

Faith Lutheran Church

The Parish News

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This Month's Message from Pastor Josh

In early June, we celebrated the church festivals of Ascension and Pentecost. These two special days serve as a transition from the season of Easter into the season of Pentecost. On Ascension Sunday, we recalled how Jesus ascended to the right hand of God the Father and heard his commission to the disciples: “*You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth*” (Acts 1:8). **The calling to be witnesses for Christ extends to us even today, as we show God’s love and share God’s truth in our homes, our communities, and around the world.** And we have received the same gift that the disciples did on Pentecost—the Holy Spirit who works faith in us and strengthens us to live as children of God.

As we observe the season of Pentecost, we are reminded that we are witnesses for Jesus wherever we go and to whomever we meet. Over the summer, two groups from our congregation are going on organized trips to share the love of Jesus in other communities. **On June 26th, four members of our congregation (along with members of Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church in Granby, Colorado) will travel to Nicaragua for a week of service.** While there, they will deliver sustainable water filters for an entire village and help facilitate dental, vision, and women’s health clinics for the residents.



From August 3rd-9th, thirteen members from our Soul Patrol middle school youth group (and two adult chaperones) will travel to Woodland Park, Colorado to participate in a fire mitigation project. They will work to remove brush, rake pine needles, and trim trees around houses which are in danger of future wildfires. This project has been put together by Lutheran Valley Retreat with the goal of reaching and serving their local community.

There are ways to serve close to home as well. The community of Pilger, Nebraska suffered severe devastation from dual tornadoes on June 16th. **If you would like to donate to assist with the relief efforts in Pilger or keep track of other ways you can help, check the Orphan Grain Train website (<http://www.ogt.org/>) or the LCMS Nebraska District website (<http://www.lcms.org/disaster>) for more information and ongoing details.**

Please remember to include these listed above in your prayers as they serve the Lord in various ways and different places. And as you pray, **ask the Lord to open your eyes to the opportunities you have to be a witness.** May the Holy Spirit empower each one of us to be the caring hands and loving voice of Christ in this world.

PRAYERS

For Health, Treatments, or Hospitalization

Recently included in prayers: Matthew Brennet, Brady Classen, Lisa Hatch, Jerry Jacobson, Bert Johnson, Abby Klatt, Inez Lierman, Dean Mosier. **We continue prayers for:** Leyna Ahlschwede, Lyle Baker, Brittany Barnes, Doris Bruntz, Marlita Burnham, Ed Cassel, Greg Catchpool, Chris Davis, Connie Davis, Terry Dunbar, JoAnn Grabill, Keith Harris, Max Harris, Sandy Herrmann, Renee Hinderks, Everett Hunt, Dustin Knuth, Claudia Krueger, Karen Lee, Rich Lundquist, Jerry Martin, Royal Miller, Madalynn Muhleisen, Jackie Ortegren, Jane Parnell, Kiera Perkins, Perk Perkins, Myron Peters, Larry Reimnitz, John Ritterbush, Anne Rohan, John Schiefelbein, Dale Schroeder, Bryan Stanley, Loretta Volzke, Julie Young.

In Sympathy

We pray for **Ellen Vanky** at the death of her husband, Karl; for **the family of Greg Ellis** at his death; and for the family & friends of former member **Shirley Russell**. We pray for ALL who mourn the loss of a loved one...that each may be comforted through Jesus' resurrection promise.

Births & Baptisms

- Congratulations to **Kip & Marissa Sitzmore** at the birth of a baby boy
- We welcome into the family of faith through Holy Baptism: **Luke Raylan Nelson**, son of Megan & Phil Nelson; **Easton Lee Hackler**, son of Stephanie & Jarred Hackler; **Jace Gene Schenk**, son of Laura & Luke Schenk; and **Carter Cash McIntyre**, son of Lana & Lloyd McIntyre.

Marriages

We ask God's blessings on **Heather Henkel & Adam Jones**, **Brittany Meyer & Landon Epp**, and **Morgan Harms & Ethan Rundle**. Each of these three couples were recently married.



The town of Pilger, Nebraska sustained heavy loss during the June 16 tornado. Many agencies are helping with relief efforts. If you are interested in helping please visit the LCMS website at www.lcms.org or visit the Orphan Grain Train website at www.ogt.org. Please keep the people in and around Pilger in your prayers, as well as all those who suffer from natural disaster.

