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Kids from Faith enjoying the face-painting and bounce houses for Launch Day on August 25, 2019. Join us on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 PM for Kidz Time (Kindergarten through 5th grade) and Confirmation (6th through 8th grade).

Scattered Thoughts

by Rev. Kerry Nelson, Senior Pastor



I was very grateful to be elected to attend the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly as a voting member. Until I got there. As soon as I walked into the hotel, and then stood waiting for the elevator with Bishop Eaton, I felt the same

sense of “imposter syndrome” that has marked my entire time as a Lutheran. I didn’t grow up in this church. I will never truly belong to this church. I am, and will always be, an outsider.

How can that be? I’m a tall, white, heterosexual, male person now serving in my 32nd year as a pastor. I’m even, according to Ancestry.com, 63% Norwegian and 24% Swedish! I should be a Lutheran poster boy! But that is only the me that the world sees.

The world doesn’t see the little boy growing up without a father in a home with a mom and three younger sisters, told to be the “man of the house” before he entered kindergarten. The world doesn’t see a home life marked by alcoholism, mental illness, terror, and abuse. The world doesn’t see how much shame a person swallows when raised by a single parent in the 1960s, or what it felt like to be dirt poor.

I didn’t get a paper route in the 3rd grade, lying about my age, or start working weekends and summers for a farmer when I was in the 7th grade, for the fun of it. If I wanted something, I had to buy it myself.

I also learned while growing up that the church wasn’t for people like us. The church was for families, white families, with a father, a mother, at least two kids, a nice house, a stable job, and a few pets. Church people dressed nicely, didn’t drink, smoke, or swear. I did all of them. Church people were boring and they certainly weren’t us.

But then something changed for me. After my freshman year in college, I got a glimmer of hope that God was real, that there was room in God’s love for me, and that I mattered. When the news

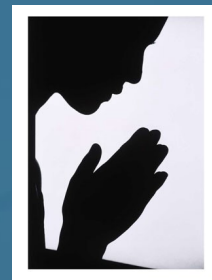
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Prayer Corner - Not My Strength

by Peggy Porter

Read Ephesians 6:10-20 & Psalm 104

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.” (Ephesians 6:10)



Children learn from a pretty young age how to defend and fight for what is “mine.” Even items that are supposed to be shared are often taken over by the stronger child.

As the writer of Ephesians closes their letter, they instruct us to be strong in the Lord. The people who first read these words were living in a world that was falling apart; not all that different than our own. Being strong against the world and the devil’s temptations is imperative. The problem is, though, that we are weak. Even when we are strong, our strength cannot last forever. We cannot stand up to the devil and overcome by our own strength, resolve, or willpower.

That’s why Jesus gives us his own strength. Paul writes, “be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.” That’s good news, isn’t it? In fact, it’s great news! Our strength is no match for the devil, but Jesus has battled that old foe and crushed his head. Jesus’ strength never fails, and it will never fail you.

Pray: Strong and mighty Lord Jesus, support us in this troubled world. Be our strength and might, that we may stand against the schemes of the devil. Amen.

*The mission of Faith Lutheran Church is
to follow Jesus in blessing the world
with faith, hope, and love.*

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of God's love for me really hit me, not the outside me but the inside me, things in my life began to change.

Still today, the news that God loves me, who I really am, beneath everything else, remains shockingly good news to me. By the end of my college years I had joined a Lutheran church and headed off to seminary so that I could spend the rest of my life sharing my newfound, very Lutheran, sense of God's grace and presence.

I share all of this because it powerfully shaped my experience at the CWA.

Along with Bishop Rinehart, I was ordained into the ELCA. During my time in the seminary, we didn't spend much time talking about the formation of this new church body. That meant next to nothing to me as I struggled through Greek and the personal emotional crises that marked those years. I was excited to be part of something new.

When certain seminary professors talked fondly of the good old days when all the students were male, I thought about my mother and how many cultural forces kept her in her place.

