

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

Faith Findings

August 2023

t	Tuesday, August 1 ~	7:30 pm	Youth Group
t	Wednesday, August 2 ~	5:30 pm	Come to the Water
t	Friday, August 4 ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
t	Sunday, August 6 ~	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
t	Tuesday, August 8 ~	10:00 am	Prayer Team Meeting
		7:30 pm	Youth Group
t	Wednesday, August 9 ~	10:00 am	Connect Team Meeting
		5:30 pm	Come to the Water
t	Sunday, August 13 ~	9:30 am	Worship
_		10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
t	Monday, August 14 ~	6:30 pm	WOW at Sandy Nies'
t	Tuesday, August 15 ~	5:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting
		6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
_		7:30 pm	Youth Group
Ť	Wednesday, August 16 ~	5:30 pm	Come to the Water ON THE WATER (last one for season)
t	Friday, August 18 ~		Newsletter Articles Due
		10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
Ť	Sunday, August 20 ~	9:30 am	Worship
_		10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
Ť	Tuesday, August 22 ~	7:30 pm	Youth Group
t	Sunday, August 27 ~	9:30 am	Worship
_		10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
t	Monday, August 28 ~	3:30 pm	Local & Global Mission Ministry Meeting



Faith Lutheran Church Council Unapproved Minutes July 18, 2023

Council Members present: Craig Lemieux, Doug Halvorson, Karen Gabriel, Nancy Hendry, Rose Marie Nutt, Sue Temte, Pastor Josh Blair/online

Council Members absent: Diane Gibas, Derek Karels, Brianna Heise, Shari Strecker, Holly Main

- The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Craig Lemieux.
- Nancy gave devotions and opening prayer.
- The agenda with modifications was approved. Motion by Doug. Seconded by Rose Marie.
- The June minutes were approved with the correction that "giving was only down in May". Motion by Sue. Second by Doug.
- The treasurer's report for June was approved. Motion by Karen. Seconded by Rose Marie. Highlights of the discussion were that both the expenses and income regarding the renovations, and the final Youth Trip payments made the totals off from most months. We have assets in savings which puts Faith Lutheran in a good position to be able to pay for the current spending choices.

Doug stated clearly for the record that "Our congregation is amazing in the way people step up and meet the needs of the church." The members of the Council are grateful to our generous friends and members.

The Pastor's Report: Pastor Josh is attending the Rostered Ministers Gathering in Phoenix, AZ this week, hence, his online presence. In June, he made several visits to the homebound. He officiated at 3 funerals and one baptism. He was surprised by how much ministry got done via picnic table chats at Isle Days. VBS is on track with a good number of volunteers. Youth Group on Tuesday nights is hit or miss on numbers, but is going well with a lot of pastoral care happening. He spent a lot of his time in June working the Policy Handbook. He gave the prayers at the Flight Breakfast. He drove shuttle for the Redemption Hill Concert. He is working on advance planning for the 2023-2024 church year. "Come to the Water" is up and running and has challenged him to adjust to two sermons a week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Personnel Committee in process of being set up.
- 2) The Council spent quite a bit of time going page by page through the Personnel Policy Handbook clarifying and making changes. Doug made the motion, Sue second and the Council approved the Personnel Policy Handbook with corrections.
- 3) North Wing Update-The first coat of paint is on and will be finished by VBS. The flooring will go down August 24th. Window coverings are still under discussion. The room signs choices have been tabled for more discussion.
- 4) A date is yet to be chosen for new member reception and there is time for anyone who is interested to contact Pastor and be included.
- 5) Assisting ministers-tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Kids Mission Trip Review & recommendations for future years (a) that the Send-Off Sunday be a Rally Event with the expectation that all travelers be there in their trip shirts; (b) that the "fun" event be after the "work" time and include debriefing; (c) that there be a bigger cost sharing by participants with expanded group fundraising to help; (d) that there are possible mission events nearer home that would be meaningful and might be possibilities;
- 2) The Custodian Position will be posted now that the Personnel Policies are completed and approved.
- 3) The Narthex Chandeliers are having issues and will be next to be replaced. The Renovation Committee are looking at new options. Haggards have ordered a commercial lighting book with options to peruse.
- 4) Ideas for the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the church on Sept. 10 were discussed. Perhaps the bouncy house outside. It would be nice to have something interesting happening in the newly renovated North Wing. Ideas are still welcomed as plans are finalized.
- 5) Pastor Josh signed off and the subject of his Review was discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- * Worship & Music Team They will meet Aug. 10 to do Annual Planning. They are in discussion about the 60th Anniversary Worship Service and events.
- * Prayer Team is working on "Spice-Up Your Prayer Life" prayer encouragement plans for the year. Prayer pillows and prayer cards will be given to kids at VBS.
- * Connect Team Their emphasis is on "Come to the Water" and the upcoming 60th Anniversary Potluck.
- * Local & Global Mission Team meets this coming week and will work on "60 for 60 Giving Project for 60 Years". There will be a virtual meeting with a representative of YAGM, Young Adults in Global Mission.
- * Children, Youth & Family Team VBS this next week
- * Stewardship & Finance Thanks again to our generous members and friends who make all our ministries possible through financial support.
- * Building, Property & Cemetery Painting will continue. Carpet goes in after VBS.
- * Memorial No report.

