

FAITH NOTES



From The Pastor...

Exciting news! Faith have been selected to participate in a new initiative through the ELCA called Curious Christian Children (CCC). CCC is a Lilly Endowment-funded project that focuses on including children - especially children with disabilities - in worship and prayer. Asking questions like, "What makes worship truly welcoming for children?" "How do we make room for curiosity, creativity, differing physical abilities and neurodiversity?" and "How do children teach us about God?"

Faith already does a great job of including children and youth in worship. By participating in this initiative, I hope that we can celebrate the effort that has already been made. At the same time, my hope is that this program will help equip us to continue in this commitment in a way that is sustainable and meaningful for the whole community.

What will participating in CCC look like for our community?

Megan Peters and I will join a cohort of 20+ ministry representatives at a kick-off event May 3-6, at Lutheridge Camp in North Carolina. Over the next 9 months, this cohort will meet over Zoom for learning, sharing, and experimentation. We will then come back together for another in-person gathering in January.

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9a.m.-1p.m.

Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.
Sundays Sept.-April

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
(changes to 9 a.m. on 5/24)

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Throughout this process, I hope to share much of this learning with you all. At the end of the 9 months, through a process of listening and discernment, we here at Faith will come up with and carry out some sort of "ministry experiment." We don't know what that will be yet, but I look forward to figuring it out with all of you throughout the next year!

All travel expenses and resources are fully covered by the Lilly Endowment Fund. Additionally, Faith will receive \$2,000 to use for our ministry experiment. I am incredibly grateful for this funding, which I hope will allow us to really dive into the process of learning and growing.

I am so excited to participate in CCC, and I hope you are too! If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to reach out. This is the first year of CCC, so much of it is taking shape along the way, but I truly believe this will give us another opportunity to live into our mission of being a welcoming people of God!

In Peace,
Pastor Katie

Summer worship time changes to 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 24th!



The ladies have been busy making quilts again this year! Quilt Dedication is Sunday, May 3rd during 10 a.m. worship. Newly married couples and first-born babies in a family are able to choose a quilt of their choice. All other quilts are donated to area agencies in need.



The cost of postage is increasing once again. Did you know you can receive our monthly newsletter through email? Help us save on postage by filling out a form in the entryway and place it in the offering box or email Jamie in the office, flcandover@gmail.com, and let her know you want to be added to the newsletter email list or if you no longer wish to receive news from Faith. Be sure to check your spam folder as our email tends to find its way there.

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."

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Tricia Perron

Vice President: Andra Eggers

Secretary: Jessica Howard

Treasurer: Jeanette Bennett

Worship: Kelli Parker

Faith Formation/Education: Dawn Popelka

Property & Management: Brad Peters & James Wilke

Stewardship & Outreach: Barb Randolph

Community Life & Care: Julie Peters



It was a beautiful Easter morning at Faith filled with celebration, special music and fellowship!

Thank you to our musicians for providing us with music! The FLC Choir; Brass Ensemble: Trumpets- Joana Randolph, Ivan Popelka, and Caleb Petersen; Trombones- Chelsea Petersen and Connor Rickertsen; Drums, shakers and chimes- Corbin Peters and Allegra Luckritz.

Thank you to the Men of Faith for providing a delicious breakfast for families and fellowship on such a special day!



Have a new recipe you've been wanting to try? Fellowship is the perfect place to find taste testers! Summer fellowship continues following worship. Contact Julie Peters to sign up.

Keep it simple! Fellowship is meant to connect with friends and visitors. Snacks just make it even more fun!

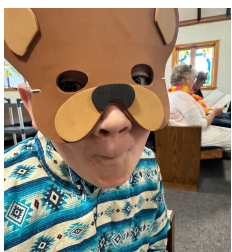


The band practiced Wednesday evenings during Lent.

Allegra and Corbin kept the beat during an Easter hymn.



It was the silliest of Sundays during our Silly Sunday worship! Order of worship was drawn from a hat. Mismatched clothes, funny hats and masks were worn and Pastor Katie dressed as a piece of pepperoni pizza!



Congratulations to our Zucchini Cook-Off Winners!

