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## *Circuit Bible Camp*



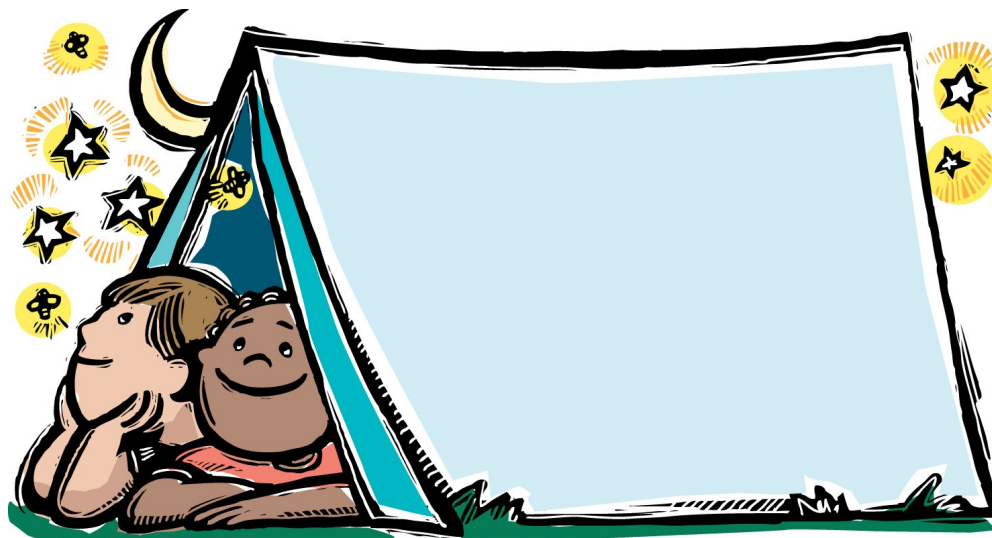
**Circuit Bible Camp** will take place again this summer! The dates for Circuit Bible Camp are: **July 25-27**. We will stay at Oahe Downstream Recreation campground. This event is

open to any youth who have finished grades 4-8. We will join together with other youth from across this circuit. Our theme is **“In the Boat with Jesus”**. We will swim, play, grow in the Word of God and eat delicious camp food.

Registration costs, which includes meals, and campsite stay is \$40 for the three days to cover expenses. Faith is offering \$30 scholarships to any of our youth looking to attend camp to help offset costs.

You don't want to miss this wonderful summer opportunity to grow in faith and in friendships!

Please [pre-register for this event](#). Registration sheets can be found in the Narthex on the information table to be completed and returned to the church office by **July 15**.



*Equipping God's People For Life*

## “Equipping God’s People for Life”

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” – 2 Timothy 3:14-17

As we look forward to the future, these words from Timothy will guide our thoughts and actions. Our purpose here at Faith is to give God’s gift of life to his people. The life that God gives has multiple parts to it: eternal life through our Lord Jesus, a lifelong journey of faith, our daily life with its unique relationships and responsibilities, and life together as we join with one another. God has placed us here at Faith to give, receive, and celebrate this fourfold gift of life.

“Equipping God’s People for Life” is the goal of our lives. We trust in Jesus, as one reason among many, for the promise of **eternal life** that we have through him. Our destination is certain and secure. No matter what happens during our earthly life, we know that we will arrive at our heavenly home. Eternal life gives us perspective. We are all together heading towards the same destination. “Equipping God’s People for Life” means giving you the certainty of this wonderful promise.

“Equipping God’s People for Life” also recognizes that we have not yet arrived at our destination. We walk towards the promise of eternal life, doing so on a **lifelong journey**. We are all at different stages of that journey: some are just beginning and others are near to the destination. We face many obstacles and problems on the lifelong journey. “Equipping God’s People for Life” means providing encouragement at each step along the way.

“Equipping God’s People for Life” is our destination and the journey that we walk to reach it. As we make that journey, we do it one day at a time. Our **daily life** is a way that we can show forth God’s gift of life. You have certain relationships, people that you know, and responsibilities, tasks that you do. These are different for each one of us. “Equipping God’s People for Life” means giving you the confidence and knowledge to live as a Christian. How you act and speak shows others the love of Christ.

