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When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

-Matthew 16:13ff.

A contemporary version of the question might be, “**What do you think about Jesus?**” That’s not a bad place to start. Lots of people agree that polite conversation should not include religion or politics. But this question isn’t necessarily about those things; we’re just asking about a known, historical figure. It can be the same as “What do you think about Abraham Lincoln or Charles Dickens or Fred Rogers?” I bet you’d get an answer.

Just like with the disciples, the opinions on Jesus can run the gamut of teacher, philosopher, prophet, leader, savior, rebel, criminal, all the way to second person of the Trinity of the Most High God!

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

You’ve got something to say about Jesus, too. And in asking someone the question “What do you think about Jesus?” you might have an opportunity to share what you think and believe. You do this every Sunday when you stand in the pew and respond together and to each other “I believe...” You do this every day bearing the name of Christian – or little Christ – to the world. And you don’t do this on your own.

“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.”

Your role is not to convince, win arguments, fire off silver bullets, or solve impossible cosmic riddles. Your role is to repent, live the forgiven and redeemed life, and confess what you know and believe about Jesus.

So ask yourself, and then ask a neighbor or a stranger: **What do you think about Jesus..?** May Jesus give us all the boldness, the confidence, the faith, to trust him in each and every circumstance.

-Pastor Moyer

While we’re on the subject, may I invite you to attend a special presentation from Apple of His Eye on August 11th that will encourage to engage with people on the subject of Jesus? There’s more information included in this newsletter.

Minutes From Faith Lutheran Church Voters Meeting

July 18, 2019

In attendance: Dean Ayers, Tom and Chris Buckthorpe, Pastor Moyer, Sherry Hanovich, Neil and Laura Hornbacher, Jacque Rhodes, Bill Kiley, Mike Stanley, Sharon Vogel, Stan Nelson and Bob Holloway.

The Voters Assembly was called to order by President, Dean Ayers at 7:30 p.m. Tom started the meeting with our Opening Prayer. Pastor led a short devotion from Psalm 46.

Previous meeting minutes were read by Sherry Hanovich. Chris motioned to accept minutes, Bob Holloway seconded and all approved.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Moyer gave a short description and shared two highlights from the Youth Gathering; the first was the opening ceremony where a 20-foot cross was brought into the center of arena and youth surrounded it holding flags. His second highlight was the Closing service in which all 20,000 participants recited the creed together.

Board of Elders – Mike Stanley reported that the elders have reviewed and approved the Funeral Policy with a few grammatical corrections. The funeral policy will go back to Pastor Moyer who would like to make a couple clarifications to the language. The elders approved the renewal of Pastors subscription to Concordia Pulpit Resource. It was mentioned that the upper lot/handicap parking has been at or over capacity the last few weeks. Pastor instructed the elders on using the church website and Members 360.

Board of Trustees – Mike Stanley presented the Trustee Report. Our awning has been installed. A handrail will be installed on one side of awning. Floor samples are being gathered for the Sanctuary floor. The sanctuary flooring will be installed after Vacation Bible School. Plans are underway to enlarge the upper lot. We have contracted with Orkin Pest Control for the remediation of our mouse population.

Treasurers Report -The treasurers report for May and June were presented by Bill Kiley. Chris motioned to approve the May report, Sherry seconded and all approved. The June

report was reviewed, Chris motioned to approved June report and Mike seconded and all approved. Reports on file.

Stephen Ministry – Pastor reviewed the Stephen Ministry Minutes. The five-member Steering team met July 11th. The Stephen Ministry training will be conducted weekly (starting September 10 through December 10, 2019). Each training session is 2.5 hours. Group is seeking a regular meeting room that can be available for weekly training and the twice-monthly meetings.

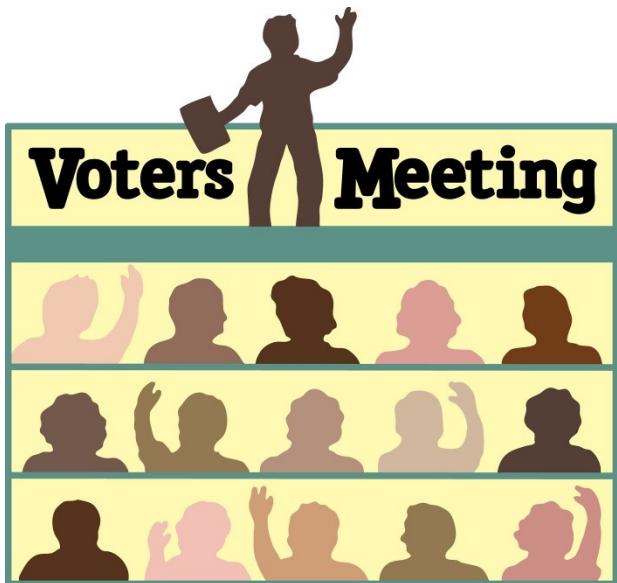
Old Business – Chris reported she is all set for the picnic. There was some discussion on the placement of the big slide and tent.

