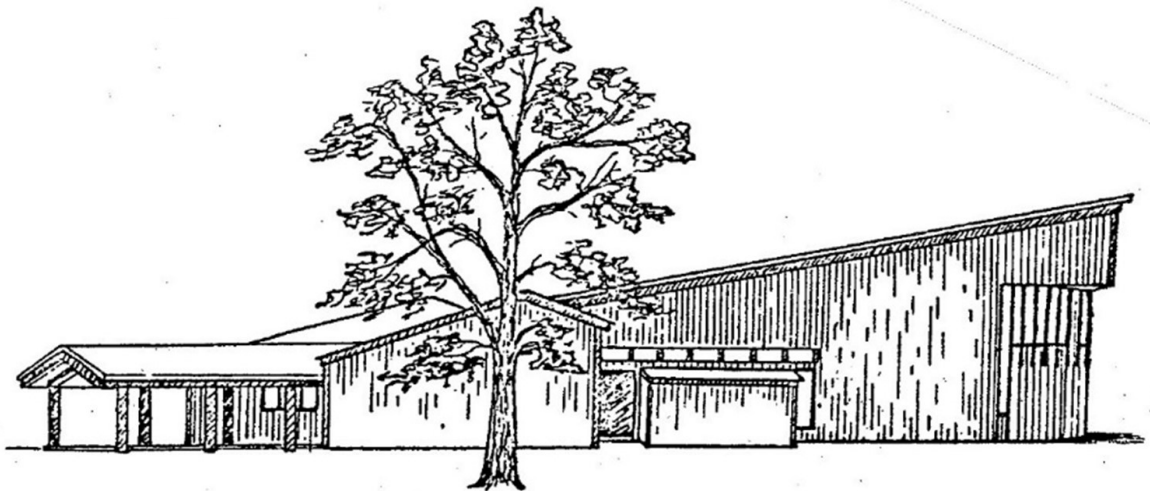




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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- Discipleship Study.....6:00pm

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JIM

The Time of the Church – Pentecost and the Sundays After

Welcome to the “Time of the Church” known as the “Season of Pentecost.”

The Sundays ‘after Pentecost’ make up the longest portion of the ‘Church Year’ calendar. This longest season of the ‘Church Year’ is also called the “Time of the Church” because it is during the season of Pentecost that we focus and celebrate our ‘growing together’ in the life and work of the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

On May 31, the “First Sunday after Pentecost,” we will observe “Holy Trinity Sunday” and remember how we are baptized into one holy ‘saving’ name – the name of the ‘Triune God’ commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28:19, “... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ...”

According to the Biblical teaching of the Holy Trinity, there is only one holy, triune God – but there are three individual ‘persons’ within the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

On “Holy Trinity Sunday” we will use a hymn of confession rather than the much longer Athanasian Creed. It is through certain hymns and our weekly use of the Apostles’ and Nicene creeds that we join in confessing the ‘mystery’ of the Holy Trinity – one God in the persons – three persons in one God.

The color of this past Pentecost Sunday was RED – the color of ‘fire’ that is connected to the cleansing and purifying work of the Holy Spirit as recorded in the following passages:

Matthew 3:11, “I baptize you with water for repentance, but He Who is coming after me is mightier than I, Whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Acts 2:3-4, “... divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

It is through the purifying work of the Holy Spirit’s “fire” that our deeds will be made known as recorded in the following:

1Corinthians 3:13-15, “each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.”

The color of the SEASON of Pentecost is GREEN, which is the dominant color of life in creation. The season of Pentecost also reminds us of the new and daily life we receive through the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit with His spiritual gifts and work of saving faith in Jesus as our only Lord and teacher, our only Savior from sin, and our only source of eternal life in heaven (see John 14:6).

This ‘longest’ of Church Year seasons concludes on the Saturday before the “First Sunday of Advent.” The final Sundays ‘after’ Pentecost contain ‘end-times’ readings and themes as we prepare ourselves for the second coming of Jesus when our resurrected body will be reunited with our living soul / spirit and ascend to the glory and peace of heaven forever and ever.

