



FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

November 2023

FROM PASTOR CATIE

***“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.”
 -Isaiah 54:10***

Last month while I was at a continuing education event, the group was asked a question that stuck with me. What is your why? Specifically, why Jesus? When I was asked this question, I was flooded with reasons. Narrowing it down to one answer to share was difficult. Eventually, I decided my why was because Jesus has been and always will be consistent.

Our surroundings change. Our situations change. People change. (Yes, that means us too!) But one thing that has remained the same throughout my life has been Jesus. I find that Isaiah speaks to this. Mountains and hills may someday be gone, but Jesus' love will never leave us. The peace of Christ cannot be removed from our lives.

I think we are in an excellent place to sit with this question. We have settled into the new routines that fall brings. The busyness of Thanksgiving and Christmas have yet to set in. In this time of stillness, I encourage you to think about your why. Why do you follow Jesus?

Peace,
 Pastor Catie

FROM THE PRESIDENT

When I look at the lesson of the upcoming Sunday from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, I am reminded of the Annual Meeting we just had at the beginning of October. I always give thanks for all the work the people of this congregation do day in and day out. And verse 3 has us "... remembering before God and Father your work of faith and labor of love ..." which is a great reminder for us at this time of year. The Annual Meeting was well attended with good questions and comments about the budget and decisions we need to make as we go forward into the new fiscal year. But as we remember the meeting, we can't skip the need for people to step up and fill necessary positions still open. The list is long. We need a financial secretary, a new person to mow the lawn, people for each Board in order to start rotation for future years, people to coordinate Hi-way clean-up, Sunday School teachers, counters of money after worship services, communion helpers, readers of

lessons, greeters, and this list goes on and is not at all complete. As you can see there is no limit to opportunities to serve our congregation. So as we said at the Annual Meeting, please prayerfully consider where you can serve. Step forward now and start. Don't wait until the next Annual Meeting. We need you now. Fill out your Time and Talent sheet and return it to church. We'll use those to contact people as needed. And thank you.

Still waiting for the Constitution as was reported at the Annual Meeting. It shouldn't be too long before we will be able to start the two meeting process to approve the new edition.

As always if you have questions or concerns about anything please bring these to the attention of one of the Church Council members.

Robin Peterson

FROM THE ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

“Be the Best Neighbors”

Back during the pandemic year of 2020, I, along with several adults from the Northern Great Lakes Synod, participated in a webinar from the ELCA on “Growing Young”. It featured presenters from the Fuller Youth Institute and their research which led to a book, Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church, by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin, 2016, Baker Books.

Some people in our synod have already read this book and discussed its implications. I encourage everyone to read this book. The research of this book showed that some of our assumptions about youth ministry are probably wrong. You don't have to be a big church with a young and cool youth leader to have an effective youth ministry. You don't even have to have a lot of money to be on the right path to growing younger.

This book is the result of research from a broad range of denominations and churches of many sizes. Six key strategies emerged from the research by Fuller. One of those strategies was:

“Be the Best Neighbors: Loving and Shaping Your World Well.”

Young people need to be guided by the example of adults from our churches to be good neighbors. The world is watching how our churches interact with our “neighbors.” Here are some quotes from that chapter of the book about being the best neighbors:

“Christianity is about the restoration of how it is all supposed to be.”

Isaiah, age 20, p. 234

"We've always had a heart to get out of the church building and serve the world—but sometimes we also want to bring positive parts of the world into the church."
A Pastor, p. 243

"Anyone can show up to this church on their worst day and it will turn your life around."
Alejandro, Young Adult, p. 244

"No matter where churches growing young fall on the theological spectrum, they place emphasis on essential beliefs that can be shared rather than exaggerating various differences."
A High School Junior, p. 245

"Churches that want to be the best neighbors seem especially aware of their ministry to, and inclusion, of the poor."
Authors' observation, p. 251

"My friends and I need more than the cynicism we're offered by the world and wider culture. Our church offers more."
A Young Adult from the Northeast, p. 253

"At our church, everybody has something they care about, and the church doesn't need to rubber-stamp your passion before you can do it."
Justin, age 23, p. 255P

Pray for your own church to be the best neighbor, not simply to attract more youth, but because that's what Jesus wants us to be.

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

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

From Diane and Greg Kliss, Adopt-A-Highway Coordinators:

Sunday, October 8, as part of "God's Work, Our Hands", highway cleanup was completed for our Fall work. A big "Thank you" to all the helpers: Larry and Betty Roth, Tom and Miriam Bredesen, Dillon Ford, Robin Peterson, Aiden Ward, and Greg Kliss

They picked up 12 bags of garbage, carpeting, car parts, Styrofoam, and a full-size boat oar. The roadside from Three Lakes south on Highway 45 to North Big Lake Loop Road was completed in one day. Thank you to all the "helping hands" who did "God's Work" to keep the Northwoods beautiful.

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!

BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH

We remember All Saints Day with the many saints who have gone before us.

But the saints are not all departed. They are among us. For in our baptism God has chosen us to be his people, and that's what it means to be a saint!

During November, remember that through our baptism you are a saint of God. Celebrate and remember in your prayers your brothers and sisters who have an anniversary of baptism this month.

16th – Lee Klauk

Also remember: Brian Erikson and Jim Nykolayko

MONTHLY OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 2023	MONTH	YTD SEP – JULY
INCOME	\$5,967	\$84,447
RESTRICTED	\$600 (fence)	\$22,061
EXPENSES	\$7,914	\$152,218
NET	\$ -1,309	\$-5751

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

Year: 2023	Year: 2023
Month: August	Month: September
# of Sun.: 4	# of Sun.: 4
Average: 21	Average:31
Average online:6	Average online:11

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, Abbey Swanson, Rick Gensler, Sr., Hailey Schultz, Ruth Sammetinger, Beth Schomisch, Kay Moericke, Jim Stroschein, Bonnie Pegel, Doug Wallschlaeger, Kris Tenges, Lou Medeiros, Myrna Stroschein, and Heidi Lulloff

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

NOVEMBER 2023

	11/5/23	11/12/23	11/19/23	11/26/23
Reader	Robin Peterson	Gretchen Dobbins	Phoebe Pettingell	Jan Harris
Greeter	-	-	-	Jan Harris
Music	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss
Video-	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. **

NOVEMBER 2023

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 12:30 pm Quilting 5:15 pm-7:00 pm Wednesday Night Connect	2	3 Office Closed	4
5 9:00 am Holy Communion All Saints Service 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner	6	7	8 12:30 pm Quilting 5:15 pm-7:00 pm Wednesday Night Connect	9	10 Office Closed	11
12 9:00 am Holy Communion Sunday School	13	14 6:15 pm Boards Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting c	15 8 12:30 pm Quilting 5:15 pm-7:00 pm Wednesday Night Connect	16	17 Office Closed	18
19 9:00 am Holy Communion	20	21	22 12:30 pm Quilting 5:15 pm-7:00 pm Wednesday Night Connect	23 Thanksgiving 	24 Office Closed	25
26 9:00 am Holy Communion Sunday School	27	28	29 12:30 pm Quilting 5:15 pm-7:00 pm Wednesday Night Connect	30		

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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

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