

Faith Notes

July 2025



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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Monday-Thursday
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

Worship 9 a.m.

One of the highlights of June was Vacation Bible School! Forty-Seven Kids and over twenty volunteers gathered at Faith for a week of play, song, fellowship, and learning. We got creative at the craft station, making windchimes, garden fairy wands, basket weaving, and more. We heard stories told by puppets about the theme, "God's Word Comes Near." We played games outside like telephone, duck-duck-animal, kickball, and many more. And we enjoyed delicious snacks made by volunteers in the kitchen!

Many of those that gathered said their favorite part of each day was Alpha and Omega, the large group sessions at the beginning and end of each day. These sections were led by our four awesome counselors from EWALU. They taught us silly songs, new ways to pray, and performed skits that highlighted the theme word of the day: Trusting, Following, Listening, Serving, and Blessing. Each morning, the kids guessed the theme word through a game of Wheel of Fortune.

This year, VBS was raising money for the Clinton Humane Society. We quickly reached our first goal of \$200, and by the end of the week, we had surpassed our new goal of \$400! We ended up collecting \$559.51 and a basket full of treats, toys, and other needed items. The humane society came and visited us during the week to explain how our gift would help animals in need in Clinton. They brought a dog and three kittens for the kids to meet, which was a huge hit! We even got to name the kittens, Diamond, Pom Pom, and Luther!

When I first got here, I was told that Faith Lutheran goes big for VBS. It is something you all are proud of and truly invest in. Well, I can now say that everyone who told me that was absolutely correct! Your commitment to the youth of the church and in the wider community through VBS is a beautiful example of the promises we make when a little one is baptized. That we, as a church community and as the Body of Christ, "promise to support them and pray for them in their new life in Christ."


Thanks be to God for the week we had, the relationships formed, and the memories made!

-Pastor Katie

There will be NO worship at Faith that day.



Pastor Katie will be hosting a new member session on Monday, July 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship room. Dinner included! There is still room for anyone who wants to join!



BLUEGRASS EXPRESS
TRADITIONAL & CONTEMPORARY BLUEGRASS & GOSPEL MUSIC

Bluegrass Express will lead our Bluegrass service again this year! St. John's in Preston will be hosting worship at Twogood Park in Preston on Sunday, July 27th, at 9:30 a.m. Bring your lawn chairs and stay for fellowship time following worship! It will be moved to the church if inclement weather.

There will be NO worship at Faith
that day.

Can you believe we are half way into 2025!? If you would like a copy of your giving for the year so far, please contact Jamie in the office.



**GET TO KNOW
PASTOR
KATIE**

Host Pastor Katie! Sign up for a time to have Pastor Katie over for tea or coffee, show her around your home/farm, bring her to your kid's activities, or whatever is meaningful to you! A signup sheet is in the entryway. You can also contact her at pastorkatiejensen@gmail.com

Worship:
Mollie
Galusha-Kays

2025 Church Council

Community Life & Care:
Julie Peters

Dear Faith Lutheran Congregation,

Thank you so much for blessing me and all the other counselors for the past 3 years. It has been such a joy to serve you all during VBS. You really do spoil us all and make us keep coming back. I sincerely hope that we've helped you all in every way possible because you've done so for us. Your church and community is full of some of the kindest and most hospitable people I've ever met. The memories and bonds I've made in this congregation are one of the biggest reasons I've continued to come back. As I leave this special place I'll be praying for and thinking of you all. Thank you for all the love, laughter, memories and so much more that came from the church. The kids have been so good every year and we are really so lucky to be placed to teach in your church. I will miss this place and you all dearly! Feel free to find me on Facebook and I will try to update anyone that would like it!

Sincerely, Emily Frey



We want to see your summer projects! Beginning in August, you will have the opportunity to showcase something you did over the summer. 4-H projects, a picture from vacation, a woodworking project are just some ideas! We will create a gallery to display your items for a few weeks and then return them to you.



Choir rehearsals continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Area congregations have been invited to join us at 7pm for an ecumenical choir July 2nd and 9th. Rehearsals are in preparation for the church service on July 13th at Miles Park for Thresher's Days.



The 3rd Annual Brian Galusha Memorial Run/Walk is Saturday, July 12th! Registration for the 5K run/walk will be \$35. Registration for the Kids Mile Fun Run (ages 12 and under) \$20. Everyone that is registered by June 27th will be guaranteed a race shirt.

Sign up at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/IA/Miles/BrianGalushaRunWalk>

Thank you ALL for another successful week of VBS! Either in prayer, volunteering, or supporting us in anyway, the members of Faith were with us for a fantastic week! Our offering from the week went to the Clinton Humane Society. We raised over \$500 along with other pet toys and supplies! More pictures can be found on our Facebook page and website!



Faith Lutheran Church Women News & Events July 2025

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Gather School Supplies to deliver in August.

July 20: FLCW Fellowship
Tricia Perron

A special thank you to all Faith Lutheran women and men who helped make VBS a huge success. It takes a village to provide these wonderful Faith lessons to our youth.



