

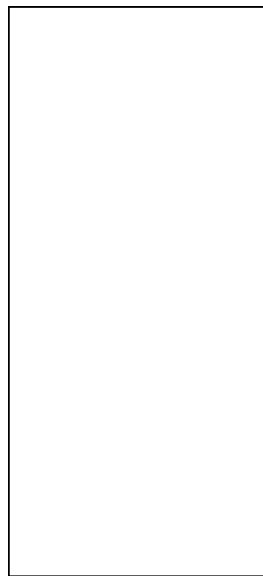
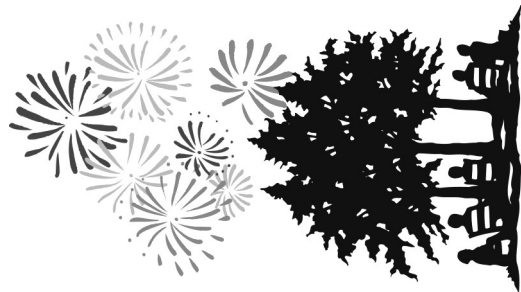
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Sunday @ 9:00 am



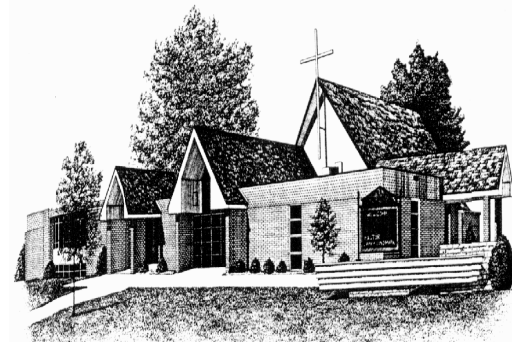
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Grace-Gifted, Faith-Lifted
Called to Share, Seek, and Serve Christ

Dear Friends in Christ,

Often, we think of summer as a time for rest and relaxation, a time to get away from the routines of the school year, to enjoy life a little. And while that is true in some sense, it also seems like summer has gotten busier through the years with summer sports, mission trips, sports camps, 4-H camps, Girl and Boy Scout camps, church camps, vacations, VBS, summer food ministries and all of the other things that we try to cram into our “free time” during the summer. Even though these are really good things to be doing that help us to grow and are places where we see God at work, sometimes these events simply wear us out.



There are also the realities of the world around us that can weigh us down. There are medical diagnoses that crush us and those we love. There are stories that we hear about the treatment of migrants on our borders that we find hard to believe. There are the realities of farming struggles due to the rainy weather patterns. There are homeless and hungry people all around us. And these are but a drop in the bucket of the things that we hear about in our lives, on the news, in social media and beyond that sometimes make us wonder how we can face it all.

I do not know about you, but I have to admit, that there are times, during the summer and otherwise, when I get a little overwhelmed with all that is happening, and I begin to wonder where that down time, that time for rest, relaxation and reflection have gone. I wonder how I can get it back.

And then I remember Psalm 46:10: “Be still, and know that I am God!” I remember that I am not the one ultimately in control, even though I am trying to keep a thousand balls in the air. I remember that in the midst of it all, I need to take time to be still and to remember that God is God. Easier said than done, right?

So what are some ways that we can be still and know God in the midst of the crazy schedules and the busyness of life? Here are a few ideas that I have come up with that help me along the way.

1. Take a moment in the morning to welcome God into your day. I joke that my morning prayer is, “Thank you, God, that I have not sinned yet today. Now, I pray for your help as I put my feet on the floor and begin my day.” However, that is not too far from the truth. Inviting God into our days often helps to keep us focused in the midst of whatever we will face during the day.
2. Take time in the evening to reflect on the day. Think back over the day and remember the joys you shared and thank God for those moments. Consider the worries and concerns that arose during the day, and hand those over into God’s care, asking for guidance with how to work with



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

Patricia Reese	July 2
Mary Bender	July 3
Kathy Stoltz	July 6
Carol Marten	July 8
Ann Bainter	July 10
Becky Stutt	July 19
Shirley Danforth	July 21
Kay Friederichs	July 21
Sally Puls	July 24
Lynda Miller	July 24
Betty Hamiton	July 28
Allan Kluever	July 30
Carol Strobbe	July 30



Fred & Marilyn Jansen 7/17/55

Earl & Dorothy Kuhl 7/21/56

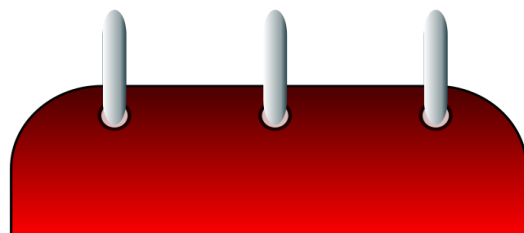


BAPTISMS IN JUNE: We welcome these children into the Body of Christ and into our Faith family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism:

