



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
 120 Faith Drive Columbus WI 53925  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church  
 in America – ELCA  
 South-Central Synod of Wisconsin



## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LISA

I have noticed that Wisconsinites put a lot of work into their gardens. Planting, watering, weeding, pruning or harvesting. There's something about those green plants and colorful flowers that calls us to endure heat and bugs. It's pretty amazing that we do so for such a short, growing season. All that work, and it's just going to be gone come winter. In a couple of months, all the plants and flowers, all the colors and textures, will be gone. Why work so hard for something that is here today and gone tomorrow?

Because it gives us life. There's a reason green is the color of the Church during the summer. Green is the color of life and growth. Green is the color we wait for throughout the winter. I remember one winter that was so white; I got excited the first time I saw brown earth. Brown, as we know, comes before green. Green is the color of the plants pushing up out of the earth, reaching for the sun. Green is the color of the leaf buds, sprouting out on branches. Like those plants and buds, we reach for life.

Maybe Wisconsinites work so hard on their gardens because the winter is long, because the summer is short. We need the green of life more than those in milder climates. But still it is a lot of work for something that ends so quickly. Human beings must be very determined creatures to work so hard for such brief results.

And we are determined creatures. We hard to raise our children well. We spend time preparing a meal that will be eaten and gone an hour later. We put energy into building or rebuilding things. We sit with God and breathe and pray, even though we're not sure what we have to show for it. But human beings seek life.

When we stare into the shades of green in the garden or walk in the woods, we receive life. When we dig and plant and even weed, we receive life. Yes, the green and the leaves will be gone before we know it, but we will have seen and touched and smelled it. It will have given us life.

Does this ring true for you? Do receive life when you plant and dig in the garden, when you create or build or fix something with your hands? Do you receive life when you're at the lake or taking a walk through the neighborhood? Do you receive life when you pause for a moment and remember God, when you worship with friends?

Think about what you do put time into, and ask yourself if it gives you life. If it does, be glad, for God, the giver of life, is with you. If that which you put time into doesn't give you life, God is still with you, but you might reconsider your use of time and energy. Maybe it's something you have to do regardless, but maybe it's something you can change.

In life, there are beginnings and endings. In the spring, we plant gardens. In the fall, we dig them up. The school year ends, and we have all of summer before us. Eventually, summer ends, and we head back to school. When we were babies, our parents cared for us. At some point, we will have to care for our parents and eventually even bury them.

Just because something ends, doesn't mean it wasn't worth giving our hearts to. Endings may be heartbreaking or perhaps a relief. Beginnings may be joyful or anxiety-producing. But if we give ourselves to that which gives life, it will not only be worth it; it will be good. Yours will be a deep life, a full life, a God-filled life.

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Council Highlights  
August 12, 2014

Church carpet replacement – A task force considered options for replacing the carpet because of safety concerns and wear. A written report was shared and discussed with council. The council decided to issue a funding appeal for the project as soon as possible.

Pastor provided summaries of the ELCA's adopted statements on human sexuality and its insights into the original Greek used by Paul when he wrote about these concerns.

The council blessed the crosses to be given to the confirmands and committed to holding each of them in their prayers as they prepare their statements of faith.

A new approach to giving envelopes was reviewed. It involves a quarterly instead of an annual distribution of envelopes that reduces waste and provides greater flexibility. The Stewardship committee is weighing this option.

Jim Schieble, Council Secretary

JULY TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,099.68
Deposit in Transit	\$ 976.00
Transfer to/from Savings	\$ 0
Current Month Receipts	\$ 17,517.08
Disbursements	<u>\$(15,965.70)</u>
BALANCE	\$ 3,627.06



**CARPET:** The Council has approved the recommendation to replace selected areas of the red carpet due to wear, safety, and appearance. The total proposed project cost is \$19,000. To help raise funds we are asking you to sponsor \$100 squares on the poster in the narthex. Or, if the square amount is in excess of what you are comfortable with, please donate any amount to the "Wish List Carpet Fund" and note that on your check. Any amount is very much APPRECIATED! On the poster, fill in your name or just your initials, for anonymity. All funds raised will remain designated in the Faith Projects Carpet Fund.

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**FLC photo directory** - Lifetouch will be here once again, for one day only, taking photos for those who were unable to do so in July. The date is Tuesday September 30th, from 2-9pm. Please go to our website, [www.faithcolumbuswi.org](http://www.faithcolumbuswi.org), and

sign up. It is really easy! Questions, see Melody Tadych ([melodytadych@gmail.com](mailto:melodytadych@gmail.com) or 623-9514).