Next Regular meeting - 6 pm, Tue. Aug. 15, 2023. Devotions next meeting – Karen Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hendry





RENOVATION PROJECT-HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The North Wing (also known as the Education Wing) is the oldest part of our building. It was originally used as the fellowship hall, office, kitchen and classrooms before the new sanctuary and fellowship hall were built. During COVID a significant ceiling project was begun in the large community room. While a large portion of the work was accomplished, the project isn't complete. Ceilings in several rooms in the North Wing are in poor condition. The insulation in the attic space needs to be fixed. Carpeting in the North Wing is badly worn.

The church council has decided to complete the renovation project. The project will have three phases. The first phase is to complete the ceiling in the large community room and paint the room. The second phase will be to replace the ceilings in the classrooms as well as repair the insulation in the attic areas. The final phase will be to replace the carpeting in the North Wing.

Volunteers will be asked to assist with some aspects of the project. However, we have bids for the ceiling and the carpet replacement. The council approved the renovation project with an expectation of the cost being approximately \$22,000.

How can you help? Please **PRAY** for the successful completion of the renovation project. Please **GIVE** generously to the renovation fund. The renovation project is an expense which is over and above our regular operating budget. Please **VOLUNTEER** to help when volunteers are needed.

Our goal is to have the renovation project completed by September 1st. Faith Lutheran will be celebrating our 60th anniversary on September 10th, 2023. The renovation project will be a great way to celebrate this milestone in our church history.

Thank you for your continued faithful and generous support of the mission and ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.

Doug Halvorson, Treasurer, Faith Lutheran



We Pray for:

"Come to the Water", Wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m. July 5 - August 16 WOW, Monday, August 14 @ 6:30 p.m. Church planning - August 10 Youth Group - Tuesdays @ 7:30 p.m.

> 9:30 Worship Sunday Coffee Fellowship

Church Council **Building & Property** Caring Ministry Team Children's Education Ministry Team Connect Ministry Team Faith in Action Finance/Human Resources Local & Global Missions Music Ministry Prayer Ministry Team Prayer Shawl Quilting Stewardship Ministry Team **WELCA** Worship Ministry Team Youth Ministry team Youth Group

"Common Prayer Time"

Every Wednesday - pray from home or at Church

"Pray with your directory"

Lift up individuals/families in the church directory each time you pray.

"Personal Prayer"

Need of personal prayer: Seek prayer during communion on Sunday's or contact any prayer team member who will pray with you.



Looking for ways to spice up your prayer life ... God listens!!

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:6-7.

Why is it that we find it so easy to talk with our friends about all kinds of things, but when it comes to God, we find it hard to talk to him in that same same way. He, too, wants to know what is happening in our lives, what is bothering us, and how we are feeling. He wants to know when we are happy, sad and afraid. He want to know when we our faced with difficult situations and we need help. He especially wants to hear from us. It is when we pray, we show God that we obey and trust him to be part of our lives each and every day.

