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Ready or not, September is around the corner and with it comes the resumption of all the school-year activities that take a break during the summer. Here at Faith, we are eagerly looking forward to all the opportunities and excitement that fall brings. This issue of *Faith Matters* is filled with information about Sunday School, confirmation, Bible studies and musical groups starting up again. In the midst of all that, I want to highlight two items in particular.

First, at about the time this newsletter arrives, each household of Faith Lutheran will also receive a booklet in the mail called *Faith in Action: Worship, Learning and Service Opportunities*. It includes information on all (or nearly all!) of the ministries, programs and ways to serve God through Faith. We hope it will serve as a guide and reminder through the new year, and as an invitation for you to find places where your time and abilities will fit in the ministry God has entrusted to us here. Feel free to pass your copy on to others looking for a church home and pick up another for yourself at the church.

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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.
TUESDAYS 5 P.M.
THURSDAYS 10 P.M.

Farewell and God Bless You!

Dear Members of Faith,

First off, I would like to say thank you to each and every one of you. Your heart and passion for your church is not commonly found in ministry. Please continue to show that amazing love you have for your church. In the past two years, I have learned much about myself as a person and my role in ministry.

God is currently calling me to serve elsewhere in His kingdom. Even though I do not know His role for me yet, I know it will be for His purpose and glory. Thank you to all the parents, children, high schoolers, volunteers and families of Faith for letting me be a part of God's work here. Without all of you, much of what I accomplished would not have happened. September 17 will be my last Sunday at Faith, and I ask for your prayers as my family and I follow God to our next adventure.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." – Proverbs 3:5-6

Josiah Frusti,
Director of Children and Family Ministry

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Adult Digging Deeper Begins Again Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 a.m.



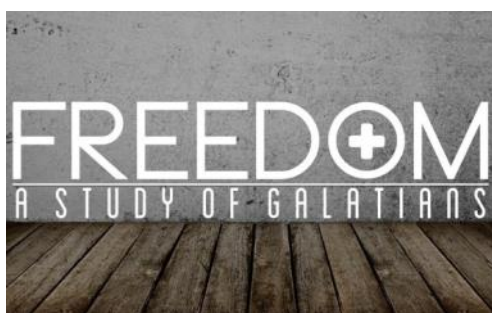
Luther 101: The Who, What, When, Where and Why of the Reformation

New to the Lutheran church? Not really familiar with Martin Luther? Wondering what the big deal is about the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation? Here is your chance to get a ground-level introduction to Martin Luther and the Reformation. Meeting in the Music Room.



Bearing Bold Witness in *Strange Days*

This Digging Deeper series will make use of a little book recently published by an Australian pastor, Mark Sayers, entitled: *Strange Days: Life in the Spirit in a Time of Upheaval*. It takes seriously the strange, puzzling days in which we live and explores how Christians can bear witness to our Lord and seek to be instruments for powerful reformation of His Church and its witness in this time. Expect engaging conversation and serious reflections on what could point us to a new chapter in vital Reformation life and witness. Meeting in the Office Conference Room.



Freedom: A Study of Galatians

Join Pastor Dave for a look at the book Luther referred to as “my epistle... To it I am as it were in wedlock... It is my Kathrine.” While you don’t have to marry the book, you will benefit from a closer look as the great truths in Galatians. Come and learn from a cranky and passionate Paul, a captivated Luther, and from each other!

Faith Groups this fall at Faith

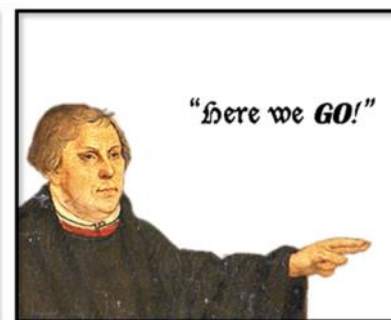
“Here I Stand We Go!”

