

United in Faith, our mission is to grow in Christ and serve others.

Faith Findings

September 2022

Ü	Sunday, September 4 ~	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
Ť	Wednesday, September 7 ~	9:00 am	Quilters
t	Friday, September 9 ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
			ANNUAL REPORTS DUE in OFFICE
t	Sunday, September 11 ~	9:30 am	Worship / RALLY SUNDAY, God's Work Our Hands
		10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
t	Wednesday, September 14 ~	10:00 am	Connect Team
		5:30 pm	Faith in Action
		6:30 pm	Confirmation
ŧ	Sunday, September 18 ~	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
		10:45 am	Sunday School
t	Monday, September 19 ~	6:30 pm	WOW @ Sandy Nies'
t	Tuesday, September 20 ~	5:00 pm	Prayer Team Meeting
		6:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting
		7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
ŧ	Wednesday, September 21 ~	9:00 am	Quilters
		5:30 pm	Faith in Action
		6:30 pm	Confirmation
t	Friday, September 23 ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
			Newsletter Articles Due in Office
t	Sunday, September 25 ~	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
		10:45 am	Annual Meeting (No Sunday School)
t	Tuesday, September 27 ~	6:00 pm	Taco Tuesday Theology on Tap @ Mugg's
t	Wednesday, September 28 ~	5:30 pm	Faith in Action
		6:30 pm	Confirmation
		-	Newsletter Sent Out

ANNUAL MEETING

for Faith Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 25, 2022
following worship at 10:45 a.m.
All members are encouraged to attend.

Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes August 16, 2022

Council Members present: Pastor Josh Blair, Doug Halvorson, Nancy Hendry, Craig Lemieux, Mark Menke, Rose Marie Nutt, Shari Strecker, Sue Temte

Council Members absent: Diane Gibas, Derek Karels, Maggie Rens

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Mark Menke.

Pastor Josh gave the opening prayer.

The agenda with modifications was approved. Motion by Doug. Seconded by Shari.

The July minutes were approved. Motion by Craig. Second by Sue.

The questioned point in treasurer's report for July was explained and both July and August reports were received. Motion by Craig. Second by Rose Marie. It was requested that additional lines be added to the Treasurer's report showing both Revenue and Expenses from the previous year for purposes of comparison.

Members agreed that "Announcements and Information" heading would be removed from the agenda format since items that could go there always end up in other places on the agenda.

The Pastor's Report confirmed another busy month including 3 funerals, a good VBS, and lots of visits. Pastor took a few minutes to clarify information about several people listed as "Shut-In's". One person will be joining the church. Pastoral Text Study begins this week with area Pastors and SAMs. Methven Funeral Home is interested in offering a Pre-Planning Event. Youth Events are beginning with "Cosmic Bowling" this week. One student from Bethany in Onamia will join our students for Confirmation. Pastor Josh reported that the first phase of his Doctoral Project is done. That work has clarified that there is a social shift taking place regarding youth forming relationships via digital platforms. This change will be have ramifications for churches very soon, so we shouldn't discount digital worship. God is certainly able to act through such a venue, so, let us not get in the way of what God is up to. Pastor Josh will be attending the synod required "Fall Theological Conference" Sept. 18-20. And a heads-up that Pastor Josh is a "Church Vitality Leader" for our Synod and has been invited to represent the Synod (his way paid by the Synod) Nov. 9-11 in Denver at the "ELCA Congregational Vitality Anchor Church Event" which is about change and growth and the ELCA's future.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) White boards for Sunday School rooms tabled so Mark can check with teachers.
- 2) Appliances Shari made the motion and Rose Marie seconded to purchase two GE 30"double oven, convection, glass cooktop stoves. Unanimously approved.
- 3) RURAL Music Festival The thank you letter for the donation of \$2000 from Faith was passed around to read. Another \$1000 was sent from Faith, which was donated by individuals. Members were urged to sign up to work the event if they have not already done so.
- 4) Youth Room Painting Youth will discuss colors when they go bowling Sat. the 20th.
- 5) Annual Reports Reminder to get them turned in by Sept. 9 for Annual Meeting on Sept. 25th.
- 6) Streamlining Committees has been dealt with.
- 7) Bounce House has been ordered. Discussion followed about insurance coverage and the absolute necessity to have adult supervision at all times when kids use the bounce house. Insurance estimates and comparisons will be checked into.

