

“Celebrating Faith in Christ by worshiping together and reaching out in love to all God’s people.”

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People of Faith,

***Our Congregation’s Ministry Makes a Difference in the World—  
And You Make The Difference in Our Congregation’s Ministry!***

I am writing this letter today in order to give thanks for your support and to address two concerns which have been growing on my heart. First, I would like to share some positive news with you. As of the end of July, our financial statement is in the black for the current year! Traditionally, congregations such as ours struggle during the summer months as worship attendance declines. As a result, we sometimes enter the fall with a deficit in our operating budget. This will not be the case this year. We will enter the fall in good financial order. For this, I am very thankful.

At the same time, I would be remiss if I did not point out why we have a surplus. The simple truth is that we have a surplus because we have not been paying an associate pastor for the last two months. From a budget standpoint, this has been a benefit but for the sake of our congregation’s long term ministry, we know it is not a pattern which can continue indefinitely. In a matter of days, the Dream Team will begin pouring over the information gathered from our congregation’s cottage meetings. It is hoped this information along with prayer and conversation will give the Dream Team a sense of where God is calling us to go next as a congregation. As this vision becomes clear to the Dream Team, the Council, and the People of Faith Lutheran, we have every intention to expand our program staff in order to work towards God’s Vision. The dilemma is that we do not want to bring another staff person on board if we are not certain the congregation’s giving can support another person’s salary.

Obviously, talking about money is a difficult subject for any leader especially in our current economic climate so I ask you to choose which statement fits your current situation.

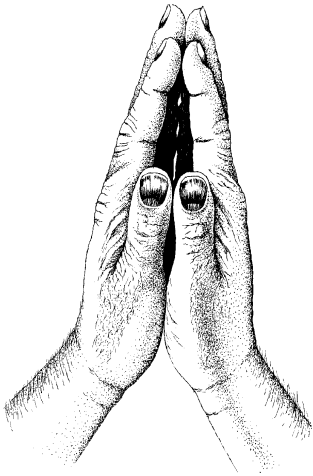
- For those who have continued your regular giving over the course of the summer, I thank you for your commitment and commend your example.
- For those who are able but have not continued your regular giving, I encourage you to do so.
- For those who have yet to develop a pattern of financial giving to the church, I encourage you to do so—make it a regular habit and before you know it, God will use your giving as a means of bringing you joy.

As important as money is, it pales in comparison to my second concern. On July 17<sup>th</sup>, our congregation along with family and friends laid Eldora Paulsruide to rest. For those of you who did not know her, Eldora was the oldest member of our congregation who over the course of her life served the church in almost every area imaginable.

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## Pastor's Page...continued



As she grew older, Eldora was no longer able to perform many of the tasks she had completed at Faith. Rather than 'retire from the ministry' (her words, not mine), Eldora began a different 'job.' Years ago, Eldora shared with me that she prayed daily for the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church and for Our Proclamation of God's Word.

As our congregation has wrestled with various decisions over the years—big and small—it has brought me tremendous peace and hope to know that our actions were supported in prayer. On a personal note, I cannot tell you how incredible meaningful and life-giving it has been for me to know that every sermon I have preached here at Faith has been bathed in prayer before I even uttered a word. My concern this day is that our congregation has lost one of most committed persons of prayer. My hope this day is that at this moment, a host of people including you would emulate Eldora's example and begin praying daily for our congregation and for our proclamation of God's Word.

- Pastor Justin

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## Worship

### Worship in August:

- August 1<sup>st</sup> Deuteronomy 5 *Looking Back to See Forward*
- August 8<sup>th</sup> Deuteronomy 7 *Strange is this Fall's Black*
- August 15<sup>th</sup> Deuteronomy 11 *This Is NOT a Suggestion*
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> Deuteronomy 14 *Party Like Its 1999 BC*
- August 29<sup>th</sup> Deuteronomy 20 *A or B...Choose Wisely*

**Rally Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>:** This special day marks the kick-off to our fall program year. Our revamped Sunday School Program begins as does our new sermon series called "Heroes of the Faith." Our youth are sponsoring a waffle-fundraiser on this day as well. Bring a Friend! Bring a Neighbor!

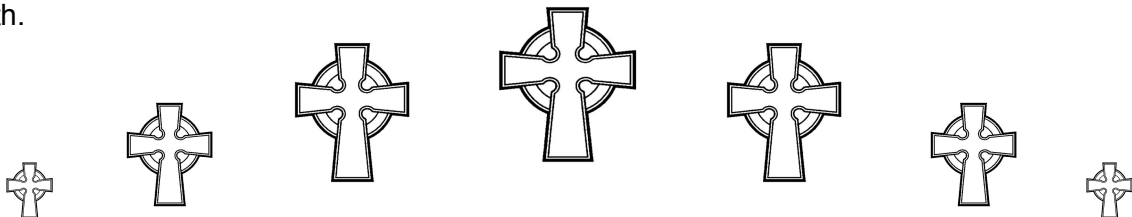
**New Member Orientation Begins Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>:** New Member Orientation is a series of 3 Sunday Morning Meetings from 9:05 to 9:50 where visitors become familiar with Faith—our history, our identity, and our future. If you would like to officially join the church, please sign up in the fellowship hall or email Pastor Justin to reserve your spot.



