

† <u>Sunday, September 3</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
† <u>Friday, September 8</u> ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
† <u>Sunday, September 10</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship / Rally Sunday / 60th Anniversary
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship / POTLUCK
† <u>Monday, September 11</u> ~	6:30 pm	WOW at Sandy Nies'
† <u>Tuesday, September 12</u> ~	10:00 am	Prayer Team Meeting
	5:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting
	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
† <u>Wednesday, September 13</u> ~	10:00 am	Connect Team Meeting
	5:30 pm	Faith in Action
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:30 pm	Youth Group
† <u>Friday, September 15</u> ~	11:00 am	Lion's Blood Drive @ Faith
† <u>Sunday, September 17</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 am	Sunday School
† <u>Wednesday, September 20</u> ~	5:30 pm	Faith in Action
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:30 pm	Youth Group
† <u>Friday, September 22</u> ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
		Newsletter Articles Due
† <u>Sunday, September 24</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	ANNUAL MEETING
† <u>Monday, September 25</u> ~	3:30 pm	Local & Global Mission Ministry Meeting
† <u>Wednesday, September 27</u> ~	5:30 pm	Faith in Action
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:30 pm	Youth Group



September 10, 1963 ~ September 10, 2023



Faith Lutheran Church Council
Unapproved Minutes
August 15, 2023

Members present: Karen Gabriel, Nancy Hendry, Shari Strecker, Sue Temte, Pr. Josh Blair, Rose Marie Nutt, Doug Halvorson, Diane Gibas and Craig Lemieux via zoom.

Members Absent: Briana Heise, Holly Main, Derek Karels.

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Lemieux via zoom at 6:05 p.m.

Karen Gabriel gave devotion.

The secretary's report was received and after a correction that the July meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. The report was accepted after a motion by Nancy Hendry, seconded by Doug Halvorson.

The treasurer's report was given. Doug Halvorson said our finances are very good. Giving has been strong in both the general and special offerings. He stated we have a very generous congregation. Shari Strecker made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, Rose Marie Nutt seconded the motion. The report was approved.

In his report, Pr. Josh stated VBS was a success this year. Emily Miller did a great job as coordinator. The number of children attending did vary with a low in the 10s to a high in the 40s.

Pastor has made plans for the coming year for curriculum for Faith in Action and confirmation as well as scheduling for those areas.

In the past month he had one funeral and visited homebound members. He has two weddings in September and a planning meeting for the R.U.R.A.L. event coming up.

New member Sunday is scheduled for September 17. As of the council meeting date, he had 15 prospective members scheduled to join Faith.

Pastor Josh was invited to join a Holy Land pilgrimage for pastors in January, from Jan. 2 to Jan. 15. He would like to use his continuing education funds for the trip. He is allotted \$1,000 a year. Shari Strecker made a motion to allow this use of funds, seconded by Nancy Hendry. The motion passed.

Pastor Josh will be meeting with youth and parents to discuss future mission trips. Nancy Hendry stated they may be interested in looking at a schedule of every other year for a more local trip and a longer trip. A local trip could involve as little as two days of service. The youth and parents will discuss ideas of service and fund-raising activities. This is an ongoing project, and more information will be forthcoming.

Under old business:

The personnel committee has been named. Aliesha Holbert and David Miller will join President Craig Lemieux, Vice President Sue Temte and Pr. Josh on the committee.

In an update on the north wing renovation, painting has been done, the old carpet was removed, Donna Pinz agreed to make the window coverings needed and Pr. Josh found a site to order new signs. The signs will cost \$9.75 each and will match our existing signs. Rose Marie Nutt made the motion to purchase the signs, seconded by Doug Halvorson. The motion passed. Kudos were expressed for the organizing projects and work Doug and his wife Judy did on the north wing renovation.

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Faith

Pastor Josh's review will take place on Wednesday Aug. 23 at 11 a.m.

New members will meet with Pastor on Sept. 6 from 6:30 -7:30 p.m.

Assisting ministers item was tabled.

We have had two applications for the custodial position. Information will be brought to the September meeting.

Narthex lights replacement is a work in progress.

Faith's 60th anniversary celebration along with rally Sunday will be held Sept. 10. A potluck dinner will be held following church. The planning for the 60th Anniversary is ongoing. There will be monthly projects throughout the year. Planning is ongoing.

Under New business:

An artificial Christmas tree was discussed. For insurance purposes we have to move in that direction. Council looked at some information, but decided we need more options and information. The subject was tabled.

Our Home will resume meeting at Faith. The group met in the church, but during Covid, it stopped that practice. They would like to get back to those meetings.

Council member terms which are expiring were discussed. The positions will be given to the nominating committee to seek people willing to serve on council.