“Equipping God’s People for Life” is a fourfold gift. We are heading towards the promise of eternal life. We walk towards that goal on a lifelong journey. Each day we progress through our daily life. And yet we are not merely individuals walking alone. We have **life together**. God has given us a place to assemble where these other gifts of life are given and strengthened. Our beautiful church campus supports and enhances all that we do. We come together to worship, to learn, to share, and to be with one another.

We’ll look at each part of this fourfold gift of life in coming articles. “Equipping God’s People for Life” is the destination of **eternal life**, the **lifelong journey** to reach it, walking in our **daily life**, and **life together** as we support and encourage one another.

*Pastor Sam*

*Equipping God’s People For Life*

# CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

*“God, be merciful to me a sinner!” . . . . Luke 18:13B*

My dad, my brother and I, and our families finally said our last good-bye to Mom on June 10. We had delayed the funeral service from February due to schedules and winter weather, making it difficult for my dad to attend. Delaying the service gave me some time to think and plan; we had done the same for my husband’s memorial service. Mom had most of her service planned out; the Scripture readings, the hymns, the solo she wanted Rodd to sing, and . . . the sermon text: “God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

*There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel’s veins,  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains.  
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.*

I’ll have to admit, I couldn’t figure out why Mom wanted that text. It wasn’t her confirmation verse, and it struck me as a rather unusual verse for a funeral sermon. But I gave all the information Mom had written down to Pastor Lee. The verse, from Luke 18, is from one of the parables where Jesus contrasts the attitude of two men – a Pharisee and a tax collector. We are all familiar with the story. The Pharisee boasted about what a good and righteous person he was, whereas the tax collector humbled himself saying, “God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

*Ever since by faith I saw, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and it shall be till I die.  
And shall be till I die, O Lord, and shall be till I die  
His redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.*

When Pastor Lee began his sermon, he commented that in 33 years of ministry, he had preached hundreds of funeral sermons, but never one on that verse. He went on to talk a little about Mom, saying she was a student of the Bible and loved the Word. “But,” he went on to say, “Eileen was a sinner.” We are all sinners. The text is a plea for mercy, and the tax collector calls himself a sinner. Mercy is a quality that has to do with compassion, forgiveness, and maybe some leniency when asking for forgiveness. God is the “Father of mercies and the God of all comfort.” God is rich in mercy, and His mercy is connected to His love. Healing mercy is related to His great compassion for us – His suffering, sinful children. “Sinner” and “mercy.” Two key words.

*And sinners plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.*

Thinking about Mom’s instructions for her funeral service, I decided to add another solo and have Rodd also sing, “There Is a Fountain.” I thought it went well with the sermon text. Sung to an early American tune, “CLEANSING FOUNTAIN,” it acknowledges the great sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation. The poetry was written by Englishman William Cowper in the 1700’s. He was a contemporary of John Newton, who penned “Amazing Grace.” I have heard a couple of Black Gospel Choirs perform “There Is a Fountain.” Black choirs sing with passion. When they sing in their slow, expressive groove style, the text comes alive. The intense visual of Jesus’ flowing wounds and sinners plunging beneath the flood recalls the amazing power of mercy and forgiveness.

