



Faith Notes

July 2024

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."

Thankful for YOU

I've learned it is not possible to *over* thank someone for the work and volunteering they do. Recognizing people for the time, energy, and money donated to the church isn't only polite, but necessary! It is, however, all too easy to *under* thank someone. Which is why I want to use my space in this month's newsletter to make sure to say THANK YOU! to everyone who makes the life and ministry of Faith Lutheran happen (that includes you too, reader!)

As has been said time and time again, what makes this congregation truly wonderful are the multitude of ways you all show up. I shared with a few people that during VBS, I wasn't sure what to do with myself because everything ran so smoothly. All thanks to the volunteers!

To those that serve on our staff, serve on Council or other committees, make worship happen, provide for fellowship or funeral luncheons, visit those at home, plant and weed the garden, eat the produce of the garden, lock the doors and turn off the lights, mow the lawn, change the sign outside, coordinate and plan events like VBS, Sunday School, and the Fall Supper (just to name a few), and everything in between, thank you. The work you do is all for the glory of God, and although you may not always be thanked for it, I know God certainly appreciates you!

Once again, thank you for all you do at Faith.

Peace,
Anthony

PS. You might be wondering why I'm writing a newsletter article if last month I was saying goodbye! Well, I wrote June's article before Riley and I went to Montana for our interviews and like I mentioned in worship a few weeks back, things didn't go as planned. So, the good news for you all is I'm here for the time being! Riley and I are doing our best to trust in the Holy Spirit and what God has planned for us. 😊

Thresher's is hosting a worship service on Sunday, July 14th at 8:30 a.m. at the Miles city park.



BLUEGRASS EXPRESS
TRADITIONAL & CONTEMPORARY BLUEGRASS & GOSPEL MUSIC

Bluegrass Express will lead our Bluegrass service again this year! Calvary Lutheran Church in Sabula will be hosting worship at Bill Cotton Park on Sunday, July 21st, at 10am. It will be moved to the church if inclement weather.



Our sympathies to the families of Larry Jepsen who passed away on June 9th and Shirley Greve who passed away June 22nd.

75th Anniversary Committee

The anniversary committee is taking a break during June and July but will meet again on August 7th at 5pm to begin getting things ready for the anniversary kickoff in September!

Are you moving over the summer or a student heading off to college? Please share your change of address with the office. Don't miss out on monthly newsletters or cards from committees and members of the congregation!



IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Pennie Peters on the birth of her grandson Jaxston Leonard Peters, born June 6th, 2024. Jaxston is the son of Kyle and Kristine Peters.



Our summer noisy bucket offering is being collected for My G.E.A.R. Outreach. My G.E.A.R. is a non-profit organization committed to bringing comfort and hope to children (0-18 years of age) during the tough transition of entering foster care/relative placement for the first time. They carry out this mission by providing welcome boxes and first overnight bags to meet their basic needs. My G.E.A.R has recently added a few more counties to be of assistance for foster kids and families, making them able to reach 9 counties.

We were blessed with beautiful weather, many volunteers, camp counselors and over 40 kids attend our 'Created to Be' VBS this year! Offering collected during the week purchased honeybees and community vegetable gardens from the ELCA Good Gifts.



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Chuck Corr

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**Stewardship & Out-
reach:**
Barb Randolph

Community Life & Care:
Beth Petersen

Faith Lutheran Church Women FLCW News & Events July 2024

Sharing & Caring Circle will not meet during July – Enjoy vacation!

Opportunities to help with church events this summer include:

Church Garden Committee needs {weeding, watering, and harvesting}
Collect school supplies during July and early August - put them in the grocery cart
in the entry by August 11th.

THANK YOU to those who made goodies for the VBS Helpers and provided lunch or suppers for the four EWALU Counselors during VBS!

[A Special Invitation – Linda Post Bushkofsky, the executive director of the Women of the ELCA retired at the end of June. She served this organization with dedication, and leadership for 22 years. Please consider honoring Linda by giving a monetary gift to 2122: Growing Katie's Fund for the next 100 years. The campaign to raise \$1 million for this endowment will support Katie's ministries on global sharing, leadership development, and faith in daily life. A gift to Katie's Fund in honor of Linda's leadership is a good way to say "thanks."]



Kelli, Denise, and Virginia helped with the final Worship at the June 15th Southeastern Iowa Women's Conference/Gathering at Zion Church in Clinton. Other ladies in photo are Pastor Julie Higgs, Bishop Amy Current and Myrna Ulland the president of Church Wide Women of the ELCA. Over fifty women enjoyed the fellowship of songs, speakers, Bible Study, business meeting, worship and food during the two-day event.

"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 4th at the Faith Lutheran garden to
weed and water. Many hands make light work!

Our next dirty Sunday will be July 14th!



Anthony filling water balloons for some fun after meeting their offering goal.



Snacks are always a favorite at VBS by the kids and volunteers!



The kids watched and participated in skits with the counselors.

