



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

FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

September 2023

FROM PASTOR CATIE

“Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.”

-Psalm 25:5

We have big things starting in September at Faith! With September comes back to school and we are leaning into that momentum. I’ m excited that we will be holding Sunday school twice a month for this academic year on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. On September 10th we will also be having a backpack blessing. All students and teachers are invited to bring their school bag to church for the blessing.

With back to school, also comes the return of Wednesday Night Connect. Wednesday Night Connect is a time for people of all ages to gather at Trinity. A meal is provided before large group Bible discovery. Then the evening closes with small groups. There are small groups for people of all ages from elementary through adults! Wednesday Night Connect will begin on September 13th from 5:30pm-7pm.

When I think about school concepts of learning and growing come to mind. This school year I hope that our community can lean into these concepts. May we continue to learn and grow in our faith and in our relationship with God.

Peace,
 Pastor Catie

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A few years ago, a friend of mine encouraged me to memorize the 23rd Psalm in order to tap into it when in time of need. And it has really come in handy on those nights when I wake up and can’ t get back to sleep. Mantras help to center us and take our minds off things that disturb our peace. I shared with the church council the mantra I use early each morning and throughout the day: “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” I have had very few bad days when centering myself with this ever since I began using this verse from one of the Psalms. I am sure there are other verses or prayers that you use to help you in situations that you could share with me and others, like the Lord’s Prayer. Besides helping to center us and restore our peace, mantras can remind us who we are and who God

is. I would encourage you to develop or continue to use mantras and to share them with those around you.

We are quickly approaching the Annual Meeting for our Congregation. It is scheduled for October 1. The business conducted on this day is very important for the life of our congregation. A member of the nominating committee might be contacting you to serve in some capacity for our church. Hopefully, you will be able to agree to a commitment to serve.

The project to add a fence to the parsonage is proceeding thanks to Roland Swanson and the trustees. If you have time to help, I am sure that your assistance will not be turned away.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about anything please bring it to a member of your church council.

Robin Peterson

FROM THE ASSISTANT BISHOP

“Ordinary Time for Ordinary People”



That’s so boring! Look at this amazing thing that I can do! That’s so awesome! You can be whatever you want to be! I didn’t get anything out of that experience!

Much of life is peppered with hyperbole. Perhaps we humans have always been enticed by the “shining new object of the day.” I enjoy posting a good “selfie” on Facebook as much as anyone. But, has this gotten out of hand? Has our hunger for newness, novelty, coolness rendered us a slave to vanity? Do we only notice the spectacular sunset? Do we only look up at the sky when the Northern Lights are dancing? Do we only feel we have worshipped God when the preacher has delivered a soul-turning sermon? Do we only praise the first-place winner? We generally don’t like reading from Ecclesiastes, “Vanity of vanities. All is vanity.”

In Western Christendom, the liturgical season, which is the longest, is considered Ordinary Time. Depending on how you count it—33 or 34 weeks. For us Lutherans, the long season of Pentecost can also be called Ordinary Time. The color of day is always Green.

Is there praise to be found in the “Ordinary?” So much of living is about the ordinary. We usually eat at the same time. We usually sleep at the same time. Our commuting routes usually are so routine that our smart phones tell us how far away we are from the office even before we start out.

But ordinary doesn’t have to mean insignificant. Ordinary doesn’t have to mean unimportant. Sleeping is a very ordinary thing to do, but it is crucial to our health and wellbeing. The ordinary, “Thank You,” and “You are Welcome,” exchanged

between people might not solve world hunger, but it does matter.

So much of the ordinary in the world goes unnoticed. So much of the ordinary might not make the evening news. But ordinary matters.

Ordinary time doesn't have to leave us in a sedated stupor. Ordinary time doesn't have to leave us bored. Take a look around you. Notice all those people and things that "ordinarily" surround you! They all help make you who you are. Give thanks to God for the ordinary in your life.

Love, grace, mercy, spirit, death, resurrection, Jesus, rest, food, nature, music, gardens, pets, work, family, friends. These all make up my ordinary life. May we in all things give praise to the Lord who gives us everything!

In paraphrasing and expanding on I Corinthians 10:31, "Whether you are eating or drinking, laughing or daydreaming, sleeping or singing, cleaning or making messes, listening or speaking, fishing or dreaming about fishing, sewing or reaping, may we recognize God's presence in all aspects of our lives and give God praise for all things ordinary!"

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

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

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.

- 1st – Tammy Schroeder
- 6th – Jan Lederhaus
- 8th – Betty Roth
- 9th – Joyce Hegland and Ty Larson
- 11th – Dora James
- 13th – Bailee Bauknecht
- 23rd – Maria Madl
- 28th – Traeton Fogerty

Also remember: Corwin Schroeder

MONTHLY OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

JULY 2023	MONTH	YTD SEP – JULY
INCOME	\$7,779	\$89,520
RESTRICTED	\$1,650 (fence)	\$10,382
EXPENSES	&8,811	&144,303
NET	\$782.90	\$-4,442

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

Year: 2023	Year: 2023
Month: June	Month: July
# of Sun.: 4	# of Sun.: 5
Average: 29	Average: 34
Average online: 6	Average online: 14

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, and Carl Swenson

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

SEPTEMBER 2023

	9/3/23	9/10/23	9/17/23	9/24/23
Reader	Jan Harris	Robin Peterson	Gretchen Dobbins	Phoebe Pettingell
Greeter	Jan Harris	Bredesens	Bredesens	Bredesens
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. ****

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
					1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2
3 9:00 am Holy Communion	4	5	6 12:30 pm Quilting	7	8 Office Closed	9
10 9:00 am Holy Communion	11	12 4:30 pm Council Meeting	13 12:30 pm Quilting 5:30 pm -7:00 pm Wednesday Night Connect	14	15 Office Closed	16
17 9:00 am Holy Communion	18	19	20 12:30 pm Quilting 5:30 pm -7:00 pm Wednesday Night Connect	21	22 Office Closed	23
24 9:00 am Holy Communion	25	26	27 12:30 pm Quilting 5:30 pm -7:00 pm Wednesday Night Connect	28	29 Office Closed	30

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WORKING TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL HERE AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

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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

STAFF

Office Administrator: MaryBeth Koslowski
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