

Faith Lutheran Church

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A Person of Peace

To mask or not to mask, that is the question. With mandates and recommendations changing throughout the country, we're doing our best here at Faith to keep up with guidelines and make decisions that will serve the wellbeing of our members and maintain our ability to "welcome and unite God's people and nurture faith through the Gospel." But I know not everyone will agree with those decisions.

Already it feels confusing and weird going out and about. Establishments display signs asking patrons to mask up, but it doesn't seem to be as enforced. Rules are now suggestions. Guidelines are options. One store had changed their signs to simply say ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK. Who would have thought we would ever interpret such a warning as one of the more welcoming gestures, but here we are...

For some the change comes too quickly, accustomed to the learned routines of the last 14 months. For others it couldn't have come any sooner ready to move on with summer and the rest of their lives.

Dear Christian, where might you be on that spectrum and how will you interact with those who may not see things as "rightly" as you?

At one point in his ministry Jesus sent out 72 followers to go into the towns ahead of him announcing the Kingdom of God. He gave them specific instructions including to seek out the "sons of peace" in those towns and stay with them and operate from there. He doesn't give much indication as to what such a person of peace is, but other places in scripture give us some ideas. Those who hear the Word of the Lord and keep it. Those who rejoice in hope, are patient in suffering, and constant in prayer. Those who seek to outdo each other in doing good, contribute to the needs of the congregation, and desire to show hospitality (Romans 12)

I bet you know people like that. If you're doing any traveling this summer, (and even if not) be on the lookout for the people of peace around you. But also consider how you might be the person of peace to others.

God has shown his love and grace towards you in sending His Son to die in your stead. And that's true of absolutely every single other person you will ever meet.

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:29-32 ESV)

- Pastor Moyer



Minutes from Faith Lutheran Church Voters Meeting

May 20, 2021

In Attendance: Tom & Nancy Lombardo, Neil & Laura Hornbacher, Mike Stanley, Tom & Cindy Tesolin, Bill Kiley, Sharon Vogel, Kathy VanGordon, Dean Ayers, Guy York, Steve Tino

Excused: Karen Cowart, Jacque Rhodes, Tom & Chris Buckthorpe

The Voters Assembly was called to order by Tom Lombardo at 7:02 PM. Cindy Tesolin read the opening prayer. Pastor Moyer was not in attendance and Tom Lombardo presented Pastor's devotion, "Go Outside".

Devotion was from Acts 1 & 2. On the day the Pentecost arrived they were all together in one place. Suddenly from heaven came a sound that filled the place where they were. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began speaking in other tongues. They did not know why this happened until they went out into the streets. The different languages were meant for people out in the streets. These were the people that needed to hear God's message. We also have a Spirit given language to share with others. Not a literal language but in other gifts. These may be caring, hospitality, and sharing your faith with others.

Minutes from previous meeting were read by Nancy Lombardo. A motion was made by Mike Stanley to approve the April meeting minutes with corrections, seconded by Dean Ayers and approved by all.

Pastor's Report - Faith hosted Pastors from sister congregations in the circuit on May 11 and a virtual Michigan District regional pastors' conference on May 18th. Thank you to Chris Buckthorpe for providing lunch on May 11th. First conference covered the topic of Rest: physical well-being & spiritual wellness. Second focused on Preaching to Babylon: how the church has historically interacted with governmental authority & politics – now & in the future.

Michigan District president David Maier gave his bi-annual report. Here are some highlights:

- In-person events cancelled

- The 103rd District Convention set for June 26-28, 2022

- Synod convention will be held in 2023

- The district joined the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) Church Alliance & member congregations can join at a discounted rate.

- There have been many new seminary graduates. There have been around 150 calls requested by Synod congregations but there were only 76 candidates available. There are currently 46 congregations requesting calls in the district. He suspects he will see more congregations merging or sharing a pastor or a growing number of "worker priests".

Church Extension Fund will be offering a new grant program called Equip + Connect. Beginning July 1st, CEF will cover \$2,500 for new technology purchases and updates as well as \$500 to offset the cost of attending training events.

We have seen several visitors attending worship this year and a few have asked about joining or learning about our church.

