



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

FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

July 2023

FROM PASTOR CATIE

In a book that I am reading the author, Ruth Haley Barton, concludes each chapter with a time of practice and prayer. I have found this extremely helpful as the busyness of life continues. It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the resurrection of Christ and yet the school year has come to an end, and we are well into the hustle and bustle of summer. The streets, sidewalks, and lakes are filled with people. We are all trying to take advantage of the warm weather and time with family and friends. But when do we slow down to experience God's presence? When do we slow down to check in with ourselves?

Barton invites the reader to settle into their humanity. She elaborates, "[settle into] your own history, your own personality, your own heritage, your own past and your own present. Without trying to fix anything or figure anything out, just let it be what it is and experience God's unconditional love for you and everything that has made you who you are." I think that summer is an excellent time for us to receive this invitation.

Perhaps this invitation can be a way for us to start or end our day. To check in with ourselves and to make time to spend with God. To reflect on who God has made us to be. I wonder how this would affect our day, our month, or our lives. This month I invite you to spend time with God in prayer and reflection. The prayer that Barton provided from Ted Loder's book *Gurrillas of Grace* is here as a potential starting point.

Peace,
 Pastor Catie

"O God, gather me in
 To be with you
 As you are with me.
 Keep me in touch with myself,
 With my needs
 My anxieties,
 My anger,
 My pains,
 My corruptions,
 That I may claim them as my own
 Rather than blame them on someone else.
 O Lord, deepen my wounds into wisdom;
 Shape my weaknesses into compassion;

Gentle my envy into enjoyment,
 My fear into trust,
 My guilt into honesty.

O God, gather me
 To be with you
 As you are with me."
 - Ted Loder, *Gurrillas of Grace*

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A little while ago there was a special day in our church year to remember and honor Barnabas. I think with all our special days the church finds a day with not too much going on and chooses it to honor a little known Apostle. At least I don't know too much about Barnabas. He was a faithful Apostle, full of the Holy Spirit, and I am told that he had some gifts for ministry. So I read the passages in Acts about him. What really stood out for me is that he realizes that before he gets to Antioch the Holy Spirit is at work. The grace of God was already there so he could rejoice and get about the work that he would do in that place. By the way, it was Antioch where the term Christian was first used. Another fun fact. As I meditated on the work of Barnabas, I realized that the places I go and the tasks I try to do already have the grace of God working; the Holy Spirit has gone ahead of me. I need not worry how things will go for me. Very comforting as we try to do the work that God wants us to focus on.

On Father's Day we were fortunate to have Pastor Richard Wehrs preach during our worship service and then conduct a very informative and contemplative meeting afterward on the topic of thankfulness and stewardship. Many questions were raised to help us focus on the vision we have for our church's future. My hope is that those in attendance had one of the many ideas put forth stand out to them as one they are really interested in and could see themselves getting behind with their actions. We will be trying to form a committee for stewardship, as outlined in our Constitution, to address these ideas suggested by Pastor Dick to address the needs of our congregation.

Thanks to Pastor Dick for making the trip to be with us at this busy time of year. Coming out of the last Council meeting and the yearly walk-thru done at the parsonage is the motion passed by the Council to enhance the value of the parsonage with the addition of a chain link fence in the backyard. This fence would meet the need for keeping pets in and other animals out. And would be of good enough quality to also keep children safe as they play in the backyard. For this to go forward we will be starting a request for donations specifically for this project. The cost is just under \$2000 so we are shooting for this amount. So please give generously to this project. We will try to get this underway before the ground freezes. Designate your check by writing in the Memo line that your donation is for the fence, or write a note on

your envelope of cash that you wish your donation go for the fence.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, bring these to the attention of a member of the Church Council.

Robin Peterson

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!

4TH OF JULY PIE AND ICE CREAM SALE

Our Pie and Ice Cream Sale will be held at Don Burnside Park in Three Lakes. The event will take place after the parade at the north side of the park pavilion. A delicious assortment of homemade fruit pies will be sold, including favorites, rhubarb and strawberry-rhubarb. Pie a la Mode will also be available. All proceeds will go to fund Outreach Ministries. Faith Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of

America. The church is located at 6995 Hwy. 45 S. in Three Lakes. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR ORGAN DEDICATION EVENT!

This event celebrates the installation of our new organ, replacing the one that was destroyed by lightning last summer. A concert featuring organist, Val Bartlein and an Ecumenical Choir directed by Peter Santogade, begins at 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 30 in the Faith Lutheran Church Sanctuary. A Fellowship Meal in the lower-level Fellowship Room follows the concert. The cost is free, with a free-will offering collected, with proceeds to support the Three Lakes Center for the Arts. RSVP by texting or emailing: Betty: 715-522-0019; loonandtick@fastmail.us or Rhonda: 715-223-5323; rhonda_buss@yahoo.com Faith Lutheran Church, 6995 U.S. Hwy. 45, Three Lakes, WI 54562. **PLEASE JOIN US!**

BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH

We thank God for the beauty of the summer! We thank God for the beauty of life, and the gift of eternal life given to us through our savior. We thank God for our baptisms, and we pray for those who have baptismal anniversaries this month.

7th – Kortnie Volk
16th – Karlie Volk

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

JULY 2023

	7/2/23	7/9/23	7/16/23	7/23/23	7/30/23
Read	Robin Peterson	Gretchen Dobbins	Phoebe Pettin-gell	Jan Lederhaus	Jan Harris
Greet	Brede-sens	Brede-sens	Brede-sens	Brede-sens	Jan Harris
Music	Rhonda Buss	Mark Ruff	Mark Ruff	Mark Ruff	Rhonda Buss
Video	Dillon Ford	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!

Tom Cell: 715-546-3735 tbrede49@hotmail.com
Miriam Cell: 715-617-0151 mkbrede53@gmail.com

JULY 2023

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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2 9:00 am Holy Communion	3	4 4 th of July Pie Sale – After Parade	5 12:30 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Bible Fellowship	6	7 Office Closed	8
9 9:00 am Holy Communion Outdoor Worship – Fellowship After	10 4:30 pm Council Meeting	11	12 12:30 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Bible Fellowship	13	14 Office Closed	15
16 9:00 am Holy Communion	17	18	19 12:30 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Bible Fellowship	20	21 Office Closed	22
23 9:00 am Holy Communion	24	25	26 12:30 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Bible Fellowship	27	28 Office Closed	29
30 9:00 am Holy Communion 3:00 pm Organ Dedication	31					

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Church Office: 715-546-2770

Pastor Catie's Office Hours: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Monday – Thursday

Office Hours: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tuesday – Thursday

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am
Holy Communion

STAFF

Office Administrator: MaryBeth Koslowski
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Pastor: Reverend Catie Ford
pastorcatieford@gmail.com
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Organist: Rhonda Buss

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