When people in the early years of the ELCA complained about "Higgins Road" and the "quota system," all I could hear was the dying gasp of the loss of WASP power and the hopeful strains of Dr. King's dream. I was absolutely convinced that, if there wasn't room in our church for all of the people that God made room for in God's love, then there wasn't room for me.

When people came unglued at the idea of two men in love with each other - as well as all of the other diverse ways that people experience life - all I could think about was how there had to be room in God's love for them too. I might not ever fully understand their life experiences but neither will anyone else fully understand mine. The best we can do is welcome one another, share our stories, and stand with and for each other.

So I paid close attention at the CWA. I saw a church that has come a long way. NOT by battening down the hatches of a Northern European culture or hiding behind stained glass accompanied by organ music. Not that we haven't done some of that. Or that we still don't struggle with that. But that isn't where we sense God leading us.

We are, and will always be, *simul justus et peccator*, but the good news is that we are a church struggling to be shaped by the good news of God's love and the implications implicit in that for how we do our lives. We are a hospital church, not a museum church. I am a stone cold sinner who will always need the healing balm that God provides in Christian community. And, I'm convinced, so does everyone else.

I remain grateful that God led me to the Lutheran community, and that, once I got there, they let me in.

As I looked around at that crowd of diverse witnesses surrounding me in that assembly hall, I realized that, imposter though I be, I wasn't alone.



First Place for Health - "Stronger Every Day"

by Mardi Mayerhoff

I am writing this First Place for Health newsletter article after spending two days with 125 women and men at the annual conference held for leaders, group members, and people wanting to know about First Place at which the theme was "You Are Worth It" featuring keynote speaker Barb Roose and several workshop leaders with topics like "Kingdom Rewards Await," "I Got It....Finally," "If You Give a Girl a Giant," "Staying Mentally Fit," "Taking Care of You," "Tips and Tricks for Triumphant Tracking," "Technology and Tools Everyone Should Know," and "Getting to Know First Place for Health." There were three times at which Barb spoke: "Why You Are Worth It," "Your Walk Is Worth It," and "Hungry No More: The Power of Surrender." The conference gives leaders a chance to be rejuvenated for the upcoming sessions of FP4H, introduction to all of the new materials that will be used, various ways to teach and encourage people in their groups who are working hard on their wellness journey, some with great success, some who are disappointed by their lack of success or not meeting their goals. On three occasions over the weekend three different seminar leaders described the need for us to keep our bodies strong for as long as possible to enable us to have the energy to complete God's commands to love one another, serve others, and spread the good news. They each said, "Our bodies are built to wear out and we will die." Something all of us know, but do not want to think about on a daily basis.

I left Saturday's meeting early so that I could be at the memorial service for Alicia Obando. Since the fall of 2001 our First Place For Health group has been meeting at Faith on Tuesday night at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Obando welcomed me and each member as we entered the Faith Center. She prepared a pitcher of ice water and cups for us to use which she placed in our meeting room each time, shared her weight loss stories with us and often showed us what she was preparing for her dinner in the Faith Center kitchen, and during her health issues gave us updates. Sometimes she had time to visit with the early arrivers or could talk to those who had car trouble and had to wait for AAA or someone to pick them up at the end of the evening. She let me know when some event was going to cause the group to have to move to a different room and put cones out to reserve parking places where the women in the group who used walkers or canes could park on evenings when the synagogue had High Holy Days and filled Faith's parking lot. Alicia "ministered" to everyone who entered the building and part of that was just a happy "hello" and a smile. If you are still reading this and wonder why I am including this in the newsletter, it is because Alicia kept her body strong and served in all the places God put her during her 81+ years of life. She was an example to all of us of the energy one can have if the Holy Spirit is in you and you are doing God's will.

