

September  
2023

# Faith Notes

*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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*Office hours are  
Monday-Thursday  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.*

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

*Worship 10 a.m.*

So Nice to Meet You

Grace and peace to you all! My name is Anthony Windau, and I am so excited to be your interim pastor. I'd like to take an opportunity to introduce myself and share a few things.

The basics are: in May I graduated from Wartburg Seminary, and have spent the last 18 months at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mendota, Illinois. I started as their seminarian intern but eventually became their interim. That's a story for another time. I come from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where my parents and most of my siblings still live—I'm the youngest of seven. The fun facts are: I'm engaged to Riley. She's starting her final year at Wartburg Seminary and she's definitely my better half. I have two rescue dogs, Daisy and Chick, who are learning to get along with Riley's cat, Loki. It's a little tense at times, but I'm sure the three will learn to be friends. When I'm not working, I enjoy reading, walking the dogs, and woodworking (although I sold all my tools when we moved to Dubuque).

One of my life mottos is, "everything is a learning opportunity." I'm still newly starting my life as a pastor and I know I have so much to learn, I'll never pretend I have all the answers. But I'm willing to try and take on challenges. Another motto was taught by my internship supervisor and is "to not take myself *too* seriously." I think it's important to laugh and have fun, and know that mistakes happen! You'll hear a joke or two in my sermons from time to time. I expect laughter ;)

Finally, my hope for our time together. My job as interim isn't to show up, shake things around, and cause a lot of change. Rather, it's to walk alongside you in life and ministry, and help prepare for whoever/whatever comes next. In the coming year, we will worship alongside one another, find ways God is active in our community and join in with that work, and seek to grow in our relationships.

I am thrilled for this partnership, and that I get to know all you wonderful people at Faith. I'm looking forward to our time together.

Peace,  
Pastor Anthony Windau



## 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



Sunday School begins September 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m.! We are excited to learn more stories about Jesus and his teachings! Bring a friend and join the fun!

The Andover Lions Club will NOT have their Labor Day Pancake Breakfast this year.



A Back to School blessing will be on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Anyone heading back to school this fall can bring a few supplies to be blessed for a successful school year.



Fall Noisy Offering will go to L'Arche Clinton.

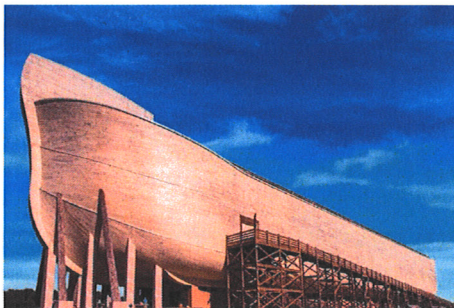
L'Arche Clinton, has provided residential services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Clinton since 1974. At L'Arche, people with and without I/DD share life experiences together. They celebrate each person's unique gifts, value diversity, and practice inclusion. We are grateful to have connected with this community the last few years and look forward to helping their ministry.

Have you moved over the summer or have 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!



Our hearts are so full! A million thank-you's to each of you for supporting the second annual blood and toy drive! Because of the donors, Red Cross staff and volunteers were able to collect 32 units of blood, along with 8 additional units from afar. The Toy drive will continue through September in honor of pediatric cancer awareness month, and Austin looks forward to delivering the toys to the hospital at his next scan October 12th. We are forever grateful for all the love, support, and help paying it forward to warriors going through unspeakable times.

What was the Mystery Vegetable that grew in our Community Church Garden? It was a rutabaga also known as a Swede and it is a root vegetable and a hybrid between a cabbage and turnip. If you like potatoes, you will probably like rutabagas. They are lower in carbohydrates and calories and packed with fiber, vitamins, and antioxidants. Rutabagas can be eaten raw, but become sweeter when cooked and can be hashed, mashed, or roasted.



Ark Encounter Update: This will be a 3-night adventure that will take place March 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. This will allow for 1 day of travel to Kentucky, 1 day at the Ark Encounter, 1 for the Creation Museum, and 1 day to travel home. More details are still being ironed out. Please let the office know if you have any interest in going. If there is not enough interest, we will not be able to go. This a great opportunity to continue building relationships in our congregation!

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 September 2023

**Sharing & Caring Circle** - Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – meeting at the home of Bette Petersen, 1331 400 Ave Bryant

Hostess: Bette Petersen

Bible Study: Denise Schroeder

**Do You Feel Like a Road Trip on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> – to Camp EWALU Quilt Auction?** The day's activities are:

9am- view the Quilts and buy Country Store Items

11am- worship Service

12 Noon- a Free-will Lunch

1pm- the live Quilt Auction starts

The Sewing Ladies of Faith have donated two quilts to be sold. We can also see the sweaters that Chuck and Barb Corr's daughters knit for the Auction. Sisters Julie (Corr) Langasek and Kristen Corr Rod knit two wonderful sweaters, infused with symbols of EWALU! Julie's sweater includes the A-Frame Bridge, and Kristen's sweater has stars, trees, tents, campfires and the EWALU fish. A photo of the girls and their sweaters can be found on the EWALU Facebook page.

**\*\*Please Sign up if interested in going to the EWALU Quilt Auction by September 10<sup>th</sup>** on the sign up sheet in the Narthex and indicate if willing to drive.

