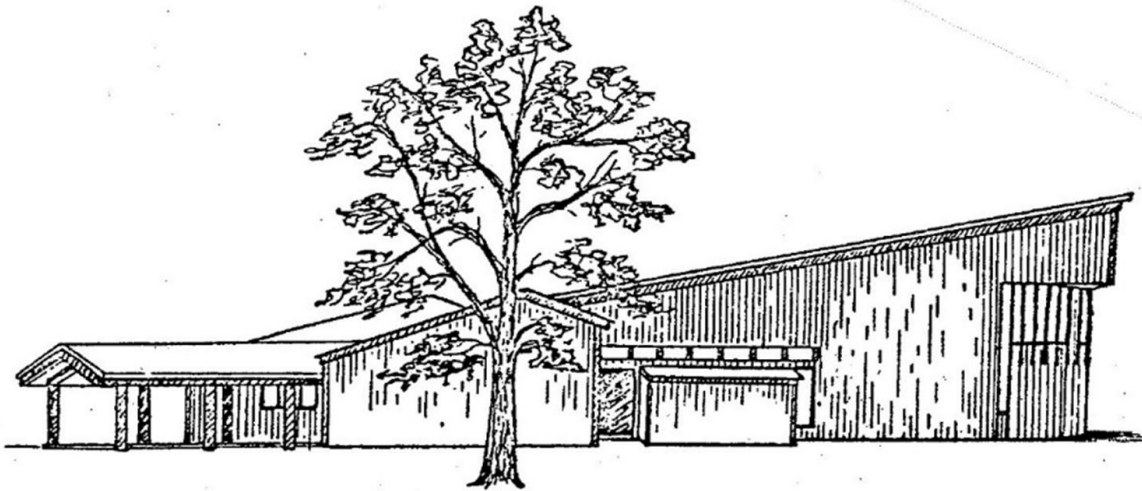


Reflections of Faith -- June 2025



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WEEKLY

SUNDAY

- Worship Service : 9:00am
- Fellowship Time : 10:15am
- Bible Study : 10:30am (September – May)
- Sunday School : 10:30am (September – May)

WEDNESDAY

- Discipleship Class : 6:00pm

THURSDAY

- Choir Practice : 6:00pm (September – May)

"As we GROW in Christ's Love and the Word, we will SHARE Christ's Love with the World."

2025 Summer Sermon Series – “Growing a Deeper Spiritual Relationship”

In Matthew 28:18-19, Jesus called His disciples to “Go and make disciples of all nations.” Part of that ‘calling’ to discipleship is for followers of Jesus to teach others to obey everything Jesus commanded.

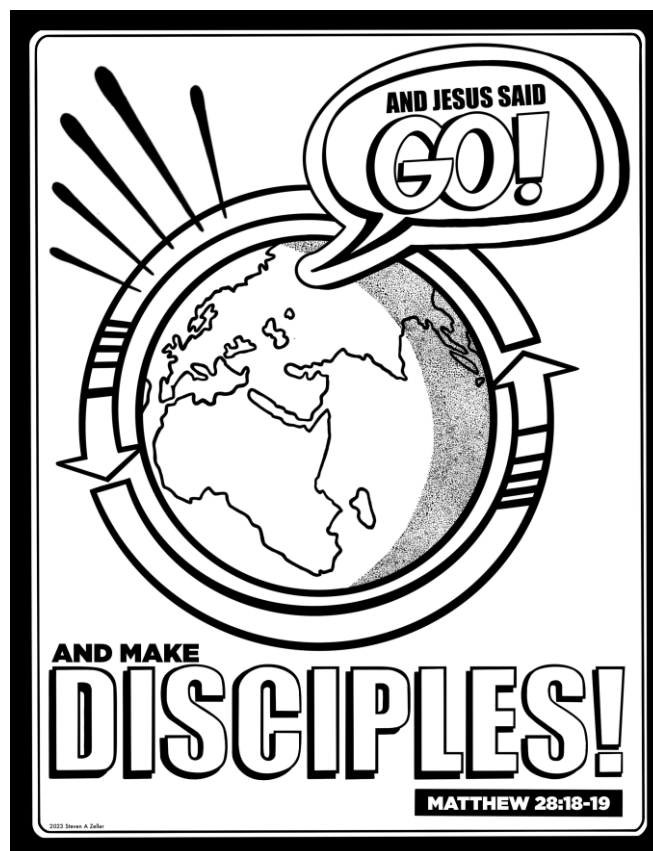
We know that this ‘teaching’ begins in the Christian home and extends to all family relationships (i.e., grandparents, aunts, uncles, Godparents, etc...). The Word of God (Bible) contains direct and unmistakable teachings on this subject, including:

Deuteronomy 6:5-7, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

Proverbs 22:6, “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Ephesians 6:4, “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

These ‘callings’ commit us to an ongoing lifestyle of both learning and teaching. There is never a time when we ‘have arrived’ and no longer need to learn or teach others about the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.



