



FAITH LUTHERAN ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, July 14 from 12 Noon-3pm

Door Prizes ** Games for the Kids

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*

SIGN UP SHEET
IS ON BULLETIN
BOARD!

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



Happy JULY Birthday To You!

2 – Tim Boyette, 5 – Corey Binder,

5 – Debi Nelson, 9 – Mindy Birch,

11 – Boyd Miller, 14 – John Coats,

14 – Laurie Wicks, 16 – Anne Strasser,

17 – Linda Gilbert, 18 – Mallory Brown,

19 – Todd Strasser, 24 – Doug Congdon, 26 – Mike Banker,

27 – Sue Brunson, 30 – Amanda Guffey, 30 – Pastor Rick



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You've heard us talk a lot about Thrivent and how their Action Plan Grants help fund many of our projects. We have just learned that for \$19.95,

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Please talk to Sue in the office. Once an Associate Member, she can help fill out the easy form. Pastor Rick can answer questions!



A Very Merry Craft Show Sat., Nov 17, 10am-3pm

Bake Sale - Didier Hall, Blackhawk Blvd., So. Beloit;

Crafters & Vendors Wanted - call 815-389-1824

\$25 Booth TABLES PROVIDED; Friday Set-Up



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, July 1, 2018 ~ 9:30 am

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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. *(A brief silence.)* 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.

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.

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
 be now and ever giv'n
 by saints below and saints above,
 the church in earth and heav'n.

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: A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

C: **Amen.**

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey	Fellowship - Sue & George Brunson
Computer Tech - Mike Banker	Greeters - Sue & George Brunson
Offering Video - Helen Meier	Musician - Betty Comins
Reader - Kathy Strasser	Ushers - Doug Congdon & Bob Strasser
Counters - Carol & Roger Frey	Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with mental struggles, our shut-ins, our college students, military personnel & their families. We pray for our those at the Youth Gathering in Houston, especially Anne Strasser, Rachel Strasser, Taylor Gruenberg and

Zach Hedrington. We pray for friends, families & our loved ones: Aaron, Alyson & Jarrett, Amy, Balk Family, Barbie, Barry & Shelby, Beth, Beverly, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Boyd & Inez, Brad, Brayton, Brenda, Brett, Brian, Cindy, Claudine, Debi, Denise, Diane, Don, Doug, Dustin, Eloise, Emily, Eva, Florence, Funk Family, Gabe, Gail, Gary, Gavin, Gayle, George, Gere, Harriet, Heidi, Ian, Irene, Jaleena, Janet, Janie, Jeff, Jessica, Jim, Joan, Juliet, June, Karen, Kathy, Kathy Mears, Katy, Kelli, Ken, Kenny, Kim, Larry, Lori, Lyla, Margot, Marion, Mary, Melissa, Michael, Mike, Nancy, Pat, Payton, Peter, Rachel, Rachel, & Doug, Rich, Ricky, Roger, Ruthie, Ryan, Brynn & Ellis McGuire, Sara & Cory, Shalom, Sharon, Shawn, Shelly, Steve, Sue, Tammi, Tammy, Ted, Teresa, Terry, Tim, Tina, Tom, Tom & Gale Miller, Tracy, Tristan, Wayne, Vance, Vic, Vicki, Viola, Vivian, Zach, Zoey



Thanks to EVERYONE who helped make our 4th Car Cruise-In a big success! To those who helped out in any way - we appreciate you very much!



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 24 - Week #25

Attendance - 93

Actual Offering	\$1,556.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$56,642.99
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$54,400.00
NOISY CAN for Youth Gathering	\$150.00



This week's altar flowers are donated by:

Russell Scheibel in memory of

Wesley Piper, Jr. (KIA-Korea) and Nolan Black (KIA-Vietnam)

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.



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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.)* Almighty and merciful God,

C: we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

A reading from Lamentations, the 3rd chapter.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 30

R: I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

C: O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

R: You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

C: Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

R: God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

C: While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

R: You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

C: I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

R: "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

C: Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

R: You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

C: Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something - now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has - not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

CLOSING HYMN "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Merciful God, give us faith and make us whole. Ease the anxiety of undiagnosed or chronic illness. Soothe the heartache of miscarriage or infertility. Look with compassion on all who cry to you for healing (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Mighty God, protect and bless all civil servants, local government officials, and members of the armed services who work for our safety and security. Help us to be thoughtful citizens and good neighbors in our community.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Immortal God, your mercies never end and your faithfulness is everlasting. Inspire us by the faith of the saints to wait patiently for your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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 ~

"A Few Good Men" by the Gaither Vocal Band

***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: 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.

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 5:21-43

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Recognizing Miracles and Genuine Patriotism"

HYMN OF THE DAY We Come to You for Healing, Lord



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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.)* Holy God, send out your church to cross boundaries for the sake of your holy compassion. Use our words and our actions to bring peace and wholeness to all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bountiful God, all creation is a gift from you. Protect the earth from disaster and misuse. Free us from selfishness and help us to honor the bounty of nature, sharing our earthly home gently with one another and with future generations. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Liberating God, soften the hearts of rulers and governments. Strengthen the voices of those who cry out for freedom and opportunity for the overlooked, oppressed, and abused. Teach your people to speak peace to all people and nations.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

