

Faith FINDINGS

August 2025

SUN, AUGUST 3	WORSHIP, 9:30AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM
MON, AUGUST 4	LOCAL + GLOBAL, 10:30AM
WED, AUGUST 6	SERVER TEAM MEETING C2 WOW: COME TO THE WATER, 5:30PM
THURS, AUGUST 7	MISSION AND REVISIONING MEETING, 6:30PM
SUN, AUGUST 10	WORSHIP, 9:30AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM
TUES, AUGUST 12	PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM, 10:00AM
WED, AUGUST 13	CONNECT TEAM, 10:00AM WORSHIP TEAM, 11:00AM VOLUNTEER MEETING: FAITH IN ACTION, 7PM
SUN, AUGUST 17	WORSHIP, 9:30AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM
MON, AUGUST 18	WOW AT SUE LYBACK'S, 6:30PM
TUES, AUGUST 19	COUNCIL MEETING, 6PM
AUGUST 22-24	R.U.R.A.L. MUSIC FESTIVAL, ISLE
SUN, AUGUST 24	WORSHIP, 9:30AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM
TUES, AUGUST 26	ANNUAL REPORTS DUE
SUN, AUGUST 31	WORSHIP, 9:30AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM

Faith in Action Kicks Off September 10th!

Looking to volunteer?
Join the team? Have ideas?
JOIN US!

**FAITH
IN ACTION**
GET INVOLVED!

August 13th at 7pm

Want to get involved in **Faith Lutheran Church's Wednesday Night** Activities?
Have ideas for Wednesday Night for the kids ages pre-k through 6th grade?!!
Join us August 13th!

Questions? Talk to
Natasha Kuhlman 320-630-2613
or contact the Church Office!

Faith
Lutheran Church
To Grow and Serve

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



Thrivent Action Teams

We are redoing the playroom!

We are hoping a Thrivent Member would submit a
Action Team to get the project started. Thanks!

How do Thrivent Action Teams work?

Gather a volunteer team of friends, family or neighbors to put on a fundraiser, educational event or service activity—like organizing a school supply drive, or hosting a car wash fundraiser. We'll provide the resources you need to get started, including up to \$250 in seed money.

REVISIONING +STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH
AT 6:30PM**

**What direction are we going as a church?
What is God calling us to do as a church?**

We are creating a committee to help with this. If you are interested in helping with strategic planning, but can't attend the team meeting please reach out to Pastor Josh or Karen Gabriel. See you at Faith Lutheran at 6:30pm on Thursday, August 7th.

Faith Lutheran MONTHLY GIVING and Attendance

June 27

Physical Attendance 43
Live Online Attendance 12
Giving \$1,766.00

July 6

Physical Attendance 53
Live Online Attendance 16
Giving \$3,766.00

July 13

Chapel in the Park
Giving \$1,835.00

July 20

Physical Attendance 88
Church Service + Picnic Service
Live Online Attendance 8
Giving \$2,110.00

July 27

Physical Attendance 37
Live Online Attendance 12
Giving \$2,677.00



Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes (unapproved)

July 15th, 2025

Present: Pastor Josh, Karen Gabriel, Aliesha Holbert, Kortney Sawatzky, Diane Gibas, Elaine Norman, Natasha Kuhlman, Laura Heise, Nancy Hendry

