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Faith Family newsletter

You are invited to:

60th

ANNIVERSARY



This year Faith Evangelical Free Church will be in existence for sixty years. Praise the Lord!! Our service in the park (August 6) will be a celebration to commemorate sixty years of serving the Lord. This is also our Baptism Service. Please let Pastor Matt or Pastor MP know if you want to be baptized. If you know someone who has attended Faith over the years and may have moved away, please let the office know their address.

Baptism – An expression of your faith.

“When they believed the good news.. and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.” Acts 8:12

At Faith E. Free, we teach, model, and encourage what Jesus and the early Church modeled, namely, Believer’s Baptism.

The act of baptism is symbolic of our new relationship with God. Scripture is clear that we enter a new relationship with God when we accept the fact that we are sinners in need of salvation and personally receive Jesus Christ as our Savior.

Being baptized symbolically expresses our faith (which is why we do not baptize babies as they are unable to express faith).

Baptism is a public testimony to the fact of our new relationship with Christ based upon faith. Baptism represents at least three things:

1. Baptism Represents Victory — Dramatizes the death of our old nature and our resurrection to new life in Jesus Christ. It proclaims we have been rescued from slavery to sin and that Satan has been defeated.

2. Baptism Represents Humility — Examining in human terms the idea of going under the water is kind of silly. There is nothing gracious about going under water and coming up looking half-drowned. This may have been the point Jesus was making when He called His followers to do so.

Refusal to be baptized was and still is seen as an act of pride. In my experience, the primary reason believers refuse to be baptized is pride.

3. Baptism Represents Celebration — It is joyous victory in Christ the believer wants to celebrate. This proclamation celebrates the sentence of death being removed and the wonder of entering into a relationship with God.

It’s also time for the Church family to celebrate with the baptized believer.

While baptism does NOT save, it is an important step of obedience and our Christian witness and testimony.

So I need to ask, “Have you trusted Christ as your Savior?” If so, have you been publicly baptized to demonstrate your faith?

If you have not been baptized, please contact pastor Matt. There are opportunities through-out the year to be baptized.

Some Scripture passages to read regarding the practice and symbolism of baptism.

Romans 6:1-11; Colossians 2:12; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:41; 8:12-13,36,38; 9:18; 10:47-48; 16:5,33; 18:8; 19:5

Family Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays:

July 8 Emmett Czubakowski
 July 14 Matt Peters
 July 20 Rhonda Saunders
 July 21 Sue Kolpien
 July 30 Tim McCredden
 July 30 Emily Smoczynk
 July 31 Hilmer Eckstrom
 August 2 Jackson Swope
 August 3 Patricia Tobola
 August 9 Sharon Wundrow
 August 10 Chaselee Swope
 August 11 Beverly VanDeLoo
 August 12 Elizabeth Tobola
 August 14 Huego Wundrow
 August 18 Margo Peters
 August 24 Matt Badzinski
 August 26 Zephyr Greenhow

Anniversaries:

July 16 Gabe & Amanda Swope
 August 1 Tim & Natalie McCredden
 August 6 Jerry & Lori Czubakowski
 August 25 Jeriame & Amber Czubakowski
 August 31 Matt & Margo Peters

If we are missing some dates, please send to the office.



Women’s Ministry Connection will meet July 8th and August 12th at 9 am in the lower-level fellowship hall.



Men's Prayer Breakfast's will be July 1st at 7:30 at Aroma Café in Thorp. Then August 5th will be held in the church fellowship hall, lower level.

Connecting with Pastor MP

CONNECTING WITH PASTOR MP

Unforgettable Memories from our Youth Missions Trip to Knoxville, TN!

Dear Faith family,

We are thrilled to share with you the incredible experiences and lasting impact of our recent youth missions trip to Knoxville, Tennessee! From June 17-25th, our dedicated group of young volunteers embarked on a meaningful journey, partnering with an amazing organization called Thrive to make a difference in the lives of children in need.

Knoxville welcomed us with open arms and provided the perfect backdrop for our mission. As we immersed ourselves in the local community, we were greeted by warm smiles and an overwhelming sense of gratitude. Thrive, a remarkable organization committed to empowering children, became our beacon of hope during our time there.

One of the primary focuses of our missions trip was to build meaningful relationships with the children at Thrive. Through engaging activities and heartfelt conversations, we witnessed the power of connection and the transformative impact it can have on young lives. The bonds we forged were built on trust, empathy, and the shared goal of supporting these incredible kids on their educational journey.

During our time in Knoxville, we also had the privilege of assisting the children with their reading and writing skills. Through one-on-one tutoring sessions and interactive group activities, we created a nurturing environment that fostered a love for learning. Witnessing the joy on their faces as they conquered new challenges and made progress in their literacy skills was an unforgettable experience for all involved.

