



Faith Lutheran Church
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

September 2022

Working to spread the Gospel here and throughout the world.

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FROM PASTOR CATIE



“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

-Philippians 4:4-7

I admit that I am a worrier. I worry about things going smoothly at church and in my personal life. I worry about my family and their wellbeing. The list could go on and on.

In his letter to the Philippians Paul tells us not to be anxious about anything and to go to God with everything. As I think about this month I see so much to go to God with thanksgiving for. This month we will bless the community gardens and give thanks for the land. We will do important work on our property and in our building for God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Finally, we will gather for our annual meeting, reflecting on the past year and making plans to be a part of God's mission in the upcoming year.

While all these wonderful things take place, I'm sure that I will still have some worries. I am human! But this month I am grateful for the reminder to go to God with everything- worries and thanksgivings. What requests are you taking to God this month?

Peace,
 Pastor Catie

From the President...

September is full of important dates for our Faith family!

September 11, Sunday, has been designated as God's Work Our Hands Sunday. At Faith we will be gathering after worship to do an outside yard cleanup, so wear casual clothes that you can work in! There will also be at least one indoor project for those of you that would prefer to stay indoors. We may even have a casual luncheon after the work is done!

September 18 is our annual meeting held after worship. We need you in attendance since a quorum is required to conduct business. Bring your ideas and concerns with you to be presented and discussed. This is your time to speak up! There also is election of officers. The meeting is usually short, so plan on attending.

There have been mixed reviews about our outdoor worship, so for now we are cancelling the August one. We will, however, have Fellowship after worship on the fourth Sundays of the month.

We are happy and blessed to have received six new members in August! We welcome you and extend our wishes for a warm relationship with those of us that have been members for many years and with our God, who is with us always!

Plans are in the works for Sunday School one Sunday a month after worship. We will keep you posted after these plans are finalized.

Stay tuned! Your council is busy trying to keep things running smoothly here and following our mission statement, "Working to spread the Gospel here and throughout the world."

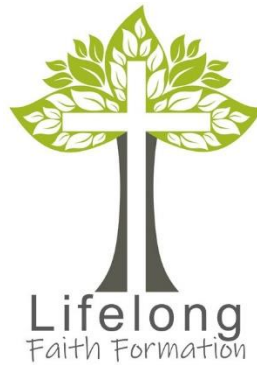
Blessings to you and yours,

Marge Anderson

Thought of the Day

"There is the ultimate spiritual concept, which is: unless you are focusing on the spiritual side of you, there is just no way you can promote it in others."

~Rabbi Ed Friedman



We are Church Together

Sign Up Now to Share Faith and Fellowship with Fun and Interesting Conversations

This fall, our synod's Lifelong Faith Formation program will focus on Bible studies, Lutheran traditions, youth ministry, and more.

A theme running through the new schedule is our life together in the church: our congregations, the Northern Great Lakes Synod, the ELCA, and worldwide. Beginning in September and October, the upcoming classes are:

- The Big Picture Bible Study
- Growing Younger: Sharing ideas to engage young people in our congregations
- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
- Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure and Function
- Romans: The Gospel According To Lutherans
- Taco, Cat, Goat, Bible, Pizza – Interpreting the Word as a Lutheran Today
- Why Do We Do That? A Background on Liturgical Practices of Feast Days and Seasons.

Registration is quick and easy! Click [here](#) for more information on each class and materials needed. All the courses will be presented online via Zoom, with an added in-person option for “Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure and Function.”

The registration deadline is September 12. Contact Deacon Lori Ward at lori.ward@nglsynod.org or 615-519-1969 if you have questions or concerns

Your Justice, My Justice, God's Justice

by Pastor Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

All of us have our favorite Bible passages. Many people like John 3:16 and Psalm 23. Lutherans especially like Ephesians 2:8-10. (Note: I am intentionally not writing out the full verses. I encourage you to look them up yourselves!)

