## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 23 – THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**AS WE GATHER** All three Readings today ring out with the gift of humility. Jeremiah, deeply hurt by those who sought to destroy him, still humbly leaves vengeance to the Lord. James exhorts believers not to think of themselves as wiser than anyone else, especially when the evidence of their lives was full of bitter jealousy and selfish ambition. James urges the wise to repent and to exhibit the humility Christ demonstrated by being "peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere." When Jesus makes clear that He is on a path that leads to humiliation on the cross, the disciples haughtily argue about who among them is the greatest. By this they demonstrate that they did not understand what Jesus was saying. Jesus then teaches that the greatest thing in life is to be the servant of all. And to show them the simplicity of it, He picks up a child and exhorts

them to receive him in humility. We live in a world still ruled much of the time by brashness, boasting, and exulting in lording over others. At times we are tempted to treat others who are not Christians in these sinful ways. Yet these Readings work together to show us another way to live—humbly trusting God.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:10

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

Before Early Service Kristy Deal & Janice Deal Dale & Myrna Hartmann After Early Service Bruce McIntire Leonard & Carolyn Spomer Before Late Service Forrest & Shirleen Wixon David & Luann Zuercher



Guest Book Greeters Early: Donna Gohl Late: Lurene Denke

**Preaching** this morning is Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor. Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor, is our Liturgist.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement, found in the bulletin and sign the Record of Fellowship pad so that complete records may be kept. Thank you.

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

The amount needed each week in the General Fund to meet the 2018 Work Program is \$12,719.83. This is to the General Fund only, not a grand total of funds.

**Sun., Sept. 16, Att. 313;** General Fund \$10,899.10; Building Fund \$435.00 (Debt Retirement \$435.00); Sunday School \$13.10; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission Trip \$100.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$3,223.00; (General \$2,613.00, Debt Retirement \$420.00, Building Fund \$180.00, Love Fund \$10.00).



## **BUILDING NEWS**

Thank you for your continued gifts to our Building Fund – We thank you for your gifts last weekend to the Building Fund of \$1,035.00. The gifts were designated as follows: The Debt Retirement Account: \$855.00 The Building Fund: \$180.00

**Debt Retirement Update** As of 8/31/18 we have made 217 advance payments which has saved us \$601,859.07 in interest. Our loan balance is \$160,250.17.

**October 7** Faith is having a Time & Talent Board Display from each Board and Circle. Karen Lindbloom, music coordinator, will also have a display. This will give the entire congregation a chance to see what our Boards and Circles do and what their responsibilities are. A representative from each Board and Circle will be available for any questions and opportunities to become a part of these Missions within our church family. The displays will be set up in the Christian Life Center between services and also after late service on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast and lunch will be served on this day as well.

A Special voters meeting will also take place after late service on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served and the Voters meeting will follow.

Please mark your Calendars for October 7<sup>th</sup>! Come join us for breakfast, lunch, Time & Talent and our Special Voter's meeting.



**Foster Care** Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 117 N Central Ave. This is an informational meeting about becoming a foster parent. Come with an open mind and questions you have always wanted to know about becoming a foster parent. Join us for an evening filled with conversation, snacks, and FUN!

8:00 pm LYF

There are a few reminder sheets on the oak table in the Narthex if interested.

**Rapid City** If anyone is going to Rapid City in the next two weeks who would be willing to bring things back for Country Fair baskets please call Alberta Olson at 605-877-1515. She has some things she would like to send back for Country Fair. Thanks for your help!

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Sept. 23 8:20 am Worship 9:450 am Sunday School/Adult Study 11:00 am Communion 6:30 pm "Selected Psalms" Study in Living Room 6:30 pm "Every One His Witness" Study in the Young Conference Room Mon: Sept. 24 6-9 pm Robotics in Gym 7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: Sept. 25 8am-8pm SDHDA Project Connect 8:25 am Staff Devotions 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Wed: Sept. 26 6:30 pm Midweek 6:30 pm "Prayer" Study at David & Luann Zuercher's 104 Lee Hill Road Thurs: Sept. 27 8:20 am Staff Devotions Sat: Sept. 29 3:00 pm Hartmann/Arbach Wedding Sun: Sept. 30 8:20 am Communion 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study 11:00 am Communion 6:30 pm "Selected Psalms" Study in Living Room 6:30 pm "Every One His Witness" Study in the Young Conference Room

**Our Broadcasts** Our Sonrise Broadcast is made possible by Paul & Lurene Denke in thanksgiving to God for the marriage of son, Luke to Becky Darland yesterday at Faith. Thanks Lurene & Paul, may God richly bless Luke & Becky as they begin their lives together.

Our Cable Broadcast this week is sponsored by our Faith congregation.

We are once again broadcasting our church service on Cable access channel 8 at 7 PM on Wednesday evenings. We also live-stream our services so anyone who is tech savvy can watch them live on Sunday mornings.

Our Cable Broadcast is also on our Website which Dennis and Carolyn Ryckman keep very current for us. Take a look at <u>www.faithluth.com</u>. *The Broadcast schedules are on the traveling Bulletin board, which is in the Narthex*. **COST:** You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sonrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost of sponsoring the cable broadcast of our worship service is \$35.00. This cable access broadcast is televised on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 8. If you choose to sponsor both, the cost is \$60.00.

**Main Street Living** Beginning on October 7, 2018, the Kid's Crossing program will be replaced with remastered episodes of the "This is the Life' program which was very popular in the 60's, 70's, and 80's. We hope you will enjoy seeing some major stars as they were just beginning their careers.

## September 23, 2018

**Kid's Crossing**-Miss Susan tells the story of Joseph, and how God used him to interpret the dreams that troubled Pharaoh. She then shows how Joseph served God by saving all of Egypt from a terrible famine.

**Worship Service**-The message is presented by Rev. Ryan Janke, Pastor at Christ Lutheran in Winner, and Zion Lutheran in Hamill South Dakota. Derived from Mark 9: 30-37 he explains that Jesus "Humbly Served to Humbly Serve". The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

**Life Quotes** "Are you afraid of commitment and 'belonging' to other people? Relax. It's how your Creator designed you. When you call a sick friend, send a card, congratulate an achiever, encourage a drooper, pursue a stray, or teach a child, you will feel a satisfaction in your heart that not even the devil can steal." *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org



**Acolytes for Sunday** 

**September 23** Early: Ethan Hill and Simon Hill Late: Emily Lingle and Hannah Lingle September 30 Early: Lane Hedglin and Michael VanDeWiele Late: Deni Zeeb and Gracie Zeeb

\* If acolytes are not able to be present for their assigned day, it is their responsibility to call someone else to find a replacement and then notify the church office. Thank you so very much.