

FAITH In Action

Bi-Monthly Newsletter Of Faith Lutheran Church • Waconia Mn
Our Mission: To Learn, Serve And Share The Gospel Of Jesus Christ

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SAGES Social

Youth Camp



VBX, Camp, Summer Stretch, Mission Trip, and the Boundary Waters – Oh my! June and July have been full of fun, service and growing faith for our youth. They're not the only ones enjoying all that summer has to offer. SAGES enjoyed Mamma Mia! at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater and an evening of Pizza, Pie and Pontoons! Pastor's Book Study participated in meaningful discussions of meaning, hope and grief as we read Stitches by Anne Lamott. Hope you've enjoyed summer as much as we have!

Reminder: Summer Worship is Sundays at 9:00am.

Starting Sunday, September 8th worship will be at 8:30am and 10:00am on Sundays, and Prime Time Worship is at 6:07pm on Wednesdays (feel free to bring dinner, this is a casual worship in Steiner Hall).

To help make this newsletter easier to navigate, links have been added. If you click on this:  it will return you to this page.

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WaconiaFaithLutheran.com

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Pastor's Pen

Dear People of Faith,

I hope you enjoy these last few weeks of summer before we head into the busy fall season. It has been a great summer of ministry here at Faith Lutheran. Participation has been high and energetic at Sunday Worship, Pastor's Book Study, Vacation Bible Experience, Sages Events, Summer Stretch, BWCA Youth Trip, Green Lake Bible Camp, Youth Mission Trip to Wyoming, Mom's Connect, Bible Studies and other more informal social and service experiences. Your church council and church staff continue to serve you over the summer. "Thank-you" to all who have participated and served at Faith this summer.

We were sad to see our Communications Administrator, Jean Krukowski leave our staff in June after 17 years of good service. We wish her and Doug well as they have moved to be nearer to grandchildren. We are pleased to welcome Christy Willis and Brooke Struck to our staff. They will be "job-sharing" the Communications position. Christy and Brooke come to us with great communications and marketing skills.

Please take a good look at this newsletter as it shares our life enhancing fall ministry opportunities. You are always welcome at Faith where we do our best to practice Inclusive Grace, Contagious Love.

Sincerely, *Pastor Dale*



Pastor Dale & Sarah enjoying the summer. We hope all of you have been enjoying your summer as well!



UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

AUGUST

- 13 Tuesday Bible Study
- 15 Baptism Class
- 17 Redeemer Lutheran Church Annual Block Party
- 18 Redeemer Fishing Outing
- 22 4th Thursday Women's Bookclub

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Faithful Ringers
- 4 Acolyte Training
- 7 Artist Small Group
- 8 Rally Day, Fall Worship times: Sundays at 8:30am & 10am
- 9 SAGES Dakota Trail Outing
- 11 Primetime Worship Returns, First day of Wednesday Spark, B.Y.G, Ignite, Adult Bible Study
- 15 Connection Fair
- 18 Wednesday's Women Book Group
- 22 MOMs
- 23 "Bag Lunch" Book Study
- 26 4th Thursday Women's Bookclub
- 29 New Members Series
- 22-29 Host Families Moving Forward

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

AUGUST

- 6 National Night Out
- 7-11 Carver County Fair
- 16-17 Relay For Life Waconia
- 26 ISD 110 1st Day of School (1-12 grade)

SEPTEMBER

- 14 Nickle Dickle Day
- (These are not affiliated with Faith just events you may be interested in!)

MUSIC AND SERMON SERIES

- August 4 Hebrews 9:1-14 - Music: Stephanie Smith
- August 11 Youth Sunday
- August 18 Deuteronomy 5:12-15
- August 25 Genesis 2:1-3 - Music: Prime Time Band
- September 1 Deuteronomy 15:1-2, 7-11 - Music: Doug Scholla
- September 8 Rally Day Carnival, Musical Guest Jenn Bostic
- September 15 Connection Day
- September 22 Love People Where You Are
- September 29 Catch People on the Bounce



Welcome to the family of Faith (Baptisms in June & July):

- Caden Randy Wimmer son of Chad & Marie Wimmer
- Calvin Wesley Mitchell son of Brent & Mary Mitchell
- Jackson Arthur Schmidtson of Emily & Alex Schmidt
- Benjamin Bradley Escalante son of Jose & Katie Escalante
- Abraham Pete Held son of Dan & Mallory Held
- Arlo Gary Held son of Dan & Mallory Held

