

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR:

Albert, Alyson & Jarrett, Amy, Aunt Pat, Barry & Shelby, Bea, Ben, Bev, Betty, Bill, Boyd & Inez Miller, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Carl, Claudine, Connie, Courtney, Debi, Denise, Dennis, Dennis & Connie Price, Devin, Diane Ablett, Dick, Don, Doug, Eloise, Emily, Florence, Gary, Gavin, Guy Cliffe, Harriet, Heather, Heidi, Helen, Howard, Ian, Irene & Ted, Jaleena, James & Angie, Janie, Jim, Joey, John, Joyce, Judy Jenner Family, Julie, Kennadi, Kenny, Larry, Lisa, Lucas, Marjean, Marv, Marjean, Maureen & Dan, Melissa, Nan, Norvain, Roger, Sam, Sara, Sarah, Scott, Shalom, Shannon, many, Sue, Tari, Ted, Teresa, Terry Davis, Tim, Tristan, Vance, Vic, Viola, Wayne, Zach, all service men and their families, all who are homeless & our shut-ins, our students, and those who are sick pray that God watches over them, guides them, and keeps them safe from harm.

We did it! Thank you to all of our church family for praying for Aaron. It has been a long hard road but with all of you keeping us in your thoughts and prayers there is some light at the end of the tunnel. We are truly blessed to call you all our friends and family. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel and every one of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. *God Bless, Aaron & Laura Hill*

Congratulations to Bailey Binder, who graduated from South Beloit High School yesterday. We all wish you the very best!

MAY 21–Dorothy Taylor, 22–Diane Lipinski, 24–Laura Hill, 27–Grady Naff, 31–Kelli Hedrington
JUNE 7–Rob Binder, 13–Laurray Coots, 19–Curtis Lakeman. 21–Willis Miller, 23–Jeremy Naff

Book Club News

This month we are reading, Let The Great World Spin by Colum McCann, National Book Award winner for fiction. Next meeting is June 13 at 6:30-8pm in the church office.



Faith Lutheran Church
Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring the

Sunday, May 21, 2017
Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives us whose mercy endures forever.

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 love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence.)* Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive 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 holiness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were sinners, 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.

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



mn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 no - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 nom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 ee him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
 is - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ce of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
 ion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

COMMUNION
 does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the
 rit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every
 on. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the
 rist dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this
 baptism and pray that in our gathering around the
 ble the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the
 rist in the world.



Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Computer Technician - Rachel Strasser
Offering Video - Anne & Rachel Strasser
Counters - Kathy & Bob Strasser
Fellowship - Diane and Victor Lipinski
Greeters - Teresa Moffitt and Liz Shockley
Musician - Betty Comins
Reader - Kathy Strasser
Ushers - Todd Strasser and George Brunson
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

Financials for Sunday, May 14, 2017 - Week

Attendance - 105

Weekly Offering Actual	\$2,330.0
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,111.0
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$43,110.6
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$40,109.0
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$2,347.6

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to
 worship with us today! Please join us after worship in our
 Room for beverages, snacks and conversation.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward as directed to
 receive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine
 juice (light). **WE WILL NOW ALSO OFFER GLUTEN-FREE**
AS AN OPTION FOR COMMUNION. Just indicate to Pastor
it's your turn. If you eat the bread before dipping or drop
 ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of
 Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal.
 ALL baptized believers are welcome!

Offering ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please mail
 catch up with your **offering** the next week. Or, if you'd like
 the church office and write "offering" on the envelope and
 included in that week's offering and seen only by the desk
 counters for the day. Thank you for being faithful in giving
 to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church!



Altar Flower Donations

George & Sue Brunson - in honor of the
"Golden" Wedding Anniversary on May

HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



ng, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
I heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good
; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the
; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the
of the Holy Spirit.

be to God.

May 28 - June 25 - Community Outreach

The Beloit Domestic Violence Survivor's Center provides help for women and their children dealing with domestic abuse. Please join us in supporting them by donating: women's deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, gently used or new bath towels & bed blankets, and laundry soap.

