

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

Professional Staff:

Rev. Timothy Behnke, Pastor, 989-401-8537

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Karlie Fournier Preschool and Childcare Director, 989-777-2702

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Serving at FAITH in August

Elders:

August 7 Steve Dedyne, Archie Swanson

August 21 Gary Green, Mike Hastedt

Altar Guild: Terri Buchinger, Denise Mosey
Brenda Padgett

Ushers:

August 7 Group 2

August 14 Group 2

August 21 Group 3

August 28 Group 3

Group 2	Group 3
Bill Niedrich	Jim Jordan
Joe Sylvester	Bob Ferchau
Tim Ross	Steve Dedyne
Matt Hoffmann	Tom Pierce

Kidz' Word: Doug Williams

Lector:

August 7 Denise Mosey

August 14 Rachel Szaroletta

August 21 Mindy Hoffmann

August 28 Laurie Lisk

Gifts.

Most people enjoy getting gifts. They are usually associated with birthdays, anniversaries, baby or bridal showers, Christmas, graduations and the like, but can also be for no specific reason. They let people know how special they are to us. Giving gifts is a good thing and usually makes us feel better. Getting gifts is a good thing too and also usually makes us feel better.

God also gives gifts and does so abundantly. He gives us each unique gifts and abilities when we are born; no two people are gifted exactly alike. He gives us gifts in our baptism, including faith, forgiveness of sins and adoption as his children. The Holy Spirit gives us gifts as he sees fit in order to further God's kingdom. He even gives his word as a gift. However, the best gift he gave was his word made flesh in Jesus Christ, our savior, who died so we might live. God definitely loves giving gifts. It shows us how special we are to him and how much he loves us.

The question is what do we do with these gifts? The tendency of our fallen sinful natures is to use the gifts for our own good and to hoard them. This is not what God intended. He wants us to use them for his glory and for the benefit of our neighbor. Now, it's not wrong to use your gifts and abilities to provide what you need in life, as that is necessary for us to make a living, but we need to remember the gifts came from God and give him thanks and praise. Also, by using them in this way if we have the capability, we are helping our neighbor by not being an unnecessary burden on others.

The best part about using our gifts for others is not only the satisfaction we get from helping others and participating in God's work, but is the fact that as we are using our gifts for others, especially in our church family, they are using their gifts for us. This allows us to become interdependent as God intended. When we do that, then we really are the body of Christ, working together to help one another and to do his work. When we do that, the body will thrive and the church will grow both in maturity and hopefully in number as people see true Christian love in what we do and say. May God work in us here at Faith Lutheran church to do this in our midst.

--To God be the glory--*Pastor Tim Behnke*



- 1 Patti Baughman
- 3 John Dudock
- 6 Helen Hammond, Jean Whitmore
- 8 Tyler Stroup, *Josiah Stamper
- 10 Dorothy Dedyne, Ed Gubbins, Vicki Lewis, Mary Sylvester
- 11 Brenda Padgett
- 19 Shandra Wright
- 20 Emelia Davis
- 24 Jillian Lovett, Chelsey Fitzgerald
- 26 Howard Kuch
- 27 *Kyle Herzberg Jr.
- 28 Bill Rosencrans
- 30 Rose Foster

Anniversaries:

- 3 Ed & Dearaine Gubbins
- 6 Jeff & Sharril McNally
- 8 Brandon & Amanda Gubbins
- 9 Brandon & Hollie Britton
- 12 Ryan & Kelley Swanson
- 14 Ron & Karin Reinbold
- 16 Dave & Kim Stroup
- 20 Don & Shirley Lehman
- 22 Lee & Barb Hoffmann, Ethan & Billie Ayala
- 25 Dwight & Brenda McNally
- 29 Don & Judy Christiansen

*Children-if we have missed anyone or made an error please contact the church office 777-2600.



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL JUNE ITEM OF INTEREST

Pastor Timothy Behnke reported that he led 7 Sunday Worship Services, 7 Monday Night Worship Services, and 4 Preschool Chapels.

Pastoral Care: 19 Prayer contacts/care, 7 Office visits, 2 Hospital/Shut-in, 6 Home visits, 16 Supervision, 17 other. **Official Acts:** Funeral of Harvey Reimer. Baptism of Harper

Olivia Varney.

Property and Finance: **Dwight McNally** reported that budget receipts through June \$288,754.73 which is \$28,112.07 ahead of budget receipts for the same period in 2021. Preschool/Childcare receipts through June totaled \$126,337.45 This is \$19,382.11 behind the same period last year. Budget receipts through June were \$5,903.27 behind budget requirements.

Preschool/Childcare: **Barb Swanson** reported that they have 56 children enrolled. Total tuition for June \$19,762.74. **Pastor Behnke** continues to have Chapel with the children every Thursday. Louise Davis continues Jesus Time on Friday.

Outreach: **Ed Gubbins** reported that there are no dates for Food Distribution or Blood Drive.

Elders: **Ed Gubbins** reported that elder schedule is all set for June, July, and August.

Respectively Summited, Denise Mosey



Teachers are needed for this fall! If you would like to serve as a Sunday school teacher please see Mindy Hoffmann.

Calling all Women we are working on the Women of FAITH directory. Please let Barb know if your phone number, email, or address has changed. Thank you Denise Mosey

Food Distribution: The next date for our Food Distribution is August 11. Please see Ed Gubbins if you have any questions.

Thank you: Doug & Linda Williams for your donation of new trash cans for the kitchen.

Rescue Mission Sack Lunch Items needed each month:

14 packages of lunch meat (180 slices, two per sandwich)
11 loaves of bread 100 small bags of chips
100 sack paper bags 100 sandwich bags
100 snack bags
6 large deluxe sandwich cookies (choc and vanilla in the same package) (two for each person)
1 jar of Jam (any flavor) 1 jar of Peanut butter

These items need to be at the church no later than the 2nd Friday of each month. Please put them in the kitchen marked RESCUE MISSION or if you would like to give a cash donation please leave it with Barb or contact me katharris_30@yahoo.com or 989-780-2691.

WOMEN OF FAITH JULY NEWSLETTER

The LWML Michigan District Convention was held in Frankenmuth with 520 women and men in attendance.

Servant Events included tying lap blankets, making eye glass cases for MOST Ministries, weaving mats for the homeless, sorting and trimming stamps. There were many Bible Studies and Exhibits to explore. LWML is eighty this year. We celebrated with games and cake and ice cream. We passed fourteen Mission Grants totaling \$361,875.00 for the next biennium. The 2024 Michigan District Convention will be held at the Amway in Grand Rapids.

Plan on attending our Ice Cream Social on August 18th at 5:00 p.m. We will be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Come and enjoy great fellowship as we gather to do the mission work of the Lord.

Plan to attend our September 15th meeting. Linda Williams, Louise Davis, and Susan Koehr will give you highlights of the convention.

Your executive board is working hard at planning a year filled with fellowship, potlucks, mission work, speakers, and fun projects. Pray for us as we make these decisions.

With God All Things Are Possible
Denise Mosey
President Women of FAITH

New Church Pictorial Directory – Just in time for our 75th Anniversary

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album. We will be taking pictures September 28 thru October 1. You are welcome to schedule now, via the online scheduling, or we will have Sign Up sheets starting in September.

Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!

If you have any questions, please contact any of one the committee members:

Roberta Fent (roberta.fent@gmail.com) or 989-326-9901

Dorothy Dedyne

Jennifer Spencer

Susan Koehr

Also, if you are on a church board or part of a church activity, please take a group picture and be ready to submit those in September. We look forward to having everyone participate. Thanks.

Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **mi1674** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday.

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.