

FAITH Lutheran Church
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FOCUS ON FAITH
June 2022



MISSION STATEMENT: In responding to God's great love to us in Christ Jesus, FAITH Lutheran Church dedicates itself to the continual growth of Christ's Church in Bridgeport, in all of Michigan and the United States of America, and into all of the world through....

- **Fellowshipping** around the Gospel (*Acts 2:42*)
- **Administering** the Means of Grace (*1 Cor. 4:1*)
- **Investing** our time and talents (*2 Cor. 9:7, 8*)
- **Teaching** the Christian FAITH (*2 Tim. 2:2*)
- **Helping** those in need (*Matt. 25:40*)

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JUNE

Birthdays

- 1 LuAnn Ferchau
- 2 Beverly King, *Kalen Swanson
- 4 Nancy Alma
- 5 Tim Ross
- 6 Lillian Creer, Emy Goodman, Ron Reinbold
- 9 Mindy Hoffmann
- 12 Brendan Bowns, Ryan Swanson
- 13 Pat Finerty
- 14 Barbara Pierce
- 16 Kay Duve, Danielle Varney
- 17 Lori Miller
- 19 *Madison Swanson
- 23 Wesley Ferchau
- 25 Carol Dickhausen
- 27 Fred Bond
- 30 Steve Dedyne, Brenda McNally

*children

Anniversaries

- 5 Thomas & Barbara Pierce
- 14 William & Sandy Stroup
- 16 Keith & Denise Mosey
- 22 John & Connie Powell



If we have missed anyone or made an error, please contact the church office at 989-777-2600 or faithluthchurch@yahoo.com

Serving at FAITH

Altar Guild: Denise Mosey, Shirley Lehman, Barb Pierce

Ushers:

June 5	Group 2
June 12	Group 2
June 19	Group 3
June 26	Group 3

Group 2

Bill Niedrich
Joe Sylvester
Tim Ross
Matt Hoffmann

Group 3

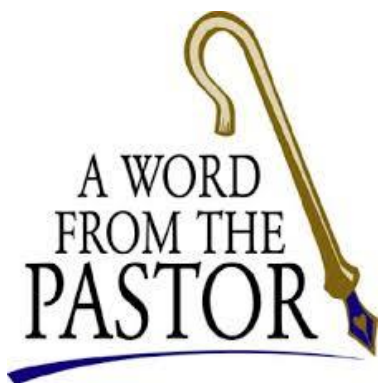
Jim Jordan
Bob Ferchau
Steve Dedyne
Tom Pierce
Tom Gerken

Lector:

June 5	Laurie Lisk
June 12	Mary Sylvester
June 19	Don Christiansen
June 26	Denise Mosey

Greeters:

June 5	Ed & Louise Davis	Steve & Dorothy Dedyne
June 12	Denise Mosey	Betty Moggo
June 19	Ron & Karin Reinbold	Don & Judy Christiansen
June 26	Rachel Szaroletta	Linda Williams



Family

As I write this, my immediate family and I are getting ready to host many of our extended family to celebrate the graduations of our daughter Danielle and our Chinese daughter Gigi. It will also be a going away party for Gigi as she will be returning to China on July 2nd. This a last chance for many to see her before she leaves.

This got me to thinking about families. In a very real sense, you can pick your friends, but not your family. Your family is who God gives to you, whether they would be your choice or not. This includes not only blood relatives, but also those who marry into your family. It can even include those adopted into the family or, in our case, someone who came in by chance as a foreign exchange student needing a home and soon becoming a large part of our lives for the last seven years.

With all this diversity and chance, there is a good chance that you will get along with some more than others. Sometimes, there will be even be people you don't like, but they are still family. Luckily for Heidi and me, our families get along fairly well, but I know that is not the case for everyone. Still, there is a bond to being family and this hopefully makes for a closeness that is hard to duplicate outside of family. Friends may come and go, but family is forever.

The church is a family also. This is a family united in the blood of Jesus Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in each one of us. Again, there will be some people we get along with more than others, and maybe even some people we struggle to get along with at all, but we are still family. There is a bond between us in Christ that is impossible to duplicate outside of him.

