



Come and have lunch at our Brat Stand! It's open every Friday and Saturday from 10:30 - 2:30. Cheeseburgers, hamburgers, brats, bratburgers, porkchop sandwiches... they're all freshly grilled and delicious!

We need your help in making the Brat Stand work! We need cooks, swing shift helpers, and shift workers. There are 2 shifts: 10:30-12:30 and 12:30-2:30. The first shift actually starts at 10 am to get things set up, and the second shift actually ends at 3 to get things cleaned up.

SPECIAL HELP NEEDED FOR THE CRUISE-IN!

There will be 3 extra shifts during our Cruise-In on Sat., June 25th. Those will be 2:30-4:30 and 4:30-6:30 and 6:30-8:30 pm. Please see sign up sheet on the bulletin board!

75th Anniversary Cookbook Update:

- * Cost per book is \$15.00 each
- * Paid orders are being taken now; we need 50 more pre-sale orders
- * Please fill out an Advanced Sales slip and send it or bring it to the church office as soon as possible. Make checks payable to: Faith Lutheran Church
- * Cookbooks will be for sale beginning at our Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 17th



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Father's Day! ~ 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

~ OPENING HYMN ~

This Is My Father's World



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-ting grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901
Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

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.**

INTRODUCTION

P: This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific - the demonic - nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

C: **Amen.**



Ice Cream Social

Ice Cream Social
Sunday, July 17th

It's that time of year again! In order to make this great event fun for all of us at Faith Lutheran, we need all of you to help in some way. Of course, cash donations are always gratefully accepted!

Something new this year instead of the prize table! Instead, we will be having a Fishbowl Raffle, and are asking for at least 15-20 donations of a new item, valued at \$20 or more. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or 13 for \$10. Drop your raffle ticket in the Fish Bowl by the item(s) you would like to win. The Fish Bowl Drawing will be at 4:30 pm.

We will need help. Can we count on you to help us?

- ◆ Donating toppings
- ◆ Donating baked goods
- ◆ Setting up
- ◆ Running the Cake Walk
- ◆ 75th Anniversary Cookbook Sales Table
- ◆ Donating items to the Fish Bowl Raffle
- ◆ Supervising the Fish Bowl Raffle
- ◆ Selling Raffle Tickets
- ◆ Helping at the Ice Cream Table
- ◆ Grilling hotdogs and hamburgers
- ◆ Serving food
- ◆ Selling Food Tickets
- ◆ Selling pop and water
- ◆ Trash Crew
- ◆ Clean-Up and putting everything back in place.
- ◆ Runners & Gophers



July & August Greeters
July & August Usher
July & August Readers
July & August Fellowship

20th Annual Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries
GOLF SCRAMBLE ~ Friday, July 8

Swan Hills Golf Course in Belvidere, IL

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Questions & registration: please call 815-962-4279

Deadline is June 30th. Early birds before 6/17 - \$5 off!

Mark Your June Calendar ~

Today is Father's Day! We'd like to extend warm and blessed Happy Father's Day wishes to all of our Fathers and Grandfathers.

What Makes A Real Dad

***God took the strength of a mountain,
The warmth of the summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea, and
The generous soul of nature.
Satisfied, he called it....Dad***



Saturday, June 25: Faith Lutheran CRUISE-IN;

The Brat Stand will be open through the event, which will be held from 4-8 pm. DJ on duty will be our very own Rick Dunaway! All proceeds will go towards paying our roof loan & 10% donation will be made to ELCA World Hunger.

Sunday, June 26: Family Fun Day at Volcano Falls ;

Everyone is invited to our first annual event of this kind. Sunday, June 26 from 4-7 pm. This family-friendly facility is an outdoor spot with miniature golf, go-karts, laser tag & gaming arcade plus a snack bar & ice cream. You and your family choose what you'd like to do once you get there! We hope to see many of you joining us for fun!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

ALL: **O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Church

After the children's message, they are dismissed for Children's Church. Their teacher will accompany them downstairs. Today on Father's Day, we honor our fathers. All Christian men will receive a bottle of Dad's Root Beer!