**There's going to be lots of excitement happening in September!**



**Confirmation Orientation for PARENTS ONLY** of students in grades 6, 7 and 8 on August 27 from 5:45-7:00pm.



September 7 is **Rally Sunday**, we will also have our **Sunday School Ori-**

**entiation** during the scheduled Sunday school time starting at 9:20. Parents of Sunday school students are asked to meet with Pastor Lisa in the sanctuary. The children will be meeting downstairs with their teachers. **Attention Sunday school staff!** The full Sunday school staff will be installed on September 7 at the 8:00 service.



September 14 is **Backpack Blessing Sunday**. Bring you **backpacks and briefcases** and place them in front of the altar before worship. We will be blessing them during both worship services.



**Third grade students will receive their Bibles on September 14** during the 10:30 service. There will be a two part intro-

duction for third graders AND their parents on Saturday, September 6, 9-10:15 and Sunday, September 14 during the Sunday school hour which begins at 9:20am. **ALSO Confirmation Blessing Sunday, September 14 @ 10:30. Sixth grade confirmands will receive their Bibles.**



## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Patsy Braker  
Reta Thies  
Del Yerges  
Kati Kahl
- 3 Dennis Langfeldt
- 4 Debbie Talg
- 6 Lyle Sampson
- 7 Cooper Anthon  
Tory Weidemann
- 10 Gracia Clark  
Tony Clark  
Jamine Kurth
- 11 Micaela Miller  
Stacy Walz
- 15 Landon Goering
- 17 Sarah Rowe
- 18 Ben Van Horn
- 21 Bailey Raether
- 22 Jadeson Hall
- 23 Beth Klossner
- 25 Diane Dhein  
Russell Rahn
- 27 Kyle Kary
- 28 McKenzie Bruss
- 30 Georgia Eisenreich  
Stephanie Dykstra

### Televised Service Times Digital channel 980 Cable channel 98

Faith's worship services are aired on the following days and times:

- Monday @ 9:00am
- Tuesday @ 9:00am
- Wednesday @ 9:00am
- Thursday @ 9:00am
- Friday @ 9:00am



### THE RED TENTERS' BOOKCLUB

For our September selection we are reading *Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd and will meet on Thursday, September 25, 7pm at the home of Ruth Nordal. New members are always welcome to join us. Please call the church at 623-3610 for more information.



### Thanks to . . .

-Sue Mathwich, Dianne Patrick, Sue Frish, Marcia McMullen, Betty Rahn and Linda Brumm for helping assemble the August NEWSLETTER.

-Rod Schubert, Denny Langfeldt, John Kurth, Gene Boelte, Merlyn Lienke and Ben Van Horn for sham-pooing the fellowship hall and basement carpets.

-Lori Kikkert for painting the sign just outside the church doors; David Kikkert for painting the white around the front windows and doors and trimming the bushes.

-the Property Committee for all the "large" and "small" tasks they are doing around the church.

-ALL who donated food and monetary gifts for the meal at Hephatha Lutheran Church, Milwaukee (our sister church) on August 3.

### On the Lighter Side...

*Christian One Liners!*

1. Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
2. Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.
3. Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.
4. It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.
5. The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
6. When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
7. Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.
8. Quite griping about your church, if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
9. God Himself does not judge a man until he is dead, so why should you?
10. Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
11. Peace starts with a smile.
12. We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.
13. Be ye fishers of men. You catch them-He'll clean them.
14. Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
15. Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
16. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
17. God grades on the cross, not the curve.
18. The best mathematical equation I have even seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.



## September Birthday's

Shirley Andler, Eric Anthon, Betty Baxter, Caitlin Bedford, Chris Behl, Caitlin Bradish,

Kimberly Brueckman, Bethany Breuning, Tracy Brozek, Mason Bruss, Jessica Cashmore, Diane Dhein, Skye Farr, Erick Frey, Sue Frish, Jack Fritz, Bob Gorman, Jeremy Grossman, Owen Hankins, Carter Hansen, Dylan Hart, Ashley Hegge, Theresa Hein, Andrea Herrick, Anne Herzberg, Kali Hochstatter, Linda Huebner, Ron Huebner, Kayla Hurckman, Grace Kahl, Luke Kahl, Dawn Kaminski, Riley Kaminski, David Kikkert, Beth Klossner, Rich McMullen, Abigail Miller, Bridget Morris, Heidi Paul, Frank Roelke, II, Sydney Rohrbeck, Kimberly Rowe, Erik Rupp, Susan Rupp, Joanne Sampson, Leona Schaller, Beckam Scheeler, Liam Schiesl, Nevaeh Schultz, Josh Selje, Jim Severson, Kim Steers, Al Strohschein, Leverett Tadych, Ivan Thies, David Weisman, Tracey Wescott, Zachary Wescott, Glenn Westlake, Lynne Wilken, Suzanne Zahn.  
*Happy Birthday!*

