

# FAITH NEWSLETTER

June / July 2018

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Dear Friends,

May 6<sup>th</sup> was a memorable day for me and our whole congregation. We received the gift of a new organ and used it to lead our hymns and songs of praise and thanksgiving. The church was full to overflowing, and we welcomed many guests including former members and pastors, friends from area congregations, and distinguished guests from our church body.

But that service was not the best part of the day for me as your pastor. The best part came earlier in the day at our regular Divine Service. That morning we had two first-time visitors to our congregation. One was an extended family member of one of our members. The other was someone from the neighborhood whom I had met earlier in the week.

Following the service, both of these individuals told me that they wanted to meet and to prepare to receive the Lord's Supper. Just yesterday we had our first class, and those two were joined by one other. We began to talk about the Ten Commandments, our sinfulness, and the love that God has for us.

Organs are great, and if you haven't been here to hear the new organ, be sure to come soon. But people are most important of all, and it's wonderful to see us connect with new people around us and bring them the love of Jesus.

It was great to worship at the hymn festival with a full church. It is not impossible for us to have a full church again on a regular basis. God is the one who gathers us together and He can certainly continue to add to our congregation. But God usually works through people. He uses us to connect with other people in our lives and share His love. That may seem scary and intimidating, but it doesn't need to be.

Sometime in the near future, you'll be hearing more about a program called "Every One His Witness". It's designed to help people like you learn how to talk to people you know about Jesus. We'll probably be offering this at Faith later this summer or in the fall. Connecting people to Jesus is a joyful experience, and I hope that you'll join me in that work here at Faith.

**Pastor Birkholz**

# In and Around Faith Church

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## Ladies Aid

We would like to thank all of you who made our annual Rummage Sale a success. We were able to continue our mission work here at Faith with the profits of this Fund Raiser.

Our June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be our Pizza Party at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. All ladies of Faith are invited. Please contact one of our officers if you plan to attend.

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## Guest Pastor

The Birkholz family will be on vacation in late June and early July. Pastor Dan Gensch will be our guest preacher on June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. During the Bible Class / Sunday School hour on June 24<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Gensch will be making a presentation on the Catacombs of Rome, using pictures from his recent trip.

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## Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School will focus on the Ten Commandments, under the theme, "Loving our Neighbor." During the week, the kids will work on service projects for those in need. VBS will run from June 11-15, from 9:30am - 12:00pm each day. All children age 12 and younger are welcome to attend. Those under 3 must be accompanied by an adult. Adult and teen volunteers are needed for any and all days. A volunteer meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am. The congregation is invited to attend the closing program on Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am with refreshments following. The VBS children will also sing during the church service on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## Video Streaming

Faith services are now being recorded and streamed live. If you are unable to attend, you can watch the services at [www.facebook.com/faithoaklawn/videos](http://www.facebook.com/faithoaklawn/videos) or [http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIWHrdW3LVh6BXvbCCEJ\\_RQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIWHrdW3LVh6BXvbCCEJ_RQ).

## Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic is on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Wolfe Wildlife Refuge @ 109<sup>th</sup> and Laramie. It will begin at 11:30 AM and will end about 3:00 PM.

Hot dogs and hamburgers and soda will be provided. Please bring your own paper plates and utensils. Also, please bring a dish for the common table. If you plan on playing Bingo, please bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift,

We hope to see you there.

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## Mission Visit

Our Missionary in Togo, Pastor Jacob Gaugert, will be here at Faith to visit us on Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. He will preach in a Vespers service at 7:00pm, and then give a presentation on his work in Togo. Pastor Birkholz will also attempt to provide a sampling of Togolese cuisine.

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## Summer Catechesis

This summer will be our sixth year for working through the catechism together. From July 8-29 we will go through the four questions from the catechism on the Lord's Supper. We will also be discussing the Lord's Supper during the Bible Class / Sunday School hour. Don't miss this opportunity to be reminded and continue to learn about the gifts Christ gives to us in the Lord's Supper.

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## Worship Anew- A Program for Shut-ins

A 30-minute Lutheran worship service is televised weekly on Sunday at 8:00 am on Chicago's CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) and at 10:30 am on TCT (DirecTV channel 377). A complete list of viewing options is available at [WorshipAnew.org](http://WorshipAnew.org).