The second office position was discussed. Doug Halvorson made the motion, seconded by Nancy Hendry to keep the position. How we proceed will be looked at in our next meeting in September.

Annual reports are due in the office no later than Aug. 30, 2023.

Doug Halvorson asked for input on the coming budget from council members. He gave out rough drafts of where he would like information. We are to return our suggestions to him by Sunday, Aug. 20.

Committee reports:

Nancy Hendry said the worship and music committee met and developed a schedule for the coming year.

Diane Gibas said the prayer team met and they are working on ideas to spice up your prayer life. Donna Pinz has made additional prayer pillows and prayers have been sent to give to youth when they are here for church, Faith in Action, confirmation or whenever they are present at Faith.

Sue Temte said the connect committee is focused on Rally Sunday and the potluck dinner at this time.

The next regular meeting will be held one week early because of business for the annual meeting. We will meet Sept. 12 at 6 p.m.

We Pray for:

*"Rally Sunday", September 10
60th Anniversary celebration, September 10
New Member Sunday, September 17
WOW, Monday, Sept. 18 @ 6:30 p.m.
Youth Lock-in, September 23
Annual Meeting, September 24*

*Sunday School - Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Faith in Action - Wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m.
Confirmation - Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group - Wednesdays @ 7:30 p.m.*

60 for 60 - Snacks for school

*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?
Let your breathing support your praying.***

Without any words, take time to focus on your breathing. Notice the rhythm of your breathing and how it just happens on its own. This is God letting you know through your breathing, that he is with you at all times.

Now with words, try breathing through your prayers? They are called breath prayers, and can be either Bible verses or short statements that coincide with your breathing. This allows you to be in God's presence anywhere and at any time...while asking for his strength and wisdom throughout the day. Your breathing is your continual connection with God.

To begin a breath prayer, focus your heart and mind on God. Then say a few short words of your prayer as you inhale and a few words as you exhale. Continue in this manner until your prayer has been said. Or, say a Bible verse, breathing in and out at the end of the verse. Repeat that same verse over and over again, each time removing one phrase from the end until only one phrase or word remains. Then, work your way back to the full verse. Always, remembering to breath in and out at the end of each line that is said.

Breath prayers are easy and can be personalized in many ways. And, they can be done while waking, doing tasks, or just relaxing. During the month of September, there will be guides available to help you with your Breath Prayers.



Children's Prayer Time

Dear Lord,
Thank you for each new day. (Breathe in)
For protecting me, (breathe out)
for guiding me, (breathe in)
and for loving me. (breathe out) Amen.



Dear God, we are sorry we have not cared for your creation as you have asked. Yet, you continue to give us many reasons to be thankful. Those sunny days and beautiful flowers. The thunder storms that bring rain to our dry earth. For the color green of crops, plants and trees. For the many sounds of nature— from wind rustling in the trees; water splashing against the shore; to singing birds and animals playing. For our families, our friends and most especially for you in our lives. We thank you for watching over us, keeping us safe and for times spent with family and friends. With summer coming to an end and we look towards September, help us stay focused on you and all that is important in our lives. Help us embrace all that you have planned for us this fall. Give us big hearts to help others, to reach out to those who need help, and most important to make you a part of our lives each day.

- We are grateful for the safety and protection you have provided us from storms and tragedies. We lift up all who have lost property and lives due to tragic storms, unrelenting heat and devastating fires across this country and throughout the world.
- Be with all who struggle with life issues and are dealing with health problems. Draw near to all those living in fear or anxiety and are grieving the loss of loved ones. We especially lift up those who are on our prayer network.
- We look forward to Rally Sunday when our church choir resumes, new acolytes will be starting, and our youth return to confirmation, Sunday School, and Faith in Action. Guide our youth group as they continue to meet. Fill them all with excitement and enthusiasm as they begin a new year of learning and growing in their faith.
- Encourage all who enjoy music to be drawn to be part of the church choir. We thank all musicians for the message they bring through their music .
- You have given us the past 60 years to be a vibrant, growing and vital part of this community. This church was built on faith, with dreams and ideas for carrying out your ministry work. May that same faith continue in all of us.
- Be present with us at our annual meeting as we meet and vote on future plans for Faith. Guide our work and the work of our church council. We thank you for those members completing terms on council and we pray for your guidance and direction for the continuing and incoming council members. Help us as a congregation to support them through our actions and prayers.
- Thank you for drawing people to be part of this congregation. Open our hearts to those who are joining as new members. May we welcome them into our family of faith, pray for them and help them become involved in the activities and work of our church.
- Bless Isla as she becomes a baptized member of our church family. Continue to support her parents and sponsors as they bring her up in the Christian faith.
- Be with Pastor Josh as he continues to lead us in our walk of faith and may we support him in his ministry work.
- As our children return to school, help them be respectful and show your love in their words and actions.
- We thank you for bringing the Rural Music Fest to our community. Let it have a lasting and positive impact on the lives of all who attended.
- Be with our youth at their lock-in. May it be a time of fun and friendship, while learning, sharing, and growing spiritually for all involved.
- Your spirit moves in our hearts and through our lives. Guide us so that we may understand the significance of how important we all are to the ministry of this church. Each week in September we pray for the following.
 - Week of September 3 – Dee Berg; Frank and Ellie Bertek; Samantha Christle, Aaron, Ivan, and Isla Bitzan; Ronda Bjornson.
 - Week of September 10 – Randy and LaDonna Blackorbay; Pastor Josh Blair; Helen Bland; Wayne and Linda Boike.
 - Week of September 17 – Jon, Jodi, Isaiah, Ethan, and Noah Borg; Paul, Sue, and Justin Borgfelt; Dennis and Ilene Boser.
 - Week of September 24 – Mark and Becky Bruske; Brianna Bruske, David Hill, Rylenn, Roman, Estelle, and June; Lenore Bryant.

