

Prayer Requests 

Adrienne, Audrey, Aunt Pat, Barb, Barry & Shelly, Tompkins, Bill, Boyd, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Rob Butz, Carol, Cindy, Connie, Dana, Darlene, Debi, Denise, Dennis Bishop, Devin, Diane Ablett, Dick, Don, Doug, Family of Carla Williams, Florence, Funk Family, George, Gere, Gerry Cliffe, Harriet, Heidi, Ian, Inez, Lena, Janet, Jeff, Jerry, Jim, John, Joyce, Joyce Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kenny, Larry, Lawrence, Lisa & David, Marion, Marjean, Mary, Maureen M., Patti, Rehn Family, Reilly Family, Rich, Robin, Sanchez Family, Sara, Scott Wright, Shalom, Aaron, Shelly, Shirley, Stephany, Sue, Ted Balk, Tim, Todd, Tom, Tristan, Vance, Vic, Vicky, service men & women, all homeless & our shut-ins, our college students, and those in & their families, that God will keep them safe.

WISH LIST COLLECTION DRIVE

help fill our grocery cart with items needed in our community. Thank You!

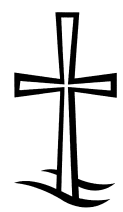
meat, canned fruit (unsweetened or lite syrup), chicken (chicken, tuna, salmon), soup, Hamburger, Chicken Helper, hot breakfast cereal (oatmeal or wheat)

HYGIENE:
 (men's & women's), Kleenex, baby wipes, sizes 3 to 6, feminine products

Supplies
 envelopes, stamps, standard copy paper

*Margaret Murr & Patti Dunaway, Social Ministry
 Social Ministry Co-Chairs*

NEEDED - Please sign up!
Fellowship Treats and Readers



Faith Lutheran Church
Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring
 Sunday, February 12, 2017
 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany ~ 9:30

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (A brief silence.) Most merciful God,
- C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought and deed, by what we have done and by what we have not done. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive our sins, O your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy Father, God the Father. Amen.**
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was born for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a baptized and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and in the authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

HYMN

Gather Us In



in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
for the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



shed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
stars a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



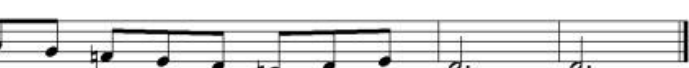
here to you in the light of this day.
to be light to the whole hu-man race.
us a-new to be salt for the earth.
is the king-dom, and now is the day.



us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
is your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



all a-rise at the sound of our name,
s the cour-age to en-ter the song.
at are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
. of love in our flesh and our bone.

of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
on of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have you worship with us today! Please join us after worship in our Fellowship Room for beverages, snacks and conversation.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the ushers, receive the bread with an open hand then the wine (dark) or juice (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to receive Communion. Christ is the host of the meal - ALL baptized believers are welcome!

Offering ~ As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** the next week. Or, if you'd like, please mail it to the church office and label it "offering" on the envelope and it will be included in the next offering and seen only by the designated counters for offerings. Thank you for being faithful in giving generously to God here at Faith Lutheran!

Financials for Sunday, February 5, 2017 - We

Attendance - 90

Weekly Offering Actual	\$3,853.80
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$13,144.90
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$12,666.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$455.00

Today's Worship Leaders

- Altar Guild** - Carol & Roger Frey
- Computer Technician** - Mike Banker
- Offering Video** - Helen Meier
- Counters** - Laurie and Pat Wicks
- Fellowship** - Pat & Bernie Parisot
- Greeters** - Liz Shockley and Teresa Moffitt
- Musician** - Betty Comins
- Reader** - Curtis Blakeman
- Ushers** - Craig Miller and Ray Wendell
- Pastor** - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

HYMN - "Choral Benediction"

Light of God shine on us today.
Light of God shine on us today.
Show us where to travel,
Back if we should stray.
Light of God shine on us today.

Love of God live in us today.
Love of God live in us today.
Warmth we feel within us,
All we do and say.
Love of God live in us today.

Peace of God be with us today.
Peace of God be with us today.
Guide us and protect us,
Our separate ways.
Peace of God be with us today.

Peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Totals for 'SOUP-er BOWL' offerings:

New England Patriots - \$0
Atlanta Falcons - \$26.00
Chicago Bears - \$12.13
Green Bay Packers - \$86.96
Total: \$125.09 to World Hunger Fund

OUT TO DINNER Group & 'LAUGH-IN 2017'
Friday, Feb. 24 - Dinner is at 5pm at Golden Chopsticks Buffet, 7923 N. Alpine Rd. Loves Park. Then we will go to Rockford Lutheran High School for 'A Lutheran Laugh-In' at 7pm - it's a rip-roarin' night of songs, comedy and talents, brought to you by your own church leaders and members. \$15 (12 & under \$10) for the show, dessert & coffee. Sign-up sheet is on the board!