Board of Education - Laura Hornbacher reported for the Board of Education.

June 6th Intergenerational Sunday School will begin.

VBS will take place July 26th – 30th

Board of Elders - Mike Stanley reported for the Board of Elders. A copy of report is on file.

Transfer of Jen, Alexa, and Ellie Kempffer (Lemke's daughter & grandchildren) from Canada. Michael Kramb through Affirmation of Faith.

Video is working well – sound improvements are still being worked on.

New steps to be taken beginning June 1st with regard to changing guidelines:

Return of hymnals, registry, envelopes, etc. to the pews.

Communion and offering plates will continue as it has been.

New mask mandates were discussed. Discussed further in New Business.

Board of Family & Community Outreach - Kathy VanGordon reported for the Board of Family & Community Outreach. A copy of report is on file.

Diaper Drive in in progress.

After the incident with the lady that came to the church and needed help, a list has been put together with a number of agencies that can be called in an emergency. It will be posted at every telephone in the building and on the bulletin board. Extra copies will be made for distribution.

Discussion on locking the downstairs door during the late service.

We discussed purchasing promotional items for the Highland Township Welcome kits. Kathy passed around a catalog and it was decided to purchase 500 chip clips. There are many new residents moving into some of the mobile park communities in our area. It was suggested we check with Thrivent to see if funds would be available for this project.

Nothing is planned after the Diaper Drive, but they will be checking with Patricia Hartsell to see if she needs help with the Youth events.

Board of Trustees - Steve Tino reported for the Board of Trustees. A copy of report is on file.

Township granted the variance request, and we can apply for the permit in 2 weeks.

Post holes for the pavilion should go in by mid-June.

Lumber package was ordered.

Received 2 quotes for asphalt paving. First quote (R & R Asphalt) was \$28,000 for the upper parking lot and \$50,000 for the lower parking lot. Second quote (Infinity Paving) was \$33,880 for the upper parking lot and \$45,935 for the lower parking lot.

Steve is more comfortable with the second quote because they will be doing finishing work – filling cracks, etc. There will be water & electricity at the pavilion.

Sharon asked if we should remove the rose bushes at the top entrance and replace them with something heartier.

Treasurers Report - Bill Kiley presented the April Treasurers Report.

Bill went over various line items. We discussed consolidating some of the accounts, and Bill said he would investigate some of the account balances that have been on the books for some time.

Motion to accept was made by Mike Stanley, seconded by Tom Tesolin. Motion accepted by all.

Stephen Ministry – Guy York reported for the Stephen Ministry.

The Stephen Ministry has been meeting every other week.

They are targeting a new training class. There are 2 people committed to training at this time – he would like to have 4 or 5. Continue to pray for candidates. He has a list of many in need of care.

The Stephen Ministry has a collection of books to lend out for people at difference stages in their lives.

Guy would like to hold the Stephen Ministry meetings every Monday evening in the conference room. Guy wasn't sure of security code so Bill Kiley will contact the company to update the list of contacts.

Music Ministry - Jacque Rhodes did not attend the meeting but sent an email to some of the members for discussion.

She discussed teaching 2 or 3 songs for the summer Sunday School session that could be the opening and/or closing songs every Sunday.

This can be VBS songs or songs suggested by the members.

Communicant membership applications or transfers

Motion to approve/disapprove transfers of Jen, Alexa, and Ellie Kempffer (Lemke's daughter & grandchildren) was made by Tom Lombardo seconded by Guy York. Motion approved by all.

Old Business – None

New Business – Bill Kiley received notification that we made a pledge to the Michigan District in 2018 to pay \$600 per year for 5 years totaling \$3,000. The balance remaining is \$1,800 – we have paid \$1,200 toward the pledge.

This campaign goes 50% toward church workers scholarship fund.

Tom Tesolin made a motion that we pay the additional \$1,800 as originally pledged, Tom Lombardo seconded the motion. Motion approved by all.

Guy York made a motion to accept the Elders recommendation on wearing masks optional on the pulpit side (west side) of the church and mask only on the other side of the aisle. Tom Lombardo seconded the motion. Motion approved by all. Coffee room is also mask optional.

