



Sunday, August 24, 2014



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OUR SUMMER HOURS:

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Sunday Worship: 10 am

Our Mission Statement

The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need, while giving glory to God.

TO OUR GUESTS: Please sign our guest book in Narthex I and fill out a fellowship card to place in the offering plate.

Sunday School Promotion Sunday

August 24, 2014 – 10:00 am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

The Welcome, Guest Recognition, Announcements, Prayer

Opening Hymn *“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”* **740**

The Invocation (Please rise)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

People: Amen.

Pastor: We come this morning, Lord,

People: Just as we are.

Pastor: You seek us to come Lord,

All: That we may be yours forever.

Pastor: We Thank You Lord for the gift of children.

People: You urged them to come to You.

Pastor: May we all be Your tools,

People: To teach the children.

Pastor: The blessing of Jesus and His love.

All: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

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Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the

Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Kyrie (spoken)

"Lord Have Mercy"

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Sunday School Hymn (*please be seated*) *"Children of the Heavenly Father"* **725**

Sunday School Promotion Day Presentations

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6(Bible Page 777)

¹Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

New Testament Reading

Romans 11:33-12:8 (Bible Page 1,205)

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable

and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ who ascended into Heaven, we rise to sing*

All Sing: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" **549 v 6**

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
[To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.]

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20(Bible Page 1,044)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever

you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. (spoken)

The Greeting (please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)

The Children’s Talk As the children go to the CLC, the congregation sings:

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know ‘tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

New Member Welcome

Today we welcome the following as new members of Faith Lutheran Church:

Larry Buback

James & Pauline Kreyer

Beverly Mayer

Stephen & Mary Schoeneck

Christina McKinney and Christianna

Christie Morrison and Brittany and William

Welcome Hymn “*Brothers and Sisters in Christ*” by Terry K. Dittmer

Sing Alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and praises ascend.

Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior and King!

Here brought together by grace, we are gathered as friends in this place.

Refrain:

**And assembled as one, in the name of the Son, lifting hearts, lifting hands,
Celebrating as friends, and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.**

We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Man walked alone and in need, without faith, hope or promise or creed;

Wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost;

That God in his mercy would save all his people from death and the grave. **Refrain**

Lord, teach us how to proclaim all your goodness, your love and your name!

Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord how to live.

Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we belong. **Refrain**

The Sermon:

“Blessed are the Peacemakers”

Matthew 5:9(Bible page 1,029)

Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

The Apostle’s Creed (Please rise)

(back of hymnal)

The Gathering of the Offerings *(Please be seated)*

☒ *As the offerings are brought forward the congregation will rise to sing:*

☒ **The Offertory**

“We give Thee but Thine Own”

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1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

The Prayers (The Pastor will end each petition with *“Lord, in your mercy ...”* and the congregation will respond with **“hear our prayer.”**)

Lord’s Prayer

The Benediction

The Proclamation

Pastor: Go in Peace

People: Serve the Lord with Gladness!

The Closing Hymn (all rise)

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

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Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

Duty Elder	Larry Roach
Acolyte	Kristen Hahn
Altar Care	Mary Oles & June Svensson
Lay Reader	Renell Book
Audio Assistant	Keith Allard
Video Assistant	Tim & Yvonne Burkee
Ushers	Ray LaVallee, Jack Greenlee, Marian Malmgren and Ruth Bolduc
Altar flowers	Given to the glory of God by Pastor Hu Temme in honor of wife June on her birthday August 30 th .
Flower Angels	Bob & Mickie Ferguson
Fellowship Cards	Nancy Brendel & Carole Veleber

Stewardship Sentence: Since God never goes on vacation and stops providing for you, be sure to maintain your weekly offering to the Lord this summer when on your vacation.

This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Sunday, Aug. 24	9:00 am	Pancake Breakfast in the CLC
	9:30 am	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 am	Worship
Monday, Aug. 25	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Board of Properties
Wednesday, Aug. 27	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Thursday, Aug. 28	6:30 pm	NA meeting in the GSH
Friday, Aug. 29	9 – 11:30	Food Pantry
Saturday, Aug. 30	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study at the Oasis Coffee Spot

A Measure of Our Devotion

August 17, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014	138
Worship Attendance 2013	117
SS/Confirmation/Youth	10/3/4
Receipts for August 17, 2014	\$2,426.50