Continue to work in and through our lives so we can serve you unconditionally. 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.)**

All voting members are encouraged to attend.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Faith Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting
Sunday, September 24, 2023
10:45 am

****Please get your reports to the office!****



Faith Lutheran Choir will kick-off our 2023-24 singing season with a potluck and rehearsal at Barb & Craig Magnan's at 1 pm, Sunday, September 17th. We welcome both returning singers and new members. You don't have to know how to read music or how to be a choir member. If you love to sing, or want to learn how to sing, or just want to hang out with these really cool people who are choir members --

We welcome you.

Rehearsals are from 5 pm to 6 pm most Sundays.


SAVE	SUNDAY SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 17TH 2023	THE
DATE	2220
 Faith Lutheran Church <i>To Grow and Serve</i>	 E Lake Street Isle, MN 56342

Sunday School starts September 17th after church until 11:15 a.m. Children of all ages are invited. They will get a quick break for fellowship, and we'll head off to learn more about that day's worship service. The curriculum for the year will be based on each Sunday's service.

Thank you to the Sunday School teachers for their willingness to help bring this vital Christian education to our Faith children, and to the community, as well. We have several that have volunteered and will rotate throughout the school year. We are excited to offer this ministry and look forward to the coming year.


If you would like to help in any way, please contact one of our SS teachers ... Leta Christensen, Blair Larson, Janine Thielen, Bev Severson, Tonja Eklund, Tara Soderstrom, Kristi Pedersen.





Join us in a celebration!

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION



October 1st

Sunday | 9:30 am, 220 E Lake St. Isle, MN 56342

FAITH IN ACTION
returns

13TH Wednesdays
5:30pm
220 EAST LAKE STREET
ISLE, MN 56342

SEPTEMBER

For more information & schedule visit
FAITHISLE.ORG 320-676-3161

Faith Lutheran Church
To Grow and Serve

SAVE THE DATE

13TH SEPT - 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

220 E Lake St.
Isle, MN 56359

GRADES 7-12 WELCOME

☆ *it's* ☺ 

CONFIRMATION TIME

@FAITH LUTHERAN

SEPT. 13 6:30PM ☆

FAITH LUTHERAN 220 E LAKE ST.
ISLE, MN 56342

CONTACT PASTOR JOSH
WITH ANY QUESTIONS ☆

YOUTH
Haunted Hayride
\$19 per person
followed by
Lock-In
until
Midnight



Sunday, September 10th

† Rally Sunday

† Blessing of the Backpacks

† Faith's 60th Anniversary Celebration

† POTLUCK

WEDNESDAY
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it's
CONFIRMATION TIME
6:30PM

FAITH IN ACTION
5:30pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
7:30pm

Faith Lutheran Church
To Grow and Serve

Dear Faith Church Family,

As you know, in September we will celebrate our 60th anniversary. To celebrate our blessings, the Local and Global Missions team has put together a list of items to collect throughout the year - 60 items per month to represent our 60 years.

For September, we will be collecting food items for Isle Schools, pre-K through high school. Snacks are given to kids who come to school hungry and/or can't afford to bring or buy snacks during the school day. These need to be healthy snacks - fruit cups, granola bars, apple sauce, pudding cups, easy mac cups, etc. **IMPORTANT: NO NUTS.**

Please put your snacks in the bin in the narthex. Our goal is 60 packages of snacks by the end of September.

For those of you who like to look for sales or for the snowbirds who want to buy ahead, here is the list for the year. We will provide details as we introduce the new item each month.