The premise of First Place for Health is to put Christ first in our lives so that we can be a balanced four-sided person – Spiritual, Mental, Physical, and Emotional. Most people think it is just another weight loss program where you diet until you lose the weight you planned to or give up because you cannot lose that weight, then you go back to your old eating and not exercising habits, regain the weight, and then start all over by trying another program. On the contrary, each week during our 12 sessions, members work on a daily Bible study, have a quiet time, pray for a prayer partner, memorize a Bible verse, improve their physical bodies through a healthy eating program and an active lifestyle, study a "wellness worksheet" assigned from one of the three books in the "Member Kit," and encourage one another. At the meeting, there is a "weigh in," a time to review the Bible study and go deeper into questions about how to apply it to the wellness journey we are on, discuss the assignment(s), and request prayers for members of the group, their family, friends and co-workers. One of the people who joined the group in the spring of 2019 stated "The weekly meetings improve 'compliance' in a non-judgmental environment. And growing in my faith has been so personally rewarding."

The group at Faith Lutheran Church is open to adult women and men who want to participate in a small group where everyone's goal is to improve their health in all four areas for the work that God has called them to do. This fall our Bible study title is "Stronger Every Day" in which we address seasons in our lives when we feel weak in one way or another, but at which time we can turn to the Bible for teaching about how to become stronger people.

Orientation – Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 PM – Come and see the materials and receive information and answers to your questions. If you decide to participate, materials will be ordered following this meeting. The New Member Kit which includes the Bible study is \$80. Returning members buy the new Bible study for \$20. 12 weekly meetings that are 1.5 hours each begin Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 PM. Meetings are in the Faith Center Room 306. For more information contact Mardi Mayerhoff at 713-203-1875 or mgmayerhoff@juno.com.

Lessons from the Redwood

by Rev. Junfeng Tan, Associate Pastor



In early August, my family and I went to San Francisco and San Jose to visit relatives on vacation. One of the best times we had was visiting the Big Basin Redwoods State Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Walking in the redwood forest was a great experience. Along the walking trail, we learned some amazing facts about these majestic trees.

Redwoods are very ancient trees. They have been around for about 240 million years and in California for at least 20 million years. Many redwood trees in the Big Basin State Park are 1,000 to 2,000 years old. Redwood is also the tallest tree on earth. It can grow 300 feet or more. What surprised me is that, redwood trees don't have deep roots, they are only five or six feet deep. The roots of each tree spread out laterally and interlock with the root systems of surrounding trees, giving them the strength they need to stay upright over millennia. That is why redwoods grow so close to each other, they form "tribes" or communities. You rarely see a redwood tree standing alone, usually far away from other redwood trees. Like redwoods, we also thrive in community, we reach out to one another for support and security. We need others to withstand the storms, high winds, fires, and droughts in life.

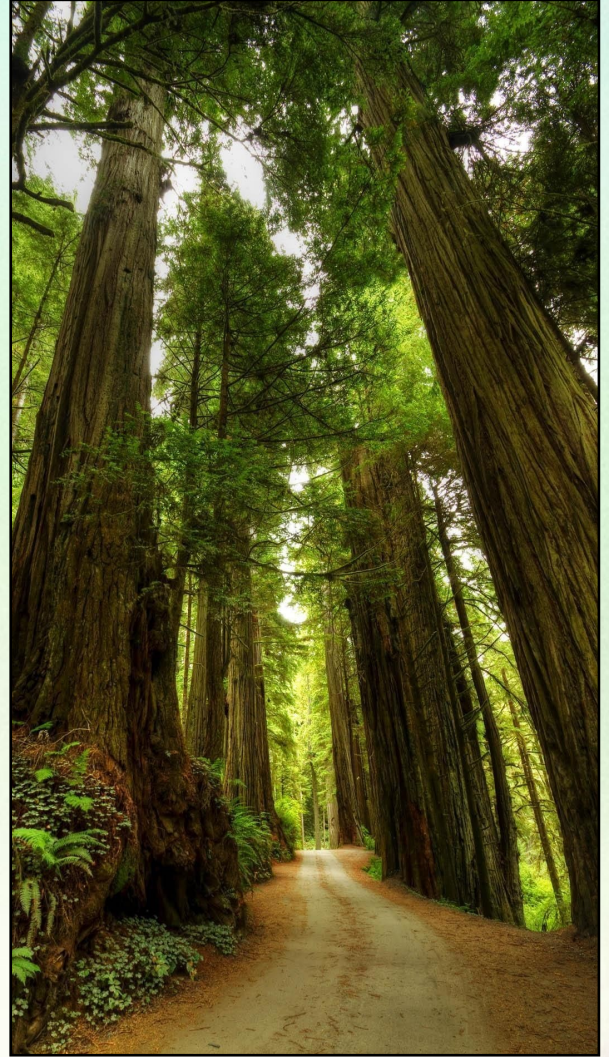
One of the best books I've read on healthy living is *Love and Survival* by Dr. Dean Ornish. He writes, "Our survival depends on the healing power of love, intimacy, and relationships. It can be physically, emotionally, or spiritually. As individuals, our communities, our country and as a culture or perhaps as a species... anything that promotes a sense of isolation often leads to illness and suffering. Anything that promotes a sense of love and intimacy, as well as connection with the community is healing." Here is one of the many cases that is cited by Dr. Ornish.

