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**YOUTUBE SERVICE**  
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AFTERNOONS



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October is a month known for many things.

First and foremost: it's my birthday month! Then there are the beautiful colors and the cooler temperatures. For families of school-aged children, October offers an opportunity for a little fall mini-vacation over MEA break. Then, of course, the month ends with a bang: with Confirmation and Reformation Sunday.

But over all of those, October is probably best defined by Halloween. Fun fact: Halloween- which many Christians chalk up as an evil holiday- actually originated as a Christian holiday, or holy day. All Hallows' Eve, the night before November 1, All Saints' Day, was a day to remember the dead. This was the day Luther chose to nail his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg church, which sparked the Reformation.

But these days, it seems that the holiness of Halloween has been mostly forgotten. Churches avoid even referring to the holiday, opting for harvest parties. In place of holy reverence, we have candy, costumes, and fear.

As a result, October is a month highlighted by fear. This is the month that the movie studios release their best horror films. Neighborhoods are decorated with fake cobwebs, zombies, and tombstones. Haunted houses, hayrides, or walks, spring up in the area. The whole month the focus is on fright.

What are you scared of? What frightens you? What causes you the most fear?

For most of us, it's not ghosts or goblins or monsters under the bed. Spiders, on the other hand.... Or heights? Or closed-in spaces? Or clowns? Or public speaking? Yikes!

But there are two phobias that I particularly want to address, because I think most people at some point or another fear them: Thanatophobia and Hadeophobia.

Thanatophobia is an intense fear of death or the dying process. Hadeophobia, also called stygiophobia, is the fear of hell. After all, everybody dies, and many people, at some point or another, fear what happens after death. As a result, both death and hell pose imposing threats to our peace of mind.

If that is you—if you fear one or both of these threats—I've got good news for you. You don't have to be afraid. Death is defeated! Hell is not your home! Death doesn't get to have victory over you; you get to have victory over death! Hell is a place separated from God, but Jesus has prepared a place for you in his Father's house. There is nothing to fear!

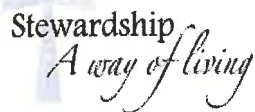
Now, if you are like me when I was a kid, when I was scared of all sorts of things like the dark and monsters under the bed and my dad would nightly

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### **Plus One Challenge**

Have you heard of the Plus One Challenge? It is a call to the family of Faith to take on one additional way of practicing the faith: attend one more worship service each month, attend one class or Faith Groups study, or take on any other opportunity to serve, learn or support others. There are countless Plus One possibilities available at or through Faith Lutheran. What will be your Plus One this year?



### **Stewardship Matters**

For the first time in recent memory, offerings given to Faith Lutheran are currently running behind the previous year. That may be due to inflation and other difficulties in the economy today. Still, God promises to provide for us steadfastly, in good times and bad, so we can take the risk of continuing to give generously in the awareness that God gives us all that we have and are, and in trust that He will continue to supply all that we need for life and salvation.

### **Seniors' Scene**

How about this fall weather? After the late spring, we may feel we deserve it. I don't know how long it will last. Some think throughout October (weather-educated people, I mean). If it does, I truly hope it won't prevent you from joining us for Seniors' Potluck on **Thursday, October 27**. As usual, the meeting will begin with potluck dinner at **12:00 noon**. Can't you taste the variety of delectable food preparations already?

Even more to anticipate is the fellowship we share. We go home with a special feeling that just happens when Christian people gather in the name of Jesus.

Plus there are the interesting topics. I believe we have a good one for this upcoming meeting. We have a lawyer coming to speak to us. I don't know what you think of lawyers. Some think they live in a different world. Others have had excellent experiences with them.

I think we have a speaker/lawyer, Benjamin Kaufman, who is truly concerned about issues

we have. Based on a list he sent us, the Steering Committee chose meaningful subjects. One, especially, concerns the differences between Medicare and Medicaid coverage.

All of this comes free of charge to us, through SMRLS (Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services). It is funded by aging agencies in southern Minnesota. It recognizes that many elderly persons can't afford legal services, so it provides them free of charge.

So put this meeting on your calendar, and come prepared not only to enjoy, but learn. You might even have your questions ready on subjects like scams, Social Security, abuse awareness, avoiding probate, knowing your rights about nursing home or assisted living contract termination, etc. ....

**"See you at  
Seniors' Potluck!"**



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reassure me that there was nothing to be afraid of, you'll need to hear this again. Good news, this is the message we remind you of every Sunday in worship! God wins! Death loses! So we win with God.

