



“There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens” – Ecclesiastes 3:1

Once upon a time, I would get bored during the summer.

No longer!

Summer around Faith Lutheran is just a different kind of busy! And I wouldn’t have it any other way.

The average summer day around here looks like this:

A bunch of kids and high schoolers running around as a part of Club 218, which is going into its 9th summer of ministry.

Marsha and Mike are gathering supplies and volunteers for outdoor worship.

Thanks to Marsha, we’ll have red-vested ushers and treat servers. Thanks to Mike, we’ll have some great music and set up help. As we’ve been mentioning in worship, the outdoor services are wonderful, but they’re a lot of work! Marsha and Mike and Wendy do a lot to make them happen!

In addition to Summer worship, Mike is gearing up the music ensembles for the fall.

Josiah is running around managing Club 218, preparing for VBS, and directing a team of ambitious curriculum writers. The Spiritual Formation Team has taken on the challenge of creating our own Sunday School curriculum for next year!

Gladys doesn’t really have much going on this summer. Just 3 mission trips, weekly FLY Night, Middle School Madness, and FLY Softball! On second thought, keep Gladys in your prayers, as she manages a busy summer of ministry for our youth!

Sarah and Michelle, our Children and Youth summer interns, will be helping out a ton, while gaining valuable experience and mentorship in ministry.

For Pastor Paul and Pastor Paulus, the visits continue, the pulpit supply dates still pop up, and missions still need attending to.

The same goes for Wendy and Diane. They keep cranking out communications and financials, managing the office, scheduling weddings and events, and making us all look good.

As for Scott and I, well, we’ll be kicking back, drinking coffee, and telling everyone else what to do- IN MY DREAM WORLD. Believe it or not, we already are putting pieces in place for the fall. We’ll be writing lessons, filming teaching sessions, and putting together an excellent fall theme.

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RADIO BROADCAST
SUNDAYS 8 A.M.
KDUZ 1260 AM

TV BROADCAST
CABLE CH. 10
SUNDAYS 10 A.M.
AND 5 P.M.
TUESDAY 5 P.M.
THURSDAYS 10 P.M.

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Imagine Capital Campaign

It is hard to believe that the end of June marks the halfway point of the *Imagine* capital campaign. It seems as if we just began this effort, but already next year we will be looking ahead to the next capital campaign. The support for *Imagine* has been outstanding and the church has dramatically accelerated the payment of the building loan.

People have asked why these campaigns last only three years, when everyone knows the mortgage will take longer than that. The reason is simple. The mortgage may not change, but Faith Lutheran does. People move away or are taken to the church triumphant. New people join the congregation. Financial situations change. It is really surprising how much change there is in a church in just three years, so new campaigns are needed often in order to reach the congregation as it currently is.

Faith-full Finances

There is good news and not-so-good news when it comes to Faith’s financial picture. The good news is that, year-to-date, the church has received just a bit more in offerings than last year. Plus, the reserves we were able to bring into this year have so far allowed us to cover any gaps between offerings and expenses.

What is the not so good news? Those nearly identical offering totals for this year and last are the lowest year-to-date figures since 2010, and lower than 2009 or 2008. It is fortunate that inflation has been very low during these years, and the church has tried very hard to contain expenses. But we are also expanding our ministries in important and creative ways, and eventually flat income will start to affect our ability to meet all those opportunities for ministry.

Please consider your offerings in light of how God has blessed you. Is your giving in proportion to your income? Does it suggest that the work of God’s kingdom is among your top commitments? Pray for God’s guidance and provision as you seek to reflect His generosity in the gifts you return for the mission and ministry God is doing through Faith Lutheran Church.

Made Your Summer Worship Plans?

As school ends and many church ministries go on summer hiatus, it is easy to think of summer as a time when worship also ends. But worship is not just an activity. It is spiritual food and we need a steady diet of it to stay spiritually strong and healthy. So, whether at home or away, be sure to attend worship regularly during the summer—and then continue that pattern into the next school year!

30 Days of Prayer

An Invitation is extended to pray during “30 Days of Prayer” for Muslims June 6 – July 5. A prayer guide will be provided. Please contact Jan Kreie at jkreie@embarqmail.com Or call 320-328-4466 for more information.

Q: Words like evangelism, the Evangelists and Evangelicals are obviously related, but they all seem to have different meanings. What do those terms actually mean?