Building a Church for the Next 500 Years

We encourage you to sign-up to be a part of a **Faith Group** this Fall. The seven-week theme “**Here I Stand We Go!**” *Building a Church for the Next 500 Years* starts with the sermon on Sunday, September 10 and the Faith Groups start meeting after September 17.

If you want to see what it’s all about but not sure if you want to join a group, plan on meeting **after the 10:10 services on Sunday, September 17th in the Main Floor Conference Room**. Maria and Owen Weikle will be leading this group. Join us!

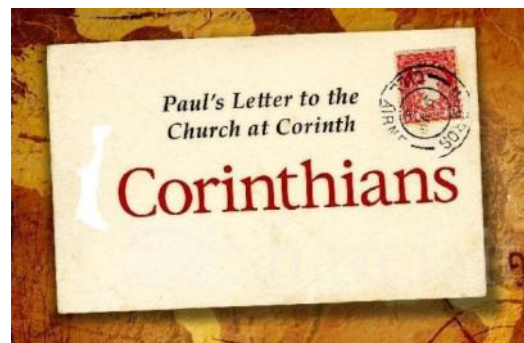
Use the sign-up slip in the bulletin or contact Marsha for more information. (Marshas@faithlc.com or 587-2093)



Other Adult Studies Starting in September

Paul's Problem Child: A Study of I and II Corinthians

St. Paul had a contentious relationship with the church he founded in Corinth. The two letters to the Corinthians cover a wide range of theological and practical concerns, and include some of the greatest passages in the New Testament.



Take a deep dive into these invaluable texts on Monday mornings, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, starting September 11, 2017. Anyone is welcome to attend, so join us and invite a friend to come with you. Bring your Bible or grab one at church. Coffee provided (sometimes treats, too!)

Financial Peace

Join Pastor Dave and Andrea Wollan on Monday evenings for this 9-week DVD series that will change the way you look at and manage your money! You will learn valuable lessons and skills for controlling your money, rather than your money controlling you! Young adults, older adults, couples, singles, teens; all are encouraged to attend. There is a cost for the materials, and you must register in advance. Please contact the church office or Pastor Dave to register.

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FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

*The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt
and saves \$2,700 within the first 90 days!*

Crossways

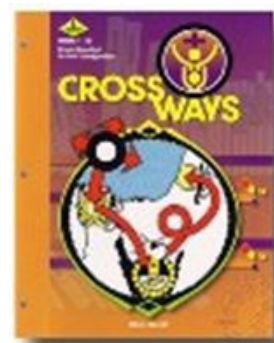
Crossways Bible studies resume in September. *Crossways* is a “big picture” study of the entire Bible. It includes an overview of each book within a framework that shows the Bible’s “big story.” It combines Bible reading, commentary and illustrations to show how the Bible fits together. Want to know your Bible better? *Crossways* is for you!

Crossways classes meet for 20 weeks each year for 3 years.

Year 1—A NEW class will begin on **Monday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Faith Center. Sign up for this new class at church or talk to Pastor Scott.

Year 2 will resume on Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Year 3 will resume on Sunday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.



What have past Crossways participants said about the course?

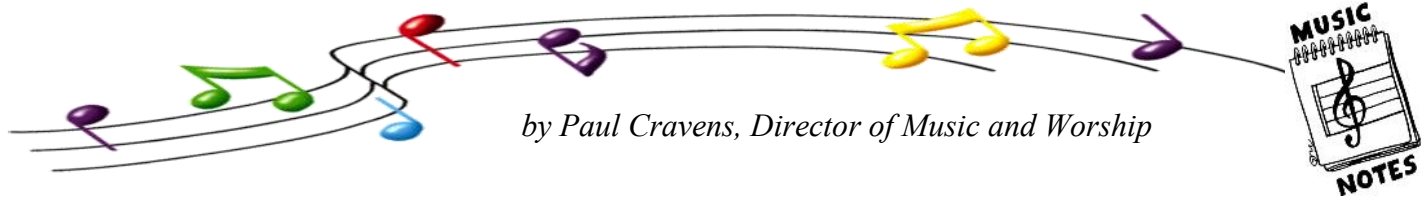
“Replace your confusion with clarity as Pastor Scott takes you on an eye opening journey through Crossways and the history surrounding the events of the Bible.”
- Shawn Anderson

“I am so glad I listened to others' recommendations about Crossways! I have truly loved digging deeper for a better understanding and grasp of the Bible. So many 'So that's why' and 'Now I get it' moments.”