So go on with your fear of flying, or needles, or germs, or whatever. But save your time when it comes to death and hell or the devil, that matter. God is bigger, and he is with you.

Have a great October, and we'll see you in church!

Pastor Dave





Digging  
**DEEPER**

## "Faith Seeks Understanding" Continuing Learning Opportunities for Adults



### ***What Makes Lutherans Lutheran?***

There are a lot of options in the church denomination cupboard—Baptists, Methodists, Catholics, Assemblies of God. What makes Lutherans different? With Reformation Day coming up, we will take a look at four key doctrinal understandings that distinguish Lutherans from other Christian denominations. Join Pastor Dave and Pastor Scott in the Faith Center starting on October 9 at 9:15 a.m.

### ***Songs of the South***

This look at different distinct styles of traditional southern music from the 1800-1920's will continue to meet in the Music Room with Austin Willhite, through October 23.

### ***New Member Class***

Faith is offering a new member orientation class this month. Classes are on Sunday mornings, October 16, 23, and 30 from 9:15—10 a.m. in the third floor conference room. New members will then be received on Sunday, October 30. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining Faith, or in learning more about Faith Lutheran, please contact Marsha Schmit at 587-2093 or [marshas@faithlc.com](mailto:marshas@faithlc.com) to join this class.

### ***Date Night!***

Dinner and Marriage Encouragement on Friday, Oct. 28, 6:30- 8:30 p.m. This date night is for pre-marital couples to long time married couples. Dinner will be served followed by special guest speakers Craig and Ardis Dirksen. RSVP's needed by October 21 for dinner planning purposes.



Greetings Friends!

Did you know that Ringers of Faith is 40 years old this year? That's right! In 1982, a group of ladies started buying each octave set piece by piece. Many fundraisers and pancake breakfasts later, we are now blessed to have 5 octaves (around 60 total) of hand bells and 3 octaves of chimes! As the years went on, the group grew as well. This year, we have 11 ringers with some long-time veterans and some great enthusiastic new members. Although our tradition of handbell ringing is 40 years old now, it did not start with us. The first recorded use of tuned handbells was found in ancient civilizations in India. However, we did not see the use of handbells in Western culture until 1696 when Robert and William Cor, two brothers from England brought them here. The Cor brothers' handbells were first used by bell tower ringers to practice at home. Soon the sound captivated people and by 1784, the first handbell manufacturer, John Taylor and Co., opened in England. Since then, there have been multiple bell manufacturers that have supplied the world with beautiful instruments. A handbell choir is like no other ensemble. The techniques and sounds are not found in any other group and continue to amaze people to this day. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful bell music provided by such a marvelous group of musical volunteers here at Faith.

Soli deo Gloria ..... ring on!

Austin





## Stump the Pastor

With Halloween this month, I decided to re-print this question that appeared back in 2013.

*Q: We have friends who will not celebrate Halloween. They say it is a celebration of the devil. Is it really that bad?*

*A:* If Halloween is used as an occasion to worship the devil or try to contact the dead, then, yes, it really is that bad. There are some people who use it for that purpose, so some churches teach that Christians should not celebrate Halloween—and we certainly should not *in that way*.

But that is not the true purpose of Halloween. The name originally included an apostrophe, “Hallowe’en,” because it is an abbreviation of “All Hallowed’s Evening” or the night before All Saints’ Day. Halloween occurs on October 31, because All Saints’ Day is November 1. Its focus on the “dark side” of reality was originally a preparation to celebrate the next day all those who walked in God’s light. To acknowledge that evil is real and works against God’s will is not bad for Christians. It is a stiff reminder of why it is so important to cling to Christ for salvation from sin, death and the devil.

At the same time, Halloween today is almost entirely an evening of fun for young children. It has little to do with actual evil, much less any celebration of it. (We should perhaps be more concerned that “trick or treat” is culturally sanctioned extortion—except that no one is denied a treat or actually does any “tricks” anymore.) Even “haunted houses” are all about the thrill of being scared, not honoring the forces of evil.

In the end, a cultural event like Halloween does not pose much threat to Christian faith. If it reminds us of the cosmic battle Christ waged on the cross to save us from condemnation, it might even be helpful!

## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

After a “short vacation” from our monthly meetings, the CAREGIVERS Support Group will resume meeting again on September 29. Monthly meetings will be the last Thursday of each month, beginning at 4:00 p.m. This support group will meet in the office conference room.