A: The root word for all those terms is from the Greek word εὐαγγέλιον (you-on-GALE-ee-on). It means good news. Sometimes it is *translated* into English as the Gospel or good news of Jesus. At other times, it is *transliterated* (carried over) into English as evangel and then expanded in various ways.

Thus, an evangelist is one who proclaims the Gospel. The Evangelists (capital E) refer to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, authors of the four accounts of the Gospel in the Bible. The adjective evangelical means “Gospel-centered,” although Evangelicals (capital E) refers to one wing of the Christian church that includes Baptists and many non-denominational churches. (So, Faith Lutheran *is* an evangelical church, but is *not* an Evangelical church.)

It is no surprise that there is disagreement in the Church about how accurate the various uses of evangelical are. In every case, however, words that include “evangel” are connected in some way to good news, and almost always to the best news of all, the good news of Jesus Christ.

Challenges Face Our Partners in Ethiopia

Economic opportunity is not always what it seems. Two million shoes come to America through a company in China that has opened a plant in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This gives many, many people employment. Their average income, however, is \$40 per month. China has now opened up some 140 manufacturing plants in Ethiopia making use of labor costs many times less than spent for Chinese workers. Who would have thought?

Then there is America’s top export to Ethiopia, pornography. Dr. Gemechis Buba in a recent board meeting shared how destructive this is for Ethiopia’s university students.

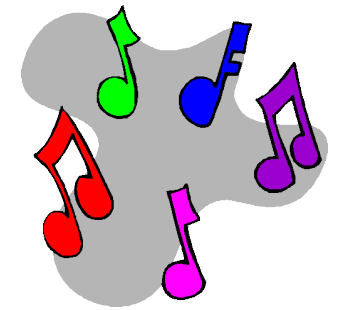
Pray that our Christian witness will counter both of these exploitive endeavors.

Prayers for NHMS Requested

At this time the third year of the Shaliach Bible College led by Pastor K.K. Alavi and his son, Abdul, is beginning. Pray that this will result in many young leaders prepared for witness to Jesus Christ throughout the country where Christianity is often persecuted by both Muslim and Hindu groups. Pray also that we here will gather the funds necessary for this training to continue.



Music Notes



Hello, Faith!

Summer is approaching fast! Faith won its first softball game with only one injury, so that is a plus! The weather is still inconsistent, but when is it not? Graduation is right around the corner, extracurricular activities are wrapping up, and people are scraping off their grills. The summer is an exciting time in Minnesota because we can spend time lounging in the great outdoors.

A big part of my job in the summer revolves around the summer worship service. There is plenty of work to be done every week with the set-up, facilitation, and tear down of the service and there are plenty of ways to volunteer from bringing treats to helping Jeff Krueger run the sound equipment. I would encourage you to be involved in one way or another this summer. I’d be happy to find a job to suit your skills or help you train to learn a new job. Send me an e-mail, call the office, or find me on Sunday!

Finally, I want to thank everyone who was a part of the ensembles this year. It was a great year musically. We tackled some challenging music, had fun with performances, and most importantly we made music for the Lord. Special thanks to Carla Wegner for accompanying the Choir. It is a lot of work and she did a stellar job. Special thanks also to Heidi Froemming for acting as the Bell Choir’s secretary this year.

I believe I speak on behalf of everyone on staff when I say we are blessed to have such dedicated and gifted volunteers bringing life to our ministries. I literally couldn’t do what I do without everyone. No one would want to hear me try to play 5 octaves of bells by myself. It would be a train wreck.

See you Sunday!

Mike Lauer

Director of Music and Worship

Outdoor Worship Is Back



Outdoor Worship Services

Sundays through September 4 at 10:10 a.m.

In Library Square Park, Hutchinson

Tell your friends, bring a lawn chair, and worship the Lord!

In case of rain, meet in Faith’s sanctuary.

Watch the Facebook page for weather updates.

First Word at 8 a.m. will continue in the sanctuary

Sunday School and Digging Deeper will return in the fall.



Meet our Summer Interns!

Who Am I?

My name is Michelle Blake. In the fall, I will be a junior at North Dakota State University. I am currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. With my nursing degree, I would love to someday work in a pediatric oncology unit. I grew up going to Faith Lutheran Church. Throughout my high school years, I was given the wonderful opportunity to be a part of Faith Lutheran’s youth group and go on five different mission trips through our church.

Why am I excited for this summer position?