SUMMER HOMEWORK - LIVING OUT YOUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

It is one thing to say, “I love Jesus” but it is quite another thing to LIVE it. Can you relate to ANY PART of the following scenario?

When you were in high school, did you ever go through a rebellious phase? Did you ever lie, disobey, cut corners, or focus on what you wanted more than focusing on the needs of others? Were there times when you did not even read your Bible or a daily devotion or pray? Were there times when the way you were acting did not ‘line up’ with Jesus?

Oh, sure, you might have said, “I love Jesus,” BUT how often did your words match your actions? How often did your life give glory to God and show Jesus to others?

Thankfully, God did not turn His back on us even though we seem to have no problem turning our back on Him. It is only because God is “gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,” that HE works to rescue and calling out to us saying, **“My child ... you are not living for Me. You say that you love Me. But your life of thought, word, and deed could not be further away from Me.”**

At some point in our life, we realize that **we are NOT living out our faith.**

Maybe your life story is not as “extreme” as this one. Maybe you did not go through a crazy, rebellious phase. Maybe you did not lie. Maybe your mind was not filled with self-serving thoughts and motives, **BUT, what about now?**

Do you honestly feel like you really know HOW to “live out your Christian faith?” Maybe, honestly, there are times when each of us have no idea how to actually live for Jesus. O sure, we might read a devotion or your Bible and go to church and pray each day, but DO WE REALLY HAVE A CLUE how our new life in Christ is supposed to look?

Friend... you are not the only one feeling this. In this world, it can be hard to live for Jesus. It can be hard to know HOW our lives are supposed to look. It can be hard to know how to do our jobs, see our friends, or scroll social media in ways that would please Jesus ... BUT ...

Living out our faith is not impossible. It IS possible, BUT it is not a work that we can do by ourselves. Galatians 2:20 says, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Living out our Christian faith IS possible because of what Christ did for us on the cross. When He died, He made a way for us to no longer live for ourselves but to live for something greater — SOMEONE greater! The life we live as followers of Jesus is a life lived through **faith** in which we surrender ourselves and commit to obeying and living the teachings of the Bible.

Living out our faith is striving to be more like Jesus — striving to show the world that we are His & that we have a SAVING message to share.

There are so many ways to “**live out our faith**” for Jesus every day, but here are **five simple ideas.**

WAYS TO LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH

1. Be a loving & humble friend (Philippians 2:3)

Paul encourages us in Philippians to do nothing selfishly but to always consider others better than ourselves. This means that a mark of a Christian (someone who lives out their faith) is **humility & honor** —

always lifting others up! Living out your faith means being a friend who strives for humility and love over selfishness. In a shorter form – live as ‘other-focused’ followers of Jesus.

2. **Use your spiritual gifts** (1 Peter 4:10)

God has gifted us uniquely through the ‘fruit of the Spirit’ (read Galatians 5:22-23) and through the variety of ‘spiritual gifts’ we each receive (read 1 Corinthians 12). We each have abilities and talents that serve and grow the body of Christ differently! **Living ‘faith’ means using what God has given us** — not forgetting it or living it when it is convenient for us but living it for His glory and the benefit of the world around us. The driving force behind using our gifts is that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit would be lifted high. THAT is living out your faith!

3. **Speak life, not death** (James 3)

When we decide to love and serve Jesus, we are committing to carry His Spirit around with us and that can be seen by others. It is easy to speak “death” (gossip, hatred, filthy language). But God’s children are called to speak life and that is anything that is true and loving AND God-pleasing! One way to live out our faith is to guard our tongues from using ‘negative’ speech and replacing the ‘put-downs’ that come too easy with LIFE-GIVING WORDS and build others up to the glory of God.

4. **Overflow with joy** (Proverbs 17:22)

Joy is happiness that is not based on circumstances — rather, it is set on the confidence that is found in Jesus! The world can be a sad place, with people consumed by their circumstances. But another way to live out our faith and show the world the light of faith that is in us through Jesus is to simply be joy-full AND joy-filled. Even when life gets hard and things do not go our way, we have an opportunity to demonstrate Christian faith rather than the words and thoughts of a sinful world. Dare to look beyond your own circumstances and seek ways to serve others.