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## Dream Team

**Dream Team Update:** Thank you to those from the congregation who were able to participate in cottage meetings. Your insights are invaluable. We will begin studying the congregation's hopes and concerns this month.



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# Time & Talent

## Where Is Your Gift?

- Are you excited about helping people come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? You would make a great addition to the Outreach Team.
- Do you like people and have a few hours a week to spare? If so, you might be able to serve on our office volunteer team. We want to begin by staffing the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:00 to 2:00.
- Are you hopeful about the future ministry of Faith Lutheran Church? If so, you would be a great addition to the Stewardship Team.
- Do you have some organizational skills and care about young people? Faith is looking for someone to coordinate the Wednesday Night Meals beginning this fall.
- Can you be nice for 45 minutes? GREAT! You are qualified to become a new member mentor this fall. Orientation begins Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Do you ever get goose bumps standing in the presence of Almighty God? Sounds like you might have a desire to be a communion assistant.
- Are you able to smile and look people in the eye? Sounds like you might make a great usher!
- Are you brave? Small Group Leaders are needed! We need 3 to 4 more small group leaders to assist with confirmation. This requires participating in worship on Wednesday Nights and leading the Small Group Discussion. This could be you!
- Do you find yourself 'thinking' about clapping every once in awhile during the contemporary service? Maybe this is God's Way of saying you should become part of the Praise Team.

Volunteers can sign up for these important areas of ministry in the narthex or by email the church office at [sld\\_dewitz@yahoo.com](mailto:sld_dewitz@yahoo.com).



# Love. Grow. Serve.

**Design Team Update:** Last month I introduced the idea of forming a sub-committee to the Altar Care Team. The Altar Care Team takes care of communion preparations, baptism preparations, changing of the paraments and replacing the eternity candle on a weekly basis. The object of the sub-committee, or Design Team, would be to take care of other needs for the altar. The first item we need to address is the repair or replacement of our Advent wreath. We would like to limit the size of the team to 6 or 8 members. **Our first meeting will be 7 pm on Monday, August 16th.** We will meet in the sanctuary. At that time we will determine other items that we may feel need attention. There is still room for members if you would like to be part of this group. If you have some ideas or If you have been to other churches and liked what you saw, come and share your thoughts! Call Mary Stoddard at 633-6796 or send an e-mail to [dmstoddard@kmtel.com](mailto:dmstoddard@kmtel.com).

**Worship Readers:** We are in need of worship readers each Sunday for both the 8:00 and 10:00 worship services. This is a great ministry for people looking for a way to serve the church! Please sign up in the narthex.

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## Time & Talent...continued

**Sunday School Volunteers:** Hero's wanted! There are many opportunities to be involved in the revamped Faith Adventures Sunday School program. You could:

- participate in a teaching team (minimum of 6 teachers rotating Sundays for each age group)
- put your musical skills to work and help with music on a rotating basis
- or simply help distribute snack to students

Teacher "training" meeting is September 1<sup>st</sup>, and Rally Sunday is September 12<sup>th</sup>!

Please contact Karen Kleinwort ASAP at [bkkleinwort@myclearwave.net](mailto:bkkleinwort@myclearwave.net) or 527-1001 if you can help. Also see other members of the Sunday school team for information: Malinda Ridenour, Kristyn Maixner, Laurie Essig and Jayne Boeding.

Current Sunday School wish list: Washable markers, Crayons, glue sticks, pencils, hand held pencil sharpener.

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## Fellowship

**Farmers Market:** Faith's Farmers Market continues to run each Wednesday afternoon from 2:00-6:00pm in the east parking lot. Anyone who would like to be a vendor or would like more information should contact Gary & Mary Norstad at 374-2642 or Pastor Justin at [pjboeding@yahoo.com](mailto:pjboeding@yahoo.com) or go to our website to download a vendor registration form and information sheet. Sites are given on a first come first serve basis.



**Rally Sunday Waffle Breakfast:** All you can eat Dad's Belgian Waffles! On Rally Sunday, September 12th the youth will be hosting a waffle breakfast fundraiser at Faith Lutheran. We will be serving from 9:00am—1:00pm. Tickets will be sold each Sunday between services starting on August 1st and at the Wednesday Farmer's Market beginning August 4th. Please buy your tickets in advance to help us with our planning for this event. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteer opportunities for both youth and adults in the narthex, as well as a request for donations of milk, juice and coffee. The Faith Lutheran Youth thank you for your support!

