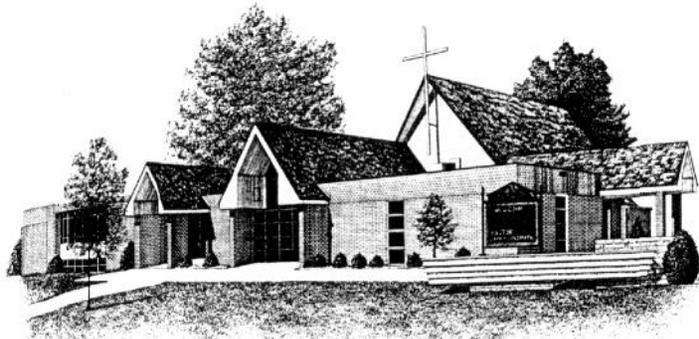


# Faith Lutheran Church



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October 2020

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



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am so excited as we are getting another program year under way. I know that it does not look like it has in the past, but we are moving ahead, nonetheless, so that we can worship God and grow in our faith together.

We have enjoyed the opportunity to be able to worship in person in the outdoor chapel on Saturday evenings at 5:00 and on Sunday mornings at 9:00 during most of August and September. We have been able to enjoy the beautiful weather in the newly renovated chapel, and we would love to have you join us for worship as you are able. Remember, there is the option to worship from your car along Le Claire Road as well.

We have celebrated two baptisms, and we are looking forward to celebrating two more in the near future. We have begun celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion which many of us have been missing, and have commended our sister, Jackie, into God's eternal care. We were even able to celebrate Confirmation with half of our 2020 confirmands, and we look forward to celebrating with the other half in the days ahead. We are grateful to all of our volunteers who have marked the lawn for safe distancing, helped us with setting up the sound each week, and have served as ushers and greeters to welcome everyone as they come. We could not do it without all of you.

With our in-person worship, we have also continued to send out our At-Home Worship Materials and have continued to livestream worship on Facebook Live. It is so nice to see when you check in, pass the peace, add to the prayers, and other ways that you connect during worship. We give thanks to Matt Peck for his work on setting up the new webcam so that our picture and sound can be improved.

Now that that the program year has begun, we have a number of new programs up and running as well. While we are holding off on vocal choir this year, which many of us are missing, we are trying out a chime choir. Kleo Gecsey and Sue Becker often talked about what a great addition a bell choir would be for Faith, and now seems to be the right time to try such a thing. As one who grew up playing in a bell choir, I am very excited about this new addition to our worship and music programming. Using Kleo's memorial, a set of tone chimes and the other equipment needed to start a chime choir have been purchased. Sue has begun with a small group to try it out, and hearing the music ringing through the church is amazing. If you would be interested in trying your hand at playing the chimes to add a new dimension of music to our worship experience, please contact Sue Becker, and she would be happy to talk with you about it.

For Sunday School this year, we are using God's Word @ Home, and we have created Sunday School in a box. These boxes are filled with lessons and materials that you might not already have at home so that you can do the various activities to go with the story for the week. Pastor Heather and/or I will introduce the lesson for the week in our Children's Message during worship. We have already heard some

fun stories from families who are using these materials to talk more about the stories from worship and learn more about the Bible and their faith together. We look forward to more stories and maybe even some pictures that we can share.

Confirmation is gathering again! This year we are studying the Bible, and we are doing a hybrid format. We gather in person on the lawn each Wednesday evening, but we also have the Zoom going each week so that those who are unable to join us because they are sick, in quarantine, or for any other reason, can join us on Zoom and be part of the group. We also record the lesson so that those who cannot be there at all can catch up and not miss the stories for that day. It is a work in progress, but so far, it is working well. Thank you to all of the small group leaders who are helping to make this happen.

We are also introducing a mentoring aspect to Confirmation this year, so if you get a phone call from one of our confirmation students asking you to be a mentor, please say yes. It will be a fun experience. I will be checking in with the mentors soon to get you set for the year. We are also hoping to have an opportunity to go to Confirmation Camp this summer. More information on that will be coming soon.

High School Youth Group has also begun meeting in a similar manner as the Confirmation classes. We gather on the front lawn on Wednesday evenings, with those who cannot be with us joining on Zoom. We are hopeful that there will be an opportunity for a Mission Trip this summer, but we are still awaiting information from the various programs to know how that will work. If you have not yet joined us for Youth Group, please let me know, and I will get you started.