5. **Represent the kingdom** (Romans 12:2)

The world around us is watching, especially if they know that we are a “Christian.” Think about it this way -- as Christians, we actually carry the working of the HOLY SPIRIT in us every day. We are walking image-bearers of the Creator of the World. So, we have a Christian obligation (more like an honor) to actually represent Jesus in our life and show up for Him to others. We can do this by waking up every morning and asking God that His Holy Spirit would help us to become more like Him! It all comes down to renewing our minds and dwelling on something higher — SOMEONE higher AND giving Him the glory for all to see.

“SOMETHING WAS MISSING”

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

NEWCAP CLOSED THEIR DOORS

If you have been watching Channel 11 news recently, you have seen that NEWCAP has announced that they closed their doors, due to apparent financial mismanagement by their administrator and lack of oversight by their board of directors. A large portion of NEWCAP’s operations involved providing free or low cost home insulation services to low income families. This program was largely funded by grants from the State of Wisconsin. According to Channel 11 news, the State has pulled all of their funding from NEWCAP.

This is an unfortunate set of circumstances, but worse yet is the increasing prevalence of such financial mismanagement in agencies that claim to care about others. Certainly our prayers are offered for those facing temptations to enrich themselves financially while others suffer without. Additionally, our prayers go out to those who could have been helped by this organization but are now faced with trying to find another source for these services if any even exist.

If you are not aware, NEWCAP has never received cash funds from Faith Lutheran Church. In the past, Faith has only donated hygiene supplies to NEWCAP. Any cash donations given by our members were then used by Faith to purchase the needed hygiene products which were delivered to NEWCAP for distribution to their clients.

Rest assured, any hygiene products collected by our church from this point forward will continue to be distributed to Abundant Life Missions and to the Foster Closet.

Keith Mueller

GAME DAY

KIDS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR BOARD GAMES ON SATURDAY JUNE 13TH AT 1-3:30. PLAY YOUR FAVORITE GAMES AND LEARN SOME NEW ONES. TRI-OMINOS, BANANAS, PASS THE PIGS, SKIP-BO, CUT THE ROPE. AND MANY MORE. PIZZA AT 2:30. PLEASE LET CHRISTINE DECKER KNOW IF YOU CAN JOIN US 715-701-9523.

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

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 actively 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



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

GOAL-1
BAY AREA PREGNANCY CENTER
* Commercial Clothes Washer & Dryer \$1800
* Mixed Car Seats \$750
\$2,550
Liaison:
Dennis & Chris Froehlich

GOAL-2
PESHTIGO EMS / FIRE DEPARTMENT
* Binder Lifts (2) \$1,740
* Lucas Chest Compression Device Fund \$760
\$2,500
Liaisons:
Jim & Lois Zill

GOAL-3
U. P. FOSTER CLOSET
* Diapers & Wipes \$600
* Child Hygiene Kits \$700
* New Shoes & Boots \$700
\$2,000
Liaison:
Sharon Starks

GOAL-4
MARINETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
* Mobile Command Unit Project \$2,500
\$2,500
Liaisons:
Jim & Lois Zill

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

Jim Zill & Lois Zill

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



“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!

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION

To all Congregational Members, the Church Council has hired Country Mile Document Destruction to come to the church and destroy financial documents that are scheduled for destruction. The Council is offering this service to its members. So, if you have any documents you'd like destroyed please bring them to church at 8:00am June 18th. For confidentiality reasons, you will be responsible for dumping your documents into the 64 gallon bins. (Kelly will assist if requested) All paper clips, rubber bands, alligator clips, etc. must be removed prior to dumping the documents. Staples are permissible. Documents are quickly destroyed in your presence. See Kelly with any questions.

FAMILY LETTERS

Friends at Faith,

It's crazy to think that our time in Colorado is coming to an end! My vicarage will end in mid-July, and we'll pack our truck and head back to St. Louis. **God has truly blessed us at Bethlehem. We're so thankful for how they have loved on and cared for us over this past year.** We aren't excited to leave, only because it means leaving the friends we have made over our time here.