All of the verses in the Bible can't possibly hold equal weight when compared to each other. Compare Leviticus 24:14 with John 8:7. All of us have a "canon within the canon." We all have Bible passages that more fully express our Christian faith and our sense of how we see ourselves and the world. Martin Luther especially liked to view scripture through the lens of Christ. "Was Christum treibt," was his saying in German, which basically means, "What conveys Christ."

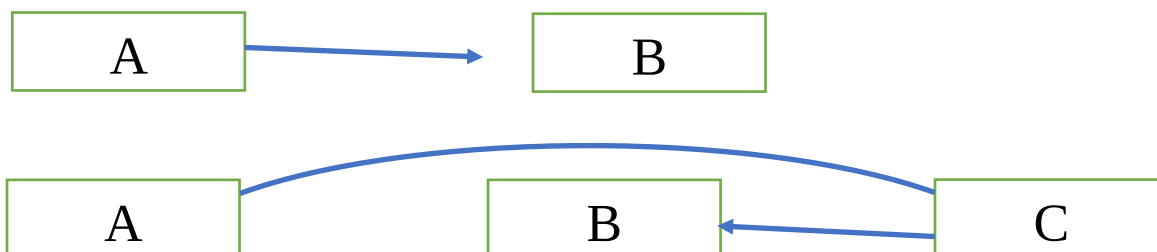
Micah 6:8 is a passage that seems popular today in many religious circles, even among non-Christians. It is an ancient text dating back to the prophet Micah of the 8th century BCE during a time of religious and political unrest. What is new about that? It's pretty amazing to see the resonance of this verse today. I, along with many, would consider Micah 6:8 to be part of my "canon with the canon," one of my seminal verses from the Bible. My *New Oxford Annotated Bible*, 3rd edition from 2001, has the following footnote on this passage: "In this single sentence the prophet sums up a century of brilliant prophesy." Wow, that's some high praise for a single verse of scripture!

I see within the simple structure of this single verse, three foundational pillars:

1. Do Justice
2. Love Kindness
3. Walk Humbly with God

Who doesn't want more justice in the world? Well, maybe not everyone, especially when pursuit of justice could affect my own status in what I might perceive as deleterious to me. Whose justice shall we act upon? My sense of justice? Your sense of justice? Or God's sense of justice? What system or course of action can best achieve the most justice for the most people for the longest time? Debating these questions is what causes division and confusion. But it can also move us down the path to God's justice. It seems to me that we have to ask these questions and we do well to acknowledge the complexity of the paths to justice.

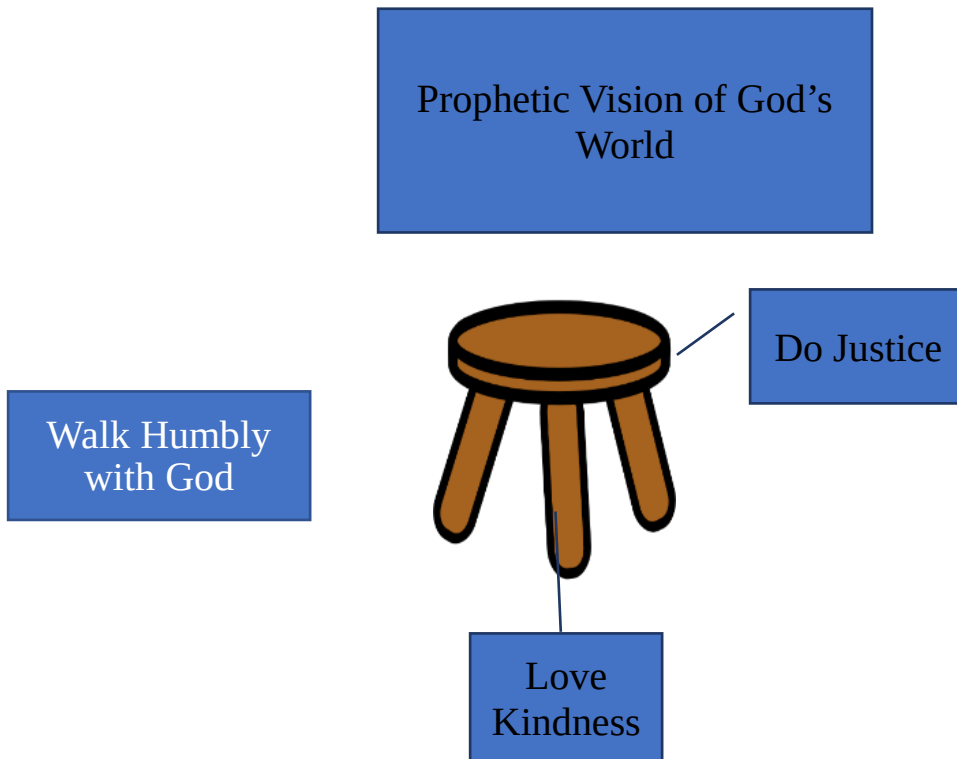
Perhaps, **my sense of justice** in a given situation will go directly from point A to point B. While **your sense of justice** will go from point A to point C, then finally to point B. A state of justice is reached, but a different route is taken to get there.



