



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, August 14, 2016

13th Sunday After Pentecost ~ 9:30 am

AUGUST

Sun., August 21 - Faith Lutheran Church Picnic & Potluck

Please bring a dish to pass. Beverages, silverware & napkins are provided by church. **REMEMBER - Worship is at 10:00 am**

Saturday, August 27th - Car Cruise-In CANCELLED;

The South Beloit Fire Department Corn Boil is that same day, so we will support their community outreach event.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 4 - "Worship In The Park" at 10:30 am

Outdoor combined service at Honenegah Park with GPS, Cross & Crown and Open Arms. *We are responsible for bringing side dishes.* There will be a short devotional service at Faith Lutheran at 9:00 am for those not going to the park.

Saturday, September 17 - Women's Retreat

Led by Helen Meier, Anne Strasser and Sue Miller - Sign Up!

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 22 - Craft Show and Bake Sale

Limited numbers of vendor spaces - please sign up now to secure your spot! Set-up will be Friday night.

NOVEMBER

Sunday, Nov.13 - ALL Congregation Meeting & Luncheon

ALL church members are asked to please plan to attend

DECEMBER

Sat., December 3 - Secret Sister Gift Exchange & Luncheon

Celebration of the sisterhood in 2016. All church women are cordially invited and warmly welcomed to attend and sign up for 2017! It's a ministry filled with prayer, friendship and surprises!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER - Next Sunday, AUGUST 21

Annual Faith Lutheran Church Picnic & Potluck
Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks will be provided.
PLEASE NOTE: Our Worship Service is at 10:00 am,
Outdoors on the church lawn, under the shade.
Worship music by Steve Weber. Please plan to come!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P:** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
- C:** **Amen.**
- P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C:** **Amen**
- P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*brief silence*) 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 ~

O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n-ly man-na falls;
 4 New grac-es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum-pet calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
 where gos-pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh-ing streams.
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.
 Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833



**We
Want
YOU!**

This is an ALL CALL for Brat Stand Workers!

- ⇒ It's easy - we can show you how to take the money, cook on the grill and put the sandwiches together
- ⇒ It's fun - you get to chitchat, meet the customers, enjoy the outdoors
- ⇒ It's a great way to help our wonderful little church pay off the roof loan...only \$22,207.37 to go
- ⇒ Just talk to Anne, Rachel, Todd & Ben Strasser, Pat & Laurie Wicks, Alex Buchko, Kathy & Bob Strasser, Sue Miller, Kelly & Craig Miller, Amanda & Shawn Guffey, Betty Comins, Russell Scheibel, Teresa Moffitt, Sue Boyette, Mike & Cathy Murphy, Mikey Murphy, Roger & Carol Frey, Kelly Hedrington, Rick Dunaway, Curtis Blakeman, John & Laurray Coots, Taylor Gruenberg, Sue Brunson and Jeremy Naff - we'd all be glad to talk to you about any aspect of working the Brat Stand
- ⇒ The church that Brat Stands together, stays together!



DATE CHANGE!

The Out To Dinner Group will meet at
Machine Shed Restaurant
 7475 E. State St, Rockford
Friday, Aug. 26th at 6pm



ELECTRONICS DRIVE IS COMING SOON!

Aug. 27 - Clinton, 500 Peck Ave.
Sept. 10 - Beloit, 1882 Inman Pkwy.
Saturdays, 9 am to Noon
Sponsored by 1st National Bank



READERS

We need Readers!
Please sign up today
on the board. Thanks!