As we get closer to that bittersweet goodbye, we have much to be thankful for.

Hannah, Judah, and I have all grown in amazing ways – personally and professionally. I've been stretched and learned so much from the pastors and staff. I've also gained great physical strength through twice/week lifts with my supervisor. Hannah was able to see what working in the home looks like. She also stepped out of her comfort zone in making new friends and trying many new things.

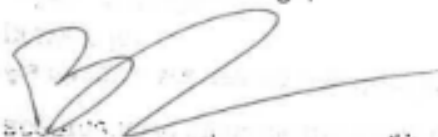
Judah has grown leaps and bounds – and not just physically! When we arrived, he had a short cut of curly blonde hair; he could talk and walk. Now his blond hair is full on mop of curls (we're excited to see what it looks like in the Missouri humidity). He doesn't just walk, but runs everywhere. His speech hasn't slowed, as he tells Hannah and I exactly what he wants when he wants it in ways some 3- and 4-year-olds don't. He's becoming a great helper at home and loves to sing the songs he hears at church!

Hannah has accepted a call to teach Middle School ELA at Christ Community Lutheran School (CCLS) in Kirkwood, MO. Recently we were able to attend Call Day in St. Louis and celebrate with Hannah's sister and our brother-in-law as he received his first pastoral call. We also enjoyed spending time with family and checking out some apartments. As I write this, we are circling in on an apartment we think will meet our needs for next year – praise be to God!

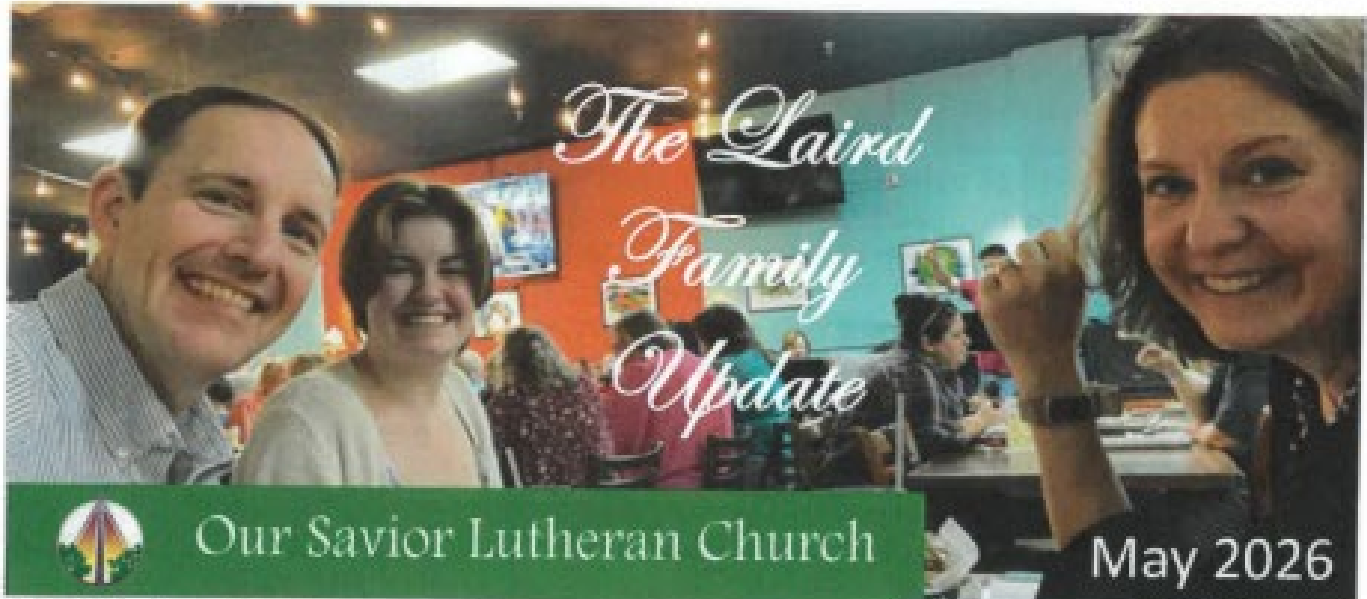
As always, we are so thankful for your support of my seminary journey. We humbly ask your prayers for:

- **Hannah:**
 - Saying "goodbye" to all the friends she's made this year
- **Judah:**
 - Thanksgiving for "School" and the friends he's made; Thanksgiving for his teachers
 - Patience for Mom and Dad as he tests more boundaries
 - Strength as he goes through the transition of moving away from his first friends
- **Blake:**
 - To finish vicarage strong
 - Help finding a mountain for the "Vicar Hike" (a "requirement" of Bethlehem vicars)
- **The Fam:**
 - Thanksgiving for an apartment
 - Guidance on childcare for Judah next year

God's richest blessings,



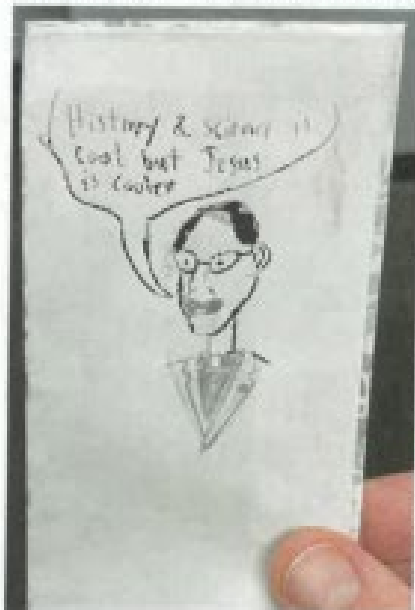
The Brockman Family (Blake, Hannah, Judah)



Dear friends and family,

Another wonderful Easter is in the books as Summer is swiftly barreling down on us. Everyone warned us that the vicarage year would fly by, but I still can hardly believe that this will be my last newsletter as a "vicar" here at Our Savior.

That being said, there's still plenty going on around the Laird household. We had a great visit from our eldest daughter, Clara, who came down for Spring break and got to hang out with some of our church members at Bible study and the Choral Society of St. Charles. We also got Holy Week started off on the right foot by lining up on the sidewalks in front of Our Savior with palm fronds and waving at the neighbors as they drove by. I also learned that having tall crosses in the sanctuary, while very impressive, does come with extra challenges. My supervising pastor hopped in the bucket of a motorized lift so he could get the traditional white shawl draped over the cross arms to celebrate Easter.



On a less acrophobic note, one of our more artistically inclined members gifted me with the excellent little doodle that he drew on the back of an offering envelope (pictured to the left). The caption bubble reads, "History & science is cool, but Jesus is cooler" which is actually a pretty fair, though extremely condensed, summary of the point I was trying to make in my sermon that day. Lesson learned: don't assume they're not listening even if it looks like they aren't paying attention!



One of the highlights of my year has got to be attending the Missouri District Youth Gathering that was held at the Cross Pointe Retreat Center in Rocky Mount, MO last month. The 3-day event got off to a soggy start with some storms and a tornado warning to keep things exciting, but the headlining band, Remedy Drive, and the featured presenter, AJ Vega, were flexible and made up for any delays in short order. It was great to see hundreds of middle and high school aged kids from all over the state gathered together for fun and fellowship. We had a group of a dozen kids and chaperones and we all had a blast with the team building drills, video scavenger hunt, and community service projects. Our group got to assemble components for handmade pillows that will be handed out to Vacation Bible School kids and other Gospel outreach projects up in the remote town of Hooper Bay, Alaska this summer.



If Easter coming and going wasn't warning enough that the vicarage year was quickly coming to a close, watching the Call Day service certainly did the trick. We are making good use of the time we do have to make some life-long family memories, like attending Stella's fifth grade band concert at Lutheran High South in St. Louis. Sometimes its little things like that which remind us of how very blessed we truly are here in this community and how thankful we are for all of your support as we get ready for the final year of classes at the Seminary.

May God continue to bless you all over the Summer and I look forward to keeping you updated as we press ahead.