I propose we view these 3 pillars as equally integral parts of a 3-legged stool. All are important in maintaining the balance of the stool and for God's justice to be realized.

- If I only pursue justice on my terms without kindness and humility, I risk being "right" and needlessly damaging people in the pursuit of my goal.
- If I only seek to be kind without humbly seeking justice, I can become very irrelevant to real life circumstances.
- If I only seek humility without pursuing justice with kindness, I can give away any sense of my agency to make the world a better place.

Holding these 3 foundational pillars (justice, kindness, humility) are integral in dealing with our real-world challenges. Thanks be to God that it is God's justice that is ultimately at stake. I don't have a perfect sense of God's justice and neither do you. Let's keep this in mind as we deal with not only the challenging issues of our time, but also in dealing in a more humane and godly manner with each other as together we seek God's justice to be done on earth as it is in heaven!



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

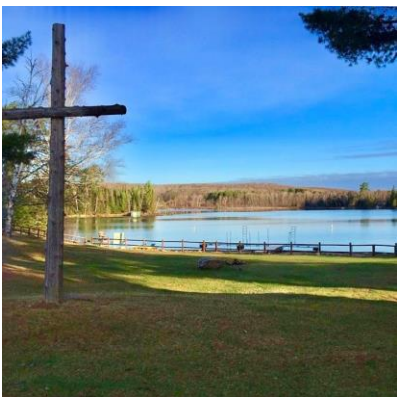


Sept. 11
2022

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is Sunday, September 11, 2022.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.



Women's Fall Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Be renewed at the "Celebration of Women" retreat **September 16-18, 2022**. There will be opportunities to have fun, connect with other women and a chance to disconnect from everyday life. Reflect on your faith with Bible studies, nature walks, and spirit-filled worship services. Rejoice with song, laughter and merriment of all kinds! [Check out the flyer for more details!](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FACEBOOK

It's true! Faith Lutheran Church now has a Facebook page. "Like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/faith3lakes/> and watch the page for updates about what's happening in the life of our faith community.



LIVE STREAMING

Did you know that when you're away, you can watch the entire service as it's delivered LIVE on Sunday morning? You can! Simply go to our church's website (<https://www.faihlutheran-threelakes.org/>) and click "Click here to watch live streaming during worship (Sundays at 9:00 am)" right on the front page. Just put in a name and hit "Enter Live Service". Streaming will start which usually happens around 8:55, 9:00 am, give or take a few minutes, so if nothing is happening yet when you start watching, just

wait a few minutes. You can also watch a recording of many of our services on our website. Simply go to our church website and click "Click here to view recordings of worship" to watch any past services. It's that easy!