Dr. Sheldon Cohen and his colleagues at Carnegie-Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh recruited 276 healthy volunteers ranging in age from 18 to 55. The volunteers were given nasal drops containing rhinovirus—the virus that causes the common cold. The investigators assessed participation in 12 types of social relationships.

These included relationships with a spouse, parents, parents-in-law, children, other close family members, close neighbors, friends, workmates, schoolmates, fellow volunteers in charity or community work, members of groups without religious affiliations (social, recreational, or professional), and members of religious groups....Almost all of the people who were exposed to the rhinovirus were infected by it, but not everyone who was infected developed the signs and symptoms of a cold. Those reporting only one to three types of relationships had more than four times the risk of developing a cold than those reporting six or more types of relationships. Those having four to five types of relationships had an intermediate risk of developing a cold.

(Dean Ornish, *Love and Survival*, p. 61-62)

I'd like to invite you to imagine the intertwining and interlocking roots of the majestic redwoods. I am also inviting all of us to invest our time, talents, and energy in building stronger relationships with God and with fellow members at Faith. Let each of us ask: what concrete steps can I take to make connections with others, to befriend others? Remember, God is present when we show up in each other's lives.



6 Starting My Third Year at Wartburg

by Dr. Clayton Faulkner, Director of Worship, Music, and Technology



I could not be more excited to launch into my third year as a seminary student at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. This is the midpoint for me. Two years done and two more to go. I am going to share what classes I am enrolled in for the Fall semester and a little about the topic for each course.

The Global Church in Mission 1 (3 credits)- Participants will study church history with a focus on *missio dei*: the sharing of Christian faith in various times and settings. The course begins by examining how Christianity spread in the centuries after Christ, both inside and outside the Roman Empire; it then continues with study of Christian groups and movements around the world, to the eve of the Reformation.

Lutheran Ethics (3 credits)- This course examines the field of Christian ethics, paying attention to distinctively Lutheran themes. Presentations and readings examine how Lutheran theology shapes ethical reflection for the church in mission. How do the Word of God, law and gospel, sacraments, liturgy, reason, science, theology of the cross, Christian freedom, vocation, and two kingdoms teaching inform ethical deliberation? Analysis of ELCA social statements and case studies provide the basis for articulating ethical method. Special attention is given to role of science in making ethical arguments. We will consider how to give leadership so that congregations become communities of moral deliberation.

Palestinian Liberation Theology (1 credit)- This course will explore a variety of Palestinian theologies by reading the works of a variety of authors and learning more about the current context in Israel and Palestine. The current situation is complex yet worthy of attention. A foundational knowledge of the current history of Israel and Palestine and theological reflections and cries for justice based on that history is important for students considering travel in Israel and Palestine.

