

## *Time To Plan Ahead*

### **SEPTEMBER**

**Friday, September 23** - Those who are donating bars or cookies for the new Bishop's installation service: please bring these to our church by Noon, so they can be taken down to Rockford.

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

10:00 am-Noon: First Lutheran, 225 S. 3rd St, Rockford, then Reception at Our Savior's, 3300 Rural Street, Rockford

### **OCTOBER**

**Saturday, October 1 - FINAL BRAT STAND DAY! AND...A VERY SPECIAL THRIVENT EVENT! We will receive \$250 for good attendance at this event...open from 10:30-2:30**

**Saturday, October 22 - Craft Show and Bake Sale**

We are looking help in the following areas:

- \* Chair movers on Thurs., Oct. 20 - 5pm-6pm
- \* Chair movers on Sat., Oct. 22 - 4pm-5pm
- \* Bakers to make goodies for the Bake Sale
- \* Raffle Basket donations
- \* Donations to Faith Lutheran Church's craft booth
- \* Booth Set-up: Fri., Oct. 21 from 9am-6pm

**WE NEED EVERYONE TO SPREAD THE WORD!**

### **NOVEMBER**

**Friday, November 6 - TRIVIA NIGHT!**

Sponsored by Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries; to be held at Our Savior's Church in Rockford, 3300 Rural St. Doors open at 6pm for Chili Supper, then Trivia begins at 7pm. \$15 per person. Sign-up sheet and check collection envelope are on the hallway bulletin board! We're hoping to have 2 tables of 8 this year.

**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 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**



## **Faith Lutheran Church**

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*

Sunday, September 18, 2016

18th 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. (*A 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: 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 ~

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

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.



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](mailto:pkdunaway7@gmail.com)

**75th Anniversary Cookbooks are here! \$15**  
**Checks to: Faith Lutheran Church, in the office**



Please support our Brat Stand by:

- ✎ Coming to have lunch! The Brat Stand is open every Friday and Saturday from 10:30-2:30. Bring your friends, family. Tell your neighbors!
- ✎ Giving your time to cashier
- ✎ Giving your time to prepare food
- ✎ Giving your time to grill the food
- ✎ Donating a case of Caffeine Free Diet Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Root beer and Diet Root beer, Sprite, Mountain Dew and Diet Mountain Dew, or bottled water
- ✎ You can always donate \$\$ - this ministry is helping to pay down our roof loan, now down to near \$20,000 from \$70,000. Thank you!

The last days the Brat Stand will be open are Friday, September 30 & Saturday, October 1st!

**\* Saturday, October 1 - FINAL BRAT STAND DAY!**  
**AND...A VERY SPECIAL THRIVENT EVENT!**

We will receive \$250 for good attendance at this event. Pastor Rick is asking everyone to please come between 10:30-2:30 to show your support!



### September

5 – Becky Miller  
7 – David Cliffe  
9 – Diane Redieske  
9 – Robert Schwarz  
10 – Shawn Guffey  
10 – Chase Lipinski  
11 – Craig Coots  
16 – Amy Cliffe Williams  
18 – Austin Grover  
18 – Eric Murphy  
19 – Kelly Miller  
20 – Brian Hedrington  
20 – Ellen Olson  
24 – Barry Miller  
25 – Gerry Cliffe

### October

3 – Jodi Binder  
4 – Sammy McCormick  
10 – June Brady  
19 – Bob Strasser  
21 – Edward Schuller  
22 – Kristoffer Wicks  
23 – Don Banker  
25 – Cathy Murphy  
26 – Laura Coots  
26 – Pat Wicks  
30 – Ray Wendell  
31 – Russell Scheibel



## INTRODUCTION

**P:** As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human. . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing - we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

**C:** Amen

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

**ALL:** God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Children’s Church

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

### FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

A reading from Amos, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter

Hear this, you that trample on the needy and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**R:** Word of God, Word of Life

**C:** Thanks be to God!

## Psalm 113 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

R: Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

C: **Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

R: From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

C: **The LORD is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

R: Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

C: **but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

R: The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

C: **enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

R: The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from 1st Timothy, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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

