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The Official Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church & Preschool

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A member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Welcome Pastor Jim & Family

We warmly welcomed Pastor Jim and Michele Krueger into the Faith family in August. Several members helped Pastor Jim move into their new home in Marinette on August 17th. Pastor Jim was installed as the Pastor at Faith on August 21st. Following the installation service, a celebration meal was held at the Ironworks restaurant. God has blessed the Faith family, and will continue to bless us, through Pastor Jim and Michele Krueger.



A message from “Pastor Jim”

First things first – I am your new pastor at Faith Lutheran Church. I am YOUR pastor, and I am ready and willing to serve as YOUR shepherd and guide as we journey together through our new life in Jesus until the day we see Him face-to-face in heaven.

Second, my family and I are blessed by the outpouring of love and the warm welcome we have received from moving into our ‘temporary’ residence, the “Installation Service,” and the fellowship that followed at “Ironworks.” My entire family was able to attend that service that officially marked my beginning as YOUR pastor, and they felt your genuine care and love for me and for them. Thank you!!

My family consists of my wife Michele, our oldest Corinne (her fiancé is Kyler), our son Nathan and his wife Lauren (living in Lincoln, NE), and our daughter Katelyn – a 3rd year student at Saginaw Valley State University. You will learn more about them and their blessed lives during my sharings in church services. After the blessings that are mine in Jesus, my family is next in line as God the Father’s incredible source of joy and blessing.

Third, I look forward to meeting and working alongside all of you as we grow in Christian care and love for each other, and as we continue the blessed work of engaging the community of Marinette, Menominee and beyond. It is all part of the ‘sending’ called the “Great Commission” that our Savior Jesus gave to all who follow Him – to GO and MAKE disciples of all nations.

I encourage you to make weekly worship at Faith Lutheran your number one priority on Sunday mornings. It is there that we gather as brothers and sisters in Christ around the blessings of Word and Sacrament. These are the gifts through which the Holy Spirit calls and enlightens the Church, that grow and strengthen our faith in Jesus and, through our baptism, unite us to His cross and resurrection for our forgiveness and salvation.

While it will take me a while to get to know all of you, please be patient with me as we plan all the ways we can meet each other and serve together in celebrating our unique relationship in Jesus and growing the flock at Faith Lutheran and the flock of believers in our community and beyond.

May God bless and keep us all in our daily walk of Christian love and service to our families, our extended family at Faith, and the communities in which we live and work.

You can reach me best with a phone call – (989) 293-5335. Please reach out and introduce yourself to me when we meet at Faith Lutheran for church (Sundays at 9am).

Until we meet and form new and lasting relationships as brothers and sisters in Christ –
Yours ~ “Pastor Jim”

Board of Missional Life

Outreach Ministry in the Community

Easter Basket Project:

In March we assembled 24 Easter baskets for needy in the community, age's kindergarten to 2nd grade and took them to the Marinette REC center for distribution. Thank you to Kelly Coan and Sandy Lesperance for their help. The baskets contained candy and items with Christian themes and a label on the wrapping that said "Wishing you a blessed Easter – Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool".

Podcast Ministry:

We have the equipment needed to start a podcast ministry on our website. Podcasting would give us an opportunity to reach out to younger people on their laptops, tablets and smartphones. Podcasts could take the form of recorded services, a series of bible study discussions or, maybe even discipleship training modules for our own members. If you have a passion to create or work on this type of ministry, please contact us with thoughts, ideas that we can use to start involving other members of the congregation in this process.

Friendship Sunday

At our next meeting in September we'd like to discuss sponsoring another Friendship Sunday later this year.

Red Tote Donations:

On June 16th we held a special RED TOTE SUNDAY collection of socks, underwear and cash donations for the Abundant Life Mission & Homeless Shelter. Sandy purchased additional socks/underwear from the cash received and Jim delivered three big bags to them at the end of June. They opened and distributed the items right away and were very grateful for them.

Jail Bibles:

In May we purchased a case of 24 special bibles. Please thank Karen Everson and her sister for delivering them to the Marinette County Jail in May.

LCMS District Missions

Please designate "LCMS District Missions" on your weekly envelopes to support these local missions: Camp Luther; College Campus Ministries in Wisconsin & Upper Michigan; Deaf Ministries in Wisconsin; Synod Disaster Response; Hmong Ministry in Wisconsin; Ministry to Veterans in King Wisconsin, and Youth Ministry in Wisconsin.

