

BELOIT CULVER'S SCOOPIE NIGHT

Monday, November 20th AND

Monday, February 12th 4pm to 8pm

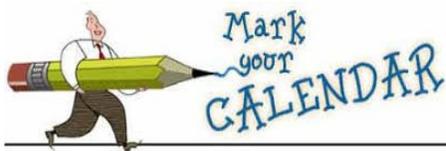
Volunteers needed - 2 shifts: 4-6pm, 6-8pm

PLEASE SIGN UP IN HALLWAY!



SEE TODAY'S BULLETIN INSERT

This year's theme is "Embracing Stewardship," which leads us to commit ourselves to carry on a thriving congregational ministry here at Faith Lutheran.



November 5 - All Saints' Day ~ Special Memorial
Members receive the Annual Report to review for next
ask you to keep these & to bring them back 11/12.

November 12, following worship -
Congregational Meeting for review of Annual Report and
Church Council Members; 2018 yellow Pledge Cards
uted; Pastor Bitner to preside.

November 19th - Stewardship Sunday - Please fill out
our yellow Pledge Card; Pastor Bitner to preside.

November 20th - Have dinner at Culver's and support
in Church's campaign to purchase a defibrillator!

November 21st - Church Council Meeting at 5:30pm

December 2, 12-2pm - Secret Sister Brunch; Please
rapped Christmas gift for our 'reveal' gift exchange!
ret Sisters are welcomed & introduced. They will
lcome Gift, and join us for brunch.

December 3, 10:30-11:30pm - Please stay to help put
on our Christmas tree after church!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ~ 9

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help
people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone
the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess
receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done and by what
have left undone. We have not loved you with all
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
delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the
of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was
for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
called and ordained minister of the church of Christ
his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire
forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Fa
of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



Open now thy gates of beau-ty, Zi-on, let me en-ter there,
O God, I come be-fore thee; come thou al-so un-to me;
thy praise is glad-ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du-ly sown;
my faith in-crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di-vine;
O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in-deed;



my soul in joy-ful du-ty waits for God who an-swears prayer.
we find thee and a-dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre-cious sheaves a-lone,
so-e'er temp-ta-tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
I un-dis-turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo-ple feed.



How bless-ed is this place, filled with so-lace, light, and grace!
my heart, oh, en-ter thou, let it be thy tem-ple now!
what all I hear may be fruit-ful un-to life in me.
my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
of life the foun-tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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

APPLICATION TO THE DAY

In his first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to
fulfill his divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap
Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him
and God what belongs to God. To gather for worship
reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than
earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we
dedicate our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake
of the world.

Financials for Sunday, October 15, 2017 - Week

Attendance: 80

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,673.75
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$86,423.03
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$88,662.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$9,617.63



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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 3-Jodi Binder, 4-Sammy McCormick
- 10-June Brady, 17-Anna Hatch,
- 19-Bob Strasser, 21-Edward Schu
- 22-Gail Kelce, 25-Cathy Murphy,
- 26-Pat Wicks, 30-Ray Wendell,
- 31-Russell Scheibel



Next week we'll celebrate a very special event
that has changed the world ~ the 500th anniversary of the
Reformation of the Church, led by Martin Luther.

*Please join us October 29th, as we remember our
heritage and look forward to the future.*

- ◆ **PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN HERE**
- ◆ **Wear RED - the color of the Reformation**



We pray for: Alyson & Jarrett, Amber, Aunt Pat, Barry & Shelby, Bea, Betty Comins, Bonnie, Boyd, Brad, Brayton, Brenda, Brett, Brian, Carl, Cindy, Claudine, Connie Price, Courtney, Debi, Devin, Denise, Diane, Don, Doug, Dustin, Eloise, Emery, Emily, Family of Millie Zinnecker, Gary, Gavin, George, Harriet, Heidi, Helen, Ian, Inez, Jim, James, Janie, Jimmy, Joyce, Julie, June Brady, Kim, Larry, Linda, Louis, Louise, Lyla Williams, Margarit, Mary, Miles, Nancy, Nikko, Patti, Rich, Ricky, Shalom, Sharon, Shelby, Steve, Sue, Tammy, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom., Tom & Robin, Tracy, Vicki, Viola, Vivian, Zach, Zoey, all service men and women, all their families, all hurricane, flood and fire victims, all families and pets, all those who are lonely, homeless, and elderly, our college students, and our shut-ins.

