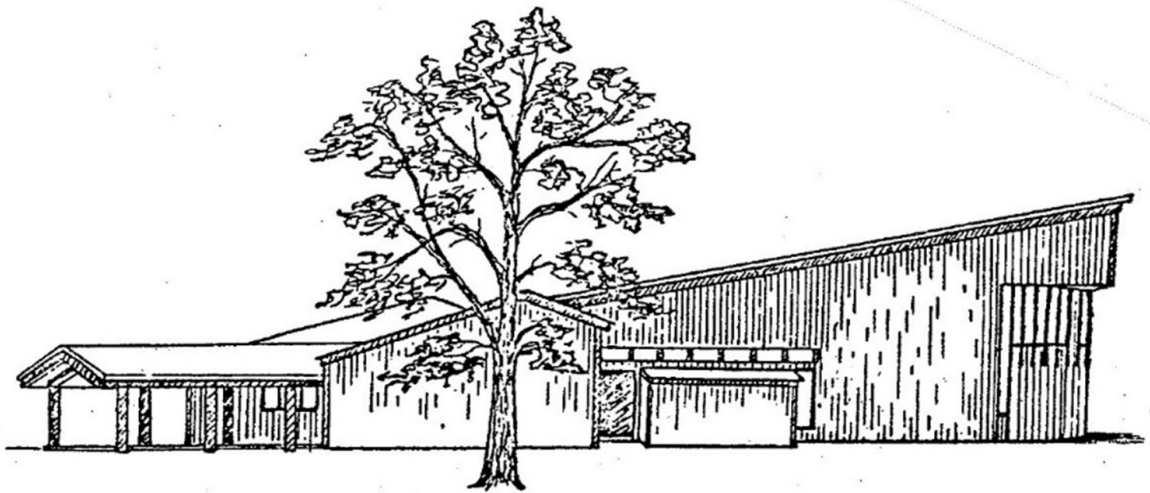




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**"As we GROW in Christ's Love and the Word,
we will SHARE Christ's Love with the World."**

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SUNDAY

- Worship Service.....9:00am
- Fellowship Time.....10:15am
- Bible Study.....10:30am

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PASTOR'S PAGE

“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.” (Galatians 5:1)

As we near our nation's 250th birthday and celebration of “Independence Day,” one word still defines the quality of life and the substance of our American society – that word is ‘freedom.’ This is the pillar that our country was built upon, that we to continue to build upon, the pillar that continues to beckon all who hunger and thirst for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The first pilgrims and settlers came to this land from England and Europe – many fleeing religious persecution. They were looking for a new home where freedom was not just a dream but a reality that provided new opportunities.

When you hear the words “Christian Freedom,” consider what you are running towards and not what you are running from. The author to the Hebrews provides the following perspective, “Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross.” (Hebrews 12:1b-2a)

The cross of Jesus – the greatest single act and guarantee of freedom in history – continues defining our existence as children of God. The cross of Jesus is the source of our freedom. On the cross, Jesus took away the curse of sin (eternal damnation) and won forgiveness for all our sins so that we are ‘children of God,’ reconciled to “Our Father,” and live daily with thanksgiving and praise for the free gifts we receive from the ongoing work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Through the cross of Jesus, we are no longer slaves to sin. We are free to live according to God's commands without fear of eternal punishment for our sins. We are free through God's love and forgiveness and called to live each day to His glory as a beacon shining the light of His love and forgiveness for all to see.

On the 250th birthday of our “Independence,” we remember the call to freedom that our founding fathers first declared and were willing to risk their very lives to defend and preserve “one nation under God.” On another date long ago – on a hill called Golgotha – Jesus gave His life on the cross for all sinners to provide freedom, forgiveness, and eternal life as we live each day to the glory of God.

May all our days be an ongoing celebration and witness of our independence and blood-bought freedom from slavery to sin through faith in Jesus.
Celebrating “Freedom” in Christ ~

Pastor Jim

Could God Really Have Created Everything in Six Days? (Part 1)

I have been hearing this question and variations of it for all the years that I have served as a professional church worker – 37 years now (well, honestly, three of those years were spent in intense study at the seminary for my calling as a pastor). This is “Part 1” of two monthly newsletter articles addressing this question.

Why Is It Important?

If the days of creation are really geologic ages of millions of years, then the gospel message is undermined at its foundation because it puts death, disease, thorns, and suffering before the Fall. The effort to define “days” as “geologic ages” results from an erroneous approach to Scripture—reinterpreting the Word of God on the basis of the fallible theories of sinful people.

It is a good exercise to read Genesis 1 and try to put aside outside influences that may cause you to have a predetermined idea of what the word “day” may mean. Just let the words of the passage speak to you.

