



Faith Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

October 2024

FROM PASTOR CATIE

"I believe in all that has never yet been spoken. I want to free what waits within me so that what no one has dared to wish for may for once spring clear without my contriving."
-Rainer Maria Rilke: Rilke's Book of Hours

I was once in a class that required a book that ended each chapter with a poem. The above is an excerpt of one of those poems. These two sentences have stuck with me. Believing in what has never been spoken is such a beautiful mindset. To believe in one's hopes and dreams before they are even ready to be shared out loud. In my mind, this is the future of the church.

I have been having conversations with folks about what they value about Faith and what they hope to see in the future at Faith. These conversations are not a short process. It is important to take time to share what we value most about this community and to dream. Sometimes thinking about the future can be difficult. We want to stop at 5 or 10 years. We don't dare to think too far because what if our dreams are too big or are completely different from what will actually happen.

But Rilke's words have been popping into my mind. What if we believed in words not yet spoken? Would this help us to dream? To look beyond the next 10 years? As we talk about Faith's future, I encourage you to share your thoughts, to dare to dream, and to believe in words not yet spoken.

Peace,
Pastor Catie

FROM THE PRESIDENT

When a daily devotion helps to answer the question of why we are Lutherans, I usually pay close attention. I really want to know why we are Lutherans. Some of my friends say stereotypical things about us Lutherans and I don't know how to defend or respond sometimes. But then a Thursday ago there was a reading from Jeremiah that talked about a course correction for the people as the Lord made it known to them through Jeremiah of some practices not in accord with what God had in mind. The devotional writer used Martin Luther as an example of studying issues and gradually coming to see that some things were not in accord with the Bible. As you may remember, Martin Luther wanted to debate these issues. The Church did not want to. The point of all this is that Lutheran tradition started with Martin Luther raising questions, insights, and challenges that shape, correct, and strengthen our faith practices.

So why are we Lutherans? Because we, at least on our good days, still welcome questions, insights and challenges to how we do things. God still speaks through prophets, like Jeremiah, and reformers, like Martin Luther, to make known to us the way of love, justice and grace. We need to be open to Spirit-led course corrections.

You may be able to think of examples in the news that are giving us new information about what happened in the past or is now happening. We may need course corrections and owning up to doing some things wrong. Wow, it can be tough sometimes to be a Lutheran. Time to pray for God's guidance in our living and ask for His help so we don't resist His correction.

Hi-way Cleanup is scheduled for Oct. 5 which is a Saturday. Rain day on Oct 6. We will be asking for help in doing this. It is our chance to care for God's creation as good stewards. If we all pitch in, the work will be light. Hope to see you there.

Try to get a copy of the newly proposed Constitution. Read it over to look for any need for additional changes or even full amendments that might need to be added. We need a quorum and a 2/3 vote of members present to approve the Constitution. This needs to take place over the course of two meetings. The Church Council has looked it over and has approved it. If anyone makes a suggestion for a change or an amendment and the congregation approves that change, the constitution would need to be resubmitted, with this change, to the Synod for approval. The dates for the meetings will be announced in church and on the web site. As always if you have any questions or concerns please bring these to the attention of a member of the Council.

Sincerely,
Robin Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FACEBOOK

It's true! Faith Lutheran Church now has a Facebook page. "Like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/faith3lakes/> and watch the page for updates about what's happening in the life of our faith community.

LIVE STREAMING

Did you know that when you're away, you can watch the entire service as it's delivered LIVE on Sunday morning? You can! Simply go to our church's website (<https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org/>) and click "Click here to watch live streaming during worship (Sundays at 9:00 am)" right on the front page. Just put in a name and hit "Enter Live Service". Streaming will start, which usually happens around 8:55, 9:00 am, give or take a few minutes, so if nothing is happening yet when you start watching, just wait a few minutes. You can also watch a recording of many of our services on our website. Simply go to our church website and click "Click here to view recordings of worship" to watch any past services. It's that easy!

QUILTING

Quilting is back in session! Please join us every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the lower level of the church. No experience necessary!

ONLINE GIVING

You can support our mission easier than ever with our donation platform! You can visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHQE/home> and contribute securely online. Thank you for your continued support!

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is offered following Sunday church services EVERY Sunday! All are invited and welcome to attend! No bible required! Please join us for some lively discussions!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is back in October! This year we will gather on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month after worship. Invite you children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to join in the fun!

FISH FRY

Fish On Friday October 18th Faith is hosting a fish fry at the Reiter Center from 4-8pm. Sign-up sheets to help at the event or make baked goods are on the bulletin board. Tickets are being pre-sold, so make sure to get yours!