Intergenerational Sunday School is upstairs in the sanctuary and same mask rules apply.

Dean Ayers reminded everyone that Sunday, May 23rd is Pentecostal Sunday – wear red.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. Motion made by Laura Hornbacher.

Cindy Tesolin closed with the General Meeting Closing Prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lombardo, Recording Secretary

This is what was shared at church in May by the Elder speaker. We thought you would enjoy reading it.

A Living Faith – what does it mean?

We use the word “worship” frequently, so much so that it has become a term that is ordinary and commonplace. As a result of its usage, worship needs a fresh definition, something we’ll try to do this morning. First, let’s define what worship isn’t.

Worship is not just a Sunday service, whether held at 8:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m., nor 7:00 p.m. for Lent and Advent. Nor is it just Bible Class and Sunday School. Hopefully, genuine worship takes place when we meet together in the name of the Lord, and yes, even on the baseball field.

Nor is worship a specific series of events known as an “order of worship.” While God is a God of orderliness and desires that things be done in an “orderly way,” merely going through a ritual or a specific liturgy is not necessarily worship.

Worship is reverent love and devotion which we express to God. Worship is humbling ourselves before Him in love and adoration. Worship is bowing before God in awe of His majesty, power and glory. Worship is giving honor to God because of our great love for Him.

Worship can take many forms. It can be present in a public service or it can be something done alone in private. It can be present in a liturgy, but it can also be the expression of our hearts without any formality whatsoever.

It may surprise you to learn that worship also includes giving and serving. In other words, giving does not merely accompany worship; giving is worship, every bit as much as praying or singing a hymn of praise. And, serving is worship.

Randy Alcorn wrote,

Giving and serving are a response of the heart triggered by the grace of God. Grace engenders grace. A gift inspires giving and serving -- the greater the gift, the greater the giving. We consider what He has given to us, time, talents and treasures, then we give and serve out of our unspeakable gratitude. We give because He first gave to us. He is such a great Giver that it is impossible to respond to Him without giving. . . .

So, what does a **Living Faith** have to do with worship? It is worship. As Randy points out, we give, we serve, we use our talents to help build the Lord’s kingdom here on earth.

One author wrote that “Giving is most worshipful when giving takes place in the actual physical gathering of the saints for worship.” If that is true, then giving has ramifications that are both vertical (directed towards God) and horizontal (directed towards other people). Perhaps that is why the Lord Jesus said that if we bring our gift to the altar as an act of public worship, and we remember that we have wronged our brother, we are first to be reconciled to our brother before we worship, or before we give.

As you consider through your **Living Faith** the use of your time, talents, and treasures, my heartfelt prayer is that you will serve and give as part of your worship and love for our blessed Lord, that like Cornelius in Acts chapter ten, “Your prayers and gifts” will “come up as a memorial offering before God.”

Living Faith Stewardship Campaign

Applying Biblical Teachings

“Strategic planning” is a two-word term that can best be described as a “buzz word.” It’s in vogue. It’s trendy for businesses (and churches) to talk about and engage in strategic planning.

Frequently, when quizzed about why they should engage in strategic planning, business owners and managers will respond with a host of reasons and yet miss the basic benefit that comes from planning: Businesses which plan are more profitable than those which do not. In other words, those who aim at something are more likely to hit it than those who aim at nothing.

Similarly, when it comes to giving, Christians are to develop a “strategic plan.” We are instructed to set aside funds systematically, regularly, for support of the Lord’s work. In that way, when we come to worship each week, we’ll be prepared to give. We will have “planned” our giving under the divine leadership of the Holy Spirit. Then, by giving that which we have set aside, we will put our plan to work as the offering is received.

Yes, the Holy Spirit can and sometimes does lead us to give gifts in a spontaneous manner without planning. But as a rule, spontaneous, unplanned giving is the exception. Most of the time, God wants His people to give systematically and to respond to His direction in their lives by careful planning.

