

BIRTHDAYS: 5-Becky Miller, 7-David Cliffe, 10-Dieske, 10-Shawn Guffey, 18-Austin Grover, 20-Ellen Olson, 22-Erika Stinson, 25-White, 25-Gerry Cliffe

BIRTHDAYS: 3-Jodi Binder, 10-June Brady, 19-Jatch, 19-Bob Strasser, 21-Edward Schuller, 26-Murphy, 26-Pat Wicks, 30-Ray Wendell, 30-Scheibel

Congratulations to us! Our Faith Lutheran Church float won \$300 first prize in the South Beloit Centennial Parade! Great job and thanks again to those involved! That money will be donated to the Lutheran Disaster Response to help in the Texas flood crisis.

We will be adding to that cause with our NOISY CAN COLLECTION to be held next Sunday, September 17th.



The Out To Dinner Group will meet at the China Palace, 625 Blackhawk Blvd., Rockton, IL at 6pm, Friday, Sept. 22. Please sign up on the board by Sunday, September 17th.



Faith Lutheran Church
Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ
Sunday, September 10, 2017
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the \mp Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 sins and 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. *(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 and deed, by what we have done and by what we have not done. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O 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 Father. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As your authorized and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by the authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \mp Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

MN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



- fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
ing of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

1852-1922
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

face of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



We pray for: Audrey, Aunt Pat, Bill, Cindy, Connie, Craig, Debi, Denise, Ablett, Dick, Don, Dustin Insko, Eloi Florence, Gary, George, Harriet, Healee, Jaleena, Janie, Jeff, Jessica, John, Kathy, Kathy Mears, Kim, Larry, Linda G., Louise, Lyla, Mary, Nancy, Nikko, Patti, Pfab Family, Pierce, Rich, T Anderson Family, Tammy Lipinski, Terry, Tim, Tom, S Lipinski, Sue, Ted, Tim, Tom & Gale Miller, Viola, Witt all service men & women and their families, all who are & unemployed, and our shut-ins. God Bless You!

BIG THANKS TO ALL who helped in any way to make the 2017 "Crafts and Chrome" Craft Show & Cruise-In and Bake Sale such a great success ~ we were blessed with such beautiful weather! Thanks, Sue Brunson



Graduation, Sympathy, and Get Well cards sent upon notification. Please call Patti at 815-389-8957 or Karen Murr at 815-389-8957. You could email Patti at pkdunaway7@gmail.com

Faith Lutheran Church
Thanks for your support!

OUR FAMOUS BRAT STAND

Fridays & Saturdays
10:30-2:30

- Brats
- Brat Burgers
- Burgers
- Cheese Burgers
- Jumbo Hotdogs
- Pork Chop Sandwiches
- Chips
- Pop & Water

Profits go toward our new roof and ELCA World Hunger

ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT!
Have you had your g
burger, jumbo dog, o
sandwich this week
support the Brat St
your friends and fam
always use cases of c
& Diet Pepsi, A&W
Diet, Mist Twist o
Mountain Dew & Diet,
and cases of chips.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship - Carol & Roger Frey
Sound Technician - Anne and Rachel Strasser
Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser
Prayer - Kathy & Bob Strasser
Worship - Sue and George Brunson
Prayer - Sandy and Don Dittmer
Prayer - Betty Comins
Prayer - Kathy Strasser
Prayer - Doug Congdon and Shawn Guffey
Prayer - Cathy Murphy
Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

Financials for Sunday, August 27, 2017 - Week 35

Attendance: 138

Offering Actual	\$2,275.25
Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
YTD Actual Offering	\$72,759.67
YTD Offering Needed	\$73,885.00
YTD YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$9,182.63

Worship

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

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

If you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to bring your offering the next week. Or, mail it to the church with a note "offering" on the envelope. Thanks for your faithful giving to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church!

Return your Craft Show/Car Wash tickets to Sue in the office



INTRODUCTION

P: Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. The words in today's gospel are often used in situations that have to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with his peace and reconciliation.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us anything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from Ezekiel, the 33rd chapter.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall warn them. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked one, surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. I, the Lord, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said, "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we are weary because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading From Psalm 119

me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall
to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

me in the path of your commandments, for that is
my way.

My heart is fixed on your decrees and not on unjust gain.

My eyes are turned from beholding falsehood; give me life
in your way.

**Do not break your promise to your servant, which is for those
who fear you.**

Do not let me be reproached that I dread, because your
commandments are good.

**My heart longs for your commandments; by your
mercy your word enliven me.**

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:8-14

from Romans, the 13th chapter.

Do not do anything, except to love one another; for the one
who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments,
that you shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall
not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are
fulfilled in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love
your neighbor as you love yourself; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the
law. When you love your neighbor as yourself, you know what time it is, how it is now the
night; you do not need to sleep. For salvation is nearer to us
now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the
day is at hand. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put
on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in
drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness,
in rivalry and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus
Christ, make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us
this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast
on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace,
our hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your
peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

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. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



August 27 - Altar flowers donated by Gerry Cl...
Family in honor of Fran's birthday.

September 19 - Altar flowers donated by Tam...
Tina Hatch "in loving memory of our amazing ..."
Joyce Hatch and her 80th Birthday & for our ...
Shawn Guffey's 37th Birthday."



~ VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING ~

“Love Won’t Let Me Down”

by Hillsong Young and Free

RESPONSE

*Not by our strength or power,
but thine own, whatever the gifts may be
that we have is thine alone, a trust, oh Lord, from thee.
Thy mercies and bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
as though blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.*

PRAYER

Pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your
Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness,
and brought forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.
O Word of life, O God,
we thank you and praise you.

and be with you.

to be with you.

our hearts.

to be with them to the Lord.

Give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

to give God thanks and praise.

~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~

PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
are thine ever. Amen.

~ COMMUNION ~



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: Matthew 18:15-20

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: “If another member of the church has sinned against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Honorable Living”

THE DAY

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

In God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
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,
crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and 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 communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the world, and all of God's creation. (*A brief silence.*) We pray for the church universal. Reconcile our differences. Forgive our divisions. Unite us at your table. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: For your creation. Increase our stewardship of all things given to us. Let the earth flourish for those who care for it. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: For peace in the world. End conflicts among nations (*especially*). Help leaders and citizens truly to listen to one another and to act for the good of all. Teach us by your example. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: For all those in need. Bind up our hurts. Heal divisions among families, friendships, and neighborhoods. Comfort the afflicted. We need your special care (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: For this congregation. Make us signs of your love and forgiveness in this community and in the world. Help us live in our love for one another. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: In thanksgiving for all the faithful witnesses who pursue the Lord Jesus Christ (*especially*). Keep us faithful until we rejoice in your majesty with them. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for which we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.