

October  
2023

# Faith Notes

## Setting a Routine

### *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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Sunday School  
8:45 a.m. on Sunday  
September-April

Worship 10 a.m.

If there's one thing you learn about me in my time at Faith, it is that I love routines. I am a planner through and through—a creature of habit. Of course, that's not always 100% true, I can have fun and be "whimsical" from time to time, but by and large, I like my routines.

Daisy and Chick like their routines too. Every morning we go on a walk at a park near Wartburg Seminary's campus. We did the same when we lived in Mendota, Illinois. We wake up at 6, I go downstairs to let them out, then feed them and start the coffee. After a quick breakfast the girls start to get antsy—they know that by 7 I'll grab their collars and off to the park we'll go.

If I happen to miss a day, either because of the weather or an early morning meeting, the girls and I feel it. Sometimes Daisy will spend the day pouting—moving from couch to couch and huffing at me. They lose their chance to sniff all the things, get their wiggles out, and I miss getting my steps in. The day is thrown off. Not that the day suddenly becomes bad, but just, off.

Do you know this feeling?

I have a sense that you do, especially in the life of our church. For a year and a half, you've been without regularity. You've had someone new leading worship almost every week, been creative to continue in the life of the church, and the "Pastor's Office" door has been closed with the lights off.

Now, we know that a pastor isn't the most important thing about church, but its comforting to have a familiar presence from week to week.

I began as your interim on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Since then, I've been getting used to Faith Lutheran and Andover, creating new routines and patterns. My hope, in the year I'll be here, is to provide regularity. Whether that be on Sunday mornings or throughout the week—I'll be here.

I also hope that we can create new routines together! Returning to worship regularly, participating in church and community events, and growing as the beautiful community I know Faith to be. Like with Daisy and Chick, I'm sure we'll have hiccups and miss days along the way, but there's always tomorrow.

Peace, Anthony

## 2023 Church Council

### President:

Tricia Perron

### Vice President/Financial

#### Secretary:

Andra Eggers

#### Secretary:

Tait Wilson

#### Treasurer:

Jeanette Bennett

### Property & Management:

Tim Hess

#### Worship:

Mollie Galusha

### Community Life & Care:

Beth Petersen

### Faith Formation/Education:

Chuck Corr

### Stewardship & Outreach:

Sandy Hansen & Craig Fredrich

Pastor Neil Harrison and members of First Lutheran Church in Maquoketa invite members of Faith to a celebration in honor of:

Pastor Judy Heinrich on her 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her Ordination! A reception will be held following the 5pm service on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and a potluck celebration immediately following 9am worship on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pastor Judy Heinrich retired from full-time ministry in 2020.

Three of our confirmation youth will affirm their faith on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> during worship at 10 a.m. Please join us and support Colton Butt, Karleigh Hansen and Kadence Petersen as they make this commitment!

## Pumpkin Picking

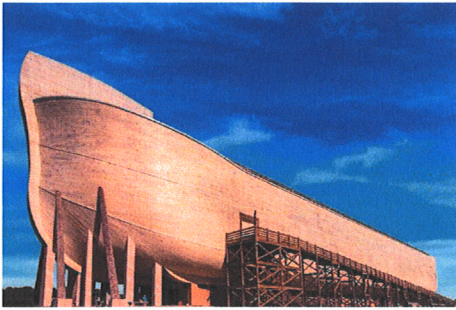
Join us for OUTDOOR worship on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. followed by fellowship of hot dogs, chips, etc. and pumpkin picking! Bring a lawn chair for parking lot worship. Rain date will be October 15<sup>th</sup>.



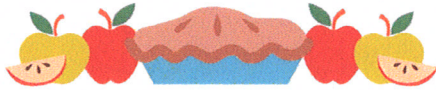
Thank you to everyone who contributed to our VBS and Noisy Bucket offering over the summer. We were able to collect \$572 for the renovations to Cedar Lodge at EWALU!

We continue to have an over abundance of extra tables for the taking. Contact Tricia Perron, 563-357-8221, if you are interested in some.

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.



**Ark Encounter Update:** Final pricing will be available after the October council meeting. There will be fundraising opportunities to help offset some of the cost. Maximum number allowed is 33. There is still time to sign up for this fun and exciting adventure! Contact the office to get your name added to the list.



Join us for fellowship on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> for some homemade pie! Donations given for fellowship will go towards the cost of The Ark and Creation Museum trip.



Miss Morgan's class made their own fire after reading the story about Moses and the burning bush.

