



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

FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

August 2024

FROM PASTOR CATIE

"So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ."

-Romans 10:17

I am constantly being surprised in ministry. One thing that has continued to surprise me is the livestream. When I was on internship in 2020 churches all over the country were frantically trying to figure this crazy thing out. For many this was the only way to stay connected during a difficult time. As the world started to settle down, I was surprised to see people were still engaging in church through livestreams. So, we put some time and effort into making the livestream at Faith the best it could be. This is a long journey- one that we are still on. But as I've gone on this journey, I've seen that the livestream is a fantastic way for folks who cannot make it to worship in person for any reason to tune in. And it stays online for those who want to worship on a day other than Sunday.

But I think the biggest surprise for me is just how many people take advantage of this opportunity. Last month 86 people attended worship with us through the livestream! Clearly the livestream is not going anywhere soon! Have you checked it out yet?

Follow these steps to give it a try:

- 1. Go to youtube.com*
- 2. Search Faith Lutheran Church Three Lakes, WI*
- 3. Go to our page by clicking on the picture or name of the church*
- 4. If it's Sunday morning at 9 click on live and join us*
- 5. If it's any other day/time you can click on live or video to find a recording of worship.*

Of course, you can always call the church office if you need help. Or if you have any thoughts on how we can continue our livestream journey. Faith comes from hearing the word of Christ. It doesn't matter if you hear those words inside the four walls of Faith Lutheran, in your home, or from your vacation spot!

Peace,
Pastor Catie

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the second half of my teaching career I like to think that I got really good at teaching math, at least I really enjoyed the teaching of math. Over the years I was very sure that five and two added up to seven. But when you look at the story in the Bible, Jesus takes two and five and it adds up to five thousand. Two fish and five loaves of bread fed five thousand. And of course there were even twelve baskets of leftovers. Elisha, in the Old Testament, also had an experience of a miraculous extension of twenty small loaves that were able to satisfy the hunger of about one hundred hungry men with some leftovers too. I think we see divine mathematics at work in the matter of our giving, too. We give and when we think we have come to the end of our financial resources, God makes it possible for us to give and give again. We hear Pastor Catie as she reads the pre-offering message to 'give until you feel good', and over the past few months I have been trying to put forth the message to think of how grateful you are as you consider how much to give. When God is at work it shouldn't surprise us if everything human is turned on its head. It makes it possible to accomplish things that we may first see as daunting and near impossible. August is the time of the year when we start thinking of a budget being developed to present to the congregation at the annual meeting in September. And I would like to have all of you think about responding to a call from a member of the nominating committee that will be formed soon. There are many opportunities to serve our congregation. The contributions you make for this congregation are greatly appreciated. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please bring them to the attention of a member of the church council.

Sincerely,
Robin Peterson

FROM THE ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP

In my two previous articles for the Northern Light, I noted that there is value in reflecting on the past. There is value for Christians and the church to reflect on how Christians and the church have lived and spoken in the context of their own time frames. Reading the book of Acts and the challenges and amazing fluidity of the early church, we can find strength and hope in truly understanding that God's people have been here before—both through the good and the bad. The players may have changed, but the basic patterns of life and humanity are amazingly similar. For this article, I'm sharing some perspectives from the third bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, Thomas Skrenes (Bishop 1999-2017). And, I'm sharing some perspectives from our current Bishop, Katherine Finegan (Bishop 2017 to present). In the February 2007 edition of "Northern Lights-Notes and Quotes", Bishop Skrenes reflected on

anxiety about congregations needing pastors. He wrote the following: *Needing pastors is nothing new for this synod. In my 15 years of working in the synod office, I have seen the turnover of pastors many times. We are not raising up enough of our own pastors in this synod. When was the last time your congregation sent someone to seminary? I have always felt that once pastors lived here for five or more years, they become committed to our rural life of small towns, beautiful summers and strong winters. There is nothing like a warm and embracing congregation that is mission centered, generous in compensation for its clergy, and eager to embrace a pastor. In the October 2007 edition of "Northern Light-Notes and Quotes", Bishop Skrenes reflected on prayer: As I travel around this Synod, I find myself increasingly moved by the prayers during our Sunday worship services. In many places, the pastors and lay assistants carefully prepare and speak wonderful words in these genuine heartfelt petitions. Thank you for praying for this Church and this Synod. Please pray that God will bless all the congregations in our Synod with a sense of mission and vision for what can be in the future. Pray that we will remain faithful to Christ. Pray that our works may prosper because they are God's works in this world. Now let's look at some reflections from Bishop Finegan. In the October/November 2017 edition of "Northern LightNotes and Quotes", she reflected on the ministry of the synod as she began her tenure as bishop: Calling "the Synod" for help is to avail yourself of all the resources that best practices, collective wisdom, past experience, and current policy has to offer. We attend to what is immediately within our reach...but still we keep an eye to the future and the big picture, having a clear enough idea of where we want to be headed together... We do not yet know what the finished garden will look like. We only know that what we're working on now will lead us to something else, and that will lead us to something else. 2020 brought on a global pandemic. On March 15, 2020, I recall visiting with Pastor Ingmar Levin at Zion, Manistique, who speculated with me as to whether this would be as serious as the Spanish Flu from the early 1900s. Pastor Levin remembered stories from that time. So, yes, even in all the newness of COVID, there were elements of history upon which to reflect. Bishop Finegan offered perspective and comfort at the beginning of the pandemic. She wrote in the April/May 2020 issue of the "Northern Light": It may be that by the time you read this, many congregations will have suspended having worship and cancelled all events where people gather. We have been forced into a fast... a Lenten fast...of Christian fellowship, community worship and prayers, and the joy of being together with Christ in our midst. (Isaiah 58:6—"Is not this the fast that I choose...to let the oppressed go free.") Perhaps in the absence of what we have taken for granted...we will value more deeply the gift that God gives us in each other. There is blessing in the absence of God, for it is then that we seek God more fiercely. It is when darkness*