The problem is that sometimes we lose sight of this. We treat our church family as burdens or as annoyances. We think they are optional parts of our lives and do not really see a need for them, but this is not how it is supposed to be. The apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians that we are all one body with Christ being the head. We are members one of another. He says that we cannot say we do not need the other parts of the body or that we aren't part of the body as that would not be true. We are a part of each other because we are a part of Christ. We are family because God adopted us all into his family in our baptisms. We just need to remember we are family and love one another as family, because family is forever, literally, in Christ.

--To God be the glory--

Pastor Tim Behnke

Food Distribution: Thursday, June 9th is the date of our next Food Distribution at Faith. If you would like to help please be at Faith at 8:00 am for setup, please see Ed Gubbins if you have any question.

Thank you Pastor Behnke for praying and calling me while I was in rehab. I am so blessed to have my FAITH family. Thank you all for the cards and phone calls.

Kate Pavlicek

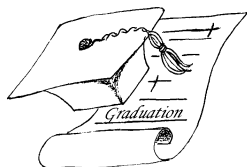


Confirmed in Christ: FAITH rejoices with *Natalie Spencer* the congregation's 2022 Junior Confirmand. She made a public confession of their FAITH in Jesus Christ as he affirmed his baptismal vows in the Rite of Confirmation during the 9:00 worship service on May 15.



Con-graduate-tions: FAITH will recognize the Class of 2022 during the 9:00 am worship service on June 5th and with a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the service. FAITH rejoices with family

and friends on this milestone in their FAITH-walk through life to life eternal, and prays God's continued blessings on them as they continue putting their FAITH into practice in their daily lives.



WOMEN OF FAITH

Thirteen women met on Thursday May 19th. We enjoyed snacks and fellowship. This is our last meeting of 2021/2022 year.

Book Club: for our Spring reading Harold Bell Wright's, "Shepherd of the Hills", is a delightful story of how the simple life in the Ozark hill country impacts a stranger from the city, and how his intellectual philosophy and character become valuable elements in the lives of his new friends. If you would like a book, see Shirley Lehman.

LWML Spring Rally was held on Saturday, May 21st at FAITH.

We celebrated the 80th Birthday of LWML with games, prizes and cake and ice cream. Many women from the Saginaw Valley Zone attended.

Big News LWML 2022 Michigan District Convention, "My Sheep Hear My Voice" (John 10: 27-30) is set for July 7th – 9th in Frankenmuth. This will be the 80th Anniversary of LWML. How awesome to have it be right in our back door. Registration is open. If you need help, see Denise Mosey or Mary Sylvester.

We will have our first annual picnic at Spaulding Park on June 9th at 4:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish to pass.

Rummage Sale thank you to everyone for helping set-up, donate items, and purchasing item. The Youth were able to raise over \$1,000.00 to use when attending the Youth Gathering in July. Thank you to Kim Stroup for leading the sale.

What's your 80? LWML will be 80 next year. We are collecting can goods for Community Church food pantry. You can still bring in your can food item. Drop your item in the box by the parking lot side.

Lutheran World Relief we are collecting for "Gifts of Love." There are so many in need. We take for granted simple daily things such as water, food, milk and many more. With your help we will be able to help feed families by providing them with seeds, animals to raise, clean water, chickens, medical supplies, school supplies. With your monetary donation we can purchase some of these desperately needed items. Give your check made out to Women of Faith or give your cash to Susan Koehr, Denise Mosey, Louise Davis, or Laurie Lisk.

Serve him with Gladness
Denise Mosey
President Women of FAITH

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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Michigan Blood
MI blood saves
lives!

Make an appointment! Call the church office
777-2600 or see the sign- up sheet on the
counter in the Narthex.

COME JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "FRIENDS IN FAITH"

June 14-16th 6-8:00 p.m.

Parents are always welcome to join us for closing every night (7:45)



AGES: PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE
FREE FOR ALL! Freewill donation will be accepted.

Please Note:

Thursday, June 16th we will be having a taco bar for the kids. We will be ending at 8:30 on Thursday.

If you have any questions call the church office 989-777-2600 or Mindy Hoffmann 989-928-1229.

Register early; class size is limited. First come, first serve.

Name: _____ T-Shirt Size: (circle your child's size)

Age: _____ Phone # _____ **Kids:** S M L **Adult:** S M L XL

Parent Name: _____ Email: _____

Allergies: _____