INTRODUCTION

P: In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to live by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the community. We, too, are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (A brief silence.)

C: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we weak mortals we accomplish nothing good with our own strength. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do and give us grace and power to do them, through the power of Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy, the 30th chapter.

Moses said to the people: See, I have set before you two ways: life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall prosper and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in all that you do and in all that you attempt to do, and you shall prosper and you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and to serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish and you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for this is your life and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

9:1-8 – A Responsive Reading

are they whose way is blameless, who follow the
of the LORD!
**are they who observe your decrees and seek you
their hearts,**
ever do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.
**d down your commandments, that we should fully
em.**

my ways were made so direct that I might keep your
!
**should not be put to shame, when I regard all your
ndments.**

ank you with a true heart, when I have learned your
s judgments.
ep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

om 1st Corinthians, the 3rd chapter.

d sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but
ople of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk,
d, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you
ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is
d quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and
ccording to human inclinations? For when one says, “I
aul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not
an? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants
om you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I
ollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the
nts nor the one who waters is anything, but only God
e growth. The one who plants and the one who waters
mon purpose, and each will receive wages according to
each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you
eld, God’s building.

God, word of life.
be to God.



OFFERING PRAYER

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts,
renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love
the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word,
draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ,
Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed
with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure
now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell
your never-ending love and sing your praise both
forever.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever

C: Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit on all who struggle (*especially*).
 Ease the pain of families affected by divorce. Grant life-giving
 work to all who seek employment. Lord, in your mercy,
Prayer.

Send every hair on our heads. Yet we do not even know
 our neighbors. Equip our outreach ministry and this
 ministry to get to know the people in our community.
 In your mercy,
Prayer.

Lord, you are the God of our ancestors in faith. You
 are God. Keep us faithful until we join all the saints at
 the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy,
Prayer.

Send these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the
 world who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and

the presence of Christ be with you always.
Prayer with you.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
"I Bless Your Name" by Selah

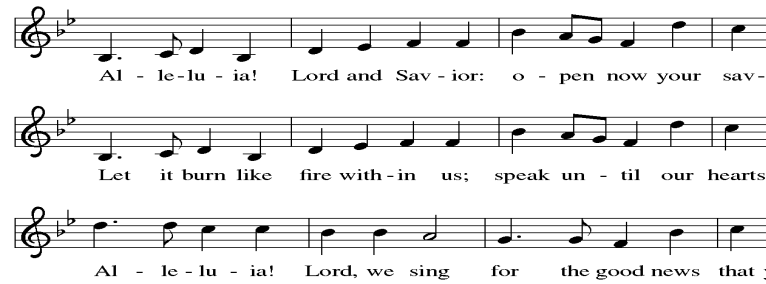
RESPONSE



...thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 ...thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



...we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 ...-ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav -

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chap
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: "You have heard that it was said
 those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'who
 murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that
 angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment;
 you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the court;
 you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So
 are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your
 brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there
 altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister,
 then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your
 while you are on the way to court with him, or your accusation
 hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard,
 and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never
 get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said
 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone
 who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with
 his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and
 throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than
 for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand
 causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to
 lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.
 You have also heard that it was said, 'Whoever divorces his wife,
 let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone
 who divorces his wife on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery,
 and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Choose Life"

Day

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
Direct my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sincere;
Keep my soul, too apt to stray, a strict-er watch to keep;
Teach me to walk in your commands, 'tis a de-light-ful road;



Oh, my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
I have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.
Would I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.
Protect my head or heart or hands of-fend a- gainst my God.

MEMBERSHIP OF 2017 Church Council Members

Jeffrey, President/Christian Education & Youth

Wagner, Vice President/Property

Wagner, Property

Wagner, Treasurer/Stewardship/Finance

Wagner, Secretary

Wagner, Memorial

Wagner, Parish Life/Hospitality/Evangelism

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Wagner, Youth Liaison

Wagner, Pastor/Worship & Music

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's peace, and healing. (A brief silence.) Holy Lord, you are God. Remove jealousy and quarreling between Christians and denominations. Hold us in the unity of our baptism as we come together to serve you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: You called into being the first fruits of the earth. Give thanks to the gardeners and farmers who till the soil and tend the land. Bless their work and in due season bring forth the fruit of the land. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful Lord, your love knows no bounds. Break down the barriers caused by nationalism. Challenge our stereotypes. Give us courage to engage in difficult conversation with those whose experiences are different from our own. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**