

FAITH NOTES



From The Pastor...

Dear People of Faith,

September will be quite the month here at Faith Lutheran Church! We have a number of exciting Sundays to look forward to:

- We are hosting our annual Outdoor Bluegrass Worship with the Lutheran churches in Preston, Sabula, and Goose Lake on September 6th at 9:00am.
- On the 13th, we kick off our program year with Sunday School at 8:45 am and Worship at 10:00. During worship we will have a backpack blessing, give our 3rd graders Bibles, and present the money raised through our Noisy Offering to representatives from Living Lands and Waters.
- Sunday, September 20th, the Garden Committee will host Sunday School, and we will celebrate a Baptism during worship.
- Finally, the last Sunday of September we will join with the Lutheran churches in Clinton and Sabula for God's Work Our Hands service projects after church.

This program year, like all others, is sure to bring joy, challenge, energy, and busyness. As we come back together from wherever summer has taken us, I pray that this community can be a place that is life giving. That the relationships formed here can help sustain us. That curiosity and wonder can inspire us. And that the Gospel will continue to center us in everything we do.

In Peace,
Pastor Katie

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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs.
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.
Sundays Sept.-April

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.
(Changes to 10 a.m. on 9/13)

This month during our Curious Christian Children webinar, Pastor Katie and Megan heard from Occupational Therapist, Marissa Bland M.S. ORT/L. Our biggest take away from this session came from her discussion of different sensory and emotional regulation techniques for working with children. We were reminded that all people – all children and adults – can and do have sensory sensitivities and preferences, we all just have different thresholds. In response to this conversation and the work we have been doing over the past few months, Pastor and Megan are working to find a virtual training to offer our Sunday School volunteers on how to best accompany kids with neurodiversity and sensory needs. We are also exploring what tools we might be able to gather to meet the sensory needs of our children in the worship space as well as the classrooms. If you have any ideas or questions, please reach out to us!



We change to our fall worship time of 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 13th.



Choir will have their first rehearsal for the fall on Sunday, September 13th, at 9 a.m. At this time, we will also discuss rehearsal times going forward. All are welcome to sing!

Bible Study resumes on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. on September 17th.

The first day of Sunday School is September 13th! Children 3 years old – 6th grade are welcome to join us Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. to learn about God's stories and His love for us!

We will also have a Blessing of Backpacks during 10 a.m. worship this day! Students of all ages are welcome to bring their backpacks or any other school supplies they would like to have blessed.

Together with Zion and St. Paul in Clinton and Calvary in Sabula, Faith is joining a day of God's Work in celebration of God's Work. Our hands. Day.

On Sunday, September 27th, we will come together at 11:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Clinton for breakfast Pizza (free-will offering) and a brief sending prayer before we embark to the different service opportunities. A sign-up for each activity is in the entryway or by contacting the office. Service opportunities for this year are:

- Bickelhaupt Arboretum – Fall Clean Up
- "Take Away Hunger" – packing meals for local food pantries
- YWCA Empowerment Center – 399 Supportive Housing Project
- Felix Adler Discovery Center – preparing for a new Public Safety Exhibit
- Quilting – tying quilts

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."

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Tricia Perron

Vice President: Andra Eggers

Secretary: Jessica Howard

Treasurer: Jeanette Bennett

Worship: Kelli Parker

Faith Formation/Education: Dawn Popelka

Property & Management: Brad Peters & James Wilke

Stewardship & Outreach: Barb Randolph

Community Life & Care: Julie Peters

Andover Kinderfest Schedule of Events:

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Run/Walk

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Craft Fair

10:00 a.m. Kickball Tournament

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Kids Events

6:00p.m.-9:00 p.m. Live Music

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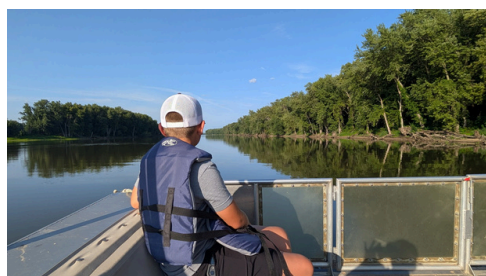
The Band Greenbrier)

Fireworks following the Live Music

Location: Andover City Park

Faith will be hosting the annual ecumenical Bluegrass worship service on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Bring your lawn chair!

We had a small group that took a boat ride down the Mississippi River with the Blue Heron Eco Cruise. The tour guide pointed out all the different birds (Bald Eagles, Blue Herons, Egrets, and more!) and talked about the changing water levels. They also learned about how the industry along the river impacts the ecosystems and the steps that they take to mitigate that impact, like research and raising fish to balance out the population that is affected. It was a beautiful evening to be together in God's creation!



Faith is hosting a Parents Night Out fundraiser as an opportunity to serve our community on Saturday, September 5, 2026, during Andover's Kinderfest from 5:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (during the band). Our goal is to provide a safe, fun evening for children 3 years old (potty trained) through 10 years old. The night will consist of dinner (6:30-7 p.m.), games, crafts, and a movie. Cost \$30 for first child. \$10 for each additional child. Payment to be made at check-in via check or cash only. Fill out the google form at <https://forms.gle/DxTNMGq9sUmueW4P8> to sign your child(ren) up!



