



Faith Lutheran Church

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THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD



In the Lutheran Church, a pastor's call is understood as a divine calling, a process where God works through the church and individuals to identify and affirm a person's suitability for ordained ministry. It's not merely a hiring process but a spiritual discernment involving both the individual and the congregation. - MLCMS -

Focus on the Chief Shepherd:

Remember that Jesus Christ is the ultimate head and shepherd of the Church. Draw strength and guidance from His presence
- LCMS -



Minutes from Faith Lutheran Church Voters Meeting

July 17, 2025

Attendance: Dean Ayer's, Jim Steck, Bill Kiley, Ted and Jen Kempffer, Cindy and Tom Tesolin, Sharon Vogel, Dean Rhodes, Steve Tino, Kathy VanGordon, Tracie Smith, Stan Nelson

Absent Excused: Karen Cowart, Laura Hornbacher, Neil Hornbacher, Chris and Tom Buckthrope

Absent Unexcused:

Call to Order At 7 p.m. Dean Rhodes opened with prayer.

Approval of June Minutes: Tracie Smith motioned to accept June minutes and Cindy Tesolin Seconded. All in favor. Non opposed.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Nothing to report.

BOARD OF ELDERS:

Pastor Rossow is prepared to continue the role of Guest Pastor through December 2025

Pastor Rossow is pleased with having a single, combined service and would be interested in knowing of the number of members that strongly prefer the two-service format.

Faith will support and encourage members to attend the closing service of St. Mark church on Sunday August 31st at 2:00 PM. District President Rev. David Davis will be the guest preacher.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Trustee report, the glass has been ordered to replace the broken glass panel by the lower main entrance door. The parking lot is being worked on this week. All the cracks have been filled in with an Elastic tar filler. All the parking lines are being repainted. The out door grill stone work is now completed. The hill next to the outdoor stairs that lead to the upper parking lot has been seeded and strawed. We have a new member that would like to join our board of trustees. Thanks be to God for some much needed help for the Trustees.

TREASURES REPORT: Bill Kiley presented the financial information. Receipts, expenses were reviewed and discussed. The balance sheet amounts and funds balance reviewed for the month. Full report on file.

Dean Ayer's Motion to accept treasurers report. Steve Tino Seconded. All in favor. Non opposed.

BOARD OF FAITH, FAMILY AND OUTREACH:

On behalf of the congregation, Outreach will send \$2,000 to Hosanna Lutheran Church in Kerrville, TX to assist them with flood relief in their community. We are looking at options for a possible school supply drive. Details to be determined.

Upcoming Events:

October - Whaley Children's Center Giving Tree

November - Ronald McDonald House Toy Drive

Nov/Dec - Christmas Families

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship has not met for several weeks. Guy attended the Michigan LCMS District Convention in Ann Arbor and gather a lot of information Stewardship information to share with the board.

All board and committee chairs are reminded to send Guy a note before the end of each month of opportunities for members to volunteer time and talents, to update the chart published in each monthly newsletter.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: We are Blessed greatly by the Father. All is normal. The next training class is still in the planning stage. Dates TBD. We have many opportunities to provide care but lack sufficient numbers of Stephen Ministers to do so. We encourage all Faith members to prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister as an opportunity to serve Christ and members of Faith Highland by this loving and caring ministry. For more information, please contact Guy York.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Nothing to report.

CALL COMMITTEE: Continue moving forward on paperwork for calling a pastor. Should be receiving second set of PIF's soon. Please continue praying.

OLD BUSINESS:

— VBS at Christ Lutheran

— Mention in June voters of planning committee

NEW BUSINESS:

— Continue helping call committee fill out the many questions for calling a pastor.

ADJOURNMENT: TIME 8:30

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kempffer, Recording Secretary



VBS was a hit! BIG thank you to Christ Lutheran in Milford for combining with us and hosting. Ms. Laura did her thing as usual so there is NO doubt fun was had by all. Lucky kids!



*Congratulations to those celebrating
Birthdays in August*

1 Hunter Mars	14 Janet Adler
4 Linda Zabik	15 Ayalynn Reich
5 Sheri Labatsky	18 Christian Eriksen
8 Andrew Thrum	19 Amanda Ennis
9 Thomas Ennis	19 Joe Hadley
9 Pamela Pierce	22 Donna Goers
12 Hailey Eriksen	25 Shannon Shaw
12 Theo Kempffer	26 Deana VanCura
13 Jim Gilson	28 Elizabeth Kempffer
13 Jarrett Kirchner	



*Congratulations to those celebrating
Anniversaries in August*

Dean & Jackie Rhodes	8-2-1980
Sean & Rebecca Oltesvig	8-5-2011
Brandon & Heather Genson	8-11-2007
Terry & Dawne Claus	8-12-2006
Ray & Jennifer Witt	8-18-1990
Guy & Diane York	8-18-2001
Theo & Mya Kempffer	8-31-2024



Summer worship times
Bible Study at 9am
followed by worship at
10am through the
summer.



Outdoor Worship Service

August 31

Electronic Giving

Electronic Giving is still available if you wish to participate.

Please use the following link:

faithhighland.com/give

Thank you so much!



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.

Faith is on Facebook!

Now with a new, easy to use address:

Check out our page for updates and upcoming events.

Find us on Facebook at

Faith Lutheran Church - Highland, MI or by following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/HighlandFLC/>



Supporting the Church's Workers

Lutherans engage magazine Summer 2025

Two LCMS programs provide financial assistance and pastoral care for church workers in crisis.

By Brianna Dehn

When a church worker experiences a crisis, he or she often doesn't feel comfortable asking for assistance.

"You go into (ministry) with a servant attitude," said an associate pastor who recently experienced a series of events that took a sudden and unexpected toll on his finances. "But there comes a point where you need to ask for help."

