



November 2017

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Worship Sundays at 9:15 am

NEW MEMBERS



Scary Members



REFORMATION Sunday



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1pm-Faithful Piecemakers 6:30pm-Faithful Choir 7pm-Confirmation	2	3	4
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19 9:15am-Worship - 10:45am-Sunday School GWOH SUNDAY 10:45am-3rd Year Confirmation	20 6:30pm Camp Carol Joy Holling Presentation at Red Path Gallery	21 Newsletter Articles Due!	22 1pm-Faithful Piecemakers 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service at St Andrews	23 Office Closed for Thanksgiving 	24	25
26 9:15am-Worship Hanging of the Greens	27	28	29 1pm-Faithful Piecemakers 6:30pm-Faithful Choir 7pm-Confirmation	30	AA meets weekly at Faith Lutheran on Sundays at 7pm and Tuesdays at 7:30pm	



The Voice of Faith

We live in a time when our country is shaken by people, even Christians, taking sides and demonizing the other. We stand in the aftermath of a year's observance of Christian Reformation, and on the threshold of Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and Advent, when we look for the light of God to enter our darkness. The following are excerpts from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's "I Have a Dream" speech on August 28, 1963 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC. Please pardon the gender specific language of the time and remember that King was speaking for all humanity.

When the architects of our Republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men -- yes, black men as well as white men -- would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked "insufficient funds." But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation.

Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children. It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. ... There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright days of justice emerge. But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the worn threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. ... The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. They have come to realize their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. ... We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and the Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I say to you today, though, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of it's creed: "We hold these truths to be self-

evident: that all men are created equal.” I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. ... I have a dream today! I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low. The rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

: This will be a day when all of God’s children will be able to sing with new meaning, “My country, ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim’s pride, from every mountain side, let freedom ring.” And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. ... Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! ... But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed

up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, “Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!”

(The complete speech is available at <https://www.archives.gov/files/press/exhibits/dream-speech.pdf>. More information and audio is available at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/I_Have_a_Dream.)

The freedom King calls for is what our soldiers died for and our veterans suffered for, and what many individuals give thanks for, but the dream has still not come true for all, 50+ years later. Even though King was speaking at a “political rally,” the issues he brings up are not about politics, but about human beings, all the more significant for Christians, disciples of the Christ. Jesus gave us but one commandment: not just to not hate, but to love one another, sometimes called the 11th commandment. In the Reformation, Luther took every one of the 10 commandments and turned them from not doing what hate does, to doing what love does (“What does this mean?”). God gives differing gifts to all, and call each to use our gifts for those gifted otherwise. God calls those who have a voice to speak for those who do not. God calls those in a position to make changes to listen. This is not counter to the American Dream, but necessary for it.

CARLOADS OF BLESSINGS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED! “Thank you so much for all your donations to “Love Project Homeless”. I filled my car with very much needed and appreciated donations from you. Thanks to Janice for getting a Thrivent Action grant, Joni and those who went shopping, Mission Outreach and the Sunday school kids and their families for all your donations. Thanks also to Vicki and Foster Friends for the many boxes of adult coats. That carload was delivered last week. Your generosity is so appreciated. Kathy M”

Congregational Corner

Foster Friends

We would like to thank everyone who help make Scare at the Fair a huge success! The official count was just over 1500 people turned up for a lot of fun. Thanks to Don and a Thrivent card we could offer treats for kids with allergies. The train was busy all evening and thank you to Tom and Emily for being our engineers. Thank you to everyone who donated candy. Thanks to the Belew gang, Tyrannosaurus Sam, and Pam for manning the games. The crow is very sorry she made Brody and Braelyn cry and made Dash really dash away. Once again, the support Foster Friends receives from Faith Lutheran is priceless!

In December Foster Friends will offer the toy give away so spread the word. We have been very busy giving away winter clothes and coats. We also gave several coats and jackets to Project Homeless (thanks to Faith's Godparents group), gave a van full of bikes to the Bike Kitchen in Lincoln (great organization-check it out on the internet), sent another load of school clothes to Pine Ridge, and another large order to the Indian Center in Lincoln. Thanks to super shopper Peg we had several new coats to give out. East Fairview Church from Milford brought over a super group of young people for a work night and donated shampoo and hygiene products. We continue to get help from Concordia students and really enjoy meeting them. A huge thanks to faithful volunteers Carol, Pam, and Janette. Thanks again for all the support!