*His redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.*

Karen Lindbloom

*Equipping God’s People For Life*

# DAYCARE NEWS

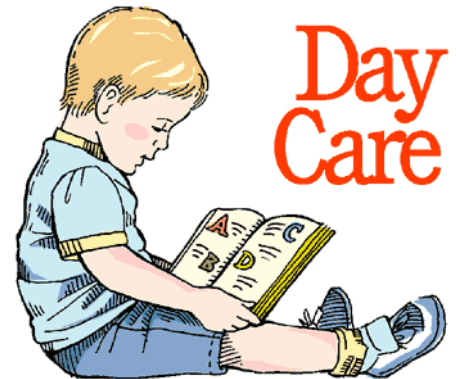
Big changes happened in June for Faith Lutheran Daycare! I have stepped down as Director so that I can enjoy my new role as mom as soon as my little boy arrives this July. This position and this daycare has brought me so much joy and purpose, and I am flooded with so many emotions as I let it go. I have learned so much in the past two years; this daycare has fine-tuned my organizational, problem-solving, and communication skills – it forced me out of my quiet shell (though I still tend to sink back into this in those overwhelming moments). More than that though, I'm just thankful I got to play a part in this daycare's mission. It's not often that you find a place, a job, with such a large amount of potential and a mission that provides so much purpose. This can be and is a place of growth, of joy, of grace, and of immense care for not only the children enrolled, but for every teacher, every director, every visitor, every parent, that walks through our doors. I know I was far from being a perfect Director, but I am leaving knowing that with your support and the daycare staff's help, this daycare has grown and improved tremendously in the past two years; we have accomplished so much! I'm leaving, confident, that it will continue to flourish under Mandy and Kim's supervision. I'm praying, and I hope that you'll pray as well, that as they take over that they let God lead their hearts and minds to make the decisions that will support the mission of this Daycare, that God will grant them peace and wisdom in all the many stressful situations and times that they may endure, and that if things ever seem out of control, that they remember who has always been in control, and find peace in that. Lastly, I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to lead in this wonderful place and for always supporting this daycare in all of its changing / transitioning seasons!

Mandy Vogel has 20 plus years in childcare and 2 years in teaching adult childcare providers. She has 2 children of her own a 16-year-old daughter Alyssa, she will be a junior in High school and a 13-year-old boy Aiden, he will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at GMMS. She has a long-time partner Clint for 11 years. She comes with lots of Infant and Toddler knowledge and plans to be the lead in this area.

Kim Jensen has 30 plus years in childcare and 4 years in teaching adult childcare providers. Kim has 3 children, a daughter Jordan who is 26 and 2 sons Thomas 22, and Colton 13. She has been married to Shaun for 26 years. Kim comes with the knowledge and plans to be the lead in the preschool and school-aged area. Kim is also excited to become a Grandma in the next couple weeks!

Please be open-minded and have communication with both of us as we transition into these new roles.

Moriah Kiepke



# FOREVER YOUNG



## Seniors' Gathering

### July and August Events!

**July 21** (that's the third Thursday) at high noon, its our 4th of July party. Hot dogs with the fix-in's and ice cream and the toppings provided. Bring a dish to share.

**August 18** (that's the third Thursday) at noon. We will meet for a regular monthly meal. Bring a dish to share. If anyone is interested we may play some bingo!



The deadline for any articles for the September newsletter need to be emailed to [faith@faithluth.com](mailto:faith@faithluth.com) by August 19.



## God Bless America

In the history of our nation, people have turned to God during periods of crisis. And that's what God asks us to do: *"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land"* (2 Chronicles 7:14). How gracious is our God to answer our pleas for help, but how foolish we are to go our own way when the crisis has passed!

**Prayer:** Good and gracious Heavenly Father, I give You praise and thanks because you are the Lord of lords. Thank You for blessing me with such a wonderful country where I am free to worship You. Grant the United States of America the ability to remain "one nation under God." Help this nation to be a blessing to other nations in the world. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.



## Diaper Derby

### Diaper Derby Results

Our Diaper Derby ran from Mother’s Day through Father’s Day. We are so thankful to everyone who contributed to this event. These are products that are needed by so many who cannot always afford them. Collected donations of diapers and baby wipes will be given to three area agencies: Birthright, PARS and Missouri Shores Shelter.