In His service,



May 2026

Steingraber Seminary CHRONICLES

A blessed Ascension Day to you all!

This month we continued in the swing of things at all our schools. Steve has continued preaching and assisting in worship. He wrote a three week sermon series that he and the pastors preached on in May: Jesus IS... God, Man Lord. This series looked at the second article of the creed and where we get the Bible text for what we believe and confess to be true each Sunday. Steve had one of the most meaningful vicarage experiences ministering to one of our members in hospice who has now gone to be with the Lord. It's a blessing to see baptized believers to their final days!

David just finished up his last finals of sophomore year and is on summer break until August! He's looking forward to a few police explorer events that he gets to participate in this summer. Timmy and Lori will both end school the Friday before Memorial Day. Timmy is looking forward to a summer of running around with friends and traveling as a family in June to see the US Air Force Museum in Dayton OH this summer.

Please keep the students and families of both seminaries in your prayers as many will be moving to first calls and vicarage over the next month. 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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Front Page: Leann visited us to celebrate the birthday weekend she shares with Lori. We visited a soda museum and arcade in downtown St. Charles!

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Top- David (second from Right) sang with the Seminary Youth Choir for an Easter concert in early May. It was a great performance with them singing with several adult groups for a large Bach choir!

Bottom Left- Lori and Leann were able to sing an offering song together during a 5pm Saturday service at Immanuel-Olivet!

Bottom Right- Timmy (right) had a band concert with three other grade school bands at Lutheran North High School!

Page 3: Steve and Lori got to ride in a classic car in the Immanuel Lutheran -St. Charles Picnic Parade! Immanuel has only canceled this picnic twice since the 1920's. At one time the constitution of our congregation said the picnic HAD to be held on the first weekend of May!

Page 4:

Top- Steve and the Immanuel Associate Pastors got to welcome Kurtis, next year's vicar at Immanuel, and his wife Amanda at a dinner after call day!

Bottom- David also has an April birthday....and now has his Driver's License!

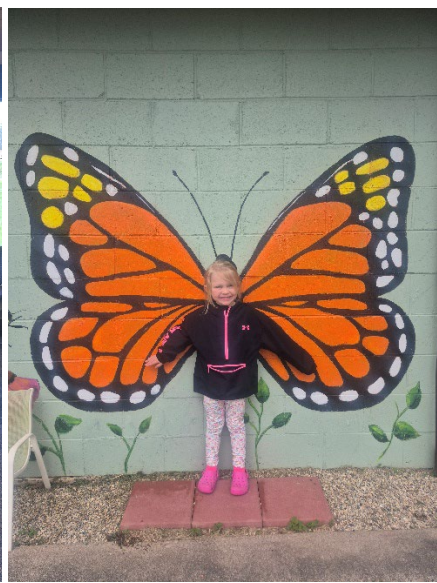
FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL UPDATES

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.

The end of the school year has been filled with fun and meaningful experiences for our students. On Tuesday, May 19, the preschool class enjoyed their field trip to Harmony Arboretum. The children especially loved learning about underground animals, exploring the blooming flowers, and taking in the beauty of God's creation all around them. It was a joyful day filled with curiosity, discovery, and appreciation for nature.

Ms. Marianne and I have truly enjoyed this school year and are thankful for every moment we were able to share God's love with our students. 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!



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

It's that time of year. Can you support making
Lutheran World Relief

School Kits?

We want to shop in bulk online again.

Needed: Purchase 800+ spiral 70 count notebooks +
200+ Crayola crayons 24pk at our local stores
when sale prices begin.

GOAL is 200+ kits.

And also again:

Personal Care Kits

We've started getting our bath towels & ordering

bulk combs  & nail clippers soon.

GOAL is 50 + kits

All donated funds for this project are truly
appreciated. Your continued support every year is
awesome! Please take an envelope from the
display table & return it to Box 16.

THANK YOU! (LWML) THANK YOU!