Speaking of consistent givers (the kind who generally plan their giving), Randy Alcorn described them as the “backbone of the church.” Such people do not miss giving to the Lord’s work, even when they are unable to attend. Just because they are not physically present when the offering plate is passed does not mean that they skip a Sunday or two in supporting the life and ministry of the church.

Be ready to give as the Spirit of God leads, even on a moment’s notice. Be ready to give when a special need arises. But most of all, develop a “strategic plan” to give by seeking God’s direction concerning your giving and by putting aside funds in preparation for giving. Then “work your plan” by giving those funds as you gather at Faith Lutheran Church with other Christians each Lord’s Day. And when you can’t be present for worship, plan carefully to be sure that your giving follows your plan. Remember, the work and ministry of Faith Lutheran Church go on week after week, even when you are unable to be present.





Birthdays

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays in June:

1 Brooke Prater	17 Abigail Reich
1 Claire Tesolin	18 Ashton Egan
4 Bill Erfourth	18 David Krusinski
7 Kathy Lemke	18 Brooke Scrivo
7 Declan McMurrin	19 Darcy Reich
9 Mickey Detrick	19 Alaina Thurm
9 Michael Shaw, Jr.	19 Ilene Yanke
9 Elliott Smith	22 Kiley Genson
10 Judy Kiley	22 Brendon Rickle
11 Janet Kramb	27 Leah Russell
13 Nancy Lauer	28 Dan Brown
14 Tom Heger	29 Steve Foradori
16 Shawn Jones	29 Aristide Gardette
17 Janet Hannewald	29 Austin Swackhamer



Anniversaries

Congratulations to those celebrating anniversaries in June:

Carl & Carolyn Grunwald	6-13-1964
Bryan & Tracie Smith	6-16-2001
Dane & Deana VanCura	6-16-2018
Gregg & Sherri Steigerwalt	6-25-1988
Kyle & Shawn Jones	6-30-2007



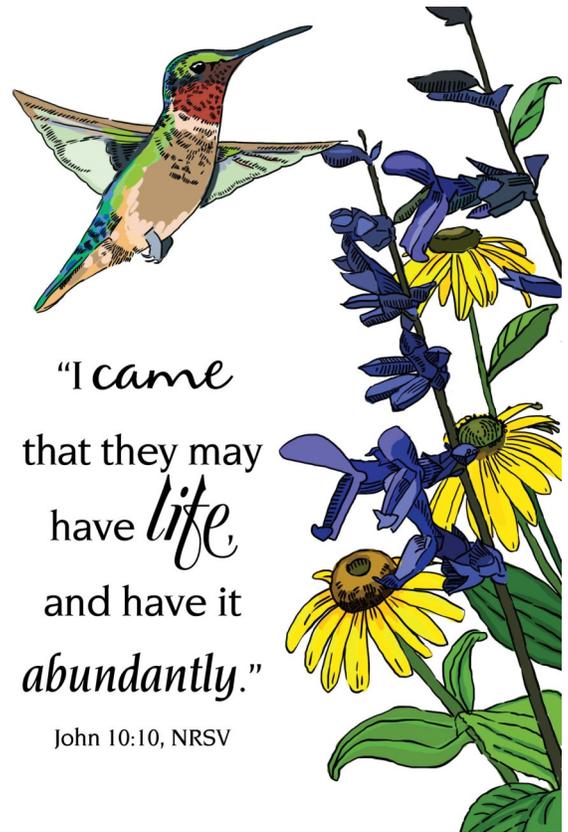
Our Heartfelt Christian sympathy to the following who have lost loved ones this past month:

Andrea Blumberg at the passing of her granddaughter, **Stephanie**.

Janet Kramb at the passing of her husband, **Michael**.

Betty Chopp at the passing of her sister, **Marjorie Cannon**.

May these families find comfort in knowing their loved one is with their Lord in a beautiful heaven and that their church family is praying for them at this time.



*"I came
that they may
have *life*
and have it
abundantly."*

John 10:10, NRSV

Trustees Needed

We are in need of volunteers to join the Trustees. We especially need one volunteer for early service and more for late service. Please contact Steve Tino at 248-459-2446 if you can help out. Thanks!