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## PASTORAL ACTS



**July 26, 2014**

Caitlin Ritchie and  
Jason Bedford



**August 3, 2014**

Avery Grace Jacobs  
Parents: Collin and Melissa  
Jacobs



**August 16, 2014**

Donald W. Reese



**Attention all Sunday School families!** We begin on September 7th at 9:20am (between

the services). We would like the parents to meet in the worship area during the first day of Sunday School. There are a few new things happening this year that we would like to share with you. The students will sing on Sunday, September 14th at the 10:30am service. Thank you to the many wonderful people who have volunteered to teach Sunday School this year! We are still in need of a couple more teachers; please consider helping. If you have any questions, contact Melody Tadych

### Quilt and Project Retreat

Christmas is coming soon! Do you need time to work on quilt or other projects without interruptions? Join the Faith Lutheran quilt and project retreat for two days of dedicated quilting or project work. The retreat will be held in Faith's Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 12 from 1:00-9:00 and Monday, October 13, from 8:00 - 9:00. Sign up soon as space is limited to 15 participants. Come for both days or just one of the days. Each participant will have your own table and we will set up ironing stations in the kitchen. Food will be on your own. Grazing for snacks will be available at all times. Your retreat cost will be your food and a donation for facility use. Bring your sewing machine, sewing light, soda, water, snacks and don't forget your projects. Contact Erin Bussian, 210-2342 or Betsy Woodward, 992-3485 for reservations.

Several congregational families who had their Pictorial Directory pictures taken by **Lifetouch** had them sent to the church. They have arrived and may be picked up in the office.



Mark your calendars, this year's "**Fur, Fin & Feathers at Faith**" event will be held on Thursday evening, **October 23**. Contact Scott Mathwich if you have question or would like to help or both!

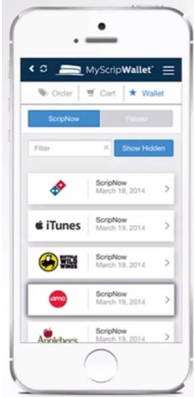


**ALL 2015 committee budget requests** are due to Wendy Corlett by September 15, 2014. If you have any questions please contact Wendy at 920-210-2940 or

[corletts@centurytel.net](mailto:corletts@centurytel.net)

Update from the Finance Committee: We met financial obligations once again during July without using the line of credit. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for your blessings throughout the summer months when giving normally is down.

	2014		2013	
	Needed Monthly	Giving	Needed Monthly	Giving
January	\$19,290	\$12,509.62	\$18,252	\$15,677.72
February	\$19,290	\$14,551.92	\$18,252	\$16,324.32
March	\$19,290	\$16,202.12	\$18,252	\$15,422.75
April	\$19,290	\$25,154.03	\$18,252	\$22,814.66
May	\$19,290	\$13,847.81	\$18,252	\$14,337.58
June	\$19,290	\$17,089.05	\$18,252	\$14,927.20
July	\$19,290	\$17,517.08	\$18,252	\$15,173.20
August	\$19,290		\$18,252	\$13,655.62
September	\$19,290		\$18,252	\$16,766.44
October	\$19,290		\$18,252	\$14,609.04
November	\$19,290		\$18,252	\$16,923.74
December	\$19,290		\$18,252	\$29,303.98
Average Monthly Giving		\$16,695.95		\$17,161.35



**MyScripWallet puts fundraising at your fingertips!** - This new scrip tool is especially convenient when you are in the store, and can instantly buy and use scrip. It uses your existing ShopWithScrip® and PrestoPay account, so you have access to more than 250 of your favorite brands available in ScripNow eCards, and over 75 brands that can be reloaded. MyScripWallet offers the widest selection of electronically delivered products and the highest rebates available anywhere, and all of your orders will be tracked on your ShopWithScrip account. MyScripWallet is currently supported on iPhone and Android devices. Visit [www.MyScripWallet.com](http://www.MyScripWallet.com) and try it today!