Being a caregiver is a difficult and stressful responsibility. Those who have attended this care group report a great release and relief from coming together with other people in the same situation to share their problems with others. There is also a benefit to listening to others in similar situations. There is a feeling of **“Bear(ing) one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the will of God”** (Galatians 6:2) that gives a personal sense of peace and strength, making the caregiving task just a bit lighter. So join us, and experience some help. God Himself is in the midst of the journey. For more information, please contact Pastor Paulus Pilgrim or Marsha Schmit by calling the church office at 587-2093.



## Fellowship Against Cancer (FACe) Support Group



Are you dealing with cancer? Are you a caregiver for someone with cancer? Is cancer making you feel lost, alone, overwhelmed? The Fellowship Against Cancer (FACe) group would like to invite you to join us. In our discussions we find sharing is caring, and this group can help you through your cancer journey. From diagnosis, to treatment, through recovery or embracing a new normal, the fellowship is there to help. We gather together on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Office Conference Room. We also offer a Zoom option to join from your home. If interested, please contact the church or Jeff at [jeffa@faithlc.com](mailto:jeffa@faithlc.com).





## Parent Huddle: Children in Worship

Picture yourself in worship.

What do you hear? It might be the organ or worship band playing. Confirmation students jotting down sermon notes. Shuffling sounds of people standing up and down during the order of service. Babies crying or toddlers “whispering” to their parent.

What do you see? It might be people you know and others you don’t. Families. Someone sitting alone. Stained glass windows. Pastors. Volunteers. Communion. Offering. Children kneeling on the floor using the chair as their table for activities. Babies in the arms of other congregation members.

As the Children’s Director, I love to see children in worship! I love seeing them joyfully run up for Faith Seeds, wave at other children they know, sit with other families in the congregation and I actually love to hear them cry. And I am not alone. Often when I speak with other members of the church about worship, they tell me how much they love to see and hear children in worship.

But as a parent, Sunday mornings might be a battle. Is everyone out of bed? Did everyone eat breakfast? Is everyone dressed? Does anyone need to go to the bathroom again? Are you sure? How much time do we have? Why is Bobby crying? And then it is time for worship.

How do I get my child to participate in worship?

- If they can read, encourage them to sing the songs or even make up actions to them.
- Encourage them to go around and greet people as we pass the peace.
- During Confession and Forgiveness, tell them that everyone is thinking about times when they might have done something wrong. Have them come up with an example from this week. Then say that Jesus forgives them.
- If your child has a Bible, bring it to worship. Show them how to open up to the readings so they can follow along.
- Easy one. Bring them up for Faith Seeds. Children can never be too old to go up.
- Preschool through 1st grade students can go to Sprouts during the Foundation sermon.
- During offering, explain why we give offering and have them put offering in during the Sunday School hour at Faith Rocks.
- During prayers of the church, ask them what they want to pray for.

Is every day going to be perfect? No. Will you have good intentions to do all these things listed above, but then totally forget during worship? Yes! And that’s okay! A huge thing you can do is to prioritize coming to church even when it would seem easier to stay home. At church, your child is learning about Jesus and being surround by a church family who will help you raise your child up in the faith.

See you in worship!

Laura Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministry  
Kristen Durst, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

# Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Dates



## **B23**

Sunday, October 16

9:10—9:50 a.m. in the Nursery

## **Sprouts**

We are always looking for people to volunteer to lead Sprouts at the 10:10 a.m. Foundation worship service.

## **Sunday School**

Students learned about Creation and Adam and Eve this past month. Now they will talk about Noah and the Ark, God's Promise, Daniel and the Lion's Den, and the Good Samaritan.

## **Release Time**

Begins Wednesday, October 26

Students in 2<sup>nd</sup>—5<sup>th</sup> grade should receive a registration sheet from their teachers.

## **56er's**

This fall the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade after school group will be learning about the promises of God and His unstoppable love.

## **Questions?**

If you have questions about programs for children birth through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, please contact Laura Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministry.

If you have questions about programs for 7<sup>th</sup> grade through young adult, please contact Kristen Durst, Director of Youth and Family Ministry.



## **Confirmation**

Trick-or-Treat for the Food Shelf

Wednesday, October 26

Meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. We will have pizza and then go out in our groups.

## **High School**

HS Fall Retreat

Thursday, October 20—Saturday, October 22

## **College Aged**

Costa Rica Mission Trip

December 31—January 7



Check out @faithluthyouth on Instagram to sign up for the HS Fall Retreat, Costa Rica Mission trip, or HS Mission Trip to West Virginia.