Brita Rosalie Perdue daughter of Adam & Mallory Perdue
 Tate Rion Padrnos daughter of Abbey & Adam Padrnos

Camry Lee Laber, Ethan David Laber, and Logan George Laber
 children of Brooks Laber & Angela Graper-Laber

Congratulations to (Weddings in June & July):

6-8-2019 Marriage of Hannah Schultz & Austin Fuller

Our Sympathy to (Deaths in June & July):

6-15-2019 Donna DuBois Mother of Sandy Snow

Baptism Class August 15th at 7:00pm

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism Ephesians 4:5

Class will be held in the Fireside Room, focusing on the rite of Holy Baptism and how it is lived out in one's life. Childcare can be provided if requested when registering with the church office 952-442-2101. Baptisms may be performed every 2nd and 4th Sunday and on 5th Sunday's when applicable.



STAFF NOTES

There have some changes to the staff at Faith. New members include: Marketing and Communications employees Brooke Struck & Christy Willis. Here is an updated staff directory:

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We're Raising our Kids to be Disciples

dis-ci-ple / noun - a follower of Jesus

Raising up children to follow Jesus is all about making disciples. Jesus called his first disciples – “COME FOLLOW ME,” he said. Later, after they knew him better he said, “GO, MAKE DISCIPLES - baptize them - teach them - and remember, I am with you always.”

Making disciples is our job too and our mission field is right here at Faith. Faith is caught more than it is taught. Children at Faith catch faith from watching their role models – parents, teachers, shepherds, small group guides and mentors. All of us at faith are called to make disciples by setting an example of faithfulness that others can watch.

Now is the time when we are actively seeking AAA Role Models for our programs. Folks are often intimidated by the idea – “I don't know enough,” they think. The truth is when you're invited to help out – to be a shepherd in SPARK, a small group leader for BYG or IGNITE, to teach or to help teach a unit in SPARK – all we expect is that you will come and be yourself. AAA Role Models are Authentic, Available and Affirming. Lesson plans are provided. Miracles are not expected. Miracles are God's job and we're just people.

Soon the halls of Faith Lutheran will be bustling with the sounds of the feet of our children on the way to their classes. They come not knowing what they will find. Their parents send them in hopes that their faith will be engaged and grow. While here they meet AAA Adults (those who are authentic, available and affirming). Stories are shared - relationships are built - faith is engaged.

All are welcome. Come share your faith with kids!

– Mary Toufar, Children and Family Minister
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What a great summer filled with camps, mission trips, and all sorts of fun and fellowship! And fall will be here before we know it, bringing with it the start of the 7th & 8th grade IGNITE Confirmation, 9th grade IGNITE Applying Our Faith and High School Ministry.

We are still in need of 7th grade IGNITE guides. Registration and additional information about all the programs is available on our website:

www.WaconiaFaithLutheran.com. Please contact me with any questions.

– Ally Klug, Youth and Family Minister
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Kid's Club & Kid's Club Choir

Things to know:

- Kids' club is an after school program that meets at 4:00pm on Tuesdays.
- The program includes a snack, bible stories and time for games or crafts.
- The kids' club choir practices from 5:30 until 6:00pm on Tuesdays.
- The kids' club choir sings in worship about once a month.
- Children can register just for kids' club or just choir, or both. Those that register for both have a meal between (5:00 – 6:30) provided by the families

Kid's Club begins on Tuesday, September 17th



Register on our website.

Have questions?

Contact: Mary Toufar at

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Joyful Noise Singers is for students in grades 5-12

We will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00pm. We will sing for worship about once a month during the school year. Rehearsals will begin September 11th and continue until the end of April.



Learn more & register online @ www.waconiafaithlutheran.com



SPARK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Ages 3-4th Grade*

SPARK is essentially Sunday School, but it doesn't meet just on Sundays anymore—families can enroll in Sunday or Wednesday SPARK. Sunday SPARK is at 8:30 or 10:00 am. Students begin in worship with their parents and they'll be dismissed to SPARK in a large group first then on to classrooms. Wednesday SPARK is at 5:00 pm and begins in the Community Room and then students go to classrooms. Many volunteers are critical to the success of the SPARK program, so please consider helping! (*Children must be 3 by September 1, 2019)

DATES TO NOTE:

- Sept 4 or 5 - Volunteer Training for SPARK
- Sept 8 - Rally Day
- Sept 11 - First day of Wednesday SPARK
- Sept 15 - First day of Sunday SPARK



BRIDGE YOUTH GROUP

pronounced "big"

5th & 6th Grade

B.Y.G. is designed for "tweens". We help them form a Bridge that connects SPARK (Sunday School) to IGNITE (Confirmation). We will meet at 7:00 pm in the Community Room. Students will hear Bible stories (this is a New Testament year) in narrative order: Birth of Jesus, Baptism, Temptation, Sermon on the Mount, etc. The BYG hour begins in large group – story presented in a video, followed by discussion on the meaning. The hour ends in small groups in classrooms. Volunteer group leaders are critical to the success of BYG, so please consider helping!

