

FAITH Lutheran Church
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FOCUS ON FAITH
June 2025



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....

- Fellowshiping 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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Serving.

Service is at the heart of Christianity. When Jesus said “...*whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all*”, he redefined what it means leadership and greatness. He also set a course for his followers. We are to be servants of one another and of all, including those who do not follow Christ or who may not like us, even our enemies. Jesus went on to say “*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many*” and these were not empty words. He washed the disciples’ feet at the last supper. He fed the 5000 when he was tired and wanted to be alone with his disciples. He healed many again and again. He especially served us as he gave “*his life as a ransom for many*” by dying in our place on the cross.

The problem is that we don’t always want to serve. This may be because we want to be served or that we feel it is beneath us to serve some people. It may be because we have served in the past and either had a bad experience or think that we have done our time and others need to serve now. We may also just be burned out.

The truth is that there is no end to serving. We are to be servants as long as we are alive. However, balance is the key as in all of Christianity. If we serve in everything, we usually are not as effective and may burn out. Also, we may remove the opportunity for others to serve by doing it all ourselves.

Finding where to serve takes prayer, but also open eyes and ears. We need to see the need, but also to listen for requests. We need to consider if this is where God would have us serve as well as if we should give up other service as we take up a new one. We do want to use our gifts, but also need to consider that God will equip us as he calls us to new service. In the end, it is about loving others and doing our Father’s work as his children. Besides, that’s what it means to be great and to be a follower of Christ.

--To God be the glory--

Pastor Tim Behnke

JUNE

Birthdays



- 1 LuAnn Ferchau
- 2 *Kalen Swanson
- 4 Nancy Alma
- 5 Tim Ross, *Nora Martus
- 6 Lillian Creer, Emy Goodman, Ron Reinbold, *Freya Collins,
*Eloise Collins
- 9 Mindy Hoffmann
- 12 Brendan Bowns, Ryan Swanson
- 13 Pat Finerty
- 14 Barb Pierce
- 15 Domingo Rodriguez
- 16 Kay Duve, Danielle Varney
- 17 Lori Miller
- 19 *Madison Swanson
- 23 Wesley Ferchau
- 25 Carol Dickhausen
- 30 Steve Dedyne, Brenda McNally

*children

Anniversaries

- 14 William & Sandy Stroup
- 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

Elder: June 1 Ed Gubbins
 June 15 Mike Hastedt

Altar Guild: Dorothy Dedyne, Shirley Lehman, Barb Pierce

Ushers:

June 1 Group 2
June 8 Group 2
June 15 Group 3
June 22 Group 3
June 29 Group 4

Lector:

June 1 Rachel Szaroletta
June 8 Mary Sylvester
June 15 Laurie Lisk
June 22 Mindy Hoffmann
June 29 Heidi Behnke

Greeters:

June 1 Shirley Lehman; Kathy Jordan
June 8 Linda Williams, Betty Moggo and Rose Foster
June 15 Dean & Jill Notter
June 22 Ron & Karin Reinblod
June 29 Joan Wolf, Rachel Szaroletta

Fellowship: Ron & Karin Reinbold

Kidz' Word:

June 1 Louise Davis
June 8 Archie Swanson
June 15 Pastor Behnke
June 22 Doug Williams
June 29 Archie Swanson

**Women of Faith End of Year Picnic
Potluck
Tuesday, June 17th 5:30 p.m.**

**Location: The gazebo at the State Street Bridge
behind the old gas station and across the path
from the Lamplighter.**



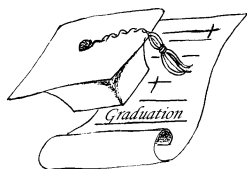
All women are invited to join us for our End of Year Potluck Picnic! Please sign up at the counter in the Narthex. Bring your own Plates and silverware.

Bring a Dish to share!

We will be planning the upcoming year for Women of Faith.

If you have any questions please see Heidi Behnke or Charlene Bosquet.

Food Distribution: Thursday, June 14th 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.



Con-graduate-tions: FAITH will recognize Emy Davis and Hannah Stroup Graduating Senior Class of 2025 during the 9:00 am worship service on June 1st 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.

Bridgeport Historical Village
FREE FARM & FLEA MARKET

Every Thursday!

June 5 through September 24, 2025

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Bridgeport Historical Village

6190 Dixie Highway

Next to the Bridgeport Fire Department

FREE SPACES!

Bring your own tables & chairs

Sell Garden Produce, Rummage, Antiques, etc.

For more information, call 989-777-5230

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Thursday, June 5th Setup

Friday, June 6th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday, June 7th - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

FAITH Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

4241 Williamson Road

Bridgeport, MI

All rummage donations can be placed in
the Fellowship Hall behind the
curtain.

*If you would like to help, please
contact the church office 777-2600 or
see Dearaine Gubbins.*

Opportunities for

serving at FAITH

Hand Bell Choir
Chancel Choir
Sunday School Teacher
Youth Group Leader
Bible Study Leader

Board Members
Board of Property & Finance
Board of Elders
Board of Christian Education
The Administrative Council

Altar Guild
Women of FAITH
Lector
Kidz' Word
Ushers
Operating Sound system
Caring Cards
Host for coffee hour
Greeters

Seasoned Citizens–We would like to start this back up!
If you are interested in organizing Seasoned Citizens
please call the church office 989-777-2600.

There are many ways to serve our Lord here at FAITH if you would like
more information on any of these please contact the church office or see
Doug Williams.