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Grace-Gifted, Faith-Lifted Called to Share, Seek, and Serve Christ





Dear Friends in Christ,

One Bread. One Body. We confess that in our baptism we are made one body of Christ, and that in sharing in the Lord's Supper, the one bread of Holy Communion, we are reminded of this oneness that we share. We are reminded that no matter where we come from, what we have done, where we are going, God so loves the world—the whole world—and calls us to be one with another.

One way that we remember that we are one bread, one body is through our annual Synod Assembly, where we gather for renewal, to do the business of the synod, to hear stories for our siblings in faith, not only from the ELCA, but from our partners in other denominations. We are reminded that the mission we share is so much bigger that we are, and it can only be done as we work together as one body.

This year, Linda Goldinghorst and Lynda Miller served as our voting members to the assembly along with Pastor Heather and myself. They have written the following summary of the Assembly that they would like to share with you. May you feel the oneness of our mission through their experience.

Blessings,

Pastor Carrie



After attending the recent Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly with Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather, we wanted to share highlights of our experience in hopes that others would be interested to attend in May 2020, when it will be extra exciting to elect a new Bishop at the assembly. The synod website has more details, pictures, and videos if you are interested

(https://seiasynod.org). Enjoy! Linda Golinghorst and Lynda Miller.

One Bread, One Body. This was the theme for the Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly held May 10-11 at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. Bishop Burke presided and shared with us that in Christ, who is the Bread of Life, we are One Body, and that God continues to call us to a hope-filled future.



The synod assembly is an annual gathering of pastors, deacons, and lay people which serves as the synod's highest legislative authority. At the assembly, we obtain synod information, elect nominees to leadership positions, reach decisions on specific matters, set priorities for the synod's ministry, and become more equipped to interpret the mission of the synod and ELCA within our local ministries.







Birthday wishes are extended to the following members who are celebrating birthday number 70 or above.

Gloria Hamann	June 1	Norm Harvey	June 22
Janice Hartwig	June 2	Millie Wallace	June 26
Sue Oetzmann	June 2	Janet Nagle	June 28
Don Rathjen	June 4	Dennis Schmidt	June 28
Earl Kuhl	June 13	Ron Meyer	June 30
Bob Bainter	June 15		
Darrell Weltzin	June 15		
Don Baustian	June 16		
John McCammant	June 18		3
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6/4/1955 Norm & Fae Harvey 6/8/1968 Duane & Lynda Miller

6/22/1968 Dan & Mary Ann Anderson

MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP Thank you to Dan and Mary Ann Anderson for sponsoring our missionary Jenna Bergeson, Hong Kong, and

our Compassion Child, John Chima, and the Keppy's for sponsoring our Compassion Child, Denisse Grefa, for June.

The cost for sponsorship is \$40/month each for John and Denisse and \$45/month for Jenna. Your sponsorship can be placed in the offering plate, in a pew envelope marked appropriately for the person you are sponsoring.



ADULT MISSION TRIP If you enjoy time in nature, fun with friends, and helping to provide a fun and safe place for our children to attend church camp, join us for the Adult Mission Trip. We will leave the morning of Sunday, July 21st and return

the evening of Friday, July 26th. All expenses while at camp will be covered and a stipend will be given for mileage as you will help transport kids to camp. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Carrie (pastorcarrie@csteldridge.com or 563–285–4501) by Saturday, June 7th.

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Saturday, June 29th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters:	Janet Nagle
Ushers:	Scott & Abby LaPlante
Reader:	
Communion	Madelyn LaPlante
Counters:	Scott & Laura Wiley

Sunday, June 30th @ 9:00 am

Greeters:	Becky Stutt
Ushers:	Melody & Steve Sawvell
Reader:	Mary Ann Anderson
Communion	Mary Ann Anderson
Counters:	Dan & Mary Ann Anderson

Beer, Bible Study Wednesday, June 12th @ 7:30 pm Scott & Carrie La Plante's Home



Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate Pentecost. On this day the church celebrates its birthday – that is, the day the Holy Spirit came and lit a fire in us to be witnesses of the resurrected Christ to all people.

But what is the church? This seems to be a question that many people ask and wonder and argue about. It seems that defining the church is just as confusing in the 21st century as it was in the first century.