VBS 2021

The Fruit of the Spirit



Our Dear Faith Family,

Another year of challenges are behind us and we are ready to celebrate!

Faith's Board of Education has decided to hold our VBS outdoors again, at our church, July 26-30 from 6:30-7:30p.m. We are still taking light precautions so all will feel comfortable to come and have some fun and fellowship and teach our Lord's word to our kids!

Our "Praise Party in the Parking Lot" this year will be much like last year.... a version of our normal opening and closing with a short, fun lesson/message in between. Then some fun little extra and snack each night. This year's theme is Super Fruit (The Fruit of the Spirit), Galatians 5 .

We'll also have the Slip~N~Slide afterwards on Thursday and Friday, weather permitting... If we have to make the call to cancel an evening due to weather conditions, we will post it on our website.

We do plan to maintain a social distance by placing mats and blankets in 6-10' areas for each family (feel free to bring lawn chairs, umbrellas... sunscreen). Your "group" will be who you come with; we will not be putting the children into our usual Tribe families as in past years. Please remind children to use the bathroom prior to coming, just to limit the traffic in and out of the church. Please feel free to bring/wear your own mask and do what your family is most comfortable with during these still uncertain times.

We will have forms and a link for registrations soon.

Please save the dates and plan to join us for a week of fun!! Feel free to contact the church office at 248-887-5550 with any questions, comments, concerns, ideas....

*Galatians 5:22 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control...*

Our 2021 Graduates



Lydia Thurm

Graduate of The Thurm School of Excellence. She will be attending Concordia University-Ann Arbor in the fall, where she will be on the dance team. Lydia is the daughter of Justin & Andrea Thurm.



Grace Hartsell

Graduate of Fenton High School. She will be attending Northern Michigan University in the fall to study Pre-Optometry. Grace is the daughter of Patricia & Steve Hartsell.



Emma Hartsell

Graduate of Fenton High School. She will be attending Northern Michigan University in the fall to study Speech Pathology. Emma is the daughter of Patricia & Steve Hartsell.



Sean Hartsell

Graduate of Fenton High School. He will be attending UNOH in Ohio in the fall to study Performance Racing. Sean is the son of Patricia & Steve Hartsell.



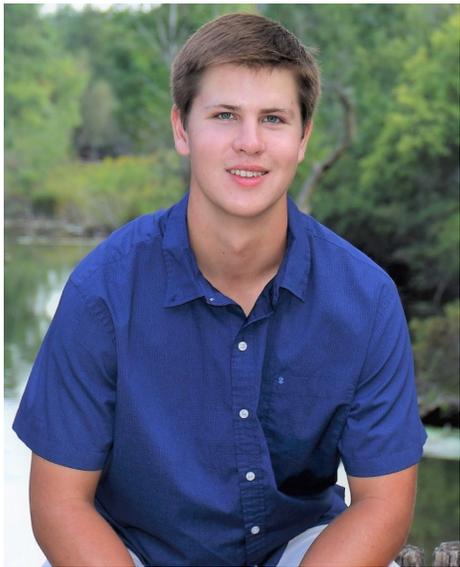
Charlie Prater

Graduate of Lakeland High School. He will be attending Michigan Tech in the fall. Charlie is the son of Brooke Prater and the grandson of Mike & Mary Stanley.

Congrats to all our Graduates!!!

May you continue to hold the Lord close as you venture out into the world.

God bless each of you with HIS love and care!



Matt Zaremba

Graduate of Lakeland High School. He will attend Michigan State University to study Finance and Statistics. Matt is the son of Brian & Sharon Zaremba.



Riley Smith

Riley graduated with honors from SUNY ESF (State University of New York college of Environmental Science & Forestry) on May 15, 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Conservation Biology. Riley is the daughter of Beccie Oltesvig and the granddaughter of Rev. Terry & Dawn Claus.

Community Sharing needs your help!

We have launched a capital campaign to fund the building of a permanent Community Sharing facility. Due to required yet unaffordable repairs, we must move from our existing location at Duck Lake Center by the end of 2021.



For sixteen years, Community Sharing has been in borrowed or leased space, and now we have the opportunity to build a permanent home. Our plan is modest, as our most important mission is to continue helping our neighbors in need.