feels heavy that we pray with greater desperation. Please hear again what the angels say throughout scripture, because they know us all too well...Do not be afraid. I suspect that those of you who know Bishop Emeritus Skrenes and Bishop Finegan, can still see and hear them in your minds speaking these words. Are not these reflections still powerful and relevant today? Even more important than recognizing that "we've been here before," is proclaiming in faith, "God has been here before!" Those who have gone before me, and people like Bishop Skrenes and Bishop Finegan, remind us to fervently pray for our own faithfulness in response to God's faithfulness. "To remember" God's faithfulness in the past is to be encouraged to trust God's faithfulness for the present moment and for the future. And, it's yet to see what new thing our faithful God will be doing in our Northern Great Lakes Synod through people like you! Let us pray: Lord God, we have this treasure in clay jars to prove that the power belongs to you. You have called your servants in the Northern Great Lakes Synod to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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!

Camp Pastor

Pastor Catie will be acting as camp pastor at Fortune Lake August 4th-7th. She will leave after worship on Sunday. Camp doesn't have the best cell service so email will be the best way to reach her. Or you can call the camp office at 906-214-2267.

Out of Office

Connor will be out of office August 8th – 16th. Office hours will be covered by Pastor Catie.

Flotilla

We will gather August 11th from 4-7pm. A sign up sheet is available at church. If weather is poor, rain day is August 18th.

Continuing Education

Pastor Catie will be out of office August 15th and 18th. Seminarian Matthew Johnson will lead worship on the 18th. This will be a service of the word.

Chapel in the Pines

After worship at Faith on August 25th, Pastor Catie will lead worship at Chapel in the Pines.

School Supply Collection

For the month of August, we are collecting school supplies for our local school district. The following supplies are needed: No. 2 Pencils, Crayola Crayons (8,16,24 pack), Crayola Classic Color Markers, Pencil Case with zipper closure, Fiskars Blunt-Tipped Scissors, Black Expo Dry Erase Markers, Double-pocket Plain Folders, Wide-ruled Spiral Notebook, Glue sticks, Small Pencil Sharpeners, Colored Pencils, Pens, Wide-Ruled Loose-Leaf Paper, Pink Erasers, Watercolor Paints/Markers, Graph Paper.

BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH

It is Lent and we are on the journey to the cross. The journey is not easy, but we are not alone! Through our baptism we are joined in our journey. We are joined by all of God's people of every time and every place. And we are joined by our Lord himself.

Remember your baptism during this season of Lent. And remember those who this month celebrate their "Baptismal Birthday" – the day God claimed them to be his!

1st Phyllis Frish & Karla Anderson
7th Thomas Kliss
16th Troy Schroeder
17th Briley Dodge
27th Taylor Madl

Also Remember: Melissa Madl, Mary Ellyn Williams, Michael Huml, Sonia Dionne, Sue Harris

Monthly Attendance

Year: 2024	Year: 2024
Month: June	Month: July
# of Services.: 5	# of Services.: 4
Average: 40	Average: 37
Average online: 27	Average online: 22

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, Rick Gensler, Sr., Hailey Schultz, Ruth Sammetinger, Beth Schomisch, Jim Stroschein, Bonnie Pegel, Kris Tenges, Lou Medeiros, Myrna Stroschein, Heidi Lulloff, Olivia, Maggie Servant and Delores Rutherford.

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
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

August 2024

	8/4/24	8/11/24	8/18/24	8/25/24
Reader	Gretchen Dobbins	Tom Bredeson	Robin Peterson	Phoebe Pettingell
Greeter	Amy Davis And Debby Carlson	Tom and Miriam Bredeson	Linda Fowles	Amy Davis And Debby Carlson
Music	Val Snedden	Val Snedden	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. **

August 2024

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
				1	2 Office Closed	3
4 9:00 am Holy Communion Fellowship Bible Study	5	6	7 12:30 pm Quilting	8	9 Office Closed	10
11 9:00 am Holy Communion Worship Outside Bible Study Flotilla 4-7pm	12	13 Board Meetings 6:15pm Council Meeting 7pm	14 12:30 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Intergenerational Bible study	15	16 Office Closed	17
18 9:00am Worship Bible Study	19	20	21 12:30 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Intergenerational Bible study	22	23 Office Closed	24
25 9:00 am Holy Communion Bible Study	26	27	28 12:30 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Intergenerational Bible study	29	30 Office Closed	31

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
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Church Office: 715-546-2770

Office Hours:

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday
2:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Pastor Catie's Office Hours:

Mondays at Mugs & Co. 11:00am – 12:30pm

Office:

Monday: 2:30pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday: 11:00am – 12:30pm and 2:30pm – 5:30pm

Wednesday: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Thursday: 11:00am – 12:30pm and 2:30pm – 5:30pm

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am
Holy Communion

STAFF

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Custodian: Sara Palubicki

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