- 8) Electrical The lights at the front of the church has been fixed. The switches and dimmers in the Sanctuary cannot be changed out until all light bulbs are LED. That change process is continuing, but the lights on the side walls are a problematic.
- 9) Personnel Committee was formed. Sue is on it because she's VP. Craig and Nancy also agreed to serve.
- 10) Directory Please continue making changes and corrections. New Council members will be elected at Annual Meeting on Sept. 25th. After those names are changed will be a good time to print the new and edited pages.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Funeral Policy Revamped and edited policy was brought for approval. Suggestion approved that it be called "Funeral Guidelines". The motion to approve Funeral Guidelines as amended was made by Nancy. Second by Rose Marie. Approved.
- 2) Heating in Education Area The heating unit for that area of the church was so worn out that it actually fell apart when it was touched. Motion made by Craig to accept the bid from Johnson Heating & Cooling to replace that furnace with a new natural gas furnace, and also fix the air conditioning duct hook up to the offices. Seconded by Sue. Approved. We will check with the insurance company about possible application of deductible and with energy companies about rebates for energy efficient replacements.
- 3) Flooring in Education Area -Tabled
- 4) Lights The bid from Haggard Electric to change the florescent lights in the Fellowship Hall and classrooms to LED and remove the ballasts was accepted. Motion Craig. Second Shari. We will look for rebate options for energy efficient changes.
- 5) Police Radios A request to donate to the fund for new state mandated radios was brought forward. The request was tabled until the church's fiscal year end reports in Sept.
- 6) Rally Sunday will be Sept. 11. A pot luck, and "God's Work, Our Hands" service projects will be part of the day. Regarding kids and education: a motion was made by Craig and seconded by Sue, then approved, to give \$20 gift cards to each Isle School teacher to be used by them for school materials. Not to exceed \$800 total. Teachers in our congregation, who teach in other school districts will also be given gift cards.
- 7) God's Work Our Hands covered in Item #6
- 8) Extra Help in the Office Having the office open for more hours during the week will necessitate hiring another office worker to cover hours beyond Kristi's 15 hours. Hiring someone with social media skills could give us the added benefit of a communications/social media tech person. Discussions and progress toward this goal is on-going.

Discussions were hearty and the meeting ran late as they always do, because of the vitality and activity in our wonderful Faith Lutheran Church. Council will pull rank and bump its meeting time to 6 pm on the 3rd Tuesdays. Nancy will contact Worship and Prayer Teams about adjusting their times.

Next Regular meeting 6 pm Sept. 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hendry



Dear Heavenly Father, forgive us for not always seeing the needs of others and when we do, also forgive us for our hesitancy in helping them. Open our eyes so we might see all whom you place before us and especially open our hearts to know what we are to do for them. We are so grateful that you have been



there through our own trials and troubles and we know you have also placed others in our path to help us. As we move through this world, we ask that you be with us, always guiding us in ways to help and serve those whom you have placed in our path—those who desperately need our help.

- Bless our time together and be with us all as we gather for Rally Sunday on September 11. Guide
 our leaders and helpers as they plan for our fall programming. Encourage the rest of us to be
 involved in our youth's lives by helping to support our Sunday School, confirmation, FIA, and youth
 group activities.
- Open our hearts to your call. Keep us focused on you. Help us seek where you are working and to
 joyfully join you in the tasks you have set before us. Help us to accept your call to participate in
 God's Work/Our Hands on September 11.
- Encourage all who are musical to be part of our choir in giving thanks and praise to you through their voices. We thank you for all the musicians who have and will continue to enhance our worship services by giving their time on Sundays.
- Be with our young people as they return to school. With all that is happening in this world right now, hold them in your hands, give them strength, courage and hope. Please watch over them and keep them safe.
- Be with our young adults as they embark on a new journey..be it a new job, military service, attending trade school or heading off to college. May they look to you for guidance in the days ahead.
- Surround all who are grieving, those who are ill and those who are lonely. We lift up all who are on our prayer network. Comfort them in their pains and bring them relief from their struggles.
- With all the temptations of this world, it is difficult for us to stay on track. We ask that you be with all of us, giving us the strength we will need to move forward. Bless all our members. During September we especially pray for the following each week.
 - •Week of September 4 Jean Retka; Bruce and Laurie Richards; Isaac, Amber, Rita, Maya, and Charles Robertson.
 - •Week of September 11 Michael, Samantha, Elsie, Evelyn, and Eleanor Samuelson; Arnold Sandin; Troy and Michelle Tramm.
 - •Week of September 18 Bev Schleif; Mary Sears; Kieth and Beverly Severson; Linda Shelton.
 - •Week of September 25 Grace Slagle; Kevin, Melanie, Logan, Austin, and Emma Slama; Cliff and Marilyn Soderquist.
- Guide the work of this congregation and continue to bless us with the resources necessary to carry
 out our ministry here in Isle and throughout the world. Be with us as we look to our future at our upcoming annual meeting. Direct the decisions we make that they will lead us towards your ministry
 work here.
- Be with our members and friends as they begin their travels to warmer climates. Grant them safe travel.

