

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 the Backyard Bar & Grill, 5390 Elevator Rd. , Roscoe at 6:00 PM on Friday June 22nd. Please sign up on board by June17th!



Work Sign Up Sheet is on Bulletin Board

Please pitch to help make this community outreach successful again this year. We need workers for each 3 hour shift on Fridays and Saturdays, and donations of Diet & Regular Pepsi, A & W Root Beer, Orange, Mist Twist, Mountain Dew, bottled water, chips, ketchup, mustard, pickles, and relish. Questions? See Anne Strasser, Craig Miller or Pat Wicks!

Faith Lutheran Church
Thanks for your support!



Please send a get well card to our church friend, Bill Schultz, at Van Matre Rehab 950 S Mulford Rd, Rockford, IL 61108. He's in for 6 weeks, recovering after he fell & broke his femur. Bill is 90 years young.



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 3, 2018

2nd Sunday after Pentecost ~ 9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, 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 perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus 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 from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us 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 newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.



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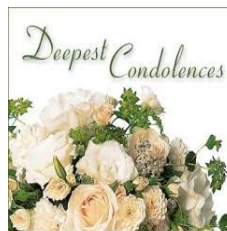
Please turn OFF your cell phone. Even on Mute, an incoming call will cause a problem with the frequency of our new microphones. Thank you!



CELL-FREE ZONE



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, Barry & Shelby, Beverly, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Boyd & Inez Miller, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Cindy, Courtney, Debi, Denise, Don, Doug, Doug Congdon Family, Eloise, Emma, Evelyn, Gail, Gary, Gavin, George, Harriet, Heidi, Jaleena, Janet, Janie, Jean, Jeff, Jess, Jessica, Jim, John, Kari, Kathy Mears, Katy, Kayla, Kelli, Kevin, Kris, Linda, Lori, Marion, Mary, Matt, Mike, Nancy, Pat, Patricia Sarabia, Payton, Rich, Roger, Shannon, Sharon, Shelly, Shirley, Steve, Tammy, Ted, Teresa, Thelma, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom & Gale Miller, Tracy, Trisha, Vicki, Violet, Vivian, Zach, and Zoey



We express our condolences to Doug & Rachel Congdon upon the death of their son, James, who suffered a vehicle accident on May 25. A funeral service was held for him yesterday.



ATTENTION * ATTENTION * ATTENTION

2nd Announcement:

The congregation of Faith Lutheran Church is hereby convened next Sunday, June 10, at 10:45am to consider taking out a loan for property improvements. New steps at our south entrance and additional parking are priorities to be considered. A quorum is necessary to make a decision. Please plan to stay!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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, May 27 - Week #21

Attendance - 66

Actual Offering	\$1,552.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$48,249.19
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$45,696.00

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Computer Technician - Mike Banker

Offering Video - Anne & Rachel Strasser

Reader - Ellen Olson

Counters - Carol & Roger Frey

Fellowship - Pat Wicks, Sue Brunson

Kelli Hedrington

Greeters - Pat & Laurie Wicks

Musician - Betty Comins

Ushers - Doug Congdon &

George Brunson

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



Please join us to celebrate Pastor Rick's 46th Ordination Anniversary with his favorite - German chocolate cake!

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should not ever work anyone else seven days a week. Even slaves should be able to rest; even resident aliens. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* Almighty and ever-living God,

C: throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

A reading from Deuteronomy, the 5th chapter.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work - you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

R: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 81:1-10

R: Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

C: Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.

R: Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

C: for this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.

R: God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:

C: "I eased your shoulder from the burden; your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.

R: You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

**C: Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

R: There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

C: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

A reading from 2 Corinthians, the 4th chapter.

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

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.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

"Hallowed Be Thy Name" by Babbie Mason



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

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 ~

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 2:23--3:6

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 2nd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

One sabbath Jesus was going through the grain fields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"For Love of Sabbath"



Hymn of the Day

O Day of Rest and Gladness



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three - fold light was giv'n.
and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

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.)* God our strength, you command your people to keep sabbath. Coax your church away from the busyness of the world and give us holy rest, so that, refreshed, we will give vibrant witness to your world-healing love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God our strength, you restore what is withered. As all creation stretches forth in hunger and thirst for you, revive what has ceased to flourish and repair what has fallen into decay. Make us partners in your holy healing. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God our strength, we ache for peace. Teach nations that you carry our burdens, you free human hands, and you rescue us in distress. Raise up leaders in the world who listen to your voice and walk in your ways. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God our strength, people are afflicted and perplexed, persecuted and struck down. Shine the light of your glory into the hearts of your suffering ones *(especially)* so that they will not be crushed, driven to despair, or forsaken. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God our strength, you grieve our hardness of heart whenever we turn your holy counsel into rules to control others. Open our hearts to your loving will for these times, for our neighbors, and for this community of faith. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God our strength, death is at work in us, but life is in you. Free us now to live into your promise of indestructible life and, in the end, restore us with all the saints. 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.