

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 16 – THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**AS WE GATHER** Some of the most memorable portraits of Jesus shared with us by the Gospel writers depict times when He prayed. We remember Him teaching the disciples to pray when He was on the mountain, sharing the heart of His teaching. We have the powerful portrait of Him praying in the Garden of Gethsemane the night He was betrayed. And in John's Gospel is recorded what is known as the High Priestly Prayer of our Lord. Jesus prayed for His people during His earthly ministry; He continues that praying for us. In his first epistle, John writes that "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). There is holy conversation in heaven just as sure as there is holy conversation on earth when we pray!

[Jesus said:] "Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one." *John 17:11b*

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter!** 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 out of town this weekend officiating a wedding blessing in Iowa.

**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.



**Social Distancing** Our Board of Elders have decided to relax the social distancing somewhat. **If you want to be social distanced please sit in the center two sections.** The ropes will be removed from the outer two sections for those who are not opposed to sitting closer together.

**Want to listen to our worship service via livestream?** Go to: [www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com). Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

**Want to listen to our worship service on your phone?** Call **1-888-502-3453** and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a computer this is a way for you to stay up on Faith's worship services.

**Newsletters** Future monthly newsletters are being sent electronically. Those wishing to continue having it mailed, please contact Helen in the office (224-2216) and we are happy to send them.

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### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Wed., May 5, Att. 8; Sun., May 9, Att. 240;** General Fund \$13,314.30; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Building \$50.00; Mexico Mission \$1,981.00; Facility Use Donation \$100.00; Reimbursement from Memorial for Bibles \$4,423.33; Confirmation Expenses \$0.00.

**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.

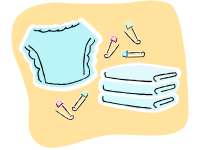
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**Transit Rides** Anyone wishing to attend any activities or church services at Faith Lutheran may get **FREE** transit rides to and from the activities. To be sure to arrive on time **PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE**. If you forgot please call several hours in advance as they are usually pretty busy on Sunday mornings getting others to church also. River Cities Public Transit phone number is **945-2360**.

**Silent Auction** Our Mexico Mission Team is hosting a silent auction that is running through May 16. Donations for new items are closed, but you can bid on any of these amazing and delicious things. Contact Shannon Zeeb at 695-6030 with any questions.

**Mexico Mission Collection** The LWML is collecting shorts and flip-flops for younger boys size 2T-8T in conjunction with the Mexico Mission trip. We have 2 weeks to collect the items. Please place the shorts and flip-flops in the boxes located in the Narthex. We are so grateful for your support of this mission project. Thank You!

**Diaper Derby** Beginning Mother's Day, May 9 and running through Father's Day, June 20, the Faith Life Team will hold its annual Diaper Derby, collecting donations of diapers and baby wipes to give to three area agencies: Birthright, PARS and Missouri Shores Shelter.



**Ushers Needed** Some of our usher crews are in desperate need of recruits. We especially need people for the Jan./May/Sept. 8:30 crew, the Apr./Aug./Dec. 8:30 crew, the Feb./Jun./Oct. 11:00 crew and the Mar./Jul./Nov. 11:00 crew. The positions are open to any confirmed member, male or female. If you are willing to help, talk to any of the ushers or call the office and we will put you in contact with the captains of the teams.

**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.

**May 16, 2021**

**10:00 AM**-This is the Life "Home Free" - A family learns the real meaning of love and that it comes free.

**10:30 AM**-The message is given by Rev. Levi Willms from St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD. "A FULL Ministry" has its scripture basis in Acts 1:12-26. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** "William Shakespeare once reasoned, 'Love sought is good, but given unsought is better.' How do you know that God loves you? While you and I were yet wandering, Christ was wandering after us, pursuing us, even by way of the cross: love seeking the lost in human flesh. It is this sacrifice that stands as the greatest marker in all time." *Ravi Zacharias, evangelist - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

***This week at Faith Lutheran***

**Today: May 16**

- 8:30 am Communion
- 9:45 am Adult Bible Study
- 11:00 am Worship
- 1:00 pm Board of Stewardship
- 5:00 pm Board of Education

**Mon: May 17**

- 11:00 am Shirley English Memorial Service
- 6:30 pm Christ Care

**Tues: May 18**

- 8:00 am Staff Devotions
- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Board of Early Education

**Wed: May 19**

- 7:00 pm Wednesday Worship
- 8:00 pm LYF

**Thurs: May 20**

- 8:00 am Staff Devotions
- 6:00 pm Rebekah Circle

**Sat: May 22**

- 1-5pm Schochenmaier & VanDeWiele Grad. Recpts.

**Sun: May 23 PENTECOST**

- 8:30 am Worship
- 11:00 am Communion
- 12:00 pm Stanley Co. Graduation
- 2:00 pm Riggs Graduation
- 4:00 pm Neyhart Graduation Reception

**FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH**

**Camp Minneboji** Camp is scheduled for June 20-26, 2021. Minneboji is a Lutheran summer camp program led by our South Dakota and Minnesota South districts of the LCMS and hosted at Camp Okoboji in Milford, Iowa. This year's theme is "Washed," exploring who we are as baptized children of God. Through Bible study, talks with missionaries, music, crafts, and sports, your student will develop their sense of who God has made them and called them to be. Registration forms will soon be available in the church office. See Pastor Sam with questions or if you are interested.



**Circuit Bible Camp** This year our Circuit Bible Camp will be held July 12-14.

The theme is "Walking in the Valley". We will be going to the Spearfish area. One day we take the kids to Devil's Tower. The camp is for kids in grades 4-8. The circuit pastors will be leading Bible studies during the three days. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Sam.

**Vacation Bible School** Keep checking the bulletins for information on when we will be having Vacation Bible School. As soon as information becomes available we will let you know.





