

FAITH Lutheran Church
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FOCUS ON FAITH
August, 2023



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 at FAITH in August

Elders:

August 6 Steve Dedyne

August 20 Archie Swanson

Altar Guild: Terri Buchinger, Brenda Padgett

Ushers:

August 6 Group 1

August 13 Group 2

August 20 Group 2

August 27 Group 3

Group 2

Bill Niedrich

Joe Sylvester

Tim Ross

Matt Hoffmann

Group 3

Jim Jordan

Bob Ferchau

Steve Dedyne

Tom Pierce

Group 1

Ron Reinbold

Kidz' Word: Doug Williams

Lector:

August 6 Heidi Behnke

August 13 Rachel Szaroletta

August 20 Mary Sylvester

August 27 Laurie Lisk

Greeters:

August 6 Rachel Szaroletta; Diane Gubbins

August 13 Linda Williams; Betty Moggo; Rose Foster

August 20 Steve & Dorothy Dedyne; Dearaine Gubbins

August 27 Louise Davis; Shirley Lehman

If God is for us, what then?

We have been blessed this summer to go through much of the middle part of Paul's epistle to the Romans during our worship services. Romans is a great book to study because it lays out basic Christian teaching in clear, complete steps. So, we have been reminded of our identity as baptized children of God and how we are to live this out. We also have been reminded that the Law, while good, only leads to condemnation, while being led by the Spirit leads to life. The biggest thing we have learned is that God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is for us and that nothing can separate us from their love. So what does that mean for our daily lives?

First, we don't have to live in fear, either of messing up or of losing God's favor. When we do mess up, we know that the price is paid and we can turn back to God and continue following him. Also, we know that his love is based on who he is, a loving good God, not on what we have done, whether good or bad. This frees us to live as the people of God, not trying to earn his favor or worrying about messing up, while earnestly trying to do his will by loving God and others.

Secondly, it allows us to be honest about our faults and struggles as part of our Christian walk. It allows us to be authentic and vulnerable with our brothers and sisters in Christ. This helps us as we can get help in our struggles as others encourage us and walk beside us. It helps others in the fact that they see the struggle against sin is a real part of our walk with Christ. It lets them know that they are not failed Christians and that they can seek help and encouragement from other Christians without being judged.

Finally, it helps us to show grace to others as God has shown us grace. We can be accepting of them despite their faults and struggles, just as God is accepting of us. We can love them, not because they are easy to love or because they have earned it, but because God loves them so we should too. I'm not saying this is always easy, but it is what we are called to do, even if we struggle with it. In the end, we know that it is not about us, but about a God who loves us and has made us his own.

--To God be the glory--

Pastor Tim Behnke



- 1 Patti Baughman
- 3 John Dudock
- 6 Helen Hammond, Jean Whitmore
- 8 Tyler Stroup
- 10 Dorothy Dedyne, Ed Gubbins, Vicki Lewis, Mary Sylvester
- 11 Brenda Padgett
- 19 Shandra Wright
- 20 Emy Davis
- 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

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

Food Distribution: The next date for our Food Distribution is August 10. Please see Ed Gubbins if you have any questions.

To Our Dear Family of Faith,

We thank you with all our hearts for your kindness and words of comfort, your silent prayers, your hugs, your remembrances and compassion upon God's calling home the life of Edward Davis on July 17th. It is the company of believers that has and is helping us in the grieving process.

Finding a paper Ed wrote of Andrew, the disciple he portrayed for many years is thought to be fitting to write excerpts here as these words are so like Ed's character. "I am not a gifted man but just an ordinary, average man like anyone of you." Andrew left us an example that we should follow. He was humble and was a man who thought more of service than of reputation. He didn't seek to be a man pleaser but rather, a servant of Christ doing the will of God from the heart. He had no envy in his heart, he attained not to be first, but was willing and devoted to use the best he had to serve Christ. Andrew shows us the way we ought to go, showing that we are saved to bring the gospel message to others.

His confirmation verse, Revelation 2:10 "Be thou FAITHFUL unto death and I will give you the crown of life."

Thanks again for all your kindness,

Louise Davis and Family



FAITH Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 10th

3-6 p.m.

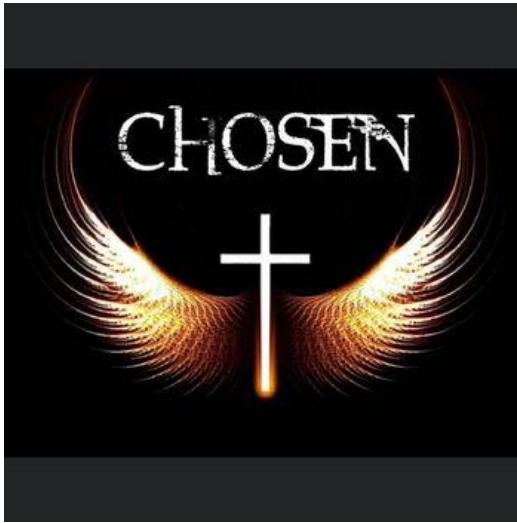
Please come and join us for our family
carnival! Free for all

Fun and Fellowship with:

- *games *prizes *bounce house
- *dunk tank *face painting
- *Kona Ice truck *cotton candy, hot
dogs, pretzels and other fun carnival
food and treats



**Invite your friends, family
and neighbors!**



Wednesday, August 16th

5:30 pm.

**SPAULDING TOWNSHIP EVENT & ACTION
COMMITTEE PRESENTS:**

CHOSEN Praise Band

5825 Cole Road

**Bring your lawn chairs and come enjoy this FREE FAMILY
event!**

**SAND SCULPTURES – FACE PAINTING – GAMES FOR
THE KIDS – CAR SHOW**

Memorials Received July 2023:

In Memory of Edward Davis:

Larry Reynolds	Dwight & Brenda McNally
Terry & Laurie Lisk	Gary Green
Mary Hoffmann	Lee & Barb Hoffmann
Brian & Roberta Fent	Darwin & Deb Medearis
Tom & Barb Pierce	Trudy Moggo
Beverly Palmer	David or Connie Lopez
Steve & Dorothy Dedyne	Doug & Linda Williams
Roland Weiss	Lois Faubert
Bob & Kathy Schollmeyer	Jean Whitmore
Tim & Heidi Behnke	Howard Warnick
Carol Fischer	Steve & Susa Koehr
Melody Mitchell	Betty Moggo
Bill & Sandy Stroup	Ed & Dearaine Gubbins
GM Office Team	Bob & JoAnn Kartz

In Memory of Kate Pavlicek

Marion Phoenix	Steve & Mary Graves
Fred & Judy Kern	Remax Frankenmuth
George & Gaylene Gugel	Richard & Agnes Wilinski
Richard & Lucy Belill	Patricia Schonmeyer
Neil & Ruth Herzog	Mary Butts
Steve & Penny Elliott	Ricky & Ellen Bierlien
Louise Davis	Doug & Linda Williams
Ed & Maria Cramer	John Pavlicek
Sue Gohm	Michael & Catherine Hemingway
Bernard & Susan Taylor	Sharon & Stanley Tuckwell
Tracy & Mary Lee	Mike & Carol Dickhausen
Gordan Taylor	Thomas & Debra McGrandy
Lee & Barb Hoffmann	Lynn & Kurt Kern
Tim & Cynthia McNalley	