The pastor talked to his district president, who directed him to Soldiers for the Cross, a ministry of The Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod (LCMS) that helps care for current rostered workers during a financial crisis. The Soldiers of the Cross financial awards are shared between the district and the LCMS Office of National Mission.

Another related ministry, Veterans of the Cross, assists retired LCMS church workers who are struggling to pay for essential living expenses. Veterans of the Cross is a collaboration between the Office of National Missions Worker Wellness team and Concordia Plan Services. Which provides case management services for retired workers.

The pastor noted that having a ministry like this that supports church workers "flows from the love of Jesus. "This assistance is commonly used to help with an unexpected situation, such as to cover medical bills or remove mold from a home. For retired church workers, a Veterans of the Cross stipend might help supplement an inadequate pension so that a worker or surviving spouse can pay for medications, food and basic utilities.

A Director of Christian education (DCE) who recently received a grant from Soldiers of the Cross said, "It's the most I've felt care for by the church, to know that the church body (supports) and I'm not alone." "There was no guilt or shame, only love and support," the DCE continued. "(I am) extremely grateful...(that) there are people who care for me even if they don't know me." But it wasn't just the financial assistance that made him feel loved. The program also includes pastoral care. In this case, a pastor on staff at the LCMS International Center took the time to call and pray with the DCE.



Since the beginning of these ministries, Soldiers of the Cross (started in 2004) and Veterans of the Cross (established in 1920) have become a vital way that the Synod cares for its workers.

This ministry is made possible by the members of LCMS congregations who respond with compassion and generosity for our church workers. Through the identities of the recipients are confidential, the impact on people's lives through this ministry cannot be denied.

"Like other Christians, rostered LCMS church workers have unexpected events in life that necessitate extraordinary expenditures," said Deaconess Dr. Tiffany Manor, managing director of the LCMS Office of National Mission. "However, the financial sacrifices that these workers make to serve in their sacred and joyful vocations can sometimes mean that they do not have enough ready cash when there is an unanticipated crisis or financial need. During our worker's installations, we, (as) members of Christ's church, make a promise to them and to our Lord that we will support them by our gifts and fervent prayer. (This) is one manifestation of our keeping that promise."

Learn more at

[Lcms.org/soldierofthecross](https://lcms.org/soldierofthecross)

[Lcms.org/veteransofthecross](https://lcms.org/veteransofthecross)

God of justice and joy, We lift up every heart and hand serving at the Youth Gathering. As they welcome, guide, teach and uplift, may their presence reflect Your radical hospitality and boundless grace.



July 19-23 New Orleans

The theme for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering was ENDURE. “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.” (Hebrews 12:1-3)

Sessions
489

Volunteers
1,300+

Youth
14,000+

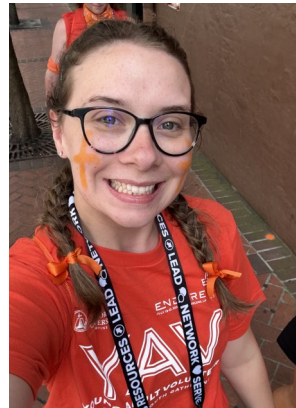
YAVs
550+

The City of New Orleans was by far the most welcoming that I've been too. Everyone was kind and welcoming.
Grace

From the beginning of my journey to the youth gathering, to the very end, I have felt the lord's arms wrapped around me, protecting me, guiding me and loving me. That gave me the **endurance** to guide and love all my extended Lutheran family in New Orleans. Every day I was over flowing with blessings like seeing Max, Grac, Emma and Ian. High fiving and fist bumping kids of all ages, the messages at the mass events through stories or song that reminded me the battles we face, He has already won! The confidence, love and joy will be with me forever! Laura



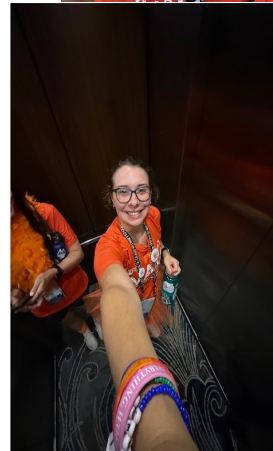
Laura Hornbacher
Gathering Ambassador



Young Adult
Volunteers
(YAVS)
"Orange Nation"
Emma Hartrsell
Grace Hartrsell
Max Lay



Team Flex - Ian Hartrsell



Our volunteers even ran into some friends and couldn't help but get some pictures. Thaddeus Moyer's first Gathering as a youth participant.



No tattoos this time (if you know you know) . Great to see Pastor Mo-

NOLA
New Orleans, LA



August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
<u>Bible Study</u> 9am <u>Worship</u> 10am	<u>Office Hours</u> Tue-Fri 9am-1pm				1	2
3 Communion	4 Simple Supper 6pm	5 Rossow in 10am-2pm AAA Noon AA & Alanon 7pm	6	7 Sewing 9:30am	8	9
10 Elders 11am	11 Simple Supper 6pm Stephen Ministry 6pm	12 AAA Noon AA & Alanon 7pm	13	14 Sewing 9:30am	15	16
17 Communion	18 Simple Supper 6pm	19 AAA Noon Stewardship 1pm AA & Alanon 7pm	20	21 Sewing 9:30am Outreach Noon Voters 7pm	22	23
24	25 Simple Supper 6pm Stephen Ministry 6pm	26 Rossow in 10am-2pm AAA Noon AA & Alanon 7pm	27 Newsletter Deadline	28 Sewing 9:30am	29	30
31 Outdoor Service				<u>Elders</u> Lemke Foradori	<u>Trustee</u> Steve Tino	<u>Alter</u> Michelle Laura



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This is my commandment,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.
John 15:12