Taking Genesis 1 in this way, at face value, without doubt it says that God created the universe, the earth, the sun, moon and stars, plants and animals, and the first two people within six ordinary (approximately 24-hour) days. Being really honest, you would have to admit that you could never get the idea of millions of years from reading this passage.

The majority of Christians (including many Christian leaders) in the Western world, however, do not insist that these days of creation were ordinary-length days, and many of them accept and teach, based on outside influences, that they must have been long periods of time—even millions or billions of years.

How Does God Communicate to Us?

God communicates through language. When He made the first man, Adam, He had already “programmed” him with a language, so there could be communication. Human language consists of words used in a specific context that relates to the entire reality around us.

Thus, God can reveal things to man, and man can communicate with God, because words have meaning and convey an understandable message. If this were not so, how could any of us communicate with each other or with God?

Why “Long Days”?

Romans 3:4 declares: “Let God be true, and every man a liar.”

In every instance where someone has not accepted the “days” of creation to be ordinary days, they have not allowed the words of Scripture to speak to them in context, as the language requires for communication. They have been influenced by ideas from outside of Scripture. Thus, they have set a precedent that could allow any word to be reinterpreted by the preconceived ideas of the person reading the words. Ultimately, this will lead to a communication breakdown, as the same words in the same context could mean different things to different people.

The Church Fathers

Most church fathers accepted the days of creation as ordinary days.¹ It is true that some of the early church fathers did not teach the days of creation as ordinary days—but many of them had been influenced by Greek philosophy, which caused them to interpret the days as allegorical. They reasoned that the creation days were related to God’s activities, and God being timeless meant that the days could not be related to human time. In contrast to today’s allegorizers, they could not accept that God took as long as six days.

Thus, the non-literal days resulted from extrabiblical influences (i.e., influences from outside the Bible), not from the words of the Bible.

This approach has affected the way people interpret Scripture to this day. As the man who started the Reformation said, The days of creation were ordinary days in length. We must understand that these days were actual days (veros

dies), contrary to the opinion of the Holy Fathers. Whenever we observe that the opinions of the Fathers disagree with Scripture, we reverently bear with them and acknowledge them to be our elders. Nevertheless, we do not depart from the authority of Scripture for their sake.

Again and again, such leaders admit that Genesis 1, taken in a straightforward way, seems to teach six ordinary days. But they then say that this cannot be because of the age of the universe or some other extrabiblical reason.

Consider the following representative quotes from Bible scholars who are considered to be conservative yet who do not accept the days of creation as ordinary-length days:

From a superficial reading of Genesis 1, the impression would seem to be that the entire creative process took place in six twenty-four-hour days. ... This seems to run counter to modern scientific research, which indicates that the planet Earth was created several billion years ago.

We have shown the possibility of God's having formed the Earth and its life in a series of creative days representing long periods. In view of the apparent age of the Earth, this is not only possible—it is probable.

It is as if these theologians view “nature” as a “67th book of the Bible,” albeit with more authority than the 66 written books. Rather, we should consider the words of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the renowned “prince of preachers,” in 1877: We are invited, brethren, most earnestly to go away from the old-fashioned belief of our forefathers because of the supposed discoveries of science. What is science? The method by which man tries to conceal his ignorance. It should not be so, but so it is. You are not to be dogmatical in theology, my brethren, it is wicked; but for scientific men it is the correct thing. You are never to assert anything very strongly; but scientists may boldly assert what they cannot prove, and may demand a faith far more credulous than any we possess. Forsooth, you and I are to take our Bibles and shape and mold our belief according to the evershifting teachings of so-called scientific men. What folly is this! Why, the march of science, falsely so called, through the world may be traced by exploded fallacies and abandoned theories. Former explorers once adored are now ridiculed; the continual wreckings of false hypotheses is a matter of universal notoriety. You may tell where the learned have encamped by the debris left behind of suppositions and theories as plentiful as broken bottles.

Those who would use historical science (as propounded by people who, by and large, ignore God's written revelation) to interpret the Bible, to teach us things about God, have matters front to back. Because we are fallen, fallible creatures, we need God's written Word, illuminated by the Holy Spirit, to properly understand natural history. The respected systematic theologian Berkhof said: *“Since the entrance of sin into the world, man can gather true knowledge about God from His general revelation only if he studies it in the light of Scripture, in which the elements of God's original self-revelation, which were obscured and perverted by the blight of sin, are republished, corrected, and interpreted ... Some are inclined to speak of God's general revelation as a second source; but this is hardly correct in view of the fact that nature can come into consideration here only as interpreted in the light of Scripture.”* **In other words, Christians should build their thinking on the Bible, not on science.**

The “Days” of Genesis 1

What does the Bible tell us about the meaning of “day” in Genesis 1? A word can have more than one meaning, depending on the context. For instance, the English word “day” can have perhaps 14 different meanings. For example, consider the following sentence: “Back in my grandfather's day, it took 12 days to drive across the country during the day.”