DATES TO NOTE:

- Sept 4 - Small Group Guide Training
- Sept 8 - BYG Social kick-off event
- Sept 11 - First day of classes



IGNITE CONFIRMATION & APPLYING OUR FAITH

7th & 8th Grade

9th Grade

We help them explore their own faith and remain faithful to our baptismal promise. We have large and small group classes to help them reach that goal and choose confirmation. 7th & 8th graders will meet on Wednesdays from 7-8:15pm and 9th grade will meet Sundays from 7-8:15pm.

DATES TO NOTE:

- Sept 4 - Guide Orientation (7 & 8 grade)
- Sept 11- Parent/Student Orientation (7 & 8 grade)
- Sept 18 - First Ignite Class (7 & 8 grade)
- Nov 15-16 - 7 & 8 Grade Retreat - Green Lake
- Oct. 23 - Guide Orientation (9th grade)
- Oct 27 - Parent/Student Orientation
- Nov 3 - First Ignite Class (9th grade)
- Apr 3-5 - 9th Grade Retreat - Green Lake



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

9th - 12th Grade

Wednesdays @ 8:15pm-9:15pm

H.S.M. will be a weekly high-energy time of games, community and a relevant, engaging message. Whether you have a crazy amount of questions about God, the Bible, Jesus and the Church or you're pretty confident in what you believe, H.S.M. is a place for you and your friends!

Contact Ally Klug @ 952.442.2101 or ally@waconiafaithlutheran.com for more information.

For more about all of our child, youth, high school and family offerings and ministry leaders, visit www.waconiafaithlutheran.com. Registration and volunteer information also available.



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INTERFAITH HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

Families Moving Forward

The Families Moving Forward (FMF) program offers families experiencing homelessness hospitality, emergency shelter and a path to home with support for stability.

Four weeks a year, from Sunday afternoon through the following Sunday morning, volunteers from Faith welcome up to four homeless families at our church. In addition to a safe place to sleep and a warm meal, we share kindness and compassion with these families. Completing the circle of support, professional staff from FMF work closely with each family to address their unique barriers to stability. Eighty percent families leave FMF for stable housing.

The FMF ministry at Faith is led by a dedicated team and we are looking to expand the team. Please consider joining us! If you would like more information about joining the FMF leadership team or volunteering, please contact Ross Hanson at hossranson@gmail.com or Steve Smith at steveandsteph@gmail.com.

Please put our upcoming hosting dates on your calendars.

2019 and 2020 FMF Dates:

- SEPTEMBER 22-29, 2019
- JANUARY 12-19, 2020
- MAY 3-10, 2020
- AUGUST 2-9, 2020
- DECEMBER 13-20, 2020



Also, August Battle of the Sexes Diaper Drive

It's a Female -vs- Male, (mostly) friendly competition to see which group can bring in the most diapers. Families Moving Forward is in desperate need of diapers. Faith has committed to helping meet this need. "Mom's Connect" will lead the charge for the females and "Thursday Morning Men's Text Study" for the males. Who will win? What is the Grand Prize? Join the fun and find out. Diapers of any size and any brand are welcome. We will collect your donations in the Gathering Space throughout August. Please place your donations in the appropriately labeled bin.



OUR NEXT HOSTING IS SEPTEMBER 22-29

A typical week of hosting involves 90+ Faith volunteers who put in over 400 hours to ensure a safe place to sleep, hot meals, activities and friendship for our FMF families. It truly takes a village. Ways you can get involved with FMF:

Meal Preparation: Preparing, serving and cleaning up from a meal for up to 20 people (2 hrs)

Leading Children's Activities: Interacting with children of all ages playing games or doing crafts (1 1/2 hrs)

Evening Hosting: Making our guest feel welcome (2 1/2 hrs)

Overnight Hosting: Sleeping at the church as the volunteer contact overnight (10-11 hrs)

Set Up: On the first Sunday of hosting, after the 2nd service, converting four of our classrooms into bedrooms for our guests (2 hrs)