The Worshipping Body and Digital Media (1 credit)- The course provides an occasion for in-depth reading and wide-ranging discussion of the work of a liturgical theologian or a particular topic in liturgical theology. The focus this semester is some recent writing that engages reflection on the digital environment of the contemporary Christian assembly. Topics to be considered include the significance of the body and the embodied character of Christian worship, the nature of personal and digital presence, and the mediation of God's presence through created means (the humanity of Christ, Christian community and persons, word and sacrament), including the possibilities and limits of digital mediation. The principle texts include Teresa Berger, *@ Worship: Liturgical Practices in Digital Worlds* (2017) and Craig Mueller, *Any Body There: Worship and Being Human in a Digital Age* (2017). Since the topic exemplifies the intersection of worship and culture, the course also takes up a renewed consideration of the Lutheran World Federation's Nairobi Statement on Worship and Culture (1996).

Loss and Grief in Pastoral Perspective (1 credit)- This course will help students become aware of one's own personal history and attitudes about death and loss and examine the place of death and loss in the human life cycle from the perspectives of theology and the personality sciences. Students will begin to develop a comprehensive view of the phenomenon of grief in response to loss and separation and examine the impact of various loss experiences such as divorce, retirement, moving, etc. Finally, this course intends to help students begin to develop a pastoral approach to persons experiencing loss that is congruent with a solid clinical approach to grief and one's own theology.

Internship – On top of all this course work I will continue as a pastoral intern here at Faith, integrating all my learning into a practical application of ministry.



Happy 33rd Birthday Faith House

by Nancy Holmes, Faith House Board President

You look great for your age!!! And it is true...

We will celebrate the 33rd birthday of our Faith House ministry on **September 29** at noon. Please join us for a festive Fiesta Lunch from Pico's following the late worship service on that day; we will celebrate in the Faith Center. We will also celebrate the many volunteers that have served over the last 33 years.

The fundraising goal for this year is **to complete the renovation of the Shelton apartment with new flooring, shelving, accessible handles on all doors, and replace worn out items such as linens, computer, and chairs.**



This past year we replaced the elevator and the last old AC unit in Faith House II. We remodeled the Thiele Apartment with all new floors, a step in shower, all lighting updated and brought up to code, new paint, new furniture, new bedding, new kitchenware, added shelving in all closets and installed accessible handles on all doors.

We have done many wonderful improvements this year at Faith House. These improvements have provided our guests to be as comfortable as possible at Faith House while they are receiving medical treatment in the medical center.

As in previous years, we will have a table in the narthex for a couple of weeks prior to our birthday celebration which will allow members of the congregation to give for the purchase of items which are in continual need and to complete the renovations of the Shelton apartment. Volunteers will be at the table to take donations on September 15 and 22. You may also give by check and put Faith House Birthday Gift on the memo line and drop in the offering plate or you can give electronically at www.faithbelliare.org/give.

We could not have done this without your help. In celebration of these blessings please join us for a luncheon Sunday, September 29 following the late service. Please indicate your plan to attend the Birthday Lunch on the connection card on Sunday. We will see you on **September 29!**

Faith Care Ministry Team

by Judy Adams

The newly formed Faith Care Ministry Team is excited to share with the Congregation several new (or renewed) caring ministries at Faith. Since May, the team has worked together to prioritize our church's care needs and to then develop new teams that will support these needs. We hope that every member of

our congregation will be willing to participate in caring for each other in some way. While some of the volunteer opportunities will require a monthly commitment, others might be every few months or only once or twice a year. During the week of September 15, you will have the opportunity to become a part of one of the teams (listed below). Please read the descriptions and be ready to say YES to serving your friends and fellow members in our wonderful Faith congregation.

Helping Homebound Members. Every congregation has people who are no longer able to attend worship. These are our homebound members. We want to care for them. We hope to have Homebound members have a monthly visit from someone in our congregation, just sharing some time together, staying in contact with their family or caretaker, sending an occasional card. There is also a need for Communion Assistants to bring Communion to our Homebound members and we also hope to have volunteers to occasionally provide transportation to church. You can volunteer to be a regular (or occasional) visitor or phone caller, or someone who will send periodic cards.

Homebound Congregational Projects. Every few months we will have a project to support our homebound members. Although we want every member to participate in these projects, we also need volunteers who will help us organize and/or provide new ideas. Examples might be putting together an Easter basket, making prayer blankets, or sending cards and notes from the congregation. You could volunteer for a once a year commitment (or as many times as you like), or just provide creative ideas.