The mission trip experiences are where I found my passion to serve and care for others. I loved worshiping and serving alongside other amazing FLY members. I am very excited that I now have the opportunity to be a mentor to the youth and children, helping them grow as individuals and grow in their relationship with Jesus. This summer, I am looking forward to building lasting relationships with the youth, my co-workers and the community. This church holds a very special place in my heart. For this reason, I am passionate about making the youth and children’s experience at Faith Lutheran church as positive and uplifting as my own experience growing up in this church community has been. Thank you for making this summer internship opportunity possible for me! I am excited to be a part of your summer staff and see the ways God will be working throughout our church this summer!



Michelle Blake

Who am I?

My name is Sarah Kuball and I am 19 years old. I am a 2015 graduate of Hutchinson High School and I recently finished my first year at Concordia College in Moorhead, where I am double majoring in psychology and social work. I am involved in cross country, track and multiple clubs on campus. I am happy to be home for the summer to spend time with my family two dogs, and friends.

Why am I excited to intern at Faith?

While in high school, I was involved in youth group at Faith and got to know many of the staff and youth. I was a part of two summer mission trips with FLY. Both of these experiences helped strengthen my faith. I have volunteered at Club 218 for the past three summers and absolutely fell in love with the kids. Club 218 is an amazing program and I feel very lucky to be able to work with both the kids of Club 218 and Vacation Bible School and getting to know the kids on a deeper level. I am very excited to be a part of a program that has been so influential in my life and I feel this fit will be a good fit for both Faith Lutheran and my personal interests.



Sarah Kuball



Faith Lutheran Church Women (FLCW)

What an amazing rummage sale! There was a profit of \$5,795.11. We really appreciated the seed money from Thrivent that went to expenses, and want to thank everyone who donated such wonderful treasures and those who bought new treasures. We would also like to thank those who volunteered numerous hours of labor and creative talent to organize and set up the event. The money will be used for a number of ministry needs at Faith.



Our next project will be cleaning the church kitchen on Tuesday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to noon. Join us for coffee, fellowship and some spring cleaning for an hour or two.



SENIORS’ SCENE - “THANK YOU! THANK YOU!”

Sunday, May 1st, was “Bless The Years” Sunday, and it sort of marked the end of our program year for Senior members. Obviously, worship, Bible studies, Digging Deeper, and other faith renewing experiences continue on, plus bulletin and Faith Matters assembly, Spit and Shine duties, etc. But Seniors’ Potluck concluded with “Stump The Pastors” on May 26th. We wind down a bit now until next August or September when we ramp things up for a new program year. Come the middle of August, seniors are already tasting and smelling the potluck aromas, and want to get going again.

This past year was quite a year, in many ways. As I look over the Seniors’ Potluck schedule sheet and review the church calendars and weekly bulletin schedules for the past year I am more and more proud of our elders in this Faith Lutheran Church family, because of their extensive contributions to the health and faith of our congregation. I feel a need to say a heart felt thanks to all who gave of their time, energy and ingenuity to enhance our mission and calling to serve our Lord in this place. So---THANK YOU! You know who you are and what you have done to serve.


I could not possibly make a complete listing of all seniors’ contributions. But collectively we need to mention you who assemble bulletins and newsletters regularly; you who usher, welcome worshippers, communion helpers; you who serve on Senior Task Force and Potluck steering committee; you who do Spit and Shine, make building repairs, serve as office volunteers, make Befriender visits, send greeting cards, make prayer shawls and quilts, serve for funeral lunches, sing in Faith Singers or/and Faith Ringers, serve on church council or a ministry team, volunteer landscape work....It goes on and on. I’ll bet you’re thinking of something I’ve not mentioned; I know my list is incomplete. I’ll probably think of more after I turn this article in for publication. Nevertheless, it all adds up to a ton of gratitude for all the contributions coming forth from our FLC elders, out of love and gratitude for God’s love for us in Jesus Christ.

I know, too, that in the process of giving we receive much back. While it’s not the reason we give, whether time, money, energy or prayers, there is a rhythm of giving and receiving that God has built into our relationships with Himself and His people. I wish you all the best of that!

Seniors’ Scene will be absent from Faith Matters for a couple of months, until we pick up on a new program year for 2016-2017. Enjoy your summer. God bless you all!

Pastor Paulus

Matthew 25:40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers you did it to me.'




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Laundry Love Ministry takes place the 3rd Tuesday of each month, **June 21**, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Maytag Laundromat located at 1025 Hwy 7. You bring the dirty clothes, Vineyard Methodist Church will bring the quarters.




Community Meal
Sunday,
June 5
4-6 p.m.