– Mary Hodson

“I had never been in a study before. It was way more than I expected!! I told my friends how excited I was and four of them joined in year two. They also agree it is awesome!”
– Barb Anderson

“Crossways is well worth the time and commitment for individuals who are looking to expand their knowledge of the Bible. Faith Lutheran and the pastor are most welcoming, regardless of one's religious affiliation.”
- Suzanne Burgart



by Paul Cravens, Director of Music and Worship

With the start of the new school year comes the return of two ensembles in Faith's music program: **Faith Singers (vocal choir)** and **Ringers of Faith (handbell choir)**. This year, we will focus on collaborations that feature both groups as ministries of (and for) the entire church, not just one service or location. Anyone who enjoys singing in a group is welcome in Faith Singers, and anyone with a good sense of rhythm is welcome in Ringers of Faith, regardless of prior handbell experience. We are happy to teach handbell technique to newcomers! Ringers of Faith will rehearse Mondays 5:30-6:30 PM, and Faith Singers will rehearse Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 PM (subject to change during Advent and Lent). Both groups will start the week after Labor Day (Monday, September 11) for bells and Wednesday, September 13 for choir). I very much look forward to the coming season of music ministry with all of you!



Individual Musicians/Vocalists

If you would like to enhance any service by providing special music, contact Paul Cravens and he will be happy to plug you in!



stump the pastor

Q: Why do some churches have crucifixes, showing Christ on the cross, but others only display empty crosses?

*A: The distinction is more a matter of emphasis than doctrine, but it is not unimportant. Crucifixes emphasize Christ's *suffering* and portray it as redemptive, in and of itself. This tends to be more of a focus in Roman Catholic theology and piety.*

The empty cross emphasizes that Christ was indeed crucified, but is now risen from the dead, never to die again. It sees Christ's *death* as the means of redemption, not his suffering *per se*, a death that was validated by God the Father when He raised Jesus on Easter. Christ's suffering unto death was a one-time historical event, not an on-going reality. The on-going reality is His resurrected presence, ascended into heaven and ruling at God the Father's right hand. This tends to reflect the theology and piety of Lutherans and other Protestants.

Despite these theological differences, however, both a crucifix and an empty cross declare that Jesus, who was crucified, is Lord of heaven and earth. Both reflect St. Paul's determination in I Corinthians 2 "to know nothing among you except Christ, and him crucified" and both can be an effective witness to the good news about Him.

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The other highlight is our theme for worship and study this fall. This October 31 is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and marks the conclusion of our year-long celebration leading up to it. As we pass this milestone, we want to look forward as well as back. So, bouncing off the famous confession Martin Luther made when he was told to renounce all his writings, "Here I stand!" our theme is "Here I Stand - We Go! Building a Church for the Next 500 Years." We will focus on how the insights of the Reformation lead us forward in proclaiming the good news of Christ in the years ahead. The basis for the theme is a treatise Luther wrote in 1539 identifying seven marks or identifiers of any Christian church. You will learn much more about these marks beginning in worship on September 10.

The fall theme will once again be accompanied by a Faith Groups study. As many small groups as we can form will meet at various times during each week, from September 17 through the week following Reformation Sunday. The groups are guided by video presentations from Pastor Dave and me, along with study booklets that include devotions and discussion topics, all in a casual atmosphere. Whether you have participated in a Faith Group before or not, I strongly encourage you to give one a try this fall. We believe you will be enriched and blessed by it.