How are we the church? Who makes up the church? What is the goal of the church? What makes the church different from other organizations in society?

These are among the questions that we will be considering as we look at the Pentecost story and some other passages from scripture as we continue to seek to understand the mission of the church.

BBS will be held on Wednesday, June 12, at 7:30 pm in the backyard of the La Plante home (weather permitting – otherwise we will be inside). We invite you to join us and bring a friend and a beverage of your choice.



We were proud to see that **Katie Garner** from our congregation was asked to present a letter from Bishop Burke to the assembly. Katie is one of two youth who serve on the synod council.

Inspirational speakers. Rachel Alley, from ELCA Youth Ministry, served as the

Churchwide representative providing updates and stories of the work we do together within the ELCA. She shared that 48% of the population within our synod are under the age of 38 so it is essential to put strategies in place to help



age of 38 so it is essential to put strategies in place to help these young people discover and love our churches.



Wendy Davidson, an executive at Kellogg North America and an ELCA Lutheran, was a special guest speaker and shared her story of how she learned to refocus her life on personal priorities and live her life with God's purpose for her in her professional life after an unplanned sabbatical

from work. "If you walk with purpose, you will collide with destiny. Be intentional" was her message.

Renee Kiel, US Army Chief, Soldier and Family Ministry, shared stories to help us understand how we can support service members and families and how ELCA Chaplains can help. We also watched a video from Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, the ELCA Bishop, who spoke about standing against hatred and violence.





Synod business. There were 343 voting members at this year's assembly; 58% of the members were lay voting members. The assembly provided feedback to synod leadership to help them prepare for election of a new synod Bishop at next year's Synod Assembly May 1-3, 2020 in Coralville, Iowa. Round table discussions centered on three questions: what do we want the

new Bishop to know about us, what qualities do we need in the new Bishop, and what should the top priorities be for the new Bishop.

Resolutions adopted included: 1) Peace Not Walls: encourage ministers to learn more about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and urge the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to advocate for associated humanitarian issues 2) Peace Not Walls: encourage ministers to learn more about financial support cuts and urge the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to advocate for associated fiscal issues 3) Public witness: stand against recent attacks on faith communities as agents of reconciliation and 4) give thanks for the synod assembly and ministries.

The 2020 budget was approved at \$1.2 million (plus \$1.27 million to Churchwide). This is a slight increase from last year to accommodate transition costs for the new Bishop. The Synod continues to give 53% to the Churchwide organization. Synod priorities are Congregational Vitality,

Leadership Development, Synodical Witness. The 2020 compensation guidelines were approved to include \$400 increase for pastors and deacons and a increase to Parental Leave to 10 weeks for primary care giver and 6 weeks for secondary care giver (from 6 and 2 weeks).

Worship, Recognition, Partnerships. The assembly gathered for a full worship service on Friday evening where Pastor Heather was one of the readers.

Congregations, including us, brought 'One Bread, One Body' reusable shopping bags to be blessed. The bags

were filled with items representing their local outreach ministries. Over \$4,200 were collected in the offering for the ministry partners of the synod. There was another short worship service on Saturday morning, and throughout the assembly we joined together to sing well known praise songs. By the end of the assembly, another \$5,500 was given to the ELCA World Hunger as a gift of thanksgiving and commitment.

Forums each day allowed participants to learn about partner ministries including topics such as bible study, youth ministry, environmental stewardship, refugees and immigration, and ecumenical relations. Videos were shown throughout the assembly to recognize congregational anniversaries, pastor anniversaries, and to remember those who passed. It was impressive to see the many ways the synod is serving the communities and the world!



Guest Preacher the Weekend of June 29 and 30

On the weekend of June 29 and 30, we will welcome Jenna Bergeson as our guest preacher. Jenna has been the missionary we have been supporting for the last two years in Hong Kong. She will be completing her service in July and will be finishing

her seminary studies here in the United States. We look forward to having her with us as we wish her well on the next part of the journey.

The Service in the World Team has chosen our next missionaries to support. We will be supporting Rev. James and Carol Manfred Sack who are serving in Japan. Jim teaches at Japan Lutheran College, and Carol works with music-based pastoral care. We will be learning more about them in the months ahead.