New Business – Jacqueline requested use of the Fellowship Hall for the Community Chorus, every Monday starting September 8 and continuing through November 25th – from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Dean. Tom closed the meeting with our closing prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: August 15, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Sherry Hanovich, Recording Secretary



Living Faith Stewardship Campaign

Applying Biblical Teachings

“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law” (Romans 13:8).

By our attitudes and conduct, those around us should regard us as servants of Christ. As Christ’s servants, we show great integrity and honesty in our dealings with others. When we incur a debt, whatever that debt may be, we repay it according to the instruction given in Psalm 37:21 - “The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously.”

We have been brought to faith by the Holy Spirit working through the Word, and from this faith, our attitudes and conduct proceed. These attitudes and conduct directly reflect Christ’s love. In this love, we take care of all our obligations owed to others.

In his commentary, Matthew Henry wrote, “Render to God His due in the first place, to yourselves, to your families, to your relations, to the commonwealth, to the church, to the poor, to those that you have dealings with in buying, selling, exchanging, etc. Render to all their dues, and that readily and cheerfully, not tarrying till you are by law compelled to it.”

Motivated by the Holy Spirit, our attitudes and conduct go beyond any sense of duty that may be derived by individuals. This motivation arises from the debt that can never be marked as “paid in full,” the debt of love. God so loved us that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who in love met our deepest needs. We, in turn, as servants of Christ, show this same love toward others. We show great integrity and are truly honest in all of our dealings. We gladly repay the debts we owe. In Christ’s love, we serve and do not sin against our neighbor, which may harm him and bring the condemnation of the Law. Rather, in the role of servant, Christ’s love lives and works through us, thus fulfilling the Law and doing the will of God.





Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays in August:

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| 1 Larry Adler | 15 Avalynn Reich |
| 1 Hunter Mars | 18 Christian Eriksen |
| 4 Linda Zabik | 19 Amanda Ennis |
| 5 Sheri Labatsky | 19 Joe Hadley |
| 8 Andrew Thurm | 19 Alise Stewart |
| 9 Thomas Ennis | 20 Steve Hargis |
| 9 Pam Pierce | 22 Pauline Baker |
| 12 Hailey Eriksen | 22 Donna Goers |
| 13 Jim Gilson | 25 Shannon Shaw |
| 13 Jarrett Kirchner | 26 Deana VanCura |
| 14 Jan Adler | |



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY

A very special Happy Birthday to
Pauline Baker
who will turn 90 on August 22, 2919!!!



Congratulations to those celebrating anniversaries in August:

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| Dean & Jacque Rhodes | 8-02-1980 |
| Sean & Beccie Oltesvig | 8-05-2011 |
| Brandon & Stacy Sawdon | 8-07-2010 |
| Brandon & Heather Genson | 8-11-2007 |
| Terry & Dawne Claus | 8-12-2006 |
| Bob & Sue Holloway | 8-16-1968 |
| Harry & Judy McGee | 8-18-1967 |
| Guy & Diane York | 8-18-2001 |
| Dave & Sherry Hanovich | 8-21-1982 |



Megan Mars will be having back surgery on August 12. If you would like to help out the Mars family with a meal or two, please contact Patricia Hartsell at fentoncrew@hotmail.com and she will send you the calendar link. Thank you so much!



Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our ministry within the congregation and the community.

Captain Underpants Collection Continues



Community Sharing has a tremendous program for providing clothing to people in need. While our community is very generous with donating used clothing, the one thing that is always in great need is underwear for men, women and children. We will continue our **"Underwear Drive" through August 11th**. A collection box is located downstairs in the entryway. Remember that all items must be NEW. All sizes are needed from the largest adult to small children. Please consider giving generously to this drive sponsored by your Community Outreach Committee! Thank you—The Outreach Committee

REAL.PRESENT.GOD.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019

The Youth Present . . .

The youth will be having a small presentation
during Sunday School on the

18th of August starting promptly at 10am!

Light morning snacks will be provided.

Sure hope you can make it!!!



And here's a sneak peak ...



WOW!!

THANK-YOU ALL!

Every year, as I sit to write a **THANK-YOU** to my dear Faith Family for all you do for **VBS**, my mind races and my heart smiles, with thoughts of **ALL** of you and how blessed I am/we are!! This year is definitely no exception! In fact, it may have been the best year yet! Though our numbers were down a little.... We'll work on that for next year!

