


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



AUGUST Birthdays

19 – Matt White, 21 – Austin Miller,
22 – Don Dittmer, 26 – Reece Binder

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

5 – Becky Miller, 9 – Diane Redieske,
10 – Shawn Guffey, 19 – Kelly Miller,
20 – Ellen Olson, 22 – Erika Stinson
22 – Vallerie White, 25 – Gerry Cliffe

Faith Lutheran Church
Thanks for your support!



HELP NEEDED! HELP NEEDED! HELP NEEDED!

PLEASE stop over to the bulletin board today and sign up to help. We have 5 weekends to fill with Brat Stand volunteers - each Friday and Saturday has 2 shifts. First shift is 9:30-12:30, 2nd shift is 12:30-3pm, with an added rush hour shift each day from 11am - 1pm. Thank You!



We want to support Austin Wagner, son of Amy and Aaron Miller and grandson of Becky and Willis Miller as he serves our country in the US Army. When he is finished with his basic training and boot camp at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Missouri, we plan to send out a monthly care package to him. When we get his address, we can send cards. As soon as this information is available, we'll publish it in the bulletin and on our bulletin board.



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, August 19, 2018 ~ 9:30 am

13th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be 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 O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy.
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

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: Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God, today invites us (metaphorically speaking) to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

C: Amen.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Computer Tech - Rachel & Anne Strasser

Offering Video - Rachel & Anne Strasser

Reader - Pat Wicks

Counters - Carol & Roger Frey

Fellowship - Larry & Alice Olson

Greeters - Tammy Dunkel & Tina Hatch

Musician - Betty Comins

Ushers - Doug Congdon & Ray Wendell

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



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, Betty Lampher, Bev, Bill, Bill Schultz, Bonnie, Boyd & Inez, Brad, Brenda, Cindy, Claudine, David, Debi, Denise, Dianne, Dick, Don, Donna, Doug, Emily, Eva, Florence, Gabe, Gail, Gary, Gavin, George, Gerry Cliffe, Harriet, Heidi, Ian, Irene, Jackie, Jane, Janice, Janie, Jeff, Jessica, Juliet, Karen, Kathy Mears, Kayla, Kazy, Ken, Kenny, Kevin, Kris, Larry, Linda Miller, Lisa, Lori, Margot, Matt, Melissa, Michael, Mike, Nancy, Nick, Pat, Payton, Rachel, Patricia Sarabia, Rich, Ricky, Ruthann, Ruthie, Sam, Sara, Sarah, Shalom, Sharon, Shawn, Shirley, Stephanie, Steve, 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



Dine Out



The OUT TO DINNER Group will meet at PIZZA RANCH on Friday, August 24th at 6pm. Sign up deadline is TODAY! It is located at 4797 Bluestem Rd. in Roscoe, 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, August 12, 2018 - Week #32

Outdoor Service - Approximately 50

Actual Offering	\$1,149.16
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$70,333.75
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$69,632.00



**This week's altar flowers are donated by:
Gail Kraus, in memory of Wayne's birthday**

In case of a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Rick

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

Email: pastorr1@comcast.net

Please send a card to our shut-in friends:

*Bill Schultz - East Bank Center, 6131 Park Ridge Rd.,
Loves Park, IL 61111*

*Betty Lampher - Fair Oaks, 1515 Blackhawk Blvd.,
South Beloit, IL 61080*



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.)* Ever-loving God,

C: your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world.

Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



**CHILDREN'S
CHURCH**

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from Proverbs, the 9th chapter.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 34

R: Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

C: The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

R: Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you reverence for the LORD.

C: Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

R: Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

C: Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from Ephesians, the 5th chapter.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: John 6:51-58

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

~ 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: The God of all grace ✚ 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, and be sustained by the Bread of Life!

C: Thanks be to God.

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 Lords 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.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power

and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!



The 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: Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. (*A brief silence.*) O Lord, you build your church, the body of Christ, and sustain it with living bread. Let wisdom guide your church, and teach all its members the way of righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, bless the work of musicians, composers, writers, and all artists. Move us to even greater praise through their gifts of creativity. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, we thank you for the diversity of the nations. Shower your wisdom and mercy upon all leaders and citizens. Give us all the courage to seek peace and pursue it. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, send calm and perseverance to those who are in trouble or who live daily with great stress. Fill them with your Spirit and satisfy them with your presence (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, we thank you for this congregation. Give us gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy, and inspire us to give thanks at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, we bless you for family, friends, and sisters and brothers in Christ who have guided us in wisdom and insight. Lead us into peace with all people until the day of Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ OFFERING ~

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

*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.*