Beyond our work in the classroom, we were inspired by the resilience and determination displayed by both the children and the staff at Thrive. The organization's commitment to holistic development shone through as they provided a safe and nurturing space for these young individuals to thrive in all areas of life. We were humbled to be a part of their journey and see firsthand the positive impact that can be made when communities come together.

Our youth missions trip to Knoxville, TN, served as a powerful reminder of the profound change that can be initiated by young hearts filled with compassion and a desire to serve others. As we return home, we carry with us countless memories, new friendships, and a renewed commitment to make a difference in our own community.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to all the supporters, donors, and prayer warriors who made this missions trip possible. Your unwavering support and

encouragement allowed us to embark on this transformative journey and create a lasting impact on the lives of these incredible children.

Our youth missions trip was a testament to the power of collective effort and the profound impact of simple acts of kindness. Together, we have made a difference!

Once again, thank you for your continued support, and let us remain steadfast in our commitment to serve others and be the change we wish to see in the world.

In Christ,

Pastor MP



7/12 Grades 6-12 welcome to a Party at the Denzine/Kisling house. Swim/food/fun/yard games. 3 pm 25575 County Hwy O Cadott!
6 pm 2nd and 4th Thursday The Case for Christ Bible Study open to all 6-12 graders!

Connecting with Pastor Matt

People of the Gospel

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,[a] just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Romans 1:16-17

5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.

1Thessalonians 1:5

3 For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. 4 On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.

1 Thessalonians 2:3-4

The Gospel was clearly the focus and heartbeat of Paul’s ministry. I could have listed many more Scriptures that highlighted this truth. Paul not only preached the gospel, but he also lived it and exhorted the Churches to stand and proclaim it. He called believers to be people of the Gospel.

What does that look like? How do we grow in that as a Church in the context of the culture we live in? Let’s be honest the culture we live in is labeling, minimizing, and even seeking to silence believers in Christ. How do we respond to such an environment? How can we speak into such volatility and ignorance?

First, you must be sure you are a believer. Have you by faith come to Christ trusting in Who He is and His sacrificial death in paying for your sins and His resurrection in paying the penalty of your sins?

Secondly, as a believer you must be very clear this world is not your home. What you see around you is a world in rebellion against God and you must not get comfortable. If you do you will compromise and begin to drift from the truths of God’s Word

Being clear on those two issues are imperative. Being surrounded by all the lies and deceptions it can be hard to know what we should speak against and how loud a voice we should have. To be people of the gospel we proclaim Christ and Him crucified above all else. Do we stand for God’s Word against LGBTQ2+ movement, transgender ideology, abortion, evolutionary teaching? Without a doubt. But what those who trumpet those ideologies are being deceived and most are unsaved and unregenerate. The answer is not in a debate or ridiculing the ignorance and blindness it is proclaiming the Gospel. For what lost people need is to be found.

What blind people need is to see. What those living in darkness need to be in the light. What deceived people need is to hear and see the truth. It is the Gospel that addresses all those conditions. That is why Paul says the Gospel is “the power of God for salvation to all who believe”.

Ask yourself, “What is my message to those around me? Is it first the Gospel or your disgust and stance on the burning issues of the day? When we deal primarily with the issues of the day before we know it our sense of self is caught up in our opinions about any given subject. We must be people of the Gospel for that is what can change people’s lives. That is what will ultimately transform people’s spirits, thoughts and actions.

In Romans 1:15 Paul states “So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.”. What I find most interesting is that He is writing to the Church in Rome (Believers) and saying He wants to preach the gospel to them. Why? They are already saved. Could it be the gospel is meant to not only reveal how one can be saved but also to refresh those saved and help those who are saved progress?

The elder board is currently reading together a book called “Lead-12 Gospel principles for leadership in the Church” By Paul Tripp. He emphasizes the gospel is the presence, power and grace that frees us from the burden of minimizing or denying reality. For it is the gospel that forms, or should, the way we think about ourselves and our relationships with one another. He then says this, “It’s the gospel that tells us who leaders are, what leaders need, how leaders should relate to one another, how the leadership community should function, what its values should be and how it will deal with disappointment and failure, and how it will identify and nurture future leaders.”

In other words, the gospel calls us to a different way of life and connection. The gospel calls us to live honestly, humbly, authentically as we find and extend grace among the body of Christ.

To be people of the gospel means that there is a pervasive influence of the gospel of grace in and through our lives. For the gospel shows us our desperation and need and the unmerited grace of God. For fresh starts and new beginnings are a hallmark of the rescuing, forgiving, restoring, and transforming power of God’s grace. To be people of the gospel is to confess this and embrace God’s good news in Christ and then proclaim it. May we all be growing in the application of the gospel in our lives.

Because of Grace,

Pastor Matt

Children's Ministry

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Everyday is a good day to be following in the footsteps of Jesus. We in the children's ministry are rejoicing because God is so good. He is leading and guiding us moving in ways that we could not have asked or imagined.