If you have any questions about the information in *Faith Matters* or the *Faith in Action* booklet, please call, e-mail or stop by the church to ask any member of the staff. See you in church!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Scott

Fall Extravaganza **Sunday, September 10 ~ 11:15 a.m. -1:00 p.m.**

This annual event is a kick-off for the fall program year. There will be a Sunday School registration, a Historical Reformation Walk, food, games and something for everyone to participate in. Mark the date on your calendars now so that your family can be a part of this exciting annual event.





Imagine Capital Campaign

At the August church council meeting, someone noted that our church building is all oriented toward a sanctuary that does not yet exist. That is why, for example, the nursery and main restrooms are so far away from the sanctuary. It was a reminder that our new building, as fabulous and functional as it is, is only half of the project. Before work can begin on the other half, the current mortgage has to be paid off.

Faith has made amazing progress toward that goal! There is a realistic chance of completing the loan by 2020, ***15 years ahead of schedule!*** THANK YOU for all your faithful support in providing needed space for ministry here at Faith Lutheran.

Christian Life Management

It seems that a lot of people today feel as if their money is managing them, not the other way around. Income seems never to catch up with debt and expenses. Yet, Americans are, on average, among the wealthiest people in the world and in all of history. Perhaps the problem is not a lack of resources, but new ways of handling our finances. This fall, learn to do exactly that at Financial Peace University. See the details on this important opportunity on p. 3 of this newsletter. It could be a major help toward sound Christian Life Management.



LCMC Annual Convention in Minneapolis

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) is the church body to which Faith Lutheran belongs. It is also a member of the Augustana District, which is a group of churches within LCMC.

LCMC holds two national events each year. The bigger one is its annual convention and this fall, it will be held in Minneapolis on October 8-11. The theme will focus on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and our own Pastor Dave will preach at the closing worship service! Anyone in LCMC can attend the convention and there is an option to come for one or two days.

This is the first time in years that the annual convention has been held this close to Hutchinson. It is a great opportunity to learn more about LCMC and the work we do together through it. All the information is available at www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering or in a paper brochure in the church office.



Women of the Word 8th Annual Gathering

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Hubertus, WI

Women - Women of all ages are cordially invited to share the day to connect with women of other congregations, enjoy their company, learn from each other and worship in unity.

Mission - Have you ever felt your church is too small to get involved in worldwide missions? Ever have the desire to act on the Great Commission but not know how or where to start? Join us and see examples of what churches are actually doing to serve in missions locally, nationally and globally. Augustana District is a door to worldwide missions.

The FLCW will pay the registration fee of any women from Faith that choose to attend. (Registration is due by September 1). There is also a group of women carpooling and staying overnight together for this event. Contact the office if you would like to join them!



From the FLCW

- ♦ Thank you to those who helped clean the church kitchen. It is great to have it cleaned and organized as we begin the fall season. When you are in the area stop in and check out the new refrigerator that the FLCW bought for the church. When you are in the kitchen check the counter on the north wall for kitchen containers and pans that have been lost (by some of you) and have been found (in the process of cleaning the kitchen).
- ♦ The Sunday School Extravaganza will be on Sunday, September 10, after the 10:10 services. Bring your favorite, cake, cookies or bars to the church by 9 a.m. so that they can be packaged up for the cake walk. Volunteers are also needed to help run the cake walk. Come out and be a part of this favorite game at the Extravaganza!
- ♦ Garage Sale Shoppers: as you are hitting up the fall sales please keep an eye out for gently used onesies, bath towels and washcloths and receiving blankets for Newborn and Hospice Kits. Also watch for books, small toys and clothes for the Operation Christmas Child Boxes.

Welcome Back to Mugs & Muffins!

Join us on Saturday, September 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the Faith Center.

We hope you had a wonderful summer!

This month we are collecting school supplies for our hardworking teachers who often use their own money to purchase items for their classrooms and students. If you are able, please bring an item or two when you attend this month (see list below). Thank you in advance and see you on the 16th!