Absent: Doc Moss, Tonja Eklund, Kallan Pojanowski, Tara Soderstrom

- Call to Order at 6:00 p.m by Karen
- Devotions – Pastor Josh
- Guest Comments
- Agenda – Modifications and Approval
 - Karen makes a correction under “Approval of Minutes” to only approve minutes from the May 20th meeting as we had no meeting on June 17th due to a lack of quorum. Karen also makes a correction to change under “Receive Treasures Report” to include May 2025. There is also a correction to remove bullet point number 7 under “Old Business”.
 - Kortney makes a motion to approve the agenda with the corrections, second – Elaine, motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes from Council Meeting on May 20th, 2025
 - Pastor Josh makes a correction to remove “and June 6th”.
 - Diane makes a motion to approve with the correction, second- Kortney, motion carried.
- Receive Treasurer’s Report – May 2025 and June 2025
 - Motion to approve May Treasurer’s Report – Aliesha, second – Diane, motion carried.
 - We have no financials from June 2025 so there is no report to approve.
- Pastor’s Report
 - Pastor Josh has one baptism and one wedding coming up. Many upcoming events including the young adults fall retreat, family Sunday’s, come to the water on the water, confirmation, FIA, and youth group. He was nominated to be a Synod representative at a conference in Chicago at the end of September.

Old Business

- Personnel Policy – Next Steps - Bylaw Update
- This item will be put on the agenda at the annual meeting on September 28th, 2025. We will need 2/3rds of voting members to approve this for it to pass. The congregation will be informed of this 30 days before the annual meeting.
- Motion to approve – Diane, second – Aliesha, motion carried.
- Revisioning/Strategic Planning
- A group of 12 came to the first intro meeting. More meetings will take place and anyone is welcome to join or give input.
- Parking lot light
- Still being worked on.
- Admin Assistant Position Bank Card Approval/ Good Samaritan
- Faith Lutheran Church Good Samaritan Account #xxx546 – Kristi Pedersen will come off as a signer. The new signers will be Craig Magnan, Jenny Patrick, Karen Gabriel, and Pastor Josh Blair.
- Diane makes a motion to approve Jenny Patrick for the bank card and the Good Samaritan account. Second – Elaine, motion carried.

- Update Playground & Playroom
- Playground is completed. Still looking for a Thrivent member for help with the playroom.
- Outdoor Garbage
- Kortney will work on ordering these. Funds are coming from Memorial.

New Business

- Roof Update
- We are waiting to hear a new number from the insurance company.
- Floor By Organ
- We got a quote from E&M Coatings for \$1,500.
- Kortney makes a motion to approve the quote from E&M Coatings for \$1,500 to be taken from "Building Maintenance". Second – Laura, motion carried.
- Annual Meeting (Reports due to Jenny by August 26th, 2025)
- Ministry team coordinators are responsible for getting their reports to Jenny in the office by August 26th, 2025.

Future Needs

- Heat/Insulation
- Roof
- Floor by Organ
- Water Leaking Problems
- Parking Lot

Ministry Team Coordinators

- Worship & Music- John Wagner has said he will help with leading praise band every third week.
- Prayer-
- Connect- Working on planning holiday boxes for the food shelf.
- Local & Global Missions- Wrapped up this year's YAGM group. Still talking about community education activities.
- Children, Youth, Family, & Education- VBS is coming up. The mission trip went well. Working on getting Faith in Action ready.
- Stewardship & Finance-
- Building, Property, & Cemetery- AC is fixed.
- Memorial- Funding outside garbage can purchases.
- Technology- We are looking into adding a Bluetooth assistive listening system in order to improve the sound in the sanctuary and fellowship hall for those with hearing impairments.
- WELCA-

Meeting Feedback- Next Regular Meeting – August 19th, 2025 at 6 p.m.

- Devotions- Nancy
- Closing Prayer/ Adjournment of Meeting
- Pastor Josh makes a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m., second – Diane, motion carried.

We Pray for:

ELCA Church Wide Assembly, July 28-
August 2

Come to the Water on the Water,
August 6 at 5:30 pm

Mission and Vision Meeting, August 7

Family Worship Sunday, August 17

RURAL Music Fest, August 22-24

Bible Studies:
WOW, August 18

Youth Group - Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Gather Mille Lacs - Young Adults
2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7 p.m.

Faith in Action - Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
Confirmation - Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group - Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

9:30 Worship
Sunday School
Sunday Coffee Fellowship

Church Council
Building & Property Ministry
Finance & Stewardship Team
Children, Youth & Family Ministry Team
Connect Ministry Team
Local & Global Missions
Memorial Ministry
Music Ministry
Prayer Ministry
Prayer Shawl
Quilters
WELCA
Worship Ministry Team

"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.