Board of Missional Life

Food Pantry:

As of July 31st, the congregation has donated **160 bags** of groceries to the Food Pantry. This is 14 fewer bags than last year from Jan.-July. However, we are donating more meat than we did last year – primarily to The Abundant Life Mission & Homeless Shelter. We thank Elroy, Judy and Rosie for faithfully purchasing the food from the cash donations and delivering the groceries to NEWCAP and the Homeless Shelter.



“Homeless Kits” & “New Home Start-Up Kits Project:

We “teamed-up” with Roxanne on July 12th and agreed to help with this project in conjunction with Patti Beck at NEWCAP. Since then, we’ve asked Bill and the “Helping Hands” group to make a donations cart that will hold totes in which members of the congregation can drop off items needed for the NEWCAP Homeless Kits and New Home Start-Up Kits.

MISSION ACTIVITY – Abroad

Russian Ministry

We continue to send monetary support to Rev. Leif Camp’s Russian ministry near St. Petersburg on a monthly basis. He has not been able to send his monthly newsletters since the war in Ukraine broke out. Please pray for his continued safety and the work he is doing to spread the Gospel.

African Ministry

On May 20th Rev. Jacob Gaugert, our LCMS missionary/educator in Togo completed his assignment. We have transferred our monthly support to Rev. Gary and Stephanie Schulte in West Central Africa. Gary is a minister/theological educator and his wife Stephanie is a Registered Nurse. Please pray for them and the important work they are doing.

In Christ,
Jim Zill
Chairperson – Board of Missional Life

CHECK OUT HYMN 638 IN THE HYMNAL AND READ

“What a blessing this sacrament is”

I was blessed by having a Christian mother who saw that I was baptized and able to commune when I became of age. I was raised in the catholic church. My mother made us kids go to church every Sunday and attend catechism classes regularly, many times against our will, because at that time in my life I did not understand the importance of doing so. We did not have many material things, but always gave a portion of what we had to the church. It was not until I was older did I come to appreciate all she did for me.

I always knew I had a heavenly Father to pray and talk to. I never knew my earthly father as he died at the age of 21 after returning home from serving in world war two. My mom was pregnant with me at the time of his death and like generations before her was a Christian woman. She wanted me to follow in her footsteps and was strict about church attendance.

It was not until I met and became engaged to Karen did I realize there were other options available to me and my church life. Karen's Christian example had me consider the Lutheran Church, as she was an active Lutheran and raised in the Lutheran faith. I was going to college in Milwaukee at that time and decided to take confirmation instruction from the Lutheran campus pastor at UW Milwaukee. I would take two city buses to the campus each week for instruction until I was confirmed. I did this without Karen knowing, as I wanted to surprise her prior to our wedding.

Karen and I were married in the Lutheran church over fifty years ago and have been members ever since.

In today's Lutheran denominations there are significant differences. I am a member of the LCMS church because it is the most Biblically sound confession of faith in the world today. Our teachings and practices are consistent with the Word of God as contained in the Bible. Our doctrine is also consistent with Christian doctrine.

The LCMS church teaches that 1) we are saved by the grace of God alone, not by anything we do 2) our salvation is through faith alone-we only need to believe that our sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who died to redeem us and 3) the Bible is the only norm of doctrine and life-the only true standard by which teachings and doctrines are to be judged. When issues arise in our church or our families we go to the Bible to see what it says.

I believe in the sacraments as practiced in our church and Luther's small catechism and it's teaching's. For me there is NO other church or religion that comes close to teaching these truths. That is why I am a member of Faith Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

In Christ's service and yours,
Dan Everson
President, Faith Lutheran Church

THOUGHTS SHARED FROM THE PAST

Years ago our Pastor at Faith asked the elders if we would share with you why we are Lutheran. My immediate thought was “this will be simple. I’m Lutheran because my wife is Lutheran”. Giving it more thought it’s much deeper than that.

Life for each of us is a journey. Even though our journeys take us down different paths, as Lutheran’s we all have some things in common. 1) we were all born and we will all die 2) we all are sinners and 3) we are all Christians who accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

The sermon from Pastor at that time was on the sacrament of the altar, the Lord’s supper. To me the sacrament of the altar, the Lord’s supper, is one of the most important sacrament in life’s journey. It was instituted by Christ himself and when received worthily we, as believers, receive forgiveness of our sins, life and salvation. By receiving this sacrament our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is also strengthened. What a wonderful gift from our Lord.

