

Looking Ahead to June

Saturday, June 11: Três Dias Ministry Picnic will be here from 12-4 pm. It would be great to have our members come to the Brat Stand and say 'Hello!' About 100 members are expected from all around IL and WI.

Thursday-Saturday, June 16-18: Pastor and Helen will be joined by Curtis Blakeman and Sue & George Brunson at the Northern IL Synod Conference to elect a new bishop.

Saturday, June 18: Card-Game Night from 5:30-7:30. Bring some cards or games & a snack to share!

Saturday, June 25th: Faith Lutheran CRUISE-IN; The Brat Stand will be open through the event, which will be held from 4-8 pm. DJ: our very own Rick Dunaway!

What is a Cruise-in? It's a short, informal car show over several hours on a weeknight or single weekend day. It's free to attend, both for spectators and for participants. Cruise-ins are gatherings of people who drive their classic or muscle cars on a regular basis or people who just like to look at cars. The cars displayed at a cruise-in are often parked by arrival time, and friends who drive to the event together can park near each other, making the event more of a social gathering of friends.

Cruise-In



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, May 29, 2016

9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

~ OPENING HYMN ~

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**



**We thank, proudly
 honor and remember
 all those who serve
 and have served our
 great country.**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



Graduation, Sympathy and Get Well cards
 will be sent upon notification. Call Patty
 Dunaway at 815-389-8957 or Karen
 Murr at 815-389-2353 or email Patty at
pkdunaway7@gmail.com

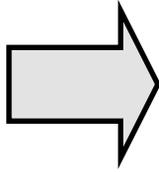
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*The Church Council decided to combine the
 Mother-Child and Father-Child events into one
 big Family Event instead. Everyone is invited to
 our first annual Family Fun Day at Volcano Falls
 in Rockford, IL on Sunday, June 26 from 4-7 pm.*

Outdoor spot with miniature golf, go-karts, laser tag &
 gaming arcade plus a snack bar & ice cream.
 Address: 7602 Rock Valley Pkwy,
 Loves Park, IL (815) 282-2100



CAN YOU HELP?



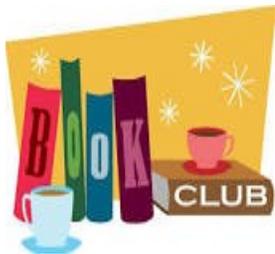
June Greeters
June Usher
June Readers
June Fellowship



Our Brat Stand Is Open!

Our famous Brat Stand is open for business! Come on down & eat...the profits are paying for our new roof! And a portion of our profits are donated to the ELCA World Hunger Fund. It takes a village to keep this going all summer long. There are jobs to be done in addition to cooking and working inside the stand. If you have any questions, please see Anne Strasser, Pat Wicks or Kathy Strasser, or call the church office at 815-389-1824.

Please volunteer! The sign-up sheet is on the board.



BOOK CLUB NOTES

We are currently reading Me Before You by Jojo Moyes. This has been made into a movie, soon to be released. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 7 in the office at 6:30pm. We gladly welcome new members and you do not need to be a member of Faith Lutheran Church!

INTRODUCTION

P: God hears every prayer - the prayer of the outsider as well as the prayer of the insider. The attentive nature of our God is evident as God comes to us again and again in the word and in the supper. "A scribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord." Do it today.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
Merciful Lord God, we do not presume to come before you trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great and abundant mercies. Revive our faith, we pray; heal our bodies, and mend our communities, that we may evermore dwell in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Children's Church

After the children's message, they are dismissed for Children's Church. Their teacher will accompany them downstairs.

FIRST READING 1 KINGS 8:22-23, 41-43

R: A reading from 1st Kings, the 8th chapter

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart. "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place,

and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 89:6: 1-9: REFRAIN, PS. 96:3 ~ A Responsive Reading

R: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C: **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

R: Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

C: **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

R: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

C: **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

R: Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

C: **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

R: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

SECOND READING GALATIANS 1:1-12

R: A reading from Galatians, the 1st chapter

Paul an apostle - sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead - and all the members of God's family who are with me,

Please submit your prayer request on one of the worship cards in bulletin insert or contact the church office at (815) 389-1824 or by email at our new address: faithsouthbeloit@gmail.com. These are the prayer requests submitted last week.