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| ⇒ Cardstock paper | ⇒ Boxes of tissues |
| ⇒ Notebooks | ⇒ Gift cards to Jo-ann Fabric (You could use a scrip card for this, see more information on pg. 10) |
| ⇒ Fun pens and markers | ⇒ Large post-it's |
| ⇒ Anything Mickey Mouse | ⇒ Chalkboard markers |
| ⇒ Balls....Small balls for "silent ball", | ⇒ Whiteboard markers |
| basketballs, rubber balls (for dodge- | ⇒ Decks of cards |
| ball) | ⇒ Jump ropes |



Men of Faith

A Men's Ministry for guys of all ages that consists of Faith, Food, and Guy Talk!

Meeting next on Wednesday, September 27, at 7 p.m. in the Faith Center.

Retired football coach, Grady Rosburg, will be the guest speaker.

A no frills meal of sloppy joe's is on the menu.

Faith, Food, and Guy Talk for the Men of Faith

SENIORS SCENE

Should I? Or shouldn't I? Should I? Maybe I shouldn't. I just don't know what I should do.

Ever had times when you said something like that? Most of us have.

I would guess that happens most often when we have health issues. Should I see a doctor; or not? I don't want to run to the doctor for every ache or pain that presents itself. But...what if it's something real serious? Maybe it will just go away.

How about these questions:

Is there someone I can talk to about my health issues? Someone who is trained and understands health issues like mine?

Is there someone who can guide me through the health care system? Someone who can help me get appointments, answer any questions, even be an advocate for me?

Is there someone who can help me with chronic pains and conditions? How can I know what nutrition or exercise choices will help me feel better, or sleep better?

Probably no one out there that can do all that; right?? If there were someone like that to guide me, it will likely cost a hand and a foot.

HOLD THE PHONE!! There IS someone like that out there for you. There is NO COST. It is a team of three trained people employed by Hutchinson Health. It's entitled, "**HEALTH CARE HOME.**" The only requirement is that you are seeing a doctor in the Hutchinson Health system.

If you like the sound of all this, and wish you could take advantage of it right away, you can call this number: 320-484-4531. OR, if you want to know more about "*Health Care Home.*" come to the September Seniors Potluck meeting. Joy May, who is the team coordinator, will be our speaker that day. She will present the program and answer all your questions. This could be just what you've been looking for.

Come...and bring a friend tour first fall **SENIORS' POTLUCK MEETING** on **Thursday, September 28.** We'll begin with potluck dinner at **12:00 noon.** See you there!!

Sundays at Faith Lutheran Church:

Beginning September 10

8:00 a.m. First Word

(Traditional Service in the sanctuary)

9:00 a.m. Educational Hour

Confirmation Class

Sunday School

Multiple Adult Education Opportunities

10:10 a.m. Sanctuary Service

(Blended service in the sanctuary)

10:10 a.m. Foundation Service

(Contemporary service in the foundation)

For the youngest members

Faith Seeds:

A time during each service when children of all ages are invited to come forward for a lesson geared towards them. Parents and "big kids" are invited too!

Sprouts

After Faith Seeds, during the 10:10 services, children ages 3-6 can leave for a short hands-on lesson. They will return to their parents after the sermon.

Your Mission Dollars at Work in Powerful Ways in Challenging Places

Our Augustana District Partners of the Tabor Congregation in Hawassa, Ethiopia, continue to amaze with their bold witness. Two years ago with matching funds sent from the Augustana District, Tabor sent two missionaries to the southern border of Ethiopia near the borders of Somalia and Kenya. The elders have just reported to us that in this time 1,500 people have heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and “out of these, 160 have committed their lives to Christ.” This is in a Muslim area. The work is both challenging and powerful in its effect.



*Kamphare Dureti, 24,
Missionary to Damballa
Raba (Left)*



*Tedecha Wario, 47,
Missionary to Fullo
(Right)*

Pictured here you see the two missionaries, the two worshipping communities, and one of their very modest worship centers. Thanks be to God that we at FLC with our annual contribution of \$6,000 to this partnership can assist them in their bold witness.