Open our hearts to signs of your presence in the world around us. Give us strength, patience and perseverance to extend your grace through the love you have shown us. We place ourselves into your hands, trusting in your love and mercy. AMEN

Time spent in prayer is time well spent.

"Gather to Pray" Every Wednesday

Join with other members each Wednesday by praying from home or at Church.



If you should ever need personal prayer... contact any prayer team member who will pray with you.

On Sunday mornings, during communion, someone from the prayer team will be available in the narthex if you should need personal prayer.

Don't forget to "Pray with your Directory."

Each time you pray, lift up individuals/families in the church directory.

God knows their needs...we just need to pray for them.

Prayer shawls are available in the Chapel.

Shawls are available for you to take and give away to anyone whom you feel is in need of prayers. We ask that you record in the shawl book, the date and to whom the shawl is given. (This helps to not deliver multiple shawls to the same individual.)

To LOVE God is to LOVE others

Love is the greatest thing in the world—the greatest privilege and power known to man.

Man's greatest need is to love and to be loved.

We are incapable of loving others by our own strength. It is by our faith that we can love with God's love. Everything about the Christian life is based on faith. We receive Christ by faith; we are filled with the Holy Spirit by faith, and as we walk by faith...it is faith that gives us the capability to love others.

Somewhere, somehow, many have lost or never had Christ's faith and they are having to rely solely on their own strength. The many problems we see today, the division and strife that we are experiencing, and the hatred and angry words directed towards others is a result of people loving oneself more than loving Christ.

It is when we love by faith, God's compassion pulls us towards others in need. His love flows thorough us to the one in need and we are enabled to do what he desires from us. We will find, and know, and feel we are loved simply by the love we extend to others.

God's blessings and peace from: Ellory Christianson, Diane Gibas, Nancy Hendry, Doc Moss, Carolyn Nutt, Pam Peterson



Children, please cut out and place this prayer in your prayer pillows.

Watch for a new prayer each month.

Children's Prayer Time

Dear Lord, Thank you for all the beautiful things I see each day—the sky, the stars, the flowers.

Thank you for giving me all that I need. Amen.

Coming soon......

As a Christian community, we celebrate each child brought before us that is baptized as a child of God. At baptism they are anointed with water and sealed with the cross of Christ. Also, at that time, we as Christians, promised to instruct, support, nurture and pray for them in their faith journey.

The prayer ministry team would like to see our promise to them being fulfilled. Coming soon, you will be asked to adopt children from one family that you will pray for, remember them on their baptism, their birthday, confirmation, graduation, and any other important event happening in their life. You will also help encourage them to deepen their faith by attending Sunday School, FIA, confirmation, youth events, etc. It is hoped that a special relationship will be developed with them, helping them grow in their faith while observing you live out your own faith journey.



Save your receipts from Teals and bring them to church.
Teals donates 1% back to our Youth Group. On average, we receive an annual check of approximately \$1,000.00.

Thank you, Teals!





July 31	\$7,681.00
August 7	\$3,117.00
August 14	\$2,568.00
August 21	\$2,960.00





All God's Critters Got a Place in the CHOIR!

Fall Start-Up Choir Potluck Party & Rehearsal Sept. 18th, 5 pm-7:30 pm at Mike & Sue Temte's

Regular practice is from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sept through May, most Sundays. On the Sundays the Choir sings, we rehearse from 8:55 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.