We owe a huge thank you to Highland Township for their generous offer of allowing us to build on their property near the Highland Township Library. We know you and the township realize the impact Community Sharing has in the Huron Valley School District, where we reach 700 of our neighbors in any given month, with half of those being children.

In our new building, we will continue to reach out to the working poor, low-income seniors, and families down on their luck. But we need your help to keep our pantry doors open and fulfill our mission! Please open your hearts and generously support our campaign.

Help us raise \$880,000

Our mailing address is:

Community Sharing Outreach Center
P. O. Box 405
Highland, MI 48357

Our website is:

community-sharing.org
Click on the "Help Us Build" icon on the right

Thank you so much for your generous hearts !!!

Luther on Honoring Parents



*Honor your
father and
your mother.*

Exodus 20:12

To this estate of fatherhood and motherhood God has given the distinction above all lower estates that he commands us not only to love our parents but also to honor them. For concerning brothers, sisters, and our neighbors in general He commands nothing higher than that we love them. In this way he sets father and mother apart, distinguishes them above all other persons on earth and places them at His side.

For to honor a person is a far higher matter than to love them; because honor does not comprise of love alone but also deference, humility, and awe, as if we were in the presence of majesty there hidden. Nor does honor require that we merely address parent kindly and reverently, but that, both in our hearts and in our actions, we show and make it clear that we esteem them highly and, next to God, consider them supreme. For one whom we are sincerely to honor we must truly consider exalted and important.

Therefore, we must train young people to look upon their parent as God's representatives and to remember that even though they are lowly, poor, frail and peculiar, they are still the father and mother who God gave them. They are not to be robbed of their honor because of their conduct and failings. Therefore, we are not to look at the kind of persons they are but at God's will, which has made and ordained it so. In other respects, we are, of course, all alike in the eyes of God. (*Large Catechism*)

Hanging out with Dad



I've always been a "daddy's girl." Growing up, I usually spent Saturdays in the garage with my dad. We'd build something, fix a car part or get into some trouble together.

Though Joseph wasn't Jesus' biological father, he certainly served as a father figure for God's Son. Jesus followed in Joseph's footsteps as a carpenter, but we're told little about his childhood. When Joseph advised Jesus to "measure twice and cut once," did Jesus mention he'd get it right on the first measure? How many craftsman tips did Jesus learn from Joseph? And did Joseph learn a few from Jesus? Surely young Jesus looked up to Joseph. What did wonder look like in the eyes of the One who invented wonder?

How am I hanging out with God on a regular basis? Am I continuing to learn his "trade"? Do I intentionally mimic his words, his kindness, his ways of loving others well? Take a minute to ponder that. Imagine yourself out in the garage with God (or in the kitchen with God, or at the computer with God). What task do you imagine doing together? What does God say to you as you look into his eyes?

—Janna Firestone

Stephen Ministry



A primary facet of Stephen Ministry is that the caring relationships are strictly confidential. Nothing that is discussed during weekly meetings will be shared by the care giver with anyone. Inspired from the Stephen Ministry *Training Manual* a sample relationship and confidentiality are provided below.

Dick and Jane just retired. They sold their big house in the city and moved 55 miles north, buying a buying a four-season cottage on a lake just outside a small town. After a few months it was clear that Dick loved his new life and this location. Dick now had time for golf and fishing. He regularly met friends and former business partners for breakfast or lunch, out having fun. Jane however missed her old friends and familiar surroundings. In addition to turning their new house into a home she took on the responsibility to find new doctors and dentists, a new pharmacy, stores for shopping. Nothing came easy. Jane became more and more frustrated, and angry. Whenever she tried to talk to Dick about her feelings it turned into a big argument.

Jane and Dick did find a new church very similar to their old church. They worshipped regularly and Jane was beginning to get active. After a women's bible study one week she stuck her head into the pastor's office just to say hello. Her 5 minute hello turned into a 50 minute emotional vent. Realizing the time she'd been there, apologetically Jane got up to leave. Pastor asked Jane to sit for a few minutes longer and asked what she knew about Stephen Ministry. Pastor suggested Jane needed someone to talk to. Jane initially rejected the idea, but then agreed with apprehension. Being new to the congregation, she was concerned that anything they might talk about would get shared as gossip. If Dick found out what they talked about he'd get upset. New church acquaintances would learn of their marriage troubles and think poorly of Dick or herself.