Austin's Army Toy Drive is underway!

In honor of Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month, Austin's Army is collecting toys, games, books, etc. Austin will be delivering all collected items at his next appointment. A collection box can be found in the church entryway.



Welcome to our newest baptized members of Faith Lutheran! Lake and Leo Smith were baptized on August 17th. Lake and Leo are the sons of Nathan and Shelby Smith. Grandparents are Steve and Stephanie Eickert.

Faith Lutheran Church is in need of a new pictorial directory! With technology constantly improving and many families getting photos taken from independent photographers, Faith is again going to create their own! If you are a member, frequent visitor, or friend of Faith, we want to include you!

Now is the time to also make sure we have the most current information for all members and their families. Please take the time to fill out the information below to ensure we have your accurate information. Information can be dropped off in the basket in the entryway, mailed to the church (PO Box 57, Andover, IA 52701) or emailed to flcandover@gmail.com Along with your information, if you have a recent photo of your own you would like to use for the directory, please email it to the church. Please include the release statement if they were taken by an independent photographer. If you are unable to send a photo, there will be opportunities to have your picture taken at the church on Sunday mornings beginning September 13th following our 10 a.m. worship. Please watch your newsletter or worship announcements for more information!

Full Name(s): _____

Full Name(s) of child(ren): _____

Address (include P.O.Box): _____

Phone Number (please specify person and if home, cell, etc.): _____

Date of birth for all in your household (please specify person): _____

Anniversary Date: _____

Dates of Baptism (if known): _____

E-mail Address (please specify person): _____

Please check information you would like published in the directory:

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| _____Address | _____Date of birth |
| _____Phone Number | _____Anniversary date |
| _____E-mail address | |

Faith Lutheran Church Women News & Events September 2026

Sept 1 – Bible Study – 6:30pm

- Bible Study Leader – Marcy Wilcke
- Hostess: Tricia Perron (At her home)

Sept 6: Bluegrass Worship Service

- FLCW will provide fellowship following the service.

Sept 13: Grandparents Sunday

- FLCW will provide Fellowship
- Kelli Parker (Chairperson)

Sept 17: Sewing (10:00am – 3:00pm)

- Bring your own sack lunch.
- Or stop in any time.

Sept 18: Sewing (10:00a.m. – 3:00pm)

- Bring your own sack lunch.
- Or stop in any time.

Sept 19: Cluster V Gathering

- Tentative (There will be a sign up sheet in Entry way if we receive final details)
- Maquoketa Lutheran Church
- 8:30 am - Noon

Sept 26: SEIA SWO Gathering

- Zion Lutheran Church
- Iowa Citv. IA (8:30 a.m. - Noon)

Do you enjoy service work for the community?

Do you enjoy the fellowship of Faith Lutheran women of all ages?

Would you like to be a part of the next 75 years of the FLCW?

Just let Denise Schroeder know your favorite talents that you think could help.

The rewards are far greater than the work.

All Are Welcome

38th Annual Gathering

Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA
Zion Lutheran Church in Iowa City

Saturday, September 26

Theme: I am Worthy

- * 9:00 – 9:30 Registration
- * 9:30 Hymn Sing
- * 10:00 Board Update
- * 10:30: Brunch
- * 11:30: Jenny Britton, Agape Cafe
- Love Gifts Recipient
- * 12:00 : PIEOWA: A Piece of America
- * 1:15: Break (Silent Auction Winners)
- * 1:45- Bible Study
- * 2:45- Conclusion

Contact Virginia Eggers if interested.
Registration Deadline is Sept 11, 2026
Car pooling available.

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Thank you again to everyone who donated school supplies.

Easton Valley, NE, Jefferson, Eagle Heights, Bluff and Whittier schools were so happy to see our large school supply donations for their students in need.



1. Rhonda Lange
2. Steve Eickert
3. Julie Pters, Eugene Eggers
4. Colton Butt
6. Tenlee Johnson, Sonja Wilson, Judy Friedrichsen, Scott Fuller
8. Easton Klus
11. Bri Fredrich, Deana Jacobs, Brendan Bray
12. Bill Jacobs
14. Ashton Friedrichsen, Baylor Lafollette
16. Dirk Naeve
18. Deb Rickertsen, Aaron Parker, Reid Naeve
21. Ronda Tietjens
23. Kipp Hoffman, Laura Rickertsen
25. Kevin Eggers
26. Eleanor Petersen
27. Laurel Randolph
28. Brooke Lafollette
29. Roger Wilke, Kyle Peters



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Council minutes are available to help you stay in the know. Join our email list for approved minutes to be sent to you by contacting the office.



4. Brad & Megan Petersen
5. John & Angela Graeve
9. Jay & Erin Petersen
11. Sheridan & Annie Petersen
15. Cory & Jessica Cram
16. Bryan & Dianna Feddersen
18. Eugene & Virginia Eggers
21. Kyle & Jessica Hoffman
28. Tim & Kim Hess

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.

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

Do you have a special event or announcement? Please contact the church office if you would like the announcement in the weekly announcements or newsletter. Due to policies set in place, you **must** contact the office.