We are also working on new adult education and fellowship opportunities, both in-person and online. We had wonderful conversations around issues of race in our *Dialogues on Race* study, and we are looking forward to starting another group after the new year. You will find testimonies and encouragement from some of the participants on page 4 as you consider whether you would like to join the conversation. If there is something specific you would like to discuss or study as a group, please let me know. I would love to hear from you.

And we know that the weather is changing more quickly than we would like. I want to assure you that the COVID-19 Subcommittee along with the Congregation Council is working closely with the Scott County Health Department to determine the best and safest way to return worship and all activities indoors. We will be making some decisions in the next couple of weeks, and as things change, we will be sure to make everyone aware of those changes.

It is an exciting time here at Faith, even as things are different. We give thanks for a God who is faithful and steadfast even as everything around us changes. We look forward to continuing to worship God together, however that may be, trusting that God is with us all of the time.

Blessings as we enter this harvest season,  
Pastor Carrie

## *Dialogues On Race 2.0 Coming in the New Year*

After completing the course, *Dialogues on Race*, those who participated found the information presented in the book and the video to be eye-opening and helpful to them as they learned more about race in this country. They also felt that it would be important to invite others to join this conversation. Because we know that fall is a hard time to commit to an eight week journey together, we are planning to host another session of *Dialogues on Race* after the new year. In the months ahead, those who participated will share their experiences with you as the first two participants have below. We hope that their experiences will encourage you to join the conversation in the new year.

I want to invite our church community to join in the next book discussion of *Dialogues on Race*, a collection of essays providing perspectives from various cultures and oppressed peoples. I joined the discussion in the hopes that I could be part of expanding our church's connection with the community and expand our outreach programs. As the parent of teens and a public school teacher, I wanted to learn how to broach sensitive topics with those around me. The intriguing videos, well-written essays, and thoughtful conversations opened my eyes to historical aspects I hadn't considered and the past and present role of church leaders and members. Through the book study's guided self-reflection, I realized my inherent biases. I learned small steps to identify and strive to correct systematic injustices. Though our group didn't reach a consensus on all topics, we created new friendships. We made a pact to engage in spreading awareness beyond our cohort's confines. You need not feel that joining in the discussion will require you to make significant changes; even small changes in thought or action have immeasurable ripple effects. Please consider this a friendly and gentle prodding to join in the next discussion; I am confident you will find the group a welcoming and safe place to dissect today's hot topics and cope with the painful conflicts flashing across daily news reports.

Kelly Dircks

Early last summer, Pastor Carrie announced during one of Faith's online services that she would be facilitating an adult Zoom discussion of the book Dialogues on Race. Racially charged events had been multiplying across the country, and I felt it was time for me to gain a greater understanding of the history and realities of racial tensions in America that this course would provide. I asked Pastor Carrie (my daughter) if I could join the discussion as a "visitor," and she welcomed me to an eight-week journey of discovery with five Faith partners. Over those eight weeks we learned how race has been used as a uniquely American way to identify people by skin color. This developed as America was being settled and became ingrained in American culture, including the Christian church, and continues to have a significant impact on American life today.

The *Dialogues* book and accompanying videos were filled with eye-opening and sometimes disturbing information. The true benefit of this course was the ability to explore these issues week after week with partners willing to share their attitudes in an open and nonjudgmental way. This helped all of us gain new insights into the racial issues facing the church and our country. I would encourage Faith members to participate in future Dialogues on Race sessions to learn more about this important topic in America today.

Roger Lewis

## High School Youth Group on Wednesdays!!

We are able to gather again! It will be a little different this year, but being able to be together again will be good.

Youth in grades 9 through 12 are invited to join us on the front patio on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Please bring your own chairs, sit in the circles on the lawn and wear face coverings so that we can follow our congregation guidelines. We will have some prepackaged refreshments available. For those unable to join us in person, you are always welcome to join us on Zoom (contact Pastor Carrie for the link),

As always, this youth group is not only for members of Faith, so feel free to invite friends and their parents to join us as well!! Can't wait to see you soon!



We celebrated Affirmation of Baptism for six of the 2020 Confirmation Class on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 11:00 am.

We will celebrate the others in the near future.



Rylee Daniels  
Connor Peck

Drew Eller  
Brody Schoenthaler



Kyler Gerardy  
Naomi Ubel

Keep these youth in your prayers in the days ahead.