Here the first occurrence of “day” means “time” in a general sense. The second “day,” where a number is used, refers to an ordinary day, and the third refers to the daylight portion of the 24-hour period. The point is that words can have more than one meaning, depending on the context.

To understand the meaning of “day” in Genesis 1, we need to determine how the Hebrew word for “day,” *yom*, is used in the context of Scripture. Consider the following: ¶ A typical concordance will illustrate that *yom* can have a range of meanings: a period of light as contrasted to night, a 24-hour period, time, a specific point of time, or a year.

- A classic, well-respected Hebrew-English lexicon (a dictionary) has seven headings and many subheadings for the meaning of yom—but it defines the creation days of Genesis 1 as ordinary days under the heading “day as defined by evening and morning.”
- A number and the phrase “evening and morning” are used with each of the six days of creation (Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31).
- Outside Genesis 1, yom is used with a number 359 times, and each time it means an ordinary day. Why would Genesis 1 be the exception?
- Outside Genesis 1, yom is used with the word “evening” or “morning” 23 times. “Evening” and “morning” appear in association, but without yom, 38 times. All 61 times the text refers to an ordinary day. Why would Genesis 1 be the exception?
- In Genesis 1:5, yom occurs in context with the word “night.” Outside of Genesis 1, “night” is used with yom 53 times, and each time it means an ordinary day. Why would Genesis 1 be the exception? Even the usage of the word “light” with yom in this passage determines the meaning as ordinary day.
- The plural of yom, which does not appear in Genesis 1, can be used to communicate a longer time period, such as “in those days.” Adding a number here would be nonsensical. Clearly, in Exodus 20:11, where a number is used with “days,” it unambiguously refers to six earth-rotation days.
- There are words in biblical Hebrew (such as olam or qedem) that are very suitable for communicating long periods of time, or indefinite time, but none of these words are used in Genesis 1.¹⁵ Alternatively, the days or years could have been compared with grains of sand if long periods were meant.

So far as I know, there is no professor of Hebrew or Old Testament at any world-class university who does not believe that the writer(s) of Gen. 1–11 intended to convey to their readers the ideas that (a) creation took place in a series of six days which were the same as the days of 24 hours we now experience (b) the figures contained in the Genesis genealogies provided by simple addition a chronology from the beginning of the world up to later stages in the biblical story (c) Noah’s Flood was understood to be worldwide and extinguish all human and animal life except for those in the ark.

In like manner, nineteenth century liberal Professor Marcus Dods, New College, Edinburgh, said, if, for example, the word “day” in these chapters does not mean a period of twenty-four hours, the interpretation of Scripture is hopeless.

Conclusion About “Day” in Genesis 1

If we are prepared to let the words of the language speak to us in accord with the context and normal definitions, without being influenced by outside ideas, then the word for “day” found in Genesis 1—which is qualified by a number, the phrase “evening and morning” and for Day 1 the words “light and darkness”—obviously means an ordinary day (about 24 hours).

In Martin Luther’s day, some of the church fathers were saying that God created everything in only one day or in an instant. Martin Luther wrote, “When Moses writes that God created Heaven and Earth and whatever is in them in six days, then let this period continue to have been six days, and do not venture to devise any comment according to which six days were one day. But, if you cannot understand how this could have been done in six days, then grant the Holy Spirit the honor of being more learned than you are. For you are to deal with Scripture in such a way that you bear in mind that God Himself says what is written. But since God is speaking, it is not fitting for you wantonly to turn His Word in the direction you wish to go.”

Similarly, John Calvin stated, “Albeit the duration of the world, now declining to its ultimate end, has not yet attained six thousand years. ... God’s work was completed not in a moment but in six days.”

Luther and Calvin were the backbone of the Protestant Reformation that called the church back to Scripture—Sola Scriptura (Scripture alone). Both of these men were adamant that Genesis 1 taught six ordinary days of creation—only thousands of years ago.

END OF PART 1 – PART 2 WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER

“CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND”

We can all agree that the future of the Church depends heavily on the next generation. I believe it's our moral and Christian responsibility to assist in any way possible to help this next generation to raise their children in a Christian educational environment. I am very proud of the way our congregation at Faith supports our Preschool program for three and four year old children in our community. The parents of these children obviously see the value of having their very young children in a faith-based learning environment. I am also very proud of our congregation in the way that our Endowment Fund financially supports students after high school that choose to attend the LCMS Seminary in their pursuit of becoming a pastor.