As ‘followers of Jesus’ we should be eager to learn AND teach while committing ourselves to a lifelong ethic of growing and learning as well.

We will grow that life-long journey this summer with a sermon series designed to deepen and strengthen our relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We see so much value put into ‘earthly’ relationship / friendships / acquaintances, etc ..., but of so much greater and eternal value is how we commit to growing our spiritual relationship with the Triune God. Matthew 6:21, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

This SUMMER SERMON SERIES begins on June 1 – invite others to join us for the journey that brings us closer to each other and to our Triune God.

‘MISSION’ vs. ‘VISION’ –

The reasons that one changes while the other does not.

The ‘mission statement’ defines the purpose and calling of the whole Christian Church on earth.

The ‘mission’ of every Christian church on earth is the command from Jesus recorded in Matthew 28:18-20a, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. GO therefore and MAKE disciples of all nations, BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and TEACHING them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

Christ Himself established the ‘mission’ of the Church that bears His name (the ‘Christian Church’), the ‘mission’ that also defines the life of every Christian.

Christians around the world recognize the words of the “Great Commission.” The words **“Go ... make ... baptize ... teach”** call Christians to lives of action. With these words, Jesus clearly defined the purpose for His Church and everyone on earth who follows Him and bear the name Christian.

God the Father is already ‘at work’ through His Holy Spirit planting the seeds



“Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all
that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you
always, to the end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:19-20

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of faith and nurturing them into branches that, while connected to the Vine (Jesus), will bear fruit (God-pleasing lives).

Before His ascension into heaven, Jesus said to the disciples, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

The ‘mission statement’ NEVER changes. Because Jesus Himself directed the purpose for the Church that bears His name, that ‘mission’ never changes. It is the guiding principle that we follow throughout our earthly life as His followers – as His disciples – in thought, word, and deed.

The ‘mission statement’ of the whole Christian Church on earth is clear, directive, and unchanging.

A NEW ‘VISION’ FOR FAITH LUTHERAN ...

**“As we GROW in Christ’s Love and the Word,
we will SHARE Christ’s Love with the World.”**

A ‘vision statement’ focuses the local church and its membership on HOW the ‘mission’ of Christ’s Church is to be lived in us and through us.

With every passing generation there are 'constants' and there are 'changes.' While values, morals, beliefs, and priorities change with every generation, the most comforting 'constant' for Christians is recorded in Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the SAME yesterday and today and forever."

A 'vision statement' contains 'action' words that guide the life of followers of Jesus. (see the vision words above in all caps – "GROW" and "SHARE")

In addition to the "Great Commission" commands recorded in Matthew 28:18-20 (Go ... make ... baptize ... teach), the Bible contains other teachings that guide our daily life as we live the 'mission' of Christ's Church

The 'vision' to "GROW" and "SHARE" is based on Biblical teachings:

*Ephesians 2:19-22, "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **BUILT on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone**, in Whom the whole structure, being joined together, **GROWS** into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you also are being **BUILT** together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."*

*Ephesians 4:15, "Speaking the truth in love, we are to **GROW up in every way** into Him Who is the head, into Christ."*

*2 Timothy 3:15-17, "How **from childhood** you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are **able to make you wise for salvation through faith** in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, and for **training in righteousness**, that the man of God may be **complete, equipped** for every good work."*

*1 Peter 3:18, "But **GROW in the grace and knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*

*1 Peter 2:2, "Like newborn infants, **long for** the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may **GROW up** into salvation."*

*1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may **DECLARE the praises of Him** who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light."*

*1 Peter 3:15, "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being PREPARED to make a defense** to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."*

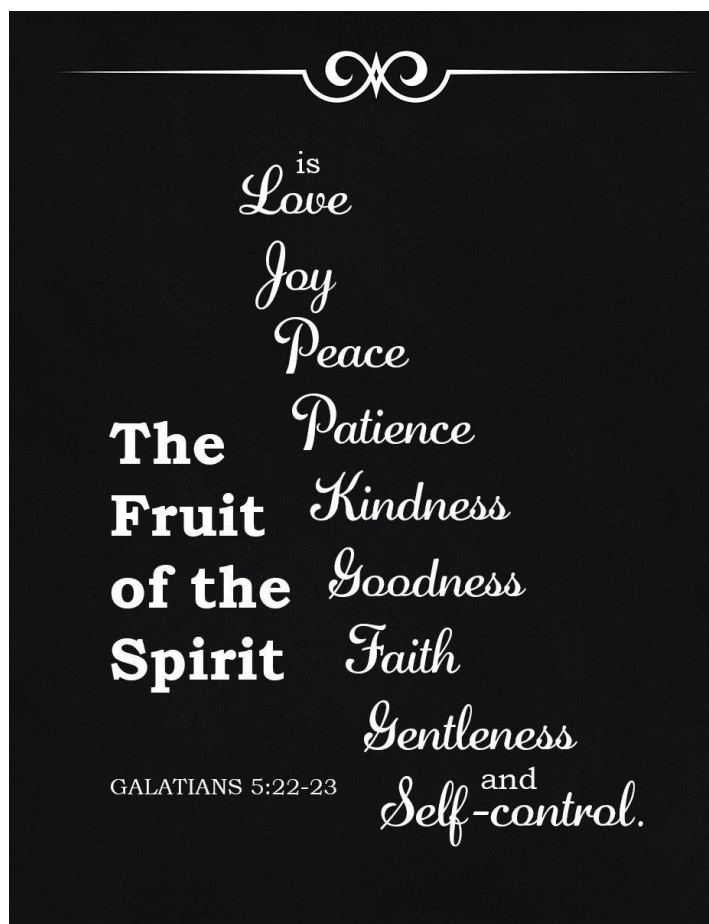
Other teachings from God's Word use descriptive words that give us God's clear expectations for our daily living towards others:

Galatians 5:22-23, 25, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law ... If we **LIVE by the Spirit**, let us also **keep in step with the Spirit.**"

Ephesians 4:15, "**SPEAKING the truth** in love, we are to **GROW UP in every way** into Him Who is the head (Christ)."

Colossians 3:12-17, "**PUT ON** then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, **FORGIVING** each other; **AS** the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these **PUT ON love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, TEACHING and ADMONISHING one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, GIVING THANKS to God the Father through Him.**"

A 'vision statement' changes as the needs and challenges of the local church and the surrounding community changes.



Churches annually review their ministries, their staff, their leaders, the direction that they are going, priorities, gospel outreach, loving our neighbors, etc.

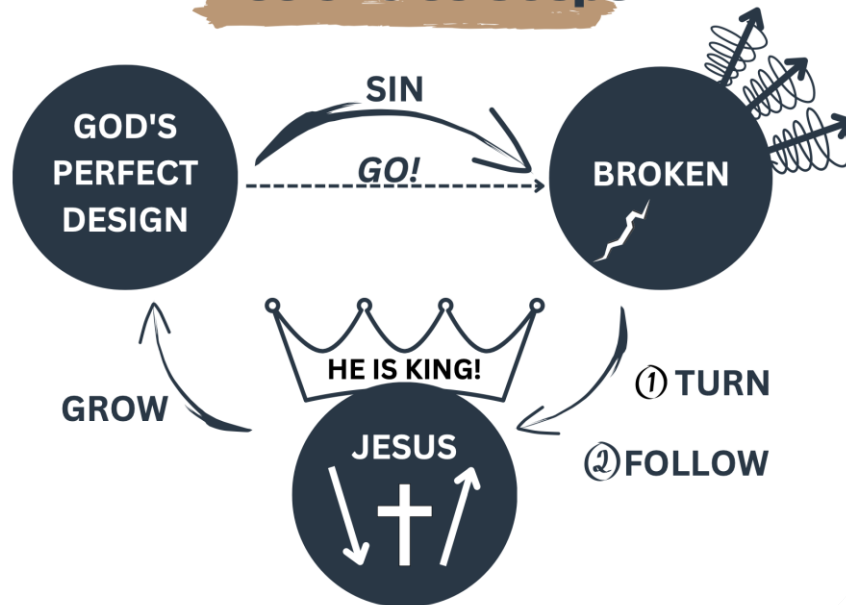
'Vision Statements' must be easy to remember and absolutely clear in how we make it a part of our daily life as **Christians**.

Our **NEW 'vision statement'** at Faith Lutheran is both easy to remember and clear in God's expectations for us as **Christians**.

"As we GROW in Christ's Love and the Word, we will SHARE Christ's Love with the World."

Many of the Bible verses quoted above teach us both "to grow" and "how to grow" as children of God and followers of Jesus.

Three Circles Gospel



Many of the Bible verses quoted above contain clear commands from Jesus "to share" the good news of the Gospel all of our life.

Brothers and sisters in Christ at Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool, let us commit to **GROWING** in the knowledge of the Word of God. This can be done through personal / daily devotions, Bible reading, regular worship, attendance in Bible classes, Sunday School, etc.

Brothers and sisters in Christ at Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool, let us commit to **SHARING** the knowledge we receive from growing in the Word of God about our Lord Jesus Christ. We learn so much in our life, but the challenge comes in HOW to SHARE what we have learned.

As your pastor, my best advice is to take 'baby steps.' Not many Christians hit the ground running with being missionaries for Christ. We need to celebrate the simple truths we have been taught and then slowly add to those truths what we mean by them and what more the Bible teaches us.

Finally, it's never too late to grow and it's never too late to share. All that will stand in your way is the unwillingness to do either or both. During every moment of struggle and inhibition, go in prayer to the Holy Spirit and remember the words of Jesus Who said at the end of the Great Commission passage, ***"Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."***

OUR NEW VISION STATEMENT AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ...