Heartfelt Thank You

Faith members are faithful in supporting the work of our Lord! God knows exactly what we need and He moves the members of Faith to do His will. Thank you for your prayers, your support of the community outreach goals, and your financial contributions!

Together as the Faith family, we bless each other as we do our Lord's work.
Faith Council

GIVE THANKS
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1

Revitalization Team II

Rawhide Youth Home, Peshtigo

Pastor Krueger performed a house blessing ceremony at Rawhide Youth Home in Peshtigo (formerly Share Academy) on Friday, 8/26. The youth and staff were very pleased to receive the wooden cross Pastor Mackey made for them. Rawhide now provides for all of the physical needs of the youth, allowing our role to focus on their spiritual needs. We are excited to have this opportunity to develop a stronger relationship with the youth and staff at Rawhide.

Roxanne Mueller
Serving Faith on the Rawhide Youth Home Advisory Committee

Revitalization Team 2-Bags for Kids

The purpose of this projection is to provide Adapt with new bags (suitcases or duffel) for children who are being taken out of their homes. Many times, the children take their clothes in plastic garbage bags. Adapt has an inventory of approximately 12 bags. I requested that they let me know when one is used so I can replace it. I heard back from the social worker I'm working with, that one young teenager said "I never had a suitcase before." I put a note in the bags that the bags are a gift from Faith. So far this year \$175.00 has been donated and all of that has been spent for a total of 8 bags donated.

Rosie Wolbrink

Community Outreach

As one of the Revitalization Team II goals, 20 homeless kits plus many extras (well over 200 items) were given to NewCap in Marinette. NewCap sent us a very nice thank you card saying our donations came at just the right time...and that the homemade items really touched their hearts! NewCap's Family Success Coach, Patti Beck, commented that the members of Faith are unique in that they identify a need and fill the need. Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the Homeless Kits and New Home Starter Kits community outreach goal!

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Newcap serves two or three new homeless people each day. Newcap is currently serving 26 newly homed families, and they have worked with 1,100 clients last month on rental assistance, of which 25-40 of these families request supplies.

It's very exciting to see how our community outreach activity has inspired others. I spoke with a manager at the Walmart store in Marinette, who then spoke with others managers. The Walmart managers have approved donations for many items needed to help the homeless and the newly homed. Those items include backpacks, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, razors, toilet paper, tissues, laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning supplies, utensils, and bowls.

Bill Ritson, as a member of the Helping Hands Revitalization team has made us a very nice collection cart with bins for the NewCap collections. We will be able to roll out the collection cart just like we do with the shopping cart when we have our next collection event for NewCap.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the Homeless Kits and Newly Homed Starter Kits community outreach goal...and a very special thank you to Bill Ritson for making the collection cart!

Roxanne Mueller – Revitalization Team II

Preschool

We hope everyone has had a fun filled summer! We are now approaching another school year with 8 preschool students at this time! We are so blessed to have these families choosing Faith as their child's preschool! What an incredible opportunity we have to be able to teach these children about our Lord! We welcome Kathleen Ehlers, "Ms. Kat", as our new preschool teacher this year! Ms. Ashley has agreed to remain in the director position until we can fill the director position with a qualified individual. Please continue to pray that we can find a well qualified individual to fill this position. There are a lot of fun plans brewing for this preschool year, so stay tuned for updates!

Did you know?

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been involved in mission and outreach since 1851, when it established its first mission board.



In 1894, the LCMS sent its first overseas missionary, Rev. Theodore Naether and family, to India.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:00 AM Sunday Service 10:00 AM MITE Collection	5 	6	7	8 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	9	10 Dedication of New Classrooms (2000)
11 9:00 AM Sunday Service	12 1:00 PM LWML Meeting 6:00 PM Missions Board Meeting	13	14	15 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	16	17
18 9:00 AM Sunday Service 10:30 AM Missions Collections	19 6:30 PM Council Meeting	20	21	22 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline	23	24
25 9:00 AM Sunday Service Building Dedication (1977)	26 9:30 AM Endowment Committee Meeting	27	28 Collections Dedication (1986)	29 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline First Service Held (1968)	30	

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