"Be Watchful and Pray - bear good fruit"

*"I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit
—fruit that will last". John 15:16*

We are fragile creatures, living in a world that has its share of tragedy and terror. God never intended that our life be lived in fear and worry. It is his desire that we all live a wholesome life, even in the midst of all the nastiness of this world. God loved us so much that he sent us his son, Jesus.

It is through our baptism, we are made a child of God and given an identity in Christ. This identity, however, does not protect us from the harmful things in this world, but it does provide a way for us to endure whatever life's challenges and temptations come our way. In John 15:4-5, we are told, we are a branch on Christ's vine and it is our connection to that vine that gives us the necessary nourishment, strength, protection and energy to get through life. By remaining connected to his vine, we will grow in his love and will bear fruit. What a wonderful imagery...what a promise!!

Bearing fruit comes from spending time with God, listening to his Word, and giving the Holy Spirit space to work in our lives. The Bible outlines fruitful qualities of love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Fruit that will manifest itself within us as we grow in our faith. Fruit that is meant to be shared. Fruit that has the potential to reproduce itself in the lives of those we touch.

So, we need to be watchful that we do not ignore God's word, that we do not skimp on our prayer life, nor do we allow our hearts to be hardened by the pressures of this world. We pray that our branch on Christ's vine will remain strong; that the fruit we bear will reflect God's love for all people; and that we use the fruit to display compassion, reflect inclusiveness, build stronger relationships, and demonstrate forgiveness, generosity, and helpfulness to others.

*"There is no fruit without life...and that life only comes from God!"
—unknown*

May we always be willing to pursue, a Christ-like life that is filled with fruit from Christ's vine.

Children's Prayer Time



Dear Jesus, help me listen to your voice
and to do what you want me to do. Help
me to be kind and patient with my family,
my friends and everyone I meet. AMEN.

Dear Heavenly Father, as we enter this month, we pray that you will be involved in the lives of all your people, bringing unity rather than division, bringing peace rather than hatred, bringing compassion rather than greed, and bringing forgiveness rather than revenge. Be with us all, guiding our ways with renewed love for all mankind. May we feel your presence in the work we do to serve our brothers and sisters in this community.



- Be with us as we begin planning for our new church year. Guide our Mission and Vision group as they meet to look at long range planning. Be with all our ministry teams as they look for new ways to serve you. Stir in our members an excitement to be part of our ministry.
- Be present with us as we gather for Come to the Water on the Water. Make it a fun evening of worshiping and being in fellowship with one another, all while enjoying the beauty of your creation.
- As we prepare for our annual meeting in September, open the hearts of all who want to serve on council or on one of the many ministry teams within our church. Help all us to find a place where we can best serve you and the people you place before us.
- We thank you for our church family and that you have brought us all together, knowing your love is the greatest force that binds us together as we reach out, serve, and care for one another. We lift the following each week in prayer.
 - Week of August 3 - Judy Crace; Blake, Ashlei, Rayland, Carter, and Eleanor Eklund; Tonja Eklund.
 - Week of August 10 - Nick, Breanna, Adelynn, Amelia, and Thomas Eklund; Glenn and Nancy Erickson; Janelle and Asa Erickson
 - Week of August 17 - Marilyn Exsted; Marilyn Eye; Dee Fehlberg

- Week of August 24 - Kent Fjerstad; Betty Fransen; Bill and Karla Fredrick
- Be with all who are lonely and living with anxiety. Bring healing to all who are sick and comfort to all who are grieving. Be with those who struggle from day to day. We lift up all who are on our prayer network and those in our personal prayers.
- Be with our ELCA church wide assembly as they meet in Phoenix from July 28 to August 2. Grant them wisdom and discernment as they select a presiding bishop and secretary for the ELCA.
- Bless Bruer Haggberg as this precious little one is baptised and welcomed into our Faith family. Be with his parents and sponsors. Guide them and support them as they raise Bruer in the Christian faith.
- Continue to bless the work of all involved in this years RURAL music fest. Be with the musicians as they bring your word of hope, love, and peace through their music. Make us all generous in our time and resources to support this important ministry within our community.
- Bless the work of our office staff as they strive to better serve and support the needs of this congregation.
- We thank you for the work of our local missions team in helping to identify the many needs within our community. Make us generous in our contributions as we support these needs.
- Be with our teachers, parents and students as they prepare for another school year.
- We lift up all our 1st responders who have faithfully served this community over the summer. Continue to give them wisdom and discernment and clarity of mind that will guide their decisions. Be with their families during times of worry and uncertainty.