Something Old, Something New

In the last couple of years, a request has been made that we use the setting of the liturgy from *With One Voice* (the blue book) that had previously been used here. Therefore, during the summer months, we will be using setting 5, Bread of Life, from *With One Voice*. We hope that you will enjoy using this setting again.

Also, because we all like to be familiar with hymns that we sing, we are going to begin choosing a lesser known hymn for several weeks in a row so that we can begin to add new hymns to our repertoire. We did this during Easter with *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing,* and a new hymn will soon be chosen for the beginning of summer.

Saturday, June 15th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters:	Gary Mueller
Ushers:	Jared & Kelly Penning
Reader:	Kelly Penning
Communion	Barb Parmenter
Counters:	Roger & Barb Parmenter

Sunday, June 16th @ 9:00 am

Greeters:	Bob & Ann Bainter
Ushers:	Jared & Kelly Penning
Reader:	Carol Judge
Communion	Kelly Penning
Counters:	Kent & Michelle Wiebel

Saturday, June 22nd @ 5:00 pm

Greeters:	Gary & Joni King
Ushers:	Bob & Theresa White
Reader:	Theresa White
Communion	Theresa White
Counters:	Bob & Carol Kuehl

Sunday, June 23rd @ 9:00 am

Greeters:	
Ushers:	Evan & Christian Keppy
Reader:	Carol Judge
Communion	Linda Szemkus
Counters:	David & Betty Griffin



Thank you LADIES for the hours spent folding AMBASSADORS, announcements, and the bulletins over the past month. You are loved and appreciated!

-Joni

JUNE FAITH FAMILY: Group 4 Family Head: Kelly Penning July Family Group 5 - Bob & Theresa White

Saturday June 1st @ 5:00 pm

Greeters:	Dave & Desiree McCammant
Ushers:	Dave & Desiree McCammant
Reader:	H. O. Nelson
Communion	
Counters:	Mike & Gayle Staples

Sunday, June 2nd @ 9:00 am

Greeters:	Dave & Linda Golinghorst
Ushers:	Diane Krebs
Reader:	Linda Golinghorst
Communion	Linda Golinghorst
Counters:	Dave & Linda Golinghorst

Saturday, June 8th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters:	Curt & Carolyn Hulsen
Ushers:	Bob & Theresa White
Reader:	Donna Knapper
Communion	Donna Knapper
Counters:	Curt & Carolyn Hulsen

Sunday, June 9th @ 9:00 am

Greeters:	Allen & Carolyn Lewis
Ushers:	Duane & Lynda Miller
Reader:	Amy Powell
Communion	Amy Powell
Counters:	Allen & Carolyn Lewis

Many of you have probably noticed a new person playing organ for us periodically. He is Riley Sindt, a new musician on our staff. Here is a little bit about Riley, in his own words:

"I am a 17 year old high school student living in Eldridge. When I was 5, I began taking piano lessons, eventually playing for St. Ann's in Long Grove. From there, I began expanding my career in music, joining the choir and the orchestra as a bassist and pianist. In 2014, I joined St. Ann's Youth Ensemble, where I stayed until 2018, when I began playing the organ on a regular basis, eventually going on to play here at Faith, as well as Park View Lutheran. In my free time, I enjoy yard care, small engine repair, golf, and spending time with my family."

Welcome to Faith, Riley!

Feeding Hungry

Churches United Meal Site

You can help by providing a meal at the Churches United Meal site to the homeless people in Davenport. We are in need of some volunteers to prepare and serve the meal on **Tuesday, June 24th.** There are funds available for

reimbursement of the food purchased for serving and the preparation of the food can be done at church. There is a sign up sheet with a more detailed description on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Al Kluever or Carrie Keppy, or call the church office.

On Tuesday, May 21, 65 people were served supper at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport, by Jim and Joni Schneider, Tom and Pam Carlson, Carrie Keppy, Pastor Carrie and Janet Merrick. The meal of pork loin, cheesy potatoes, jello cups, cornbread muffins and chocolate chip bars was prepared by Jim and Joni Schneider, Pam Carlson and Carrie Keppy with members of the Sheridan Sluggers 4H club.

