

FAITH NEWSLETTER

June / July 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

Living as a Christian in our changing world has become increasingly difficult. We often find ourselves out of step with our culture, our government, our neighbors, and even members of our own families. How do we live as faithful Christians, while at the same time staying connected to people we love who are outside the church? How do we speak to the issues of our day without alienating people around us?

These are the topics that we'll be considering in our summer Bible Class, starting on June 16. After a brief introduction, we'll talk about different areas of our life and how God's Word gives us direction to deal with difficult circumstances. We won't be able to address every possible scenario, but hopefully we can discover how to think through some of these topics together.

The Sunday School will be on break for the summer, so these sessions are open for our members and guests of all ages. Here's our tentative schedule:

- June 16: What does it mean to be a Christian?
- June 23: Living as a Christian within your Family.
- June 30: The Rev. Dan Gensch, guest pastor
- July 7: Living as a Christian with other Christians
- July 14: Living as a Christian with Followers of other Religions
- July 21: The Rev. Lynn Hanson, guest pastor
- July 28: Living as a Christian on Social Media
- Aug. 4: Living as a Christian in our current Political Culture
- Aug. 11: Living as a Christian in a Changing Environment
- Aug. 18: TBD / Unanswered Questions
- Aug. 25: Conclusions and Review

Some of these areas can be controversial or emotional. There may be places where we disagree. Our foundation is always God's Word, and so we'll be looking to Holy Scripture for answers, and not to our own opinions. We hope that this study will be helpful for all of us as we seek to live our lives by God's direction.

Hope you can join us!

God's Blessings

Pastor Birkholz

In and Around Faith Church

Ladies Aid

Thank you to all who helped out with the rummage sale. We couldn't have done it without all the extra help.

On Saturday, June 8th at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall we are having a special brunch / meeting. We are inviting all ladies to join us as we discuss the future of this wonderful organization. Remember all of our efforts benefit the church and it is also great to socialize with our members.

VBS

VBS will be June 10 – 14 from 9:30 AM until noon. Our theme is "Birds of the Bible". There is no cost. Children ages 3-12 are welcome. We will have a volunteer meeting on June 2nd at 11:15AM after Bible Study. Prayerfully consider helping.

Annual Church Picnic

Join us on June 9th at Wolfe Wildlife preserve for our church picnic. Come at 11:30 AM. Please bring a dish for the common table and a \$5.00 wrapped bingo prize if you plan to play.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and soda will be provided. This is a wonderful way to spend the day.

Summer Book Club – Fridays at 10:00a.

Last summer we began reading C. S. Lewis's Chronicles of Narnia series with The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. This summer we'll pick up the story with Prince Caspian. Our study is tentatively slated to begin on June 21. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the church narthex.

Day of Pentecost – June 9

Fifty days after Easter, our Lord sent His Holy Spirit on His Apostles. Join us as we give thanks for the continued work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of His Church through His Holy Word. Don't forget to wear red!

Holy Trinity Sunday – June 16

On this day we join in worshipping our God as Three in One and confess our faith in Him using the words of the Athanasian Creed. The Vacation Bible School choir will also provide special music for the service.

Live and Learn and Pass It On

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I've learned that saying "hi" to somebody today can result in a new friend tomorrow. Age 18

I've learned that it is never too late to start reading the Bible. Age 34

I've learned that you are never too old to try something new. Age 82

I've learned not to slide down wooden stairs with my sled. Age 7

I've learned that children follow examples, not advice. Age 62

I've learned that if you pray for your enemies, you will stop hating them. Age 74

I've learned that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person. Age 47

I've learned that my wife's cooking is always good, no matter how bad it is. Age 31

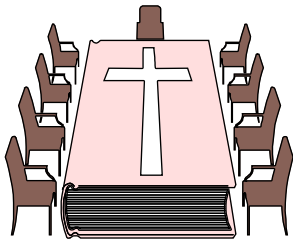
I've learned the all the advice and wisdom in the world cannot help you unless you apply it daily in your life. Age 23

Schedule of June / July 2019 Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>June Event</u>
1	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
2	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Class for all
9	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Class for all
15	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
16	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Class for all
23	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Class for all
30	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Class for all

Weekly Meetings

Bible Study	Fri. - 10:00 AM
AA Groups	Mon. & Fri. - 6:00 PM Wed. & Thur. - 7:00 PM
Alanon	Sat. - 8:00 AM Tue. - 7:00 PM



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>July Event</u>
6	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
7	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Class for all
14	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Class for all
20	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
21	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Class for all
28	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Class for all

July Hymn of the Month

"Entrust Your Days and Burdens" (# 754)

This hymn by Lutheran composer Paul Gerhardt was in Lutheran Worship, but it's been set to a different tune here in the Lutheran Service Book. We sang it at Jill (Buccola) Klinge's wedding, and it struck me as one worth learning here at Faith. These words provide hope and comfort in the midst of anxiety, trials, and death itself as we remember our Lord's gracious promise to give us strength, and to bring us through our difficult times and into the joys of heaven.

Due to the service schedule, we will not be using a hymn of the month for June.

June / July 2019 Elders, Ushers & Lay Readers

June Worship 9:00 AM Sunday

June 2 Ed Neaves
Mike Kampenga
Mary Slepiski
Cheyenne Breitbarth

June 9 Gene Osmanski
Richard Clark
Kenilynn Breitbarth
Marilyn Diehl

June 16 Ed Neaves
Mark Trojanowski
Katie Kampenga
Ray Bennett

June 23 Mike Kampenga
Richard Clark
Sarah Kampenga
Rachel Kampenga

June 30 Gene Osmanski
Richard Clark
Cheyenne Breitbarth
Mark Trojanowski

July Worship 9:00 AM Sunday

July 7 Ed Neaves
Mike Kampenga
Ray Bennett
Mary Slepiski

July 14 Gene Osmanski
Richard Clark
Ray Bennett
Dora Haynes

July 21 Gene Osmanski
Mike Kampenga
Marilyn Diehl
Katie Kampenga

July 28 Richard Clark
Ed Neaves
Mark Trojanowski
Ray Bennett

Lay Readers 9:00 AM Sunday

June 2 Ed Neaves

June 9 Mike Kampenga

June 16 Katie Kampenga

June 23 Ray Bennett

June 30 Mark Trojanowski

July 7 Angela Schillaci

July 14 Dora Haynes

July 21 Debbie Hochgesang

July 28 Gene Osmanski

