

A Word from Your Minister

“Change, the only constant in life is change”, my dad used to tell me. “If you accept that, you will be able to enjoy all of what God has given you.” Yes, change of season, change of residence, and change in what God has called me to do.

The past five months have shown me what I don’t control, what I could never have imagined, and how great is our God. If we stay in the present and are open to where God is at work, we will continue to see God’s blessings and grace. It may not be everything that we thought we wanted, or needed, but it is in God’s ultimate plan.

As change is coming to Faith, and change is coming to my life, I pray we'll all see where God is leading us. This is an exciting time as we change from the effect of COVID to where our church family is heading.

Blessings to all in this season of change.

In His name,

Rick

Joyful Abundant Life
Finding Joy In Any Season

† <u>Wednesday, June 1</u> ~	9:00 am	Quilters
† <u>Friday, June 3</u> ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
† <u>Sunday, June 5</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship / Pentecost
	10:15 am	SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
	10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
† <u>Wednesday, June 8</u> ~	10:00 am	Connect Team Meeting
† <u>Thursday, June 9</u> ~	10:00 am	Caring Ministry Meeting
† <u>Sunday, June 12</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship / The Holy Trinity
	10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
† <u>Monday, June 13</u> ~	6:30 pm	WOW @ Sandy Nies'
† <u>Wednesday, June 15</u> ~	9:00 am	Quilters
	5:30 pm	Come to the Water
† <u>Friday, June 17</u> ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
		Newsletter Articles Due in Office
† <u>Sunday, June 19</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship / 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost
	10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
† <u>Tuesday, June 21</u> ~	5:00 pm	Prayer Team Meeting
	6:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
† <u>Wednesday, June 22</u> ~	9:00 am	Quilters—Anyone is invited to join!
† <u>Friday, June 24</u> ~		Newsletter Sent Out
† <u>Sunday, June 26</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship / 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost
	10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
† <u>Wednesday, June 29</u> ~	5:30 pm	Come to the Water



Prayer Shawl will be held on Fridays of the same week that Quilters meet. Quilters meet on the 1st and the 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Please join us for some fun!

Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes

May 17, 2022

Members present: Mark Menke, Nancy Hendry, Sue Temte, Diane Gibas, Craig Lemieux, Shari Streck-er, Maggie Rems, Derek Karels, Rick Gabriel, SAM, via speaker phone and guests Becky Bruske and David Anderson from the call committee.

Absent: Doug Halvorson, Rose Marie Nutt.

Rick gave devotions.

The secretary's report from the April meeting was approved.

The council then deviated from the agenda moving directly to the call committee. Becky Bruske presented the name of Pastor Joshua Blair to the council to be considered as a permanent pastor for Faith Lutheran. She said the call committee received a minister profile from Pastor Blair for the position here. The call committee interviewed Blair and she said it was an interesting and comfortable interview with all parties asking questions and getting satisfactory answers. David Anderson also gave positive re-views. Bruske said she called all of Blair's references and got good responses. Blair was ordained in 2019. He has worked in a three-point parish in southern Minnesota and in Duluth.

Bruske made a motion that the call committee highly recommends the council vote to extend a call to Blair. Mark Menke seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Rick said he would do the background check for Blair.

The executive committee will meet Friday, May 20, with Blair to discuss his employment package. A congregational meeting will be held on June 5, 2022 to vote on hiring Joshua Blair. A meeting notice will be sent to all voting members either by mail or email. Announcements of the meeting will be made at the next two Sunday services. A representative from the NE Minnesota Synod will also be on hand for the meeting. A quorum of at least 35 people will be needed to take the vote.

Nancy moved to approve the agenda, Maggie seconded. The agenda was approved.

Mark gave the treasurers report. All of the renovations made in the past year have been paid for in full except the flooring in the front of the sanctuary, but that should be taken care of within the week. Craig made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Maggie seconded. The motion passed.

Rick finished his second SAM class on pastoral care. He said Baccalaureate will be held Wednesday May 25. Faith needs to provide two pans of bars to serve after the service.

Under old business, Rod Peterson will fill in the cracks this summer in the parking lot.

Ministry team Sunday was discussed.

The stoves in the kitchen are in bad shape. The ovens don't work as they should and some burners don't heat well. Sue made a motion to purchase new stoves for the kitchen, Shari seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Under new business, the issue of new white boards was tabled for future consideration. We need more information on what we need and the cost of the boards.

Under Ministry teams: Worship and music has recommended we return to communion four times a month. We will now respect their recommendation.

The prayer committee said a women's retreat will be held again this year on Aug. 13. Ellory Christian-son has information on the program.

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The connect committee is working on the Wednesday evening Come to the Water services in the park. The services will start on June 15, and they are looking for people to help serve a light supper.

Children's education said this is the last week of Faith In Action. All children are welcome at VBS this summer.

The youth mission trip will be held June 12 - 17.

Building and property reported good help with lawn mowing, and the lights will soon be fixed.

Rick will give devotions at the June meeting. The meeting was adjourned.



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!