- September Snacks for school
- October Cash or food for Isle Food Shelf
- November 60 hours of community volunteer service
- December Gifts - Isle school program, ELCA, Toys for Tots, etc
- January Socks and gloves
- February Blankets
- March Winter jackets (find sale items for next year)
- April Baby needs/items (diapers, formula)
- May 60 hours of community volunteer service
- June Hygiene items and laundry soap
- July School supplies
- August Water bottles for school kids



Thanking God for our blessings and thanking you for your generosity,

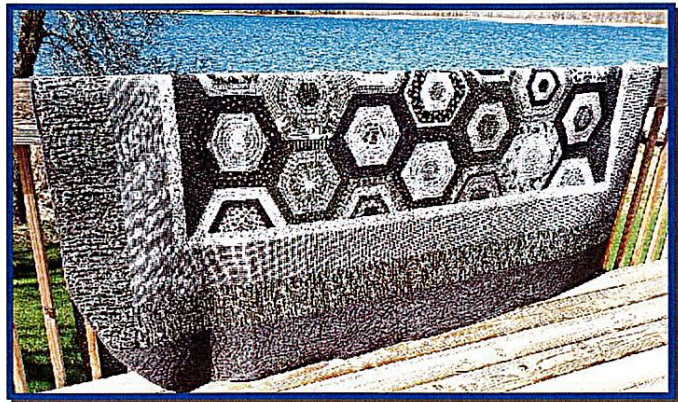
Local and Global Missions Team
Bev Severson
Diane Gibas
Karen Gabriel
Nancy Hendry

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

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.

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.

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

Phone: 320-532-3767
Email: camponomia@gmail.com



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



We would like to say a big Thank You to all of those who volunteer in our Church and in our Community. We especially want to thank

Joan Lundquist who gives many hours of her time at

ONE MORE TIME in Isle. 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.



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 30	\$3,317.00
August 6	\$2,465.00
August 13	\$4,566.00
August 20	\$2,929.00
August 27	\$2,015.00



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



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

9/01	Rick Gabriel	9/22	Ashlyn Cooper
9/05	Judy Halvorson	9/24	Kristi Hill
9/05	Donna McClain	9/25	Dee Berg
9/07	Kristin Cooper	9/25	Nicholas Eklund
9/07	Joel Madson	9/25	Tristan Heise
9/08	Anthony Hill	9/26	Beverly Waddell
9/08	Byron Menke	9/26	Karla Fredrick
9/08	Katie Raverty	9/27	Lacy Karels
9/10	Jodi Borg	9/27	Marcy Anderson
9/12	Charles Robertson	9/28	Bryan Karels
9/13	Becky Bruske	9/28	Grace Lazorik
9/15	Isaiah Borg	9/29	Max Christensen
9/16	Margie Christensen	9/29	Taylor Haggberg
9/17	Jaime Strohmeier	9/30	Tyler Soderstrom
9/19	Danie Larson		



Anniversaries

9/13	Jeremy & Lynn Lemm
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.

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 2023

Scripture Readers:

September 3 - Sandy Nies
September 10 - Sue Gustner
September 17 - Sue Borgfelt
September 24 - Sue Borgfelt

Ushers:

September 3 - Doc Moss, Larry Nutt
September 10 - Rod & Pam Peterson
September 17 - Curt & Di Miller
September 24 - Mike & Michele Haggberg

Greeters:

September 3 - Kevin Slama Family
September 10 - Craig & Jane Lemieux
September 17 - Jon Borg Family
September 24 - Judy Crace,
Dave Morneau

Prayer Station:

September 3 - _____
September 10 - _____
September 17 - _____
September 24 - _____

Acolytes:

September 3 - Blake Larson
September 10 - Tristan Schweich
September 17 - Maverick K, Parker G
September 24 - Trinity B, Blake Karels

Communion Prep Team:

September 3 - _____
September 10 - _____
September 17 - _____
September 24 - _____

Communion Assistants:

September 3 - Al & Sue Gustner
September 10 - Al & Sue Gustner
September 17 - Craig Magnan,
Larry Nutt
September 24 - Ronda Bjornson,
Holly Main

Coffee Servers:

September 3 - Tonja Eklund Family
September 10 - POTLUCK
Council & Connect
September 17 - David & Nancy Miller
Joyce Miller
September 24 - Bill & Ellory Christianson,
Shari Strecker

Thank You for Serving!

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee	28	29 7:30pm - Youth Group	30 10am - Gather to Pray	31	1	2 9am - AA Big Book
3 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee	4 LABOR DAY	5 7:30pm - Youth Group	6 10am - Gather to Pray 6:30pm - New Member	7	8 10am - Prayer Shawl	9 9am - AA Big Book
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[Click Here for September 2023 Calendar](#)



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



Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am–2:00pm
 Monday & Friday - Closed
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 PO Box 71, Isle, MN 56342
 Website: www.faithisle.org
 E-mail: yougotfaith@frontier.com
 Josh Blair, Pastor (951) 575-5027
 Craig Lemieux, Council President

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 → 