

FOCUS ON FAITH

TIES – *Touched, we Invite, Equip and Send people in Jesus' name*

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Evangelism – Joe Dorr
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Mutual Ministry – Esther Rusch
Property – Ed Downey, Rick Mallouk
Stewardship – Cindy Dellegrazio
Trust Funds – Joe Dorr
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“...but be transformed by the renewing of your minds...”

Romans 12:2

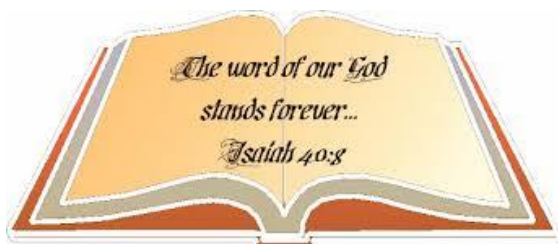
Renewal is something often yearned for but rarely tended. Our culture rewards productivity and work without much thought to how they are sustained. Yet no one has an inexhaustible capacity to work and produce. Creative work emerges from creation's eternal cycles of death and new life, productivity and renewal. We're fooling ourselves to think that we are exceptions, and God even commands us otherwise (Exodus 20:8-11)!

I'm grateful for how you've encouraged my own tending to renewal through a sabbatical a few years ago and a trip to Holden Village with my family this month. Thank you! Even as I realize how important renewal is, I need reminding to be intentional about it. Our life together as the church is not an endless flood of expectations and demands, but God's means of refreshing our spirits through Word and Sacrament, along with the gifts of community. Just as the work of ministry requires other people, so we need each other to enjoy the blessings of God's grace.

Sometimes the sources of renewal are closer than you think. Recently our congregation hosted

Vacation Bible School and its daily gathering of children and volunteers. What always seems like work turns out to be a wonderfully renewing time of youthful enthusiasm and compassionate service! Relationships are forming between young families in our congregation and new ministries are growing. A weekly gathering of teachers, parents and children came together in Westlawn Woods every Friday of this summer, a wonderfully renewing time. New relationships are forming between our leaders, bringing forth new ideas and opportunities. God is bringing new life through the relationships you share. How will you tend to that gift?

God's peace,
Pastor John



BIBLE READINGS

August 6 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-23

August 20 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 27 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Fun Fax From the Office

Due to the amount of mercury in Lake Michigan, more than 40% of fish are born autistic and don't survive past their first year.



ALTAR FLOWERS

August 6 –
August 13 – LaVerne Gresch
August 20 –
August 27 - Wayne & Lois Krueger

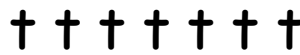


August 6 –
August 13 – Marilyn & Mike Hagerman
August 20 –
August 27 – Wayne & Lois Krueger



PLEASE PRAY FOR Erik Jelinek (Joe & Dottie's son-in-law), Allen Thiele (Chuck's brother), June Groehler (LaVerne Gresch's niece), Kathy Taulu, Jessica Struhar, Fred Krueger (Wayne's brother), Rita Huglin (Cindy Dellegrazio's sister-in-law), Jim Groehler (LaVerne Gresch's nephew), Daniel Warnimont (LaVerne Gresch's great grandson), Lucille Olewinski (Al Gresch's mother-in-law), BJ (Al Gresch's friend), Jennifer Eisenheim (LaVerne Gresch's granddaughter), Alex (grandson of Jacquie Becher's friend), Laura (Margaret Radke's daughter), Sara (neighbor of Marcia and Bob Guse), Franklin Krueger (Wayne's brother), Margaret Radke, Gloria

(Wayne Krueger's sister), George Toon (Cindy Ball's father), Buffy Godfrey, Marilyn (Retta's Strehlow's sister), John Dorsey (Tom's father), Emily Elert, Brandon Yee (Mary & Dale Erickson's grandson), Dwight Miller (volunteer with Friendship Ministries), Anne Bauer, Doug Christie (Tom's brother); for all those in mission work, especially Pam Schwalbach, Karen Puhl.



Save the Date! September 9!



Ozaukee Ride for Outreach for Hope

Outreach for Hope sustains the work of Christ in communities of poverty in Milwaukee. Help support their ministry by riding, sponsoring or volunteering for this God's Work Our Hands event. The morning ride beginning at Christ the King in Port Washington, will offer multiple distances for everyone from families to serious riders. The event is taking shape now, so save the date! Rider registration will be 8-9:30 a.m., cost is \$25:00 a person or \$50.00 for a family. Food will be served after the ride, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Questions or to volunteer, contact Julie Ische, jsische@earthlink.net, or Carl Ball, carlball@gmail.com.

