

# Faith Notes

August 2020

*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."*



Friends in Christ,

When I was growing up and going through grade school, I remember that we started every class by reciting the pledge of allegiance together. However, as I got older even though I could say this pledge by memory every day, I realized that I didn't fully understand the meaning of what I was saying. I think something similar happens with the Lord's Prayer and the Ecumenical Creeds of the Church (The Apostles Creed, Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, and Athanasian Creed). Where even though we recite these words on a weekly basis, we may not fully understand their meaning. Something I did with the confirmation students this past year to try and gain a better understanding of these words was to have them paraphrase the Creeds and the Lord's Prayer in their own words. With their permission, I am sharing what they wrote with all of you below. As you read these words, I hope you'll reflect on the meaning behind these words we say each week and if you feel it will help you, I encourage you to write your own paraphrases of the Creeds and Lord's Prayer.

## 2020 Confirmation Creed Paraphrase

"We trust in God, the King. Maker of all that we understand and don't understand. We trust in one ruler, God the Son, Jesus Christ. Birthed by a virgin. He was executed by murder. 3 days later he was revived. He is equal to the Father. He is the one and only decider. His reign will have no end. He is both truly human and truly God. We have faith in God the Holy Spirit. The world-wide church, the community of God's people. The forgiveness of anything that separates us from God's love, and the revival of everyone. We believe in the original follower's church and we trust in one baptism. The Holy Spirit is praised. The Holy Spirit gives us life, faith and inspired the prophets of the church. We trust in God's future. Amen, let it be so."

## 2020 Confirmation Lord's Prayer Paraphrase

"Holy God in heaven, respecting your name. All of existence is yours. May your commands and instructions be done, as on earth as they are in heaven. Give us our daily needs and communion. Forgive us when we hurt or harm our neighbors, as we strive to forgive our neighbors who hurt or harm us. Be with us in hardships. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Amen, yes, yes."

Shalom to you in Christ,  
Pastor Eric.



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Faith Lutheran now has access for online giving! With our limited gatherings, this is another option for members, friends, and the community to make donations to Faith. Mailing or bringing offerings to parking lot worship are still encouraged as well. Go to our website or enter the link below in your browser if you would like to engage in our e-giving!

[https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?ap-pver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbOtZvmds5ED2g66D6czc2oUiYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFffwKfYERpQrLiKP9rmE7FyU8fJN-I\\_G4=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?ap-pver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbOtZvmds5ED2g66D6czc2oUiYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFffwKfYERpQrLiKP9rmE7FyU8fJN-I_G4=&ver=3)



Join us for Dirty Worship on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am! Following worship we will work in the garden while social distancing and wearing masks. The rain date will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Council is seeking to develop a landscaping committee to develop a plan for the front (east) side of the church as well as annually discuss any other lawn and landscaping maintenance needs of the church. If you are interested please let Jay Petersen or Megan Peters know. We would like to get a plan figured out for the front of the church soon!

Best way to communicate with Pastor Eric: call the office, email, call his cell phone, or best of all tell him in person. He doesn't use or check social media very often and might not see something if you're trying to share it with him on social media. Please refrain from asking other people to relay information because often times that results in confusion and misinterpretations.



# Faith Lutheran Church Women (FLCW) AUGUST 2020 News

Women of Faith Lutheran – August is our month to donate school supplies to our area schools. The FLCW Board will meet on August 16 to divide whatever school supplies have been brought to the church and deliver them.



I am praying for all of you to stay strong and to be healthy as we continue to social distance due to the COVID 19 Virus concerns.

Hopefully you have been keeping busy doing hobbies and projects that you enjoy and are getting outside to enjoy nature. We are blessed to live in the Midwest and to be more rural and to not be living in a large city.

This year the ELCA is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lutheran women's ordination in the United States, 40 years of the ordination of Lutheran women of color and 10 years of Lutheran LGBTQIA + individuals' freedom to serve. We praise God for them and we thank them for their service and faith leadership.



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 Jamie in the office.



We will be using the Remind app for our means of communication for Sunday school. Please be sure to download the app and enter **Faith Lutheran Church Sunday School** or text **@jluckr** to **81010** to join this group!

Also, if you have a child who will begin or know of a family who would like to join, please give Jamie in the office that information.

The Education Committee will be meeting soon to plan for our youth to come together again this fall.

