% to be used for Salary and 25% to be used for Utilities and Mortgage Interest, to be used by June 15. We also got help in the form of a Disaster Loan.

Revisit March Council action reference events. In reference to the March Council meeting motion that all boards have the authority to cancel an event, the question came up as to the definition of an event vs. a program. The council members were asked to bring back to the June meeting a list of events or programs that they think should require the authority of the Church Council to be cancelled.

Recognition for Joyce Loritz: The family of Joyce Loritz asked permission of the council to have a plaque placed in the library displaying a picture of Joyce and recognition of her many years of service to the library. Motion made and carried.

**Evangelism:** Our new Web Site is up and running, a great new updated page at the same old address.

**Fellowship:** The Brat Fry for Saturday, June 6, has been cancelled. Cheryl will make Soup for Souls. Quilters may re-start Thursday, June 4, with the guidelines that they wear a mask, practice social distancing, sign a waiver.

**Property:** Outdoor lawn work is being done, with fertilizing finishing in June. The pastor's office has been painted.

**Christian Education:** VBS has been cancelled. Cards have been sent out to the Sunday School students.

**Youth and Family Ministry:** There will be a picture of Flat Pastor on Facebook and Faith Lutheran's website beginning on June 7. This will be similar to Flat Jesus and Flat Martin Luther in the past, where this year Flat Pastor is found doing something concerning Creation.

**Personnel Committee:** Kelly Meyer job description/contract: Bill will be talking to Kelly Meyer to find out about the possibility of a contract with him, if he is willing to continue his online work after church services resume. He will let the council know at our June meeting after his discussion.

**Call Committee:** Bill spoke with Pastor Amy Engebose from the synod office concerning whether anyone has shown interest in our vacancy. He was told 3 people looked at the MSP but they have not pursued. The reasons given had nothing to do with us or that the MSP didn't look good, merely an existence of family preferences in which it did not work out for them.

Next meeting on June 15, 2020 at 6:30. Devotions by Ron Jones.

Judy Harris, with much thanks to Cheryl Domrath.

Secretary



# Celebrating Your Birthday!

## JULY

1. Nancy Saueressig  
Tiffany Jandrey  
Constance Schiesl
2. Gloria Smith
3. Ruth Torrison  
Ethan Bremer  
Mary Thomsen  
Emily Schwoerer
4. Rand Harris  
Gloria Scharenbroch  
Rylee Endries
5. Barbara Griffin  
Jeffrey Ahrens  
Michelle Williams  
Anders Sorenson  
Lauren Halverson
6. Mark McCulley  
Makenzie Simon
7. Mark Zutz  
Dorene Schneider  
Ashley Reinertson  
Madalyn Larson
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. Dale Bergene  
Keith Lippert  
Judy Rusch
14. Joy Madson  
Lori Propson  
Chloe Cigler
15. Paul Franz
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
21. Ramona Madson

## AUGUST

22. Susan Christel
24. Richard Lodel  
Lyle Roehrig  
Mardell Tienor  
Nadia Williams
26. Macy McDonald
27. Brian Ulness  
Cheyenne Popp  
Linda Knops  
Trevor Wittmus  
Luke Evenson  
Michelle Koehler  
Kate Greif
28. Tyler Madson  
Samantha Hammel  
Louise Basken
29. James Schuh  
Madison Bergel
30. Dane Ott
31. Rolyn Jorgenson  
Nancy Christianson  
Kerry Schnell  
John Huske  
Brynlee Meidl
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. Kylee Tuschel  
Cheryl Domrath  
Matthew Brill  
Kylee Griffin  
Edyn Peterson





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  6:15 Worship	2 8:00 Quilting  5-7 Jazzercise	3	4 8-9 Jazzercise  
5 9:00 Worship	6 <b>Office Closed</b>  5-7 Jazzercise 5:00 Board of Lay Ministry 6:00 Tel. W.	7  6:00 Board of Evangelism	8  6:15 Worship	9  8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 2:00 Valders Graduation 5-7 Jazzercise	10  	11  8-9 Jazzercise 9:00 2nd Sat. Bible Study
12 8:00 Board of Christian Ed. 9:00 Worship	13  2:00-6:00 Blood Drive in fellowship hall 6:00 Tel. W.	14	15  6:00 Card Class 6:15 Worship  Newsletter info due	16  8:00 Quilting  5-7 Jazzercise	17	18  8-9 Jazzercise 9-10 Open Pantry
19 9:00 Worship	20  5-7 Jazzercise 6:00 Tel. W. 6:30 Council	21  9:00 Senior Christians at Riverview Restaurant in Kiel	22  6:15 Worship	23  8:00 Quilting  5-7 Jazzercise	24	25  8-9 Jazzercise
26 9:00 Worship	27  5-7 Jazzercise 6:00 Tel. W.	28	29  6:15 Worship	30  8:00 Quilting  5-7 Jazzercise	31	



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