

FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 2021

A LETTER FROM PASTOR

Oh what a difference a year can make...

It seems almost surreal to think about July 2020, when considering how far we've come in the past 12 months.

It has been wonderful to see so many of you in the pews of Faith, sharing in the Eucharist while singing & praying together, since our return to the sanctuary on June 6th. As we are joyfully settling into our new normal, there are many wonderful ways to participate in worship that we are excited to get back up and running.

Choirs, Bell Choirs, Readers, Assisting Ministers, Sunday School Ministry, Men's Breakfast, Quilters, Ushers, and Altar Guild are just a few of the things that will be returning to normal as we continue in our mission together.

I realize that a list of such activities might seem overwhelming. Questions that might surface are, "Where do we get all the people to serve all these roles?" However, I think many of those questions start in a misunderstanding that focuses on the weight of responsibility instead of the joy of connectivity and participation.

Leading worship, and engaging with our community at Faith are not chores that earn our place in this family; our membership to our Christian family was paid for in the blood of Jesus Christ. That membership claimed us in the waters of baptism.

Being part of worship, getting to know each other better, and furthering our connection to our church family, are the joyful ways we live into this community.

After the past year of isolation, we have been given these opportunities of connectivity with God and each other as we build this outpost of the kingdom of heaven called Faith Lutheran Church.

In the weeks ahead, look for opportunities to engage in worship and the life of Faith in new ways. I'm preparing a welcome class for Assisting Ministers, and I've heard murmurings of other groups preparing to relaunch soon.

Consider this an invitation to grow, to connect, and to invite others into this community that has meant so much to you. Think about stretching yourself.



I've always chuckled when parents have told me that their children need to be readers for confirmation to learn public speaking, when they themselves are hesitant. The truth, for parents & children, young & old, is that worship is a place where we can bring all the parts of ourselves; the good & bad, the confident & insecure, to the altar of Almighty God, who loves and supports us.

See you in worship,

Pastor Hill



Busy Bees

- Thank you to our many bees, including Carol Barber, Fran Evans, Ted & Sue Coonfare, Dave Risch, and many others who have been working in our gardens to keep our hive beautiful! 
- Thanks to our resource board, who has been keeping up with Whitehall city codes in regards to our dumpster.
- Thanks to Herb & Bev Scholes for working to keep our sanctuary beautiful!
- Thanks to our whole hive for returning to worship and making our sanctuary feel like home. 
- Thanks to those who serve as assisting ministers during worship!
- Thank you to Carol Barber who helps and supports us in our Taco Sunday community meal.
- Thanks to our busy bee Jane Ahrens for being so involved with worship, the quilters, and many other ministries here at Faith!

Faith Mission Men's Meal

Each year, members of Faith help provide meals for those in need through Faith Mission. This summer, in lieu of hosting the physical meal in the fellowship hall, **we have contributed \$250** to cover the cost of this meal. Thanks to all who contributed and helped with this project, especially Sue & Larry Hertzog for leading this outreach.

Worship Materials

All worship materials including Living Lutheran, Portals of Prayer, Christ in our Home, Word in Season, the monthly newsletter, and the current Worship Companion can be picked up at the PUBLICATION STATION at the South Entrance of the Building

If you would like any of these mailed to you, please contact the office.



CAUSE OF THE MONTH

We are happy to support local Veterans by naming "Christmas at the Commons" our July Cause of the Month. The Commons is operated by National Church Residences and they provide affordable housing for formerly homeless and disabled Veterans. Life skills training, education enrichment, healthcare education, crisis intervention, employment services, recovery support, financial management assistance, and work readiness training are among some of the services available to the men and women living at The Commons.

Please write "Christmas in July" or "Cause of the Month" in the memo line.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

01 ALICE SHERMAN	13 TIM COY
02 PAUL COESFELD	15 SHAWN SHERRIN
03 ALBERTA POTTORF	17 GEORGE MAYER
03 ZACHARY WHITE	18 CAITLIN McDONNELL
04 CARMELLA BISER	18 EMBERLYNN ANNABLE
05 ANNE BARRETT	20 CHUCK THOMAS
05 SAM SHERRIN	21 KENNETH SCHMITT
05 MARIE STOREY	23 JON FLETCHER
06 PETER SCHMITT	28 JOANN HANNERS
07 STACI SHERMAN	28 FRANCINE SCHMITT
12 JANICE RITCHEY	28 SUSIE ALLEN
12 STEPHANIE VELEZ	28 MATTHEW MARINELLO

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11 TOM & MARGE SIXT
11 TOM & SUSIE ALLEN
21 LARRY & SUE HERTZOG
28 RICH & KATHY PAUTSCH
30 DAVE & ALICE APPEL

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Patty Quincel, Cousin of Dave Garvin, who's husband passed away after battling liver cancer.
- Alice Hayes Haddox, classmate of Karen Evans.
- Jamie Stack, Cousin of Dave Garvin, who broke her neck in a motorcycle accident.
- Anne Barrett, who is battling serious health conditions.
- Debbie Oliva, mother-in-law of Ange Oliva, who broke her femur and had surgery on July 1st.
- Family and friends of George Dorn, father of Heidi Stover, who entered into life eternal on July 6th.
- Diane Melroy, family member of Jodie Martin-Oiler, who is going through chemo and radiation for breast cancer.
- Family & friends of Richard Mason, who entered into life eternal on July 2nd.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Holidays in BLUE - Festivals and Commemorations in GREEN						
<h1>July 2021</h1>				1 7:00PM Resource Board John Mason Neale & Catherine Winkworth, Hymnwriters, 1866	2	3
4 9:30AM Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45AM Worship (Zoom) Independence Day	5	6 6:30PM Outreach Board John Hus, Martyr, 1415	7 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Psalm 85	8 7:00PM Council	9	10 National Kitten Day
11 9:30AM Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45AM Worship (Zoom)	12 Nathan Soderblom, Archbishop, 1931	13	14 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Psalm 23	15 Vladmir, First Christian Ruler of Russia, 1015	16	17
18 9:30AM Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45AM Worship (Zoom)	19	20	21 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Psalm 145	22 St Mary Magdalene	23	24
25 9:30AM Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45AM Worship (Zoom) TACO SUNDAY 4:00-6:00PM	26	27	28 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Psalm 78 J.S. Bach, Heinrich Schuetz, G.F. Handel, Musicians, 1750	29	30	31 National Mutt Day



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Taco Sunday! Join us the last Sunday of the month, July 25th

From 4:00PM - 6:00PM!



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