More details to follow as decisions are made. Any ideas are welcome as we navigate through this time! Please contact committee members, Megan Peters, Billie Jo St. Ores, Jamie Luckritz, or Chuck Corr.



## School Blessing

School will be teaching through various mediums as they start the school year this fall. Bring your backpack, notebook, laptop or other school supplies to have them blessed during worship on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>! Keep all educators and students in your prayers during this trying time as they find their way in this new normal.



## Worship Update

Outdoor worship continues to be a great way for us to gather together on Sunday mornings. Due to the lowa summer heat and humidity, we have moved the service over to the shaded area near the playground. Areas are marked for families to sit in their chairs. For those who prefer to stay in their car, shade is also available. Our ushers will guide you as you come into the parking lot.

We have started to receive communion again. Ushers will distribute the elements to you.

Something many of you are missing is singing. We are gradually introducing hymns back into worship. Anyone who would like to lead members in singing can contact Pastor Eric. This will also help our Facebook followers who may be singing along where ever they are watching.

The worship committee continues to be creative with ideas to help us continue to worship together. Please let us know if you have any ideas too!

The counting teams are looking for substitutes to add to our list. The counting team is a small group that counts weekly giving on a rotating schedule. Contact Jamie in the office for more information or if you are interested!



You can now listen to Pastor's sermon on the phone! If you call the church office and choose option 3, you will be able to hear the weekly sermon.

### August Counting Team Schedule

Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>—Team 3

Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>—Team 1

Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>—Team 2

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>—Team 3

Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>—Team 1



Now that we have a few different options to make your offering to the church, our need for envelopes has decreased. Please contact Jamie in the office by September 13<sup>th</sup> if you would still like to have weekly envelopes for the 2021 year.

Let the church office know what your college student's address is this fall! We want to keep them in the loop of what is happening back home and send them mail so they know we are thinking of them!

Living Lutheran magazines and Word in Season books are available to take home.

2. Jessica Cram, Carl Hamilton
3. Karleigh Hansen
4. Wilma Klus, Glenn Shoup
5. Elijah St. Ores, Liam St. Ores
7. Pastor Eric Hanson
8. Patrick Hess
9. Debbie Herrington
10. Taylor Peters, Karen Mangler
12. Kristofer Popelka
13. Adley Hansen
15. Cole Johnson, Larry Peters, Owen Luckritz
16. Jane Rathje
18. AJ Burmeister
19. Wesley Ehlers
20. Tristian Thi
21. Bette Petersen, Kadence Petersen, Robert Christiansen
22. Ava Friedrichsen, Tara Eggers
23. Donna Galusha, Marilyn Wilcke
24. Ashley Butt, Zackery Eggers
26. Hollie Johnson, Dolores Diercks
27. Kristi Seamer, Corbin Peters
28. Michael Hansen, Tanner Rickertsen
29. Rachael Bennett, Denise Hermann
30. Kaitlyn Hansen
31. Todd Randolph



3. Gilbert & Dolores Diercks
5. Tony & Julie Langasek
7. Terry & Kathy Rickertsen
8. Brandon & Tara Hansen
11. Kevin & Andra Eggers
14. Carl & Ardith Hamilton, Todd & Karen Mangler
16. Stan & Karin Harmsen
17. Tony & Luann Harris, Mark & Kristi Seamer
19. Kris & Dawn Popelka
24. Michael & Tammy Hansen
27. Brad & Megan Peters
30. Andy & Renee Friedrichsen, Gary & Tracy Frahm



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

Copies of the council minutes are available in the overflow room on the white turnaround. Things happening at Faith and our financials can be found in the minutes. If you would like to know the amount of donations you have given so far this year, please let Jamie in the office know.



# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Outdoor Worship/ HC 9am</i>	3 <i>Counting Team 3</i>	4	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Outdoor worship/ HC 9am</i>	10 <i>Counting Team 1</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>Outdoor Worship/ HC 9am</i>	17 <i>Counting Team 2</i>	18	19	20	21	22
<i>FLCW bd mtg 10am</i>						
23 <i>Outdoor Worship/ HC 9am</i>	24 <i>Counting Team 3</i>	25 <i>Council Meeting 5:30pm</i>	26	27	28	29
30 <i>Outdoor Worship/ HC 9am</i>	31 <i>Counting Team 1</i>					