Singers of all ages and experience levels are welcome in Faith Lutheran Choir.

If any of the following apply to you, we want you in Choir! You love the Lord and desire to be used by God for the uplifting of the community of believers. You love the music of the church including old hymns, new praise songs, songs with depth and meaning that draw you closer to God. You want to learn more about God and yearn to have a deeper, richer worship experience. You like a little challenge and a lot of satisfaction. You have room in your heart to be loved, accepted, cared for and blessed. You love to laugh and have a good time as you share the work of God's people. You have or have not had musical training, but are willing to learn and grow. You say you can't sing, but would like to be able to. You plan to arrive in Heaven having enjoyed and used the gifts God gave you, so you don't have to explain your buried treasures.

Camp Onomia's 24th Annual

Quilt Auction

Saturday, September 17, 2022

It will be another awesome day at Camp Onomia for our annual live quilt auction, bake sale, and silent auction! Be sure to invite your friends & family for this fun event. All proceeds support the year-round ministries of Camp Onomia.

- Live Quilt Auction
- Silent Auction
- Bake Sale
- Raffle Quilt

SCHEDULE:

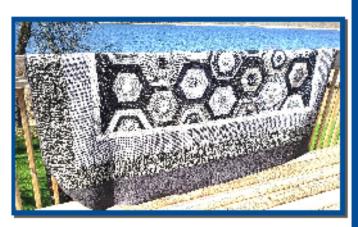
11:00 AM: Welcome and worship in Chapel

11:00 AM: Quilt preview, silent auction, and bake sale begin in Friendship Hall Noon: Lunch with free-will offering

1:00 PM: Live Quilt Auction begins

2:30 PM: Silent Auction ends

Raffle drawing will be held near the end of the quilt auction.



Raffle Quilt: 104" x 104" Raffle tickets for this beautiful quilt in a hexagon pattern are available online, at the Camp Office, and during the auction. You do not need to be present to win. Back is multicolored batik.

New this year: We welcome guests overnight on both Friday and Saturday, September 16 and 17. \$40 per person per night. Come early, stay late, make some new friends, and experience this amazing setting in God's creation! Friday night includes breakfast and lunch Saturday; Saturday night includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.

Camp Onomia 14202 Shakopee Lake Road, Onamia, MN 56359

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View an online preview of the quilts! www.camponomia.org/quilts

Ruby's Pantry

The 1st Monday of each month at Onamia Lion's Community Center, 806 West Kathio St, Onamia.

10:30—Noon ... call 532-3366 for questions. For a \$25.00 cash donation, you will receive an abundance of grocery items.



Food Shelves

Isle - Old Fire Hall, across from Post Office Must be resident of Isle School District 1st Tuesday of the month 4 pm - 6 pm 4th Tuesday of the month 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

9/01	Rick Gabriel	9/20 Marilyn Soderquist
9/05	Judy Halvorson	9/22 Ashlyn Cooper
9/05	Donna McClain	9/24 Kristi Hill
9/07	Kristin Cooper	9/25 Dee Berg
9/07	Joel Madson	9/25 Nicholas Eklund
9/08	Anthony Hill	9/25 Tristan Heise
9/08	Byron Menke	9/26 Beverly Waddell
9/08	Katie Raverty	9/26 Karla Fredrick
9/10	Jodi Borg	9/27 Lacy Karels
9/12	Charles Robertson	9/27 Marcy Anderson
9/13	Becky Bruske	9/28 Bryan Karels
9/15	Isaiah Borg	9/28 Grace Lazorik
9/16	Margie Christensen	9/29 Max Christensen
9/17	Jaime Strohmeier	9/29 Taylor Haggberg
		9/30 Tyler Soderstrom



Anniversaries

9/13	Jere	emy	&	Lynn	Lemm
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9/14 Charles & Phyllis Haggberg

9/16 Russ & Janette Jackson

9/20 Edwin & Donna Moore

9/24 Doug Jacobson & Sue Lyback

9/25 Philip & Janine Thielen

9/27 Mark & Becky Bruske

9/30 Jon & Jodi Borg



Please let the office know if we have missed or incorrectly listed your birthday or anniversary.



Greetings from Barb, Carolyn, and Marlene. We are the official schedulers for servers at Faith!

Now that we have our new Pastor and worship is back into full swing, we figured we had better get busy, too!