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



Today's altar flowers are donated by:
Kelly Miller, in honor of all the August Birthdays

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

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

Our Children's Church group is
involved in one of the campaigns
sponsored by ELCA World Hunger.
Each child has a Barnyard Bank and
will be collecting donations during
the month of August. Your generous
donations will help families in need

who are poor and hungry. The money raised will buy them
animals: \$10 - 10 chicks, \$20 - duck, \$30 - pig, \$50 - goat,
\$125 - sheep, \$500 - cow. Please dig deep and give generously!
You can also give by mail: ELCA, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA
22116-8009 or by credit card at www.elca.org/goodgifts

75th Anniversary Cookbooks are here! - \$15
Checks payable to: Faith Lutheran Church
Please see Sue in the church office

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: The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide
In human history. He invites our undivided attention and
devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by
"so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy
communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the
pioneer and perfecter of our faith."
C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and
hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for
truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims
of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants
and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of
our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen.**

Children's Church

*After the children's message, they are dismissed to go with
their teacher downstairs.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah, the 23rd chapter.

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off?
Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?
says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD.
I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies
in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How
long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back - those
who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own
heart?

They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

R: Word of God, Word of Life
C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 82 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

R: God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

C: **“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?”**

R: Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

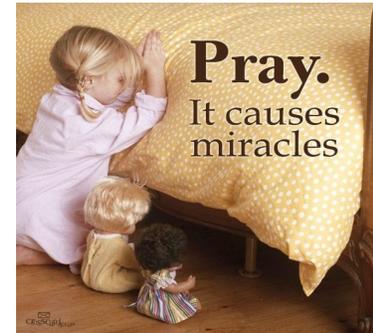
C: **Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

R: They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

C: **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

R: Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’”

C: **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**



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.**

All service men & women, All those participating in the Olympics, Audrey, Barb, Barb Helegsen, Barb K., Bev, Bill, Bob, Bonnie Cliffe, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Cara, Carl, Christopher, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Cotton Family, Denise, Dennis, Dick, Don, Don Lundeberg, Donna, Donna & Bill Henning, Emily, Florence, Gary, Gary P., George, Gene, Gerry, Harriet, Heather, Heidi, Ian, Jacob, Jacki, Janice P., Jayleena Ducksworth, Jessica, Jessie, Jim, Jimmy, Kelli, Ken, Kevin, Larry, Linda G., Lisa Wright, Marion, Mark, Mary, Mary Lasher, Mary Rallo-Murtaugh & Family, Mary Lou, Mason, Michelle Birch, Mike & Gary Lameyer, Nancy, Nash, Nikki, Rachel, Rich, Rick, Ricky, Roger, Roger Dole, Sally, Sam, Sara, Sarah, Shalom, Shannon, Sharon, Shelly, Shirley, Shirley P., Steve, Sue, Teresa, Tim, Tom, Tripp, Tristan, Vance, Vicki, Vicky, Viola, Zach, and all homeless persons and those unemployed.



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, August 7, 2016—Week 32

Attendance: 74

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,944.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,068.00
2016 YTD Actual Offering	\$66,422.64
2016 YTD Offering Needed	\$66,176.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$1,819.70

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Roger & Carol Frey

Computer Technician - Mike Banker

Offering Video - Helen Meier

Counters - Bob and Kathy Strasser

Fellowship - Nicole Blakeman

Greeters - Gail Krause

Musician - Betty Comins

Reader - Ellen Olson

Ushers - Doug Congdon and Ray Wendell

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

A reading from Hebrews, the 11th chapter.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God!**

“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 12:49-56

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Choral Benediction”

May the light of God shine on us today.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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

God near to us, increase your people's passion to share how Christ transforms lives. Raise up prophets in your church, Lord, to interpret the word and the world today. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Renewing God, we pray for scorched places that need rain, those recovering from disaster, and those needing balance. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of power, administer justice. Pour your spirit of compassion and mercy into those who hold the lives of others in their hands. We pray for all who are persecuted or imprisoned for their beliefs. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Compassionate God, save us from being overwhelmed by addictions, medical conditions, competition, and fear. Comfort all in need in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Give wisdom to our community, Lord. Help us discern your will for our life and ministry together, even when it may divide or challenge us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We thank you, O God, for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. Gather us all the saints around your throne on the last day. 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 ~

“In the Palm of Your Hand” by Alison Krauss

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.