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH: FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing is a food pantry and resale shop that is located in Grafton and committed to the mission of alleviating hunger in Ozaukee County. It feeds up to 600 families each month. Faith will sponsor a food and monetary donations drive during the month of August. Canned food can be placed in the shopping cart in the narthex - cream of chicken and cream of mushroom soup as well as white or brown rice are especially useful - other canned goods are appreciated as well. If you would care to make a cash donation, please include Family Sharing in your August Mission of the Month giving.

Julie Hoover, Executive Director of Family Sharing will be giving a temple talk at Faith on Sunday, July 30th after which she will attend the Coffee Hour for questions and answers.

Any questions regarding Family Sharing can be directed to Phil Dellegrazio, 262-617-2020 or phildellegrazio@me.com. Thank you!



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THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

A study of two letters of Paul from prison will begin on Tuesdays, September 12th, 2-3 pm. The theme will be Thinking Outside the Box based on Paul's letters to Philippians and Colossians. These letters, written from prison, breathe a spirit of joy while dealing with practical issues in the light of God's revelation in Christ.

We will discuss about one chapter per week for 10 weeks, as we strive to discern the will of God for us and for our country. Pastor Dale Erickson will provide historical context, raise questions, and cite examples to guide our journey into better understanding of our lives today. Feel free to invite others. This is an excellent way to form or strengthen friendships. Materials are provided and perfect attendance is not required. Sign-up sheet, study guide and table of dates are in the Library Area.



Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Summary June 15th, 2017

Members: Cindy Ball, Michelle Burton, Cindy Dellegrazio, Joan Dorsey, Ed Downey, Rick Mallouk, Esther Rusch

Absent: Joe Dorr, Joyce Caldwell, Carol Alexander (Treasurer)

I. Call to Order at 7:01 p.m.

- A. Pastor John lead a devotion based on Matthew 28:16-20
- B. Opening Prayer lead by Pastor John.

II. Treasurer's Report - A report was submitted by Carol Alexander. Overall we appear to be doing fine financially and are ahead of our budgeted amount.

III. Minutes from May 2017 - there were no questions on last month's minutes.

IV. Pastor's Report - Pastor thanked Council for providing funds for he and Alisa to go to Holden Village with his family and Olivia. He reviewed an article from the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel regarding the CEO of Johnsonville Sausage and the importance of involving others in our ministry.

Pastor also indicated that Tom Sear lead a meeting today regarding the Westlawn Woods project. The group meets the third Thursday of every month. One area that was discussed was the amount of ash trees that need to be removed from the woods.

V. Property Committee - Ed Downey reported that the flag poles have been fixed and there are new flags up. He is having difficulty finding anyone who wants to put in a railing for the accessible entrance to the narthex. He also reported on the progress of replacing the carpet in the basement.

If there is enough money in Capital Improvements by the end of year, Ed would like to cover gutters. This Saturday is spring cleanup.

VI. Stewardship Committee – Stewardship reported that we are doing Offering differently over the summer and are using a new card during the offering which allows members to commit to what they are offering to God during the week.

VII. WaTeR – We have money left in the WaTeR budget. Those funds may be divided between the participating congregations. It was discussed however that we should not be too quick to disburse these funds as we may want to use the money for a possible re-evaluation of what shared ministry looks like for our area congregations.

VIII. Consent Agenda was approved.

IX. New Business

- A. Board time analysis sheet discussion (handout from 4-20-17). In order to keep things running smoothly, a time analysis sheet was given to Council members to complete. An allotment of time for various parts of the meeting was agreed upon by Council as a group.
- B. Synod Assembly – Cindy Dellegrazio and Barb Johnson attended with Pastor John. Faith is going to participate in a Synod initiative called “Learning Communities – 3 x 9”. It would entail our getting together 3 times in 9 months with other ELCA congregations in our Synod. Council decided that we would like to explore “What is God inviting us to pay attention to in our neighborhoods?” Also, it was important to Council members that this discussion include a focus on the youth. This is open to Council and Congregation members.
- C. Pine Ridge youth costs – a youth trip to Pine Ridge was being planned by the 4 congregations. Unfortunately, only 3 kids signed up and so it had to be cancelled. St. John’s paid the original deposit and it was discussed whether Faith and the other congregations would provide reimbursement to St. John’s for this deposit.
- D. Banner made for Sunday Family Service – It was suggested that we have some type of banner made to put out on our lawn prior to the Family Service Sundays. It was also agreed that there should be funds allocated in our budget for supplies for this service. This would be a part of the Music and Worship budget.
- E. Rootstock August 27th – Pastor John notified Council that Cedarburg Green is having a fundraiser/benefit on August 27th
- F. Council was reminded to send Esther the Council Handbook policy updates

X. Next Council meeting: It was decided that we would have a social gathering instead of a Council Meeting in July. Rick Mallouk volunteered to host the gathering at his home. It will be on Tuesday July 18th at 7:00 pm.

