

Faith Notes

June 2025



Mission Statement: "We are a welcoming people of God, striving to reflect Jesus Christ's love and grace, and open to the work of the Holy Spirit."

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Monday-Thursday
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday School: 8:45
a.m. on Sunday
(September-April)

Worship 9 a.m.

On May 17th, about 250 Lutherans from the Southeastern Iowa Synod gathered in Des Moines for the annual Synod Assembly. Synod Assembly acts as an annual meeting for the Synod where church business is discussed and votes are cast for constitutional changes, budgets, and more. But it is also a time full of worship and connection. This year, the theme of Synod Assembly was, "Spirit Open Our Hearts," based on Hebrews 10:11-25. During each of our worship sessions, we sang the hymn, "Spirit, Open My Heart," from our hymnal, All Creation Sings. This hymn calls upon the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to all the good and bad that comes with being alive, to replace our stony hearts with one that is kind and tender. To love as God loves. The final verse reads, "As I live from day to day, love will be my finest labor." This hymn is one that cracks open my own heart. We sang it as the Hymn of the Day at both our seminary baccalaureate service and at our wedding. I find the words to be honest and extremely hopeful. Our goal as disciples is to carry the love of Christ in our hearts and to extend it to others. To pay attention to the way that the Spirit is moving in us and around us. This is no easy task, but we are never doing it alone. May this refrain echo through us as a prayer, confession, and promise.

"Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart."

-Pastor Katie



Ken and Tricia Perron along with Pastor Katie attended Synod Assembly to represent Faith.

Summer Activity Blessing

On June 1st, we will be blessing summer activities, like traveling, bicycles, sports equipment, materials for projects, etc. Bring your items to worship as we pray for a safe and productive summer.



Welcome to our newest baptized members of Faith Lutheran!
Megan, Ryan, Eleanor, Alina, and
Luke Petersen



We are grateful for the number of volunteers that help us during VBS. During worship on June 8th, we will do a blessing of these volunteers before we begin our busy week.

"Green Thumb Tuesdays"

One of the best places to find God is in the garden! Please join us at 5:30pm or at your convenience starting Tuesday, June 10th at the Faith Lutheran garden to weed and water. Many hands make light work!



Join us for Vacation Bible School June 9-13th
from 8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.!

Counselors from Camp EWALU return again this year and will lead us in our VBS stories and activities!

All kids between ages 4 yrs. old and 6th grade are invited to join us as we make new friends, grow in faith, and have an awesome adventure!

Families, friends, and members of the congregation are invited to attend a hot dog roast and brief program at 6pm on Thursday evening of VBS. Come and see the songs and skits the kids learn throughout the week!



Our worship time has changed to 9 a.m. for the summer! Worship will stay at 9 a.m. until after Labor Day.

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Congratulations to
Baylor Lafollette,
Lacey Lorenzen, and
Ryan Petersen for celebrating
their First Communion!



Choir rehearsals continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Area congregations have been invited to join us at 7pm for an ecumenical choir beginning June 4th.

Rehearsals are in preparation for the church service on July 13th at Miles Park for Thresher's Days.

Want to be a member or get a refresher on what it means to be a member? Pastor Katie is gathering interest in a new member session. Please email Pastor Katie if you are interested pastorkatiejensen@gmail.com.

Community Blood Drive

Hosted by Austin's Army

Registration is open for the 4th Annual Austin's Army Blood Drive! Date of the drive is Friday, August 1st from 10am-2pm at Faith. Sign up to donate at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=AustinsArmy>

Austin's Army will also begin accepting toys at the blood drive for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital through October. (Toys must be unopened.)



Thank you to the members of our congregation for your continued support towards our noisy bucket offering. During the months of January through April, we collected your change during worship and Sunday School offerings to support Lutheran Disaster Relief to support rebuilding of the South from recent hurricanes. Faith is able to send them \$928.29 for their needs!



The next organization we are collecting noisy bucket offerings is The Clinton County Special Athletes. They are a group of athletes from the ages of 8-108. They currently have around 60 athletes. Council members and coaches are a group of parents giving this opportunity to individuals in Clinton County and surrounding areas.

This non-profit organization offers a variety of sports for individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities. The sports that are offered are bowling, powerlifting, softball, flag football, swimming, bocce, track, soccer, and basketball. Our team name is "Rolling Thunder". All money that they raise helps their athletes with equipment, uniforms, and transportation to district and state competitions. The athletes not only focus on sports, but they also learn about respect, responsibility, perseverance, friendships, positive choices, and become a close family that sticks together and has fun. The Clinton County Special Athletes appreciate the support and generosity from the community.