Joining the Prayer Team. Faith is forming a new Prayer Team. This team will confidentially pray for those in our congregation who are requesting prayer support. Would you be willing to be a part of this Prayer Team?

Providing Food. We would like to provide a meal for an individual and/or families during difficult times (such as hospital stays or rehabilitations) or special occasions (such as the birth of a baby). You don't even need to volunteer for this team! When the need arises, all members of the congregation will be notified through an e-mail and you will have the opportunity to sign-up.

**FAITH CARE MINISTRY TEAM
COME JOIN US!**



Rebecca Ruth Circle

The Rebecca Ruth Circle will meet on **Thursday, September 5 at 10:00 AM** in the Conference Room.

We would love for you to join us for Bible study. Come hungry! Bring your sack lunch. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Socializing with the group is so joyful. All are welcome!!

Women's Connection

Women's Connection will meet on **Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 AM** in the church office.

Everyone is welcome! You should join us!

For more information about the Women's Connection, please contact Jane Gips at janegips001@comcast.net.



Bearing with One Another in Love

by John Vickery, Director of Youth and Family Ministry



Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2

Kelsey and I are extremely excited to announce that we are once again expecting a child! At the same time, it brings up many anxieties for both of us. Kelsey and I have the shared experience of a miscarriage on our first try. This event tore us down to the core and made us question our decision to start a family. Though, perhaps even more importantly, we are still learning what each other needs in this time.

For this article I am going to focus on my experiences, as it would be unfair for me to comment on the things that Kelsey is experiencing. This alone is my single most prevalent anxiety that runs through my head. Since there is no frame of reference for me to understand how her body is changing or how the changes of hormones alter how she feels, it is very difficult for me to know how to, at times, support her best. Especially when the events of our last pregnancy are considered. The way that I perceive and process those days is significantly different than how Kelsey did. I was “connected” to the baby while Kelsey quite literally *connected* to the baby, which is something that I will never be able to understand.

After a great deal of contemplation and prayer *Ephesians 4:2* has stuck with me as words of wisdom on how to approach what is now set before us; expecting a child again. The key is that we are a team, one that needs to be gentle in how information is given and how opinions on decisions are presented. Further, being patient with each other in times of extreme distress, and understanding when the other needs their own space. By exemplifying these ideas, not only will our relationship with each other continue to grow; it is also creating an even more firm foundation on which our family will be built. This foundation is extended by our family, friends, and church family.

When I think about what the church is, really the church is a network of relationships that is made up of a multitude of people from many backgrounds. If remembering to “bear one another in love” can help two individuals with the expectation of a child; what would happen if the whole church and beyond lived it out as well. In a world where we are seemingly pressed down by all the negative news on TV and online, a reminder that working together and closing division is the first step of the healing process.

I am very happy to say that our baby is doing well right now. The baby is due in February, and we can't wait for that day to arrive. Thank you to everyone for your continued love and support over the past couple of years, and we are looking forward to many more!

Faith Family Service Opportunities - Hygiene Kits

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As a Faith family service project we will assemble hygiene kits for the homeless shelters in our community on **Friday, September 27 at 6:30 - 8:00 PM** (dinner provided).

We will need donations of the following items:

- ♦ Travel-size toiletries
 - ♦ soap, toothbrush, tooth paste, shampoo, mouth wash, combs/brushes, tissue packs, wipes
- ♦ Disposable razors
- ♦ Quart size Ziplock bags
- ♦ Face towels
- ♦ You may also bring items collected from hotel stays.



Please drop your donations in the bins in the lobby on Sundays, September 8 and 15.

Parent's Night Out

Friday, September, 20 @ 6:00- 10:00 PM

Faith Center
Gym





Sundays @ 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Faith Center Gym

Kidz Time will be a great time for kids in grades K-5 and their parents to come together for fun through games, songs, crafts, and stories!

