

LETTER OF FAITH

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2022

MINISTERS: ALL THE PEOPLE OF FAITH

Families Connect in Summer

Ahhh....summer. Just the thought of it brings up memories of warm days, water sports, camping, baseball, BBQs, family gatherings, and great times. For many families summer is the time to temporarily disconnect from the daily grind and attend family reunions that bring relatives from every corner of the country.

As a girl living on a farm in the Midwest, my family made short trips as my Dad milked cows twice a day. We would visit aunts and uncles, cousins, and other family members, seldom staying overnight. We not only had to plan our fun around milking but we also planned our little trips so to not interfere with church on Sundays. You see, that is just how it used to be. Many of you remember this as well, I am sure. My mother used to say, **“There is nothing that we can do during church time that we can’t do after church is through.”** And even today, I realize that she was right.

Now I realize that you can’t go to your lake home for the weekend and still make it to church here. You can’t attend weddings and other important family events and always make it back for church. But I am asking you to think about when you can make it to church this summer.

While many of my childhood recollections have faded, the desire to connect with my family has never diminished. So I am just asking that you consider how we can do both.

Faith Lutheran is God’s family and we need to connect too just like our blood families. Some of the same things that I recall about my biological family also apply to my spiritual family at church. Let me list them for you:

-God’s family should take advantage of the summer months to connect and build closer ties. During the course of a year members of a church family can get detached from others in the same family.

-God’s family needs to eat together often and talk about their lives in an atmosphere of love and trust. Summer is a time to build our relationships.

-God’s family needs to do family business together so that everyone remembers what is important. Serving together happens in summer.

-God’s family needs to care for the children, elderly, sick, weak, and lonely of their ranks. Love heals all wounds.

-God’s family ought to have fun together.

So, summer is soon here. Let’s all put in the extra effort to connect with others, in our families, and in our church family. If we can’t make it to church on Sunday, then spend a little extra time in the Bible and in prayer. Remember that God loves you and so does your church family. Have a safe and blessed summer.

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Faith Lutheran Mission Statement:

*“Faith Lutheran is a
community of believers
living out our faith in
daily life.”*

Remember to check the website for future happenings at Faith. If you know someone who does not have access to the website remember to share information with them.

If you have questions, please call the church office at 589-2970.

Favorite Hymns

The music and worship committee at their last meeting, decided to spend our Sunday worship by singing our favorite hymns. Of course, picking just one can be difficult so feel welcome to pick more than one if you so choose.

In the welcome center, near the bulletins, there will be forms for you to fill out and turn in. The idea is to learn about the favorite hymns of our church family. The form will have a place to list hymns and your name if desired. You can also leave the name blank or write anonymous if you wish. Then turn your form in to the basket next to the forms. You can also text me, email me, or call me. 320-221-0806 or

vtouges001@luthersem.edu. I will be organizing the hymns for the Sundays that they best fit with the scripture for that day. Just put them in the basket or contact me.

It will be fun to see our favorite hymns in the bulletins each week and who submitted it. Hopefully you will be in worship when your favorites are sung.

Pastor Vicki

Favorite Hymn(s) Form

Name of Hymn _____

Your Name _____



Congregational Transitions

Baptism

May 22 Marcus Andrew Janzen
 Son of Brady & Jeana Janzen

Pentecost

The last Sunday of Easter is May 29th. So, that means Pentecost begins on Sunday, June 5th. The color for the day is red. Let's flood the sanctuary with red by wearing red on June 5th during worship. Let us rejoice on this day when the Holy Spirit breathes on us.

Summer Food Drop

Can you lift a soup can? Can you push a grocery cart? Then you are just the person we are looking for!! The Celebrate and Share Ministry Committee has committed to helping with the June 13th and 14th Summer Food Drop. This is an annual summertime monthly food distribution event sponsored by many local organizations which takes many volunteers to make it run smoothly. We are hoping to get 20-30 people on the 13th to help fill bags with cans and boxes of food. If you can volunteer, arrive at the Morris High School about 1:00 p.m. You may be counting boxes of food, pushing a grocery cart around the bag filling stations, putting a can of food in a grocery bag assembly line style, or sorting fresh produce. We also need a few strong muscles to lift heavier items. Even if you can only work for an hour, your help is most welcome! The volunteers on the 14th will be adding bags of frozen items to the grocery bags and delivering them to cars in the parking lot. You should arrive at the MAHS about 2:30 on this day if you can help. Summer is often a time of food insecurity for residents in our area, especially with children home from school. Please consider being part of a blessing to someone and come join us for the June Food Drop!