The Community Vacation Bible School (CVBS) is going well. There are 4 different Churches represented with 18 kids present and plenty of help. God's Word is going forth and we are having so much fun doing it. The next CVBS will be Friday, June 30th from 1:00-4:30. We will be honoring our Vets. All vets are welcome to come to the park across from the post office from 4:00-4:30. Our third and final CVBS will be held Friday, July 21st. We will be honoring our senior saints. Senior saints are welcome from 4:00-4:30.

We are also gearing up for FEF VBS July 30-Aug 2 here at the church. We will Journey in this VBS with kid detectives as they dig into a few of Jesus' parables to solve the mysteries of how to grow their faith, how to care for, serve and love others. September 6 will begin our new year of Kid's Connection! We will start with another Kickoff Carnival along with the youth. All are welcome.

Please pray and consider being a part of the FEFC VBS and or this year's Wednesday night Kids Connection. When we all work together God is glorified and in that we rejoice and are glad in it.

Blessings Continued beyond all measure,

Laurie

Children's Ministry Coordinator



Scan code to get link to online registration or go to www.faithfreestanley.org



Love Thy Neighbor

Community Vacation Bible School

Soo Line Park - Stanley, WI

Ages 3 years through 5th grade

Friday, June 9, 1:00-4:30

Friday, June 30, 1:00-4:30

Friday, July 21, 1:00-4:30

Rain Location: Grace Community Bible Church 219 S. Broadway

Call or text
Laurie at
Faith E Free
715-644-8178



Call or text
Julie at
Grace
715-379-6548



Faith E Free Church Campout 7/14-15/2023

You can camp from 7/10-7/17, but the official Church Campout is that Friday-Saturday, the 14th-15th. We will be at Jerry Turner's at N4687 Cty Rd G, Gilman. There will be restrooms available. All sites, electric or not are \$25 per night.

Friday at 4 pm a soup supper will be available so come and enjoy when you can. Bring games and plan on singing and fellowshiping into the night!

Saturday there will be more fun and fellowship. We will be grilling together, so bring something to grill for your family and bring side dishes to share. Saturday will wrap up about 7 pm. We need a count so let the office know if you are planning on coming by June 29th and which nights you will be staying.



Express Baseball Game and Tailgate Party 7/22/23 at 5 pm. Bring your own meal. Game starts at 6:30 pm. Please sign up on the website or in the foyer.

- 6/30 Community VBS at Soo Line 1-4:30
- 7/12 Grades 6-12 welcome to a Party at the Denzine/Kisling house. Swim/food/fun/yard games. 3 pm 25575 County Hwy O Cadott
- 7/14-15 All Church Camp Out (Jerry Turner's N4687 County Rd G, Gilman)
- 7/21 Community VBS at Soo Line 1-4:30
- 7/22 Express Game Tailgate party
- 7/30-8/3 Vacation Bible School
- 8/6 Church at the Park w/Baptisms & 60th Anniversary Celebration

Scan the QR code to get your own sign in credentials for **RightNow Media** which our church holds a subscription for. It is a wealth of devotionals and kids videos and just such a great encouragement to me as a Christian, wife, mom, grandmother and working woman. But there are a lot of really neat things on here. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do!

Here is the Link: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/faithevan>

Or you can enter this text Code: FEFCW to 49775



Work Day in May was great! Thanks for all the help, all over the church. It looked like a war zone but progress is happening fast now!



July 2023

August 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

See below for time of events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 7:30 Men's Breakfast-Aroma
2 Prayer Worship/Kids Rock Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8 9 Women's Ministry Brunch
9 Prayer Worship	10	11 Romans Study	12 3 Party 6-12 grade	13 Youth Study Elder Mtg (Offsite)	14 Church Family	15 Camp Out
16 Prayer Worship/Kids Rock	17	18	19	20	21 Comm. VBS Soo Line Park	22 Express Baseball tailgate/game
23 Prayer Worship	24	25 Romans Study	26	27 Youth Study Elder Mtg	28	29
30 Prayer Worship VBS 6-7:30	31 VBS 6-7:30	1 VBS 6-7:30	2 VBS 6-7:30	3	4	5

1:00-4:30 Community VBS

Kids Rock during worship services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays

9:00 Prayer Meeting on Sundays

6:00 Elder meetings

6:00 All Bible Studies

10:00 Worship Service on Sundays

August 2023

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September 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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30 9 Prayer 10 Worship	31	1	2	3	4	5 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast-Church Fellowship hall
6 Church at Chapman Park Baptisms/60 th Ann	7	8 Romans Study	9	10 Youth Study Elder Meeting	11	12 9 Women's Ministry Brunch
13 Prayer Worship Communion	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Prayer Worship/Kids Rock	21	22 Romans Study	23	24 Youth Study Elder Meeting	25	26
27 Prayer Worship	28	29	30	1	2	3

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6:00 Elder meetings
 Nursery available 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays
 10:00 Worship Service on Sundays