**"As we GROW in Christ's Love and the Word,
we will SHARE Christ's Love with the World."**

FAITH LUTHERAN VBS 2025

Theme: TRUE NORTH



SAVE THE DATE: July 20-July 24, 2025

The Faith Lutheran VBS program theme for this year is TRUE NORTH. We will start on Sunday, July 20, 2025, and conclude with a short program at the end of VBS on July 24, 2025. Each day will start at 3:30 pm and go until 6:30 pm. During True North by Group VBS 2025, our children will journey through the Book of Matthew to discover how Jesus is their guiding light, offering unwavering faithfulness throughout life's challenges. Each day focuses on a different Bible story, reinforcing the message that Jesus is always present and dependable in every situation. Pointing kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust.

We will be taking the kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where the northern lights shine over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and sparkling glaciers. As they trek the tundra, they'll discover how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today.

Guiding them towards Jesus, True North VBS reveals that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

We are looking for a VBS Director or Assistant to help with the organization of the program. All material has been ordered, and it is very easy to work with and present. We will be putting up sign-up sheets in the next couple of weeks for Crew Leaders, Story time, Treats, Game Time, Imagination Station, etc. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry within our church and our community!

WE NEED YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR
TRUE NORTH VBS JULY 20-24, 2025!!!!

Lois Zill

“Birthday / Anniversary Fund”

Keeping our preschool competitive one offering at a time.

Faith Lutheran Preschool is our ‘front door’ to the larger mission field that exists in the homes of our community and the communities around us. The precious lambs entrusted to our care present us with daily, weekly, and monthly opportunities to teach them about Jesus and His love for them.

Our preschool began in September of 1984 under the faithful leadership of Linda Schroeder (Pastor’s wife) and has been a blessing to many families over the past 41 years. Our preschool has been the ‘pride’ of many members – past and present – and has received special gifts and sacrificial offerings to support its unique ministry to families with young children.

Over the past four decades, our community and surrounding towns have seen a sharp and continual increase in the number of preschool and daycare providers. While some of them are ‘Christian’ in nature, not all of them provide what we can provide – an introduction to Jesus that may not be offered in each child’s home. What we offer the young children in our preschool can also become the missional ‘open door’ to introducing Jesus to their parents and siblings.

After months of careful thought and planning by the members of Faith Lutheran’s Board of Education, the decision was made to offer both ‘half-day’ AND ‘full-day’ preschool classes beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

Yes, we will continue facing the challenges of competing with other preschools and daycare facilities around us, but we have an opportunity as a congregational family to reduce the amount of tuition so that we become the ‘best Christian option’ in the area.

This is where you – the family of Faith Lutheran Church – have an opportunity to prayerfully consider participating in an extra gesture of financial support for our preschool.



The creation of the “Birthday / Anniversary Fund” provides a necessary and crucial element to keeping our preschool tuition at the most affordable rate in the area each year. Families of Faith Lutheran Church are encouraged to pray about this opportunity to participate in a program that directly impacts the availability and affordability of our preschool **starting with the 2026-2027 school year.**

Our preschool already has a 'Scholarship Fund' that is designed to provide financial assistance to families with 'demonstrated need.' The **"Birthday / Anniversary Fund"** is entirely different and exists only to reduce the annual tuition for all families who consider enrolling their children in our preschool.

HOW can you contribute to the "Birthday / Anniversary Fund"?

First, a separate fund with our bank will be set up that receives all the offerings that are received specifically for this program. The existence of a 'special account' ensures that these funds will not be siphoned away on 'operational costs,' but they are reserved for the specific purpose of reducing annual preschool tuition rates.



Sacrificial gifts to this fund can be directed through special envelopes as well as electronic giving. Directions for 'electronic giving' can be found on our Faith Lutheran website under the button titled "Give Now." There are five tiles from which to choose – one of them is the "Birthday / Anniversary Fund" with options for you to choose how much and how often to make those transfers.

"Birthday / Anniversary Fund" envelopes are available on the table in the entryway for you to use to support this program. All you need to do is indicate on the envelope if your 'thank offering' is being given in honor or your birthday or anniversary **ALONG WITH** your envelope number as this would be considered by the IRS as a 'charitable donation' for tax purposes.

On the Sunday closest to the occasion of your birthday or the birthday of one of your children or your wedding anniversary, please make a 'sacrificial' offering to the preschool equal to the number of years of the birthday being celebrated or the number of years married.

Because of the intense and long-term level of planning regarding ways to sustain the viability of our preschool moving forward, this **"Birthday / Anniversary Fund"** is getting a later start in the year than we had hoped.

For individuals and couples of Faith Lutheran Church who would like to join in this form of financial support for our preschool but whose birthdays and / or wedding anniversaries have already occurred, please feel free to use an envelope on the table in the entryway or make your electronic offering for this calendar year.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity that continues to make a positive impact on the long-term future of our preschool ministry. Thank you!!!