The public school system has evolved over the past few decades to the point where they basically forbid any type of religious influence to even be discussed in the classroom. I don't see this improving anytime in the future. If parents want their children to have a Christian school experience, their only choice is to have them attend a parochial school rather than a public school. However, due to the cost of parochial school tuition, there may be significant financial considerations when making this decision. The part that I felt we missed was promoting any type of available financial support opportunity to the families in our congregation that currently or will soon have children in kindergarten through high school. Therefore, after prayerful consideration and discussion, the Church Council has set up a fund which is not financed through the church budget but rather is funded on a strictly voluntary basis by any members who feel strongly that this is a need they can support.

The monies donated to this fund would be available only to members of Faith Lutheran Church whose children are enrolling in a Lutheran Christian school and attending grades kindergarten through high school. There will be a process whereby a committee will review the applications submitted and will determine the tuition assistance to be awarded from the monies available in the fund.

If you feel as we do, and would like to contribute to this cause, you can do so in one of two ways. You can go online to our Church website, click on the “Donate” button in the top left corner of the page and then select the “Parochial Tuition Assistance Fund” at the bottom of the page and follow the process you would for any other type of giving. You can also donate by simply writing “Parochial Tuition Assistance” on an envelope containing your donation or on the memo line of your check and placing it in the collection plate. If you have any questions, please feel free to see me.

May God Bless You,
Keith Mueller

FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL UPDATES

Faith Lutheran Preschool is excited to share that we currently have 16 students enrolled for the 2026-2027 school year. We are thankful for the continued growth and support of the preschool ministry and look forward to another wonderful year of learning and development.

As summer continues, we encourage you to keep sharing information about Faith Lutheran Preschool with families who may be looking for a caring and meaningful start to their child's education. Word-of-mouth recommendations and support from the church family are truly appreciated and helps the preschool continue to grow.

Thank you to the congregation for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support of Faith Lutheran Preschool. Your kindness and generosity continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and families. Have a wonderful summer everyone!

REVITALIZATION TEAM 2026 UPDATE

Please find the approved goals voted on by the congregation for 2026 below:

Approved GOAL #1 2026: Bay Area Pregnancy Center

COMPLETED

Bay Area Pregnancy Commercial Washer/Dryer & Car Seats	1 UNIT COST
New Commercial Washer and Dryer to wash and dry all gently used clothing and baby items for the boutique. The landlord has granted permission to have these appliances installed by a licensed professional. This capability will ensure that every item given to a family is clean, fresh, and ready to use. The car seat program provides car seats to families who are activity participating in their parent education program as many cannot afford these items but are essential for bringing a baby home safely.	\$2,550.00



Item Breakdown	COST
a) Commercial Washer/Dryer	\$1,800.00
b) Car Seat Program	\$750.00
TOTAL	\$2,550.00



Approved GOAL #3 2026: UP Foster Closet

Diapers/Wipes, Child Hygiene Kits, New Shoes/Boots	COST
These items would be purchased by the UP-Foster Closet for distribution to families who need the basic supplies for their children.	\$2,000.00



Item Breakdown	COST
a) Diapers/Wipes Supports 20-25 Infants & Toddlers	\$600.00
b) Child Hygiene Kits Supports 100 youth	\$700.00
c) New Shoes/Boots Ensures 30 children receive footwear	\$700.00
TOTAL	\$2,000.00



Approved GOAL #2 2026: Peshtigo EMS/Fire Department

Binder Lift 2.0 Lift Device with Carry Bag for each EMS Unit & Donation to Lucas 3 Chest Compression System fund	1 UNIT COST
Lifting patients is often the most challenging and dangerous job function for first responders. The Binder Lift changes this by attaching up to 32 handles to the patient's torso so responders can effectively team lift, use better ergonomics, and avoid causing harm or discomfort to the patient. The need is for 2 units—one for each EMS vehicle. The Stryker LUCAS 3 Chest Compression System is a portable, battery-operated device that delivers automated, guidelines-consistent, and continuous chest compressions to cardiac arrest patients.	\$2,500.00



Item Breakdown	COST
a) Binder Lift 2.0 Lift Device x 2	\$1,740.00
b) Contribution to the Lucas 3 Chest Compression System	\$760.00
TOTAL	\$2,500.00



Approved GOAL #4 2026: Marinette Sheriff & Marinette Police Department



MOBILE COMMAND UNIT PROJECT	COST
Purchase and equip the used ambulance to make it operational and deployable as a mobile command post	\$2,500.00

Donations will help with purchasing and upfitting a used ambulance. The unit will be shared and utilized by both the Sheriff's Office and Police Department. It will be modified and used as Mobile Command Post that is equipped to respond to major critical incidents that occur in City of Marinette and throughout Marinette County. On average we respond to a dozen major critical incidents per year where a command post like this is needed. Currently neither agency has a vehicle equipped to be utilized in such a role.

