

Faith Notes

November 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,

The other day I was cleaning up my office a bit and I came across the box of percussion instruments the kids used to play during the gospel acclamation in worship. That made me recall how the kids and I placed it there during the Ash Wednesday worship service all the way back in February. As you might remember, we planned to leave it in my office throughout the season of Lent and then on Easter Sunday we were going to get the instruments back out and use them for a big alleluia celebration. But because of the pandemic, those plans had to be put on hold. In fact, a lot of the congregation's plans were

either changed or delayed this year and for good reason, because we had more pressing needs arise. It's kind of like how washing dirty dishes is an important part of housework, but that's not something to concern yourself with if the house is on fire. Parts of our life together as Church were set aside because we had to put out some fires this year. But I must say that I'm amazed at how we overcame so many challenges, coming together to not only put out those fires but also take on some of those tasks that were put on hold. As a congregation we've learned to adapt and change so much, we've also each pitched in doing our own parts in our life and ministry together. While some of us went to grab the fire extinguisher and call the fire department others made their way back into the kitchen and got to work on that pile of dishes ☺. This has shown me firsthand what the Apostle Paul described as the Body of Christ. We each perform different functions, like our various body parts, but we all work toward the same purpose of serving God by loving our neighbors. Thank you church for living into this good news during this past year. Whatever the future may have in store for us, I look forward to seeing how we continue living as the Body of Christ.

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric

"People of Faith Lutheran, thanks so much for the nice new office chair, the thoughtful card, and the gift card. That was very kind. I hope you all know how grateful I am to be your Pastor, even in these challenging times. - Pastor Eric



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Faith Spotlight

Tell us about yourself...

My name is Valerie Spooner. I am the daughter of Matthew and Elyse Spooner. I have two siblings Jessica Hoffman, and Natalie Spooner. Some things I enjoy during my free time are my extra-curricular activities at school.

Which include softball, basketball, volleyball, musical, FCA, and Speech. I also really enjoy spending time with my family and horseback riding. Some of my biggest accomplishments include going to state softball and being crowned the 2020 Northeast Homecoming Queen.



How do you serve Faith Lutheran Church?

One way that I have served Faith Lutheran over the years is through our mission trips. I have been going to these missions since I was seven years old. I have learned so many life lessons and I have expanded my knowledge on faith. Going on these mission trips is one of my absolute favorite things because not only do I have tremendous amounts of fun, but also I get to serve others. Another way I serve Faith Lutheran is simply bringing a smile and kindness into every day. At Faith Lutheran they have taught me to always be kind and to spread God's love. Every day I try to wake up with a good attitude to spread love and kindness throughout my day. Faith Lutheran will always hold a special place in my heart and I am so thankful for all my experiences and connections I have made.



Check out the new plants and trees in front of the church! Our landscaping committee was able to update this area in September and October between the rain and field work.

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

News & Events for November 2020

MONTHLY EVENTS:

Tuesday Nov. 2: Sharing/Caring Circle will be meeting at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Room at Church
Please wear a mask

Hostess: Tricia Perron

Bible Study: Virginia Eggers

Discuss Thank Offering Service and which FLCW Board positions need to be filled for 2021

Tuesday Nov. 17: Sewing 10am to 3pm
Bring a sack lunch

Sunday Nov. 22: Thank Offering Service
Bring your Thank Offering donation and items for HELPING OTHERS

Sunday Nov. 29: FLCW Bd. Mtg. 10 am after church to discuss
Christmas Giving & to divide items donated to HELP OTHERS

November 'OPPORTUNITIES for HELPING OTHERS'

Please bring Items for the Homeless, Family Resources, Share Our Sandwiches, YWCA Housing and for Youth the HUGS ministry needs hats, underwear gloves & socks. Items can be left in the two boxes in the entry.

Food items

Beef Jerky
Breakfast Bar
Raisins/ Dried Fruit
Snack Cups: applesauce/pudding
Tuna/Chicken Cracker Kits

Essential Items

Gloves/Hand Warmers/Hats
Small Wash Cloth
Can Opener
Wet Wipes – trial size
Large Toothbrush
Band-Aids/Triple Anti-biotic Ointment
Water Bottle – with clip to attach to a backpack
\$10.00 Gift Cards to Subway, McDonalds, or Gas Station

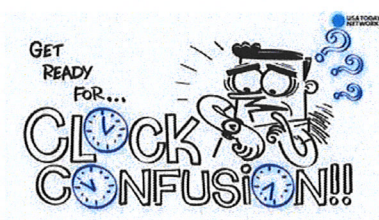
Socks/Underwear
Thermal Blanket
Tissues – trial size
Comb

Hygiene Items

Toilet Paper Detergent
Dish Soap Deodorant
Trial Size Soap Toothpaste
Lotion Razors
Lip balm/Chap stick
Feminine Products – preferably pads



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.



Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before falling asleep on October 31st! If you forget, you can join us for Sunday school!

Faith Lutheran Church 2020 "No Food" Fall Supper

Faith has a long tradition of providing **FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and MISSION** through the Fall Supper!

Faith nourishes our congregation, the near community, and our worldwide neighbors through the Fall Supper. Unfortunately, the Covid 19 pandemic has made carrying on as tradition, extremely difficult or near impossible! Members faithfully spend time preparing food in our homes, working side-by-side in fellowship with others, and sit shoulder to shoulder to enjoy the delicious meal. These traditions just do not seem safe in the strange new times of 2020.