April 2025 Year-to-Date Financial Summary :

Offerings for Operations \$67,825
Operating Expenses \$72,447
Interest Income \$ 450
Loss from Operations \$ (4,172)

Offerings for missions and community outreach projects thru 4-30-25 totaled \$5,995 (over and above the offerings for operations)

Praying God will bless us in order that we may fulfill His calling for each of us as we grow in Christ's love and the word, so that we may share Christ's love with the world. May God continue to bless our time, talents, and treasures as we serve Him, our church, our members, and our community outreach ministries throughout 2025.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Mueller
Treasurer

Update
your
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REVITALIZATION TEAM

2025 UPDATE

On April 27, 2025 Faith Lutheran Church adopted these 4 Revitalization Team Goals to be completed in 2025:

GOAL #1 - FLC will work with the Rawhide Youth Home to raise \$3,600 to refurbish / replace cabinets, countertops and add an island to kitchen in 2025 (Liaison; Sharon Starks);

GOAL #2 - FLC will work with The Marinette County Sheriff's Office to raise \$2,000 to support two (2) G.H.O.S.T. Strike Teams in 2025 (Liaisons: Jim & Lois Zill);

GOAL #3 - FLC will work with Camp Daniel to raise \$2,000 to purchase a commercial grade clothes washer/dryer in 2025 - Liaison: Pastor Krueger.

4. **GOAL #4** - FLC will work with Rainbow House Domestic Abuse Services, Inc. to purchase 5 sets of Cleaning & Household Product Kits in 2025 (Liaison: Kelly Coan);

An anonymous couple in the congregation has also pledged \$1,898 to Dorothy's Haven of Hope Homeless Shelter in Marinette, WI to purchase a clothes washer/dryer in 2025. This check will be presented at the end of the service on June 1, 2025.

A chart for these projects is posted on the bulletin board and the donation amounts received so far will be posted on June 10th .

Respectfully Submitted by Jim Zill

DRONE UPDATE: THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Last Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. Lois and I went to "Jack's Fresh Market" in Marinette. Both of us were tired after finishing a Board of Ed meeting at church. We were looking for something to make for supper.

Then, bang - it happened! As we were walking into the store we saw a familiar face. It was Spencer Elias from The Marinette County Sheriff's Office. He was there too - picking up something before going home.

It was good to see him and he immediately started talking to us about the drone. He was very happy and excited to tell us that since adding the search light to the drone it has been used over 34 times by various police departments. The search light has made it much easier and faster to find people who are lost and to apprehend suspects who are trying to escape capture.

He also told us how grateful they are to us for giving them this wonderful gift. It allows them to perform these very necessary and difficult tasks with fewer law enforcement people in a way that is quick, efficient and safe for them.

Spencer also told us that he and his wife are expecting a little girl in September. Please pray for them and the continued success of our Revitalization Team projects.

To God be the Glory! Amen.

Submitted By - Jim & Lois Zill

FAITH LUTHERAN SUPPORT
BAKE SALE SAVE THE DATE: June 15, 2025

National Youth Gathering



Lizzie McCoy is planning to attend the Lutheran Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA from July 18 to July 23, 2025. The Board of Education will be holding a bake sale on June 15, 2025, after the church service to help raise funds in support of the \$1,198 cost. This includes airfare, event cost, meals, etc.

This is part of the letter received from Lizzie seeking additional funding support for the trip: "I'm excited about this opportunity—it's a chance to grow in my faith, connect with other Christian teens from around the country, and learn how to better serve in my church and community."

The Gathering offers a mix of spiritual experiences, leadership training, and educational sessions that I know will help me become stronger in my faith and more confident in serving others. I truly believe this trip will help shape me into a better leader and help me bring back ideas and inspiration to share with our church here at Faith Lutheran.

Even though our church isn't sending a youth group to this event, I'll be going with my former youth group from Christ Lutheran Church in La Mesa, California—where I went to school from preschool through 8th grade. That place means a lot to me, and I'm so looking forward to reuniting with friends I grew up with and growing in our faith together. I also hope to take what I learned in New Orleans and share it with other teens and members of our church family here in Wisconsin and Michigan.

The Board of Education will be putting up a sign-up sheet for bakery items, which are wide open.

**All funds collected will go to support
Lizzie's trip to New Orleans!**

“Councils and Confessions” - a summer review from the “Lutheran Witness”

“Very God of Very God” (Nicene Creed – ca 325 AD)

We live in strange times of exploding scientific knowledge and deep ignorance of the Bible and Christianity. Our young people are taught the Bible is a myth. They are told that the books included in it were selected for political and prejudicial reasons, while the ‘gospels’ excluded from the canon of Scripture (the “Gospel of Thomas,” for example) were rejected for their broader, more open views of women, sexuality and so on. In reality, these other ‘gospels’ are filled with obviously spurious material. The historical existence of over 60 persons in the Old and New Testaments has been verified by extrabiblical sources, whether archaeology (seals, inscriptions, pottery, ancient paintings) or extrabiblical writings.



VERY GOD

an artist explores
the nicene creed

The Bible is not a myth. Nor is it the result of bigots hijacking the faith – and neither are the Apostles’ or Nicene Creeds. This is important to know as we celebrate the 1,700 anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and the Nicene Creed (A.D. 325), though its third article was largely added at a council in Constantinople (A.D. 381).