If you are not enrolled with PrestoPay, it is quick and easy to do. Contact Troy Tadych ([troy@tadych.us](mailto:troy@tadych.us) or 920.623.9514) to get started, or stop by the Scrip table during fellowship time on Sundays.

Every purchase of scrip helps our church. And every purchases increases your giving to our church. If you aren't using scrip, what are you waiting for? With tools like MyScripWallet, it is easier than ever. Sign up today!

**New Narthex Monitor Available for Your Functions** - Have you seen the new monitor mounted in the narthex above the coat rack? This monitor will be used to share announcements and pictures on Sunday mornings. It is also connected to our video camera feed, and will broadcast the recording of our services, especially when we have a large overflow at church. But it can be used for so much more too!

The next time you have an event at Faith, consider using the monitor. Your photos can be displayed on the monitor as a slide show. Also videos and music can easily be shared. Do you have photographs of happenings at Faith that you want our congregation to know about? Or special announcements? All this can be done quickly and easily. For more information or to get your photos on the monitor, send an email to [multimedia@faithcolumbuswi.org](mailto:multimedia@faithcolumbuswi.org)



YES! We are getting geared up for Faith's annual **Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, October 11** AND (*the men are cooking*)!!!! Included in the evening events will again be a **BAKE SALE** and the famous indoor **PUMPKIN PATCH BUCKET RAFFLE** (*for children of all ages, young and old alike*). Please donate an item of a \$15 value for the Pumpkin Patch Bucket Raffle and drop off your item(s) at the church any time. Bake Sale items should be dropped off at the church by 3:00pm on the 11th. *Of course*, the meal would not be able to happen without *many, many volunteers*. Sign up sheets for working will soon be found on the table in the narthex. Please look them over and *volunteer!* ALSO, we are asking you to please sign up to provide your favorite bars/cookies for the dessert. We are in need of around 144 dozen bars/cookies. Please have them to the church by 3:00pm on the 11th.

Committee chairpersons,  
*Bruce and Jeanne Miller*

**Have you seen our new Prayer Wall?** Feel free to post a prayer on the wall whenever you'd like. Simply write your prayer, whether it be for you or for another, and pin it to the wall. If you would like to keep your prayer private, you can fold it up before pinning it, and we will pray for you during staff meetings on Tuesdays.

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF CLOTHING DRIVE

Lutheran World Relief is helping all over the world to make lives rewarding and fulfilled for people in places that really need our help. Please consider giving a child or adult the gift of education by purchasing school supplies for a **School Kit**. A displaced individual the basic personal care items by purchasing a **Health Kit**. A woman clothes to leave her home by giving a **Sewing Kit**. A new mother and her child confidence to meet the community because the baby has clothes from a **LWR Layette Package**. **NO CLOTHING OF ANY KIND! NO ONESIES, NO WASH CLOTHS.** You may drop off items for the various kits and new bars of soap at Faith and place them by the dividing wall in the narthex. *Packing day is Tuesday, September 30 @ 10:00am.* Volunteer helpers are needed. Questions? Contact Reta Thies or Margaret Miller.

## SCROLL CIRCLE

As summer winds down, the Scroll circle is planning the new season. Our Bible studies this year will focus on 'Transforming Life and Faith.' In the first lesson, author Carol Schersten LaHurd leads us in discussion of Paul's encounter with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus. Our study will focus on the Acts of the Apostles. Join us on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:15. Our meetings are held in the church library or in our members' homes. We welcome new members and our returning members. Our first meeting is September 10. Contact Maizie Anthon, Ellie Hood, or Betsy Woodward if you have questions.



Interested in becoming a part of Faith's music ministry?

### FAITH CHOIR:

We lift our voices

to the Lord and so can you! The desire to sing is the only requirement. All adults and confirmation age youth (and older) are welcome. We will resume rehearsals on **September 3** and rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7:40-8:50 p.m. in the sanctuary. We sing two—three Sundays a month at the 8:00 Heritage Service. Please consider joining us.

**FAITHFUL RINGERS:** What are those delightful sounds coming from the fellowship hall every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. It's the bell choir, rehearsing their songs. After an hour practice, a few clinks, clunks, and a good measure of fun, we're ready to ring every third Sunday of the month. If you are interested in learning more, we invite you to come **September 3** and explore becoming a ringer or substitute. (You do not have to read music!)

Questions may be directed to Lisa Weisensel at 920-382-1188.