Kathy's Rickertsen's Annual Shopping Trip to Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg, Illinois will be Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The bus will leave Clinton at 7am from the Journey Church parking lot and return around 9pm. Cost of \$57 per person is due November 1<sup>st</sup>. This trip supports the Andy Rickertsen Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Contact Kathy with questions, [rickert4us@yahoo.com](mailto:rickert4us@yahoo.com) or 563-682-7874.

Online giving is available! Go to our website, [flicandoveria.com](http://flicandoveria.com) and click the donate button!

## Fall Supper Planning Underway

Faith will host our annual fall supper on Sunday, November 12, 2023 from 3-7pm. It will be parking lot pick up only. To provide this meal for our community, we need many helping hands!

Apple, pumpkin and chocolate desserts are needed along with volunteers to help serve throughout the night.

Please contact Julie Peters, 563-219-1957 or the church office, 563-682-7629, if you are willing to provide a dessert or lend a hand.

Know of any students looking for volunteer hours? Send them our way too!

There are several opportunities to serve as part of worship on Sunday mornings and new serving lists will be made for 2024 soon. Let the office know if you are no longer able to serve and would like to be taken off of or if you would like to be put on another serving list.

Sunday morning serving lists:

Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Communion Assistant  
Fellowship

## Faith Lutheran Church Women FLCW News & Events October 2023

Sharing & Caring Circle: Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Meeting at church in basement fellowship  
Hostess: Tricia Perron  
Bible Study: Kathy Harmsen

Sewing Days: Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Any time 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Bring a sack lunch

Thank You Notes have been received for our donations of school supplies to area elementary schools

October Opportunities for Helping our less fortunate neighbors – Please donate any of the following items and put in the shopping cart in the entry by November 7

<u>Hygiene Items</u>	<u>Food Items</u>	<u>Essential Items</u>
Deodorant	Beef Jerky	Gloves/Hand Warmers
Trial Size soap	Breakfast Bar	Socks
Toothbrush	Mints	First Aid Items
Toothpaste	Peanut Butter Crackers	Small Wash Cloth
Chap Stick/Lip balm	Raisins	Thermal Blanket
Lotion	Snack Cups	Tissues-small size
Feminine Products – pads	Tuna/Chicken/Cracker Kits	Sunscreen-small
Razors		Wet Wipes-small size
		Comb-large teeth

\*\*\* \$10 gift cards for Subway, McDonalds or Gas Stations

**Bakeless Bake Sale Envelopes** are available for everyone to donate to the Faith Lutheran Church Women treasury. Money donated goes into the FLCW budget for Christmas giving to helping area benevolent agencies and supporting other ministries during the next year. Please return the self-addressed envelopes by mail or put in the offering box at church by November 19<sup>th</sup>.



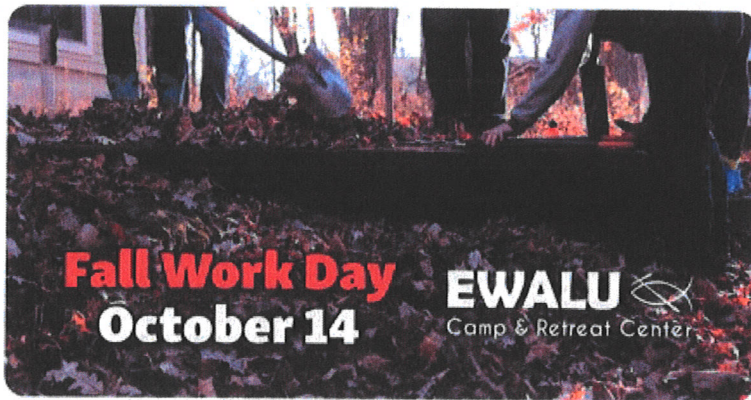
Fall Noisy Offering will go to L'Arche Clinton.

L'Arche Clinton, has provided residential services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Clinton since 1974. At L'Arche,

people with and without I/DD share life experiences together. They celebrate each person's unique gifts, value diversity, and practice inclusion. We are grateful to have connected with this community the last few years and look forward to helping their ministry.



Chuck's class wove paper baskets after reading the story of baby Moses.



Join volunteers, families, and church groups to help Ewalu get ready for the winter season. Take time to explore camp and meet staff and other volunteers ... come Friday evening to enjoy a campfire, and spend the night at Ewalu for free, our way of thanking you for helping!

A variety of projects are being prepared for all ages and abilities. If you can't be here for the weekend, we have plenty of things for volunteers at any time. Just give us a call!