*Sounds
of The
Season*

Worship & Music Committee is seeking musicians and singers to provide special music for Christmas Eve service. Please contact Chris if interested or for more information. We are always blessed to have the gift of music shared during worship so if Christmas Eve doesn't work for you, please consider sharing your gifts for any other Sunday worship!

PARISH ED

The Christmas program will be Dec. 17. Please have your children attend Sunday School as much as they can so they can learn the songs! The theme this year will be musical, with kids playing instruments and singing solos or with small groups. If your child is interesting in performing a certain song, whether instrumentally or vocally, please let Todd or Kelli know.



Sharing God's Bounty ~ November

Making a Difference

Do you find it interesting that God has made us different in so many ways? Looking around the church, we can see that some of us are short, others tall; some of us wear glasses, others don't, some of us like sports, some of us like to fish and hunt, others like computers. Some of us like and are good at music while others aren't. God has given us different interests, talents, desires, and gifts. God also gives us different careers. God made us carpenters, business people, doctors, plumbers, teachers, etc. We don't look or sound alike, but as Christians we do have much in common. As God's children, we believe that he has created us and loves us so much that he sent his son to die for each of us. We know that God calls and knows us by name, and we are united in our faith.

As God's people, we also have a common task as Ephesians 4:12 states, *"that the body of Christ may be built up."* God in his infinite wisdom allows us to choose how to serve him best. As we contemplate how best we can serve the Lord, it is good to remember that God will empower us so we can faithfully use our God-given talents for his kingdom. God didn't make us and give us so much without giving us, as well, the ability to make a difference in our church, community, and the world. God will always equip us for the tasks he gives us to do. Think of the account of the tongue-tied Moses whom God equipped to be the leader of a vast nation. Study the life of David, an obscure shepherd boy, whom God prepared to be king. Marvel at God's patience with Gideon who asked for test after test before he was confident enough to undertake the task God entrusted him. We might find new situations and challenges to be a bit risky or uncomfortable, but just as God was with Moses, David, and Gideon, he will be with us all the way. With God's help, we will find ways our time and talents can make a difference.

Ephesians 4:16 reads, *"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."* It is important and essential that we do our parts to support the body of Christ. We could easily compare this to a basketball team, which requires the contribution of each player. The guards need to bring the ball down the court, run the offense, make the correct passes and contribute in scoring. The forwards need to rebound and score, along with the center. All of the positions have to contribute on defense. Each team member plays a unique role and is valuable to the team. If one of them fails to contribute, the whole team suffers. We each have a part to contribute on God's team. We can be effective in reaching the unchurched and building up the church when we all contribute. God gives us talents and gifts so we can use them to his glory in his church. When we let God work through us, we can make a difference.

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Faith Lutheran offers Living Lutheran to all members. If you aren't getting the magazine and would like it, please let Rachel know. Also if you are receiving it but would like to drop it, let her know.



Mission Outreach would like to thank those who participated in the recent **CROP Walk**. Whether you walked, donated, or both, please know that you are appreciated! Thank you for being the hands, feet, and whole body helping to do God's Work in our congregation, community, and world. Also, a big thank you to those who were able to donate items to Project Homeless and Scare at the Fair. It truly warms my heart to know how supportive and willing-to-help everyone is. **THANK YOU!**

Remembering those who have gone before us - Sunday, November 5

John Anderson	Della Meirs
Cody Roettjer	Paul Dammann
Jerry Davison	Clifford Damrow
Larry Lance	Roy Hiser
Ross Hirschfeld	Jerry Mockbee
Fred Nunnenkamp	Sherry Eppenbach
Rev Al Smith	TJ Meyer
Kay Reiswig	Edna Hilpert
Carol Moeller	Michelle Harr
Carol Borgman	Jan Lipska
Bob Elwell	Kristin Leaf
Aloha Pozehl	Merrill Lamm
Marvin Meyer	Mildred Conkling
Omer Rucker	Ilene Watke
Randy McConnell	Todd Palashewski
Millie Lance	Bob Borgmann
	Christopher Van Ooyen



PECAN SALES TO SUPPORT ALASKA MISSION TRIP

Fresh Georgia pecans will be for sale again this year beginning November 5th before and after church. There will be both plain and flavored pecans. These sales help support the mission trip to Akiachak, Alaska in summer 2018. Contact Kathy if you have questions.