## **Mark Your Calendars!**

The Children, Youth and Family Ministry Team is putting on a churchwide Operation Christmas Child packing day on **Sunday, November 6.**

We will be collecting donations until then such as school supplies, toys, hygiene products, and kids clothing. Then you and your family are invited to pack boxes with your church family to bless children across the world!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 ~ LCMC Annual Gathering</p> <p>8:00 First Word Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>8:00 HCN TV LIVE Broadcast</p> <p>8:00 KDJZ 1260 Radio pre-recorded broadcast</p> <p>9:00 Sunday School</p> <p>9:15 Digging Deeper</p> <p>10:00 HCN last weeks worship broadcast</p> <p>10:10 Sanctuary Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:00 Foundation Service</p> <p>4:00 Free Community Meal</p> <p>5:00 HCN today's worship broadcast</p>	<p>3 ~ LCMC Annual Gathering</p>	<p>4 ~ LCMC Annual Gathering</p> <p>9:00 Today's Faith Encouragement</p> <p>9:00 Exercise</p> <p>10:30 Faith Group</p> <p>12:30 Lectioary study</p> <p>2:30 Worship planning meeting</p> <p>5:15 Faith Group and Dinner</p> <p>5:00 HCN worship broadcast</p> <p>5:30 Ringers of Faith</p> <p>7:00 MHMS Board Meeting</p>	<p>5 ~ LCMC Annual Gathering</p> <p>7:00 Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:00 Faith Quilters</p> <p>11:30 Staff meeting</p> <p>3:00 Sber's</p> <p>3:45 Confirmation</p> <p>5:30 Faith Singers</p> <p>7:00 FLYouth</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 Men's Bible study</p> <p>9:00 Today's Faith Encouragement</p> <p>11:00 High School Free Lunch</p> <p>12:00 Theo Thursday</p> <p>1:30 Communion at Woodstone (Faith)</p> <p>6:30 Faith Group</p> <p>7:00 Young Adult Night at the Ansger House</p> <p>10:00 HCN worship broadcast</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 Women's Bible study</p> <p>9:00 Women's Bible study</p> <p>1:00 Bulletin Assembly</p> <p>6:30 Ninth Grade Confirmation</p>	<p>1</p>
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## When It Comes to The Great Commission, “Why” Comes Before “How” *Mission Reflection from Pastor Paul Knudson*

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19a)*

*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses...” (Acts 1:8)*

*“These are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...” (John 20:31a)*

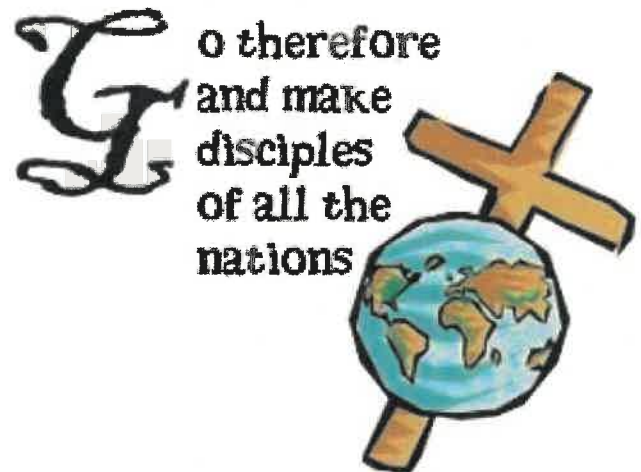
Sometimes we get all tangled up in how we can be more effective in our witness to those not within the Christian family, whether here or in some distant land. It can lead us to paralysis, thinking we are too old or too young or a myriad of other secondary conclusions. We just do not feel confident that we will be our Lord’s witnesses in effective ways.

Too often hidden under the surface, however, is a loss of conviction that we have any right to bear such witness as noted in our Lord’s call to “go make disciples of all nations.” We are possibly even intimidated by others scoffing at our arrogance that seeks to lift up Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We don’t worry about the “how,” because we may no longer be confident of the “why” of our witness.

Without getting into a theological defense of our witness, I would just note why my spirit is lifted when I hear countless stories of Christians risking life, even giving their lives, bearing witness to Jesus Christ. They have experienced Jesus Christ as Good News, the only Son of his Father and our Father, who has drawn their wayward hearts home to that One who is “full of grace upon grace”, who is close to “His Father’s HEART.” (See John 1:14f)

We may want to ask ourselves why in the world anyone would go into a 99% Muslim land and point others to the Good News of Jesus Christ? Why also would four of those Muslims seek to be baptized, finding Jesus Christ ever so different than Mohammed and His Father ever so different from Allah?

