





BELOIT CULVER'S SCOOPIE NIGHT

**Monday, November 20th AND
Monday, February 12th
4pm to 8pm**

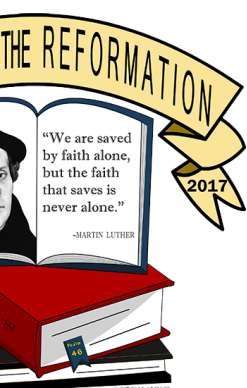
**Volunteers needed: 8 runners, 4 door holders each night
There will be 2 shifts: 4pm to 6pm and 6pm to 8pm**

PLEASE SIGN UP IN HALLWAY!

 We will use a new stewardship program this year. Called "Because of God's Great Mercy," we will share how God's generous mercy inspires us to respond with generosity through our service and our offerings. A book to accompany our theme is "Embracing Stewardship," which leads us to commit ourselves to carry on a thriving congregational ministry.

 Today is Bread for the World Sunday, which is a ministry of advocacy for those who are under privileged through out the world. Please see the bulletin insert for how you can join in helping.

**newworld
AND HUNGER.**



In just 2 weeks we will celebrate an event that changed the world, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation of the Church, led by Martin Luther. Please join us for a special worship event on October 29th, as we remember our heritage and look forward to the future.



Faith Lutheran Church
Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring
Sunday, October 15, 2017
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ 9:00am

PRELUDE VIDEO: Psalm 23, UALC Praise Band

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives us, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(A brief silence.)* Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, O God, uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were sinners, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table



gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
us Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



sh us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
s, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
o more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
e still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
e join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

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

REFLECTION TO THE DAY

When we are given a vision of the great feast to come, God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable of the great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. With thanksgiving we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Today's Worship Leaders

- Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey**
- Computer Technician - Mike Banker**
- Offering Video - Helen Meier**
- Counters - Roger and Carol Frey**
- Fellowship - Pat and Bernie Parisot**
- Greeters - Eloise Manley**
- Musician - Betty Comins**
- Reader - Pat Wicks**
- Ushers - Doug Congdon and Bob Strasser**
- Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier**



Today's altar flowers are donated by Kelly & Craig Miller in appreciation of Betty Comins.

Financials for Sunday, October 8, 2017 - Week of

Attendance:

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,590.
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,111.
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$84,749.
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$86,551.
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$9,617.



Graduation, Sympathy, and Get Well cards are sent upon notification. Please call Patti at 815-389-8957 or Karen Murr at 815-389-8957. You could email Patti at pkdunaway7@gmail.com

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 3-Jodi Binder, 4-Sammy McCormick**
- 10-June Brady, 17-Anna Hatch,**
- 19-Bob Strasser, 21-Edward Schulz,**
- 22-Gail Kelce, 25-Cathy Murphy,**
- 26-Pat Wicks, 30-Ray Wendell,**
- 31-Russell Scheibel**



ymn - Please see insert

h into the world to serve God with gladness; be of
ourage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no
l for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the
help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve
joying in the power of the Holy Spirit.
s be to God.



We pray for: Alyson & Jarrett,
Aunt Pat, Baker Family, Barry &
Shelly, Beth, Betty, Bev, Boyd,
Brayton, Brett, Brian, Burns
Family, Cindy, Claudine, Connie,
Debi, Denise, Devin, Dick, Don,
Eloise, Florence, Gary, Hatch

di, Inez, Janie, Jeff, Jessica, Jim, Kathy Mears,
y, Kevin, Larry, Larry Coots Family, Linda, Lou,
ry, Mia, Michelle, Mike, Patti, Prestin, Rich, Rog-
rah, Sharon, Shelly, Teresa, Terri, Terry, Tim,
Tim & Gale Miller, Vicki, Zach, Zoey all service
men and their families, all who are lonely, home-
employed, our college students, and our
od Bless You!

Worship

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

n is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the
ive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine
e (light). **WE NOW OFFER GLUTEN-FREE BREAD**
ION FOR COMMUNION. Just indicate this to Pastor
our turn. If you eat the bread before dipping or drop it,
or another piece. You don't have to be a member of
Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the
baptized believers are welcome!

f you are unable to attend worship, please catch up
ffering the next week. Or, mail it to the church office
ffering" on the envelope. Thanks for your faithful
n giving to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table b
peoples and poured out your life with abunda
Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us
honorable, just, and pure, and transform us in
of righteousness and peace, through Jesus C
Savior and Lord. Amen.**



"Wedding Banquet" by Medical Mission Sistr

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from Isaiah, the 25th chapter.

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of
and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fort
ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will neve
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruth
will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor,
the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstor
shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless w
winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry
subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song
ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of ho
for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-age
rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strain
And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that i
all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;
swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wip
tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he
away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It w
on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for h
he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have
us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading from Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and
leads me beside still waters.

Restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right
paths for your name's sake.

**I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
yet I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and
staff, they comfort me.**

Prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running
overflowing.

**Your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD**

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

From Philippians, the 4th chapter.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and
crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge
you to stand firm, as I do. I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
Ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women,
because they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel,
along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose
names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I
say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The
peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus, my beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there
is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on
doing what you have learned and received and heard from me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The LORD, God, word of life.

Glory be to God.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for
your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness,
brought forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.
For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

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.
Thy 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
the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us
this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast
on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace,
our hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your
peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant
us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ
the Lord.

C: Amen.

ng peace that surpasses understanding. We pray for
cannot worship with us this day: those who are
ound, hospitalized, imprisoned, or working
cially). Comfort their hearts and ours with your
g presence. Hear us, O God.

mercy is great.

rejoice in this congregation. We pray for its ministries
pitality: for ushers, greeters, wedding coordinators,
ll who welcome guests in this place. Hear us, O God.

mercy is great.

romise an eternal feast. We give thanks for the
of every time and place. Hold us in communion with
until all are united at your heavenly banquet.
us, O God.

mercy is great.

our hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom
ay, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the

pace of Christ be with you always.

so with you.

VIDEO DURING THE OFFERING

“Rejoice in the Lord Always”
By Karen Peck & New River

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*We give thee but thine own,
whatever the gifts may be.
All that we have is thine alone,
a trust, oh Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus,
as stewards true receive,
And gladly as though blessed us,
to thee our first fruits give.*



ALLELUIA



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd cha

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who g
wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to ca
had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they wo
come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those
been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my ox
fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is r
to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and
one to his farm, another to his business, while the res
slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king wa
He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and b
city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is read
invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main st
invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Tho
went out into the streets and gathered all whom they
good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with gue
when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a
who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to
how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And
speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bir
and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, wher
be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are call
are chosen.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Bring Your Robe to the Banquet”

THE DAY

What Feast of Love



... of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
... of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
... of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



... of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
... of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
... of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



... is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
... is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
... is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



... ste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
... e and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
... ste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

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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: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the needs of
the world, and all of God's creation. *(A brief silence)*
rejoice in your church, gracious God. Welcome your
children to the table you have prepared and send them
to share the saving mercy we meet in Jesus Christ.
Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You rejoice in your good creation. Provide moisture for
parched places, wind and sun for flooded lands,
shelter and sustenance for creatures of every kind.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You rejoice in the people and places of the world.
for nations who cannot sit at table together, for lepers
distracted by anxiety and fear, and for refugees who
come in their homelands. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.