



Monday, Feb. 12 - Scoopie Night - Beloit Culver's
 Don't cook! Come to Culver's to support our church from 4pm-8pm! Proceeds go towards an AED heart defibrillator and our youth program.



Saturday, Feb. 24 - Spaghetti Dinner & Trivia Night Fundraiser
 2018 Houston Youth Gathering this summer. Dinner - 5pm.
 Gluten free dinners available. Trivia at 6:30 - tables of 8. Sign up on the board. **FREE Babysitting. Silent Auction Gift Baskets**
COST: \$10 (13 +) \$5 (4-12) 3 & under - free (dinner only)

Here's some information about this year's Youth Gathering, to be held in Houston, Texas from June 27th to July 1.



Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: 27 - Samantha Guffey,
 27 - Victor Lipinski, 30 - Craig Miller,
 30 - Justin Brown
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: 1 – Ted Balk
 3 – Bernie Parisot, 9 – Dean Birch, 10 – Sue Miller
 10 – Shari Birch, 14 – Lucy Naff, 15 – Ethel Strasser
 16 – Courtney Schuller, 18 – Zach Hedrington
 21 – Natasha Schneider, 22 – Autumn Marty
 22 – Carol Frey, 22 – Ben Strasser,
 28 – Patti Dunaway



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ
 Sunday, January 28, 2018
 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ~ 9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + 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 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. 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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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.**

Introduction to the Day

P: In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111, God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

C: **Amen.**



Today's altar flowers are donated by: Shawn, Amanda and Hannah to celebrate Samantha's 9th birthday

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are happy to have you worship with us today! Please join us in our for beverages, snacks and conversation after worship. **Communion** is by intinction. Come forward by rows to receive the bread with an open hand then dip in the wine (dark) or juice (light). **Gluten-free bread is an option - just indicate to Pastor when it's your turn.** If you eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal ~ all baptized believers are welcome.

Financials Sunday, Jan. 21 - Week #3

Attendance - 74

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,866.50
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$8,210.80
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$6,528.00



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We pray all service men and women, all homeless and unemployed, our shut-ins, our college students, those in the military and their families. We pray for our friends, families, and loved ones, especially: Alyson & Jarrett, Angie, Audrey, Aunt Bettie, Bailey, Barry & Shelby, Bill, Bob, Boyd & Inez, Brad, Carl, Cathy, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Crystal, Danielle, Denise, Dianne, Dick, Dodi, Don, Donna, Dustin Insko, Emily, Florence, the Frostman Family, Gail, Gary, Gavin, George, Gere, Harriet, Heidi, Ian, Jackie, James, Janet, Janice, Jen, Jim, Jon, Judy Marquis, Ken, Kennadi, Kenny, Kevin, Kim, Kurt, Larry, Leslie, Lilac, Linda, Lyla W., Maggie, Mary, Nancy, Nikki, Pastor John Heins and Connie, Pastor Rick & Helen, Penny, Ray, Rich, Ricky, Robin, Sam, Sara, Sarah, Shalom, Sharon, Shirley, Strasser Family, Sue, Tammy, Tim, Tina, Tom, Tom Johnson, Tracy, Tristan, Vance, Viola, Vivian, Zak, Zoey.



Our prayers and sympathy go out to the Strasser Family in the passing of Kathy's mother, Mary Breese. May she rest in peace.

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.



We thank Pastor Karl Otto for being here to worship with us today. If there is a pastoral emergency, he can be reached at 815-988-0677. Pastor Rick and Helen will be back with us for worship next Sunday, Feb. 4th.

Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Computer Technician - Anne & Rachel Strasser

Offering Video - Anne & Rachel Strasser

Reader - Kathy Strasser

Counters - Roger & Carol Frey

Fellowship - Sue & George Brunson

Greeters - Liz Shockley and Teresa Moffitt

Musician - Betty Comins

Ushers - Doug Congdon, Todd and Ben Strasser

Guest Pastor - Rev. Dr. Karl Otto

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Church

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy, the 18th chapter.

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 111

P: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

C: **Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**

P: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

C: **You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

P: You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

C: You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

P: The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

C: They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

P: You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

C: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 8th chapter.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed.

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 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: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now - today, tomorrow, every day - that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: For the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, and their advocates; for the sick, the suffering, and their caregivers; and for the weak in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*), that your compassion be felt by all in need, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For those in our congregation celebrating special events, for those missing from our worship today, and for friends and family both near and far, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who witnessed your love in their lives and in this world, that through them our own faith will grow stronger, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

“Walking on Water” by NEEDTOBREATHE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, in thee.*

*May we thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
And gladly as though blessed us, to thee our first-fruits give.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Lord and Savior open now your saving word!

Let it burn like fire within us;

Speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“WHO DO YOU TRUST?”



Hymn of the Day

Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

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: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. For those who speak your word throughout the church in the world, O God, and for educational institutions that prepare leaders, that you will lift up prophets in our congregations, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For the works of God revealed in and through creation, for an end to pollution and unjust use of natural resources, and for good weather this season, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: For peace and justice throughout the world (*especially*), for political leaders at all levels, and for those who provide public services, that you will grant them wisdom as they carry out their tasks, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.