May 1	\$2,301.00
May 8	\$2,753.00
May 15	\$1,644.00
May 22	\$4,073.00
May 29	\$2,000.00



Dear Heavenly Father, we know you are in control of our lives and this world. But, we seem to have a difficult time understanding all the pain and suffering that is happening in this world—inflation affecting so many people, inability to obtain necessary items for living, and limited resources. But then, we have also strayed with our hearts; we have betrayed our friends; and we express hatred towards our enemies. Forgive us for choosing our own way instead of following yours. Forgive us when we have broken our promises time and time again. And, forgive us when we fail to follow your way of life. We ask your help and guidance to always put our trust in you.

- We have been neglectful of your creation and all that you have given us. Help us to care for the beauty of your creation so that we may all live abundantly on this fragile plant.
- We thank you for all whom you place in our life. May we be inspired to witness to them and to share the same grace and goodness we have received from you.
- We thank you for our earthly fathers. Bless them, guide them and strengthen them so they may reflect to their children the love, generosity, wisdom and mercy that you have shown them.
- We call upon you to help those dealing with gloom or anguish, those who are afraid, those seeking shelter and protection. Help us to be compassionate caregivers and advocates for them. We lift up all who suffer from illnesses, those who grieve the loss of loved ones and all who are on our prayer network. Comfort them in their sorrow and suffering and surround them with your peace and love.
- Open our eyes to see your face shining in every person we meet. Help us to be your servants wherever we may go. Help us to care for one another. We especially pray for the following each week.
 - Week of June 5 – Tom and Carol Kuelbs; Alex, Blair, Louise, and Letty Larson; Bob and Denise Larson; Brandon, Jennifer, Kendra, and Klara Larson.
 - Week of June 12 – Donald and Pearl Larson; Grace Lazorik; Craig and Jane Lemieux; Denny and Bev Lemm.
 - Week of June 19 – Jeremy, Lynn, Hunter, and Evie Lemm; James, Kim, Jessica, and Aaron Leschak, Joan Lundquist; Sue Lyback and Doug Jacobson.
 - Week of June 26 – Lindy Madson; Joel, Tricia, Loveanna, Trinity, Treasure, True, and Adam Madson; Carl Magnan; Craig and Barb Magnan.
- We ask you to watch over our newly baptized, Elsie Thielen. Help us to support her and her parents and sponsors as they plant your word in her life.
- Continue to be with all our youth this summer. Watch over those who are attending camp and those who will be participating in the summer service trip. Keep them safe while they have fun learning and serving you.
- You have kept this church functioning and growing while we have patiently waited for a new pastor. We thank Rick and Kristi, the church council, all ministry teams and everyone else who gave so much of their time to keep this church open so we could be a safe place for all to come and hear and experience your love and compassion. We soon look forward to welcoming a new Pastor that will guide and lead us.

Let our actions—what we do, what we say and what we give to others—be our thanks offering for everything you have given and done for us. AMEN

**The prayer ministry team would like to encourage you 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.**

Ellory Christianson, Diane Gibas, Nancy Hendry, Doc Moss, Carolyn Nutt, Pam Peterson



“Gather to Pray” Every Wednesday

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

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

God’s Amazing Grace

Let us take a moment and look at our life—what have we failed at—what have we been able to achieve? Life in general is never easy and sometimes we let it overwhelm us. Especially when our failures seem to outweigh our achievements; when everything around us seems so overwhelming; and when we have to experience so much hatred, anger, and prejudice everywhere. Our gracious God wants to be with us for every moment of our life—to help us, to heal us, to shower us with his abundant grace...his amazing grace. Grace is what God is all about.

- **Saving Grace** - *Ephesians 2:8-10*. God is a gracious God. He is rich in mercy and in forgiveness. When we understand the heart of God, then we will understand what Paul meant when he said we are saved by grace.
- **Sustaining grace** - *1 Peter 5:10,12*. When the storms blow upon us, when the floods come, when the terrible hurricanes of life threaten us, God’s grace is there to help us stand firm.
- **Redeeming grace** - *Ephesians 1:7*. Because we do not always choose the most graceful path in life, we end up in some miserable and blind alleys along the way. When we grasp our predicament and call for the help we previously rejected, God’s redeeming grace put us back on the right path.
- **Strengthening grace** - *Hebrews 13:7-9, Ephesians 3:16*. The only strength that really matters in life is the strength that comes from feeding on and trusting in God’s grace. We must imitate the faith of those who led us and who spoke the word of God to us.
- **Offering grace** - *Ephesians 4:32*. God did not just give us his grace to be kept only for ourselves. No, God’s grace is meant to be extended to others.
- **Healing grace** - *Psalms 147:3*. God wants to heal our inner wounds—our broken heart, scars that we have on the inside, wounds that we have from our childhood, and wounds inflicted upon us by others. When we begin to think of ourselves as God thinks of us, we can find healing from the scars that we have been carrying inside of us.
- **Liberating grace** - *Galatians 2:20*. When we fall into a pattern of trying to please God and that he will not be happy until we perform in a certain way, we become a perfectionist. Grace liberates us from the bondage of perfectionism.
- **Restoring grace** - *Isaiah 61:1-3, Jeremiah 29:11*. When we have been pulled away from the Lord and we are not sure how to get back, God’s grace is greater than any of our sins—no matter how dark they may be.
- **Sanctifying grace** - *1 Peter 1:3-5, 2 Peter 1:4*. A process of purifying and cleansing that continues throughout our life, allowing us to share in God’s love, life and happiness.