Fare for All Delivery
Thursday,
June 23
4:30-5:30 p.m.


Diaper Distribution takes place the last Tuesday of each month, **June 28** from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the CCM office. Donations are always welcome and can be left in either Common Cup Corner.




Looking for used, road-ready bikes to be donated to **Wheels of Mercy**. This is a program organized and administered through Christ the King Lutheran Church. Help give someone a lift.



School Supply
Distribution takes place **August 17th 5-8 p.m. and August 18th 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Donations can be left in the Common Cup Corner.



It is that time of year again when Common Cup Ministry starts looking to purchase tents to be given to homeless or others in need of interim shelter. If you would like to donate a tent, money to purchase a tent, or know of a place tents can be purchased for \$20-\$30, please contact Bev at the CCM office.





Life Line Screening options will be available at Faith Lutheran Church on Tuesday, June 7. Please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners for more information or to make an appointment.



Pastors' Page (Continued)

So there it is! Wanna know the best part of all of this? There's plenty there for you to plug into! Come help out with Club 218 or VBS, cheer on the FLY softball team, worship in the Park, or just come say hi!

Have a blessed summer, and I'll see you in church!
Pastor Dave

Did you know?
Faith Lutheran offers a variety of scholarships for high school seniors and current college students!

These scholarships are made possible by... **The Dave and Betty Jensen Family Faith Lutheran Endowment Fund**

Congratulations to our 2016 scholarship recipients!

Josiah Wollan
Taylor Telecky
Blake Jurek
Erika Mielke
Kendall Glaser
Dylan Reid
Sam Hantge

Gladys with some of the 2016 Graduates on Graduation Recognition Sunday.



Faith Lutheran 2016 Graduates:

Emily Aalfs
Trenton Brandel
Riley Carter
Matthew Christenson
Sidney Crims
Sarah Cummings
Dane Drape
Jillian Driver
Kendall Glaser
Sammi Good
Kathleen Gutormson
Emily Hanson

Samantha Hantge
Kirsten Haugland
Kylie Hughes
Jacob Inselmann
Emma Johnson
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Katherine Mayland
Erika Mielke
Alex Nelson
Mickey Neilson
Mistin Peterson
Jayce Piehl
Dylan Reid
Claire Renner

Cassidy Ruppert
Matthew Schauburger
Greta Schierman
Alexa Schwanke
Bailey Sheggeby
Katelyn St Onge
Sara St Onge
Anthony Sterner
Taylor Telecky
Ariana Ward
Erin Westlund
Jase Witucki
Josiah Wollan



Thoughts and Prayers

Please remember all those who are serving our country through active duty:

Private 1st Class Colin Bos (North Caroline - Marines)
Sgt. Jason Gaulke (El Paso, TX - nephew of Alice Fransen)
Andrew Hantge (Navy, Virginia Beach, VA - son of Marsha Schmit and Robert Hantge)
Mason Rutledge (Norfolk, VA - Navy - son of Lenny and Patti Rutledge)
SFC Guy Sing (Korea - nephew of Tony Sing & cousin of Darlene Karg)
Col. Rob Skaar (Duluth Air National Guard) son of Dave & Marian Skaar
LTJG Brett Stadskev (Navy, Norfolk, VA - son-in-law of Judy and Tom Felber)
Nathan Thunstrom (Marines, San Diego, CA - son of Andy & Shelly Hedin and grandson of Dennis & Barb Hedin)



Remember our Faith members in nursing homes & health care centers

Cedar Crest – Cosmos

Patricia Lambert

Cedar Crest – Silver Lake

Nadine Dalin

Cokato Manor

Patricia Paulson

Cottagewood (Buffalo)

Eleanor Lack

Dassel Lakeside

Doris Betker

Glencoe Nursing Home

Kathryn Wendlandt

Harmony River

Millie Blake

Valerie Fimon

Ruth Hackbarth

Dave & Betty Jensen

Joanne Olesen

Harold Sanken

Otto Streseman

Charlie & Harriet Thor

Prairie Senior Cottages

Pat Fimon

Delores Saar

Prairie View (Hector)

Jerome Lindquist

Woodstone

Deloris Askew

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OUR MISSION IS:

BUILDING FAITH

“EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY, FOR BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST”

EPHESIANS 4:12

TO LIVE OUT THAT MISSION, GOD CALLS US TO:

FOLLOW JESUS

ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL

INVITE ALL PEOPLE

TEACH CHRISTIAN TRUTH

HELP ALL WHO ARE IN NEED