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

- **UPDATE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE:** We have completed three Skype interviews. We plan to invite one of the pastors to visit the church for a site visit before extending a call. This is a different approach from the past. We will continue to keep you informed of the process. Please continue to pray for the pastors, call committee and members of Faith that God continues to guide His people forward.
- **COMING IN SEPTEMBER:** ***"IMPROVING YOUR SERVE"*** is the title of the sermon series by Pastor Kuehn in the month of September. You are encouraged to read the whole book of Mark during the month. Copies of that book of the Bible are in your mail boxes. Also consider memorizing the central verse of Mark,
"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." Mark 10:45
- **PROMOTION SUNDAY / RALLY DAY TODAY:** The Sunday School children are participating in our worship service this morning singing their songs of praise. All of our staff positions have been filled and our staff members will be installed during our service. Staff members and children are as follows:
Little Lambs Class (ages 3 - kindergarten)
Teacher: Meredith Malcolm
Assistants: Jenna Crider
Students: Liam Hahn, Krysta Rimos, Shariah Ali, Caroline Cook, Anderson Fowler and Leah Wuest.
Jesus' Helpers Class (1st - 3rd grades)
Teacher: Kayla Meyer
Assistant: Christina Cook
Students: Kayla Belzel, Savannah Champlin, Savannah Peyton, Jordynn Boyer, Christianna McKinney, Evan Rimos, Campbell Fowler and Mackenzie Vozdecky.

Beautiful Butterflies Class (4th - 6th grades)

Teacher: Colene Brock

Assistant: Christie Morrison

Students: Mindy McLarty, Luke McLarty, Aiden Thompson, Saharah Ali, Jace Crider, Brandon Malcolm, Austin Morrison, Autum Verheyen, Matthew Stroupe, and Madison Stroupe.

Shining Stars Class (1st and 2nd year confirmands)

Teacher: Pastor Kuehn

Assistant: Angie Salazar

Students: Emmaline Fowler, Joseph Wuest, Kristen Hahn, Austin Logan, Brittany Morrison and Madisen Vozdecky.

Office Staff: Sharon Rubia (Superintendent)

Opening Leader: Misty Wuest and Jerry Brock

Bible Buck Store: Kathy Butler and Kim Barraclough

Memory Work Program: Kathy Butler

Helper: Sandy Thompson



VACATIONING? Don't let your giving go on vacation. Let's not forget that giving is not an obligation, but rather an act of obedience. It is our way of thanking God for what He has already given us. May God bless you as you obey.

- **HANDS AND FEET:** There is still time to donate personal hygiene items, clothing, shoes, slippers, socks, etc for our area nursing home residents. All donated items will be delivered just in time for "Grandparent's Day" on September 9th. Please place your donations in the decorated boxes in Narthex II or in the Christian Life Center. Let's all share a little love and spread some smiles to those in need. This outreach program is sponsored by our Sunday School and the Board of Outreach.
- **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**
- **Health/Unspoken:** Gary Ahl, Robbie Baumgartner, Emma Beck, Joanne Bellone, Sydney Birmingham, **Lynn Bish**, Mary Crane, Robert Engle, Bob Gould, James Ketner, Jimmy Keogh, Stew Mallinson, Peter Mohler, **Sharon Mountcastle**, Pat Noll, Dory Nussbacher, Joyce Pankner, Peter Pinaud, Michael Prater, Connie Roach, Francisco Sabo, Pat Steinbach, Tom Springer, John Stevenson, Jean Terkowski, Mike Terkowski, Chris Van Ess, Harry Van Ess, Pat Van Ess, Karen Young.

➤ **Military**: Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Andrew Murphy, Richard Phernetton, Steve Roy, Jr., Andrew Springer, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew St. John, Alan Stackpoole, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson, all veterans, and all servicemen and women in VA hospitals.

➤ **Homebound**: Irene Berlin, Richard Brown, Florine Catt, Marilyn Eggert, Fran Fuller, Vera Grondahl, Bobbie Hain, Pat Hartwell, Selta Heintz, Baxter Holland, Maria Hulyk, James Ketner, Mona Krupicka, Mildred Jeffers, Marge LaVallee, Dottie Maslowski, Evelyn Miller, Kathleen Moore, Dave Noll, John & Lucille Noveck, Ginny Pohlman, Carl Schoebel, Brenda Serena, Hank & Jan Whitt.

➤ **BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**

Members that are celebrating birthdays this week are:

(26) Jeff Musgrave (29) Audrey Wuest (30) Becca Maciorowski; June Temme
(31) Edie Knudsen

Members that are celebrating anniversaries this week are:

(30) Lewis ♥ Rhonda Fowler (31) Pastor ♥ Freda Steinke

Food Pantry Item for the month of August	<i>Macaroni & Cheese</i>
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING DATES:

September 1		Office closed in observance of Labor Day
September 6	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise Services resume
		Youth to "Rock the Universe"
September 7	8:00 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Sunday School Classes / Confirmation Classes Adult Bible Study: "Improving Your Serve"
	11:00 am	Worship Service
		Collection of donated items for the local Nursing Home