



AUGUST

Sunday, August 21 - Faith Lutheran Church Picnic
& Potluck

Saturday, August 27 - Car Cruise-In from 5pm - 8pm

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 4 - Outdoor combined service -
"Worship In The Park" at Honenegah Park

Saturday, September 10 - Women's Retreat
with Helen Meier

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 22 - Craft Show and Bake Sale

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 13 - ALL Congregation Meeting &
Luncheon; all church members are asked to please attend.

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 3 - Secret Sister Gift Exchange &
Luncheon

Sunday, December 4 - Decorate church for Christmas



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, July 31, 2016

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ 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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*brief silence*) Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 ~

Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class - rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl - edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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Our Brat Stand is paying for our Roof! It's a great way to reach out to our communities AND to also contribute to the ELCA World Hunger Fund.

Come and have lunch at our Brat Stand! It's open every Friday and Saturday from 10:30 - 2:30. Cheeseburgers, hamburgers, brats, brat-burgers, and pork chop 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. Two 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.

Donations always appreciated: boxes of single-serving chips, cases of canned pop: regular and diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Root Beer, Sprite and condiments.



The Out To Dinner Group will meet at
 Machine Shed Restaurant
 7475 E. State St, Rockford
 Friday, Aug. 19th 6pm



Cruise-In

**The 2nd Annual Cruise-In held in Memory of
 James "Jimmy" Jackson**

Where: Faith Lutheran Church

When: Saturday, Aug. 27th from 4-8pm

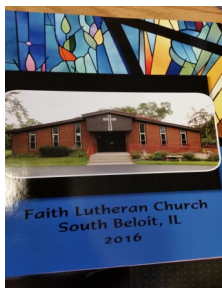
Bring your Classic Car, Hot Rod or Motorcycle

No Admission & Door Prizes!

DJ Entertainment by Rick Dunaway



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



*Need a copy of the
2016 Pictorial Directory?
Please see Kelly Miller or
Amanda Guffey.*

There will be NO Card-Game Night in July and August



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

75th Anniversary Cookbooks are here! - \$15
Checks payable to: Faith Lutheran Church



ELECTRONICS DRIVE IS COMING SOON!

Aug. 6 - Rockton, 300 E. Main St.
Aug. 27 - Clinton, 500 Peck Ave.
Sept. 10 - Beloit, 1882 Inman Pkwy.

Saturdays, 9 am to Noon - Sponsored by 1st National Bank

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: Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.
C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
C: **Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, 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.

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 49: 1-12 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

R: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

C: **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

R: My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

C: **I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

Prayer Requests



These are the prayer requests submitted last week.

For a pastoral care emergency or hospitalization this week, contact **Pastor Rick on his cell phone: 815-566-5247.**

Adam, All Service Men & Women, Alyson & Jarrett, Amy, Barb, Bea, Bernard Ducksworth Family, Beth, Bev, Bill, Bob, Boyd, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Carla, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Danielle & Nicholas, Dave, Denise, Dennis, Don, Eloise, Florence, Gary, Gavin, Harvey, Heidi, Irene, Jackie, Jeff, Jeremy & Family, Jerry, Jessica, Jim, Jimmy, Jodi, John, Joyce, Kelli, Ken, Larry, Lee, Linda, Margie, Marion, Mary, Mary Lasher, Maureen, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Nancy, Nash, Nikko, Rachel, Rich, Roger, Ruth, Ryan & Brynn, Sam, Shannon, Sharon, Shelly, Shelly & Barry, Steve, Tammi, Ted, Teresa, Terri, Terry, Tim, Tom, Val, Vicky, Zach.



REMINDER

Please stop in the narthex on your way out to pick up your 6-Month offering statement . Thank you.

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, July 24, 2016—Week 30

Attendance: 77

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,767.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,068.00
2016 YTD Actual Offering	\$63,204.64
2016 YTD Offering Needed	\$62,040.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$1,704.60

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Roger & Carol Frey

Computer Technician - Mike Banker

Offering Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser

Counters - Roger and Carol Frey

Fellowship - Russell Scheibel

Greeters - Sue Miller

Musician - Betty Comins

Reader - Craig Miller

Ushers - Doug Congdon and Ben Strasser

Guest Pastor - Rev. Denver Bitner

Once again we thank Pastor Bitner for leading worship today while Pastor Rick and Helen are away. This week they are San Diego, CA, celebrating the birth of a grandson. Please wish Pastor Bitner a happy birthday, as his is the same day as Pastor Meier!

- R: Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- C: the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**
- R: One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;
- C: for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**
- R: in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.
- C: For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
- R: Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
- C: Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from Colossians, the third chapter

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the

image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God!**

“ALLELUIA”



GOSPEL Luke 12: 13-21

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

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

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.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food
from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn
our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that
all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast
on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S 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 ~

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

SERMON

Rev. Denver Bitner

~ Hymn of the Day ~

Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

O God, enliven the body of Christ with energy and creativity. Work through partnerships across towns, denominations, and ministry contexts, that Christ be shared with all.

Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Guard your creation against greed and over consumption. Restore polluted air and waters, protect animal habitats, and send new growth where it is needed.

Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Break down barriers between neighborhoods, peoples, and nations (*especially*). Sustain community leaders, legislators, volunteers, peacemakers, and all who seek the good of their communities.

Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Soothe furrowed and fevered brows. Give energy and compassion to caregivers, those who sit at bedsides or wait by the phone. Comfort all in need of healing (*especially*).

Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Inspire our congregation to live in the present moment, O God, and to trust in you. In committee meetings, classrooms, and all ministries, give us flexibility to follow where you lead.

Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We give thanks for those who have died recently and across the ages (*especially*), and we rejoice in the hope of the resurrection.

Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

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 ~

“Never Too Far Gone”

By Jordan Feliz

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.