First Reading Isaiah 65: 1-9

A reading from Isaiah, the 65th chapter

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

PSALM 22: 19-28 ~ A RESPONSIVE READING ~

- P: But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.
- C: Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**
- P: Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- C: I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**
- P: You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- C: For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**
- P: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
- P: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- C: For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

SECOND READING GALATIANS 3: 23-29

A reading from Galatians, the 3rd chapter.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

- R: Word of God, Word of Life
C: Thanks be to God



These are the prayer requests submitted last week. For a pastoral care emergency or hospitalization this week, please contact Pastor Rick on his cell phone: 815-566-5247.

Alyson & Jerrett, Barb Helegson, Barb K., Barry & Shelby, Bea, Bev, Ben, Bob & Terry Davis, Boyd, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Carson, Charlie, Cindy, Connie, Corbin, Courtney, Craig, Danielle & Nicholas, Denise, Diane, Dick, Don, Donna, Edna, Emily, Eric & Robin Murphy, Florence, Gary, Gary P., Gary & Renee McGuire, Gavin, George, Gere, Gina, Harriet, Harvey, Heather, Heidi, Ian, Irene, Jackie, James, Janice, Jeff, Jerry, Jessie, Jim, Jimmy, JoAnn, John, Jon, Jordon, Joyce, Kelli, Ken, Kevin, Larry, Linda G., Lisa, Lisa Wright, Lynette, Marion, Mary DeLong, Mary Lasher, Mary Monn, Nash, Olive, Pat, Penny & Phyllis, Rich, Rick & Vick, Ricky, Roger, Ron, Ruth, Ryan & Brynn McGuire, Sam, Sara, Sarah, Scott Wright, Shalom, Shelly, Shirley, Shirley P., Steve, Sue, Tammi, Ted, Teresa, Terry, Theresa, Tim, Tom, Tristan, Val, Vance, Violet, Zach, all servicemen and women, all those who are homeless and those who are unemployed.



We have a favor to ask ~ If you are a Thrivent member, please let the pastor or Sue know. We wish to take advantage of the church benefits that Thrivent offers us.



Today's altar flowers are donated by:

- Karen Murr, in memory of Frank Van Landeghem
- Sam, Hannah, Shawn & Amanda Guffey in honor of Shawn & Amanda's 11th Anniversary

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, June 12, 2016—Week 24

Attendance: 90

Weekly Offering Actual	\$2,287.30
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,068.00
2016 YTD Actual Offering	\$45,475.63
2016 YTD Offering Needed	\$49,632.00
Offerings Toward Roof Loan	\$1,290.00

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Roger & Carol Frey
Computer Technician - Rachel Strasser
Offering Video - Ann & Rachel Strasser
Counters - Roger and Carol Frey
Fellowship - Gerry Cliffe
Greeters - Kelli Hedrington
Musician - Betty Comins
Reader - Kathy Strasser
Ushers - Doug Congdon and Curtis Blakeman
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

ALLELUIA



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: LUKE 8:26-39

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" - for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

~ SERMON ~



banquet table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything, reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen**

~ 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. Christ is with you.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

***HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to our Dads!
Thanks for all you do!***

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise.**

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.**

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 thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your

~ Hymn of the Day ~

Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Gracious God, we pray for the church. Keep it faithful to you, so that your people here stand in witness to proclaim how much you have done for us in Jesus Christ.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the well-being of creation. Tend and nurture plants and animals, lands, seas, and skies. Restore the vitality of lands and waters suffering from human misuse or natural disaster.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the nations. Work in and through governments, humanitarian organizations, and local partnerships to cast out the forces of evil and establish your life and peace.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Be with those who know demons of any kind, and clothe them with Christ's freedom and healing.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for this congregation. Establish and renew our faith, strengthen our ministries, and bless those preparing for baptism. Bless fathers and all who provide fatherly care in their vocation to raise up our children in love.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, you have called the saints your own. Gather us, with them, 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 ~ "Courageous" By Casting Crowns

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thv 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.