**Confirmation Conversations  
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm!**

This year will be a little different, but we are going to do our best to make it happen .

We will gather each week on the front lawn in our small group circles, and those who cannot be here in person can join us on Zoom. Please bring your book, Bible, a pen, and a face covering. You may bring a sack meal to eat before or during class. We look forward to learning and growing as we study the Bible together this year!



**2020-2021 Centering Faith  
Formation in the Home**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL-IN-A-BOX**

It's the beginning of another great year of Sunday School, and we are looking forward to partnering in faith with your family in new and changing ways that are different than we are used to. As we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, our primary focus for the upcoming year will be bringing faith formation into your home, as we will not be gathering in person for Sunday school. This is our solution for now, and we will adjust as the situation changes.

Our main goal has always been about empowering and equipping your home to be a place where Jesus is made known, and to help you, as parents and caregivers, to live out the baptismal promises made to your children. We know this will be different than we have done things in the past; however, we are going to keep it simple and make it as easy as possible.

This year's curriculum is entitled "God's Word @ Home," is and it is designed for this style of family Sunday school. We will be creating boxes by trimester that will hold all of the lessons and essential supplies that your family unit will need. Each week during the children's message at worship, we will introduce story and lesson to help you get started. As we are used to, the lessons will follow the assigned readings used during weekly worship.

We began Sunday school on September 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet picked up your box, please contact the church office at 285-4501 or send a quick note to [faithchildrenandyouth@gmail.com](mailto:faithchildrenandyouth@gmail.com), and we will be sure to make arrangements for you to pick them up or to have them delivered to your home.

If you have children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger in your family and would like your own copy of the Spark Story Bible, let us know and we will include it in your box as the gift of God's Word for you.

Please know that we are in this new adventure together. We promise to keep it simple and streamlined. As always, the pastors are available to answer any questions or to make appointments to see your family individually. Most of all we are here to offer support, encouragement and grace for your family as we practice faith formation at home and in the world. We hope you will join us in deepening our relationship with God and nourishing healthy, life-giving relationships with one another.

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WANTED: College Student & Military Addresses



We would love to have these addresses so that we can send messages and care packages to them throughout the year. If you have one or more students who are in college or technical school or are serving in the military this year and would be willing to share their address with us, please email their address to the church office ([faitheldridge@netins.net](mailto:faitheldridge@netins.net)) or call the church office at 285-4501. Thank you for your help in this effort to stay in communication with our young adults.



We are currently in Phase 1 of our **Return To In-Person Gatherings** plan. In addition to worship outdoors, we have begun other outdoor gatherings including team night, confirmation, confirmation conversations, high school youth and Beer Bible Study. We have expanded outdoor worship to include communion, confirmation, baptisms, and funerals. We are excited to be together in-person outdoors, and invite more people to join us! Please come as there is plenty of space on the lawn for chairs and on LeClaire road for drive up. As always, online worship and at home worship materials are available.

While we are excited to be together outdoors, we are looking forward to being safely indoors before the weather turns too cold. We are making plans for indoor gatherings in consultation with the Scott County Health Department. Early in October, we will be setting ‘% positive’ thresholds for our criteria, rather than using new case trends. We are measuring our indoor spaces to create ‘pods’ to ensure at least 6ft of physical distance is maintained between household groups. We are cross checking that we have appropriate technology to include online participation along with the in-person participation.

The current reality is that in Scott County there are increasing new cases and % positive rates. And sadly, there are more deaths since August 1 than prior to August 1 in Scott and Clinton counties. So, if you are high risk, experience any symptoms of Covid-19, or just don’t feel comfortable coming back yet to in-person gatherings for any reason, please stay home and take advantage of online or at home options. Don’t worry! We will save you a seat for when the time is right for you to return!