Bright Star Ticket Information

Adults \$28
Seniors \$25
Students \$21

Group Ticket Prices
Price: \$18 per ticket

Group tickets are a great way to save money if you have a group of 20 people or more seeing a show

Friends and family are welcome, but please sign up all attending on our sign up sheet in entry way asap. This way tickets can be purchased in timely matter.

Blue Grass All Day Sunday, July 27

*Start the day off by attending
9:30 am Blue Grass Worship
in Preston, IA*

**Then all are welcome to join
the FLCW at the Clinton Area
Showboat Theatre at 3:00 pm**

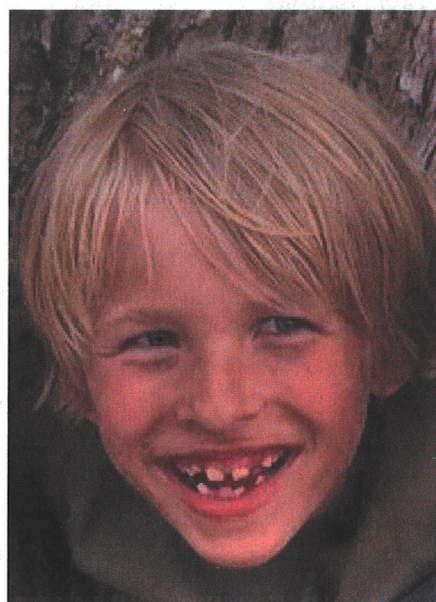


Bright Star: Inspired by a true story and featuring a Tony-nominated score of bluegrass and gospel tunes by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, Bright Star tells the swooping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of The American South in the 1920s and '40s. When literary editor Alice Murhpy meets a young soldier just home from World War II, he awakens her longing for the child she once lost.

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!



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 1st, 2025

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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

Presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free pint of Culver's custard!

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!



American Red Cross



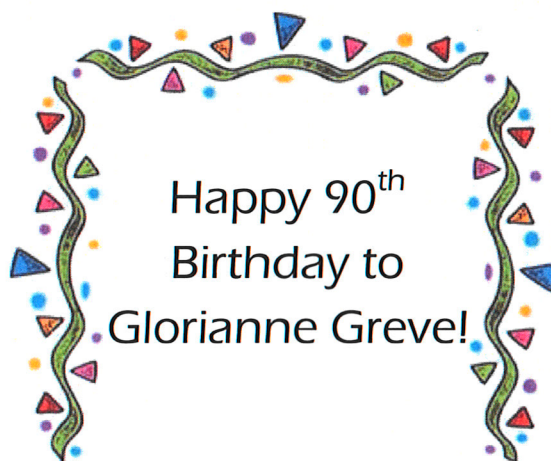
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1. Carolyn Naeve
2. Terry St. Ores, Ronda Naeve
3. Valerie Spooner, Dianna Feddersen
5. Ben Petersen
6. Ray Naeve
7. Annie Petersen
8. Tait Wilson
9. James Perron, Leta Hull
10. Kipp Zubrod, Mackenzie Kelly, Emma Garien
11. Ruthann Caven
13. Bob Levetzow
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



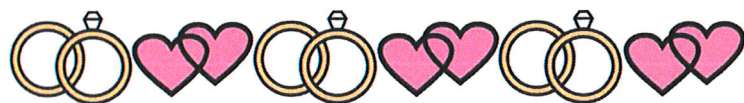
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QR Code to
make a
donation.



Milestone Anniversaries

Lester & Phyllis Marshall ~ 45 years

Congratulations!!!



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.

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



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



SERVING FAITH

July 2025

	<u>7/6</u>	<u>7/13</u>	<u>7/20</u>	<u>7/27</u>	<u>8/3</u>
LECTOR	Corbin Peters	Thresher's Worship	Stan Harmesen	Bluegrass Worship	Tim Hess
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Tricia Perron	_____	Tom Tietjens	_____	Jeanette Bennett
ALTAR GUILD	Megan Peters	_____	Sherril Johnson	_____	Ronda Tietjens
FELLOWSHIP COFFEE	Garden Committee	_____	Tricia Perron	_____	FLCW Anniversary Brunch
USHERS	Sharon Jepsen & Deb Rickertsen	_____	Tom & Ronda Tietjens	_____	Larry & Julie Peters
COUNTING TEAM	Team #2 (7/7)	Team #3 (7/14)	Team #1 (7/21)	Team #2 (7/28)	Team #3 (8/4)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Choir 6:30pm Ecumenical Choir 7pm</i>	3	4	5
6 <i>Worship 9am</i>	7 <i>Counting Team 2</i>	8	9 <i>Choir 6:30pm Ecumenical Choir 7pm</i>	10 <i>Council Meeting 6:30pm</i>	11	12
13 <i>Thresher's Wor- ship at Miles City Park 8:30 a.m. No Worship at</i>	14 <i>Counting Team 3 New member session 6pm</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Worship 9am</i>	21 <i>Counting Team 1 Newsletter info due</i>	22	23	24	25	26
<i>Firepit & Fellowship 6pm</i>						
27 <i>Bluegrass worship at Preston Park 9:30 a.m. No Worship at Faith</i>	28 <i>Counting Team 2</i>	29	30	31		