PARKING LOT PICNIC

Sunday, June 30 11:00 a.m.

Plan on attending the family picnic on June 30. Lemonade, hotdogs and pulled pork sandwiches will be provided along with table service.

Bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair and any yard games you may want to share/play in addition to a bounce house!! Sign up on the bulletin board for planning purposes.

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN IN THE SUN!!



Sr. High Youth

Mission Trip Update



We are excited to have the following youth and adults going on the summer mission trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota: Cal Behm, Aundrea Crain, Danielle Dircks, Jill Dircks, Nate Fenn, Cooper Frank, Katie Garner, Grace Kirst, Hannah Krebs, Hayden Lebeck, Austin Lee, Davis Lee, Logan

Lee, Madolyn Lewis, Mitchell Mess, Grant Nimke, Erin Peck, Drew Sacia, Megan Sacia, Sydney Westendorf, Matthew Zidarich, Mike Garner, Matt Kirst, Kevin Krebs and Pastor Carrie. We will be travelling with our friends from Grace Lutheran and St. Mark Lutheran in Davenport. Thank you for all of the ways that you have helped us as we have been raising money for this trip. It has been very much appreciated. There are still a couple of opportunities to help us out with our fundraising.

- ♦ Shares of the Mission Trip-During May, we will be selling shares of the mission trip for \$25 per share. Each share entitles you to a postcard from one of the youth while on the trip, and an invitation to a Shareholder Luncheon upon our return, where the youth will share stories of the trip.
- ♦ Best Choice Save-A-Label-We continue to collect UPC symbols from Best Choice products. There is a box in the Gathering Space where these will be collected. We were recently able to send in labels to receive an additional \$60 toward the trip.

Thank you again for all of your financial and prayer support which is making this trip possible!

Jr. High Youth

Confirmation

On Sunday, April 28, we celebrated with 16 of our youth as they affirmed their baptism. We wish them God's blessings as they continue on their journey of faith to discover all that God has planned for them.



Back (l to r): Matthew Anderson, Mason Pike, Pastor Carrie, Jackson Tagtmeier, Hayden Lebeck; Middle (l to r): Madolyn Lewis, Cal Behm, Logan Schmidt, Drew Sacia, Dylan Bergmann, Matthew Zidarich; Front (l to r): Sydney Westendorf, Grace Hamann, Danielle Dircks, Madilyn Gabrielson, Leah Patton, Madelyn Kayser.

Women of Faith News



ALL WOMEN OF FAITH ARE INVITED! Serving Sticks-Sunday, 6/9 & 6/23 @ 6:30 p.m.

JUNE ALTAR GUILD

Chairperson: Janet Merrick Carolyn Lewis Magda Brodersen Kim Brodersen Ruth Staudt Donna Benskin



NORTH SCOTT FOOD PANTRY has a Treasurer

position open... The food pantry meets the 1st Thursday of the even months. The next meeting is June 6th at 7 PM at the pantry in the lower level of Faith. The treasurer is responsible for paying

bills, making deposits and keeping financial records. Officers are elected to a two year term. We serve around 80 families each month. - we serve our less fortunate neighbors including senior citizens, families with children and many hard working adults who just can't make ends meet. If interested, please contact Deanna Nielsen (563)370-7444 or Janalee Keppy (563)370-0717.

Evangelism

Refreshing Our Purpose Statement

Our Evangelism Team is focused on 'sharing the Good News of Jesus'. The way we understand and communicate our purpose is the foundation for how we take action and how we share the Good News of our ministries in Jesus.

In June, we will be asking for nominees to participate on a task team that will go through a process with Pastor Carrie and the Evangelism team to re-center on God's Mission, understand our core values and beliefs, and then refresh our purpose statement, which will more clearly communicate how we participate in God's Mission in the World. This process will begin in September and should be completed by the end of the calendar year.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please send an email or provide a paper nomination to the church office by June 30 with the name of the nominee and why they would be an asset to the task team. We will select the task team from the list of nominees, ensuring a diverse representation of our church family. Thank you in advance for your support of this important process!



