

New Possibilities

by Valerie Brooks, DYFM

A prayer as we begin the educational year:

*Dear God,
As the summer begins to fade, there are new possibilities on the horizon. Please bless all of those who are beginning or returning to their roles as educators, as well as those who lead and support them throughout the school year. May this year be a time of grace and potential as they teach, share, and challenge others to grow in faith, knowledge, and wisdom. Bless the children and youth, along with their parents, as they begin a new school year. May their minds and their hearts be patient and open to learning and to the wonder of discovering new things. Be with us all as we embark on this new season. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

September is always a busy month for us here at Faith Lutheran. We've got so many things starting up again, and most of them kick-off with our **Rally Day Sunday on September 10th**.

On Wednesday, September 6th and Sunday, September 10th, Pastor Yunghans and I will distribute the Bibles to the families here at Faith Lutheran who have children going into Kindergarten, 3rd grade, and 5th grade. This is a great tradition here at FLC, and I'm excited for the children to receive their **Bibles/Catechisms** this year so that they can use them to continue to grow in God's Word with their families. The Children's Message at the 10:15am service will align itself with the Bible distribution ceremony.

Sunday School begins on September 10th. I would invite all of our families with children ages 3 up through 6th grade to join us for music and announcements at 8:45am (classes begin at 9am). We have a great staff of teachers again this year, and I'm so happy that they're volunteering their time to teach the children here at Faith throughout the school year.

Our **youth group (FLY)** will be meeting on Sunday's at 9am (beginning Sept. 10) in the youth room for fellowship, games, and Bible study. Our focus this year will be on serving others, and we'll have some community mission projects that we'll be working on throughout the school year.

Speaking of missions...the 2018 Mission Trip is for youth ages 8+ and will be July 16th-20th, 2018 over in the Twin Cities. I'm working with some colleagues of mine

to develop a fun and rewarding service trip for our youth next summer! We will be fundraising throughout the school year, so please do not let costs deter you from attending. I would also love to have parents/adults go with us, so if you'd be interested in attending please let me know. Our first mission trip meeting will be September 17th following the second worship service (11:30am). If you're unable to make the meeting but are still interested, please just send me a quick text or email so that I can get you on the list.

My last little note is about our **YABS group**. We'll be getting together for a potluck on Sunday, September 24th after the 10:15am service (around noon) to plan some upcoming events. Please join us for this fun time of fellowship and bring a little dish to pass.

Monday Aft Bible Class

Consider joining this group on Monday at 1pm as they study God's Word. Leader: Sue Smith.

Tuesday Morn Study

Class meets Tuesday's at 6:30am. Bring your Bible and your appetite (cost of the meal is on your own). Topic: 1 Timothy. Led by Susan Cassellius.

Thursday Bible Class

Join our Thursday morning Bible class for the study entitled "Faith for Famine" Hebrews 11:1 & 6 with author, Donna Pyle. They meet at 9:30am and are led by Pam Pfankuch.

Fall programs begin!

Confirmation—Sept. 6 at 7pm
Sunday School—Sept. 10 at 8:45am
Early Communion—Sept. 18 at 6pm



Sermon Series Topics

Sept. 3—God's promise—Matt. 28:19
Sept. 10—God's blessing—Mark 16:16
Sept. 17—God's power—Titus 3:5-8
Sept. 24—God's new life—Rom. 6:4

Check us out online at faithlutheran.org or upload our mobile app!

Mission & Ministry Council—September, 2017

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August 14, 2017

6:30 - 7:55 p.m.

Attending Disciples: Larry Bohl, Jack Halbleib, Ed Klotz, Randy Knapp, Bill Miller, Steve Missfeldt, Janell Newcomb, Bob Normand, Pastor Yunghans.

Call to Order: Bob Normand called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Yunghans led with the opening prayer.