Tear Down: Before Sunday School at the end of the week turning the bedrooms back into classrooms (1 hr)

Laundry: Picking up used bedding at the end of the week, washing it, and returning it to the church

If you would like more information about joining the FMF leadership team or volunteering, please contact Ross Hanson at hossranson@gmail.com or Steve Smith at steveandsteph@gmail.com

redeemer

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Redeemer Annual Block Party Wednesday, August 21st from 6-8pm

Join us when we head to Minneapolis for Redeemer’s backyard for their Annual Block Party co-hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church, Redeemer Center for Life, Harrison Neighborhood Association, and a myriad partner congregations, including Faith. Together we’ll celebrate the season’s end with burgers, brats, goose, corn on the cob, and all the fix’ns including fresh veggies from Redeemer Community Garden! They’ll also be baking fresh made-to-order pizzas in their community bread oven, and enjoying frozen treats provided by partner churches. 800+ neighbors and friends can expect another year of fantastic live music & entertainment, community vendors, and firetruck & ambulance tours, a bounce house, dunk tank, yard games, face painting, and more for the kids. Everything is free and everyone is welcome! We hope you’ll join us at Redeemer for summer’s biggest party! Redeemer Lutheran is one of our five Ministry Partner. Faith Lutheran members have attended and helped serve for all 17 years. Come and join the adventure. Watch for transportation options; most years we have offered a bus ride.

Redeemer Fishing Outing

We will be hosting our friends from Redeemer on Lake Waconia. This has become a yearly tradition offering new experiences to adults and children who don’t get to be on the water very often. We will host fishing & boating with a picnic lunch being served. Pontoon/boat guides, bait helpers, and food donations and servers are needed. More details to come.



Financial Snapshot

| Monthly Summary | | May | YTD 2019 | YTD 2018 |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| BUDGET | Revenue | \$90,802 | \$414,282 | \$393,686 |
| | Expenses | \$85,787 | \$449,065 | \$441,046 |
| ACTUAL | Revenue | \$88,784 | \$418,246 | \$367,285 |
| | Expenses | \$82,784 | \$441,414 | \$460,487 |
| VARIANCE | Revenue | (\$2,018) | \$3,964 | (\$26,401) |
| | Expenses | \$3,003 | \$7,651 | (\$19,441) |

May’s Special Mission Offering (Youth Sponsorships) totaled \$1,025.00.

| Monthly Summary | | June | YTD 2019 | YTD 2018 |
|-----------------|----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| BUDGET | Revenue | \$76,262 | \$490,545 | \$456,010 |
| | Expenses | \$95,689 | \$544,755 | \$542,056 |
| ACTUAL | Revenue | \$58,257 | \$476,503 | \$448,109 |
| | Expenses | \$85,311 | \$526,725 | \$551,739 |
| VARIANCE | Revenue | (\$18,005) | (\$14,042) | (\$7,901) |
| | Expenses | \$10,379 | \$18,030 | (\$9,683) |

June’s Special Mission Offering (Lutheran Disaster Response) was \$1,015.00.

Our August Mission Offering: Partner In Ministry: Public Safety Ministries

Faith’s ministry partnerships are the efforts to work together with other congregations and ministries for the common mission of serving others. Public Safety Ministries, led by Pastor Dan Carlson, is dedicated to “serving those who protect.” Dan offers pastoral care and spiritual support to police officers, fire fighters, public safety workers, and military personnel across the state of Minnesota.

Our September Mission Offering: Youth Sponsorships

Youth Camperships for our young people heading out on trips, usually in the summer. Often known as scholarships in the scholastic world, these funds are used to offer MISSION SUPPORT for all who choose trips as a summer faith formation option: Bible Camp, Mission Trips, ELCA Youth Gathering, and more.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER EVENTS

ALSO COMING UP/GOING ON:

2019/2020 Ministry Handbook & Member Guide release. It will include information about the variety of ministry groups that are available for you to participate in and ways to be more of a part of the community of Faith.

Fall Kitchen Clean Up (coordinator & volunteers needed!)

Fall Festival October 6

SAGES:

October 13th: Annual Progressive Dinner beginning in Steiner Hall and on to a host's home. A great way to meet new people at Faith. (Look for the sign-up in the gathering space in September).

November: Military Christmas Project. Donations accepted and members pack boxes to mail to troops overseas.

December: Monroe Crossing, a premier bluegrass band, will perform at Faith with refreshments provided by SAGES.