Thank you, God, for the precious gift of life. When we feel weak and weary, give us strength. Help us to grow our faith and through your vine, develop deep roots to sustain us through any difficulties we face. Help us to always rely on your power. AMEN

Blessing: Ellory Christianson, Diane Gibas, Dave Morneau, Doc Moss, Sandy Nies, Pam Peterson, Mary Sears, Cheryl Ten Bruin.

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.)

You Are The Vine

You are the vine
We are the branches O Lord
We remain in You
You are the vine
We are the branches O Lord
We bear fruit for You

Like a branch is to the vine
So Your life's alive in mine
Oh let Your glory shine
Lord in You is fruitful gain
And without You all's in vain
On the vine I will remain

And when troubles come my way
And my skies have all turned gray
I'll have faith to face the day
Even though I may not see
It's the gardener pruning me
A more fruitful branch to be

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship	Josh and Rick in AZ for Churchwide Assembly		10am - Gather to Pray	9:30am - Thursdays email 7:30pm - AA		9am - AA Big Book 2pm - Baby Shower (Contact:)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30am - Bruer Thomas 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship	10:30am - Local and Global		10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - C2WOW: Come to	9:30am - Thursdays email 6:30pm - Mission and Vision 7:30pm - AA		9am - AA Big Book
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship	1pm - Garden Club	10am - Prayer Team Ministry	10am - Connect Team 10am - Gather to Pray 11am - Worship Team 7pm - Volunteer Meeting Faith in Action	Pastor Josh out of office to Chicago		9am - AA Big Book
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Pastor Josh out of office to 9:30am - Worship (Kathryn)	6:30pm - WOW @ Sue	10:30am - NH Hospital visits 6pm - Council Meeting	10am - Gather to Pray	9:30am - Thursdays email 7:30pm - AA	RURAL FEST Newsletter Articles Due in	9am - AA Big Book
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
RURAL FEST 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship		Council Reports due to Jenny 9:30am - Annual Reports Due 7pm - Young Adults Group	Conference Prep time for Pastor Josh Newsletter Sent Out 10am - Gather to Pray	9:30am - Thursdays email 7:30pm - AA		9am - AA Big Book
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee Fellowship	Labor Day		10am - Gather to Pray	9:30am - Thursdays email 7:30pm - AA		Pastor Josh wedding 9am - AA Big Book

August Birthdays

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

August Anniversaries

8/03	Mike & Michele Haggberg
8/07	Dave & Joanne Anderson
8/08	Mark & Dhondra Haggberg
8/08	James & Maggie Rens
8/11	Tom & Carol Kuelbs
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

**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

Scripture Readers:

August 3	<u>Craig Magnan</u>
August 10	<u>Blake Larson</u>
August 17	<u></u>
August 24	<u>Sandy Nies</u>
August 31	<u>Karen Gabriel</u>

Acolytes:

August 3	<u>Ryah Kuhlman</u>
August 10	<u>Blake Larson</u>
August 17	<u>Dylan Heise</u>
August 24	<u>Karsen Holscher</u>
August 31	<u>Brealyn Pedersen</u>

Ushers:

August 3	<u>Mike Haggberg</u>
August 3	<u>Brady Haggberg</u>
August 10	<u>Derek Karels Family</u>
August 17	<u>Karen Gabriel</u>
August 17	<u>Sue Borgfelt</u>
August 24	<u>Tom & Carol Kuelbs</u>
August 31	<u>Tom & Carol Kuelbs</u>

