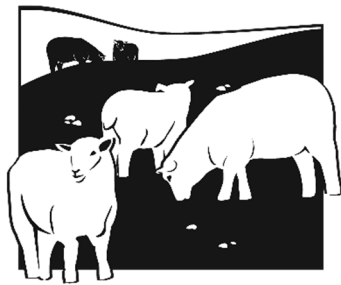


## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 12 – THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**AS WE GATHER** Plants in God's good earth respond to the showers He sends, producing plants for pasture and crops for harvest. In the psalm, David says it is as if "the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy." It is all natural, and so is our producing fruit for God as His Word works through us. That God works through us sinners is all grace; if we but hear the Word and let the Spirit give us understanding, a bountiful harvest will follow. Jesus likens it to seeds producing yields of up to a hundredfold. But we are no mere plants, as Paul points out in the Epistle. Because we have been adopted by our heavenly Father, we are brothers and sisters of Christ, the children of God, calling out to Him, "Abba! Father!" Our growth in faith is indeed by the grace of God, and to Him belongs all the credit for the bountiful harvest He reaps through us.

*The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy. Psalm 65:12-13*

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 Sixth 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.

**Preaching today** is Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor. Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior 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. Thank you.



**Individual Communion** There will no longer be communion between services but anyone wishing to receive communion other than at the service may call the office to set up a time for you to commune.

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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Sun., July 5, Att. 112;** General Fund \$13,202.36; Building Fund \$200.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Endowment Fund (Generations in Faith – General Fund) \$200.00; Daycare Reimbursement for Retirement Contribution \$1,982.49; Endowment Fund in memory of Josiah Fuerst \$25.00; Utecht Ministry \$70.00.

**Endowment Fund** When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

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**Voter's Assembly** Our Voter's Assembly that was postponed from the first of May will be held Wednesday, July 29, at 6:00 pm. One important item on the agenda is the election of officers. Will share more updates as the date draws near.

**Lutheran Women in Mission!** We will be holding our July meeting on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall starting at 7:00 PM. Social distancing will be followed (3 people/table) and each attendee is asked to bring their own beverage as there will not be anyone hosting the evening. Please print out your circles activities since March as a help for the secretary. We will be discussing the August Fun Night, Confirmation and Country Fair. We will be sending out an email to those that we have addresses for. Please let your circle chairman or the LWML chairmen know your thoughts on holding these events if you cannot attend in person. We hope to see you there! Questions? Call Anita Marso (224-2769) or Jan Larson (224-6574)

**Bulletin Board** Anyone who has announcements, newspaper clippings, pictures of activities happening at Faith or that include any of our members, please feel free to add them to the large bulletin board by the Grand Avenue entrance. This is a Faith community bulletin board. Cheryl Brull kindly puts up a decorative background for us to add other things. Congregational participation is encouraged.

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**We are seeking applicants for the Business Manager position.** For the immediate future, this position is only open to church members, to allow any interested members the opportunity to apply. It will be open to the public after our members have had a chance to apply.

The full job description is available at the office. The basic duties are assisting the Treasurer with bookkeeping and controller functions as well as advising about human resource questions. Anyone interested should contact Pastor Rajek in the church office: 224-2216

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**Diaper Derby** This year’s Diaper Derby is not a competition since the Covid-19 scare put a damper on things. Instead there are two cribs in the Narthex for you to donate diapers and wipes to help those less fortunate. Working together we help God’s people heal, bless local families with gifts of diapers and wipes, and honor God’s gift of human life.

**Preschool 2020-2021 pre-registration forms are in the basket on the information table in the Narthex. You may also find a form on our website. The Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday morning class is now full. There are still a few openings in the other sessions but if you prefer one session over another you may want to apply early.**



**Main Street Living** Did you know the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? Did you know you can see the Worship Service and Kid’s Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

**July 12, 2020**

**10:00 AM** – This Is the Life – “*Harriet’s Wedding Day*” – The storm precedes the calm when a groom nearly cancels wedding plans due to the fear of the unknown.

**10:30 AM** – Wilshusen of Emanuel Lutheran in Sisseton and Zion Lutheran in Waubay, SD brings the message “*I Want to go Home.*” The sermon is based on Isaiah 55:10-13.

**Life Quotes** “What does it say to our neighbor when in our own families we care for our elderly, become foster parents, adopt children, care for the handicapped, or carry through with an unplanned pregnancy? What does it say to our community when in our churches we care and pray for each other, offer families respite care, visit nursing homes, or provide for the needs of pregnant women? It says that we are truly For Life because we are living it.” *Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

**Today: July 12**

- 8:30 am Worship
- 11:00 am Communion
- 5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship

**Mon: July 13**

7:00 pm LWML

**Tues: July 14**

- 8:00 am Staff Devotions
- 5:30-7:00 pm Pickleball
- 6:15 pm Board of Property Management

**Wed: July 15**

8:00 pm LYF

**Thurs: July 16**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

**Sun: July 19**

- 8:30 am Communion
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Board of Education
- 5:00 pm Board of Stewardship

# Faith Lutheran Youth

*Here’s what’s happening with the youth of Faith Lutheran...*



## Confirmation Date

The date for Confirmation has been set for Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at our 11:00 am service. Therefore, the date for Questioning and reading of essays would be Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.