Contact Christine Austin-Roehler 952-442-4751 or Sandy Gilbert 952-446-1424 help or share ideas for SAGES.

Men's Breakfast (big changes coming!)

50th Anniversary Events including: April 19th Book author forum, May 3rd Music Sunday, June 28th is Lori Line, July 12th is a brunch. August 2nd is the Final Celebration. Be sure to look for more announcements to come!

Baptisms may be performed every 2nd & 4th Sunday and on 5th Sunday's when applicable.

Road construction will continue, so please use the detour. Hopefully weather cooperates and the project is done on time at the end of November.

AUGUST EVENTS

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| Tuesday Bible Study | August 13 | 9:15am & 7pm |
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Last meeting of the summer. We will be exploring the lives of Apollos, Priscilla and Aquila. We meet at 9:15am at Westview Acres and at 7pm in the Fireside Room.

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| Baptism Class | August 15 | 7pm |
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Class will be held in the Fireside Room, focusing on the rite of Holy Baptism and how it is lived out in one's life. Childcare can be provided if requested when registering with the church office 952-442-2101.

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| Redeemer Annual Block Party | August 21 | see pg 7 |
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| Redeemer Church Fishing Outing | August 18 | see pg 7 |
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| 4th Thursday Women's Bookclub | August 22 | 6:00pm |
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We will have a salad supper at Lea Ann Burau's home, 15625 78th Street, Mayer. Please bring a salad to share. After we will make our book selections for Oct - May. It's helpful if you'd get your suggestions to Vickie Janzen at v.janzen@mchsi.com by Aug. 15th so she can compile them. Include the title, author, genre, and what the book is about in a Word attachment. Looking forward to seeing you then!

Also, August Battle of the Sexes Diaper Drive

Families Moving Forward is in desperate need of diapers so "Mom's Connect" will lead the charge for the females and "Thursday Morning Men's Text Study" for the males. Who will win? What is the Grand Prize? Join the fun and find out. Diapers of any size and any brand are welcome. We will collect your donations in the Gathering Space throughout August.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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| Faithful Ringers | September 3 | 7:15pm |
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Faithful Ringers is looking forward to another exciting season. We invite you to join us. We are looking for full & part time members so if you can commit to a month or two or the full year we would love you to join us. Whether you are an expert or novice at reading music we welcome you to our group. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Lisa Roddy at 612-325-4159.

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| Acolyte Training | September 4 | 5:00pm |
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An acolyte is a person who lights the candles on the altar before service and extinguishes them after. If you are in 5th to 8th grade (great service hour opportunity for 7th & 8th graders!) and would you like to serve about 3-4 times during the school year at the 8:30 or 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service, then please attend. Training is in the Sanctuary. Call Lynne Fredrickson or Sharon Hermanson at (952) 442-2010 if you are interested!

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| Artists Small Group | September 7 | 9:30am-12pm |
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We will meet the first Saturday of the month in the Sonshine room. Remember to bring something to work on (you don't need more than a piece of paper and a pencil!) One of our artists will demonstrate a technique, method or tip they have learned so we can learn from each other. Then you will have time to work on whatever you want; try out what you just learned, work on your latest masterpiece, get critiques from the other artists on how to improve your drawings. Ages 10 to 99 are welcomed.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS CONTINUED