6/2 **Remi Ann Ellis**, daughter of Collin and Chelsea Ellis
6/29 **Sophia ElJean Goldsmith**, daughter of Jason and Rosette Goldsmith
6/30 **Adelyn Irene Donaubauer**, daughter of Chad Donaubauer and Jennifer Chen
6/30 **Reagan Rose Donaubauer**, daughter of Chad Donaubauer and Jennifer Chen



**THE NORTH SCOTT FOOD PANTRY
NEEDS FOR JULY:
Side Dishes, Boxed Potatoes,
Rice and Pasta**



Blood Drive

Monday, August 12 Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting a Blood Drive with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center from **3 pm to 6:30 pm** at the church. The need for blood increases during the summer months. Please mark the calendar and consider donation.


Beer, Bible Study



Due to busy vacation schedules during the month of July, we will be taking a break until August. Jared and Kelly Penning have volunteered to host in August. The date and time will be published in the August Ambassador and on Facebook. We hope you will join us!



Feeding the 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, July 16th**. 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 Monday, June 24th, 85 people were served supper at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport, by Curt & Carolyn Hulsén, Carol Marten and Bob & Carol Kuehl. The meal of hot turkey & gravy and BBQ turkey sandwiches, green bean casserole, chips, pickles and various desserts (brownies, small pastries and cupcakes), milk and apple juice was enjoyed by all!

Thank you for doing God's work feeding the hungry...

MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP Thank you to the LaPlante family for sponsoring our missionary Jenna Bergeson, Hong Kong, and our Compassion Child, John Chima, Girl Scout Troop #4109 for sponsoring our Compassion Child, Denisse Grefa, for July.



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.


- them. I have found that, for me, having a journal where I can write these things down helps me to give them over to God. End with prayer, lifting up both your joys and your concerns to God's care.
- Find a quiet place to just be once in a while. We all have those places in our homes or in nature where we can go to just be quiet by ourselves for a while. One new place that is now available is the new location of our outdoor chapel. Now located under the trees on the southwest corner of the church building, it could be a good place to sit and reflect when you need time to be alone.
 - Find a place to worship even in the midst of the crazy travels you are making. Gathering with others in worship can help to bring focus in the midst of the busyness. Gathering in worship can help us to remember that we are not alone. Gathering in worship in places other than where we call home can remind us that God and the church are bigger than where we often find ourselves. To find an ELCA congregation where you can worship where you are, go to www.elca.org/findacongregation.

I am sure that there are a number of other ways in which you can and have found time to be still and know God in your life, and all of them are good. For when we are able to take the time to remember that God is God and we are not, to give thanks for the blessings and hand over the struggles, our strength is renewed to face the days ahead, both the joys and the challenges, knowing that we are never alone!

Blessings,

Pastor Carrie

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.

- ♦ **Shares of the Mission Trip**-Thank you to all supported the trip through the purchase of shares. The shareholder luncheon will be held on Sunday, August 18th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Formal invitations will be forthcoming.
- ♦ **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.

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

Children's News

FINAL FRIDAY



Saturday, July 20th @ 5:00 pm



Greeters:	Lorenz & Marian Behrens
Ushers:	
Reader:	Gretchen Small
Communion	Patti Levien
Counters:	Joan Hennigan & Melody Sawvell

Sunday, July 21st @ 9:00 am

Greeters:	Kelli Golinghorst & Seth Vander Horst
Ushers:	The Golinghorst Family
Reader:	Duane Miller
Communion	Pam White
Counters:	Scott & Laura Wiley



Saturday, July 27th @ 5:00 pm



Greeters:	Donna Benskin
Ushers:	Cynthia & Myron Zabel
Reader:	Gretchen Small
Communion	Donna Benskin
Counters:	Craig & Jayne Hirl

Sunday, July 28th @ 9:00 am

Greeters:	Hans & Kim Brodersen
Ushers:	The LaPlante Family
Reader:	Linda Szemkus
Communion	Brianna Rogers
Counters:	Kristy Looney & Rhonda Webber



Thanks for your help
this summer!



