


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 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
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OUR FAMOUS

BRAT STAND

Fridays & Saturdays
10:30-2:30

• Brats • Jumbo Hotdogs
• Brat Burgers • Pork Chop Sandwiches
• Burgers • Chips
• Cheese Burgers • Pop & Water



Profile go toward our new roof and ELCA World Hunger

THANKS TO ALL WHO ARE SIGNING UP TO HELP!

We have 5 more weekends to fill with Brat Stand volunteers - each Friday & 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 11:30am - 1pm. **WE NEED YOU!** Thank You!

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS & FELLOWSHIP TREATS



Altar Flowers: There's a large sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the water fountain. Write in your dedication on the date of your choosing, put a check or cash in an envelope and mark the box Altar Flowers \$7 for one, \$14 for both. Put the envelope in the Offering Plate or office. On your date, take your flowers after church.

Fellowship Treats: There's a large sign-up sheet on the door into the room. Pick a date, sign your name. Choose to pay \$20 to church & the donuts will be provided. Put \$20 in an envelope and put in office or in Offering Plate. Or, you can bring in your own treats of any kind.



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, August 26, 2018 ~ 9:30 am

14th 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

Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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: In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

C: Amen.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Computer Tech - Mike Banker

Offering Video - Helen Meier

Reader - Nicole Blakeman

Counters - Carol & Roger Frey

Fellowship - Tammy Dunkel & Tina Hatch

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, Adam, Alyson & Jarrett, Audrey, Aunt Bettie, Barb, Barry & Shelby, Beth, Bev, Bev H., Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Boyd & Inez, Brad, Brayton, Brenda, Brett, Brian, Charlotte, Christie family, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Daniel Mears, Debi, Denise, Diane, Dick, Don, Doug, Eloise, Elsie, Emily & family, Evelyn, Eugene Singletary family, Florence, Funk family, Gary, Gary Freitag family, Gavin, George, Gerrie, Heidi, Irene A., Iris, Janet, Janie, Jean, Jennifer, Jessica, Jeff, Jerri, Jim H., John, Jon, Kathy, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kenny, Kevin, Kris, Larry, Linda, Linda G., Linda Miller, Lori, Luke, Mandy, Marion, Mary, Matt Dunaway, Maureen M., Michael, Mike, Nancy, Nickel family, Pat, Patricia Sarabia, Payton, Rachel, Rich, Robin, Roger, Ruthann, Sandy, Sharon, Shelly, Sheri, Steve, Tammi, Tammy, Ted, Teresa, Terri, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tracy, Vick, Vivian, Violet, Zach



*This money is used to help with emergency circumstances to help assist individuals or families, as determined by Pastor. To donate to this fund, please use the envelopes in the pew, and write in **GOOD SAMARITAN FUND.***

Sunshine Committee

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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 19, 2018 - Week #33

Attendance - 87

Actual Offering	\$2,708.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$73,041.75
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$71,808.00

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 - Highview, 1000 Falcon Point
Place, Rm. 110 Rockton, IL 61072*

*Bev Hedrington 809 Allen St.
South Beloit, IL 61080*



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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.*) Holy God,

C: your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

A reading from Joshua, the 24th chapter.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 34

R: The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

C: The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

R: The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

C: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

R: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

C: God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

R: Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

C: O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20

A reading from Ephesians, the 6th chapter.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

R: Word of God, word of life.

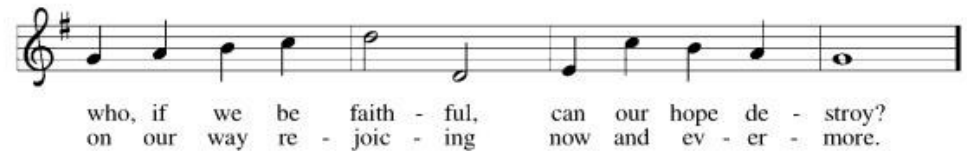
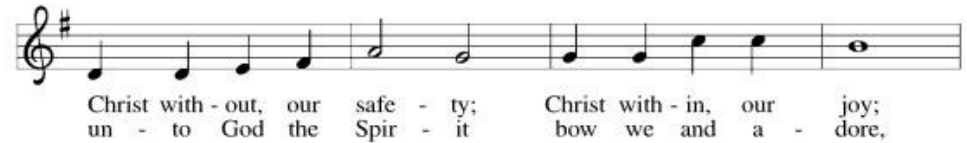
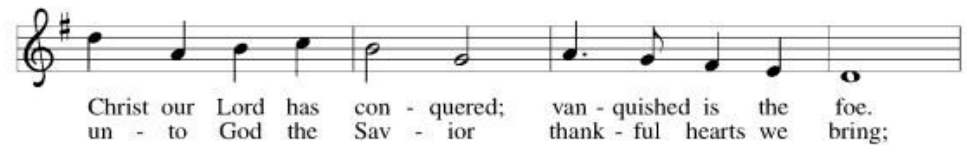
C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN On Our Way Rejoicing



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

“Fill My Cup “ by Angela Primm

*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.**

~ 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.

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 6:56-69

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, “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.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“As For Me and My Household, We Will Serve ...?”

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

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.)*
That God bless the church universal in every place, inspiring strength and courage to boldly proclaim the mystery of the gospel, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: That God the creator bless wild animals and family pets, prairies and kitchen gardens, beaches and sandboxes, mountains and hearths, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: That God spread the gospel throughout the nations of the world, announcing the words of eternal life to peoples in every land and country, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: That God remember the poor and the brokenhearted and rescue all those in trouble *(especially)*, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: That God protect members of this congregation along all our ways and empower us to serve Christ in sincerity and faithfulness, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: That God redeem the lives of those who have served in the faith and raise them up, according to the promises of Jesus Christ, the bread that nourishes eternal life, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

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.