What we **CAN** do as brothers and sisters in Christ, is carry on the tradition of mission that the Fall Supper provides. Did you realize, in 2019 we cleared \$4,319.96? Of these dollars, the church council voted to put \$319.96 in the Current Fund, and use \$4000.00 to support mission work locally and globally in the following ways:

Lutheran Chaplaincy	\$ 300.00
Andover Fireman	\$ 400.00
Mercy Med Tree	\$ 300.00
Synod Benevolence	\$ 1,000.00
World Hunger	\$ 400.00
Seminary Education	\$ 300.00
YWCA Housing Services	\$ 400.00
Information Referral	\$ 300.00
Camp EWALU	\$ 300.00
Honor Flight	\$ 200.00
Veterans Affairs	\$ 200.00
	<u>\$ 4000.00</u>

We **CAN** make financial contributions that can support these or other missions that are struggling in this pandemic!

Please prayerfully consider joining in the "**No Food**" Fall Supper campaign to donate any amount you choose to let the Faith Lutheran Fall Supper carry on in a new way for 2020. Additionally, if there is another organization that speaks to you, please include that mission idea below. We would love to hear your thoughts.

Hopefully in 2021 we can return the FOOD and FELLOWSHIP to the Fall Supper!

Please return the bottom portion with your donation by **November 30th** to the church office or place in the offering basket. Thank you for supporting the Faith Lutheran Church "No Food" Fall Supper!

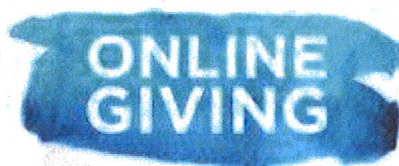
Name _____

Donation Amount _____

Please consider supporting the following agencies _____



Congratulations to Kaitlyn Hansen, Aden Howard, Kimi Johnson, Mason Luckritz, and Kylie Petersen on their Confirmation! They were blessed to affirm their faith in our outdoor service on October 4th!



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

Thankoffering



Our Thankoffering Service will be Sunday, November 22nd. Envelopes are available in the church entryway. Offering can be brought for the Thankoffering service.

In honor of Veterans Day, we honor those who have served and are currently serving in our military. Members of Faith that are currently serving:

Colton Galusha,
Zack Eggers
Zoey Eggers
Evan Parker

Thank you for your service!



Each year 3rd grade students are presented with a new traditional Bible. On Sunday, November 22nd, we will recognize:
Maleah Cram, Tenlee Johnson,
Chelsea Petersen, Gunnar Petersen,
Joana Randolph.



On Sunday, November 1st, we celebrate those saints who have been baptized, confirmed, and have passed away since November 3rd, 2019.

Baptized

Larson Peters

Confirmed

Kaitlyn Hanse, Aden Howard,
Kimi Johnson, Mason Luckritz,
Kylie Petersen

Deceased

Diane Naeve, Paul Evers, Charles Herrington,
Jim Galusha, Eunice Kruse, Corrine Evers,
Karen Weber, George Darling, Jeff Gronwaldt,
Lucile Feddersen, Marv Jensen, Seth Wilson

The Book of Saints is not available this year. The names submitted to the office will be read during worship.

1. Dale Gluesing, Kaelan Kelly
2. Andy Friedrichsen, Austin Hamilton
5. Brian Peters, Kathy Slater
9. Renee Friedrichsen, Charlie Jacobs-Ciarcia
10. Avery Ruefer
11. Nancy Christiansen
13. Patti Diercks
14. Lois Feddersen, Mason Luckritz
15. Diane Naeve, George Eggers, Colton Galusha
16. Kimi Johnson
17. Megan Peters
18. Cory Cram
19. Kathy Rickertsen, Michael Diercks
21. Gunnar Petersen
24. Terry Rickertsen
26. Joel Schroeder
27. Erin Tietjens
29. Don Galusha
30. Jessica Howard, Tamarra Friedrichsen



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.

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.



3. James & Deana Jacobs, Ed & Rhonda Lange
4. James & Katie Wilke
8. Loren & Sherri Ketelsen
13. Ben & Jamie Luckritz
22. Arlyn & Leslie Schroeder
23. Joel & Beth Petersen
25. Greg & Nadene Kelly
30. Mark & Peggy Neblung

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

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.

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> SS 8:30am Worship/HC 9am	2 <i>Sharing/Caring</i> Circle 6:30pm <i>Counting Team 1</i>	3	4	5 <i>Bible Study 10am</i>	6	7 <i>Petersen/Booth</i> Wedding
8 SS 8:30am Worship/HC 9am	9 <i>Counting Team 2</i>	10	11	12 <i>Bible Study 10am</i>	13	14
15 SS 8:30am Worship/HC 9am Council mtg 10am	16 <i>Counting Team 3</i>	17 <i>Sewing 10am-3pm</i>	18	19 <i>Bible Study 10am</i>	20	21
22 SS 8:30am Thankoffering Service/HC 9am	23 <i>Counting Team 1</i>	24	25	26 <i>Happy</i> <i>Thanksgiving!</i> <i>Office closed</i>	27	28
29 SS 8:30am Worship/HC 9am FLCW bd mtg 10am	30 <i>No Food Fall</i> <i>Supper donations</i> <i>due</i> <i>Counting Team 2</i>					