High-Way Clean up

On Saturday Oct. 5th we are gathering at 9:30 am to clean the section of highway that the church sits on. Please join us in caring for God's creation. Many hands make for light work!

Worship In The Wild

On Saturday Oct. 5th at 2pm Worship In The Wild will be offering a pet blessing. You can join them at Pioneer Park for the blessing. There will also be a short walk afterwards for anyone who would like to join. We hope to see you there!

BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH

Autumn is here! The sound of crunching leaves under foot is common. The fallen leaves remind us of the summer that now is in the past. The life which is gone, as the cold of winter approaches. The waters of baptism also remind us of life - of the life that is past, present and future! The life we share in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ! During October, listen to water... from the tap, the shower, the lake, the falling rain. Be reminded of the new life you share in Christ. Remember also members and friends of Faith who celebrate baptismal anniversaries this month.

- 5th Sis Tenges
- 6th Pierson Rawoens
- 9th Jenna Erikson & Lily Medeiros Harris
- 15th Tom Bredesen
- 19th Connie Lyons
- 23rd Willow Schroeder
- 24th Doe Muench
- 26th Logan Erikson
- 27th Monte James

Also Remember: Corwin Schroeder

Monthly Attendance

Year: 2024	Year: 2024
Month: August	Month: September
# of Services.: 4	# of Services.: 5
Average: 24	Average: 32
Average online: 21	Average online: 22

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT:

Kyle Smith, Paul Kragh, Ollie DeMuth, Megan Schiller, Ann Woelfel, Duane and Colleen Bonack, Rick Gensler, Sr., Hailey Schultz, Ruth Sammetinger, Beth Schomisch, Jim Stroschein, Bonnie Pegel, Kris Tenges, Lou Medeiros, Myrna Stroschein, Heidi Lulloff, Olivia, Maggie Servant and Delores Rutherford.

ALL THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS AND WORRIED ABOUT MANY THINGS

OUR CHURCH MINISTRIES

- Congregational Care
- Congregation Council
- Board of Worship Life (BOWL)
- Board of Outreach
- Board of Trustees
- Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center

OUR PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, INCLUDING

- St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church
- Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church

Grace Lutheran Church
OUR SYNOD, THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD OF THE ELCA, AND ITS CONGREGATIONS. OUR COMPANION SYNOD, THE EASTERN AND COASTAL DIOCESE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TANZANIA, AND ITS CONGREGATIONS

Stewardship Calander

September 2024

	<u>10/6/24</u>	<u>10/13/24</u>	<u>10/20/24</u>	<u>10/27/24</u>
<u>Reader</u>	Jan Harris	Tom Bredesen	Gretchan Dobbins	Robin Peterson
<u>Greeter</u>	Jan Harris	Tom & Miriam Bredesen	Amy Davis & Debby Carlson	Amy Davis & Debby Carlson
<u>Music</u>	Val Snedden	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss
<u>Video</u>	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford

Treasurer's Report

Month	Donations	Expenses	Net Period	Net YTD
Jan	\$16,885.93	\$11,024.50	\$5,861.43	\$5,861.43
Feb	\$5,526.90	\$7,534.68	-\$2,007.78	\$3,853.65
Mar	\$6,192.10	\$13,240.68	-\$7,048.58	-\$3,194.93
Apr	\$8,927.25	\$9,251.73	-\$324.48	-\$3,519.41
May	\$11,740.95	\$14,982.74	-\$3,241.79	-\$6,761.20
Jun	\$22,386.20	\$17,485.59	\$4,900.61	-\$1,860.59
July	\$10,264.70	\$9,118.71	\$1,145.99	-\$714.60
Aug				
Sept				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

October 2024

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1	2	3	4	5 High-Way Clean up 9:30am Worship in the Wild Pet Blessing 2 pm
6 9:00 am Holy Communion Bible Study	7	8 Board Meetings 6:15pm Council Meeting 7pm	9 12:30 pm Quilting	10	11	12
13 9:00 am Holy Communion Bible Study	14	15	16 12:30 pm Quilting	17	18 Fish Fry 4-8pm	19
20 9:00am Holy Communion Bible Study	21	22	23 12:30 pm Quilting	24	25	26
27 9:00 am Holy Communion Congregational Meeting	28	29	30	31		



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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

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Church Office: 715-546-2770

Office Hours:

Tuesday/ Thursday /Friday
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Pastor Catie's Office Hours:

Mondays at Mugs & Co. 9:00am – 1pm
Office
Tuesday: 3:00pm-6:00 pm
Wednesday: 9am-1pm
Thursday: 3:00pm-6:00pm

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am
Holy Communion

STAFF

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Custodian: Sara Palubicki

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