Covid-19 Sub-committee: Pastor Carrie, Linda Golinghorst, Mike Garner, Gary King, Amy Murray, Matt Peck, Joni Schneider.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
4 <b>9:00 AM In Person Outdoor Worship</b>	5 <b>7:00 pm FAITH CONNECTS</b>	6 <b>Food Pantry 5:30—7:00 pm</b>	7 <b>5:30 pm Confirmation Conversations</b> <b>7:00 pm High School Youth Group</b>
11 <b>9:00 AM In Person Outdoor Worship</b>	12 <b>7:00 pm FAITH CONNECTS</b>	13 <b>Food Pantry 5:30—7:00 pm</b>	14 <b>5:30 pm Confirmation Conversations</b> <b>7:00 pm High School Youth Group</b>
18 <b>9:00 AM In Person Outdoor Worship</b>	19 <b>7:00 pm FAITH CONNECTS</b>	20 <b>Food Pantry 5:30—7:00 pm</b>	21 <b>5:30 pm Confirmation Conversations</b> <b>7:00 pm High School Youth Group</b>
25 <b>9:00 AM In Person Outdoor Worship</b>	26 <b>7:00 pm FAITH CONNECTS</b>	27 <b>Food Pantry 5:30—7:00 pm</b>	28 <b>5:30 pm Confirmation Conversations</b> <b>7:00 pm High School Youth Group</b>

# OCTOBER 2020

	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  6:30 pm Team Night at Outdoor Chapel	2  Food Pantry 9:30—11:00 am	3  5:00 PM In Person Outdoor and Live Online Worship
Information  School	8	9  Food Pantry 9:30—11:00 am	10  5:00 PM In Person Outdoor and Live Online Worship
Information  School	15  7:30 Church Council Mtg. on Zoom	16  Food Pantry 9:30—11:00 am	17  5:00 PM In Person Outdoor and Live Online Worship
Information  School	22	23 AMBASSADOR DEADLINE  Food Pantry 9:30—11:00 am	24  5:00 PM In Person Outdoor and Live Online Worship
Information  School	29	30  Food Pantry 9:30—11:00 am	31  5:00 PM In Person Outdoor and Live Online Worship



**Council Book Study: *Growing Young, 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church***  
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In September the Council continued our study of the book, *Growing Young*. This month’s chapter was titled, “Be the Best Neighbors: Loving and Shaping Our World Well.” It encouraged us to reflect on the ways Faith serves and engages both locally and globally—whether through organized group efforts, personally-motivated service or advocacy, or congregational/denominational initiatives. It also challenged us to look for additional ways we can shape our engagement with the community. Studies have shown young adults are motivated to participate in church when their faith meets problems they encounter in the world. In other words, they seek a church that gives action to the words they hear in the bible and from the pulpit.

Council members were challenged to think of as many areas of service, mission, advocacy for justice, and community engagement as we could. We were asked to consider what kind of posture do we tend to take in our church toward heated cultural issues? What influences that posture? How do young people respond to our conversations (or lack of conversations) about these issues? What do ethnic and socioeconomic diversity look like at our church? How do we feel about that reality? What are we doing to build bridges toward greater diversity in our context?

Those were some *tough* questions to answer! The ethnic diversity of our neighborhood is not as diverse as in other areas of the Quad Cities. Jesus tells us “love your neighbor as yourself,” “love one another,” “show brotherly love,” and even “love your enemies” multiple times in the bible. In this light, church-led studies on cultural issues, such as *Dialogues on Race*, help us explore contemporary social issues in a respectful way, strengthen our biblical understanding, and can help us converse about topics in ways that build bridges based on common ground and help us show love to our neighbors.

We invite you to take a 30 to 45-minute walking tour of the neighborhood surrounding Faith with a journal or note-taking app on your phone at the ready. Who are our neighbors? What seems to be important to them? How might Faith better connect with them? If our church moved out of this neighborhood, for what would we be missed? Who would miss us most? What does this tell us?

Consider reading the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37, listening prayerfully to Jesus’ story-based definition of who our neighbors are, what it means to love them, and how this is an extension of loving God.

Please feel free to share your discoveries and insight with your Council and team leaders.

Beth Ann Anderson



## Shine your light for Jesus!

September 16th, 2020



Evan and I were nearly home, we spotted a large white "something" down the road as we neared the end of our driveway. Mom continued down the road to check out what was obviously out of place.

It was a very large white bird, actually an American White Pelican. The bird, I'm going to call him Bugsy for reasons you'll learn later, was sitting along the edge of the road and as we got closer he got up to move and was noticeably in distress. Bugsy had something hanging along one of his legs and walked very irregularly. We were concerned about other cars bothering him too much so we watched for a while and finally Bugsy made his way into the ditch, a little safer place than on the road.