You know the creed well. Thank God, we use it every time we celebrate the Sacrament! We confess of the Christ that He is “God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made ... of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.”

This confession was written in direct opposition to a fourth-century Christian named Arius. He was probably from Libya. He stirred up the church in Alexandria, especially St. Athanasius, by asserting that “there was a time when the Son of God was not.” That meant that the Son of God was created by the Father, and if this were so, Jesus could not be true God. But in fact, Jesus claimed to be God: “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30). “Before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:58). The Gospels call Him God: “In the beginning was the Word (i.e., the Son of God), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). Jesus does divine things: “Who can forgive sins but God alone?” (Luke 5:21).

Further, the earliest confession of the church is “Jesus is Lord” (1 Corinthians 12:3, Romans 10:9). Paul follows this confession in Romans 10 by quoting Joel 2: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13). The prophet Joel says in Hebrew, “Whoever calls on the name of YAHWEH will be saved”! Jesus IS Yahweh.

Out of the 300 or so bishops at Nicaea, only a couple rejected the council's decision. Emperor Constantine had called them together, to be sure, argued personally for the divinity of Christ and the use of the word *homooousios* ("of the same substance" with God the Father). But this was clearly the teaching of the apostolic church and the post-apostolic church (Polycarp, ordained by John the Apostle; Ignatius of Antioch, connected to John; and others).

The apostolic connection was important. The apostolic Scriptures were the real ones. Living second-century pastors and martyrs who knew the apostles had given testimony to what the apostles had given testimony to what the apostles taught and to which writings were apostolic. The fathers at Nicaea knew all of this. They had read and writings of the apostles. They had read the writings of the second-century stalwarts like Irenaeus (ca A.D. 130-202), who had seen and hear Polycarp, who had been a disciple of St. John.

The point is, the creedal statements about Christ in our Nicene Creed express the clear truth about Jesus. He is God in the flesh. Man is God. God is man. Said Luther: "If Jesus were only a man, then we are in great trouble. For then His sacrifice would not be sufficient to pay for our sins. But because He is divine and human, His sacrifice on the cross paid for the sins of the world.

For years, the church tired to figure out how to best express the truth of Christ's divinity over against Arius, using biblical terms. But no matter how it was formulated, Arius and his supporters always twisted things. The word *homooousios* was finally chosen to express the truth. "One substance with the Father." But the Arians even twisted that and winked at each other during the proceedings, deceptively confession on things but twisting it to mean something else.

Our great Book of Concord, in the Formula of Concord, Article VIII on the Person of Christ, solemnly rejects all the ancient heresies about Christ: "We reject and condemn as contrary to God's Word and our simple (pure) Christian faith all the following erroneous articles, if they are taught ... [that] Christ is not true, natural, and eternal God, as Arius held (blasphemed)."



As we don't "wink" when we make this confession our own every Sunday in the Divine Service. We do so in the sight of God Almighty, knowing that this is the faith we shall one day confess before the judgment seat of Christ. "The blood [human nature!] of Jesus God's Son [God in the flesh!] cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). And that's no myth or political machination. It's the Gospel itself.

(This article was written by LCMS President Matthew C Harrison and included in the May edition of "The Lutheran Witness.")

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Hello everyone,

First, I want to let you know the final results of the penny wars. We were able to raise a total of \$265.09! The winner of the 2025 Faith Lutheran Penny Wars is...drumroll please!!!!

The 4-year-old class took the win by only 57 points. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event. The preschoolers were so excited to see all the coins.

As our preschool year comes to a close, I want to express my heartfelt thanks for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support throughout the school year. Your partnership makes the ministry possible, and I am so grateful.

Our preschool is more than a place for early education—it is a place where seeds of faith are planted daily, and your support helps that happen. Thank you for being a part of this important work. Some have chosen to help through the birthday/anniversary fund, some through Thrivent, some with words of encouragement, some with prayers. However, you choose to help, please know that I am so very thankful for it all.



As we head into the summer months, we carry with us gratitude for a fruitful year and hope for the year to come. Please continue to keep all students, families, and staff in your prayers. Speaking of staff, welcome with me, Taylor Grant into the afternoon teacher position. She currently works for Faith in the custodian role. She recently graduated with her degree in psychology. She will be helping set up the classroom for next year and finalizing all things so we can start strong in September.

Have a beautiful summer everyone!