Notices will go out each month, please look to see what tasks you have been assigned for the quarter. If by some chance you are unable to work on that Sunday, please help by trading with someone else on the list (contact numbers are in your directory). That will make our Sunday's run ever so smoothly.

It's like a family; when we all share in the responsibilities, it makes life so easy! Thank you for serving.

SEE NEXT PAGE for SEPTEMBER Servers!

If you find that you are unable to fulfill the task on your given Sunday, please find someone to take your place and let the office know as soon as possible!!

SERVERS for Worship September 2022

Music:		Acolytes:	
September 4 -	Marlene, Nancy, Bill	September 4 -	Tucker Haggberg
September 11 -	Praise Team	September 11 -	Payden Hanson
September 18 -	Carolyn, Nancy, Bill	September 18 -	Lucas Karels
September 25 -		September 25 -	Danie Larson
Scripture Reade	<u>rs</u> :	Communion Pre	ep Team:
September 4 -	Diane Gibas	September 4 -	
September 11 -	Ellory Christianson	September 11 -	
September 18 -	Doc Moss	September 18 -	
September 25 -	Byron Menke	September 25 -	
<u>Ushers</u> :		Communion Ass	sistants:
September 4 -	Mike & Michele Haggberg	September 4 -	Elaine Norman
			Diane Gibas
September 11 -	Mike & Michele Haggberg	September 11 -	Elaine Norman
			Diane Gibas
September 18 -	Al & Sue Gustner	September 18 -	Rod & Pam Peterson
September 25 -	Al & Sue Gustner	September 25 -	Rod & Pam Peterson
Greeters:		<u>Coffee Servers</u> :	
September 4 -	·	September 4 -	David & Susie Haggberg,
•	Shaun & Katie Joy		Dorothy Haggberg
September 18 -	Russ & Janette Jackson	September 11 -	Potluck - Connect
September 25 -	Russ & Janette Jackson		Rally Sunday
		September 18 -	Laura Heise
Prayer Station:			Leta Christensen
September 4 -	Ellory Christianson	September 25 -	Mark & Lori Menke,
September 11 -	Ellory Christianson		Byron M, Joan Lundquist
September 18 -	Doc Moss		
September 25 -	Diane Gibas		
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Thank You for Serving!

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Faith Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States Sep 2022 (Central Time - Chicago) Rπ 28 29 30 9:30am - Worship 10am - Gather to Pray 2pm - Yoga 9am - AA Big Book 10:30am - Coffee 10 5 6 9 Labor Day 10am - Prayer Shawl 9am - AA Big Book 9:30am - Worship 9am - Quilitera 10am - Caring Ministry 10:30am - Coffee 10am - Gather to Pray 2pm - Yoga 15 12 13 16 17 1pm - Garden Club 9am - AA Big Book ERLIVEU (DRV 10am - Connect Team FIRST DRW OF HISDRING 10am - Gather to Pray 9:30am - Worship 2pm - Yoga 10:30am - Coffee 5:30pm - FIA 6:30pm - Confirmation 19 21 22 23 24 6:30pm - WOW 9:30am - Worship 5pm - Prayer Team 9am - Quiltera 2pm - Yoga etter Articles Due in 9am - AA Big Book 10:30am - Coffee 6pm - Worship Team 10am - Gather to Pray 10am - Prayer Shawl 10:45am - Sunday School 7pm - Council Meeting 5:30pm - FIA 6:30pm - Confirmation 26 29 30 28 9:30am - Worship 6pm - Taco Theology on eller sent out 2pm - Yoga 9am - AA Big Book 10:30am - Coffee 10am - Gather to Pray

> 5:30pm - FIA 6:30pm - Confirmation



10:45am - Annual





Please call the office at (320) 676-3161 or email yougotfaith@frontier.com with any changes in your contact information.

Church Office Hours

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Click Here for September 2022 Calendar

always with you.



Faith Lutheran now has online giving set up. It can be accessed by going to www.faithisle.org or click or scan the following QR with your smartphone.

Click this



Sunday, September 11th Rally Sunday God's Work Our Hands

Wednesday, September 14th
Faith in Action 5:30 pm with light meal served.
Confirmation 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 18th
Sunday School 10:45 - 11:30 am
(No Sunday School on Sept 25 due to Annual Meeting)