Alyssa Anderson, Amanda Feltman, Amy Guilbaugh, Barb, Ben, Bill, Bob & Terry Davis, Boyd, Carson, Charlie, Claudine, Connie, Corbin, Denise, Dennis, Don, Duane Drye, Edna, Emily, Eric & robin, Gary, Gavin, George, Gina, Harriet, Haskin Family, Janet, Jean, Jenni Jo, Jessie, Joan, John, Jordan, Joyce, Mark Blakeman, Marlene, Mark, Mary, Mary Lasher, Nancy, Nash, Pat, Pat & Laurie Wicks, Paula Malone, Renee, Ron, Ruth, Ryan & Brynn, Sara, Sharon, Shirley, Steve, Sue, Sue & Gary Moen, Tammi, Terri, Tim, Todd, Tristan, Troy, Viola, all service men and women & all those who are homeless and unemployed.

In the event of a pastoral care emergency or hospitalization this week, please contact Pastor Bitner at 815-979-4245.

*Thanks to Pastor Denver Bitner
for serving us today, and being on call in case
of any pastoral emergency we might have!*



Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



Congratulations and God's blessings to Vallerie AnnMarie White, and her parents, Matthew White and Haley Cusimano, on the occasion of her baptism. A very special welcome to all their family who are visiting for worship this morning.

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have you worship with us today! Please join us after worship in our Fellowship Room for beverages, snacks and conversation.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the ushers, receive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine (dark) or juice (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You do not have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal and ALL baptized believers are welcome!

Offering ~ As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** the next week. Or, if you'd like, please mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope and it will be included in that week's offering and seen only by the designated counters for the day. Thank you for being faithful in giving generously to God's work here at Faith Lutheran!

Financials for Sunday, May 22, 2016—Week 21

Attendance: 88

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| Weekly Offering Actual | |
| Weekly Offering Budget | \$2,068.00 |
| 2016 YTD Actual Offering | |
| 2016 YTD Offering Needed | \$41,360.00 |
| Offerings Toward Roof Loan | |

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Roger & Carol Frey
Computer Technician - Rachel Strasser
Offering Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser
Counters - Bob & Kathy Strasser
Fellowship - Anne Strasser
Greeters - Liz Shockley & Teresa Moffitt
Musician - Betty Comins
Reader - Kathy Strasser
Ushers - Doug Congdon and George Brunson
Guest Pastor - Rev. Denver Bitner

To the churches of Galatia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel - not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed! Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ. For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God!**

ALLELUIA



GOSPEL LUKE 7: 1-10

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON
Pastor Denver Bitner

~ CLOSING HYMN ~

"Choral Benediction"

May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray.
May the light of God shine on us today.

May the love of God live in us today,
May the love of God live in us today,
May the warmth we feel within us,
show in all we do and say,
May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today,
May the peace of God be with us today,
May it guide us and protect us,
as we go our separate ways,
May the peace of God be with us today.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

~ Hymn of the Day ~

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.
I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,
it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.
Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.* God of Israel, there is no one like you in heaven above or on earth beneath. Keep covenant with your church, and build us up as your people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Creator God, we ascribe to you glory and strength. We praise you for the glory of your creation, and ask that you strengthen us to keep it and tend it as a gift and trust. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Ruler of the nations, you have brought together people from many lands. Give us grace to receive foreigners with hospitality, to be good guests in foreign lands, and to accompany one other in faith.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Healing God, we pray for all those who need to be made whole. We pray especially for Give us faith to trust that you are the presence that gives life.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious God, we remember today those who laid down their lives for others. Give us the strength to live together as a faith community in humility and gentleness of spirit, maintaining the bond of peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us into your kingdom, in the promise of life forever with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**