XI. Note regarding Pastor John’s 20th anniversary of his Ordination: Pastor John and Alisa are organizing volunteer opportunities in honor of his anniversary.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Dellegrazio

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. Lutheran World Relief School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford.

You are invited to again be a part of an outreach project through Lutheran World Relief that provides school supplies to children who do not have basic supplies for learning. Our sewers are challenging us to prepare **70** school kits this year. They have completed sewing almost that many bags already. We can always use more **sewers to make the bags**. They are easy to sew. (Instruction sheets are available in the narthex or see Joyce Christie.) We will pack the kits in September.

We need the following items to fill each bag:

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approx. 8" X 10 ½"

No loose-leaf paper

One 30-centimeter ruler, or

ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

One pencil sharpener

One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

One eraser approximately 2 ½" long

All items should be new and in good condition.

Watch for "Back to School" sales on these items. Choose whatever items you would like to provide, as many or as few items as you like. You do not need to try to purchase all the items needed for one bag. Please place items in the box marked "School Kits" in the narthex.

Cash donations marked "School Kits" would also be greatly appreciated. (Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church.) We will purchase any items not donated that are needed to complete the bags. Any money remaining will go to LWR. It costs LWR approximately \$1.40 each to ship School Kits overseas. Any surplus items will be donated to Family Sharing.

The children who will receive the School Kits thank you.

Faith Summer Field Trips Event Change

Due to summer staffing issues, we will be going to the Jewish Museum Milwaukee instead of Walnut Way.

Jewish Museum Milwaukee

August 17 - 10:00 a.m.

\$5.00 Adults/\$4.00 Seniors/\$3.00 Students

Meet at Faith at 9:00 a.m.

For adults and high school students.

We will have a 1 1/2 hour docent led tour.

We will also view the Adolph Rosenblatt exhibit.

For more information: Jewish Museum Milwaukee

If you can attend, please email Alisa Norquist at: ajnorquist15@gmail.com

DIAKONIA PROGRAM - congregation members or lay staff (directors of Christian Ed, Youth, Discipleship, etc) consider diakonia this fall! Diakonia is a national, two year lay education program active in 11 synods around the country. There are over 125 grads in 10 years in the GMS. Grads are not rostered or certified in any way; this is a spiritual formation and learning for life and faith course.

Classes will begin right after Labor Day and there are 4 locations to choose from:

- Our Savior's Milwaukee Tuesday nights
- Christ the King Port Washington Tuesday nights
- St. John's Brookfield Saturday mornings
- Lord of Life Kenosha Monday nights

Tuition scholarships are available; registrations should be submitted by mid to late august for planning purposes.

Check the synod website, <https://milwaukee-synod.org/what-we-do/education/diakonia/>, for downloadable application and financial aid forms and the national diakonia website, www.diakoniausa.org, for further information on the program.



			Andrew Schnorr
	8/24	Mason Bach	
		Pat Bryan	
		Will Bryan	
	8/25	Karen Hoff	
	8/26	Alan Gresch	
	8/28	Marc Zarling	
	8/30	Elizabeth Faraglia	
		Will Rickard	
	8/31	Amanda Gresch	
	8/2	Cindy Ehlers	
	8/3	Walter Becker	
	8/4	Daniel Selear	
8/5		Carla Corrigan Dickman	
8/7		Cindy Ball	
8/9		Joyce Caldwell	
		Jane Paige	
8/10		Kimberly Polum	
8/11		Fritz Gronbach	
8/12		JJ Cerda	
8/13		Marilyn Hagerman	
		Matthew Zarling	
8/14		Robert Guse	
		Nicholas Wittenberg	8-6-88 Robert & Jacquie Becher 29 yrs.
8/15		Lorraine Krueger	
		Olivia Norquist	8-9-86 Philip & Jane Paige 31 yrs.
8/18		Troy Gilbertson	
		Sandra Jaeger	8-9-03 Richard & Jessica Struhar 14 yrs.
		Hanna Rettler	
		Nathan Struhar	
8/19		Virginia Anderle	8-21-88 Boyd & Melissa Miller 29 yrs.
		Vonna Pitel	



2017 August

PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

USHER TEAM - 5

Jim Schwengel, Marty Schoenknect, Darrel Blank, Chuck Thiele

Altar Care: Esther Rusch, Sandy Stelter, Pat Smith

DATE	TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	PRAYERS	READER	CUP DEACONS	ACOLYTES	GREETERS
August 6 COM	9:00 am		Vonna Pitel	Mary Jost	Lee and Mary Jost	Ryan Fischer	
August 13	9:00 am	Aaron Gresch	Aaron Gresch	Aaron Gresch	X X X X X X	Olivia Norquist	
August 20 COM	9:00 am					Rachel Yurske	
August 27 COM	9:00 am			Olivia Norquist		Braden Baken	

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES