

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Embraced by God through Jesus Christ our Lord, we share this gospel of hope and healing within and throughout our community within and throughout our community



The Sick and Weary Traveler

At that time Jesus declared "I thank you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children;"²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:25-30 ESV)

You've got plans. You've got dreams. You may even have a travel itinerary laid out. And then... Most of us have been there... You are on the road and the car breaks down. You are visiting a friend in another town and you or one of the kids gets sick. You have all these things you want to do on vacation, but time either runs out, or you just reach a point where you are too weary to enjoy or even tolerate any more stuff being crammed in. Let's face it, unexpected detours on unfamiliar roads, illness away from your own bed, stress and fatigue in general... they are all just that much more to deal with when you are away from home. In fact, being home is the biggest thing on your mind at that point.

As Christians, we are all away from home in a manner of speaking. Many of us may be familiar with the old hymn, *Heaven is My Home*, or remember passages like Hebrews 11:13-16, which remind us that we are, "foreigners and strangers on earth" and that like those who have gone before us, we are "longing for a better country-- a heavenly one." Therefore, praise God that He is not ashamed to be called our God, and he has prepared a city for us, an eternal home with Him.

This is already a great blessing to look forward to. Yet, thank God that He also does not leave us wandering alone on one of the weary roads of this world until then. For all of you who have been traveling through life, only to be confronted with illness, divorce, the loss of a job, or any of the many other things that can upend or even cancel some of our travel plans, know that the Lord is indeed with you. His Spirit is your travel companion and comforter, and He will not leave you stranded. Whether you hit a bump or the road goes out entirely, God will provide. He will be your shield and protection as long as life endures... And because our Lord stepped away from His majestic home to walk the path to the cross, the grave, and ultimately to return to the right hand of the Father, your life will endure not just through the struggles of this life, but forever in paradise.

Whether you crest tomorrow's hill to find greater things ahead, more challenges, or the greatest things of all as you stand in the joy of eternity with your savior... Know that the comfort of Home is always just over the horizon. To paraphrase a popular Christian song, the day is coming *Someday soon we're gonna make it home*. When that joyous day comes there will finally be...

no more searchin'

Heaven's healing's gonna find where all the hurt is.

When Jesus calls, we'll lay down all our heavy burdens.

So Carry on,

oh Weary traveler, restless soul You were never meant to walk this road alone

It'll all be worth it so just hold on Weary traveler, you won't be weary long

Until then Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

In Christ,

Pastor Eric Schoeck



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Loretta Frank	July 2
Hannah Grossnickle	July 4
Paul Nord	July 5
Gail Hoover	July 5
Penton Marton-Gipson	July 8
Mark Price	July 14
Mike Porter	July 14
Mackenzie Brant	July 14
Alice Bernard	July 23
Dayla Fryman	July 24
Elizabeth Dunlap	July 29
Cheyenne Nicholson	July 30



Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Koroncz!

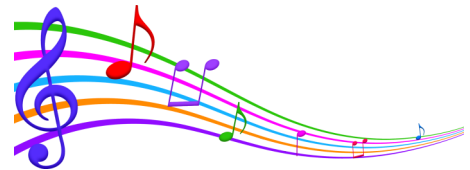
Lisa and Gene were married in June. Best wishes to the happy couple!

CANTORS.....

If you are interested in being a Cantor during our church services, we are now singing the psalm one time monthly, on the 2nd or 4th Sundays.

Please contact Mary Dunlap through the church office: (219) 462-7684.

The next opportunity is Sunday, July 9th. Thank you!



MINISTRY TEAM MEETING

Our annual planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 20 at 11:45am.

Team leaders please have any dates to be included on the calendar (even if they are tentative) and be prepared to present your ministry team's plans for 2024.

If you are unable to make this meeting please speak with Pastor Schoech.



GAME DAY AT FAITH!

**Sunday July 23
2:00-5:00pm**

Bring Your Friends & Family!

Bring your favorite games! (Card, Board, Collectable, etc.)

Gamers of all kinds invited. (drop in and join a game as you are able)

Snacks are welcome, beverages will be provided.

For more info contact: [\(219\)242-9139](tel:2192429139)



A good time was had by all at our annual Pentecost Potluck, which was held this year on the Sunday after Pentecost, to avoid Memorial Day conflicts with family and friends.

Great food and great fellowship!



CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic will be held this year on Friday, August 4 from 5:00pm to 8:30pm. (yes! This is a Friday, rather than the usual Sunday). Mark your calendars and plan to join the Faith family for a great time! Watch the bulletin announcements for more details.



BACKPACK BLESSING

The kick-off for the 2024 school year with a backpack blessing during a special worship service will be held on Sunday, August 6. All Faith children, Sunday School children and their families as well as VCA teachers, children and families are cordially invited.



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FAITH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 2, 9:00am Holy Communion
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 9, 9:00am Non Communion Service
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 16, 9:00am Holy Communion
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 23, 9:00am Non Communion Service
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 30, 9:00am Holy Communion
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 6, 9:00am Non Communion Service
(Backpack Blessing)
The 11th Sunday after Pentecost, August 13, 9:00am Non Communion Service
The 12th Sunday after Pentecost, August 20, 9:00am Holy Communion
The 13th Sunday after Pentecost, August 27, 9:00am Non Communion Service

