



Faith Lutheran Church
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

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FROM PASTOR CATIE

As we move from Pentecost into the season after Pentecost, I find myself sitting with the image of flames. Fire is often used as a representation of the Holy Spirit. Nine times out of ten when I think about fires, I think of camp. Most evenings were wrapped up with campers and counselors gathered around the fire. Songs were sung, skits were presented, and relationships were built. One camp song that has always been special to me goes like this:

I stand to praise you, but I fall down on my knees
 My spirit is willing, but my flesh is so weak
 So light the fire in my soul, fan the flames make me whole
 Lord you know just where I've been so light the fire in my heart again
 I feel your arms around me as the power of your healing begins
 Your Spirit moves through me light a mighty rushing wind
 So light the fire in my soul, fan the flames make me whole
 Lord you know just where I've been so light the fire in my heart again

As we sit in this season after Pentecost, also known as summer, what is sparking joy in your life? In what ways is that spark being cared for and turned into a flame? What fire is God re-lighting or lighting for the first time in your heart? Perhaps you are feelings called to participate in new ways. Or maybe you have a passion that you have yet to share with others. The Holy Spirit is on the move. I hope that this month you will feel the flames being fanned in your heart and soul. And that you feel the Holy Spirit's presence like a wind on a warm summer's day.

Peace,
 Pastor Catie

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Researchers at Emory University did MRIs on some grandmothers as they were shown pictures of their grandchildren, grown children, and an anonymous child. Because of the "cute factor", the researchers found that the grandmothers had higher empathy for their grandchild than their own grown children. Almost no reaction for the anonymous child. When the grandchild was smiling the grandmother felt the child's joy; when the grandchild was crying the grandmother felt the child's pain. Now that I am a grandfather, I am not surprised at this result at all. In fact, I am tempted to say 'Duh'. Then the author of this short summary compared its results to the prophet Zephaniah's words about God looking at His people. "He will take great delight in you; in his love he will . . . rejoice over you with singing". And like an empathic grandmother God feels our pain. It is so nice to know that God has real feelings for us. He is not a faraway God, but One who loves and delights in us. Can you imagine Him singing over you?

At the May Council meeting, a member of the council brought up the question of the AED we have hanging in the Church. When was the last time it was checked and maintained? Great question. And this illustrates just how important it is that we all work together in our church. Each of us sees and thinks about things that others may not be thinking about or noticing. It won't be too long and a committee will begin the task of finding people willing to serve on the Boards of our Church. Try to identify a way you can help do the work needing to be done. Maybe you could volunteer for a particular Board you feel is doing the work you could help with, before the committee comes calling. You can help bring up things that need the attention of the Church just like the almost forgotten AED. By the way, the battery has been changed in the AED and the pads were changed a couple years ago, so all is ready to go. As always, if you have a question or concern, please bring it to the attention of one of the members of the Council.

Robin Peterson

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

We have some exciting events coming up this month. On Sunday June 18th Pastor Richard Wehrs will be joining us. Pastor Richard is our Regional Manager for the ELCA Mission Investment Fund, working with 13 synods in the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. He brings to this position extensive experience as a consultant in church stewardship, fundraising, building projects and strategic planning, having worked with scores of congregations around the country over the last 18 years.

After worship Pastor Richard will take a different perspective on stewardship and speak to us about gratitude. How does gratitude shape and form our

everyday decisions and responses to the world? How can we focus on what the Gospel teaches us? How can we use this Gospel energy as a congregation?

Then on Wednesday June 28th we will host a time of fellowship and games with Trinity Lutheran Church. We have been blessed with a beautiful space for outdoor activities. Please join us as we use this blessing as a way to continue growing our partnership with Trinity Lutheran Church. This will also be a wonderful way to connect before we head to Trinity in July for Day Camp! **Stay tuned for more information via mail chimp, Facebook, and announcements during worship.**

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.faithlutheran-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!

DAY CAMP

We are again partnering with Trinity Lutheran in Rhinelander for Summer Day Camp July 24th – 27th. Check the bulletin board or ask Pastor Catie for more details. Come join the fun!

BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH

As the weather warms, we become aware of the gift of new life all around us. The birds, the trees, the flowers, even the mosquitoes!

Yet the gift of life we most cherish is the new life we share in Christ Jesus our Lord. Through our baptism we have been made recipients of this new life, a life we embrace in faith.

During the month of June, live out your baptism as the Holy Spirit stirs within you. Keep in your prayers those who celebrate the anniversary of their baptisms this month!

- 7th – Trudy Klauk
- 13th – Margaret Ledbetter
- 23rd – Nathan Madl
- 28th – Val Otto and Bo Bisnette
- 29th – Kim Peterson
- 30th – Matt Wilkowski

MONTHLY OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

APRIL 2023	MONTH	YTD SEP – AUG.
INCOME	\$7,679	\$71,959
RESTRICTED	\$383	\$14,567
EXPENSES	\$11,657	\$119,911
NET	\$-3,977	\$-6,793

****THIS WILL BE PROVIDED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS**

Year: 2023	Year: 2023
Month: Mar.	Month: Apr.
# of Sun.: 4	# of Sun.: 5
Average: 23	Average: 26

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT:

Kyle Smith, Paul Kragh, Ollie DeMuth, Megan Schiller, Ann Woelfel, Duane and Colleen Bonack, Abby Swanson, Debbie Koslowski, Rick Gensler, Sr., Hailey Schultz, Ruth Sammetinger, and Beth Schomisch

ALL THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS AND WORRIED ABOUT MANY THINGS

OUR CHURCH MINISTRIES

Congregational Care
Congregation Council
Board of Worship Life (BOWL)
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 CALENDAR

JUNE 2023

	6/4/23	6/11/23	6/18/23	6/25/23
Reader	Gretchen Dobbins	Phoebe Pettingell	Jan Lederhaus	Jan Harris
Greeter	Bredesens	-	Bredesens	Jan Harris
Music	Jane Crosson	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss
Video-stream	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford	Dillon Ford

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

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Summer has arrived and the request went out for more Wednesday night Bible Fellowship!
We will begin June 14th and run through the summer!

At 6:30 pm we will commence with outdoor games like Cornhole, Ladderball, Horseshoes, and Bocce, changing it up each week. For those who prefer, there will also be a variety of board games and cards readily available instead.

At 7:15 we will then switch to bible discussion. This summer we will start with a brief paperback entitled **Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned, But I Have Several Excellent Excuses!** By Pastor James Moore. He is a great storyteller and each week we will have an opportunity to chat about his stories and what we might learn from the reading. Chapters are in large-print and about 9 pages, making it easy to peruse before we gather. Questions for discussion are included at the end of the book. And snacks are provided!

We do not need a head count in advance, but in order to get enough books we do need to know of your interest. Please let Tom or Miriam Bredesen know by phone, email, or catch them on Sunday! See you there!

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JUNE 2023

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
				1	2 Office Closed	3
4 9:00 am Holy Communion <i>The Holy Trinity</i>	5	6	7 12:30 pm Quilting	8	9 Office Closed	10
11 9:00 am Holy Communion	12	13	14 12:30 pm Quilting	15	16 Office Closed Council Meeting 4:30 pm	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

STAFF

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