Faith Lutheran Church Women News & Events June 2025

June 4: FLCW Bible Study

6:30pm

Hostess: Bette Petersen home
Bible Study: Denise Schroeder

June 9-13th - VBS

FLCW will help in any way.
8:20 am – 11:45 am

June 15: Fathers Day Fellowship

Sunday Sundae
Bette Petersen and Tricia Perron

June 18- Camp Courageous Tour

- All are Welcome

10:00 - ?

- Car Pooling available at Church at
8:30a.m

June 27-28: SEIA SYNOD Women's Gathering @ Grinnel College

Friday, June 27 is the Business Meeting
Saturday, June 28 is the Gathering
- Thank you to Virginia Eggers, SWO
Vice President, for being our Faith
Lutheran representative.

ALL ARE WELCOME

For a fun road trip

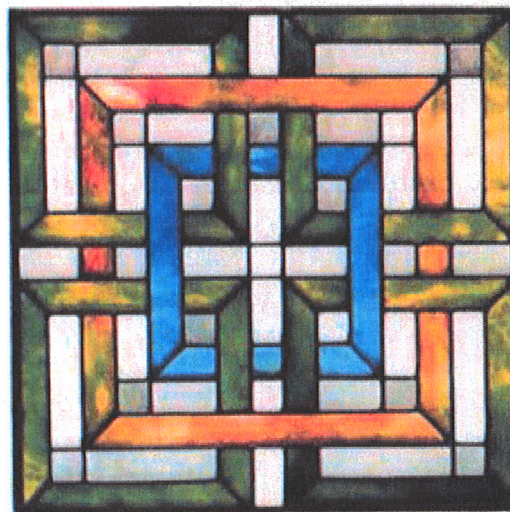
Camp Courageous Tour and lunch

- Possible Manchester Garage Sale

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 10:00 am
Car pooling available at church at 8:30-8:45 a.m.

Please sign up on RSVP sheet in entry way.
Love gift donations can be found on Camp Courageous
website.
If you would like to donate and cannot go on tour, please
put in Camp Courageous basket in entry way.

Quilt & Lap Robes Update



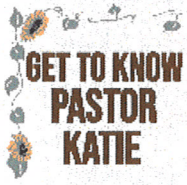
A big thank you to everyone and our
confirmation youth who helped at
FLCW sewing days.

38 total quilts and Lap Robes were
given out to 6 individuals and 7 area
agencies.

- ☐ - Graduates
- ☐ - Babies (1st in the Family)
- ☐ - Homebound
- ☐ - Pastor Katie
- ☐ - Camp Courageous
- ☐ - Lutheran Social Services
- ☐ - Genesis VNA
- ☐ - Eagle Point Nursing
- ☐ - The Pregnancy Center
- ☐ - Information & Referral
Services
- ☐ - YWCA Housing

Annual Ewalu Quilt Auction is Saturday,
September 20, 2025 in Strawberry Point, IA
52076.

- Online bidding starts Sept 15, 2025



Host Pastor Katie! Sign up for a time to have Pastor Katie over for tea or coffee, show her around your home/farm, bring her to your kid's activities, or whatever is meaningful to you! A signup sheet is in the entryway. You can also contact her at pastorkatiejensen@gmail.com.



This summer Faith will be hosting Firepit & Fellowship on Sunday evenings once a month at 6pm. Hot dogs and s'mores supplies will be provided! Bring your own chair and drink. You can even bring a friend! Mark your calendars for June 29th, July 20th, and August 17th!



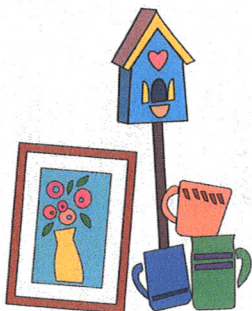
Pastor Katie giving a children's sermon.



FLCW posing with the quilts laid out for the quilt blessing.



Seeds were planted in the garden during the nice, warm weather. Flowers, okra, zucchini, tomatoes, peppers and more will be available from the Faith garden this summer!



We want to see your summer projects! Beginning in August, you will have the opportunity to showcase something you did over the summer. 4-H projects, a picture from vacation, a woodworking project are just some ideas! We will create a gallery to display your items for a few weeks and then return them to you.

Save the dates!

Pastors Katie and Eric Jensen will be leading the Thresher's Ecumenical Worship on Sunday, July 13th at the Miles Park.