**Sewing Days:** Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 3pm. Bring a sack lunch

**Thank You to everyone who donated school supplies** – they were divided and delivered to the following elementary schools – three Clinton schools, Easton Valley, and Northeast

**Please Pray** for safe travels and uplifting fellowship for the participants who are traveling to Phoenix, AZ for the Churchwide Women of the ELCA 12<sup>th</sup> Triennial Convention and Gathering September 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

**Cluster V Fall Gathering** – Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Lutheran Church in Preston from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. The \$7.00 fee will be paid by our FLCW account for members who attend but you will need money for two offerings. Pre-register by Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> (sheet in the Narthex). We will carpool from the church for those who sign up to do that.



Love Gift Offerings at the Cluster V Gathering will go to My GEAR Outreach. Please bring new pajamas sizes newborn to adult; the following toiletries: toothbrush – child to adult, toothpaste, deodorant, liquid bath soap. Monetary donations are also welcome.

My G.E.A.R. Outreach 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 for the first time. They provide welcome boxes and first over night bags to meet their basic needs. Serving in Iowa: Clinton, Jackson, Scott & Dubuque counties. Serving in Illinois: Whiteside, Carroll, & Lee counties.



## Austin's Army Toy Drive

September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month!

**Join us in making a difference by donating a toy that will be used by the Child Life Specialist team at the University of Iowa's Children's Hospital to cheer up children sick and hospitalized!**

<https://uichildrens.org/donations>



For more information on the lack of pediatric cancer research (The National Cancer Institute devotes just 4% of research to childhood cancer), research #MoreThan4

AUSTIN'S  
ARMY

★ NEVER LEAVE YOUR WING MAN ★

All toys will go directly to the Child Life Program at the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. Toys must be in their original packaging (no homemade toys can accepted).

Toys can be dropped off at:

Faith Lutheran Church  
1364 Washington Street (No Mail!)  
Andover, IA  
Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 1 PM &  
Sunday AM

Drop off  
by  
September  
30!



## Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on Thursday mornings starting September 14<sup>th</sup> 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!



"God's work. Our hands" is celebrating 10 years of hosting this annual day of service on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Confirmation will start up again on Wednesday evenings beginning September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Parents and students are invited to attend this first meeting together to learn more about this year's schedule and program.

ELCA.org shares "that this day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace."

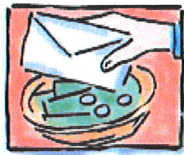
Share with us the service you participate in to make our community a better place!



1. Rhonda Lange
2. Steve Eickert
3. Julie Peters, 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
22. Scott Bratthauer
23. Kipp Hoffman
25. Kevin Eggers
27. Laurel Randolph
28. Brooke Lafollette
29. Roger Wilke, Kyle Peters



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



Reminder: Offering envelopes are available. Contact the office for envelopes or if you need your giving number. Offering donations can be mailed or placed in the box when entering the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

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.



2. Fred & Carole Jensen
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

## 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

September 2023

	<u>9/3</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>9/17</u>	<u>9/24</u>	<u>10/1</u>
LECTOR	Barb Corr	Stan Harmsen	Tim Hess	Virginia Eggers	Ardith Hamilton
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Tim & Kim Hess	Beth Petersen, Marcy Wilcke	Tom & Ronda Tietjens	Gary & Denise Schroeder	Richard & Carol Schroeder
ALTAR GUILD	Ronda Tietjens	Megan Peters, STUFF Kids	Megan Peters, STUFF Kids	Virginia Eggers	Kelli Parker
FELLOWSHIP COFFEE	Men of Faith	Bette Petersen	Sonja Wilson	Garden Committee	
USHERS	Adam & Tamarra Friedrichsen Family	Richard & Carol Schroeder	Tim & Kim Hess	Roland & Bette Petersen	Sheridan & Annie Petersen
COUNTING TEAM	Team #2 (9/4)	Team #3 (9/11)	Team #1 (9/18)	Team #2 (9/25)	Team #3 (10/2)

# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>EWALU Quilt</i> <i>Auction 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup></i>					1	2
3 <i>Visitation mtg</i> 8:30am <i>Worship 9am</i>	4 <i>Counting Team 2</i>	5 <i>Sharing/Caring</i> <i>Circle 6:30pm</i>	6	7	8	9
10 <i>SS/STUFF 8:45am</i> <b><i>Worship 10am</i></b> <i>Back to School</i> <i>Blessing</i>	11 <i>Counting Team 3</i>	12	13 <i>Confirmation mtg</i> 6pm	14 <i>Bible Study 10am</i> <i>Council meeting</i> 7pm	15	16 <i>EWALU Quilt</i> <i>Auction Day Trip</i>
17 <i>SS/STUFF 8:45am</i> <i>Worship 10am</i>	18 <i>Counting Team 1</i> <i>Newsletter info due</i>	19	20 <i>Confirmation 6pm</i>	21 <i>Bible Study 10am</i>	22	23
24 <i>SS/STUFF 8:45am</i> <i>Worship 10am</i> <i>Dirty Sunday</i>	25 <i>Counting Team 2</i>	26	27 <i>Confirmation 6pm</i>	28 <i>Bible Study 10am</i> <i>Sewing 10am-3pm</i>	29 <i>Sewing 10am-3pm</i>	30