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship

On Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm, four congregations will join together in a spirit of Christian unity and thanksgiving. St. Andrew's Episcopal will be hosting Friedens UCC, Seward United Methodist and Faith Lutheran for worship, prayer, song, and Holy Communion. The ELCA has full communion agreements with the church bodies of these three local congregations. This will be a perfect time to usher in Thanksgiving with our members and friends! We do need 6 people to take a dozen cookies each to St Andrews for fellowship.

Saluting our Veterans-Veterans Day, November 11th

Tom H-Army/Navy
Leonard S-Navy
Patrick W-Marines
Cal A-Army
Chris C-Air Force
Lee B-Army
Jim H-Navy

Mike R-National Guard
Bob Scott - Army & National Guard

*Mitch M - National Guard
*Wayne B - National Guard
*Ryan L - Deployed to Afghanistan
*Todd M- Deployed to Afghanistan
*Josh A- Deployed (unknown location)

** Indicates Active Duty*

DID WE MISS ANY NAMES?

If you are a veteran, please let the office know ASAP so we can acknowledge your service and show our appreciation.

Prayer Requests

Lois – Ongoing health concerns from lymphoma and pneumonia

Spencer – Chemo resistant brain tumor (husband of April , Dad of Nolan & Drew)

Bonnie & Dan -Bonnie has cancer (brother & sister-in-law of Robin)

Charlie – Cancer (Maralee 's Cousin)

Mary Lou – End stage Cancer (Aunt of Cindy)

Suzanne –Pancreatic Cancer (friend of Congregation)

Trevor – health concerns (former member)

Ruth – Bone Cancer (Maralee's Cousin-in-law)

Duane – health concerns and in need of a kidney donation

Gary – cancer treatments (in-law of Jeanette & Sheila)

Mindy – Undergoing cancer treatments (Friend of Kathy)

Baby Carson –Multiple Health concerns

Rebecca – In treatments for a concussion (Don's daughter)

Lindsey – diagnosed with breast cancer –

Barb – Cancer Treatments (Don's sister)

Bob – Cancer Treatments

Juanita - heart attack (Cindy's Step-Mom)

Bo – seizure disorder (toddler son of Beth's friends)

Bonnie – recovering from cancer surgery (Friend of Linda)

Violet – recovering from surgery (Cal's mother)

Joyce - Treatment for Abdominal aortic aneurysm

Jack – Cancer (friend of Pastor Rob & Chris)

Janet – Cancer Treatments (sister-in-law of Jim)

Bob – Triple by-pass surgery (Brother-in-law of Cal & Denise)

Murray – complications after heart surgery (friend of John & Maralee)

† **Family of Todd P**

† **Family of Bob B**

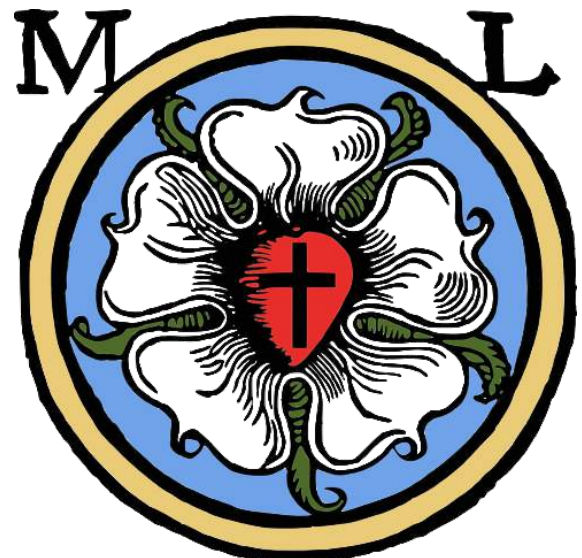
† **Family of Christopher**

† **Family of Dee**

† **Family of Stanley**

† **Family of James**

"Historically, as we approach the Annual Meeting we begin asking people if they would be willing to fill vacancies on the various Board's for the following year. These are 3-yr. positions, but if one is thinking of moving out of town in 2 years, I don't think that should be a limiting consideration. Mission Outreach decided that the practice of "asking" really biases who might actually serve. So . . . we thought it might be both wise and responsible stewardship to "ask" if there might be anyone interested in serving on our Board for the coming years. If there are questions, please ask Paul , Joni or Rosie."



