

Faith Matters

Pastors' Page

JUNE 2017

“You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.” Isaiah 55:12

O.K., so technically the Prophet Isaiah is speaking promises to post-exilic Jews, but he could be talking about Minnesota summers, too! Summer is here! And with summer comes summer vacation for the kids, fun at the new pool, cabins, trips, bonfires, gardening, sports, and so much more!

Summer brings a whole lot of fun and business for the church, too! Here’s what we are looking forward to:

Outdoor worship! Everyone loves grabbing a lawn chair and worshipping God in his outdoor sanctuary! Thanks to the hard work of several volunteers, we will once again enjoy the outdoors in Library Square every Sunday!

Children’s activities! There’s a ton going on for kids at Faith this summer! Club 218 starts soon and promises to keep the church buzzing from Mondays through Wednesdays. Vacation Bible School will be out-of-this-world with a great space theme. Mystery Bus returns with another round of great surprise activities for middle schoolers. And look for some awesome Faith Family Fun events!

Youth Activities! The youth will be just as busy this summer! Summer FLY Nights are a blast. The high school softball team will aim for the championship. In July, we are taking 70 people on the West Virginia Mission Trip. And for the middle schoolers, there is Middle School Madness! Don’t you wish you were all teens?

Interns! To help with all of the children’s and youth activities we are welcoming four interns! They will be a great help and will learn a lot about ministry!

Fall Planning! While the young people have all the fun, we’ll be getting things ready for a busy Fall. We’ll be putting together our Fall theme, creating another round of Faith Group lessons, and practicing Vikings cheers.

As you can see, Faith is a busy place in the summer! There’s only one thing that could make all this summer stuff better: YOU! We hope that you plug into your church this summer. Grab a pew at the First Word Service or a lawn chair in the park. Volunteer to come and read or help at Club 218. Come cheer on the softball team. Just stop down to say hi! Faith is a great place to be in the summer, so come “out in joy!”

See you in church!
Pastor Dave

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Christian Life Management

At a recent staff meeting, Josiah Frusti, our Director of Children and Family ministry, showed a picture he had taken at Faith Rocks, the worship time that begins Sunday School each week. It showed an offering basket with several dollar bills, a few coins and half of a red crayon in it. One Sunday, he had talked with the children about giving, why Christians do it and why it is important. At the end, he took an offering and one young child told him, “I don’t have any money, but I’ll give part of my crayon.”

“A little child shall lead them,” just as the prophet declared! (Isaiah 11:6) This child’s example illustrates the main elements of Biblical stewardship:

- * Give of what you have, without worrying that it is not enough.
- * Give what has real value to you, even it is hard to part with it.
- * Keep what you need for your own use—it was perfectly appropriate that the child kept half of the crayon to keep drawing.
- * Give with a glad and generous heart, in gratitude for how richly God first blesses us!

What can you and I learn from this young Christian witness about our own approach to giving?

Imagine Capital Campaign

Due to extra principal payments, lowered interest rates and annual re-amortization of the loan, Faith's required monthly mortgage payment has dropped by 47%, from \$19,413 to \$10,365. However, the church has continued to pay the original amount all along. That means, at this point, that just over 75% of each month's payment, over \$14,700, goes to principal! What makes such great stewardship possible is continued generous giving from the congregation and wise management of funds on hand by church leaders. THANK YOU for your steady support of the space needs of Faith's ministry, as we pursue the goal of paying off the mortgage by Faith's 150th Anniversary in 2020!



AN INVITATION TO JOIN IN PRAYER
and Learn about the Muslim world

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World is a concerted and respectful effort to learn about, pray for and reach out to Muslim neighbors. May 27 – June 25 is the important Muslim month of Ramadan.

Different ways to join in this journey:

- 1 – On a website, you can get the daily devotion and prayer topics: <http://www.30daysprayer.com/> Links will remain active during Ramadan.
- 2 – Prayer guide booklets are available in the church office.
- 3 – A PDF version of the booklet can be purchased and downloaded.

Ellen Juul or Jan Kreie (320-510-1942) can provide more information or get you a booklet.

Missions Page

Major Gift from the Augustana District Assists Purchase of Van for Tabor Outreach

The support and training of outreach staff of the Tabor Congregation, our AD partners in Ethiopia, will be greatly enhanced with the purchase of this 18 passenger van. Gifts from AD congregations and families have resulted in some \$20,500 being sent. This has been more than matched by Tabor members. We can rejoice together for our part as a congregation in this marvelous effort.



Praise and Prayer for First Graduates of the Shaliach's Bible College

A challenging mission bears first fruits. You see here the first graduates and the staff of the Shaliach's Bible College. Faith Lutheran is a major partner of New Hope Mission Society, which in turn has embarked in preparing witnesses to Muslims in India through the creation of this Bible College.