*Thanks, Patti Dunaway & Karen Murr
Social Ministry Co-Chairs*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)*

C: **Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

The first reading is from Acts, the 17th chapter.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through your city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' Therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands; he is not served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. His ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being,' as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by human imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of whom he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A RESPONSIVE READING from Psalm 66

R: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard from us.

C: **Our God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet to slip.**

O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver

ght us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon

people ride over our heads; we went through fire and
you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

r your house with burnt offerings and will pay

ows -

I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth
s in trouble.

r you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke
will give you oxen and goats.

listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what
one for me.

ut to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord
ongue.

erished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have

ch God has heard me and has attended to the
my prayer.

e God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld
ove from me.

ADING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

ading is from 1st Peter, the 3rd chapter.

you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if
or doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear
, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify
. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who
you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it
s and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that,
maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct
be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good,
ould be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For
ferred for sins once for all, the righteous for the
n order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the
e alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a
o the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey,
ted patiently in the days of Noah,

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
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.*

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and
resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, you
give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish y
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection t
show your glory to all the world; through the same
our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in b
so that you may abound in hope by the power of th

C: Amen.



...e in need. For those who suffer abuse or neglect.
...e who suffer post-traumatic stress. For those who
... with addiction. For those who grieve and all who
...*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
R prayer.

...assembly. Bless those preparing for baptism and
...on of baptism. Strengthen our ministries of
...ism, outreach, and pastoral care. Deepen our faith
...nowledge of you. Lord, in your mercy,
R prayer.

...nksgiving, we remember those who have died .
...us by their witness to your love. Bring us into your
...presence to live with you forever. Lord, in your mercy,
R prayer.

...our voices with your faithful ones in every time and
...e offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One,
...Christ our Lord.

...nce of Christ be with you always.
O with you.

~ VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING ~
“Just Be Held” by Casting Crowns

PRAYER RESPONSE

...e *but thine own, whatever the gifts may be*
...have is thine alone, a trust, oh Lord, from thee.
...bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
...as though blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.

PRAYER

...ray. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you
...illumine our way through life with the words of your
...ve us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of
...and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through
...Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the
...spirit, be honor and glory forever.
...e you thanks and praise.

...during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eig
...were saved through water. And baptism, which this pre
...saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but
...to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection
...Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right han
...with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to hi

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
Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our heart
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 14th chapter
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you and will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. A little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love and reveal myself to them.”

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

SERMON

“Thank God for the Advocate!”

THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness

it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

g and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

e from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

oved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
ang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
all from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
own in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
om - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
. . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise."

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Youth Confirmation Creed

We believe in God the Father, who is the Creator of heaven and earth. God loved his creation and said it was good. God has given us life and things to support our life, like food, clothing, and animals. God is still creating through people, every day. God gives us new life and more technology. God provides for us all that we need for daily life.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who is the Savior of the world. He healed many people because he cared about them. He told many stories and parables to his followers to increase their understanding of the Kingdom of God. He died on the cross to save us from our sins and to give us eternal life. He rose from the dead, and after he rose he commanded us to go to all the disciples all over the world. Because he loves us, he promises to be with us and to give us eternal life. He promises to be with us until the end of the age.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is the giver of our life. The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts like love, joy, and kindness. The Holy Spirit helps us overcome our sins and helps us to live holy lives. The Holy Spirit calls people to become part of the Christian Church, and the Holy Spirit helps the church to grow around the world. He calls us to seek peace with our neighbors and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This is most certainly true. AMEN!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the needs of the world, and all who are in need. *(A brief silence.)* Lord, in your mercy, draw us together as one church. Draw your whole church together as one church. Send your Spirit into your people and bring us to greater love and mission. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the earth. For scientists, photographers, and explorers. For scholars, poets, musicians, artists, and all who lead us to a greater knowledge and appreciation of beauty. For lakes and rivers, for watersheds and wetlands, ponds and oceans. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the nations. Give wisdom to those who govern. Give peace to all who work for peace. Protect those who have been persecuted or have left their homes in search of safety and freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.