For August we will introduce the use of **prayer rocks** to serve as a reminder to pray each day. The word rock represent God's permanence, protection, and enduring faithfulness. Jesus was the spiritual rock that accompanied the Israelites during their long journey through the desert. He was also the stone the builders rejected but became the cornerstone of God's church. Rocks provided shade, shelter, and safety in the wilderness and were used to construct altars, temples, houses, and city walls. God's commandments, given to Moses, were etched on stone so that all generations would learn His law. A "rock" represents God's enduring faithfulness. Be sure to check out our prayer display in the Fellowship Hall.

There is no Rock like our God. — 1 Samuel 2:2



Children's Prayer Time

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for hearing me when I pray to you and for helping me when I am in trouble and need your help. Amen.



Dear God, this summer we are all suffering from the side affects due to years of abusing this planet. Please forgive us for how we have misused what you have given us. People everywhere are suffering from floods, natural disasters, unusual high temperatures, famine, drought, unnecessary wars and much more. We can't seem to agree on how to run this country. We are at odds with each other and we no longer know how to treat people with respect and kindness. We blame rather than forgive. We hate rather than show compassion. Remind us again

of your teachings. We need to turn our life over to you...to make you an important part of our lives each day. Open our hearts to look beyond our own feelings and needs. Help us to see you in our neighbors. Help us to love our neighbors as you do. Help us to protect all that you have given us so future generations will find this world as you created it to be. We lay before you the following prayers for our church and our community.

- We thank you for all who were part of making our Vacation Bible School a fun and learning time for our children and youth.
- Continue to provide safe travel for all who are away from home this summer. Keep them well and help them find time to be refreshed from their busy schedules.
- Be with our young adults as they head off to college for the first time and for those returning to complete their course work. May they seek you for wisdom and guidance in the days ahead.
- Continue to bless the work of our church council. Be with them in their planning efforts to find new and inspiring ways to fulfill your ministry here at Faith.
- We thank you for all who work with our youth. Call forth volunteers needed for the coming year so the ministry to our youth can continue to flourish.
- Send your gift of peace upon the world. Protect and comfort all who are in need of healing and hope, food and shelter, love and compassion. Be with all who are sick or grieving and with all who need your healing presence. We especially lift up all who are on our prayer network.
- Renew us and strengthen us in our faith. Send us to serve in your name those who need to be comforted and those who
 need a helping hand. Pour your grace into our hearts so that we may be refreshed and renewed to be witnesses of your
 love. We pray for all members of this congregation but we especially lift up the following in August...
 - •Week of August 6 Hayden Thielen; Holden, Leah, Oliver, and Elsie Thielen; Philip and Janine Thielen.
 - •Week of August 13 Walt, Kris, Luke, Eric, and Jill Thompson; Conrad Thomsen; Gayle Ticen.
 - •Week of August 20 Clint and Beverly Waddell; John and Jennifer Wegner; Jason and Jody Amundson.
 - •Week of August 27 Carol Anderson; David and Joanne Anderson; Tom, Marcy, and Paige Anderson.
- We thank you for the past 60 years of being a presence in this community. Guide us in ways that we can continue to be a blessing for all who enter our doors and to all who we touch within the community and in the world.
- Give us strength to overcome the challenges of each day. Cast out our fears and give us hope.
- Encourage us to attend and to invite others for our Wednesday evenings "Come to the Water" meal and worship in the Park. We thank you for these opportunities to enjoy the beauty of your creation as we worship you.

We ask your presence in our lives today and always. AMEN

Blessings: Ellory Christianson, Diane Gibas, Nancy Hendry, Dave Morneau, Doc Moss, Carolyn Nutt, Pam Peterson, Mary Sears

NOTE: Prayer shawls are available in the Chapel.

Please take and give away to anyone whom you feel is in need of prayer.

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.)

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.

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





Come to the Water
ON THE WATER
Wednesday, August 16, 5:30 pm
at McQuoid's Inn

Join us for our last
Come to the Water
for the season
with worship and a light meal
on McQuoid's launch.