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 by rows to receive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine (dark) or juice (light). **PLEASE OFFER GLUTEN-FREE BREAD AS AN OPTION FOR ALL.** **Just indicate this to Pastor when it's your turn.** If you are unable to attend worship, please catch up with the pastor by mail the next week. Or, mail it to the church office and write your name on the envelope. Thanks for your faithful generosity in giving. You can find more information here at Faith Lutheran Church!

Our flowers are donated by: Robert Stafford, in memory of Robert Stafford. Thank you, Gail Kelce ~ for her 70th Birthday!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)*
C: **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts; created by you, let us live in your image; created by you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us praise you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from Isaiah, the 45th chapter.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose name I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip their robes, to open doors before him - and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break down the pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servants, Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 96

R: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, a new melody.
C: **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; praise the LORD, God's salvation from day to day.**
R: Declare God's glory among the nations and God's power among all peoples.
C: **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, and there is no one to be feared than all gods.**

All the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

Power and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

O Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Give to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring glory and enter the courts of the Lord.

O Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

From 1st Thessalonians, the 1st chapter.

Paul, Timothy, and Timothy: To the church of the Thessalonians
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and
we always give thanks to God for all of you and mention
your prayers, constantly remembering before our God and
the work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of
the Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters
of God, that he has chosen you, because our message
of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and
the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what
actions we proved to be among you for your sake. And
we are imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of perse-
cution we received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,
and we became an example to all the believers in Macedonia
and Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from
Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your
faith has become known, so that we have no need to
write to you about it. For the people of those regions report about us
of the welcome we had among you, and how you turned to
the Lord, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his
return from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who
will come from the wrath that is coming.

O Lord, God, word of life.

Glory to God.



BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us
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.



Today's Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Computer Technician - Anne and Rachel Strasser
Offering Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser
Counters - Roger and Carol Frey
Fellowship - Kathy and Bob Strasser
Greeters - Eloise Manley
Musician - Betty Comins
Reader - Jeremy Naff
Ushers - Doug Congdon and Bob Strasser
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier**

VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own,
whatever the gifts may be.
All that we have is thine alone,
a trust, oh Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus,
as stewards true receive,
And gladly as though blessed us,
to thee our first fruits give.*

G PRAYER

pray. Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you
to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through
ss, life to those entombed by death, the way of your
ving love. For your Word of life, O God,
re you thanks and praise.

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ord be with you.

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your hearts.

them to the Lord.

give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

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~ WORDS OF INSTITUTION ~

D'S PRAYER

r, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
is day our daily bread; and forgive us our
s, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
s not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
s the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
d ever. Amen.

~ COMMUNION ~



ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your s



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hea



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news th

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd cha

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus
said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the
saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and
way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference
one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us
what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor
But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you p
the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for t
they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "V
is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emper
he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the th
the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."
heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and v

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "TWO SIDES OF THE COIN"



THE DAY

We Give Thee but Thine Own



ve thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
ve thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
ap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
ve be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



at we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
ad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
ch the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

S' CREED

n God, the Father almighty,
or of heaven and earth.
n Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
of the virgin Mary,
ed under Pontius Pilate,
rucified, died, and was buried;
scended to the dead.
e third day he rose again;
cended into heaven,
e seated at the right hand of the Father,
e will come to judge the living and the dead.
n the Holy Spirit,
oly catholic church,
ommunion of saints,
r forgiveness of sins,
surrection of the body,
e 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.*) To God, we pray for the church. Fill all worshipers with Spirit. Grant them generous hearts to share God's revealed to them in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for creation: for the power of sun, wind, and air; for the riches buried in rock and soil, for the magnificent life in forms too many to number. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the nations: for leaders of governments; for commerce between nations, for treasurers, boards of directors, and all who justly distribute monetary resources. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the poor and outcast, for those who lack food, medicine, clothing, and shelter, for the community agencies who serve the needy and advocate on their behalf (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in God's healing power, we pray for Faith Community Church, South Beloit: for the unemployed and overburdened; for all who are burdened by debt, for the sick and the elderly, for a particular need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We give thanks for the saints of every time and place. By your Spirit, grant us sure confidence in the everlasting life you promise. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.