

***FAITH Lutheran Church***  
***Offering Christ-Centered Childcare and Preschool***  
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***FOCUS ON FAITH***  
***June 2026***



**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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He wants to hear.

My wife and I have had a kitten since last November. I have had cats before but I have never had one that was this vocal. She is constantly talking to us. She meows when she wants food or at least fresher food. She meows when she wants attention or to play. She meows when she wants to be held. She sometimes meows just to be heard. The reason she talks so much to us is that she knows we care and will most likely take care of her needs. She trusts us.

This is how we are supposed to be with our heavenly father. We need to be talking to him for everything. When we are hurt, scared, happy, lonely, etc., we need to be turning to him. The problem is that we often do not do this. Sometimes it is because we forget that we can because we are so focused on the problem or situation rather than him. Sometimes, it is because we think the problem is too small for him and we will save the big things for him. Sometimes it is because we don't always trust him to hear us or to give us the answer we want. Sometimes we just want to rely on ourselves.

The truth is that he does want to hear everything from you. He cares. He loves you and wants to be there and to bear your burdens. He wants you to rely on him because it is good for us to do so. And in the end, he will answer every prayer, maybe not the way we want but what is best for us. You can trust him for that.

--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**

- 1 Blake & Laura McConnell
- 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](mailto:faithluthchurch@yahoo.com)*

## Serving at FAITH

**Elder:** June 7      Bill Stroup  
              June 21     Steve Dedyne

**Altar Guild:** Dorothy Dedyne, Shirley Lehman, Barb Pierce

### Ushers:

June 7            Group 2  
June 14          Group 2  
June 21          Group 3  
June 28          Group 3

### Lector:

June 7            Heidi Behnke  
June 14          Jean Lisee  
June 21          Mary Sylvester  
June 28          Mindy Hoffmann

### Greeters:

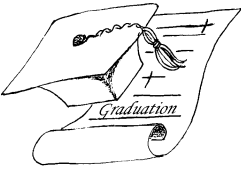
June 7  
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June 28

**Fellowship:** Ron & Karin Reinbold

### Kidz' Word:

June 7            Louise Davis  
June 14          Archie Swanson  
June 21          Doug Williams  
June 28          Pastor Behnke

**Food Distribution:** Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Natalie Spencer Graduating Senior Class of 2026 during the 9:00 am worship service on June 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mites:** Thank you for donating to the "Noisy Mites" collection. This month we collected \$110.00. Your donations help support LWML Missions. Mites can also be dropped in the Church bank at the Sharing Station anytime. Our next collection is June 13.

**Women of Faith:** We recently sent a donation to I Support the 1% Veterans Food Pantry. The funds were from our RADA Cutlery sales. Thank you for your support.

Valley Lutheran also has openings for the following coaching positions:

- Varsity Women's Basketball Head Coach
- Freshman Women's Volleyball Coach

For more information about any of these positions or for directions to apply, go to [www.vlhs.com/jobs](http://www.vlhs.com/jobs).

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> Setup  
Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - 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.

# Community Baby Shower

June 6, 2026

2-4 p.m.

In 2026, it is expected 2,500 new precious babies will be born in Saginaw County. Of those, approximately 33% will be born to first time Moms. In Saginaw County, 22.6% of children live in poverty. 2 Churches with 1 Goal & 1 Event at **Bridgeport Community church, 3821 State St. Bridgeport.**

We are collecting NEW:

Diapers all sizes	Strollers	High Chairs
Wipes	Pack N Play	Car Seats
Baby Shampoo	Baby lotion	Bouncers
Baby Conditioner	Baby Bottles	Blankets
Cribs	Pacifiers	Diaper bages
Wash Clothes	Baby Hygene items	

Please place your items in the tote located outside of Faith's Fellowship Hall.

Help us change the lives of 30 new moms and their precious babies!

If you know or are an expectant Mom please RSVP at 313-597-7854.

For questions please contact Claudia Delgado at 989-327-0331.