Justifying grace - *Ephesians 1:3-6, Romans 8:29-30*. God has justified all sinners and has declared us righteous for the sake of Christ. A person’s conversion is the work of God’s grace. A rejection of the gospel is the unbeliever’s own fault. Now, where would we be without God’s grace?

Children, please cut out and place this prayer in your prayer pillows.
Watch for a new prayer each month.



Children’s Prayer Time

Dear Jesus, I know you see and you know everything I do.
Thank you for watching over me.
Help me to follow you every day. Amen.

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



June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

6/01	Magnolia Sawatzky	6/18	Doug Johnson
6/02	Roland Karg	6/19	Frank Bertek
6/03	Kim Leschak	6/19	Rick Jobe
6/05	Blake Eklund	6/21	Clayton Eklund
6/06	Michelle Sawatzky	6/23	Aaron Leschak
6/07	Paul Borgfelt	6/23	Maya Robertson
6/09	Mark Bruske	6/23	Maxine Newmann
6/11	Nancy Hendry	6/27	Brody Soderstrom
6/13	Derek Karels	6/29	Kobe Current
6/13	Melanie Slama	6/29	Aliesha Holbert
6/14	Parker Gesell	6/29	David Miller
6/15	Ron Gudim		



Anniversaries

6/01	Larry & Carolyn Nutt
6/04	Brad & Melissa Johnson
6/08	Ross & Leta Christensen
6/08	Bob & Kristi Pedersen
6/12	Walt & Kris Thompson
6/12	Geoff & Shanessa Gesell
6/16	Craig & Barb Magnan
6/20	Jason & Jody Amundson
6/30	Harvey & Marilyn Exsted



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



We've made it more convenient to sign up to serve at church. Try it out with this link [Faith Server SignUp](#) . Or sign-up sheets will be available at the church or give the office a call.

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 June 2022

Scripture Readers:

June 5 - Sue Gustner
 June 12 - _____
 June 19 - _____
 June 26 - _____

Ushers:

June 5 - _____
 June 12 - _____
 June 19 - _____
 June 26 - _____

Greeters:

June 5 - _____
 June 12 - _____
 June 19 - _____
 June 26 - _____

Prayer Station:

June 5 - Diane Gibas
 June 12 - _____
 June 19 - _____
 June 26 - _____

Acolytes:

June 5 - Neveah Gesell
 June 12 - Tucker Haggberg
 June 19 - Kobe Current
 June 26 - Payden Hanson

Communion Prep Team:

June 5 - _____
 June 12 - _____
 June 19 - _____
 June 26 - _____

Communion Assistants:

June 5 - _____
 June 12 - _____
 June 19 - _____
 June 26 - _____

Coffee Servers:

June 5 - Al & Sue Gustner
 June 12 - _____
 June 19 - _____
 June 26 - _____

Thank You for Serving!

June 2022

Faith Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Jun 2022 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:30am - Worship 10:15am - Coffee 1pm - Malmo 2pm - Lakeside	30 Memorial Day 9am - Isle/Sunset	31	1 First Day of LGBTQ+ 9am - Quilters 10am - Gather to 3:30pm - Praise	2 2pm - Yoga	3 10am - Prayer Shawl	4 9am - AA Big Book
5 9:30am - Worship 10:15am - Special 10:16am - Coffee	6	7	8 10am - Connect 10am - Gather to 3:30pm - Praise	9 10am - Caring 10am - Our Home 2pm - Yoga	10	11 9am - AA Big Book
12 9:30am - Worship 10:15am - Coffee	13 1pm - Garden Club 6:30pm - WOW	14 Flag Day	15 9am - Quilters 10am - Gather to 3:30pm - Praise 5:30pm - Come to	16 2pm - Yoga	17 Newsletter Articles 10am - Prayer Shawl	18 9am - AA Big Book
19 Father's Day Juneteenth 9:30am - Worship 10:15am - Coffee	20 Juneteenth	21 5pm - Prayer Team 6pm - Worship Team 7pm - Council	22 10am - Gather to 3:30pm - Praise 5:30pm - Come to	23 10am - Our Home 2pm - Yoga	24 Newsletter Sent Out	25 9am - AA Big Book
26 9:30am - Worship 10:15am - Coffee	27	28	29 10am - Gather to 3:30pm - Praise 5:30pm - Come to	30 2pm - Yoga	1	2 9am - AA Big Book



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

[Click Here for June 2022 Calendar](#)



Church Office Hours

Tuesday and Wednesday - 9:00am-2:00pm

Monday, Thursday, Friday - Closed

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