???? see Marla & Rosie

FAITH LUTHERAN VBS 2026

Theme : Rainforest Falls Save the 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

TIME AND TALENT

JUNE 2026

June 7th Second Sunday after Pentecost

Elder : Jeff Durocher	Birthday
Greeter : Marilyn Theel & Connie Schroeffer	06 / 01 Noah Graglia
Reader : Lizzie McCoy	06/02 Duane Bucholtz
Musician : Lois Zill	06/03 Jeff Starks
Nursery: Roxanne Mueller	Larry Zupan
Altar : Lisa Charlesworth	06/04 Michael Evancheck
Acolyte: Lizzie McCoy	06 / 12 Gwen Hanson
Screen Assistant : Keith Mueller	06 / 13 Sally Zupan
Ushers : John Nygren Kent Newby Mike Evancheck	ANIVERSARY
Counters : Sandy Lesperance Connie Schroeffer	06/04 Adam & Kaytee Devroy

June 14th Third Sunday after Pentecost

Elder : Dennis Froelich	Birthday
Greeter : Jim and Jean Olson	06 / 17 David Guns
Reader : Aaron Mullins	Walker Stroming
Musician : Marilyn Theel	Weston Stroming
Nursery : Sharron Starks	06 / 18 Laura Isaacson
Altar : Lori Okrasinski	ANIVERSARY
Acolyte: Matthew McCoy	6/17 Warren & Joan Schrank
Screen Assistant : Kelly Coan	06/20 Jim & Lois Zill
Usher : Jeff Starks Joel Cain Dave Kielcheski	
Counters : Charlotte Kielcheski Laura Isaacson	

June 21st Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Elder : Keith Mueller	Birthdays
Greeter : Carrie Thorley & Rosie Wolbrink	06 / 21 Austin Stroming
Reader : Jeff Durocher	06 / 24 Karen Haag
Musician : Danielle Moon	06 / 26 Abby Graglia
Nursery : Lisa Charlesworth	Lori Payne-Csaki
Altar : Kelly Coan	06 / 27 Sharon Marquardt
Acolyte: Michael Evancheck	ANIVERSARY
Screen Assistant : Marianne Evancheck	06/25 Mark & Lori Okrasinski
Ushers : Bob Charlesworth Jordan Lokken Jeff Durocher	06/26 Larry & Sally Zupan
Counters : Danielle Moon Kayla Lokken	

June 28th Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Elder : Dan Everson	Birthday
Greeter : Maggie Meyers & Rosie Wolbrink	06 / 28 Lizzie McCoy
Reader : Marilyn Theel	ANIVERSARY
Musician : Lois Zill	06/28 Thomas & Marianne Evancheck
Nursery : Faith Fredrickson	
Altar : Sandy Lesperance	
Acolyte: Logan Krumrei	
Screen Assistant : Kayla Lokken	
Ushers : Dennis Froehlich Roy Gill Keith Mueller	
Counters : Kelly Coan Chris Froehlich	

June Calendar 2026							
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 Noah Graglia	2 Duane Bucholtz 5:30 PM Board of Property	3 Jeff Starks Larry Zupan 6 PM Discipleship study	4 Michael Evancheck Adam & Kaylee Dewroy	5	6	
7 9:00 Worship 10:15 – Fellowship 10:30 Bible study	8 4 pm Board of Missional Life Mtg 5 pm Board of Education Mtg	9	10 6 PM Discipleship study	11 Gwen Hanson	12 1pm Game Day (p.4) Sally Zupan	13	
14 9:00 Worship 10:15 – Fellowship 10:30 Bible study	15	16	17 David Guns Walker Stroming Weston Stroming Warren & Joan Schrank 6 PM Discipleship study	18 8 am Country Mile Doc Destruction (p.9) Laura Isaacson	19 Jim & Lois Zill	20	
21 9:00 – Worship 10:15 – Fellowship 10:30 Bible study Austin Stroming	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23	24 Karen Haag 6 PM Discipleship study	25 Mark & Lori Okrasinski	26 Abby Graglia Lori Payne Csaki Larry & Sally Zupan	27 Sharon Marquardt	
28 9:00 Worship 10:15 – Fellowship 10:30 Bible study Lizzie Mc Coy Thomas and Marianne Evancheck	29	30				Happy Anniversary Happy Birthday	