And, my sincerest apologies to you all! It seems I get worse every year as far as pulling it together last minute. I don't mean to, my crazy busy life just throws things at me.... Like the blown down tent the day of setup! And thanks!! to some wonderful men in our church family, it was up again in no time.... To God be the Glory!! He

always provides! I've always believed and said "God's got this!" and He truly, truly does! His Spirit works through all of you and we always have an awesome, amazing week! This is confirmed to me every year, about mid way through when all the kids start asking me why VBS can't be two weeks long! The smiles on their faces, the joy in their hearts.... They learn of the love our Lord and want more! What could be better? Not much....

I Thank YOU Father, Jesus, Spirit for everything in my life & especially my dear Faith Family!

And my deepest thanks and love to each and every one of you for **ALL** you do and did to make VBS 2019 so wonderful!! Your time, your talents, your caring hearts are appreciated more than you know and I truly am already looking forward to next year! With all of you doing what you do so perfectly to make the week so amazing....

Love in Christ,
Phyllis

Ephesians 3:20-21, "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."





VBS



Pastor had fun too !!!



!!! The Church Picnic was enjoyed by ALL !!!



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FOUNDER, STEVE COHEN

Boldly declaring Yeshua as Messiah.
Urgently equipping Believers in Jesus
to do the same!



You are invited to come to
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Our Jewish Roots

Sunday, August 11, 2019 8:30 & 11, & 9:45 Bible class

Invite your friends to hear the Gospel in a Jewish setting!



A free-will offering will be received for the ongoing missionary work of The Apple of His Eye.

The Apple of His Eye - PO Box 1649 - Brentwood, TN 37024
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Why Stephen Ministry?

We have many needs for care in our congregation, and community: people experiencing divorce, grief, a terminal illness, loss of a job, relocation, an empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness, and many other stress challenges. Often people with needs suffer silently or do not request or receive the level of care that they need. With only Pastor Moyer for a congregation our size, you can quickly see why it would be impossible for him to meet every single need of every single person. Stephen Ministry expands the care Faith can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This gives us a larger pool of people with the gifts, skills, and calling to bring Christ's love and care to those who need it most.



Who Benefits from Stephen Ministry?

Everyone. Those receiving care from Stephen Ministers benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. Faith Lutheran Church becomes a more caring focused church. Pastor Moyer benefits because caring ministry at Faith is expanded, supporting people in need. Most of all *you* benefit from the knowledge that special care is available to you should you need it. In addition, you now have a place where you can refer a friend, relative, anyone else you know who is going through a difficult time so that they can receive special care when they need it most.

.Altar Guild -- A Living Faith Opportunity



A very special THANK YOU to the Hartsell ladies, **Patricia, Emma & Grace**, who have volunteered to taken down communion and clean up after the late service. We are very thankful for your help!

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER(S) FOR SET-UP OF COMMUNION—Altar Guild duties at the early service include setting the altar table for communion and changing the colors of the altar paraments.

Each month requires approximately 2 hours of service (total). More time is required with mid-week communion and months with a third Sunday.

You can volunteer alone, or as a team with a friend or family member -- young or old, and demonstrate your Living Faith in this very important church function.

Please prayerfully consider joining our group of workers! Should you want to join us, or need more information, kindly contact Theresa Erfourth (early service) or call her at 248.887.7567 or email at terfourth@comcast.net.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Elders</u> Carl Lemke Steve Foradori	<u>Trustees</u> Steve Tino Mike Genson	<u>Greeters</u> Kathy Lemke Need volunteer for late service.		1 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	2	3
4 Communion 8:30 Worship 10:00 Summer Sunday School 11:00 Worship	5	6 12noon AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	7 9:30am Women's Bible Study	8 7:00pm Trustees	9	10
11 Missionary Sunday 8:30 Worship 10:00 Missionary Presentation 11:00 Worship 12:00 Elder's	12	13 12noon AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	14 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm F.L.Y.	15 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting 7:30pm Voters	16	17
18 Communion 8:30 Worship 10:00 Youth Gathering Presentation 11:00 Worship 12:00 Board of Christian Ed.	19	20 12noon AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	21 9:30am Women's Bible Study 11:00am Card Ministry	22	23	24
25 8:30 Worship 10:00 Summer Sunday School 11:00 Worship	26	27 12noon AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	28 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm F.L.Y.	29 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>SAVE the DATE</p> <p><u>Save the Date</u> October 19, 2019</p> <p>A fundraiser Trivia Night is being planned by the Outreach Committee. Details to follow.</p> </div>



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A Day Away In a Quiet Place

Maya Angelou said, "Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us." Similarly, when Jesus' disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31, NIV).

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek "a day away" not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work with rest. God set that example, resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away — not just alone, but with him — to be refreshed.

Spend a relaxing day at a lake. Go on a scrapbooking retreat or a leisurely hike with a friend. Find a monastery that welcomes guests, and experience 48 hours of prayer and silence there. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember another message he shared: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28, NIV).



Rest
Matthew 11:28