Brian Galusha Memorial 5K Run/Walk & 1 Mile Fun Run

Saturday, July 13th, 2024 - 8AM

Thresher Days, Miles, IA

Brian Galusha was an educator at Clinton High School, and a coach and mentor in Eastern Iowa. The race supports scholarships for Clinton, Easton Valley, Northeast High Schools, and Clinton Community College!

5K Race/Walk (all ages)

\$30 (\$35 after June 1st)

8:30 AM Start

1 Mile Fun Run (ages 12 and under)

\$15 (\$20 after June 1st)

8AM Start

Race shirt guaranteed with registration prior to June 28. Shirts for registrations after June 30 will be first come/first serve and not guaranteed



Signup at:

<https://runsignup.com/briangalushamemorial>

Register online:



Donate online:



Donate Blood In Honor of **Austin Popelka**

In January 2021, Austin was diagnosed with stage 4 favorable histology wilms tumor. He underwent surgery to remove the tumor and his left kidney which was followed by a roadmap of radiation and chemotherapy. We're grateful that he continues to have stable scans. It's been a journey where he continues to have to do brave things at the University of Iowa Childrens Hospital. During treatment Austin received many lifesaving blood transfusions. Yet Austin is not the only one to have needed blood. Young or old; oncology, surgery, accidents, the journey to needing a blood transfusion does not discriminate. **Join us, in being brave, and give the gift of life!**



Andover Community Blood Drive Hosted by Austin's Army

Bring a toy to donate to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital in honor of Pediatric Awareness!

Faith Lutheran Church
1364 Washington Street

Friday, August 9th
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Appointments are encouraged! To schedule, scan the QR Code below or call Nicole at 563-275-0597.

*Those who come to give blood Aug. 1-31, 2024, will receive a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card** by email. * PLUS, presenting donors will be entered to win a \$50 Kwik Trip gift card AND will receive a coupon for a free pint of Culver's custard!*



American Red Cross



Back by popular demand are the brave cards! IF YOU DONATE BLOOD, bring the address of someone you want to let know you were thinking of while you donated blood!

1. Carolyn Naeve
2. Terry St. Ores, Ronda Naeve
3. Valerie Spooner, Dianna Feddersen
5. Ben Petersen
6. Ray Naeve
7. Annie Petersen
8. Tait Wilson
9. James Perron, Leta Hull
10. Kipp Zubrod, Mackenzie Kelly, Emma Garien
11. Ruthann Caven
13. Bob Levezow
16. Billie Jo St. Ores, Alexis Ehlers, Julie Bott
17. Greg Kelly
18. Patti Krogman
19. Jim Jacobs
21. Allen Christiansen, David Bennett
23. Rick Jacobs
24. Zachery Hamilton
25. Sherril Johnson, Adam Friedrichsen
26. Glorianne Greve
30. Mark Seamer
31. Tricia Perron, Wayne Harmsen



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



Milestone Anniversaries

Ken & Tricia Perron - 50 years

Bryan & Denise Hermann -20 years

Congratulations!!!



3. Lester & Phyllis Marshall
13. Ken & Tricia Perron
17. Bryan & Denise Hermann
20. Allan & Roberta Naeve
24. Mike & Kim Gay
28. Rick & Michelle Jacobs
29. Randy & Marcy Wilcke

Please notify the office for any new contact information, including college students. Information can be emailed to flicandover@gmail.com



SERVING FAITH

July 2024

	<u>7/7</u>	<u>7/14</u>	<u>7/21</u> Bluegrass Worship	<u>7/28</u>	<u>8/4</u>
LECTOR	Sharon Jepsen	Stan Harmsen	No Worship at Faith	Tim Hess	Virginia Eggers
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Sheridan or Annie Petersen	Marcy Wilcke or Sherril Johnson	_____	Tom or Ronda Tietjens	Richard or Carol Schroeder
ALTAR GUILD	Megan Peters (Bread provider Julie Peters)	Julie Peters	_____	Deana Jacobs	Virginia Eggers (Bread provider Lou Schroeder)
FELLOWSHIP COFFEE	Kathy Harmsen	Garden Committee	_____	Kim Hess & Sharon Jepsen	Need Volunteer
USHERS	Barb Corr & Sharon Jepsen	Paul Weber & Jack Smith	No Worship at Faith	Tom & Ronda Tietjens	Ken & Tricia Perron
COUNTING TEAM	Team #3 (7/1) Team #1 (7/8)	Team #2 (7/15)	Team #3 (7/22)	Team #1 (7/29)	Team #2 (8/5)

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Counting Team 3</i>	2	3	4 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Happy Independence Day!</i>	5	6
7 <i>Worship 9am</i>	8 <i>Counting Team 1</i>	9	10	11 <i>Council meeting</i> <i>7pm</i>	12	13
14 <i>Worship 9am</i> <i>Dirty Sunday</i>	15 <i>Counting Team 2</i>	16	17	18 <i>Newsletter info due</i>	19	20
21 <i>Bluegrass worship</i> <i>@ Bill Cotton Park</i> <i>Sabula 10am</i> NO WORSHIP AT FAITH	22 <i>Counting Team 3</i>	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Worship 9am</i>	29 <i>Counting Team 1</i>	30	31			