Initial costs to be operational would include:

- Cost of the ambulance \$4500
- Modifying and stripping out cabinets in the rear area and installing workspace tables, chairs, and computer docking stations \$5000
- installing Wi-Fi capabilities \$350
- Wiring + installing police radios in the front and rear \$1800
- installing red + blue emergency police lighting \$700



The Liaison's assigned for each approved project are noted in the excel document below that will be posted after the official financial closing of each month which is normally completed by the 10th of the following month. This and the above goals will be posted monthly as a status report.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL: 2026 REVITALIZATION TEAM GOALS

COMPLETED!	GOAL-1	GOAL-2	GOAL-3	GOAL-4
	BAY AREA PREGNANCY CENTER	PESHTIGO EMS / FIRE DEPARTMENT	U. P. FOSTER CLOSET	MARINETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
	* Commercial Clothes Washer & Dryer \$1800 * Mixed Car Seats /50	* Binder Lifts (2) \$1,740 * Lucas Chest Compression Device Fund \$760	* Diapers & Wipes \$600 * Child Hygiene Kits \$700 * New Shoes & Boots \$700	* Mobile Command Unit Project \$2,500
	\$2,550 Liaison: Dennis & Chris Froehlich	\$2,500 Liaisons: Jim & Lois Zill	\$2,000 Liaison: Sharon Starks	\$2,500 Liaisons: Jim & Lois Zill

Thank you for your continued support of these goals for 2026.

Jim Zill & Lois Zill

MISSIONARY PASTOR LEIF CAMP VISIT

8/9/26

Pastor Leif Camp came to Russia in 1995 as a volunteer missionary assigned to work with youth in St. Petersburg. In 1996 LCMS World Missions sent him to Nizhny Novgorod. He accepted a call, In 2003 from the Ingrian Lutheran Church in Russia (a Partner Church of the LCMS since the synodical vote held at the 1998 LCMS convention).

Today, Pastor Camp conducts an English Worship service in St. Petersburg, for a congregation at St. John's Ingrian Lutheran Church where he also conducts a Basic Christianity class as an outreach ministry.

Pastor Camp also teaches the following classes at the Ingrian Theological Institute: Personal Spiritual Life; Biblical Theology of Missions; Trinitology and Christology, and Advanced Theological English. He also serves as acting Dean of Students. The Institute conducts an intensive pre-seminary "Basic Theological Course," a distance Bachelor of Div Program, a Masters program, and courses for deaconesses, cantors, bookkeepers, youth workers and Sunday school teachers.

Leif's son, Karl, and daughter, Nastya, grew up in Russia and now live in the States. Karl is in his fourth year at the Seminary in St. Louis and Nastya works at Immanuel Lutheran School in Alexandria, VA.

Karl is getting married in early August, so Pastor Camp will be flying in for the wedding and he will be able to worship with us on August 9, 2026. He plans on visiting with us after the service and will be able to share news and information about his ministry in Russia.

Please pray that he will have a safe trip and be able to be with us as planned.



NEW MISSIONARY

NEW MISSIONARY – ASHLEY LEHR

Serving the Lord in Puerto Rico

Mission Central has informed us that Rev. Jonathan and Cheryl Naumann have retired and that they have left the Dominican Republic. In response to this, the Board of Missional Life has chosen Ashley Lehr as our new missionary in Puerto Rico.



Ashley Lehr serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Puerto Rico, based in Mayaguez. As an outreach specialist, Ashley connects, equips and organizes local and international volunteers for service to Christ both on and off the island of Puerto Rico. These relationships of service and love create opportunities for sharing the Good News of Jesus in word and deed, as well as for forming a church body that is known for serving its communities. She also works to assist local communities by connecting them to fellowship, education and mercy activities and events.

Ashley's hometown is Appleton, Wis., where her home congregation, Faith Lutheran Church, is located. She received a bachelor's degree in social work, with a minor in communication, from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. While in college, she worked as a nanny, as a student manager in dining services and as a peer minister at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead. In addition, Ashley participated in two short-term mission trips to Haiti (2014) and Guatemala (2018). Her hobbies include bullet journaling, watching movies, playing cards and board games, and spending time with family and friends.

Ashley will be back in the States in September and plans to worship with us and meet us at that time.

Prayers

Pray for Ashley as she serves the church and the people in Puerto Rico. Ask God to work through Ashley to bring the Good News to people who are desperate for words of hope. Pray for God's guidance and faithfulness in her endeavors. In addition, ask God to give her strength and endurance as she continues to learn Spanish. Let us give thanks to God that Ashley is serving His children in this part of the world.

Additional Information

- Birthday: Sept. 29
- Home District: North Wisconsin

“FIRST ANNUAL COOKIE WALK – TAKE A WALK ON THE SWEET SIDE”



On Saturday, November 7 from 10am-12pm, Faith Lutheran Church will host its first ever “Annual Cookie Walk.”

This event ...