QUILTING

Quilting is back in session! Please join us every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the lower level of the church. No experience necessary!

ONLINE GIVING

You can support our mission easier than ever with our donation platform! You can visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHQE/home> and contribute securely online. Thank you for your continued support!

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is offered following Sunday church services EVERY Sunday! All are invited and welcome to attend! No bible required! Please join us for some lively discussions!

BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH



The days are growing shorter, the nights cool, and leaves are beginning to change. The life of summer is beginning to give way to the dying of autumn.

Our lives are filled with life and death, Yet, in the midst of the joy of life and the grief of death – hope remains. Hope promised in the cross of Jesus Christ!

In our baptism, we receive the hopeful promises of the cross. In our faith, we trust the grace of Jesus Christ. During September, allow God's Holy Spirit to rekindle your trust in the gifts of baptism, and remember our brothers and sisters

who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism into Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers.

- 1st Tammy Schroeder
- 6th Jan Lederhaus
- 8th Betty Roth
- 9th Joyce Hegland and Ty Larson
- 11th Dora James
- 23rd Maria Madl
- 28th Traeton Fogerty

Also remember: Corwin Schroeder

MONTHLY OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Year: 2022
 Month: July
 Number of Sundays: attendance unavailable due to technology issues

JUNE 2022	MONTH	YTD Sep. - Aug.
Income	\$6,871	\$78,326
Expenses	\$9,888	\$77,202
Net	- \$3,017	\$1,123

JULY 2022	MONTH	YTD Sep. - Aug.
Income	\$5,570	\$84,376
Expenses	\$7,064	\$86,801
Net	- \$1,493	-\$2,425

*** This will be provided on a quarterly basis



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT: Kyle Smith, Paul Kragh, Monte and Dora James, Ollie DeMuth, Megan Schiller, Ann Woelfel, Duane and Colleen Bonack, Debbie Koslowski, and Abby Swanson

Our armed forces including David Bredesen, Kaley Ebann, Jamie Madl, Charlie and Will Starke, Nicole Young, Emily Fink, Jared Benter Scott Williams, Nathan and Nick Lamal

ALL THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS AND WORRIED ABOUT MANY THINGS

Our Church Ministries:

Congregational Care
Congregation Council
Board of Worship Life
Board of Outreach
Board of Trustees
Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center

Our partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ including:

St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church
Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church
Union Congregational Church
Grace Lutheran Church

Our synod, the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA, and its congregations.

Our companion synod, the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and its congregations.



STEWARDSHIP CALENDARS

August 2022

	8/7/22	8/14/22	8/21/22	8/28/22
Assisting Minister	-	-	-	-
Lay Reader	Tom Bredeesen	Miriam Bredeesen	Jan Harris	Robin Peterson
Altar Guild	-	-	-	-
Greeters	Linda Fowles	Bredesens	Jan Harris	Robin Peterson
Music	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Jane Crosson
Video-streaming	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson

** If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement, then notify the church office. **

September 2022

	9/4/22	9/11/22	9/18/22	9/25/22
Assisting Minister	-	-	-	-
Lay Reader	Gretchen Dobbins	Phoebe Pettingell	Jan Lederhaus	Jan Harris
Altar Guild	-	-	-	-
Greeters	Linda Fowles	Linda Fowles	Linda Fowles	Jan Harris
Music	Jane Crosson	Darlene Cole	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss
Video-streaming	Dillon Ford	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson

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September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Office Closed	3
4 9:00 am Holy Communion	5	6	7 12:30 pm Quilting	8	9 Office Closed	10
11 9:00 am Holy Communion	12	13 1:00 pm Council Meeting	14 12:30 pm Quilting	15	16 Office Closed	17
18 9:00 am Holy Communion	19	20	21 12:30 pm Quilting	22	23 Office Closed	24
25 9:00 am Holy Communion	26	27	28 12:30 pm Quilting	29	30 Office Closed	

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WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am
Holy Communion

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