News and Notes



Years of Service Celebration- June 29th

You are invited to attend a potluck picnic at Chautauqua Park, **in honor of Wade Johnson**, our Director of Christian Education, and **Rev. Dr. Carl Rehwaldt**, who served as pastor at Faith Lutheran Church for 35 years. On this special day, we will commemorate Wade's 15 years of ministry as a called church worker, and the 45th anniversary of Carl's ordination. The meal will begin at 12:15 with beverages, cake, and table service provided. **Each family attending is asked to bring a main dish and a salad.**



Our church website still has some months open this year if you would like to sponsor the site for a month (\$40.) Choose to sponsor anonymously (if you wish), or to celebrate an event, or to simply share with the larger community what Faith Lutheran Church is all about. Call the church office -402-462-5044- for more information or to sponsor a month.

More News & Notes

Book Group

July 10, 7pm at Dally's Deli
Wonder by R.J. Palacio

This is a "young reader" book. We encourage all age readers to join us for our discussion!

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. *Wonder* begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance. The August reading is *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. For more information about Book Group please speak with Vicki Fisher, 402-462-5044.





SERVICE AUCTION (taking the place of "Theme Baskets")

The Chestnut Corner Bazaar will be having a live "Service Auction"! We are looking for members of the congregation to donate a "service or talent" they may have. Proceeds from the "Service Auction" will help benefit the Maryland Living Center. The Maryland Living Center is a permanent housing facility, in Hastings, that aims to successfully transition homeless and "aged-out" foster youth, into an independent and successful living situation.



A pot luck dinner will be held at noon on August 17, following the late service. Bidding for the "service auction" will begin at 12:45. All will take place in the fellowship hall. Look for the first display in the forum on June 29 to get ideas of services or talents you may have. We are excited for this new endeavor and the opportunity for the family of Faith to enrich each other with their talents! To donate or ask questions please contact: Lisa Bulas, 402-984-9738 or Jocelyn Rundle, 402-469-6228.

Faith's Fitness

We will continue to meet this summer on Mondays & Wednesdays at noon and Tuesdays at 6 pm and we'd love for you to join us!

Regular exercise:



- ☼ Significantly boosts your energy level.
- ☼ Helps alleviate tension and stress,
- ☼ Helps you reach and maintain a healthy weight,
- ☼ Improves balance & strengthens bones and muscles.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Vacation Bible School. This year 99 children, between the ages of 3 through 7th grade attended "Living in God's Creation." We had 66 people 8th grade and older lead, teach, shepherd, or help in some way with our week-long VBS program. \$392.64 was collected in offerings during the week, and with free will offerings from the picnic, we were able to purchase 2 water buffalos, along with two anonymous donors each offering to match an additional buffalo! So all together we were able to purchase **four water buffalos** through *Heifer International*. *Heifer International* works to give plants and animals to families all around the world to provide sustainable food and income sources. It's the gift that keeps on giving! To see a little bit about this year's VBS program check out the church website at www.afamilyoffaith.com and go to GROW and then VBS News.

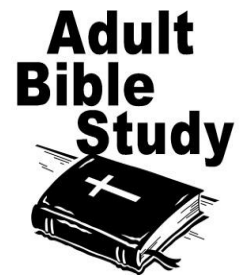


Christian Education

SUNDAYS

THE SUNDAY LESSONS [E-100] - Rooms 102-103- 9:15AM

This class takes an in-depth look at the scripture lessons taken from the Sunday morning readings with lots of good discussion.



WEDNESDAYS

MORNING BIBLE STUDY [P-200]- 9:00AM- Room 11 - Pastor Dunbar, leader

Our get-togethers start with a time of coffee, treats, and visiting, and then, after a brief devotion, we get to talking about the past Sunday's sermon. These casual discussions lead to new insight and good, personal application of the pastor's message, not to mention close bonds of friendship.



Co-Ed Teen Softball

Tournament play will be coming in July. Watch the church website for more information.



Students going into 8th grade through 12th grade will meet in Room 8 Sunday mornings at 9:15 with Vicki Fisher.

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XYF Students (in grades 9-12 during 2014-'15 school year)
Nebraska District LC-MS Youth Gathering (Omaha)
November 21-23, 2014
Student cost: \$150 • Register by early October



www.neyouth.org

Theme verse: *If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*
... 1 Corinthians 5:17



All About Kids

Sunday School Offerings will benefit our



Compassion International child, Ayinkamiye Nyiranzobe. We have been sponsoring Ayinkamiye for several years now. She is 21 years old now and part of our sponsorship goes toward her vocational training.

Summer Sunday School Arts

We will continue with our summer of art based on the theme of prayer. On July 27th we will begin verse paintings with artist Mary Rist-Gerloff. This program is open to all kids in preschool through those entering 7th grade. Preschool through second grades are encouraged to bring a parent with them it help guide the projects.



Perfect Attendance

Sunday School-
1st grade: Zoe Johnson
2nd grade: Justine Bierman
4th grade: Kiernan Bierman
7th grade: Zipporah Johnson



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Worship at 8:00 AM or 10:30 AM

Sunday Education Hour at 9:15 AM

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