- is hosted by the Faith Lutheran Church “Board of Missional Life” and contains as one of its ‘goals’ to add another way to ‘open our doors’ to the community around us,
- seeks to help individuals and families in the local community (or even farther away) to prepare for the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas by reducing their amount of baking preparation.
- provides a ‘fellowship time’ where we become known to our ‘neighbors’ and our ‘neighbors’ begin to learn a little more about us.
- provides a variety of cookies and other baked goods combined with community spirit in a “grab-and-go” environment.

Prices are determined by the actual weight of the cookies / baked goods that are placed into containers that we provide for their use.

The proceeds from this event will be directed in support of a ministry at Faith Lutheran Church and will be determined in upcoming months.

WHAT THIS EVENT NEEDS FROM OUR FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH FAMILY:

(more details to come in future newsletters)

1. Help us to promote this event in the neighborhoods or towns you live in.
2. Begin collecting ‘large’ coffee cans and containers that can be decorated with holiday wrappings for use by those who attend.

*** Rosie Wolbrink has volunteered to ‘store’ all containers that are donated. Starting June 1 there will be a receiving bin in the Fellowship Hall that all ‘clean’ containers can be placed in from week to week.

3. We will need every baker in our church family to consider donating the variety and quantity we hope to provide for this event.

4. Volunteers to oversee putting the desired choices of baked goods by attendees in their container as we want to provide a ‘sterile’ environment.

PRIZES will include:

1. Gift cards for the “TOP 5” individuals who donated the “TOP 5” amounts of baked goods (measured in ‘dozens’).
2. Gift cards for local businesses that will be offered through a drawing at the event for those in attendance (including FLC members).

PLEASE WATCH FUTURE NEWSLETTERS for more information!

LARGE coffee container donations begin June 1 at Faith Lutheran Church.

Contact Chairman Jim Zill or Pastor Jim for more information. THANK YOU!!!



ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

The Faith Endowment Committee has again approved a grant for a four week rental of the digital billboard on the right side of Highway 41, 1.2 miles from Roosevelt Road, for displaying daily spiritual messages related to Sanctity of Life which will be visible to everyone traveling into Marinette. The rental period will be the month of October 2026

Our church's vision statement is "As we GROW in Christ's Love and the Word, we will SHARE Christ's Love with the World". The purpose of the billboard messages is not to increase our church membership count but rather to share the wonderful message of God's saving grace to as many people as possible.

Creativity plays a vital role in the success of billboard effectiveness. A well-designed billboard that captures attention and conveys a clear, compelling message can leave a lasting impression. Short messages such as the following are good examples of effective billboard displays:



We are asking everyone to submit their Christian ideas for short messages about the Sanctity of Life to be displayed on the billboard. Write your ideas on a piece of paper and place them in mailbox # 160. Selected messages will be designed and then sent to Lamar Advertising for display on the sign. If anyone has a question, please speak with Dennis Froehlich. We can have the message change daily which allows us the opportunity to have up to 28 different messages, so get those creative juices flowing!

PESHTIGO PD FOR KIDS

Krist Gas now has begun a new program to help fundraising. Installed at the Krist on Maple Street (by Peshtigo water tower) on gas pump 1 (nearest the street) is a wrap of the Peshtigo Police Dept. that benefits the PD For Kids Program. How this works is that for every gallon of gas rated 87, 1 cent per gallon goes to the benefit program. This is in effect for 1 year with an option for continuing the benefit another year. Krist drafts a check after one year directly to the Peshtigo PD.

We ask that everyone please consider filling up at this pump to help support this need for Peshtigo PD For Kids Program.



June 2026

Steingraber Seminary CHRONICLES

Summer Blessings to You All!

This month we all celebrated the end of school at each of our various schools. Lori has finished up her teacher work days and is now "off" until the beginning of August. The boys have enjoyed the freedom to hang out with friends on campus and watching movies at home. David got to take a weekend and compete with his St. Louis County Police Explorer post in Topeka KS while the rest of the family saw the US Navy Blue Angels perform at an Airshow in St. Louis!

Steve's schedule is a little more relaxed so he has been part of a few different areas of ministry this June. Steve just finished a very busy week of VBS, leading the Bible Story section as "Safari Steve". Steve was able to preach the message for the funeral of a member he had visited in hospice at the local VA hospital. It was a beautiful thing to minister to that man in his closing days and also to his family at the funeral!

After VBS week our family started out on a family vacation! First stop was Dayton OH, to visit the US Air Force Museum. While we were there, we found out that the Blue Angels were performing at an airshow close by so we parked in a parking lot and "oooh-ed" and "ah-ed" seeing them fly by! They were closer to us in Dayton than the air show in St. Louis! We then traveled to Oak Ridge TN to visit some family friends, go to Dollywood, and see the Smoky Mountains. David was able to do a ride-along with our police officer friend and thoroughly enjoyed it!