1st Place- Julie Peters

2nd Place- (Tie) Marcy Wilcke and Virginia Eggers

3rd Place- (Tie) Marcy Wilcke and Barb Randolph

**Faith Lutheran Church Women News & Events
May 2026**

Saturday, May 2 – Bible Study at 9:00 am at church, and then put quilts over pews

- Julie Peters – Hostess
- Tricia Perron – Bible Leader

Sunday, May 3 – Quilt Dedication at 10:00 am Worship

Monday, May 4 – Fold and pack quilts at 9:00 am

Sunday, May 10 – Mothers to be honored at worship
- Sharon Jepsen and Marcy Wilcke



Women of the FLCW

Get ready for a week of fun with our Faith Lutheran and community youth.

**Faith Lutheran Bible School
June 8-12th
8:45 – 11:45 am**

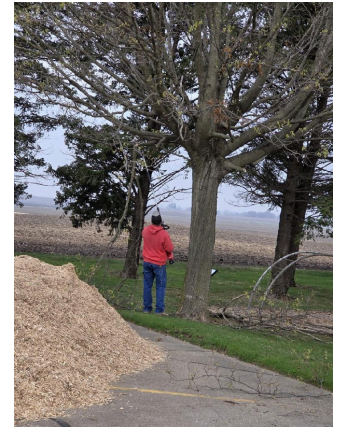
- * *Maybe you can bake some bars for the workers or youth treats.*
- * *Maybe you can help with crafts.*
- * *Maybe you can get some fresh air and help youth in the garden.*
- * *Maybe you can be a teacher.*
- * *Maybe you can help register youth.*
- * *Maybe you enjoy being an assistant somewhere.*

Every helping hand is a blessing.
Contact Faith Lutheran@ 563-682-7629

2026 Thoughts to Live By

- The most destructive habit - *Worry*
- The greatest joy - *Giving*
- The most satisfying work - *Helping Others*
- The ugliest personality trait - *Selfishness*
- Our greatest natural resource - *Our youth*
- The greatest "shot in the arm" - *Encouragement*
- The most effective sleeping pill - *Peace of mind*
- The most powerful force in life - *Love*
- The greatest loss - *Loss of self-respect*
- The deadliest weapon - *The tongue*
- The most beautiful attire - *A smile*
- The greatest problem to overcome - *Fear*
- The most dangerous pariah - *A Gossiper*
- The two most power-filled words - *"I Can"*
- The worst thing to be without - *Hope*
- The most powerful communication - *Prayer*
- The most prized possession - *Integrity*
- The greatest computer - *The Brain*
- The most contagious spirit - *Enthusiasm*
- The most worthless emotion - *Self-pity*
- The greatest asset - *Faith*
- The most important thing - *GOD*

The train has left the station! Our beloved train has been in need of some repair. To ensure the safety of those who play on it, the train has been taken away but will return once repairs are completed!



The weather finally allowed us to do some outside clean up! Fresh mulch spruced up our landscaping and playground and trees were trimmed.

Thank you to all who helped with our spring cleaning to make Faith beautiful on the inside and out!



VBS will be June 8th-12th. Invitations and registration forms will be sent to families soon. If you know of someone you want to add to our mailing list, please let Megan Peters or the office know.



On Rogation Sunday, the Sunday school kids got their hands dirty and planted pumpkin seeds and plucked flower seeds to plant in Faith's Community Garden this year.



1. Ben Luckritz, Scott Banker
2. Marilyn Peters, Jay Slater
4. Louis Cram
5. Brad Peters
7. Nancy Cram
8. Brent Wilson, Kelly Gluesing
9. Mike Lorenzen, Dennis Eggers, Makyla Cram
13. Marcus Jacobs, Joshua Krogman
16. Jamie Luckritz
20. Willis Greve, Brad Petersen
23. Gage Harris
24. Bryan Feddersen, Shelby Eickert
25. Megan Petersen
26. Sharon Jepsen
27. Marlene Bott
29. Layla Zingre
31. Marcia Naeve



Council minutes are available to help you stay in the know. Join our email list for approved minutes to be sent to you by contacting the office.

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



16. Louis & Emily Vogt
17. Kevin & Hollie Johnson
19. David & Jeanette Bennett
25. Denis & Judy Friedrichsen,
Adam & Tamarra Friedrichsen
29. Steve & Stephanie Eickert,
Dan & Laurel Randolph

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.

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.