

Faith Notes

August 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.

While we continue in the season of Ordinary Time, I'm reflecting on the fact that our worship life here at Faith seems to be anything but ordinary! Recently, in a staff meeting, someone pointed out how many unique Sunday worship services I've been a part of in just the short amount of time I've been with you all. It started on my very first Sunday back in March with Breakfast Church and continued with Holy Week and Silly Sunday. In July, half of our Sunday mornings were filled with these special worship services: Thresher Days and Bluegrass Worship. It has been a joy and blessing to watch the Spirit work in these out-of-the-ordinary ways. Bringing us together not just as Faith Lutheran Church, but as a larger Body of Christ, united with our neighbors.

As we look toward the month of August, our worship calendar may seem more "ordinary," but we know that the Spirit is still at work, doing wonderful things in our community and in all of us. Each time we gather in worship, we get to experience the gift of God's transformative love and grace, through the ordinary waters of baptism and the bread and wine of communion. God is consistently using the most ordinary things, people, and circumstances to do extraordinary things.

So, as we continue to dwell in this season of Ordinary Time, I ask you to consider this: How is the Holy Spirit turning the ordinary rhythms of your life into something sacred?

- Pastor Katie



Mark your calendars! Zion Lutheran Church in Clinton has invited members of Faith to participate in God's work. Our hands projects on Sunday, September 28th following worship. A list of activities/projects to choose from will be shared after details have been finalized. This is a great opportunity to work with area congregations and supporting those in need. Volunteer hours will be counted for students.

Pastor Katie will be on vacation beginning August 6-17. Please call the office for pastoral needs. Messages will be forwarded to Jamie when she is not in the office.



Office hours will also vary in August. Watch our Facebook page for notifications if the office is closed or call the office before making the trip to the church.



Our final Firepit & Fellowship is August 31st at 6:00 p.m.! Hot dogs and s'mores supplies will be provided! Bring your own chair and drink. We will move indoors if there is rain.



The Clinton County Special Athletes are hosting a drive thru lunch on Thursday, August 7th at 250 20th Ave N. in Clinton (the old Horace Mann School) 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Meal will consist of cheeseburger, macaroni salad, bag of chips, and a cookie for \$10. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from Hadley Wilke.

Delivery is available for orders of 10 or more with free delivery in the town of Clinton. Contact Katie Wilke at 563-357-5756 to discuss delivery.

Many new adventures happen during the summer and beginning of fall. If you have moved or have a student heading off to college, please email new addresses to the church office at flcandover@gmail.com



Welcome to our newest baptized member of Faith Lutheran! Jackson Wiersema was baptized on June 29th. He is the son of Clayton & Kendra (Johnson) Wiersema.

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Chuck Corr

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Financial Secretary:**
Andra Eggers

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Jessica Howard

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2025 Church Council

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Tait Wilson

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Outreach:**
Barb Randolph
Dawn Popelka

Community Life & Care:
Julie Peters

Pastor Katie has been to the ball field, crop field, campground, fair and has fed a baby rabbit! She's excited to learn so much more about the members of our congregation. If you would like to host her for tea or coffee, show her around your home/farm, bring her to your kid's activities, or share whatever is meaningful to you, contact her at pastorkatiejensen@gmail.com



The new storage shed is in place. An inventory will be done of items that will be stored in the shed. Once items are stored, access to the shed will be available only through the church office.



A heartfelt thank you to Pastor Katie and my Faith family for the many prayers, cards, and calls the last few months. I continue on this road to recovery and appreciate you all.
-Dee Petersen

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 7th at 8:45 a.m. We will also have a backpack blessing during worship this day.



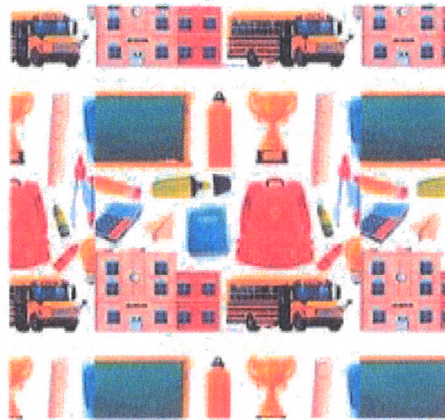
There was a great turnout for the Thresher's worship on July 13th. Pastors Katie & Eric Jensen led the Mountain Matins service with readings and song. Thank you to those who came to our ecumenical choir rehearsals to learn the service.

The garden committee continues to tend to our awesome garden! Produce is available on Sunday mornings. You may want to think about locking your car doors. It has been known that zucchini finds their way to the front seats of cars!



Bring in those summer projects! There will be a gallery to see the creativity our members have. Items will be displayed for a few weeks and then returned to you.

Faith Lutheran Church Women News & Events August 2025



August 1 – 10 – Continue to gather school supplies.
(There will be a cart in front entry)

August 10: Board Meeting and Pack School Supplies after worship

Rules of Friendship

1. Remember- "What would Jesus do?"
2. You need to like (love) yourself.
3. Be a friend to have a friend.
4. Share freely.
5. Be a friend-Good times or bad.
6. Helping or giving- When needed.
7. Work together.
8. Be a good listener.
9. Be non-judgmental
10. Be trustworthy.
11. Never ask anything that you aren't willing to do.
12. Supply unconditional love.

Save the Date

Sunday, Sept 7, 2025
FLCW 75th Anniversary Celebration
Brunch following worship

In 1950, a group of women felt the need to study the bible, and then do service work for the church, community and world. The Faith women developed four circles: Charity, Hope, Grace and Loyalty.