Todd and Linda Brumm, Tony and Julie Clark, Stephanie Dykstra, Henry and Cathy Elling, Nathan and Lisa Emler, Mark and Susan Fagerburg, Duane and Libby Gilbertson, Eric and Michelle Hoffmann, Jeff and Roxann Kirchberg, Becky Klosowski, Pr. Lisa Nelson, Andy and Cara O'Brion, Brian and Jean Paul, Dan and Wendy Watrud, David and Erin Weisman, Sara Yuds.

*Congratulations!*



A big thank you to Pastor's Bob and Lisa for the many visits to Kenzie and us while

she was hospitalized for Back surgery. Many thanks to everyone who sent cards, prayed, or just thought about us. It was all so, so appreciated.

> We felt everyone of them. Kenzie is home now and on the road to recovery.  
Daryl and Jami Severson

## Parsonage Questions/Concerns

The council will hold three meetings to address any questions or concerns the congregation may have regarding the possible sale of the parsonage to Pastor Bob & Lynne on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, following early service; Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, following early service. We will have as many answers as possible to the questions and concerns that were previously asked and the discussion will be open to all Faith congregation members. If we can not answer your question that day we will get back to you. We will be distributing some handouts as well with information you may find helpful.

## THE FINE ART OF FRIENDSHIP

1.

Develop friendships in which you demand nothing in return.

2.

Nurture an authentic interest in others.

3.

Always take time-often a long time-to understand one another.

4.

Commit yourself to learning how to listen.

5.

Simply be there to care, whether you know exactly what to do or not.

6.

Always treat others as equals.

7.

Be generous with legitimate praise and encouragement.

8.

Make your friend Number One, preferring them about yourself.

9.

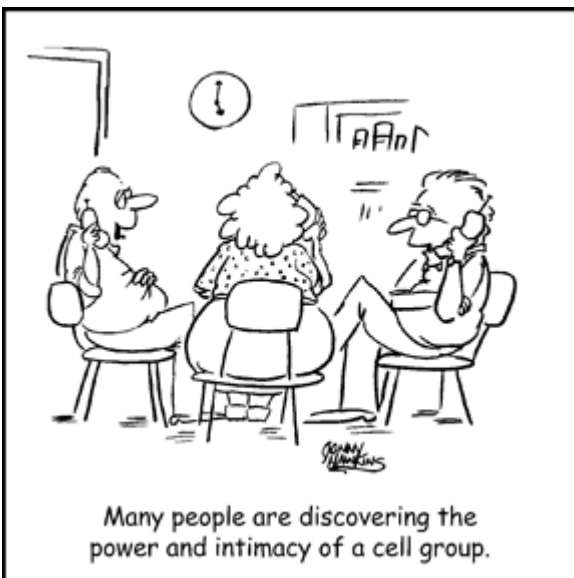
Emphasize the strengths and virtues of others, not their sins and weaknesses.

*Lists to Live By-Alice Garv. Steve Stephens, John Van Diest*

## LSS Needs Adoptive Families! Could This Be On Your Heart?

Over the years, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan has placed many children through the gift of adoption, and now we find ourselves in the rare position of having more children than families. Please help us spread the word! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Hassenstab at

[lisa.hassenstab@lsswis.org](mailto:lisa.hassenstab@lsswis.org) or 414-745-0684.





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# THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

*Faith...Serving God...Serving People*

*Now faith is the assurance  
of things hoped for, the conviction  
of things not seen.*

**Hebrews 11:1**



### MISSION STATEMENT

Joyfully recognizing God's commitment and faithfulness to us, FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH exists to serve God through serving God's people. We eagerly work towards the realization of God's Kingdom by:

- Offering praise-filled worship to God.
- Nurturing individual spiritual growth.
- Fostering an environment of caring and acceptance.
- Reaching out to serve the needs of our community.

God's love stirs us to touch others with the same love we have received—and invites them to share our life of praise and service.

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) Columbus, Wisconsin

### AS MEMBERS OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WE PROMISE:

- To attend services regularly.
- To support the congregation financially.
- To live responsibly as a Christian witness.
- To become as involved as possible in the total life and work of the congregation.

And this we promise to do by the help of God.

### FAITH'S TOP PRIORITY VISIONING GOALS:

- Equip all our members for lifelong spiritual growth and ministry.
- Continue and build upon our tradition of being an accepting congregation that welcomes and serves all.

Adopted March 2010

**We're on the web:**

**[www.faithcolumbuswi.org](http://www.faithcolumbuswi.org)**