

FAITH NEWSLETTER

August / September 2018



Dear Friends in Christ,

God has placed many special people in your life. He has given you family and friends, coworkers and neighbors. Some people you see every day, others much less often. You may have friends and family with whom you interact more online than in person.

The reason why God has placed these people in your life is to bless them through you. This can be done in many ways - through kind actions, by setting a good example, and as you pray for them.

The main way that God blesses people is through words. God's Word bears His Holy Spirit, and that Spirit creates and strengthens faith. Those words can be spoken by anyone, not just a pastor, even by you!

Yes, it can be scary to talk about Jesus. You don't want to say the wrong thing. You don't want to upset or offend anyone. And so, more often than not, you probably just keep quiet. Yes, this happens to me sometimes, too. I don't know what to say, and I end up saying nothing.

To help us with this important responsibility, we will be using the new "Everyone His Witness" program developed by The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. This is a video based, interactive program designed to help people like you be more comfortable and confident talking about Jesus.

This program is NOT about:

- Door-to-door evangelism
- Arguing people into believing in Jesus

This program IS about:

- Using existing relationships with people you already know
- Learning to help people in difficult times

The program uses the acronym "LASSIE" to approach these opportunities to talk about Jesus: Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage. We will be going through this program together at 10:15a each Sunday from August 5 – September 9. It's okay if you miss a week or two. Come as often as you can.

God's Blessings

Pastor Birkholz

In and Around Faith Church

Ladies Aid

The ladies in this organization do fantastic things to help the church while enjoying the fellowship of their members. If you are interested in being a part of this group join us on Sept. 6th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall for our next meeting.

Hymns of the Month

August:

“Christ, High-Ascended, Now in Glory Seated” (# 840)

Over and over the last line of this hymn reminds us “We are His witnesses.” The focus of the hymn, though, is not on us, but on Christ. He is the one who died, rose again, and ascended into heaven. He is the one who sends out His disciples and fills them with His Spirit. We simply tell other people what Christ has already done for us.

September:

“I Know My Faith Is Founded” (# 587)

As you can probably tell from the title, this hymn is all about faith. The first verse reminds us that we trust in God’s Word, even when we can’t understand what is happening around us. The second verse is a prayer that Jesus would defend us from Satan, who is seeking to destroy our faith. In the final verse, we ask that the Lord would keep us firm in the faith unto the end, when He takes us to be with Him in heaven.

Sunday School

Calling all children!

September 16th will be the Fall start up for Sunday School. We will meet in church following the worship service. Plan on joining us and bring a friend.

Any adults who would like to volunteer to help with the children please contact Mike Kampenga.

Altar Guild Conference

The Lutheran Altar Guild Federation is holding their Fall conference at Concordia University Chicago on Saturday, September 8. NID District President Allan Buss and East Region Vice President Steven Anderson will speak on how pastors and laity can work and serve together in congregations. For more information, see Amberleigh Birkholz.

“Something”

The response to the green “Something” envelopes is off to an excellent start. However, if you watch the weekly accounting of our offerings in the Sunday bulletin, you will see that quite often we do not cover our weekly budgeted expenses.

Please make a special effort this summer to support Faith Church while you are away on vacation as our expenses continue year around.

Green “Something” envelopes are located on the literature table in the narthex and can be used for special offerings to help offset our operating deficit.

Additional information on church finances will be included with your third quarter offering report in early October.

Everyone can do “Something”.

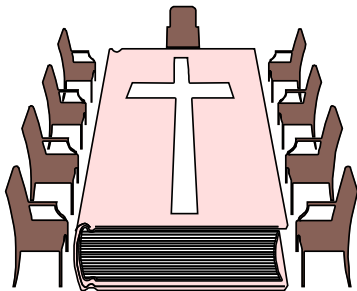
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Financial Secretary

Schedule of Aug. / Sept. 2018 Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Aug. Event</u>
4	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
5	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class
12	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class
18	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
19	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class
26	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class

Weekly Meetings

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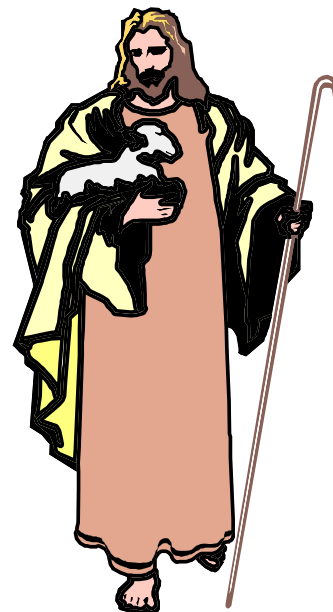


<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sept. Event</u>
1	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
2	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class
9	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class
15	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
16	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 M	Sunday School / Bible Class
23	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class
30	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Sunday School / Bible Class

Thought of the Day

Our Father loves His children too much to allow us to remain undisciplined weaklings. God doesn't promise us ease, but He does promise to provide the strength to endure.

Romans 5:1-5



Aug. / Sept. 2018 Elders, Ushers & Lay Readers

Aug. Worship 9:00 AM Sunday

Aug. 5	Alden Ketchum Ed Neaves Mary Slepiski Ray Bennett
Aug. 12	Mike Kampenga Richard Clark Kenilynn Breitbarth Mark Trojanowski
Aug. 19	Alden Ketchum Gene Osmanski Marilyn Diehl Sheila Kush
Aug. 26	Mike Kampenga Ed Neaves Ray Bennett Katie Kampenga

Lay Readers 9:00 AM Sunday

Aug. 5	Ed Neaves
Aug. 12	Mike Kampenga
Aug. 19	Gene Osmanski
Aug. 26	Debbie Hochgesang
Sept. 2	Mark Trojanowski
Sept. 9	Angela Schillaci
Sept. 16	Dora Haynes
Sept. 23	Kennilynn Breitbarth
Sept. 30	Ray Bennett

Sept. Worship 9:00 AM Sunday

Sept. 2	Gene Osmanski Richard Clark Cheyenne Breitbarth Mark Trojanowski
Sept. 9	Alden Ketchum Mike Kampenga Mary Slepiski Ray Bennett
Sept. 16	Ed Neaves Richard Clark Sheila Kush Dora Haynes
Sept. 23	Gene Osmanski Alden Ketchum Marilyn Diehl Katie Kampenga
Sept. 30	Mike Kampenga Richard Clark Sarah Kampenga Rachel Kanpenga