Bluegrass Express is back again this year for the annual Bluegrass Service. St. John's in Preston will be hosting on Sunday, July 27th at 9:30am at the Preston Park.

There will be no service at Faith either day.

1. Kelli Parker
2. Natalie Spooner
3. Caleb Petersen
7. Carter Randolph
8. Kendyl Perron
9. Richard Feddersen, Eden Schroeder
10. Jack Smith, Anna Friedrichsen
13. Caleb Gruhn
15. Jan Gray, Jasper Luckritz
17. David Rathje, Emma Butt, Ella Butt, Ellis Sexton
19. Dawn Popelka
23. Claire Johnson, Dennis Johnson
25. Ed Junge, Tim Saul, Quinten Schroeder
26. Michelle Jacobs
27. Finley Wilke, Tracy Frahm

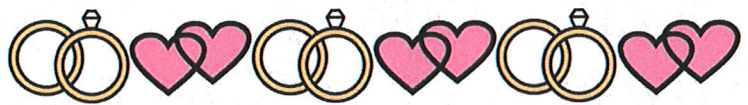


Online giving is
available! Go to our website,
flcandoveria.com
and click the donate button!

Please notify the office for any
new contact information.
Information can be emailed to
flcandover@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUEST

Faith Lutheran Church has a prayer chain that sends prayer requests to a list of people for those who invite prayers upon themselves or others. In respect of people's privacy, we ask that you get permission from them before adding their name to the prayer chain. If you would like to be added to the list to pray, please contact the office.

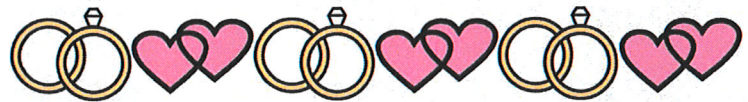


Milestone Anniversaries

Willis & Glorianne Greve 72 years

Gerald & Cathy Caven 60 years

Congratulations!!!



2. Bob & Dianne Levetzow
5. Gerald & Cathy Caven
8. Wes & Brenda Ehlers
10. Kevin & Patti Diercks
12. Jason & Kathy Slater
14. Willis & Glorianne Greve
17. Todd & Barb Randolph
19. Allen & Nancy Christiansen
28. Dick & Judy Petersen
30. Charles & Barb Corr



SERVING FAITH

June 2025

	<u>6/1</u>	<u>6/8</u>	<u>6/15</u>	<u>6/22</u>	<u>6/29</u>
LECTOR	Kim Hess	Brad Peters	Denise Schroeder	Tricia Perron	Luann Harris
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Kim Hess	Denise Schroeder	Ardith Hamilton	Brad Peters	Julie Peters
ALTAR GUILD	Kristi Seamer	Ronda Tietjens	Deana Jacobs	Julie Peters	Kelli Parker
FELLOWSHIP COFFEE	Amanda Rickertsen	Kelli Parker	Tricia Perron & Bette Petersen	Marcy Wilcke	Volunteer Needed
USHERS	Scott & Lori Fuller	Jay & Erin Petersen	Lou Schroeder & Barb Corr	Sherril Johnson & Hollie Johnson	Dave & Jane Rathje
COUNTING TEAM	Team #3 (6/2)	Team #1 (6/9)	Team #2 (6/16)	Team #3 (6/23)	Team #1 (6/30)

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9am	2 Counting Team 3	3 Sharing/Caring Circle 6:30pm	4 Choir 6:30pm Ecumenical Choir 7pm	5 Fellowship Reserved	6	7
8 Worship 9am (wear red for Pentecost)	9 Counting Team 1 VBS 8:45am-11:45am	10 VBS 8:45am-11:45am	11 VBS 8:45am-11:45am Choir 6:30pm Ecumenical Choir 7pm	12 VBS 8:45am-11:45am Dinner & Program 6pm	13 VBS 8:45am-11:45am	14
15 Happy Father's Day Worship 9am	16 Counting Team 2 Council meeting 6:30pm	17	18 Choir 6:30pm Ecumenical Choir 7pm	19 Newsletter info due	20	21
22 Worship 9am	23 Counting Team 3	24	25 Choir 6:30pm Ecumenical Choir 7pm	26	27 SWO Convention @ Grinnell College	28 SWO Convention @ Grinnell College Fellowship reserved 4-8pm
29 Worship 9am Visitation meeting following worship Firepit Fellowship 6pm	30 Counting Team 1					