Vacation Bible School will be July 18th—July 21st from 8:45am—3:00pm

The theme will be “Boundless”

Luther Crest Bible Camp will be leading the program

Registration will be done online with LCBC—this has not been set up yet. Watch for information on the website, Facebook, and church bulletins.

The LCBC VBS will be for those who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Stay tuned for more information. *Looking forward to a GREAT time at VBS!!*



Outreach Breakfast

Sunday, June 12th after the worship service

Breakfast Pizza and Fruit

*Plan to attend and support the Outreach Ministry and
the work they do to support missions—Thank You*

Open House Bridal Shower for Kayla Evink

Wednesday, June 22

6:00—8:00pm

Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

All are invited and welcome to attend

Church Council Meeting June 12 (Sunday)

10:00 Following the Worship Service

Burgers, Beverages and Blessings

Will no longer be meeting

JOIN US FOR MISSION: STITCH!

Tuesday afternoons in the lounge at Faith Lutheran Church

TUESDAYS beginning at 1:30

Come when you can, stay as long as you feel like it. You do not need to be present for the whole time. This group is open to anyone. You do not have to be a member of Faith Lutheran – invite your friends, family, anyone who is interested in joining us.

Questions—talk to Anita Stoker

Do Days

Will not be meeting during the summer—plan to join them when they start in September again.

THANK YOU to all of the workers for the beautiful quilts they donate for those in need. Also for the denim quilts for the graduates.

Radio Broadcast—

Faith Lutheran sponsors the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Worship eight times during the year—if you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor or memory of someone, please call the church office. The cost is \$65.00 per time. **THANK YOU**

Radio Broadcast—Daily Devotions Sponsorship

The daily devotion radio broadcasts (Monday—Friday) on KMRS and KKOK are \$90.00 per week—if you would like to help with this ministry please call the church office and let us know. Any amount is appreciated.

Thank You!

Come join us for a Book Club at Faith Lutheran Church on the last Monday of each month at 1:30.

All are Welcome.

June “The Four Winds” by Kristin Hannah

Please bring book suggestions so we can plan a few months ahead.

Happy Reading!



Needed for Stevens County Food Distributions this summer—paper grocery bags. If you have bags you can donate—please drop off at the church. **THANK YOU—!!**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your support of these youth! Our Fundraising is going well! If you would like to give financially to support these youth, please send back the response slip below.



Students:

Piper Swanson
Sarah Dougherty
Micah Ulrich
Jason Christians
Isaac Just
David Black Jr
Truett Richards
Evan Oberg
Lilia Asmus
Hannah Schneider
Bryn Loneran
Jayden Marquart
Wesley Richards

Adults:

Heather Black
David Black
Pastor Chris
Amy Dougherty

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Response Slip

Please fill this out and send to:

Trinity Lutheran Church PO Box 200 Attn: Fusion Ministry, Heather Black 200 E Main St. Cyrus, MN 56323

Your Name _____

I will Pray for the group before, during and after the Blue Ridge, NC mission trip.

Please add my cell number _____ to the prayer update so that I can specifically pray for this trip!

I have enclosed \$50 _____ \$100 _____ or another amount \$ _____ to invest in the life of the youth!

Please make checks payable to Fusion Ministry

All gifts are non-refundable

Noisy Offering Sunday

June 12 will be the next time

The second Sunday of each month will be Noisy Offering Sunday – remember to bring your change to church for the children to collect in buckets.

October amount collected was **\$158.23**

November amount collected was **\$209.05**

December amount collected was **\$124.42**

January amount collected was **\$94.60**

February amount collected was **\$160.43**

March amount collected was **\$114.54**

April amount collected was **\$150.92**

May amount collected was **\$101.05**

TOTAL Collected—\$1,113.24

***Thank You to Everyone
who has contributed!***

Gatherings for Widows and Widowers

Please join with others who have experienced the loss of their spouse, partner or significant other for a wonderful time of fellowship and conversation. *Gatherings for Widows and Widowers* will meet for lunch, 12:00 noon, at **Old #1** on Sunday, June 5. Order and purchase your lunch, and enjoy the company of others. For questions, please call Pedersen Funeral Home 320-589-3220. Listen to KMRS/KKOK for schedule changes!

Items for the Restoration Center at Central Lutheran

They are always in need of men's clothing, socks, underwear and shoes. Also suitcases with wheels that work. Some of their clients are beginning to be able to move into apartments so they can use items such as bedding, towels, silverware, dishes, etc. Thank you for your generosity to this project.

