

Time To Plan Ahead

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept. 14 - Book Club , 6:30-8 pm

This month's book is Whistling Past the Graveyard by Susan Crandall. Anyone is welcome to come!

Saturday, Sept. 17 - Women's Retreat - "Divine Design"

"How God Has Used Women Through History" & "How God Has Used Women To Grow Faith Lutheran Church." This will be in the Fellowship Room from 9 to 1 ~ Lunch will be provided. Led by Helen Meier, Anne Strasser and Sue Miller - Sign Up on the bulletin board!

Saturday, September 24 - Service of Holy Communion and Installation of our new Bishop Jeffrey Clements

10:00 am at First Lutheran Church, 225 S. 3rd St, Rockford, followed by a reception at Our Savior's Church, 3300 Rural Street, Rockford. **Please sign up to help: We need 2 more people to make 3 dozen cookies/bars & 4 people to help park cars from 8am-10am.**

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 22 - Craft Show and Bake Sale

NOVEMBER

Sun., Nov.13 - ALL Congregation Meeting & Luncheon

****ALL church members are asked to please attend ****

DECEMBER

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

Celebrating our sisterhood in 2016. All Faith Lutheran 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!

Sunday, December 4 - Decorate church for Christmas

13 Sundays away - Only 117 days until Christmas!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

16th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Sunday, Sept.4, 2016

Combined Worship at Hononegah Park at 10:30 am

Worship Service at Faith Lutheran at 9:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- 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*) 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you,
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuerter Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

- 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray.
ALL: **Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**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.**

Financials for Sunday, August 28, 2016—Week 35

Attendance - 71

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,572.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,068.00
2016 YTD Actual Offering	\$71,731.45
2016 YTD Offering Needed	\$72,380.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$2,069.60

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



We pray for all those in need of prayers from our Faith Lutheran Church family and friends: Audrey, Barb, Bea, Beth, Bill, Bob, Bob & Terry, Boyd, David, Carl, Carla, Cindy, Connie, Connie & Denny Price, Dave, Debi, Denise, Dennis, Don, Florence, Fran, Gary, Gavin, George, Gina, Harriet, Heidi, Jacob, Jeff, Jessica, Jim, Joyce, Kathy, Larry, LeRoy, Logan, Margie, Mary, Mary B., Mary Lou, Nan, Nash, Nikko, Renee, Rich, Sarah, Sharon, Stephanie, Steve, Sue, Ted, Terry, Tim, Tom, Vicki, Viola & Violet. We pray for all of our loved ones, all of our shut-ins, all service men & women, people suffering from prejudices, and all homeless persons and those unemployed.

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.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

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. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The God of all grace † 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.

FIRST READING DEUTERONOMY 30: 15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy, the thirtieth chapter.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God!**

~ SHARING THOUGHTS ABOUT THE LESSON ~

PSALM 1 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

P: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C: **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

P: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C: **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

P: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

~ SHARING THOUGHTS ABOUT THE LESSON ~

GOSPEL Luke 14: 25-33

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

~ SHARING THOUGHTS ABOUT THE LESSON ~

Hymn of the Day "Change My Heart, O God" - Sing 2X

Refrain

Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.

You are the potter;
I am the clay.

Mold me and make me;
this is what I pray. Refrain

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. **A brief silence.** Let us pray for all congregations gathered around the word and sacraments, that they be strengthened in their discipleship through these means of grace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for the creation, that it thrives and flourishes. Make us good stewards of the land with all its vegetation, mammals, birds, and creatures of all kinds. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for all who lead and direct us: for elected officials, school boards, pastors, bishops, trustees, councils, ministry teams, business owners, judges, and community organizers. Especially we pray for ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for refugees, immigrants, prisoners, and all who seek new life. Show life and prosperity to those who struggle with injury or illness (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for our congregation and community, that they be safe places for all, especially the young and mature. Revive and refresh our hearts as we receive the forgiveness of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us remember with thanksgiving the dearly departed who rest from their labors (*especially*). Instruct us by their witness and bring us, with them, into the promised land. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.