We praise God for this first graduating class. We now call on all of us to pray for them that their witness back home in their communities will overcome opposition so they will experience the satisfaction of seeing many come to Christ and his Father's saving love.



Join the Men on Wednesday, June 7--7:00-8:30 p.m.
Faith Lutheran Church



My Faith Story



Chad Harlander
"We all have a story!"

Devotions by Jon Kamrath

Quarter Pounders & Brats

Men of Faith. . .
Harlander to share his faith story

Faith stories are heart felt, compelling, and revealing! Chad Harlander is no stranger to these motivational characteristics. Mr. Harlander has spent the past 20 years working with youth and their families in the area of children's mental health, through residential treatment and home-based services as a Family Counselor. He has worked in the school setting as a Coordinator/Director for a total of 10 years with being the Director of the REACH Program in the Hutchinson High School most recently.

During his "free time," he coaches football and provides community outreach through "Day to REACH" foot-ball camps. He began his commitment to young people while in high school as a peer helper. As a college student- athlete, he volunteered his time as a motivational speaker, something that he continues to enjoy doing today. Chad has devoted his life to working with today's youth and their families.

Men of Faith will welcome Harlander, Faith Lutheran Church member, on Wednesday, June 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Faith Center. The grills will be stoked up to serve quarter pounders and brats to kick off the session. The evening is slated as a fun and fast-moving evening with leadership from laity and pastoral staff. Jon Kamrath will present the devotion with the event highlighting Harlander's inspirational faith talk. You won't want to miss this engaging evening--invite a guest! Men from other churches and the community are also invited.



The FLCW are so thankful for the people that spent hours on the rummage sale. Those who donated peony slips that were started in the fall and potted for the sale; those who sorted through items at home and brought them in; those who helped set up for the sale; those who organized, staged, priced and worked at the sale; those who purchased items; those who donated baked goods and helped with the food in the bistro; those who helped with clean-up and hauling away the items left over. Of the profit of \$7,054.39, thirty percent will go to the church mortgage principal. Volunteers from the library, Wings and Common Cup picked out items for their use and the items left at the end of the sale went to the DAV and to Goodwill.

Summer Note: We will be serving pie for Music in the Park again this year. We will serve on Monday, July 3. Start looking for your favorite pie recipe and get ready to bake or help serve.



Mugs and Muffins will be taking a break for the summer. Watch for the new season and speaker to be announced in the September Faith Matters.

Vacation Bible School

June 26-29 from 4-7 p.m. with a light supper served at 4:30 p.m. Registration forms available in the church office and on the website. You can also see more details on the Faith Kids page.



"Sponsor a VBS Room!"

Want to get involved with VBS? Sponsor a classroom! We have four exciting themes to choose from: Moons/Asteroids, Constellations, Planets, and Spaceships! You may either supply decorations for a room by June 12 or decorate it yourself by June 19! Contact Josiah Frusti for more details.

Thrivent Update

For those of you that have designated Faith Lutheran Church as the recipient of your Thrivent Choice Dollars ~ Thank You!! Faith received \$5,848 through these designations for 2016.



Thrivent Action Plans

Thank you to those who are supporting the ministry of Faith through Thrivent Action Plans! It is a simple online application that you need to fill out. Then Thrivent will send you a \$250 card to use as "Seed Money" for an event or activity. This money can be used for fundraising events, educational events and other church/ community activities. This year, we will run a monthly list of different opportunities at Faith that could use sponsorship. If you are a Thrivent Member, please contact the office if you are willing to sponsor one of these events. Please note that it can take a couple of weeks for this to be processed through Thrivent, so you will want to apply early for these events.

Coming up in June and July: Food and Supplies for Club 218, Community Meals, Hunger Free Fruit, Faith Family Fun Activities, Men's Club, Drive-in Diner, Compline, VBS Supplies, and HAY Softball, Mystery Bus, and the FLY Mission Trip.

WHEELS OF MERCY REQUESTING BICYCLES

Wheels of Mercy is a program organized by Christ the King Lutheran church and administered through Christ the King, Common Cup Ministry, McLeod Co. Social Services and area school social workers.

Donations of slightly used adult and youth bikes are needed at this time. Once the bikes are inspected and fine-tuned they are passed onto adults and children that are in need.

Adults are using the bikes for work transportation, exercise and errands. Children, especially those in foster care, are using them for fun/exercise/transportation to school and family activities.

Bikes are needed now. Please call CTK at 320-587-2776 for information or bring your used bike to the church. There are limited funds and manpower to do the repairs so please evaluate your donation.

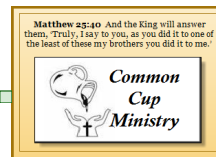
Cash donations will be applied to repair materials, helmets and chain/locks.