# Schedule of June / July 2018 Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>June Event</u>
2	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
3	9:00 AM	<b>Worship / Communion</b>
	10:15 AM	<b>Sunday School / Bible Class</b>
10	9:00 AM	<b>Worship / Communion</b>
	10:15 AM	<b>Sunday School / Bible Class</b>
16	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
17	9:00 AM	<b>Worship / Communion</b>
	10:15 AM	<b>Sunday School / Bible Class</b>
24	9:00 AM	<b>Worship / Communion</b>
	10:15 AM	<b>Sunday School / Bible Class</b>

## Weekly Meetings

<b>Bible Study</b>	Fri. - 10:00 AM
<b>AA Groups</b>	Mon. & Fri. - 6:00 PM
	Wed. & Thur. - 7:00 PM
	Sat. - 8:00 AM
<b>Alanon</b>	Tue. - 7:30 PM

## Hymn of the Month

### June - "I Walk in Danger All the Way" (#716)

Hans Adolph Brorson is one of the great Danish hymn writers. He is best known for "Behold a Host Arrayed in White" (# 676). Brorson was the son of a pastor and was eventually chosen as bishop. During his time, most Lutheran hymns were only available in German, and so He translated and composed hundreds in the Danish language. The first three verses of this hymn warn us of the dangers we face in life from Satan, sin, and death. The last three verses comfort us with the message that in the midst of the dangers we walk with the angels, and with Jesus Himself, until we reach our heavenly home.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>July Event</u>
1	9:00 AM	<b>Worship / Communion</b>
	10:15 AM	<b>Sunday School / Bible Class</b>
7	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
8	9:00 AM	<b>Worship / Communion</b>
	10:15 AM	<b>Sunday School / Bible Class</b>
15	9:00 AM	<b>Worship / Communion</b>
	10:15 M	<b>Sunday School / Bible Class</b>
21	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
22	9:00 AM	<b>Worship / Communion</b>
	10:15 AM	<b>Sunday School / Bible Class</b>
29	9:00 AM	<b>Worship / Communion</b>
	10:15 AM	<b>Sunday School / Bible Class</b>

## Summer Sunday School/Bible Study

The last date for Sunday School is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Neither Sunday School nor Bible Class will meet on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

June 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday School and Bible Class will meet together and through the rest of the summer.

## Hymn of the Month

### July - "What Is This Bread" (#629)

As we study the Lord's Supper in July, we will be well-served by this recent hymn. Pastor Fritz Baue, a retired LCMS pastor, wrote the words to this hymn based on the Small Catechism, and his wife, Jean, wrote the tune. In simple question and answer form, this hymn proclaims that we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Lord's Supper.

# June / July 2018 Elders, Ushers & Lay Readers

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## June Worship 9:00 AM Sunday

**June 3** Alden Ketchum  
Ed Neaves  
Mary Slepski  
Ray Bennett

**June 10** Mike Kampenga  
Richard Clark  
Kenilynn Breitbarth  
Mark Trojanowski

**June 17** Alden Ketchum  
Gene Osmanski  
Marilyn Diehl  
Sheila Kush

**June 24** Mike Kampenga  
Ed Neaves  
Ray Bennett  
Katie Kampenga

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## Lay Readers 9:00 AM Sunday

**June 3** Kenilynn Breitbarth

**June 10** Mike Kampenga

**June 17** Gene Osmanski

**June 24** Debbie Hochgesang

**July 1** Mark Trojanowski

**July 8** Ed Neaves

**July 15** Dora Haynes

**July 22** Angela Schillaci

**July 29** Ray Bennett

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## July Worship 9:00 AM Sunday

**July 1** Gene Osmanski  
Richard Clark  
Cheyenne Breitbarth  
Mark Trojanowski

**July 8** Alden Ketchum  
Mike Kampenga  
Mary Slepski  
Ray Bennett

**July 15** Ed Neaves  
Richard Clark  
Sheila Kush  
Dora Haynes

**July 22** Gene Osmanski  
Alden Ketchum  
Marilyn Diehl  
Katie Kampenga

**July 29** Mike Kampenga  
Richard Clark  
Sarah Kampenga  
Rachel Kanpenga

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