When you have this kind of Good News that has captured your heart, soul, and mind, you cannot keep it to yourself. You will risk everything to bear such witness. You will learn some about the how of it to be sure, but *why* we “go therefore and make disciples of all nations” trumps the *how* every time.



### **LCMC Annual Gathering**

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) is the national church body to which Faith Lutheran belongs. It hosts a national gathering each year in October and this year it meets at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Lakeville, MN. All four of Faith’s pastors will attend the gathering in Lakeville.



LCMC includes nearly 1,000 congregations here and around the world. By membership, it is the third largest Lutheran church in America. To learn more about it, ask the pastors or check out the LCMC web site, [www.lcmc.net](http://www.lcmc.net).





## **“Around the World” Progressive Dinner**

presented by the Congregational Life Team

**Sunday, October 9 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

This dinner will feature appetizers, main course, dessert, and coffee. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be sold after the worship services on Sunday, September 25, Sunday, October 2, and in the office during the week. Make plans to join us and get your ticket(s) soon as there is a limited number available! Childcare will be available by request.

## **New This Year: Event Cancellation Text Alerts!**

As we begin another program year, we are looking for more ways to communicate last-minute schedule changes.

If you would like to receive a text when there is a cancellation due to weather or illness, please contact the office at 587-2093 or by e-mail to [office@faithlc.com](mailto:office@faithlc.com) with the phone number to which you would like to have texts sent.



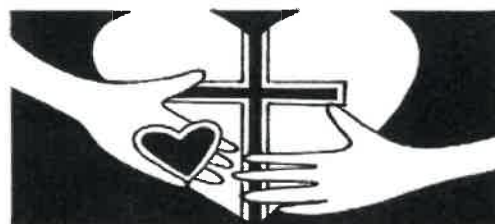
### **Young Adult Ministry**

Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

We are excited to be introducing a new ministry at Faith Lutheran! This Young Adult Ministry is for adults 18-25, and will meet every Thursday night at 7 p.m. for dinner and an activity at the new Ansgar House (144 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE). Each Thursday will begin with a meal and a variety of activities in the following rotation:

- First Thursday - Movie night
- Second Thursday - Worship night
- Third Thursday - Game night
- Fourth Thursday - Bible Study night
- Fifth Thursday (when applicable)  
- Service or activity night

We're really excited for this ministry and community (and our new place). We think you will be too! See you there!



**Faith Lutheran  
Church Women**

### **From the FLCW**

The FLCW would like to extend a hearty thank you to everyone who brought treats for the Library Square services on August 28 and September 4, and to those who helped to clean the church kitchen.

### **Coming up next:**

- ~ The annual meeting on November 20 following worship
- ~ The Christmas Tea on December 10. Please reach out to Carreen Pierson at 587-5602 if you are interested in decorating a table for that event.

# Please Remember in Prayer



**Remember our Faith  
members in nursing homes  
and health care centers:**

## Cedar Crest – Silver Lake

Patricia Lambert  
Lucille Wehking

## Cokato Nursing Home

Clara Betker

## Dassel Lakeside

Don Rath

## Harmony River

Phyllis Lamp  
Ruth Larson

Ellsworth & Delores Lorentzen

Fran Lundeen  
Karol Nolte  
Jean Pittman  
Rose Wagner

## New Haven - Maple Plain

Ardell Novotny

## Meeker Manor—Litchfield

Darlene Horrman

## Pines

Elaine Blade  
Ralph and Phyllis Blum  
Milt Lueneburg

## Prairie Senior Cottages

Harold (Swede) Sandgren

## Woodstone

Dodie Fenske  
Betty Garberich  
Geraldine (Gerry) Grams  
Barb Max

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

Braiden Bjorge (Marines, Jacksonville, NC - grandson of  
Sandy Curtiss)  
Mike Bjorge (Air Force - son-in-law of Sandy Curtis)  
Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Mason Rutledge (Navy, New Orleans,  
LA - son of Lenny Rutledge & Patti Rutledge)  
LT Brett Stadsklev (Navy, Yokosuka, Japan - son-in-law  
of Judy and Tom Felber)  
Trevor Wersal (MN National Guard, son of Roger and  
Laurie Wersal)

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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