July Minutes: The July 10, 2017, minutes were reviewed. Jack Halbleib made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Bill Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Council reviewed the checkbook register, summary report, and profit & loss year-to-date comparisons for January through July 31st, 2017. Due to decreased attendance and giving, the operating expenses are not being met and the church is currently at a \$12,000 deficit. Discussion ensued concerning this deficit. An insert will be drafted by the Church Council and placed in the bulletin concerning the current financial situation and asking for increased giving by the congregation so that the church can become more financially stable. Members of the Church Council will also give a short presentation at upcoming services. Randy Knapp made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ed Klotz seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Yunghans noted that he had made a hospital visit and has attended a couple of the Tuesday morning Bible studies. He will be speaking with Dick Walders about possibly doing some visits with the shut-ins of our congregation. He will also be working with Valerie Brooks and Dick Walders on sharing some of the responsibilities of the confirmation classes.

Retirement Celebration Recap: The Retirement Planning Committee is to be commended for the wonderful job that they did planning the retirement celebration for Pastor Plautz. Between donations that were received and payments for the meals from members of the congregation that attended, all expenses were covered.

Labor Day Weekend Service: The Praise Team is not available for the Sunday, September 3rd Service due to the holiday weekend. Discussion was held regarding holding only one service that Sunday. Ed Klotz made a motion that one service be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 3rd. Steve Missfeldt seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Concordia Health Plan for 2018: Information on the cost of the 2018 HDHP (high deductible health plan) was received from Concordia Plan Services. The plan that staff is currently enrolled in is called "Choice 3000". In 2018, this plan would cost \$1,326/month for the "self and spouse" plan but it would have a much higher deductible and out-of-pocket expense. The HDHP that is available for \$1,428/month would have a lower out-of-pocket expense and deductible. The difference between the two plans is \$102/month. After discussion, Bill Miller made a motion to provide Concordia HDHP insurance for 2018 with the employee paying the difference between the "Choice 3000" Plan and the HDHP plan. Ed Klotz seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Call Committee Meeting & Meeting with President Lueck of the Northern Wisconsin District: Bob Normand has been working with the Call Committee and on setting up a pre-call meeting for the congregation with President Lueck of the Northern Wisconsin District. An insert will be placed in the bulletin with

the names of the Call Committee members and details of the meeting. It is being planned for Wednesday, August 30th at 5 p.m. Questions should be submitted to Alice by August 27th. A list of the questions will be compiled and sent to President Lueck prior to the meeting to assist him with his presentation. Members of Faith Lutheran can submit names of possible pastoral candidates to the church office. These will be forwarded to the LCMS North Wisconsin District for review. Members may speak with any of the Church Council or Call Committee members and let them know what attributes they would like to see in a pastor. This will assist the District in selecting possible candidates for consideration.

Compensation: Bob Normand will follow up with Pastor Plautz as to any other conditions that may have been agreed to regarding the internship of Dick Walders. Pastor Yunghans was asked to leave the room so that the Church Council could review information that was put together regarding compensation for Pastor Yunghans while he is serving as our vacancy Pastor. The information was reviewed and discussion followed. Jack Halbleib made a motion that Pastor Yunghans receive compensation of \$3,890 per month. Steve Missfeldt seconded the motion. No further discussion followed. The motion carried on a voice vote. Pastor Yunghans returned to the room and presented the information. This was acceptable to him.

Other Business: A letter was received from the Northern Wisconsin District concerning nominations for the June 3rd & 4th, 2018, Convention. Nominations are needed by November 1, 2017.

Date of Next Council Meeting: The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Janell Newcomb, Council Secretary

God has a reason
for allowing things
to happen.

We may never
understand His
wisdom, but we
simply have to
trust His will.

Psalm 37:5

Congregational News

Labor Weekend— Sunday, Sept. 3

Worship service on Sunday, Sept. 3 will be offered at 9am. This will be the only service of fered this date. Please be sure to make a note of this change.

Did you know...

Rev. Charles Yunghans has been secured as vacancy pastor since the retirement of Pastor Plautz. Pastor Yunghans will serve here at Faith Lutheran until the selection of another pastor is completed.

Congregational Meeting

Come Wednesday, August 30 at 5pm to a Pre-Call Informational meeting with President Dwayne Lueck of the No. WI District. Agenda includes: Overview of the call process and a question & answer session. Please pray for our congregation and the call committee as they embark upon this process; pray for God's wisdom and discernment.