Please keep returning vicars and first year Greek students at both seminaries in your prayers as both will be traveling or starting classes very soon. Thank you for the prayers and/or support you have given during this time of learning for the whole family. We appreciate you all!

Peace and Love in Christ,

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Summer Fun!

Page 1: Standing on the top of a tower in the Great Smoky Mountains in Gatlinburg TN!

Page 2:

Top Left-- Then and now of our visits to the US Air Force Museum!

Bottom Left--Steve and Timmy at the Spirit of St. Louis Airshow in front of a Sherman WWII tank!

Top Right--Steve and Lori (and R2-D2!) with an X-wing at the US Air Force Museum in Dayton!

Bottom Right--Lori in a Space suit at the US Air Force Museum!

Page 3:

Top Left and Right--A day in the life of a Vicar. Steve Started his day with a funeral (escorting a Humvee Hearse) and ended it doing an announcement for VBS as "Safari Steve."

Middle Left--The family at a Mothers day Cardinals game!

Bottom Left--Steve Teaching Bible Study.

Bottom Right--Timmy helping with snack at VBS...and collecting name tags!

Page 4:

Top--David on a ride-along with our Friend Dustin from the Rocky Top TN Police Department!

Bottom--At Dollywood with our TN friends!

Page 5:

Top Right--Carousel at Dollywood!

Middle Right--Gondola Ride in Gatlinburg TN!

Bottom--Steve, David and Timmy Rode a mountain roller coaster in Gatlinburg!



LCMS TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

• July 18–23, 2026 • Phoenix, Arizona

The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) will meet under the theme “Christ Is Risen Indeed,” based on 1 Corinthians 15:20–22:

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Convention Bible study guides (‘leader’ and ‘participant’) are available on the LCMS website (lcms.org) and can be digitally downloaded and printed for those who desire to participate.

There is much more information that will be released in the coming weeks and months which you can follow on the LCMS website (lcms.org), but there is an important way the members of Faith Lutheran Church can participate in the ‘mission’ component of this convention.

The theme for the 2026 National Offering reflects the church’s call to share the message of Christ’s resurrection far and wide, across space and time: “Christ Is Risen! Tell the Next Generation.”

The theme is based on Psalm 78:4: “We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders that He has done.”

The “National Offering,” which spans the years between conventions, provides an opportunity for congregations, districts, circuits, individuals or other groups to support the work of the LCMS vigorously to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, that all might rejoice and give thanks to our heavenly Father.

Gifts to the 2026–2029 National Offering will directly benefit ongoing domestic work carried out at the local level by LCMS congregations, districts and others, and supported by LCMS Family Ministry, Youth Ministry, Campus Ministry and School Ministry.

In future weeks and months, additional information will be made available, including information about grant opportunities for LCMS congregations, districts and Recognized Service Organizations to take part in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the next generation.

LWML



**Women's
Summer
Picnic**

POTLUCK meal & MORE
Where: Rosie Wolbrink's home

Sat., August 1st, Noon

**LWML invites All women to come, please bring a dish to
pass. Great food, fellowship and more!!!**

FAITH LUTHERAN VBS 2026

THEME : RAINFOREST FALLS DATE: JULY 26-30

TIMES: 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Location: 4009 Irving Street, Marinette, WI

Ages: 3-year-old – 5th grade



DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
BIBLE POINT God is our creator. (Wow, God!)	BIBLE POINT God knows everything. (Wow, God!)	BIBLE POINT God is our safe space. (Wow, God!)	BIBLE POINT God is love. (Wow, God!)	BIBLE POINT God is forever. (Wow, God!)
BIBLE STORY God creates the world. (Genesis 1)	BIBLE STORY David celebrates all God knows. (Psalm 139)	BIBLE STORY David hides from Saul. (1 Samuel 23-24)	BIBLE STORY Jesus died and comes to life to show God's love. (Luke 22:39-24:12)	BIBLE STORY God gives John a vision of heaven. (Revelation 7:17; 21-22)
KEY VERSE Psalm 103:22	KEY VERSE Psalm 139:1	KEY VERSE Psalm 142:5	KEY VERSE Psalm 136:1	KEY VERSE Psalm 115:18
 Tango	 Seymour	 Dottie	 Tia	 Howie

DOROTHY'S HAVEN OF HOPE HOMELESS SHELTER

BLANKETS NEEDED

Dorothy's Haven of Hope Homeless Shelter located at 603 Mann St., Marinette, WI, needs new or "gently Used" twin-size blankets. Blankets are needed for use at the shelter and to be given to homeless individuals when the shelter is at full capacity. Donations can be dropped off at the shelter or by contacting them at 1(715)-735-3684.