We made a call to our first responders who immediately knew the next steps to be taken. Within 15 minutes we saw a Scott County Sheriff's car go by. It was dusk by this time and darkness was coming quickly. We pointed Bugsy out to the Deputy and he immediately knew it was a pelican and said that it is on the endangered species list. The Deputy acted without question. I was so impressed with his no nonsense selfless act of gathering up a nearly helpless bird with such care and concern.

It was now we could finally see why Bugsy was distressed. Unfortunately a fishing line was running from his mouth down to his leg where it was wrapped tightly around. The line had obviously been there for sometime. The Deputy worked diligently to remove the line from around Bugsy's leg and finally got it removed. This doesn't seem like too big a deal, but think about this.... Bugsy had many little travelers with him in the form of bird lice. These little creatures traveled quickly onto anyone in contact with the wild bird, hence the name "Bugsy". Bugsy was for the most part very calm and appreciative of the help.

Overall, we were impressed with the Deputy and his actions and knew he was the best man for the job as he professed to being a lover of animals. He was able to find a bird rehab site nearby, so Bugsy was loaded into a large dog crate into the back of the squad car for a ride to someplace safe. There, we hope Bugsy found additional help to remove the fishing line and hook from this body. We don't know if he will be able to migrate south like he was probably planning, but we know he is in great care.

Carrie Keppy



## With Appreciation

In these times, everything is made more difficult. That makes it more important than ever that we give thanks to God for the time, talents and financial gifts of our congregation!

While many churches struggle financially, our church is still open - even if in a different way - due to the generosity of so many of you! At the end of August, operating funds were up over \$2,000 compared to the prior month. Through August (2/3 of the year), we have spent 50% of our budget. This is because some of the things we had planned could not be done, like the mission trip and bible camp.

We hope to have a new Office Administrator in place soon! We are forever grateful for the human resources support provided by Kelly Penning, for the interview team, and volunteer office staff during this time!

We appreciate all of the people who are able to join our at-home, online, and outdoor activities. We invite more people to join as they are able! Without volunteers to usher, record services, and help to lead confirmation and youth groups, this would not be possible.

It is exciting to see a small group begin practicing for the new hand chime choir. Thanks to Sue Becker for leading this initiative!

We are thankful for Beth Ann Anderson's leadership for collecting donations for Hope Lutheran's food ministry in support of Derecho victims in the Cedar Rapids area.

## Actions & Decisions

Beth Ann Anderson lead our book study of *Growing Young, Chapter 7: Be the Best Neighbors; Loving and Shaping Your World Well*. You won't want to miss her article in this month's Ambassador.

We are beginning the 2021 budget process, with draft budgets due to Scott Wiley by October 15. If you have any questions about what is required, please send Scott an email.

Portico is an ELCA ministry that provides benefits for our pastors. Each year, we select a Portico health benefit option for our pastors, with recommendations from the ELCA. This year we were able to provide two options for our pastors to choose from, both having an 80/20 cost sharing and both having approximately the same cost for the church.

Our nominating committee will kick off their efforts to provide nominees for the Annual Meeting, currently planned for 1/31/2021. Nominating committee members are: Amy Powell, Tom Carlson, Donna Gruenhagen, and Tim Broberg. They will be identifying nominees for the following positions that start in 2021: 4 council positions (finance, worship and music, christian ed, 1 youth representative), 2 synod assembly representatives, 2 endowment committee members, and 5 nominating committee members. These positions are essential to sustaining our church ministries. We invite anyone who is interested in nominating themselves or someone else to contact the church office.

For a variety of reasons, we have not completed a financial audit since 2017. But that will not deter us from getting back on track. We will be hiring an external auditor(s) to help us out. Our audit committee this year is Darin Anderson, Kelly Hazen, and Josh Rasmussen and will be working with the external auditor(s) to complete the audit. We thank them for their service!

We approved the Executive Committee's hiring recommendation for Office Administrator and are looking forward to on-boarding a new team member soon!

### When will Faith return to indoor gatherings?

This is a welcome question. It comes from a healthy desire to get back together. While we don't have the exact answer yet, we hope it will be soon.

In preparation, we are taking a quick poll of the congregation. Will you please participate in this poll on our website or by calling or emailing the church office?

Here it is:

If we begin indoor worship and gatherings soon, will you plan to join us? (Yes, No, Maybe)

Also, please provide any comments that will give us insight to your answer.