Although assured both by the Stephen Leader and Fran, her Stephen Minister that everything discussed in their meetings would be held in strict confidence, she was still careful not to be too open. One day she bumped into the Stephen Leader at the post office. After some small-talk he asked Jane how she felt things were going with Fran. Jane said that they had several very emotional conversations. "I thought that by now Fran would have reported to you all the details", she said. The Stephen Leader replied "Oh no, she would never do that. As I explained when I visited with you before beginning your meetings, everything that you share with your Stephen Minister is confidential. Our Stephen Ministers are carefully trained in this area. No one will know that you have a Stephen Minister or anything you talk about".

Over the next several weeks Jane felt more at ease, not just in sharing her feelings with Fran, but talking about Jesus. Jane was beginning to see how so much alike she and Fran were and how blessed they both were. Over time Jane became quite comfortable in her new surroundings and found new and positive ways to talk to Dick.

Fast forward a short while, Jane and Fran no longer meet in a formal Stephen Ministry fashion, but they do enjoy each other's company both inside the church's various groups and outside. And, Jane has become a Stephen Minister herself, having found firsthand what a Stephen Minister can do just by listening. Jane thanks God daily for Dick, their new home, her Stephen Minister and for the opportunity to serve Christ in the same way, confidentially. See the words around the Care Giver's Cross. Christ is the center. The four categories each have confidentiality components.



A weekly, 30-minute Lutheran broadcast worship service on the following channels:

Comcast—channel 399

Direct TV—channel 377

Over-the-air Digital Channel—18.4

Check listings for exact times

Electronic Giving

Electronic Giving is still available if you wish to participate.

Please use the following link:

faithhighland.com/give

Thank you so much!

Calling All Youth 5th to 12 grades

Come join FLY for a fun game of LIFE SIZE Hungry Hungry Hippo. Adults you are welcome to come cheer us on!

When: Sunday June 13th 12:30pm the Church parking lot

This event should be about an hour long.

Youth will be hosting and providing snacks and water.

There will be prizes too!

Please RSVP to Patricia at fly3501@outlook.com or call/text 810-625-7466



Faith.

Fellowship.

Maybe even some food!

ALL AGES Summer Sunday School begins **June 6** between services.

Come learn and grow together!



MISSION
Statement

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.

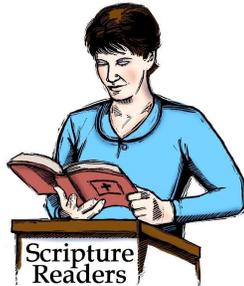


Readers Needed

Additional readers are needed for both services. You would be reading the Old Testament, Psalm and Epistle about once a month during the worship service. Your help will be greatly appreciated. If you're worried about pronouncing Old Testament names, you can go to biblegateway.com and listen to the pronunciations. It is very helpful. I do it all the time 😊

If you are interested in reading, please let me know and I'll add you to the list. Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration.

Linda Brown
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**Dads are most ordinary men
turned by love into
heroes, adventurers,
storytellers and
singers of song.**

—Pam Brown

OUTREACH ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE to benefit Crossroads Care Center in Auburn Hills will run through Father's Day, June 20th

Thank you so much to all who have already donated items. Your generosity is overwhelming!!!

We will continue to collect the following items through Father's Day, June 20:

- Sleepers for boys and girls sizes 12 months and 18 months.
- Baby toiletries (head to toe baby wash, lotion, A&D ointment, Desitin diaper cream)
- Onesies for boys and girls (12, 18 and 24 month sizes)
- Disposable diapers (sizes newborn, 4 and 5)
- Enfamil powdered formula (no liquid)
- Baby wipes
- Towels and washcloths
- Financial support is always accepted



Diaper Drive

These items can be brought to our church and placed into the display in the lower level entryway. If you cannot bring them, but wish to participate in this ministry, pick-up can be arranged by calling the church office at 248.887.5550.