Upcoming Dates: September 8, September 15, September 22

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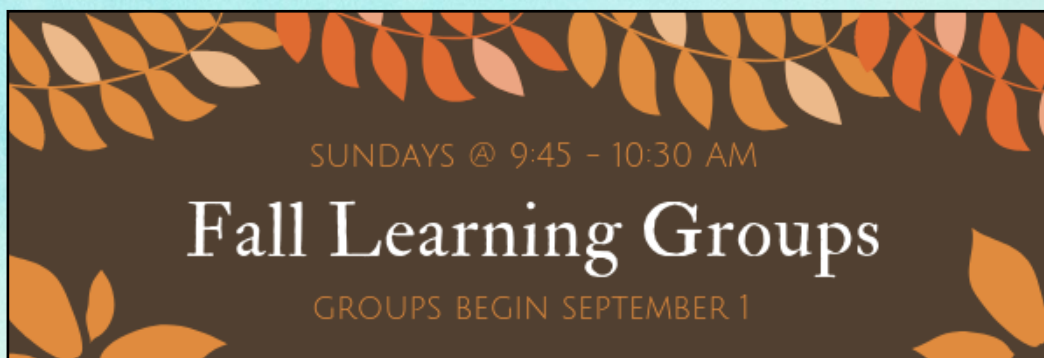
Sunday, September 8 @ 8:30 and 10:50 AM

We have set aside Sunday, September 8, to pray for our three year old children and their parents. We welcome those children to the altar, halfway between their birth and their school years, to present them anew to God and to rededicate and recommit ourselves to raising God's child. Hope you can see the power and the witness of this public acknowledgment of the roles we play as we help children grow at Faith. Please let us know on the back of the connection card if you wish to participate. Invite your friends and neighbors too!

Sunday Worship Leader Schedule—September 2019

8:30 AM	Sept 1	Sept 8	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29
Acolyte	Elsa Becker	Silas White	Ava Cauley	Christian Georgi	John Tan
Crucifer	Alice Tian	Alice Tian	Alice Tian	Aidan Fidone	Andres Baerenwald
Lector	Dave Gohlke	Karen Elsen	Bob Medlen	Sara Karow	Sharon Koch
Communion Assistants	Barbara McDowell Dave Gohlke	Doug Elsen Scott Ramsey	Doug Elsen Scott Ramsey	Sara Karow Sharon Koch	Sara Karow Sharon Koch
Asst Minister	Doug Elsen	Joann Welton	Karen Elsen	Joann Welton	Karen Elsen
Ushers	Bill Puryear Jeff Addicks	Bill Puryear Jeff Addicks	Brian Taylor Carl Watson	Brian Taylor Carl Watson	Art Grove Doug Elsen
Children's Church		Hannah Dyson	Melinda McGouldrick	Mayra Marshall	Amy McNulty
Altar Guild	Bob and Ida Medlen Carol Strickland		Betty Dossey Susan Tallman	Betty Dossey Tina Wood	
10:50 AM	Sept 1	Sept 8	Sept 15	Sept 22	Sept 29
Acolytes	Nicholas Walker Dillon Williams	James Cross Andres Baerenwald	Aaron Allen Andy Allen	Zach Michaud Nate Michaud	Ava Cauley James Cross
Communion Assistants	Kirk and Beth Bruce	Dave and Wendy Farner	Jon and Nancy Holmes	Lorah Gough Roxy Funchess	Kelley Keller Susan Tallman
Asst Minister	Janice Decker	Jim Cross	Wendy Farner	Susan Tallman	Eric Lerch
Ushers	Lerch Family	Jon and Nancy Holmes	Cross Family	Dave and Wendy Farner	Parkan Family
Children's Church	Catherine Hahn	Kevondra Mathis	Leslie Parkan	Beth Bruce	Sara Karow
Altar Guild	Bob and Ida Medlen Carol Strickland	Dylan McGouldrick Melinda McGouldrick	Betty Dossey Susan Tallman	Betty Dossey Tina Wood	

If you have been scheduled as a worship leader and are unable to serve, please respond by clicking "Decline" on the Planning Center Online email. You may also arrange to trade with someone else who is scheduled during the month and advise the church office of the change by Wednesday afternoon.