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| Rally Day | September 8 | see pg 6 |
| SAGES Outing | September 9 | 10:15am |
| Join SAGES 55+ for a morning of walking/biking on the paved Dakota Rail Trail. We will meet at the St. Boni City Hall parking lot which is right next to the Dakota Rail Trail. We will then bike/walk for about an hour and meet around 11:30 for lunch at the Bistro (join us for just lunch if you'd like). All activity levels welcome! Sign up in the Gathering Space in late August to reserve lunch space. Questions? Contact Christine at 952-442-4751. | | |
| Spark, B.Y.G, Ignite & Parenting Institute | September 11 | times vary |
| In addition to the return of Primetime Worship (join us at 6:07 in Steiner Hall & feel free to bring your dinner to enjoy during the service), Wednesday marks the start of Wednesday night children & youth ministries and adult bible study. | | |
| Connection Fair | September 15 & 18 | see pg 6 |
| Tuesday Bible Study | September 17 | 9:15am/7pm |
| Start of the fall session. We will begin the with the study of Matthew, this study will take several weeks. After which we will continue to explore the New Testament. Open to all who are interested in better understanding Scripture. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 am at Westview Acres and again at 7:00 pm at Faith. For more information contact Mary Westlund at westlund.mary@gmail.com or 952 657-2239 | | |
| Wednesday's Women Book Group | September 18 | 10:30am-12pm |
| A group of women who gather to discuss the world, the church and ourselves through the lens of the book of the moment. We'll be reading "The Faith Club," a book about three women, an American Muslim, a Jewish woman and a Christian woman who together form a club in search of understanding for one another. Meetings in the Fireside Room. Contact Mary Toufar maryt@waconiafaithlutheran.com with questions. | | |
| Mom's On Mondays (MOMs) | September 22 | 7:00pm |
| Welcome to all moms looking to build Christian friendships and deepen spiritual growth. We will begin this fall with the book - <i>Love Without Limits</i> by Dr. Jacqueline Bussie. Join us in the Fireside Room from 7-8:30pm. For additional info contact Sarah Hartwig – 952-237-8028 or sarah.hartwig@idq.com or Beth Pannier – 612-309-2836 or beth.pannier@yahoo.com | | |
| "Bag Lunch" Book Study | September 23 | 12-1pm |
| Please join us as we dive deeper into books that expand our ideas about God's presence in the world. Feel free to bring your lunch to this study. Book pick is: <i>An Altar in the World - A Geography of Faith</i> by Barbara Brown Taylor. We will meet in the Fireside Room to discuss the intro and chapter 1. | | |
| 4th Thursday Women's Bookclub | September 26 | 6:00pm |
| We will discuss <i>Wonder</i> by R. J. Palacio at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. This book is a glorious exploration of the nature of friendship, tenacity, fear, and most importantly, kindness." Hope you can join us! | | |
| New Member Series | September 29 | 11:15am |
| Join us for a 2-hour session in the Community Room. Childcare is provided and a light lunch will be served for your whole family. Please RSVP to attend and specify if childcare is needed to Lynne@waconiafaithlutheran.com or call the church office at (952) 442-2101. | | |
| Hosting Families Moving Forward | September 22-29 | see pg 5 |
| "Bag Lunch" Book Study | September 30 | 12-1pm |
| Please join us, and feel free to bring your lunch to this study. Book pick is: <i>An Altar in the World - A Geography of Faith</i> by Barbara Brown Taylor. We will meet in the Fireside Room to discuss chapter 2. | | |

[Se sure to check our website & weekly announcements for updates and additions to what is going on at Faith!](#)

RALLY DAY/CONNECTION FAIR



Jenn Bostic

Jenn Bostic moved to Waconia with her father, James; mother, Barbara; and older brother, Jeff, when she was a year old. Early on, music became a part of everyday life. From country to blues, pop to standards, Bostic embraced it all. Tragically, Jenn's musical collaboration with her father was cut short. James was killed in a car accident when Jenn was 10. She believes the death of her father was the impetus for pursuing her future career at such an early age.

Jenn is a soulful singer/songwriter with a hint of blues, soul, country, pop and gospel. Her emotive songwriting and powerful vocals have been touching hearts around the world. "Jealous of the Angels," written for her late father, was championed by both Smooth Radio and BBC Radio 2. She has had 4 singles play-listed at BBC Radio 2, the most listened to radio station in Europe.

In 2012 she won five Independent Country Music Association Awards including "Best Songwriter," "Best Musician," and "Overall Winner." Bostic was also named "International Touring Artist of the Year" in both the 2017 and 2018 British Country Music Awards. In 2018, she co-hosted the event with UK Male Vocalist of the Year, Gary Quinn, and was also nominated for "International Album of the Year" and "International Song of the Year" for Revival.

Jenn enjoys returning to her hometown for various performances, including being at Rally Day September 8!

RALLY DAY - GREAT FALL KICK-OFF! SEPTEMBER 8

Events for Kids:

WORSHIP 8:00 & 10:30am

- musical guest Jen Bostic

SPARK CARNIVAL 9am-12pm

- Carnival games in the classrooms and outside
- Fair-style treats

B.Y.G. KICK-OFF 5pm

- Meet in the Community Room
- Hot dogs & S'mores at the Faith firepit
- Get to know you group games



BRIDGE
YOUTH
GROUP

VOLUNTEERS needed:

- Planner before the event
- Food providers
- Food servers
- Activity leaders
- Misc. helpers the day of

Questions? Want to volunteer?

Contact Mary Toufar

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Why should YOU Attend:

Have you been away for the summer? This is a great time to reconnect to your faith and Faith Lutheran, join us for worship and great music with Jenn Bostic.

Do you have kids in SPARK? This is a great opportunity for your kids to see the classrooms, become acquainted with the Education Wing at Faith, and enjoy some fun kid's carnival food and activities!

Do you enjoy worshipping at Faith and all the activities offered here? Rally Day marks the return of all of our programs, activities and events – there is always something good going on at Faith!



SPARK
CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY

CONNECTION FAIR (formerly Ministry Fair) SEPTEMBER 15 & 18

Do you ever wonder why there are cars in the church parking lot on Thursdays? It might be Men's Text Study, Moms Connect, or Pastor's Book Study – there is always something good going on at Faith!

Come to the Connections Fair to see all of the ways you might be involved in small groups, ministries, and activities here at Faith.

You'll be able to:

- Meet the small group leaders and see what we're reading
- Register for groups and activities
- Buy the books groups are reading this fall

Join us before & after worship services Sunday & Wednesday. We will have several tables set up in Steiner Hall on Sept. 15 and in the gathering space on Sept. 18 informing you about our numerous ministries, classes, book studies and Bible studies. This is a great opportunity to share your talents and passions!

Contact: Lynne Fredrickson at (952) 442-2101 or lynne@waconiafaithlutheran.com



Common Hope Guatemala

We have an amazing mission trip opportunity through our international ministry partner – Common Hope. A group from Faith Lutheran will be traveling to Guatemala with Pastor Katie on March 1-8, 2020.

This trip will include many facets of Common Hope's work. We'll build a house. We will do social work visits. We'll visit our sponsored children. We'll venture into the schools, and we'll do a "day in the life" of a typical family. We'll visit rural villages and we'll spend a lot of time in the beautiful and historic city of Antigua. We will also have time to do a "cultural activity" and other fun things, in addition to the mission work. This will be a life-changing trip and you will not regret going! You do not need any special talents or skills to join the team.

Adults and teenagers fourteen and older are invited to experience this transformational trip. All-inclusive expenses for this trip are roughly \$2500 per person. However, Common Hope will assist us with fundraising to minimize that expense as much as possible.

If this sounds exciting, I'd love to talk with you more about it. We are limited to fifteen spots, and we already have a significant number of those filled. So please contact Jill Sinclair ASAP if you'd like to hear more. She can be reached at cjsinclair@embarqmail.com or 952-442-4949.

Your presence will have an impact, and you will be impacted!

For more information on Common Hope, our ministry partner, look for Common Hope on our website www.waconiafaithlutheran.com



A few pictures from past trips.



Common Hope promotes hope and opportunity in Guatemala by partnering with children, families and communities who want to participate in a process of development to improve their lives through education, health care, housing and family development.

We work to end the cycle of poverty for children in Guatemala through a holistic, relationship-based model. While education is at the heart of our work, we believe a comprehensive approach to human development is critical for children and families to reach their full potential.

Just as every student has goals, we have goals for every student:

- Graduate from high school or a vocational equivalent
- Develop critical-thinking skills
- Become a multiplier of our work and agent of change in their community

Common Hope works in 27 communities helping more than 14,000 impoverished children and adults create a better life for themselves. Our programs in education, health care, housing, and family development are offered through four main locations: Antigua, San Miguel Milpas Altas, San Rafael, and New Hope.



AUGUST CALENDAR

Faith Lutheran Website

Aug 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Youth Works Mission Trip to Wyoming | | | | | | |
| Laurie Leigh-Harp 9am - Worship | | 6:45am - Lakeside 10am - Staff | 10am - Pastor's 6pm - Pastor's Book | 8am - Men's Text | Church office closes 8pm - AA/Alanon | |
| 4 9am - Worship | 5 10am - La Leche 6pm - Prime Time | 6 6:45am - Lakeside 10am - Staff 6:15pm - Worship & 7pm - Property & | 7 9am - Knit & Natter | 8 8am - Men's Text | 9 Church office closes 4pm - O'Konek & 8pm - AA/Alanon | 10 O'Konek/Melchert 8am - Men's |
| 11 9am - Worship | 12 5:30pm - Executive | 13 6:45am - Lakeside 9:15am - Bible 10am - Staff 7pm - 50th 7pm - Faith Bible | 14 | 15 8am - Men's Text 7pm - Baptism Class | 16 Church office closes 8pm - AA/Alanon | 17 |
| 18 9am - Worship | 19 6pm - Prime Time | 20 6:45am - Lakeside 10am - Staff 6:30pm - Church | 21 9am - Knit & Natter | 22 8am - Men's Text 7pm - 4th Women's | 23 Church office closes 8pm - AA/Alanon | 24 |
| 25 9am - Worship | 26 | 27 6:45am - Lakeside 10am - Memorial 10am - Staff | 28 | 29 8am - Men's Text | 30 Church office closes 8pm - AA/Alanon | 31 |



CONNECT WITH FAITH

Inclusive Grace. Contagious Love.

Musical ways to connect:

- Kid's Club Choir
- Joyful Noise Singers
- Faith Choir
- Faithful Ringers
- Prime Time Band
- Hand Bell Choir
- Special Music

Bible studies:

- Tuesday Bible Study
- Sunday Night Men's DVD/ Book Study
- Thursday Morning Men's Text Study

Book clubs/groups:

- Wednesday Women's Boo Club "Bag Lunch" Book Study
- 4th Thursday Women's Book Club
- Sunday Night Men's DVD/ Book Study

Please check our [website](#) for additional information about all these offerings and also watch for the 2019/2020 Ministry Handbook Sept. 8th for descriptions and more about how you can connect.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Faith Lutheran Website

Sep 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 9am - Worship | 2 10am - La Leche | 3 6:45am - Lakeside 10am - Staff 6:15pm - Worship & 7pm - Property & 7:15pm - Faithful | 4 Acolyte Training@ 5: 6pm - Volunteer Training for SPARK 9am - Knit & Natter 7pm - BYG Guide 7pm - IGNITE Small | 5 8am - Men's Text 6pm - Volunteer Training for SPARK | 6 8pm - AA/Alanon | 7 |
| 8 Rally Day Carnival 8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship 4pm - BYG Event | 9 5:30pm - Executive | 10 6:45am - Lakeside 10am - Staff 7:15pm - Faithful | 11 IGNITE Parents 10:30am - Womens 5pm - SPARK 6:07pm - Prime Time | 12 8am - Men's Text 9:30am - Mom's 10am - Faithful Card | 13 8pm - AA/Alanon | 14 9am - Alanon |
| 15 Ministry Fair SPARK- 8:30am & 8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship | 16 7pm - Mom's on | 17 6:45am - Lakeside 9:15am - Bible 10am - Staff 4pm - Kids Club 5:30pm - Kid's Club 6:30pm - Church 7pm - Faith Bible | 18 9am - Knit & Natter 10:30am - Womens 10:30am - Womens 5pm - SPARK 6:07pm - Prime Time 7pm - BYG & IGNITE 7:45pm - Faith Choir | 19 8am - Men's Text 9:30am - Mom's 9:30am - Pastor's | 20 8pm - AA/Alanon | 21 5pm - Wedding |
| 22 Families Moving Foward SPARK- 8:30am & 8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship | 23 12pm - Bag Lunch 7pm - Mom's on | 24 6:45am - Lakeside 9:15am - Bible 10am - Staff 4pm - Kids Club 5:30pm - Kid's Club 7pm - Faith Bible | 25 10:30am - Womens 5pm - SPARK 6:07pm - Prime Time 7pm - BYG & IGNITE 7:45pm - Faith Choir 8:15pm - H.S. | 26 8am - Men's Text 9:30am - Mom's 1pm - Pastor's Book 7pm - 4th Women's | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Families Moving New Member Class- SPARK- 8:30am & 8:30am - Worship 10am - Worship | 30 12pm - Bag Lunch 7pm - Mom's on | 1 6:45am - Lakeside 9:15am - Bible 10am - Staff 4pm - Kids Club 5:30pm - Kid's Club 6:15pm - Worship & 7pm - Faith Bible | 2 9am - Knit & Natter 10:30am - Womens 5pm - SPARK 6:07pm - Prime Time 7pm - BYG & IGNITE 7:45pm - Faith Choir 8:15pm - H.S. | 3 8am - Men's Text 9:30am - Mom's 1pm - Pastor's Book | 4 8pm - AA/Alanon | 5 |

Service & Social groups

- Artists Small Group
- SAGES
- Men's Monthly Breakfast
- MOM's on Mondays
- Moms Connect
- Faithful Card Making
- Knit & Natter

Volunteer opportunities:

- Families Moving Forward
- Children's and Youth Small Group Leaders
- Kitchen Cleanup

Other:

- Common Hope Trip
- Summer Activities
- Retreats
- Parenting Institute
- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Marriage
- Weddings
- Funerals

Have questions? Call our office at 952-442-2010 or stop by.