Call Committee Introduction of Members

Below is the list of call committee members, they are as follows:

Roberta Chittendon

Pam Dietsche

Pam Johnson

Ed Klotz

Bill Miller

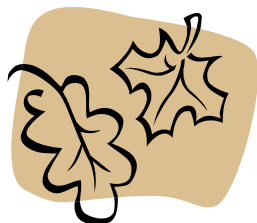
Kimberly Musser

Karen Prenzlou

Ronald Tiry

Bryan Vogels

The selection of a chairman and secretary will take place at their next meeting.



Faith Christian Preschool & Pre-Kindergarten is accepting registrations for 2017-18. Students ages 3-5 are eligible for this program. An informational brochure is available from the church office or check out the registration online at faithlutheranancf.org.

SCRIP FOR SALE

Purchase gift cards from area businesses and proceeds benefit the youth program here at FLC. See Valerie or Corey in the narthex after worship (or) obtain from the church office during the week.

Stewardship Note

The summer months seem lower in terms of programs and events (we could schedule them, but folks would rather be outside enjoying God's creation). However, lots of work is still going on to guide people to Jesus and to prepare for the next program year. Thank you for your continued financial support here at FLC.

**God understands
our prayers even
when we can't
find the words to
say them.**

Author unknown

Youth Happenings

Rally Day

The beginning of another year of Sunday School begins Sunday, Sept. 10 at 8:45am. It is the start of a new year in growing in God's word for our students grade N-grade 6. Our congregation will also be sponsoring Bible distribution to gr. K—3rd—5th grade which will take place at all three services (Sept. 6 & 10).

Early Communion

If your family has a youth going into grades 5 or 6 and you have not received a letter from Valerie about Early Communion, please contact the church office. Early Communion classes begin September 18th at 6pm and runs for 6 weeks. The purpose of the class is to ready our young disciples for the Rite of Communion.

Confirmation

Orientation is September 6th this year at 7pm. The class is for students entering grades 7 & 8 and runs throughout the school year Wednesday's at 7pm. The confirmation curriculum will continue the support our congregation's nurture of our youth in their a faith journey. Parents are welcome to join their child in class whenever possible.

ATTN: Young Adults— Movie Night

Sunday, September 24 Meet at FLC for a potluck luncheon at 12noon. Bring your favorite dish to pass and enjoy the friendships of fellow young adults here at Faith.

See Facebook event for updates.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6



September 2017

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

1-Vivian Hanson
3-Clifford Plasch
6-Gail Roder
7-Brittany Taylor
9-Ethan Ericksen
10-Karen Prenzlow
11-Adalind Johnson, Aubrie Voigt
12-Jase Dallas, Julie Schaller
13-Donald Miller, Evan Weiler
14-Jeanette Riley
16-Brandon Engel
17-Noah Hauptmann
18-Nellie Kilcher
19-Sara Hasart
20-Luke Erickson

21-Adelyn Dreger, McKaylen Eli-
ason, Jack Halbleib, Lila Powell,
Kate Schumacher
22-Lorraine Kasper, Elizabeth
Thompson, Tristan Varwig
23-Cheryl Wendt
24-Shirley Felmlee
25-Andrea Druckrey
26-Sara Andersen
27-Angela Bowe, Dolores Johnson,
Arlene Melville, Michael Schaller
28-Scott Bernette, Patricia
Mathwig, Archer Peloquin, Gabriel
Vargas
29-Ed Klotz, Mark Newman
30-Warren Jaenke

Happy Anniversary!

1-Richard & Linda Walders
5-Lehmen & Sandra Larson
9-Stan & Joyce Davidson
9-James & Sharon Sabish
9-Michael & Janet Urbas
11-Chris & Roberta Chittendon
12-Gary & Linda Ahlen
13-Ron & Sharon Tiry
16-Jeff & Renee Hoffmann
17-Larry & Linda Bohl
17-James & Kathy Butak
18-Lyle & Lisa Hackler
19-Scott & Tina Bernette
20-Morris & Jeanette Riley
20-Robert & Anna Varwig

24-Nick & Hannah Kressin
26-Harold & Pat Saxon
27-John & Cindy Carlson
28-Robert & Lucille Yauch
29-Matt & Heidi Solin
30-Peter & Ann Hauptman
30-Randy & Rhonda Larson