### Communion

We are excited to celebrate Holy Communion each weekend! You will pick up your elements at the check-in table, and then we will all commune together when we come to that point in the service. We look forward to sharing the foretaste of the feast to come with you .



September needs are:

- Canned meat ● Granola bars
- Muffin mix ● Fruit

## A note from Stewardship...

How our lives and ministries have changed over the last 6 months! Our ministries continue through online church services, in person church services in the outdoor chapel, Confirmation and youth group outside and on Zoom, Church Council meetings on Zoom, Faith Connects on Zoom, Dialogues on Race discussions on Zoom, and our new, Sunday School in a Box program. While some expenses are down, new ones have come along with our new methods of ministering to the needs of the congregation. We purchased a Zoom subscription, a new laptop for recording and streaming worship and for office work to be done remotely, a cart and equipment to move worship supplies in and out, additional cleaning supplies to help us all stay healthy, and the new individual prefilled Communion sets. Meanwhile, the overhead expense necessary to run and maintain the physical church and staff remain fairly consistent.

Thank you to all who have given gifts during this difficult time. If you are in a situation in which you have been impacted financially by COVID-19, please take care of yourself and your family. Please contact our Pastors if you need assistance in meeting your basic needs.

If you are able to give to Faith, we encourage you to move toward automated recurring giving. Automated recurring giving is convenient, it provides protection to our volunteers and staff, and it allows us to do a better job of budgeting. The better we can budget, the better we can manage our church resources, plan ahead, and deliver ministries that meet needs long term.

You can set up automated recurring giving through Faith Giving or Tithe.ly. You will find more information about these programs on our web page ([www.faithlutheraneldridge.com](http://www.faithlutheraneldridge.com)) by clicking on "GIVE TO FAITH" on the ribbon at the top of the page. If you need assistance filling out the Faith Giving Authorization found on our web page, please call Carolyn Scheibe at 563-285-4557.

If you prefer to give by check, you certainly may continue to do so. You may send checks by mail to Faith at 500 W. LeClaire Road, Eldridge, Iowa 52748.

Thank you for your continued gifts and prayers during this trying time. Your gifts allow us to continue the work of Jesus through our ministries.



Lorenz and Marian Behrens have moved to Illinois to live closer to their son. While we are sad to see them go, we are so glad for this opportunity for them.

Their new address is:

2016 Fox Creek Road #112  
Bloomington, IL 61701



Bob Reese	October 6
Magda Brodersen	October 10
Judy Koehler	October 11
Rob White	October 15
Connie Rohwer	October 16
Geri McLaughlin	October 22
Dennis Kelly	October 22
Ruth Heuer	October 23
Jean Hanson	October 28
Lu Wiese	October 29

Ruth Jurgens	October 2
Dorothy Kuhl	October 2
Don Stoltenberg	October 2
Henry Storjohann	October 3



Doug & Sharie Garner on October 3, 1964  
 Don & Shirley Stoltenberg on October 6, 1962  
 Bud & Dottie House on October 8, 1950

### BAPTISMS

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

September 19: Charlotte Jean Lueder daughter of Heather & Ben Lueder  
 September 20: Brantley Michael Copley son of Holly & Richard Copley

### WEDDINGS

Koralee Patzer & Tim Winter on August 15th.

### BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Wyatt & Ashley Leiningner on the birth of their son, Perrin Alexander, born September 11

### WE KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS. . .

..... the family of Dennis Peterson. Dennis passed away on June 6 and services were held June 11 at Runge.  
 ..... the family of Richard Puls. Dick passed away on July 19 and services were held July 29 at Runge.  
 ..... the family of Jaclynn Snyder. Jackie passed away on September 16 and services were held September 24 at Faith.



**MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP** Thank you to Brad & Janet Merrick for sponsoring our missionaries, the Bencke family in Japan. And to Nina & Brian Looney and Marcia & Karl Donaubaer for sponsoring our Compassion Children, John Chima and Denisse Grefa. The cost for sponsorship is \$40/month each for John and Denisse and \$45/month for the Bencke family. Your sponsorship can

be placed in an envelope marked appropriately for the person /persons you are sponsoring. Thank you for your support!

**FAITH CONNECTS (Conversation and Devotion) Monday @ 7:00 pm Online**  
**Weekly Worship, Saturday @ 5:00 pm in person and Live Stream Online & on our Facebook Page**  
**Sunday @ 9:00 am in person**

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