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## Thank You

**Thank You:** To the community of Faith Lutheran Church—The family of Sophie Woxland would like to thank you for all your support over the past year. The day of the benefit was amazing! Your generosity is something we will not soon forget. You are our home away from home and we appreciate that so much. A very special thanks to Pastor Justin for being such a good sport about kissing the pig, and to Bill Ketchum for helping Pastor earn the title of "pig kisser"! And thanks of course to the other volunteers of the pig kissing contest. Thank you to Charlott, Charleen, Tricia, Joan, Missy, Stacy, Rebecca, Amy, Lori, Alli and everyone else that helped the benefit run smoothly! It was a wonderful day spent with wonderful people! We are truly blessed to be part of such an amazing community. We cannot thank you enough!

Corey, Amy, Noah, Ella & Sophie Woxland





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## Usher Duties

The Worship Committee has made some updates/revisions to the usher duties. They will be posted in the usher cabinet for the ushers to review each month/week.

### Before Service:

1. Arrive 20 minutes prior to services.
2. Hand out bulletins and greet people. (There typically is a different bulletin for each service. Please make sure you are handing out the correct bulletin for the service you are ushering for – the date and time are on the front of the bulletins).
3. Help people find seating if the church becomes crowded.
4. Ask 2 people to be helpers for offering.
5. Light altar candles if there is no acolyte.

### During Service:

1. Collect offering and take forward when Pastor stands to receive it.
2. Return to the back of the church when Pastor sets plates on the altar.
3. Usher people for communion starting with center pews. Each usher stands by the pew row in the center aisle, starting with the front pew. Direct people forward, right pews to the right communion rail, left pews to the left communion rail. People will return to their pew from the opposite side as soon as they have finished communion. Side sections are done in the same manner.
4. Count and record number of people at service. Also document the name of the acolyte or make note if there was no acolyte. There is a sheet hanging in the usher cabinet for the Sunday attendance count and for the recording of acolytes.
5. Extinguish altar candles during the last hymn in the absence of an acolyte.

### After Service:

1. Gather old bulletins and any trash left behind.
  2. Straighten hymnals so they are all turned the same way.
  3. Straighten chairs and check alignment on pews.
  4. Brush any crumbs, cereal, candy, paper scraps, etc, from the pews.
  5. If there is an area that is especially messy, use sweeper or vacuum to clean area. Sweeper is stored in the room next to the kitchen located behind the gathering area. There is a vacuum stored in the closet in the office area.
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**September Newsletter**

**Deadline**

**Monday, August 16th.**

## Youth

**Sunday School Resumes:** Sunday School Begins September 12<sup>th</sup> for Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Our Sunday School Team (Karen Kleinwort, Jayne Boeding, Laurie Essig, Kristyn Maixner, and Malinda Ridenour) are working hard to revamp our Sunday School Program. Contact Karen Kleinwort at [bkkleinwort@myclearwave.net](mailto:bkkleinwort@myclearwave.net) or 527-1001 if you would like to volunteer with the Sunday School program with any of the following:

- participate in a teaching team (minimum of 6 teachers rotating Sundays for each age group)
- put your musical skills to work and help with music on a rotating basis
- or simply help distribute snack to students



Teacher “training” meeting is September 1<sup>st</sup>, and Rally Sunday is September 12<sup>th</sup>! Our current Sunday School wish list: Washable markers, Crayons, glue sticks, pencils, hand held pencil sharpener.

**Middle School Mission Trip:** Faith Lutheran sent 11 young people and two adults to Kansas City for a week of service in the sweltering heat. Our young people represented us well by working at a Faith Bank, Visiting Nursing Homes, and Reading at a School for Disadvantaged Children. Special thanks to those who were able to provide financial support in order to allow all these young people enjoy such a tremendous week.

**After-School Program:** The After School Program Begins Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>! Tell all the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Graders from the community that they are welcome to attend.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation Begins with Worship on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation is a great opportunity for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders to grow in their faith. Parents Are REQUIRED to accompany their youth to worship on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation Orientation begins at 7:15.

**Small Group Confirmation Leaders:** Small Group Leaders are needed! We need 3 to 4 more small group leaders to assist with confirmation. This requires participating in worship on Wednesday Nights and leading the Small Group Discussion. Small Group Leader Training will be Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30.

**9th Grade Confirmation Meeting:** A Confirmation Meeting for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents will meet on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 service. We will discuss final confirmation requirements in the sanctuary.