It truly is greatly appreciated.

If you are going to the cities and could take a load to Central Lutheran please let us know – Thank You

June Daily Bible Verses

1. I Timothy 6:17	11. Philippians 1:9,10	21. I Thessalonians 5:23
2. Psalm 96:4-6	12. Psalm 51:10-13	22. Psalm 57:9,10
3. Ephesians 2:4-6	13. Hebrews 11:6	23. Colossians 1:19,20
4. Ephesians 2:8-10	14. Hebrews 4:12	24. John 14:15-17
5. John 8:31,32	15. II Corinthians 5:17	25. Galatians 6:9,10
6. Luke 1:68-70	16. Psalm 97:11,12	26. II Corinthians 5:15
7. Colossians 1:13,14	17. John 9:3-5	27. Hebrews 12:1
8. Psalm 46:1	18. Colossians 3:1	28. Hebrews 12:2
9. John 14:13,14	19. Ephesians 6:18	29. Colossians 4:2
10. II Thessalonians 2:16,17	20. Psalm 46:10	30. John 14:1

YOUR PRAYERS NEEDED

-Pray for our ongoing ministry as we join with our brothers and sisters in ministry from South Africa. Pray for the churches of the South Eastern Diocese of South Africa.

-Pray for Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson and their children who are serving in Tanzania.

Psalm 119:105

***Your word is a lamp to
my feet and a light to
my path. (NRSV)***

Faith Lutheran Church Council Highlights

May 8, 2022

Members Present: Pastor Vicki, Lynnae Lina, Eric Meichsner, Connie Tschetter, Mike Nordquist, Mark Torgerson, Vicky Dosdall, Liz Spohr, Zach Arnold, Chris Hopkins, Jenny Maras

Members Absent: Tony Reimers, Nancy Olson, Todd Hodenfield

Guest(s): None

Call to Order: Liz

Opening Prayer & Devotion:
Pastor Vicki - *"Chippy the Parakeet"*

REPORTS

Pastor's Report: The last month has been busy. First Communion was May 8, 2022. The executive team will meet to discuss Vicki's summer schedule.

Connie's Report: Written Report Shared

Fusion Youth Update: Financial Report Shared

Call Committee Report:

Our candidate of choice declined our offer. The call committee will meet via Zoom with the Synod representative Pastor Stephen Cook. Pastor Vicki is interested in writing up a narrative to share with potential candidates of her perspective of our church.

Ministry Reports:

Congregation Life - May Day baskets delivered for shut-ins (Jenny & Tony)

Outreach - Serving breakfast on June 12 to raise funds. (Chris)

Worship & Music - Meeting next week regarding a summer plan. Holy week went well. (Mike)

Memorial/Endowment - Announcement in church sometime in May with funds available. (Mark)

Property & Safety - No recent meeting, but putting bat removal on hold for now. (Zach & Eric)

Education - VBS is set and Sunday School concluded on May 8, 2022. (Vicky)

Celebrate & Share - Interview sermon set and summer food program is in place. (Todd)

Women of Faith - Footloose trip and meatball supper discussed. (Nancy)

Secretary Report: MMSP

Treasurer's Report: MMSP

OLD BUSINESS

Worship Service: More people are coming in-person, so online engagement is starting to vary some; however, it still continues to be good. Once the sound system has been improved, we can explore pushing out to the local access channel.

Goal Setting: Goals will be revisited in June

Covid Protocols & Guidelines: Continue to monitor and change as needed.

Excess Funds: Additional fund expenditures to be dispersed in June/July.

Facility Improvement Committee Develop a long-range plan to update the cosmetic features of the church, beginning in the Narthex. Nancy Olson volunteered to spearhead this.

Compensation Package for Full Time Pastor

Candidate: Lynnae, Eric, and Mark put this initial compensation proposal together. This can be used and edited for future candidates.

NEW BUSINESS

Synod Assembly: Announcement in the bulletin for delegate volunteers.

Common Cup: Vicky Dosdall shared updates regarding Common Cup. There has been management turnover and inconsistencies. The board is working through concerns. The Common Cup board asks for you to prayerfully continue to be a supporter of Common Cup. If you have concerns or hear of them, please email Vicky Dosdall.

Other: Mike Nordquist has continued planning and pricing components for the sound system upgrade. It will be divided into two phases for up to \$10,000 total. The project is expected to be completed during the summer months. MMSP

Next Council Meeting: Sunday, June 12, 2022

Adjournment & Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Maras - Council Secretary

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