📍 37776 Alpha Ave, Strawberry Point, IA  
(camp entrance is 3 miles west of town, on Iowa Hwy 3)

**For more information:**

📞 563-933-4700

🌐 [www.ewalu.org/event/fall-work-day](http://www.ewalu.org/event/fall-work-day)



**WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

**Friday, Oct. 13:** Come for an evening campfire and spend the night at Ewalu.

**Saturday, Oct. 14:**

Volunteer Work Day

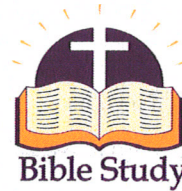
- 8:00 a.m. Arrival
- 9:00 a.m. Work Projects
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Work Projects
- 4:00 p.m. Departure

**Contact with questions:**

📞 Paul Frantsen at 563-933-4700

**RSVP for lodging:**

📞 Diane Parker at 563-933-4700 or email [office@ewalu.org](mailto:office@ewalu.org)



Bible Study continues on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. It's a great opportunity to dig a little deeper into Jesus' teachings! No prior knowledge needed and no tests or quizzes given!



Ronda Tietjens teaches the STUFF kids how to set up communion.

Sunday School and Confirmation are well underway! Our numbers are growing as we welcome some new families on Sunday mornings! If you know of someone looking for a Sunday School opportunity for their kids, invite them on Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m.!

A blessing for Sunday School teachers, substitutes, organizers and other volunteers was on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We are grateful for their time so we can give our youth a fun Sunday School experience!



1. Cory Eggers
2. Brenda Banker, Anson Bowen
5. Dianne Levetzow, Dustin Johnson
8. Jeanne Rowson, Kim Hess, Sherri Ketelsen
9. Laura Aldis
11. Lester Greve, Kayla Corr
14. Marcy Wilcke
15. Jed Petersen, Richard Schroeder, Levi Luckritz, Eric Eggers
16. Carly Hasken
17. Arrianna Dolph
18. Carla Wilson
20. Linda Mussmann
22. Madison Slater
23. Leslie Schroeder
24. Darwin Johnson
26. Lucas Gruhn
28. Scott Jepsen
29. Luann Harris
30. Hannah Gay, Brenda Gronwaldt



### *Milestone Anniversaries*

*Sam & Jordan Sexton*  
5 years

*James & Danika Perron*  
20 years

*Dale & Kelly Gluesing*  
40 years

*Richard & Carol Schroeder*  
55 years

*Roland & Bette Petersen*  
65 years

*Congratulations!!!*



5. Roland & Bette Petersen
10. Brent & Sonja Wilson
16. Rod & Tracie Luckritz
18. James & Danika Perron
20. Sam & Jordan Sexton
26. Richard & Carol Schroeder
28. Scott & Lori Fuller
29. Dale & Kelly Gluesing
30. Sam & Jessica Howard

### **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.



# SERVING FAITH

October 2023

	<u>10/1</u>	<u>10/8</u>	<u>10/15</u>	<u>10/22</u>	<u>10/29</u>
<b>LECTOR</b>	Ardith Hamilton	Beth Petersen	Marilyn Peters	Chuck Corr	Loren Peters
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANT</b>	Richard & Carol Schroeder	Jeanette Bennett, Megan Peters	Sherril Johnson, Don Schroeder	Loren & Marilyn Peters	Kelli Parker, Kristi Seamer
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Kelli Parker	Katie Wilke	Sherril Johnson	Megan Peters, STUFF Kids	Deana Jacobs
<b>FELLOWSHIP COFFEE</b>	Virginia Eggers	Pumpkin Picking	Miles Fire Department Pancake Breakfast	Ronda Tietjens, Jamie Luckritz	Confirmation Celebration
<b>USHERS</b>	Sheridan & Annie Petersen	Todd & Barb Randolph	James & Katie Wilke Family	Ken & Tricia Perron	Marcy Wilcke, Kathy Rickertsen
<b>COUNTING TEAM</b>	Team #3 (10/2)	Team #1 (10/9)	Team #2 (10/16)	Team #3 (10/23)	Team #1 (10/30)

# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SS/STUFF 8:45am Worship 10am	2 Counting Team 3	3 Showering/Caring Circle 6:30pm	4 Confirmation 6pm	5 Bible Study 10am	6	7
8 SS/STUFF 8:45am Outdoor Worship 10am Pumpkin Picking following worship	9 Counting Team 1	10	11 Confirmation 6pm	12 Bible Study 10am	13	14
15 SS/STUFF 8:45am Visitation mtg 9:30am Worship 10am	16 Counting Team 2	17 Council meeting 7pm	18 Newsletter info due Confirmation 6pm	19 Bible Study 10am	20	21
22 SS/STUFF 8:45am Worship 10am	23 Counting Team 3	24	25 Confirmation 6pm	26 Bible Study 10am Sewing 10am-3pm	27 Sewing 10am-3pm	28
29 SS/STUFF 8:45am Worship 10am Confirmation Sunday	30 Counting Team 1	31				