Our mission is to provide a care package that serves as an immediate bridge for every child as they enter the uncertainty of foster care.

Wings

Donations currently needed for boys or girls in any size: New pajamas, new underwear and gently used summer clothes. Donations can be dropped off in the church office. Please mark donations "Wings." Help is also needed to wash and sort donations as they come in.



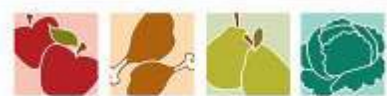
Back to School Drive 2017-2018

Once again, Common Cup Ministry of McLeod County will be having a School Supply Distribution for students in need. Backpacks will be provided to those in need of a new one, thanks to a grant from United Way of McLeod County.

How Can You Help? Purchase supplies and drop them off at your local church or Common Cup Ministry Office.

Requesting School Supplies. Parents must request supplies for their children by using the official request form which is available at area schools, churches, Common Cup Ministry Office and McLeod County Social Services or online at www.common-cup.org. Only 400 children will be able to receive supplies, so submit your request as soon as possible. Deadline August 4, 2017.

Distributing Supplies. Wed., Aug. 23, 5-8 p.m. & Thurs., Aug. 24, 9-11 a.m. at Crosspoint Church, Hutchinson and Helen Baker Elementary, Glencoe.



FARE FOR ALL

Food that makes cents

A food buying program, open to everyone regardless of income. For more information, call Common Cup Ministry Office at 320-587-2213.

Summer Feeding Program

May 30 - August 11.

Serving times are from 11:30-1:00 at the Middle School Cafeteria.

Special activities on June 28 and July 24 by 4H Coordinator.

Laundry Love Service

Provided by Vineyard United Methodist and River of Hope Lutheran churches in partnership with Maytag Laundromat 1025 Hwy 7 West, Hutchinson.

Third Tuesday of every month 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Questions call 320-587-2200

SHOE AWAY HUNGER

www.goodinthehood.org
Feeding the Future
One Sole at a Time

Shoes will be available for purchase. Kids' shoes \$2 Adult shoes \$5. Cash and credit accepted. All proceeds help to fund "Good in the 'Hood feeding programs". Shoe donations and monetary donations are also welcomed. Wed. Aug. 23, 5-8 p.m. at Crosspoint Church, Hutchinson and on Thurs. Aug. 24, 9-11 a.m. at Helen Baker Elementary, Glencoe.

Outdoor Worship Is Here!



It is time to dust off your favorite lawn chair and come to worship outdoors. From May 28 - September 3 (weather permitting), we will worship at Library Square at 10:10 a.m. Bring your chair or blanket, bring your kids or neighbors, and worship our great God in the great outdoors. If inclement weather forces us to move back inside the change will be announced on KDUZ radio and posted on our Facebook page (so like our page today!). The First Word Service will continue in the sanctuary each Sunday at 8 a.m.

Sundays at Faith Lutheran Church:

Beginning May 28

8:00 a.m. First Word

(Traditional Service in the sanctuary)

10:10 a.m. Outdoor Service

(Blended service in the park)

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!

Compline

A contemplative service held at 7 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Join us on Sunday, June 4.

Important Dates

Sunday, June 4: Free Community Meal, Compline

Monday, June 5: Club 218 Begins (every Mon.-Wed. all summer)

Tuesday, June 6: Middle School Madness (every Tuesday)

Wednesday, June 7: Faith Quilters, FLY Softball (every Wednesday)

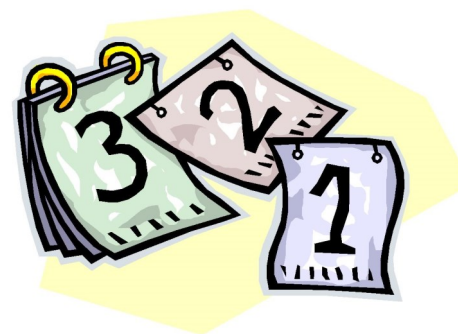
and Men of Faith Event: Speaker ~ Chad Harlander

Saturday, June 10: B-2-3 Hang Time

Wednesday, June 14: Drive-in Diner

Thursday, June 20: Ministry Team & Church Council Meeting

Monday, June 26: Vacation Bible School (Monday-Thursday)





Thoughts and Prayers

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

- Lance Corporal Colin Bos (Marines, Quantico, VA - 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 and Patti Rutledge)
- 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)
- 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

Ruth Hackbarth
Dave & Betty Jensen
Joanne Olesen
Harvey Skorheim
Charlie & Harriet Thor

Prairie Senior Cottages

Pat Fimon

Prairie View (Hector)

Jerome Lindquist
Woodstone
Don Fitzgerald
Betty Garberich
Lucille Yukel

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Standing firm in the faith for 500 years!

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