In 1988, the Charity and Hope circles decided to combine, hold evening bible studies, and then reorganized as the "Sharing Circle".

In 1991, the Grace and Loyalty circles combined and the "Caring Circle" was born.

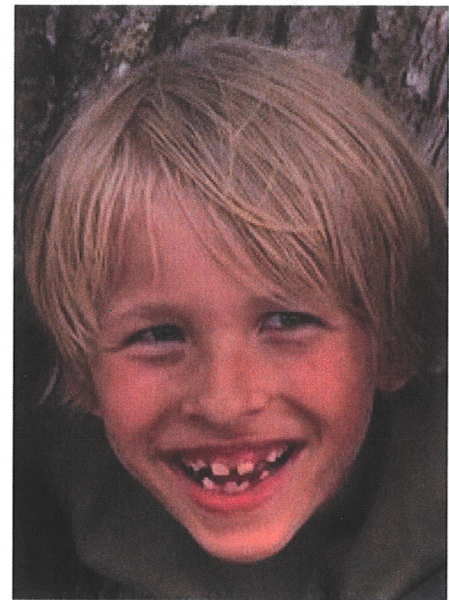
In 2017, change was in the air once again as the women of Faith Caring and Sharing circles merged to continue to hold bible studies, and provide the same service to the church, community and world. The new title was the Caring/ Sharing Circle.

FLCW is looking forward to presenting a short program during fellowship brunch to celebrate these 75 years of faith and service.

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



redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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2. Jessica Cram, Carl Hamilton, Nicole Pretz
3. Karleigh Hansen
4. Wilma Klus, Glenn Shoup
5. Elijah St. Ores, Liam St. Ores
8. Patrick Hess
10. Taylor Nelson, Karen Mangler
12. Kris Popelka
13. Adley Hansen
15. Alina Petersen, Cole Johnson, Larry Peters, Owen Luckritz
16. Jane Rathje
18. AJ Burmeister
19. Wesley Ehlers
20. Tristian Thi
21. Bette Petersen, Kadence Petersen, Robert Christiansen
22. Ava Friedrichsen, Tara Eggers
23. Marilyn Wilcke
24. Ashley Butt, Zackery Eggers
26. Hollie Johnson, Dolores Diercks, Declan Peters-Moore
27. Kristi Seamer, Corbin Peters
28. Michael Hansen, Tanner Rickertsen, Josie Hoffman
29. Rachael Bennett, Denise Hermann, Larson Peters
30. Kaitlyn Hansen
31. Todd Randolph



Scan the QR Code to make a donation.



We change to our fall worship time of 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 7th!



5. Tony & Julie Langasek
7. Terry & Kathy Rickertsen
8. Brandon & Tara Hansen
11. Kevin & Andra Eggers
14. Carl & Ardith Hamilton, Todd & Karen Mangler
16. Stan & Karin Harmsen
17. Tony & Luann Harris, Mark & Kristi Seamer
19. Kris & Dawn Popelka; Craig & Bri Fredrich
24. Michael & Tammy Hansen
27. Brad & Megan Peters
30. Andy & Renee Friedrichsen, Gary & Tracy Frahm

Milestone Anniversaries

Mark & Kristi Seamer ~ 40 years

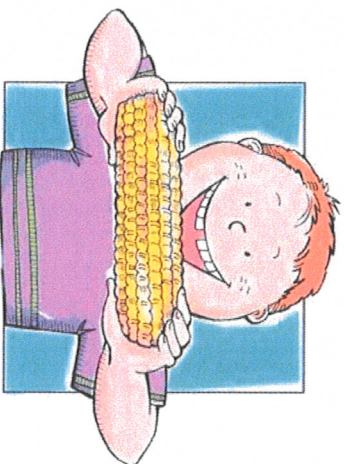
Kevin & Andra Eggers ~ 35 years

Kris & Dawn Popelka ~ 20 years

Congratulations!!!



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

August 2025

	<u>8/3</u>	<u>8/10</u>	<u>8/17</u>	<u>8/24</u>	<u>8/31</u>
LECTOR	Marcy Wilcke	Virginia Eggers	Barb Corr	Ardith Hamilton	Beth Petersen
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jeanette Bennett	Don Schroeder	Ronda Tietjens	Allegra Luckritz	Richard Schroeder
ALTAR GUILD	Deana Jacobs	Ronda Tietjens	Julie Peters	Kelli Parker	Megan Peters
FELLOWSHIP COFFEE	Kelli Parker & Julie Peters	Jack Smith	Amanda Rickertsen, Kim Hess & Sharon Jepsen	Denise Schroeder	Volunteer Needed
USHERS	Larry & Julie Peters	Richard & Carol Schroeder	Kevin & Andra Eggers	Kelli Parker & Kristi Seamer	James & Katie Wilke
COUNTING TEAM	Team #3 (8/4)	Team #1 (8/11)	Team #2 (8/18)	Team #3 (8/25)	Team #1 (9/1)

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Austin's Army Blood Drive</i>	2
3 <i>Worship 9am</i>	4 <i>Counting Team 3</i>	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Worship 9am</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>FLCW bd mtg & pack school supplies</i>	<i>Counting Team 1</i>					
17 <i>Worship 9am</i>	18 <i>Counting Team 2</i>	19 <i>Council meeting 6:30 pm</i>	20	21 <i>Newsletter info due</i>	22	23
24 <i>Worship 9am</i>	25 <i>Counting Team 3</i>	26	27	28	29	30
<i>Visitation meeting following worship</i>						
31 <i>Worship 9am</i>						
<i>Firepit & Fellowship 6pm</i>						