## *PRAYER REQUESTS*

We pray for Alex, Amy, Angie, Anthony, Audrey, Barb, Barb K., Bev, Bill, Bob, Bob & Terry, Bonnie Cliffe, Boyd, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Carl, Carla, Christopher, Christopher Kuehl, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Cori Cliffe, Courtney, Dana, Dave, Denise, Dennis, Diane P., Dick, Don, Diane, Denise, Dorothy, Eloise, Emily, Eric, Gary, Gary P., George, Gina, Harriet, Harvey, Heather, Heidi, Helen Meier, Ian, Irene, Jackie, James, Jamie, Jessie, Jim, Jimmy, John, Joyce, June, Kelli, Kevin, LeRoy, Linda G., Logan, Margie, Mary Lou, Nash, Nicole B., Pat, Steve, Larry, Louise, Marjean, Mary, Mary B., Mary L., Marion, Nancy, Renee, Rich, Ricky, Robin, Roger, Ronnie, Sam, Sara, Scott, Shalom, Shannon, Shirley, Shirley P., Stephanie, Steve, Sue, Tammy, Teresa, Tim, Todd, Tom, Trisha Cliffe, Vance, Vicki, Viola, Vivian, all service men & women, all those in need of prayers from our Faith family and friends, and all homeless persons and those who are unemployed.

## *Everyone's Invited!*

*Bishop Jeffrey Clements' installation service Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 10 am - Noon*

Church Service: First Lutheran, 225 S. 3rd St., Rkfd.

Reception: Our Savior's Lutheran, 3300 Rural St., Rkfd.

## **OUT TO DINNER GROUP**

- ◆ **Benedetti's Supper Club, located at 3232 Riverside Dr. Beloit, WI**
- ◆ **6:00 PM on Friday, September 30th.**
- ◆ **Signup sheet is on the bulletin board**
- ◆ **Sign up by Sunday, September 25th**



*Today's altar flowers are presented by Kelly and Craig Miller in celebration of their lives!*

## 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, Sept. 11, 2016—Week 37

**Attendance - 82**

<b>Weekly Offering Actual</b>	<b>\$2,388.30</b>
<b>Weekly Offering Budget</b>	<b>\$2,068.00</b>
<b>2016 YTD Actual Offering</b>	<b>\$75,519.75</b>
<b>2016 YTD Offering Needed</b>	<b>\$76,516.00</b>
<b>Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan</b>	<b>\$2,219.50</b>

### Today's Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild - Roger & Carol Frey**  
**Computer Technician - Anne & Rachel Strasser**  
**Offering Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser**  
**Counters - Pat and Laurie Wicks**  
**Fellowship - Nicole Blakeman**  
**Greeters - Eloise Manley & Joyce Hatch**  
**Musician - Betty Comins**  
**Reader - Ellen Olson**  
**Ushers - Doug Congdon and George Brunson**  
**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 16:1-13**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

**SERMON**  
**"The Third Conversation"**

~ Hymn of the Day ~

**We Give Thee but Thine Own**

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,  
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

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.  
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.  
 Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

**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.



## 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 ~

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy, you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through 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.**



## The 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: Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. (*A brief silence.*) Giver of the feast, bless your church and all who hunger and thirst. Nourish us richly with your word and meal, and send us as signs of your living presence in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Ruler of the earth, bring forth an abundant harvest from fields, orchards, and gardens. Renew fields that will soon lie fallow. Feed and protect all wild creatures.

Lord, in your mercy,  
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God of the nations, we pray for places in the world affected by conflict, war, and turmoil (*especially*). We pray that your perfect peace and order be restored.

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God of our weary years, we remember before you those among us who are sick or who are recovering from illness or surgery (*especially*).

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God our beginning and ending, we thank you for hope even in the midst of despair. Visit this assembly with your light and truth.

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God of our silent tears, we remember the faithful departed who make up the great cloud of witnesses. Gather us all in praise around your throne.

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.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

“The River”

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.

## 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