**Waffle Breakfast:** Youth looking for service hours or just looking to help can sign up to help out with the youth fundraiser Belgian Waffle Breakfast on Rally Sunday (September 12<sup>th</sup>). The breakfast will run from 9:00am—1:00pm—help out for a little while or for the whole time!

# YOUTH NEWS

# Calendar

## August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 - Worship 9:00 - Fellowship 10:00 - Worship 3:30-6:30 - Family Coll. (ss rooms)	2 6:30 - Council/Faith Night	3 8:00 - Weigh-In 9:00 - WiseGuys 1:30 - Ruth Circle	4 9:45 - Staff Mtg 10:00 - WOW 2:00-6:00 - Farmer's Market	5	6 6:00 - Anderson Rehearsal 7:15 - Rehearsal Meal	7 4:00 - Anderson Wedding
8 8:00 - Worship 9:00 - Fellowship 10:00 - Worship	9 6:30 - Council/Faith Night	10 8:00 - Weigh-In 9:00-3:00 - Quilting 6:00-8:00 - Quilting 7:00 - Deborah Circle	11 10:00 - WOW 2:00-6:00 - Farmer's Market	12	13	14 2:00-7:00 - Wahlstrom Reception
15 8:00 - Worship 9:00 - Fellowship 10:00 - Worship 11:15 - Dream Team	16 Newsletter Deadline	17 8:00 - Weigh-In 9:00 - WiseGuys	18 10:00 - WOW 2:00-6:00 - Farmer's Market	19 9:00 - Sarsie Lassies 6:30 - Franko/ Langworthy Rehearsal	20 6:00 - Franko/ Langworthy Wedding	21
22 8:00 - Worship 9:00 - Fellowship 10:00 - Worship	23	24 8:00 - Weigh-In 9:00-3:00 - Quilting 6:00-8:00 - Quilting	25 Fold Newsletter 10:00 - WOW 2:00-6:00 - Farmer's Market	26	27	28
29 8:00 - Worship 9:00 - Fellowship 10:00 - Worship	30	31	1 9:45 - Staff Mtg 10:00 - WOW 2-6 - Farmer's Market 6:30 - Confirmation Small Group Leader Orientation Sunday School Teacher Training			Bulletin deadline is at Noon on Tuesday.

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# Worship Volunteers

## August 2010 Service Group

Date	Service	Ushers	Acolyte	Greeters	Reader	Fellowship
Aug 1	8:00am	Mike & Sue Anderson	Taylor Cohenour Morgan Cohenour	Dennis & Diana Vang		
	10:00am	Carl Freyholtz Mark Halverson-Wentie	Jocelyn Austin McKayla Austin	Scott & Val Langworthy	Val Langworthy	Youth
Aug 8	8:00am	Mike & Sue Anderson	Jordan Deno	Rick & Lisa Wolf		
	10:00am	Mark Halverson-Wentie Brad Barber	Spencer Senn			Jim & Sandy Rasmussen Inger Pearson
Aug 15	8:00am	Mike & Sue Anderson	Taylor Cohenour Morgan Cohenour	Wayne & Ruth McColley		
	10:00am	Jason Kosizek Chad Bestor	Jocelyn Austin McKayla Austin			Carol Johnson
Aug 22	8:00am	Mike & Sue Anderson Corey Woxland	Navada Flatness	Ray & Sandy Spaulding		
	10:00am	Del Steen	Jordan Deno	Del & Jody Steen		Dori Jensen Sharon Shiek
Aug 29	8:00am	Mike & Sue Anderson	Jacob Huntley	Merece Langworthy & Bill Olson		
	10:00am	Chad & Tracie Bestor	Allison Johnson	Levi & Katie Livingood		Elaine Woolison

### Attendance/Offering

Date	Attended	Offering	Building Fund	Date	Attended	Offering	Building Fund
July 4	157	\$3,712.70	\$3,030.00	July 18	167	\$2,949.00	\$849.00
July 11	140			July 25			

### Altar Guild

Carol Johnson  
Jaci Gosse

### Communion Helpers

August 1 8:00	_____
August 1 8:00	_____
August 1 10:00	_____
August 1 10:00	_____
August 15 8:00	_____
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August 15 10:00	_____

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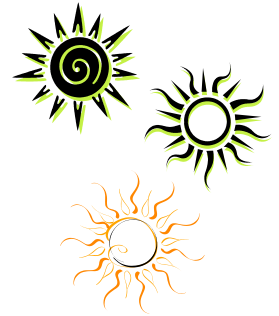
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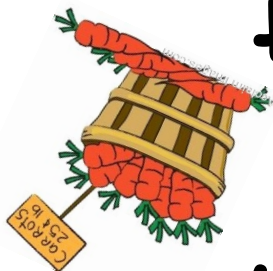
Faith Lutheran Church

East Parking Lot

2:00-6:00pm

Every Wednesday

Farmer's Market



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