



Sunshine Committee

Graduation, Sympathy and Get Well cards will be sent upon notification. Please call Karen Murr at 815-389-2353, or Patti Dunaway at 608-751-1666



Happy Birthday To You!

JUNE: 7–Rob Binder, 8–John Krause, 11–Dick Hedrington, 13–Laurray Coots, 14–Alexis Rice-Devlin & Bev Hedrington, 15–Kamya Robison, 19–Curtis Blakeman, 23–Jeremy Naff, 26–Willis Miller, 30–Alice Olson

The Out to Dinner group will meet at Backyard Bar & Grill, 5390 Elevator Rd., Roscoe at 6:00 pm on Friday, June 22 - Sign up deadline is TODAY!



FAITH LUTHERAN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, July 14 from 12 Noon-3pm

Door Prizes ** Games for the Kids

Ice Cream Social **Hot dogs & hamburgers ** FREE ice cream**

NEEDED: 10 (\$25) Door Prizes: items/Gift Cards/Gift Baskets

Donations of ice cream toppings

Ice cream scooping volunteers

Help with set-up/take-down

Help with kid's games

Donation Box is on the narthex table. Thank you all!

SIGN UP SHEET
IS ON BULLETIN
BOARD!

**Bill Schultz HAS MOVED to East Bank Center,
6131 Park Ridge Road, Loves Park, IL
Bill would love a visit or some cards.**



Throughout June, we will collect baby & health items for Caritas. This will be for the whole month of June. Thank you in advance for bringing: Diapers - Sizes 4,5,6, Pull-Ups, wipes, baby hygiene items; body wash, hand soap, toilet paper, paper towels & cleaning supplies.



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, June 17, 2018

4th Sunday after Pentecost ~ 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

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.

may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!

Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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: The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross a round which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

C: Amen.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Computer Technician - Anne and Rachel Strasser

Offering Video - Anne & Rachel Strasser

Reader - Nicole Blakeman

Counters - Carol & Roger Frey

Fellowship - Pat Wicks

Greeters - Pat Wicks

Musician - Betty Comins

Ushers - Doug Congdon & Laurie Wicks

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

Guest Speaker - Craig Miller



Prayer Requests

We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with mental struggles, our shut-ins, our college students, military personnel & their families.

We pray for friends, families & our loved ones: Aaron, Alyson & Jarrett, Austin, Barbie, Barry & Shelby, Beth, Beverly, Bill, Bonnie, Boyd & Inez, Brad, Brayton, Brenda, Brett, Brian, Cazmyre, Cindy, Claudine,

Debbie, Debi, Denise, Diane, Dianne, Dick, Don, Donna, Doug, Doug & Rachel Congdon & Family, Dustin, Eloise, Ellen, Emily & Family, Evelyn, Family of Bob Stone, Florence, Gabe, Gail, Gary, Gavin, George, Gere, Harriet, Heidi, Helen, Irene, Irene A., Irene & Ted Balk, Jackie, Janice, Janie, Jeff, Jessica, Jim, John, June, Jyll, Kamiya, Karen, Kathy Mears, Katy, Kayla, Kelli, Kelly, Kenny, Kevin, Kim, Kirk Roecker & Family, Kris, Larry, Linda, Linda G., Linda M., Lori Hatch, Lyla, Lyla W., Margot, Marion, Mary, Matt, Maureen, Melissa, Mike, Mike Krause, Nancy, Olivia, Pat, Patti H., Patricia Sarabia, Payton, Rich, Rick, Richard Mayberry Family, Roger, Ruthann, Ryan, Bryn & Ellis McGuire, Sam, Sarah, Scott, Sean, Sharon, Shelly, Shirley & Rusty, Stephanie, Steve, Stone Family, Tammy, Ted, Ted & Irene, Teresa, Terri, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tom & Gale Miller, Tracy, Trisha, Vic, Vicki, Violet, Vivian, Wayne, and Zach.



Faith Lutheran Car Cruise-In
Saturday, June 30th 10am-2pm
Door Prizes for Participants
Entertainment Jimmy Jackson Memorial
FREE ADMISSION * 50/50 for Vets Roll

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church

We are happy to have you worship with us today!

Please join us for beverages, snacks and conversation after worship.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward to receive the bread with an open hand then dip in the wine (dark) or juice (light). Gluten-free wafers are available - 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.

Offering ~ As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** next week. Or mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope to be included in that week's offering, seen only by the designated counters. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

Financials Sunday, June 10 - Week #23

Attendance - 86

Actual Offering	\$2,277.80
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$53,342.99
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$50,048.00

In case of a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Rick

Cell: 815-566-5247 Home: 815-227-4679

Email: pastorr1@comcast.net



This week's altar flowers are donated by:
Hannah and Samantha Guffey,
in honor of the anniversary of their parents,
Shawn and Amanda Guffey



CELL-FREE
ZONE

**Please turn OFF your cell phone.
Even on Mute, an incoming call will
cause a problem with the frequency of
our new microphones. Thank you!**



CELL-FREE
ZONE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children will distribute DAD'S Root Beer to all of the fathers in honor of Father's Day!

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from Ezekiel, the 17th chapter.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 92

R: It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name,
O Most High;

C: to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;

R: on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

C: For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

R: The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

C: Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;

R: they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

C: that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

A reading from 2 Corinthians, the 5th chapter.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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 4:26-34

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?"

CLOSING HYMN**Sent Forth by God's Blessing**
DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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 ~

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: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Mr. Craig Miller, Council President

Hymn of the Day

Faith of Our Fathers



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

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: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves. (*A brief silence.*) O Most High, your divine realm is like a noble tree whose boughs and branches give shade and rest to the peoples of the earth. Make your church a nesting place for all who need your peace and healing. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: O Most High, all the world is a garden for your creativity. Refresh places of drought with abundant rains. Strengthen and keep safe those who fight fires in your forests. Help us tend your mountains and plains, oceans and rivers with loving care. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: O Most High, you speak and your word is accomplished. Speak to the leaders of the nations so they might end cycles of violence, giving people everywhere tranquility and peace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: O Most High, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Bring the abundant healing blessings of the new creation into the lives of those who suffer illness or deprivation of any kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: O Most High, your steadfast love and faithfulness sustain your people. Bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: O Most High, just as the earth produces of itself and the harvest comes, you gather up your people from all times and places. Bring us along with those who have died (*especially*) into the lasting harvest of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
"Courageous" by Casting Crowns



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.