Communion Assistants:

August 3	<u>Ryah Kuhlman</u>
August 3	<u>Natasha Kuhlman</u>
August 10	<u>Mike & Heidi Patrick</u>
August 17	<u></u>
August 17	<u>Marlen Schmitz</u>
August 24	<u>Craig & Barb Magnun</u>
August 31	<u>Karen Gabriel</u>
August 31	<u>Cheryl Ten Bruin</u>

Greeters:

August 3	<u>Elaine Freichels</u>
August 3	<u>Sheri Strecker</u>
August 10	<u>Elaine Freichels</u>
August 10	<u>Sheri Strecker</u>
August 17	<u>Donna Moore</u>
August 17	<u>Kathy Anderson</u>
August 24	<u>Dorothy Haggberg</u>
August 24	<u>Dee Berg</u>
August 31	<u>Dorothy Haggberg</u>
August 31	<u>Dee Berg</u>

Coffee Servers:

August 3	<u>Curt & Di Miller</u>
August 10	<u>Nancy Erickson</u>
August 10	<u>Janelle Erickson</u>
August 17	<u>Grace Slagle</u>
August 17	<u>Sandy Nies</u>
August 17	<u>Doug Johnson</u>
August 24	<u>Craig & Barb Magnun</u>
August 31	<u>Doug & Judy Halvorson</u>

Thank You for Serving!

Vote on a bylaw to the constitution

Members of Faith Lutheran Church will be asked to vote on a bylaw to be added to our constitution at the next annual meeting on Sunday, September 28, 2025 following the morning service. The proposed bylaw states:

Employees of Faith Lutheran Church may not serve on the church council or a call committee while employed by Faith Lutheran Church as a best practice to avoid conflict of interest.

One of the responsibilities of Council is to supervise and set salaries for employees. Council recommends this proposal as it ensures no individual serves as both supervisor and employee. This approach follows best practices within the ELCA and is encouraged by our synod.

Council has already supported this proposal as a continuing resolution, and this statement has been added to the Personnel Policies.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Karen Gabriel.

Karen Gabriel
Council President
Faith Lutheran Church



WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word (WOW) meets monthly. We use the Bible Study found in the "Gather" magazine. All women are invited! If you are interested in joining us, please contact the church office.

Sue Lyback's on August 18th at 6:30pm.

Barb Magnan's on September 15th at 6:30pm.

Sandy Nies' on October 20th at 6:30pm.

We would like to say a big **Thank You** to all of those who volunteer in our Church and in our Community.
Each month Faith Lutheran Church receives a donation that goes into the Good Samaritan Fund.
This donation helps Faith Lutheran Church give to those in need.

Please remember Faith Lutheran Church in your will.



**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
OR EMAIL WITH ANY CHANGES IN YOUR
CONTACT INFORMATION.**

Isle Food Shelf

Old Fire Hall, across from Post Office in Isle
(must be a resident of Isle School District) 1st +
3rd Tuesday of the Month from 3:30pm-5:30pm
250 2nd Ave S, Isle, MN, 56342

Fare for All

Fare For All is a pop-up grocery store. We sell packs of
fresh produce and frozen meat at up to 40% off of retail
prices.

Monthly on a Wednesday from 3pm - 5pm.

Fare for All at Onamia Vets Club

2025 Sale Dates

**August 13
September 10**

**October 8
November 5
December 3**

*Thank
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.



**ONAMIA, MN
1ST MONDAY OF
THE MONTH
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM**
ONAMIA COMMUNITY CENTER
806 W. KATHIO ST.
ONAMIA, MN

2025 DATES

JANUARY 6	APRIL 7	JULY 7	OCTOBER 6
FEBRUARY 3	MAY 5	AUGUST 4	NOVEMBER 3
MARCH 3	JUNE 2	SEPTEMBER 2*	DECEMBER 1

*Date Change

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