



SEPTEMBER Birthdays
 19 – Kelly Miller, 20 – Ellen Olson,
 22 – Erika Stinson, 25 – Gerry Cliffe

Today's the day for our training! A light lunch from Firehouse Subs will be provided, along with beverages and dessert. It's not too late to join us - just please sign up on the board!



FREE Training TODAY– Sunday, Sept. 16 – 11:30-2:30

Details: South Beloit Fire Department will be coming to Faith Lutheran. CODE BLUE TRAINING will go over these important skills:

- *CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and First Aid**
- *How to use our new AED defibrillator**
- *Added bonus: how to use a fire extinguisher**

This is open to anyone of our church members, and there is no cost. You may also come to observe and listen, rather than participate. There is no limit on the number attending. PLEASE sign up on the bulletin board.

The life you save may be someone you love!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ
 Sunday, September 16, 2018 ~ 9:30 am
 17th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the + Holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. *(A brief silence.)* Source of all life,

C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and send the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven + God's love is unconditional. And we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN Built on a Rock Verses 1 - 3



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.

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.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Computer Tech - Anne and Rachel Strasser

Offering Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser

Reader - Marcy Reedy

Counters - Carol & Roger Frey

Fellowship - Gail Kelce

Greeters - Liz Shockley, Teresa Moffit, and Ruth Anderson

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 & all of our students, all military personnel & their families. We pray for friends, families & our loved ones: Barbi, Ben, Bill,

Bob, Bonnie, Boyd, Carl & Cheryl, Cindy, Claudine,

Daniel Mears, Debi, Denise, Dick, Don, Duane, Emily & Family, Florence, Funk

Family, Gary, George, Harriet, Heather Hageness, Heidi, Inez, Irene, Iris,

Jaleena, Janet, Janie, Jean, Jeff, June, Kathy Mears, Kenny, Kevin, Kim, Kris,

Larry, Linda, Lisa, Luke, Marshall, Mary, Matt, Michael, Nancy, Nath Family,

Pat, Patricia Sarabia, Pete, Rich, Rogalla Family, Ruthann, Ryan, Brynn & Ellis

McGuire, Sandy, Sara & Family, Selena, Sharon, Sue, Suzanne, Tammie, Ted,

Terri, Tim, Todd, Tom, Vicki, Violet.

A Very Merry Craft Show

**** Crafters & Vendors Wanted ****

Saturday, November 17 10am to 3pm

Held at Didier Hall, South Beloit

Call 815-389-1824 for a registration form

\$25 Booth TABLES PROVIDED; Friday Set-Up

There will be a church booth for donated crafts!



The OUT TO DINNER Group will be going to Bravo's Restaurant, 376 Prairie Hill Rd., South Beloit on Friday, Sept. 21 at 6 pm. Please sign up on the board by TODAY!! All are invited - join us!

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 to participate.

Offering ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** next week. Mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope to be included in that week's offering, seen only by designated counters. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

Financials Sunday, September 9, 2018 - Week #36

Attendance - 68

Actual Offering	\$1,820.50
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$79,530.05
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$78,336.00

In case of a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Rick

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

Email: pastorr1@comcast.net



If you are interested in serving a 3-yr. term on the Church Council, please contact Pastor Rick or Council President Craig Miller. There will be 2 openings beginning in January.



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



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

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark, the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed in Mark on the way to the cross. So also are we anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* O God,

C: through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah, the 50th chapter.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 116

R: I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C: for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

R: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

C: Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

R: Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

C: The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.

R: Turn again to your rest, O my soul for the LORD has dealt well with you.

C: For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

R: I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

A reading from James, the 3rd chapter.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

~ THE LORD'S PRAYER ~

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Welcoming God, thank you for this congregation where we have found a home. Make us restless as we seek new and creative ways to expand our loving invitation to all people who seek a community. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In every time and in every place, you have raised up examples of loving service. Make us all good and loving witnesses to your extravagant compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
"Only Jesus" by Casting Crowns

*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: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our savior and Light.

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 ~

Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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 8:27-38

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Who Do YOU Say Jesus Is?"

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

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 Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation. *(A brief silence.)* Gracious God, you call your church to embody the love you have shown us. Raise us up each day to bear witness against sin, death, and the grave. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Creative God, galaxies bear witness to your imagination. Inspire scientists, naturalists, and conservationists who work to conserve precious natural resources. Grant us the wisdom to be good keepers of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Sovereign God, you bless citizens with the gifts of reason and perseverance. Embolden people around the world to seek the common good, to serve their neighbors, and to delight in freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving God, you bless us with an abundant world. When your children wander homeless, hungry, and naked, strengthen us to be your presence as we care for all those in need *(especially)*. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.