-Kat Ehlers
Director and Teacher,
Faith Lutheran Preschool



May 18, 2025

Steingraber Seminary CHRONICLES

Greetings in Christ,

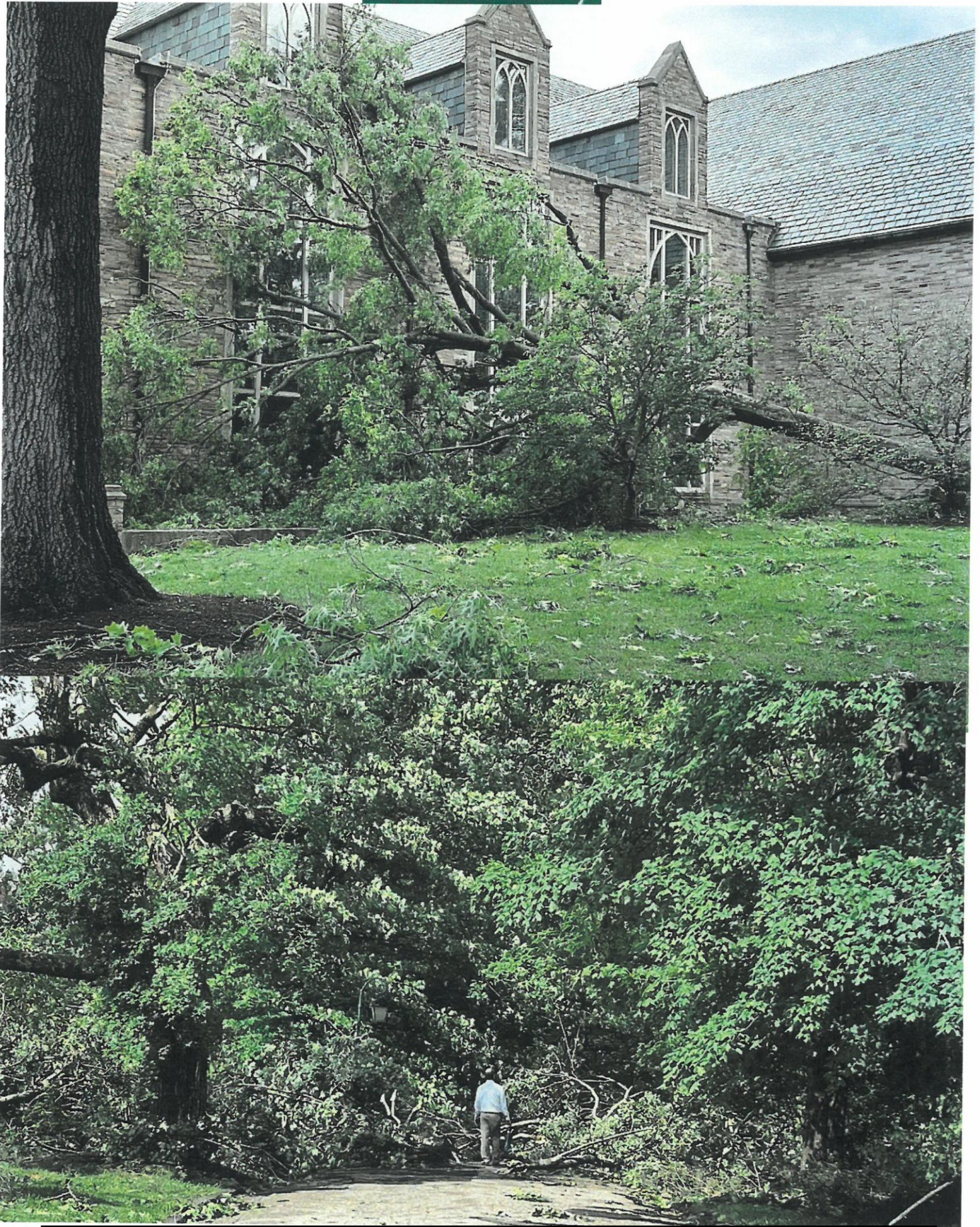
Now that the dust has settled, we wanted to let you know that we are all safe after a tornado hit close to the seminary on May 16th. This was a day we won't forget quickly. Our family was able to take cover and ride out the storm. No one from the seminary was injured and there was limited damage to the seminary buildings. The road to faculty housing and one of the side roads onto campus through Concordia Park were blocked by trees for part of Friday afternoon, but roads and campus buildings were able to be cleared in time for a delayed graduation ceremony on campus Saturday night. The residences on campus are still without power, but we consider ourselves to be blessed. According to the news, we do know five people died in St. Louis due to this tornado. Please keep the community around the seminary in your prayers as trees are taken out and power is restored soon.

Peace and Love in Christ,

The Steingraber Family







Adopt-A-Student

Dear Faith Lutheran,

On April 30th we learned we will be headed to Lakewood, Colorado for Vicarage! Our church, Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School, is one of the longest active vicarage congregations (if not *the* longest) in the Synod, having had a vicar for around 40 consecutive years! Bethlehem worships around 500 a weekend, has a large K-8 school (281 kids), and a thriving Early Learning Center. They also have a wonderful homeless outreach program that includes a meal and worship on Thursdays, which I am very much looking forward to being part of. We are so incredibly excited to be part of the Bethlehem family and seeing what God has in store for our year there. Our beloved Green Bay Packers even play in Denver this year!

