**Serving Us Today**

Greeters:

Head Usher: Paul Franz

Ushers: Keith Lippert and Lori Propson

Acolyte: Whitney Ulness

Lector: Ava Ulness

Sound Operator and Projection: Lyle Roehrig

**Serving Us Next Week**

Greeters: Cheryl Domrath & Pat Christianson

Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Ushers: Steve & Ginny Schwoerer, Don Schreiner

Acolyte: Makenna Kaderabek

Lector: Stefanie Kaderabek

Sound Operator: Erin Lenzner

Projection: Carter Lenzner

Communion: Stefanie Kaderabek

**Last Week** – Sunday-Sanctuary: 83 Video: 50 Wednesday: 23

Offerings to the Lord’s work: $5,468.00

**Known to have been hospitalized or in need of prayer:** Marlene Thomsen,Jay Hetland,Cathy Luckow,Larry Madson, Rose Behnke, Ginger Linsmeier, Bob Klessig, Janice Burkhart, John Ryan, Merle “Butch” Graf, Sue Bellin, Wayne Allen Huske.

**Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the following who are serving in the military:** Darcie Bauknecht, Daniel Brandl, Kyle and Dylan Conrad, Corey Evenson, Mitchell Hazelwood, Carter Hildebrandt, Gary Hildebrandt, Jeff Konz, Justin Mertzig and Andy Schnell. If there are others we should be remembering, please inform the church office.

**Faith’s Opportunities October 25-November 1**

**Sunday** 10:15 A.M. Sunday School

**Monday** 6:00-7:00 P.M. Jazzercise

6:00 P.M. Televised Worship

**Wednesday** 6:15 P.M. Worship

7:15 P.M. Confirmation

**Thursday** Quilting

6:00-7:00 P.M. Jazzercise

**Friday**  Office closed

**Sunday** 8:00 A.M. Bds.Christian Ed & Youth

9:00 A.M. Worship

10:15 A.M. Sunday School

**This Sunday we recognize Emily Schwoerer and Rhys Wilker who are confirming their faith. They have shared their Faith Statements with the congregation.**

I believe that God made the world and everything in it. He sets expectations for us to live by and we choose to meet them. Because we are not perfect, and God knew this, I believe He sent his son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross so our sins will be forgiven. Because we are not perfect, I believe the Holy Spirit is with us our entire life and helps guide us to make good choices. The Holy Spirit works within us and through us to help us follow God’s plan for us. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we help others, and we grow in our Christian faith.

My church, and community of faith, is what strengthens my faith when I am in doubt. It is a place to share our beliefs, to worship God together, and answer questions we may have. In my daily life, I try to express my faith by remembering the lessons I learned in Sunday School and Confirmation.

Remembering to be kind, to not judge others, and to help where you can. I volunteer at Church and school for events that help others such as highway cleanups, helping with VBS and Sunday School, being active in the “Walk Through Bethlehem”, and serving my congregation at the Easter Breakfast. I continue to strengthen my faith through church, but also through helping with VBS and other special events.

Throughout my faith journey, many people have been involved. My mentor Connie Kimmes shared her faith with me and who sat through classes with me and helped me with my role in VBS and other events. My parents, siblings, and relation who attended church with me, discussed their beliefs with me, and showed me how to be involved in my Church. Pastor Jim who made confirmation interesting and fun. I learned about the Bible and the times in which the stories are placed in history.

As I move through my life, as a disciple of God and a faithful Christian, I know there will be challenges and times when my faith is tested. I know that the Holy Spirit will be with me, and God will be with me, but ultimately it is up to me to walk in His way. I plan to remain a part of my Church and to help where I can. And when I can, I will share my faith with others and maybe someday I will be a mentor of a kid who is working on their own confirmation. – *Emily Schwoerer*

The verse I chose was, Joshua 1:9 “be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

* I believe God the father, who is the creator of all.
* I believe in Jesus, Son of God, who was sent to save us, and who died for our sins.
* I believe in the Holy Spirit, so that I may be able to be guided and forgiven.
* I believe that the church to me is a place of worship, and a place to be forgiven, and the people of faith are a community of caring people.
* My Christian faith has taught me to help others, rather than hurt them.
* Some people who have been important to my faith are: my parents who introduced me into faith, my pastors, who taught me a lot more about faith than anyone else could've, Jess from Crossways Camps, who also taught me about faith through songs and silly dances.
* Some places that have been important to my faith are Crossways camps, because they introduced me to faith early on in a fun and exciting way, and being in church, because it is a place of worship for me to go to.

I believe that the Bible is everything that happened from the creation of the universe until Jesus’ death.

Stewardship is a part of my life because it shows some ways that I can assist others.

Stewardship is what we do with the life that god has gifted to us God is everywhere, from the air we breathe to the water we drink, he is in everything.

God created us, and we are servants entrusted with god's wealth, everything in existence is gods.

To be a faithful Christian is to have faith in god, to pray for yourself and others, and help others when you can.

-- *Rhys Wilker*