Thank you so much for your giving hearts !!!

Just for Fun:

Last month my family took a trip to Rhinelander, WI to attend the confirmation of Lisa's and my god-daughter. The history of the town extends back to the late 1800s beginning as a commercial hub for the lumbering and sawmill industries in northern Wisconsin. Some of the paper mills are still in operation.



Rhinelander is also home to the *hodag*, a creature purportedly discovered by a local land surveyor, captured, and put on display at a local fair in 1893. Visitors to the exhibit were startled when the creature would move and growl, not aware of the wires attached to its body and being pulled by the proprietor. Eventually the reports coming from "up north" got the attention of the Smithsonian, which announced they planned to send a team of zoologists to study and catalogue the strange beast. And at that the discoverers admitted it had all been a hoax of wood, leather and wire.

But the legend lives on! Today the hodag is the school mascot, a beer brand, a music festival; it even once appeared on an episode of Scooby Doo! Political yard signs boast HODAG FOR PRESIDENT, statues holding daily lunch special signs welcome diners. The hodag is everywhere; on t-shirts, billboards, corporate logos, and some say still lurking in the woods at night!

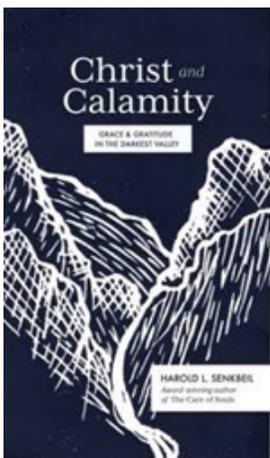


My favorite hodag sighting, however, is the stained-glass window above the entryway to the church we attended that Sunday. Here the hodag is portrayed as its mythical, nonexistent self: a metaphor for the lies, deceit, and snares of the devil being slain by the sword of the Word of God. (Eph 6:17)

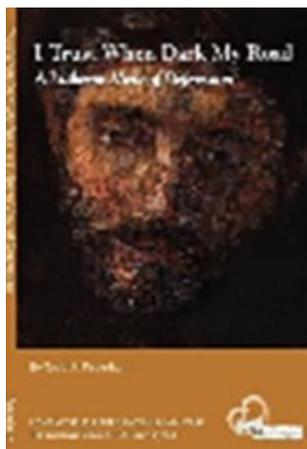
Let that be an encouraging reminder that though the devil seem all around, pleased to be portrayed both as a terrifying presence or a fun myth, he is not omnipresent and he is already defeated by the living Word of the Lord who endures forever.

Any 'tall tales' from your neck of the woods? Thanks for reading! - Pastor Moyer

Books I'm Reading this Month



Christ and Calamity
by Hal Senkbeil

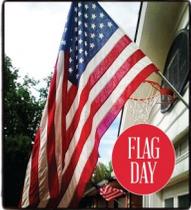


I Trust When Dark My Road
by Todd Peperkorn



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elders Tom Tesolin Carl Lemke	Trustees Dennis Goers Need a Volunteer	1 12:00pm AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	2 9:30am Women's Bible Study	3	4	5 11:00am Memorial Service for Marjorie Cannon 
6 Communion 8:30 Worship 9:45 Summer Sunday School 11:00 Worship	7	8 12:00pm AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	9 9:30am Women's Bible Study	10	11	12
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Floating on Faith

As a man and his young daughter were boating one day, their vessel sprang a leak. The father knew he'd have to swim to shore but couldn't with the child in tow. She hadn't gotten far in swimming lessons but could float on her back, so he told her to do so and promised to return.

Coast Guard personnel were skeptical that a child could survive so long in the water. But hours later, as the sun set and they considered halting the search, someone spied a red dress amid the waves. The girl, still floating, was singing a hymn. Astounded, rescuers asked how she held on so long. "My daddy said he'd come back for me," she said, "and he never breaks his promises."



Prayer rests on just such trust. We can't know when God will answer or act, but we know he promises never to abandon us and that God keeps his promises. So we can lie back and float — on faith.