


A Very Merry Craft Show

Saturday, November 17 10am to 3pm

Held at Didier Hall, South Beloit

Crafters & Vendors Wanted

Call 815-389-1824 for a registration form

\$25 Booth TABLES PROVIDED; Friday Set-Up



**MID-YEAR STATEMENTS ARE IN THE
ENTRY OF THE SANCTUARY -
PLEASE TAKE YOUR STATEMENT!**



Happy JULY Birthday To You!

2 - Tim Boyette, 5 - Corey Binder,

5 - Debi Nelson, 9 - Mindy Birch,

11 - Boyd Miller & Grayson Marty,

14 - John Coots & Laurie Wicks, 15 - Jane Makhholm,

16 - Anne Strasser & Don Reedy, 17 - Linda Gilbert, 18 - Mallory

Brown, 19 - Todd Strasser & Marcy Reedy, 24 - Doug Congdon,

26 - Mike Banker, 27 - Sue Brunson, 28 - Sarah Rice-Devlin,

30 - Amanda Guffey, 30 - Pastor Rick



**Very Special Happy Birthday Wishes
& God's Blessings to Jane Makhholm
on her 100th Birthday!**



We want to wish Austin Miller all the best as he joins the US Army. Austin, you are an important part of what makes our country strong. We want you to know how grateful we are for your willingness to serve. Our prayers will be with you - God bless you!

Diane Lipinski would like to say thank you to everyone for their prayers for her surgery.



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, July 15, 2018 ~ 9:30 am

8th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed by the Holy Trinity, ✚ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another *(A brief silence.)*

Eternal God our creator,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ✚ forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN **Lead On, O King Eternal!**



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tie song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

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: When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel - that the poor were being trampled - he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.

C: Amen.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Computer Tech - Mike Banker

Offering Video - Helen Meier

Reader - Alice Olson

Counters - Carol & Roger Frey

Fellowship - Becky Miller

Greeters - Sue & George Brunson

Musician - Betty Comins

Ushers - Doug Congdon & Laurie Wicks

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



Ice Cream Social

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Ice Cream Social yesterday! It was a lot of fun, and one more way we like to reach out to our community!



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

Aaron, Alyson & Jarrett, Angie, Audrey, Barbi, Barry & Shelby, Beth, Bev, Bill, Bill Schultz, Bonnie, Boyd & Inez, Brad, Brenda, Cindy, Claudine, David, Debi, Denise, Dianne, Dick, Dick Hedrington, Don, Donna, Doug, Emily, Eva, Florence, Gabe, Gail, Gary, Gavin, George, Harriet, Heidi, Ian, Irene, Jackie, Jane, Janice, Janie, Jeff, Jessica, Juliet, Karen, Kathy Mears, Kayla, Kazy, Ken, Kenny, Kevin, Kris, Larry, Linda, Lisa, Lori, Margot, Matt, Melissa, Michael, Mike, Nancy, Nick, Pat, Payton, Rachel, Patricia Sarabia, Rich, Ricky, Ruthann, Ruthie, Ryan, Brynn & Ellis McGuire, Sam, Sara, Sarah, Shalom, Sharon, Shawn, Stephanie, Sue, Tammi, Tammy, Ted, Tim, Tina, Tonya, Tom, Tom & Gale Miller, Tory, Tracy, Tristan, Vance, Vivian, Violet, Wayne, Zach, and Zoey.

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



The OUT TO DINNER Group will meet at GOLDEN CHOPSTICKS on Friday, July 20th at 6pm. Sign up deadline is TODAY! It is located at 7923 N. Alpine in Loves Park, IL. Come join the group!

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, July 8, 2018 - Week #27

Attendance - 88

Actual Offering	\$2,202.50
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$61,719.59
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$58,752.00



**This week's altar flowers are donated by:
Kelly & Craig Miller to celebrate God's love!**

In case of a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Rick

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

Email: pastorr1@comcast.net

Boyd Miller is seeking a kidney donor. If you or anyone you know can help, please start the living kidney donor screening process by using the UW online form: uwhealth.org/CanIBeADonor or call Boyd at 815-633-3686. There is more information posted on the board. Thanks.



**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: **from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15

R: A reading from Amos, the 7th chapter.

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 85

R: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

C: Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

R: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C: Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

R: The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C: Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from Ephesians, the 1st chapter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

~ 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.**



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, 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 ~
"One Pair of Hands" by Elvis Presley

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

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.**

this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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 6:1-13

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Destined for Faithfulness"

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch-ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child-hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

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: Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. (*A brief silence.*) God of truth, put your word of justice on our lips. Bless your church in the task of holy resistance. Make us a living and persistent sign of your righteousness and your lovingkindness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of heaven and earth, pour your healing power upon our fragile earth for us and for all who will inherit it. Inspire the work of engineers and environmentalists who seek sustainable sources of energy, food, and clean water. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of justice, hold your plumb line to the nations. Speak convicting words of holy judgment to those in positions of authority. Redeem all harms caused by corruption and the hunger for power. Restore peace to our world (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of salvation, bring wholeness to all your beloved children. Anoint the hands of all caregivers, nurses, doctors, therapists, hospice workers, and chaplains. Bring abundance of life to all who long for healing (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of tenderness, you adopt us as your own. Help us to provide nourishing care for all children in our midst. Inspire us with their creativity and energy. Heal and protect children who are victims of abuse, neglect, or scorn. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of the saints, you have claimed the faithful departed as your own and given them an inheritance in glory. Sustain us in faith until the fullness of time, when you gather up all things in heaven and on earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.