Dorothy's Haven of Hope Homeless Shelter offers 24/7 emergency shelter. The shelter provides all bedding, hygiene products, and food for individuals residing within the shelter free of cost. The shelter offers lodging, hygiene products and food to meet nutritional needs Additional services include: Budgeting & Savings Program; Structured case management; Resources/Service Linkage; Transportation Assistance while residing within the shelter, and Follow-up Services. Email dorothyshoh603@gmail.com to get more info.



TIME AND TALENT

JULY 2026

July 5th Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Elder : Jeff Durocher			
Greeter : Roy & Betsy Gill			
Reader : Karen Everson			
Musician : Lois Zill			
Nursery: Roxanne Mueller			
Altar : Kelly Coan			
Acolyte: Lizzie McCoy			
Screen Assistant : Keith Mueller			
Ushers : John Nygren Kent Newby Mike Evancheck			
Counters : Sandy Lesperance Connie Schroepfer			
	BIRTHDAY		
	7 / 06	Sid Meyers	Ray Graglia
	7 / 07	Karen Zarling	Dan Csaki
	7 / 08	Karl Baumann	Emily Krummrei
	ANIVERSARY		
	07 / 03	Seth & Sara Hanson	

July 12th Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Elder : Dennis Froelich	Birthday		
Greeter : Dave Kielcheski & Steve Tillburg	07 / 12	Jim Maquardt	Chris Moon
Reader : Connie Schroepfer	07 / 14	Dominic Detry	
Musician : Marilyn Theel	07 / 16	Dan Everson	
Nursery : Sharron Starks	07 / 17	Olivia Hanson	Dawn Mullins
Altar : Lori Okrasinski	07 / 18	Geneva Hanson	
Acolyte: Matthew McCoy	Anniversary		
Screen Assistant : Kelly Coan	07/14	Jeff & Kate McCoy	
Usher : Jeff Starks Joel Cain Dave Kielcheski	07 /18	Pastor Jim & Michele Krueger	
Counters : Charlotte Kielcheski Laura Isaacson			

July 19th Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Elder : Keith Mueller	Birthday		
Greeter : Duane & Jane Bucholtz	07 / 22	Emma Higgins	Jean Olson
Reader : Jim Olson	07 / 24	Lesley Detry	
Musician : Lois Zill			
Nursery : Lisa Charlesworth	Anniversary		
Altar : Lisa Charlesworth	07 / 21	Jeff & Jacquie Voeks	
Acolyte: Michael Evancheck	07 / 22	Aaron & Dawn Mullins	
Screen Assistant : Marianne Evancheck			
Ushers : Bob Charlesworth Jordan Lokken Jeff Durocher			
Counters : Danielle Moon Kayla Lokken			

July 26th Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Elder : Dan Everson	Birthday		
Greeter : Sandy Lesperance & Chris Froelich	07 / 27	Warren Schrank	
Reader : Kayla Lokken	07 / 28	Hendrix Nygren	
Musician : Danielle Moon	07 / 29	Eric Scuderi	
Nursery : Faith Fredrickson	07 / 30	Joan Schrank	
Altar : Sandy Lesperance	07 / 31	Amanda Pieper	
Acolyte: Logan Krumrei			
Screen Assistant : Jordan Lokken	Anniversary		
Ushers : Dennis Froehlich Roy Gill Keith Mueller	07 / 26	Keith & Roxanne Mueller	
Counters : Kelly Coan Chris Froehlich	07 / 27	Duane & Jane Bucholtz	

FAITH July Calendar 2026

LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Happy Independence Day!					3 Seth & Sara Hanson	
5 9:00 Worship 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study	6 9:30 Endowment Committee Mtg 5 pm Board of Elders Mtg Sid Meyers Ray Graglia	7 Karen Zarling Dan Csaki	8 Karl Baumann Emily Krummrei	9 12 pm Bake sale set up FLC	10 Bake Sale 8am - 4pm FLC	11 Bake Sale 8am - 4pm FLC
12 9:00 Worship 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study Jim Maquardt Chris Moon	13	14 Dominic Detry Jeff & Kate McCoy	15	16 Dan Everson	17 Olivia Hanson Dawn Mullins	18 Geneva Hanson Pastor Jim & Michele Krueger
19 9:00 Worship 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study	20 5:30 pm Council Meeting	21 Jeff & Jacquie Voeks	22 Emma Higgins Jean Olson Aaron & Dawn Mullins	23	24 Lesley Detry	25
26 9:00 Worship 10:15 Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study 3:30 - 6:30 VBS Keith & Roxanne Mueller	27 Warren Schrank Duane & Jane Bucholtz 3:30 - 6:30 VBS	28 Hendrix Nygren 3:30 - 6:30 VBS	29 Eric Scuderi 3:30 - 6:30 VBS	30 Joan Schrank 3:30 - 6:30 VBS	31 Amanda Pieper Happy Anniversary Happy Birthday	