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JEWELRY PARTIES TO HELP WOMEN AT RISK!

Hands of Mercy, an LWML group at St. John, Seward, is holding a series of jewelry parties to support the organization Women at Risk, International (WAR, Int'l). Come at your convenience to peruse products made by women who are at risk and help them become self-sustaining by buying hand-crafted jewelry and accessories. You have several opportunities to support this ministry (and shop for Christmas gifts for your loved ones!):

Friday, Nov. 3 from 7-9pm in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 3-5pm in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Nov. 25 at Bottle Rocket Brewing Company (afternoon time TBA)

Friday, Dec. 1 at Red Path Gallery from 6-8pm

Thank you for joining us to support women at risk! Women At Risk, International (WAR Int'l) is a Michigan based, nonprofit organization, established to create circles of protection around at-risk women and children. Through culturally sensitive, value-added intervention projects and partnerships, we provide safe places to heal from abuse, trafficking, exploitation, and more. Our passion is to empower survivors to live and work with dignity and hope.



Eat Drink & Be Giving!

Please join us for appetizers and beverages

Monday, November 20th

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Red Path Gallery & Tasting Room

514 Seward Street

This is an informal gathering, a chance for like-minded friends from Faith Lutheran Church to gather and meet staff from Carol Joy Holling Camp.

You will also hear new ways to support the kids and counselors for Summer 2018!

We look forward to meeting you!

Kindly respond to

Don & Pam Rondorf at (402) 643-8068 or don.rondorf@connectseward.org by Monday, November 13th.

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We give thanks and praise for.....

»Our Faith team of walkers who participated in the CROP walk on Oct. 8th. They were: April, Nolan, Kyle, Allison, Doyle, Pam G., Joni, Faye, Audrey, Levi, Pastor Rob, Chris and Klaus (the dog), plus Rachel and Vicki at the registration table. Thanks for everyone's generous contributions! 25% of the funds raised will return to Seward County to support local food programs.

»Kathy M, Mission Outreach and our Sunday School classes collected warm winter clothing, new socks, gift certificates for groceries, formula, personal hygiene items, gas cards, etc., for Project Homeless in Lincoln. Thanks to everyone who donated items to this very worthy cause and to the Sunday School kids for packing everything up.

»The very meaningful "Welcome to Communion" rite for Emerson and Ryler on Oct. 1st.

»Anna's very nice piano solo during the offering on Oct. 1st.

»John and Maralee for hosting the fellowship refreshments on Oct. 1st to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

»The Affirmation of Baptism for our recent retirees on Oct. 8th - Linda , Annette, Mike, Don , and Joyce.

»The Special Music during the offering time on Oct. 8th by April, Drew and Nolan singing "Amazing Grace" accompanied by Cindy.

»Faith Lutheran and Foster Friends had a "Scare at the Fair" booth at the Ag Pavilion on Oct. 29th. The booth theme was "Fun on the Farm." Thanks for everyone's candy donations in the cauldron and thanks to those who helped with the booth! 1,500 people attended this fun event. Approximately 800 of them were children.

»Our rousing Reformation Sunday on Oct. 29th.

We sang seven good Lutheran songs, including "A Mighty Fortress" led by Maralee on the pipe organ.

Many of us wore red.

We welcomed 3 new members: Mick and Linda (sponsors are Don & Pam and Carol); plus Casey (sponsors are Cal and Denise)

We enjoyed a reformation cake.

Both kids and adults made Luther's Seal.

We invited Kelsey from Blue Valley Community Action to talk during fellowship time about what Blue Valley does, who they serve and how we can continue to support them.

»Rachel for her 2nd year as our Administrative Assistant. We are the beneficiaries of her good work, especially her extra email announcements, often sprinkled with humor. Keep up the good work, Rachel!

»Our fall Stewardship emphasis "Experiencing the Joy of Generosity" which helps support the ministries of our church. This program encouraged us to experience the joy in receiving God's blessings and sharing God's blessings. Your Commitment Card for 2018 can be returned to the offering plate or mailed to the church office. The cards will be dedicated to the Glory of God on **November 12th**. Let's all be good stewards of the many blessings we have received from God.