Adult Learning

Basic Christianity (Chinese) - Led by Pastor Junfeng Tan, Faith Center Community Room #300

Circle of Friends -1 Corinthians - Led by Sara Karow, Room #121 (Day School Hallway)

Dear Church - Led by Kathy Patrick and Stacy Williams, Fellowship Hall (Common Grounds)

Taking Faith Home - Led by Betty Becker, Library (Upstairs Room #207)

The Good News Class -The Gospel of Luke - Led by Cliff Condit, Room #120 (Day School Hallway)

Young and Elementary Families - Led by Eric and Courtney Lerch, Room #122 (Day School Hallway)

Children and Youth Learning

All elementary groups gather in Room #306 to start.

Toddlers (22 months - 3 years) - Led by Tina Wood and Faith Fun Zone staff, Faith Center Room #301

Pre-K (4 - 5 years) - Led by Denise Adams and Helen Watson, Faith Center Room #307

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade - Led by Roxy Funchess and Julie Grove, Faith Center Room #306

3rd - 5th Grade - Led by Mayra Marshall and Jennifer Blessington, Faith Center Room #308

Middle School (6th - 8th Grade) - Led by Cathie Pett and Brian Taylor, Faith Center Room #309

High School (9th-12th Grade) - Led by Alex and Hannah Dyson, upstairs in Faith Center

Confirmation - led by Pastor Kerry Nelson, Fellowship Hall on Sundays at 4:00 PM

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Director of Operations

Pastoral Intern

Director of Youth and Family

Children's Ministry Coordinator

Director of Faith Schools

Morning Office Coordinator

Afternoon Office Coordinator

Organist/Choir Director

Evening Facility Manager



September 2019- Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>1</u></p> <p>Labor Day All Day Church Office and Schools closed 7:00 PM AA (300)</p> <p>8:30 AM Heritage Worship (Sanc) 9:45 AM Learning Groups/MOVE 10:50 AM "The Gathering" Worship (Sanc) 10:50 AM Faith Chinese Worship (FC) 12:00 PM Lunch (FH) 12:15 PM LEAD Team Meeting (201) 12:40 PM Faith Chinese Choir (FC) 7:00 PM Al-Anon (300)</p>	<p><u>2</u></p> <p>9:15 AM Children's Chapel (Sanc) 10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting (108) 12:30 PM AARP (Gym) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 3:00 PM Stewardship Board Meeting (108) 7:00 PM First Place for Health (306) 8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p> <p>6:00 PM Cornerstone Climbers Parents (401) 6:00 PM SW Radio Control (FC)</p>	<p><u>3</u></p> <p>9:15 AM Children's Chapel (Sanc) 10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting (108) 12:30 PM AARP (Gym) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting (101) 7:00 PM First Place for Health (306) 8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p> <p>9:15 AM Children's Chapel (Sanc) 10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting (108) 12:30 PM AARP (Gym) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting (101) 7:00 PM First Place for Health (306) 8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p><u>4</u></p> <p>3:00 PM Campus closed due to water pipe repair 8:00 PM AA (300)</p> <p>9:00 AM LWR Quilting (101) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 6:00 PM Painting Group (307) 8:00 PM AA (300)</p>	<p><u>5</u></p> <p>10:00 AM Rebecca Ruth Circle (101) 12:30 PM AARP at your Best (FC Gym) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 7:30 PM Faith Choir (208) 7:30 PM Cornerstone Thursday Meeting (306, 400, 401) 8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p> <p>12:30 PM AARP at your Best (FC Gym) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 7:30 PM Faith Choir (208) 7:30 PM Cornerstone Thursday Meeting (306, 400, 401) 8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p><u>6</u></p> <p>8:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p> <p>9:00 AM Grey Sheet Eating Program (204) 9:00 AM Cornerstone (300, 306) 2:45 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>	<p><u>7</u></p> <p>9:00 AM Grey Sheet Eating Program (204) 9:00 AM Cornerstone (300, 306) 2:45 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>
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