*Believers at Damballa Raba,
Borena mission area
(Left)*



*Part of believers at Fullo,
Borena Mission area
(Right)*

Damballa Raba Worship Center



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.'



Provision of Personal Products or PoPP is a program providing personal care products to students in grades 5-12. Examples of needed items can be found in the Common Cup Corners.



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Warm Coat distribution takes place on **Thursday, October 18th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Maplewood Academy gymnasium. Items being collected include children's coats (especially boys ages 8 to 10), youth snow pants, waterproof mittens, and children's boots. This year we will not be collecting men's or women's coats unless they are 3X or larger.

Distribution is for children only.



Diaper Distribution:

On the **last Tuesday** of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parents can receive one bag of diapers per child.

Donations are always welcome and appreciated.



Fare for All Delivery

Thursday,
September 28
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Community Meal @ FLC Sunday, September 10 4-6 p.m.

HungerFree McLeod's **Backpack Program** provides weekend food for students on the free/reduced program in McLeod County schools. It currently **serves around 250 children grades K-4 each week**. FLC has chosen to collect the **fruit and applesauce cups** provided each week (250 of each). Please prayerfully consider adding these items to your weekly shopping list. Donations can be left in the Common Cup Corner. Groups to pack the bags are always needed and it can be done at your convenience. **250 of each needed every week**



SCRIP IS HERE! Sign Up For ShopWithScrip - It's Easy!

SCRIP is a national program which allows non-profit organizations to purchase gift certificates from national and local retailers at a discounted rate. The non-profit groups then sell the gift certificates to their members at face value. If you buy \$25 in SCRIP you receive a certificate good for \$25 worth of merchandise or service at the individual retailer of your choice.

The difference between the discounted rate the church pays for the SCRIP and the face value for which the SCRIP is sold to you is profit which will currently be used to help support the Mugs & Muffins and Men of Faith programs.

To start with, we have a limited number of select cards available but new orders will be placed each week. If you are interested in purchasing SCRIP to use for your daily purchases and thus supporting church programs, order forms are available in the office from Diane or you can go online to see the complete list of participating retailers and to place an order.

1 Go to www.ShopWithScrip.com and click How to Enroll, then click Join Your Scrip Program.

2 Enter our enrollment code: **ELAB1L4956368**

By entering this code, your account will be associated with Faith Lutheran so we can begin earning rebates!

3 Fill in all required personal information and click 'I Accept.'

4 Choose two security challenge questions from the list and provide answers.

Which vendors can you order cards for? See the abbreviated list of some local vendors below, stop in the office for a full list or go to www.ShopWithScrip.com for the full list. Please consider using this as the form of payment for your daily expenses or purchase your birthday or holiday gift cards here. Help us in funding the programs at Faith Lutheran.

Cub Foods, Sam's Club, Target, Walmart, Cenex, Holiday, Kwik Trip, Super America, Applebee's, Arby's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, Dairy Queen, Domino's, Hardee's, Pizza Ranch, Starbucks, Caribou, Subway, Ace Hardware, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Best Buy, Dunham's Sports, Family Video, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Menards, Shopko and many, many more!



Thoughts and Prayers

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

Lance Corporal Colin Bos (Marines, Fort Pendleton, CA - son of Dawn Bos)

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 (Navy, Norfolk, VA - son of Lenny & Patti Rutledge)

Col. Rob Skaar (Duluth Air National Guard - son of Dave & Marian Skaar)

LT Brett Stadsklev (Navy, Norfolk, VA - son-in-law of Judy & Tom Felber)

Lance Corporal 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

Bernice Vorbeck

Cokato Manor

Patricia Paulson

Cottagewood (Buffalo)

Eleanor Lack

Dassel Lakeside

Doris Betker

Glencoe Nursing Home

Kathryn Wendlandt

Helen Sandlund

Harmony River

Alice Bell

Jeanette Fauskee

Dave & Betty Jensen

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