The next few weeks will be busy for us. The seminary's semester ends May 15, and Hannah's school wraps up with students a week or so after that. I have plenty of assignments to finish and will be preaching at our fieldwork church one more time, May 18. Hannah has papers, assignments, and final exams to administer and grade, along with exit interviews and tearful goodbyes to the friends she's made at her school. Judah will keep learning new things and keeping us on our toes through it all. Right now our plan is to be in Wisconsin, alternating between our two families, over the month of June. We'll head back here to St. Louis to pack and head to Colorado, beginning our new adventure.

We are so incredibly thankful for your prayers and support over our first two years of Seminary! God's work in and through you has made these first two years go so incredibly smoothly. Because of your financial support, we haven't had to endure the financial burdens seminary brought many - if not most - pastors in previous generations. We cannot thank you enough for the support and prayers you have poured out on us. God is good in all things - seen 100% through you.

With excited thanks,



Blake, Hannah, and Judah Brockman



JUNE TIME & TALENTS

June 1st Seventh Sunday of Easter

Elder : Dan Everson
Greeters : Jim & Jean Olson
Musician : Lois Zill
Altar : Kelly Coan
Acolyte : Lizzy McCoy
Screen Assistant : Ali Mullins
Usher : John Nygren | Kent Newby | Mike Evancheck
Counters : Chris Froehlich | Sandy Lesperance
Lawn Care : Jim Olson

June 8th The Day of Pentecost

Elder : Keith Mueller
Greeters : Eric & Devin Scuderi
Musician : Marilyn Theel
Nursery : Sharon Starks
Altar : Lori Okrasinski
Acolyte : Matthew McCoy
Screen Assistant : Ali Mullins
Ushers : Jeff Starks | Dave Kielcheski | Sam Anuta
Counters : Char Kielcheski | Laura Isaacson
Lawn Care :

June 15th The Holy Trinity

Elder : Dennis Froehlich
Greeters : Carrie Thorley and Rosie Wolbrink
Musician : Danielle Moon
Nursery : Lisa Charlesworth
Altar : Lisa Charlesworth
Acolyte : Michael Evancheck
Screen Assistant : Devin Scuderi
Ushers : Bob Charlesworth | Joel Cain | Jeff Durocher
Counters : Sandy Lesperance | Kelly Coan
Lawn Care : Dan Everson

June 22nd Second Sunday after Pentecost

Elder : Jeff Durocher
Greeters : Dave Kielcheski and Steve Tilberg
Musician : Lois Zill
Nursery : Roxanne Mueller
Altar : Sandy Lesperance
Acolyte : Logan Krumrei
Screen Assistant : Ali Mullins
Ushers : Dennis Froehlich | Roy Gill | Keith Mueller
Counters : Kelly Coan | Chris Froehlich
Lawn Care : Bob Charlesworth

June 29th Third Sunday after Pentecost

Elder : Keith Mueller
Greeters : Duane & Jane Bucholtz
Musician : Lois Zill
Nursery : Roxanne Mueller
Altar : Sandy Lesperance
Acolyte : Logan Krumrei
Screen Assistant : Ali Mullins
Ushers : Dennis Froehlich | Roy Gill | Keith Mueller
Counters : Kelly Coan | Chris Froehlich
Lawn Care : Jim Olson

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06 / 01	Noah Graglia
06 / 02	Duane Bucholtz
06 / 03	Jeff Starks Larry Zupan
06 / 04	Michael Evancheck
06 / 12	Gwen Hanson
06 / 13	Sally Zupan
06 / 17	David Guns Walker Stroming Weston Stroming
06 / 18	Laura Isaacson
06 / 21	Austin Stroming
06 / 24	Karen Haag
06 / 26	Abby Graglia Lori Payne-Csaki
06 / 27	Sharon Marquardt
06 / 28	Lizzie McCoy

JUNE ANIVERSARY

06/04	Adam & Kaytee Devroy
06/13	Michael & Jean Hoffman-Anuta
06/17	Warren & Joan Schrank
06/20	Jim & Lois Zill
06/25	Mark & Lori Okrasinski
06/26	Larry & Sally Zupan
06/28	Thomas & Marianne Evancheck

June 2025

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	2	3	4	5	6	7							
9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Fellowship	5:00pm - Board of Elders'	5:00pm - Property Board	6:00pm - Discipleship Class										
8 DAY OF PENTECOST	9	10	11	12	13	14							
9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Fellowship	5:00pm - Board of Missional Life		6:00pm - Discipleship Class										
15 HOLY TRINITY	16	17	18	19	20	21							
9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Fellowship & Bake Sale			6:00pm - Discipleship Class										
22 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	23	24	25	26	27	28							
9:00am - Worship Service 10:15am - Fellowship			6:00pm - Discipleship Class										
29 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	30	PASTOR 'OFFICE HOURS' FOR JUNE, JULY & AUGUST : (Monday - Thursday) – may be subject to change: Days with no evening meetings or events: 7:00am --> 1:00pm Days with evening meetings or events: 1:00pm --> end of mtg or event CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR JUNE, JULY & AUGUST : may be subject to change Monday - Thursday 7:00am --> 1:00pm Friday 7:00am --> noon											