#### The Results:

As of 6/21/22

Diapers: 3,127

Wipes: 4,866



August 16, 2022

11:30 am-5:30 pm

To make an appointment  
Call Jodi Hartmann 222-8675



## Official Acts

### Baptisms

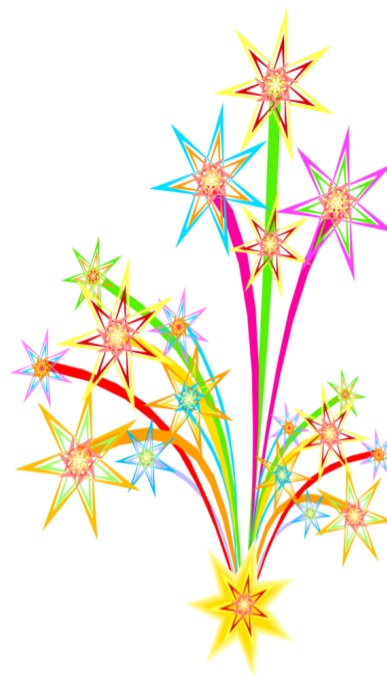
Mia Louise Rousseau 6/26/22

### Weddings

King/Steinolfson 7/09/22

Overweg/Cornielson 7/16/22

### Funerals



**2022 July newsletter**

# Country Fair

**Saturday, Oct. 1**  
**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
 at Faith Lutheran



**WE NEED**

**Arts & Crafts** All types! Place in the coat closet in the Narthex and label "Crafts".

**Baked Goods & Candy** LOTS of these popular items are needed (please label)



- Dozens of PIES are needed for the lunch counter and baked goods booth
- Cookies of all types
- Breads
- Bars
- Candy of all types
- Lots of fudge (various flavors)
- **And more!**

**Please bring candy by 3 pm the day before Country Fair so we can package it. If candy is packaged at home, please place 6 pieces per plate.**

**Homegrown Produce & Canned Goods**

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| • Jelly & jam | • Fruit sauces              | • Honey          |
| • Piccalilli  | • Apple butter              | • Salsa          |
| • Dilly beans | • Spaghetti sauce           | • Pickles        |
| • Relish      | • Fresh fruits & vegetables | <b>And more!</b> |



**Items for Gift Baskets** Our gift baskets are a popular item at Country Fair! In addition to baskets in good shape (not Easter baskets), we need:

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| • Dish towels and dish cloths | • Measuring cups & spoons                       |
| • Potholders                  | • Ladles & wooden spoons                        |
| • Cups/mugs                   | • Individual packets of coffee, hot cocoa & tea |
| • Hand soaps                  | • Small kids' items that will fit in a basket   |
| • Candles                     | • Packages of trail mixes                       |
| • Playing cards               | • Assorted candy (wrapped)                      |
| • Lotions                     | • Golf balls, tees & golf towels                |
| • Jerky                       | • Other gift items that will fit in a basket    |



**What it is**

Country Fair is an annual bazaar organized by the Faith Lutheran LWML. It's a fun day for the whole community!

**Where the proceeds go**

Money raised supports mission projects at the local, state and national level, as well as church projects.

**How you can help**

Make and bring items for the booths. Sign up to furnish items needed to prepare the noon lunch. Volunteer to serve in a booth (and bring a friend!) Donate items to be used in gift baskets that will be sold at Country Fair. **ATTEND on October 1st!**

**Questions?**  
**Call Kristy Deal**  
**605-280-7004**

**Be sure to visit the Country Fair table in the Narthex to sign up to help with this fun event!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Midweek & Sunday School  
Parent's Meeting for  
Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>!!!**

There will be a parent's meeting **Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** for parents of Sunday School and Midweek students in grades 2-8. At least one parent or guardian is expected to attend. The parent's meeting is 6:00 p.m. at Faith in the church sanctuary. Youth are not required to attend, just one of their parents or legal guardians. This is an opportunity to ask questions, meet teachers, see rooms, and cover expectations for the year.

**Midweek will begin Wednesday, September 7.**

**RALLY DAY – Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>!** Rally Sunday will be held August 14 from 9:45 until 10:45. We will welcome back all members, young and not so young, for another year of Christian education and growth. More details to follow. Check bulletins in the coming weeks for more information.

**DESPERATELY SEEKING:**

**Vacation Bible School Coordinator.** If you love children and have some time, you might be just right for coordinating Vacation Bible School. Please contact one of the Board of Education members.

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**Mark Koch 507-649-0430**

**Julie Kongslien 605-295-0555**

**Tim Kongslien 605-295-2273**

**Kadie Nickerson 605-280-2339**

**Corinne Wulf 605-280-3253**

**Teachers Needed:** The Board of Education will be recruiting teachers for Sunday School, Catechism (Midweek) and Vacation Bible School for the 2022-2023 school year. Please pray about this opportunity to teach the children of our congregation.