North Scott Community Feed Our Children Ministry 2019

Feed Our Children Ministry has been established to provide a free lunch opportunity to our children in the North Scott community during the summer break. During

the summer, 741 children in our neighborhoods are underserved through the loss of the weekday free and reduced lunch program. Additionally, there are underserved children not yet school age, as well as those recently graduated. For some families, simply having more mouths to feed during the summer places additional stress on existing resources. Our goal is to provide a free, nutritious lunch to children in our community through this twice a week

ministry, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 11-August 22. We will assemble lunches at Faith Lutheran Church, 500 W. LeClaire Rd, Eldridge.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THREE AREAS **

*Volunteers: We need your help! Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve lunches. Preparations begin at 10:00 am in the kitchen at Faith Lutheran Church. Lunches will be ready for distribution at 11:15, in order to reach the children from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. There will also be distribution sites in Dixon, Long Grove, McCausland, Park View, Mt. Joy and Princeton. We need volunteers to pick up, deliver and distribute the lunches.

- * Supplies: We are seeking donations of sliced bread, cheese slices, smooth peanut butter, grape jam (not jelly jam spreads better), potato chips, 100% juice boxes (not orange juice), Oreos, Rice Krispie Treats, Go-Gurts, string cheese, and fruit and applesauce cups. We also need sandwich baggies and paper lunch bags.
- * Pray, Spread the word, and Listen: Feed Our Children Ministry is successful when we actually get lunches into the hands (and bellies) of our children. Please pray for this ministry for those in need, as well as those who prepare and serve. Please share the news of this ministry in and around your neighborhood. Please keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to reach children. If you hear of children in a neighborhood that could benefit from this ministry, please let us know!

To volunteer or donate items, please contact Beth Ann Anderson (563-285-8661) or Amy Powell (563-940-5880). You may also sign up at Faith or online:

To Donate:

 $\underline{https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0449AEA623A3FE3-donation}$

To Volunteer:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0449AEA623A3FE3-volunteer1

Children's News



Faith Lutheran Church VBS July 14, 2019 - July 18, 2019

At "To Mars and Beyond VBS", your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they explore where God's power can take them. They will become Voyagers

and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, Voyagers make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Power Launcher (key learnings) to equip them for an active life with God. Your Voyagers will also discover our Vector Verse (Bible memory verse), Ephesians 3:20 - Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!

Students will expand on their discoveries by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of creation at the Science Station, and playing games at the Recreation Station. Along the way, the Voyagers will hear about our mission project and respond to a call for action!

If you would like to donate your time or food items that will be used for our evening meals on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Amy Powell at 563-940-5880. On Thursday evening, all are invited to a short program to celebrate all our children have learned followed by a potluck picnic.

Register online at: http://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/faithlutheraneldridge



God's Global Barnyard – Our Children-Lead Us in Abundant Giving

Throughout the school year, our children have been giving their Sunday School offering

toward God's Global Barnyard in order to purchase animals to help create sustainable farming for our neighbors around the world.

When the children chose a goal of purchasing two oxen and a plow at the cost of \$1000, we felt that was an ambitious goal. However, they met that goal to the dollar, and we will be purchasing two oxen and a plow for a neighbor who needs them. In addition the children chose to purchase a piglet, a set of chicks and a pair of goats with the offering they gave at the beginning of the year. With the half of the Christmas offering that was designated for God's Global Barnyard, we will also be purchasing another piglet, four additional sets of chicks, two roosters, honeybees and a family farm (a cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training and support). Thank you for your generous support of this project to share our gifts toward the abundant life Jesus came to bring for our neighbors around the world.

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JUNE 2019

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					May 31 3:00 pm FINAL FRIDAY	1 5:00 pm Worship
2 9:00 am Worship & Baptism	3	4 5:30 pm Food Pantry	5	6	7 9:30 am Food Pantry	8 5:00 pm Worship
9:00 am Jubilation Worship 5:00 pm Sheridan Sluggers 4H 6:30 pm Serving Sticks	10	11 10-12:30 Feed Our Children 5:30 pm Food Pantry	7:30 pm Beer & Bible Study @ The LaPlante's	13 10-12:30 Feed Our Children 7:00 pm Council Mtg.	9:30 am Food Pantry Flog Day	15 5:00 pm Worship
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