Thank you to the volunteers in June that helped fold bulletins, announcements and the Ambassador. -Joni

JULY FAITH FAMILY: Group 5
Family Head: Bob & Theresa White
August Family Group 6 - Ida Weibel



Saturday July 6th @ 5:00 pm

Greeters:	Barb Paustian
Ushers:	Theresa & Bob White
Reader:	Theresa White
Communion	Theresa White
Counters:	Mike & Rita Smith



Sunday, July 7th @ 9:00 am

Greeters:	Jared & Kelly Penning
Ushers:	The Puls Family
Reader:	Dave Knoer
Communion	Tim Broberg
Counters:	Dave & Ruth Knoer



Saturday, July 13 @ 5:00 pm

Greeters:	Sue Sissel
Ushers:	Theresa & Bob White
Reader:	Theresa White
Communion	Theresa White
Counters:	Sue Sissel & Kelly Hazen



Sunday, July 14th @ 9:00 am

Greeters:	
Ushers:	Brianna & Doug Rogers
Reader:	Doug Rogers
Communion	Pam White
Counters:	Dan & Deanna Nielsen



**Children
of the
living God.**

HOSEA 1:10

On Friday, May 31st, the church yard filled with the “almost” Final Friday crowd after school. Joy was in the air as kids ran from one activity to the next while devouring cookies from the snack station. Other stations included: rock painting, planting flowers, tattoos along with a variety of yard games and a bounce house. Thank you to the many volunteers that donated and worked to make this happen. IT WAS GREAT FUN!!!





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/faithlutheranelldridge>

Jr. High Youth



Camp Meeting on Sunday, June 30th
All Junior and Confirmation Campers and their parents as well as all of the Adult Mission Trip Participants will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 30th for a brief meeting to go over details for the week of camp. If you will be unable to be at that meeting, please contact Pastor Carrie (pastorcarrie@csteldridge.com) so that she can get all important information to you. We look forward to seeing you there.

Women of Faith News

JULY ALTAR GUILD

Chairperson: Nancy Meyer (370-8585)

Nadine Schwarz
Sherri Brundies
Koralee Patzer
Myra Kreiter
Carol Roe
Barb Paustian



Because this has become a tradition over the last several years that people seem to enjoy, on the weekend of July 27 and 28, we will celebrate Christmas in July by singing Christmas carols in worship. The children, youth and adults who will have spent that previous week at camp will also be sharing stories of their experience that weekend.

We invite you to dress in Christmas apparel (as long as you will not be too hot!) or simply come and enjoy a taste of Christmas in July.

Can You Help Us to Make VBS Crafts and Science Great?!

We are in need of a few items for VBS that we are hoping you can help us to find for our craft and science stations. If you have any of the following items, please bring them to church and place them in the VBS box by **Wednesday, July 10.**

Items needed:

- 100 empty frosting or yogurt containers
- 200 clear plastic bottles with lids (like water bottles-20 oz. or smaller)
- Nuts and bolts
- Washers
- Buttons

Thank you in advance for your help!



North Scott Community Feed Our Children Ministry 2019



This year, we served lunch beginning on Tuesday June 11, and will continue to serve every Tuesday and Thursday through August 22 (except July 4th). On our first day 39 volunteers unloaded a van full of bulk grocery items (purchased with your donations and grants – thank you!), organized the storage room, then made and delivered 164 lunches to children in Donahue, Dixon, Eldridge, McCausland, Mt Joy, Park View, and Princeton.

At this rate, we expect to serve in excess of 3,000 lunches this summer! Over the last two years we have been blessed in many ways through this



ministry. Not only are we feeding children in our neighborhoods, but we are making connections. We have experienced and witnessed new and rekindled friendships with members of Faith that are “regular” attendees of different worship times. Volunteers have made new friendships and strengthened bonds with our brothers and sisters in Christ at other North Scott area churches, as well as with several youth in civic groups, sporting teams, and activity clubs. It is music to the ears and food for the soul to hear the conversations and laughter in the kitchen from our intergenerational volunteers while they work together to show God’s

love to His beloved children in our community.

At some of our locations you might see other activities happening during lunch. At Faith, the Scott County Library Bookmobile will be open in our lot during the majority of our lunch dates. Families can pick up a lunch and a new book to enjoy together. Zion Lutheran Church in Princeton will offer “old fashioned” games to the kids when they pick up lunch, such hopscotch, jacks, marbles, four-square, kickball, cat’s cradle, and hula hoops.

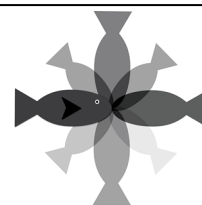
At Eldridge United Methodist Church, children may attend a Youth Works youth program right after lunch, and at Hope in Dixon, children will have opportunities to hear bible stories with Pastor Dianne. This Ministry is fostering many opportunities for churches in North Scott to build relationships in their immediate neighborhoods and to plant seeds of faith!



Sr. High Youth



Tie-dyeing amazing shirts for the HS Mission Trip.


























United in Christ

Youth from Faith Lutheran in Eldridge share fellowship with youth at Faith Lutheran in Calamus, Iowa.



JULY 2019

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10-12:30 Feed Our Children 5:30 pm Food Pantry 	3 10:00 am Worship led by Faith Lutheran at Grand Haven	4 OFFICE CLOSED No Lunches Today 	5 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 am Food Pantry	6 5:00 pm Worship High School Mission Trip Participants Leave
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