

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JULY 19 – THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**AS WE GATHER** Why must we endure the questions, the challenges, and the things that are not as they should be? The disciples long ago wondered about this too. Why are there weeds in God’s field and what can be done about it? The seed was good, but God has enemies, and so do you. It is not given to us to resolve this until the Lord’s time, when He will separate the weeds from the wheat. It is enough for us to know that God knows the hearts of people and that this tension will not endure. When Jesus comes in His glory, the angels will gather out of His kingdom all who do not belong. Then the righteous shall shine like the sun, so take heart, people of God.

*The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. . . . “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” Matthew 13:24-25, 30*

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Seventh Sunday after Pentecost! We are delighted to have you in

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*

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 Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor. Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor, is our Liturgist.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at our 8:30 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.



This morning at our 11:00 service Layney Jo Arbach will become a child of God through ordinary water and God’s extraordinary Word. Layney is the daughter of Tyler and Rachel (Hartmann) Arbach. Sponsors for Layney are Josh Hartmann and Amanda Arbach.

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## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Sun., July 12, Att. 142;** General Fund \$9,871.15; Building Fund \$275.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,500.00; 642 Rent \$775.00.

**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.

**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 19, 2020**

**10:00 AM** – This Is the Life – “*Tragedy near a Small Town*” – Justice of mercy? Tragedy in a small town results in a loving father holding a grudge rather than forgiving as our Father has forgiven us.

**10:30 AM** – Today’s message is “*For Us*” based on Romans 8:18-27. It is delivered by Reverend L. Scott Spiehs, pastor at St. John’s Lutheran in Wolsey, Mount Olive Lutheran in Woonsocket, and Zion Lutheran in Wessington Springs, SD.

**July 26, 2020**

**10:00 AM** – This Is the Life – “*Spite*” – Negative emotions and grudges are destructive but forgiveness allows people to move forward.

**10:30 AM** – Reverend Colin Ford, pastor at Concordia Lutheran in Cresbard and Immanuel Lutheran in Wecota, SD brings the message “*Not Peace, But a Sword.*” The sermon is based on Matthew 10:34-42.

**Life Quotes** “Lifting each other up, as we share our faith in Christ Who came to make all things new, is the only hope we have. Let us not waste this life God has given us, but let us move forward in faith, together, knowing that ultimately the gates of hell will not prevail against those who love God.” *Abbott Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

**Today: July 19**

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

**Mon: July 20**

- 6:30 pm Christ Care

**Tues: July 21**

- 8:00 am Staff Devotions
- 5:30 pm Board of Early Education
- 5:30-7:00 pm Pickleball

**Wed: July 22**

- 8:00 pm LYF

**Thurs: July 23**

- 8:00 am Staff Devotions
- 7:30-9:00 pm Pierre Fast Pitch Meeting in Gym

**Sun: July 26**

- 8:30 am Worship
- 11:00 am Communion

# 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.