Feel free to meet us on the water in your own boat.



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 2	\$1,900.00
July 9	Chapel in the Park
July 16	\$11,495.00
July 23	\$1,905.00



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



August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

8/02	Sue Lyback	8/15	Jamayla Knudson
8/03	Linda Hetland	8/17	Phyllis Haggberg
8/04	Elaine Norman	8/22	Nancy Rizer-Schmidt
8/04	Glenn Erickson	8/22	Madelyn Haglund
8/05	Shawna Sertich	8/23	Jon Borg
8/05	Maggie Rens	8/23	Susan Haggberg
8/06	Eleanor Haglund	8/23	Beverly Thomsen/Severson
8/06	Kendra Larson	8/24	Bruce Richards
8/07	llene Boser	8/24	Bob Peterson
8/10	Amy Proffitt	8/25	Jessica Leschak
8/11	Mark Menke	8/26	Wayne Boike
8/12	Janette Jackson	8/28	Sue Borgfelt
8/13	Chelsea Hunziker	8/28	Michael Neumann
8/13	Diana Karels	8/29	David Anderson
8/13	Pam Peterson	8/31	Janine Thielen



Anniversaries

8/03	Mike & Michele Haggberg
8/07	Dave & Joanne Anderson
8/08	Mark & Dhondra Haggberg
8/08	James & Maggie Rens
8/12	Wayne & Linda Boike
8/15	Bryan & Diana Karels
8/19	Tom & Marcy Anderson
8/20	Roland & Leslie Karg
8/21	Bill & Karla Fredrick
8/31	Kieth & Beverly Severson
8/28	Kevin & Melanie Slama



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

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 August 2023

Scripture Read	<u>ers</u> :	Acolytes:		
August 6 -	Craig Magnan	August 6 -	Kobe Current	
August 13 -	Sandy Nies	August 13 -	Aidan Heise	
August 20 -	Sandy Nies	August 20 -	Dylan Heise	
August 27 -	Sue Gustner	August 27 -	Rylan Heise	
<u>Ushers</u> :		Communion Prep Team:		
August 6 -	Glenn & Nancy Erickson	August 6 -		
		August 13 -		
August 13 -	Glenn & Nancy Erickson	August 20 -		
		August 27 -		
August 20 -	Doug Johnson,			
	Sandy Nies	Communion As	<u>sistants</u> :	
August 27 -	Rod & Pam Peterson	August 6 -	Diane Gibas,	
			Nancy Rizer-Schmidt	
		August 13 -	Karen Gabriel	
Greeters:			Mike Haggberg	
August 6 -	Donna Moore,	August 20 -	Craig & Jane Lemieux	
	Sue Borgfelt			
August 13 -	Donna Moore,	August 27 -	Larry Nutt,	
	Sue Borgfelt		Judy Crace	
August 20 -	Heise Family			
		Coffee Servers:		
August 27 -	Larry Nutt,	August 6 -	Katie & Livia Raverty,	
	Judy Crace		Gesell Family	
		August 13 -	Larry & Carolyn Nutt,	
Prayer Station:			Arleen Nagel	
August 6 -	Doc Moss	August 20 -	Heise Family	
August 13 -	Sandy Nies	August 27 -	Bob & Kristi Pedersen,	
August 20 -	Sandy Nies		Tyler & Tara Soderstrom	
August 27 -	Ellory Christianson			

Thank You for Serving!

August 2023

Faith Lutheran Church , Holidays in United States Aug 2023 (Central Time - Chicago) 31 10am - Gather to Pray 7:30pm - Youth Group 10:30am - Coffee 5:30pm - Come to the 9am - AA Big Book 10:30am - Coffee 7:30pm - Youth Group 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - Come to the 6pm - Council Meeting 10:30am - Coffee 6:30pm - WOW 5:30pm - Come to the 10am - Prayer Shawl 7:30pm - Youth Group 21 24 9am - AA Big Book 7:30pm - Youth Group 10am - Gather to Pray 10:30am - Coffee 31 3:30pm - Local & Global 9am - AA Big Book 10:30am - Coffee

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following QR with your smartphone.



