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Abba! Father! “Abba” is Aramaic and was a term of endearment, a more intimate term often used by children in the home. Our term “daddy” would be comparable. The idea that we finite, reprobate creatures could call the infinite, holy God “daddy” seems incomprehensible and blasphemous. So it would be were it not for our “adoption as sons.” The Son of the Father took our place under the law and bore the curse of the law so that we might be called sons of the Father. Cleansed by His blood, declared holy by His Father, and filled with His Spirit we dare utter, “Abba! Father!” And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ (Galatians 4:4-6)

By God’s grace we get to call God “daddy” and it’s under our Daddy’s love that we live our lives. We live under that love as we struggle with our sin, as we fail to live up to His expectations daily. We do not live striving for His love, trying to earn His love or be worthy of His love. We do not live striving for His forgiveness, trying to earn it or make up for past mistakes; we live *in* His love and forgiveness! Everything we do is touched by it and cleansed by it. *Lutherans for Life* April 2012

Anniversary Plans God has a special place for each of us to serve and Pastor Weber chose to serve as His voice by answering the call to the ministry twenty years ago this June. On Sunday, June 11th, we will honor this milestone in his ministry at our regular worship service, and a brunch will be served by the WOF after the service in the fellowship hall. Please plan to attend and praise God for providing such a dedicated servant for Faith Lutheran. Anyone wishing to contribute to a gift for Pastor, should place it in an envelope marked as gift, and give it to an elder prior to June 11th. If you wish to help, or contribute to the brunch, see Donna Becker.

Pentecost today is the celebration of something we have never witnessed in quite the same way as the first Christians. They had the noise of the great wind, the tongues of fire on the heads of the Apostles, and the speaking in tongues of that first Pentecost to mark the event. It is seven weeks from Easter, on the fiftieth day after Easter. On Pentecost, God fulfilled the promise to send the Holy Spirit in a way that was recognizable.

We do see the Holy Spirit poured out today. It happens in Baptism. We cannot see the Spirit, but He is being poured out with the water. We know it happens because Scripture says so. Our eyes can only see the water, but our trust in the Word of God shows us the Spirit, as God performs what He promised and creates faith in those who are "*born of water and the Spirit,*" John 3:5. The sound of faithful preaching is the sound the Holy Spirit makes today to call men and women to faith and to eternal life in Christ Jesus. After all, "*faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ,*" Romans 10:17.

We celebrate Pentecost for the opportunity to learn and recall the truths demonstrated on that day. Modern life can confuse us and deceive us by hiding reality from us. We get caught up in that which is easily seen and heard and felt and tend to forget that reality is somewhat larger than what our senses can reveal to us. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church to teach, lead, and guide her.

Celebrate with us at Faith Lutheran the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit, the Person of the Trinity on June 4th. Keep the Spirit within you alive and growing.

Marvin Robert Novotny was called to glory on May 15, 2017. Service was held at Faith Lutheran, Kewanee on May 20th at 1:30PM. Our prayers and sympathies go out to his family and friends. Marvin and his wife, Lois, are Charter Members of Faith. Marvin faithfully served our congregation as an usher, an elder, and whenever called upon to help.

Worship Schedule
 9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service
 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 10:15 A.M.

June's Calendar

- June 04 Pentecost Sunday**
Worship, Bible Study, & S.S.
 Mite box collection
- June 05 LifeLight Study 1:00 PM
- June 08 Women of Faith Meeting 10:00 AM
- June 11 Holy Trinity Sunday**
Worship and Brunch
 Pastor Weber's 20th Annv.
- June 12 LifeLight Study 1:00 PM
- June 14 Flag Day Observance
- June 18 Second Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship, Bible Study
 Father's Day Observance
- June 20 Elders Mtg. 6:30 PM
 Church Council 7:00 PM
- June 25 Third Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship, Bible Study
No communion*
- June 26 LifeLight Study 1:00 PM

**Note: June 25 Vicar Julian LaMie from St. John, East Moline will lead our service*

REMEMBER: Please contact the office and inform us of any changes of name, address, marital status, e-mail, phone, and cell phone.

If you have an article, a thank you, an idea, a suggestion, or a request for the next newsletter, give the information to the church office or send an e-mail to hahn.gary@comcast.net before June 26, 2017.

Altar Guild Schedule

June 4	Marilyn Sturtevant	Red
June 11	JoAnn Behnke & Bonnie Newman	White
June 18	Mary Hahn	Green
June 25	Kari Tavares	Green

Weekly Ushers:

- 1st Sunday: Ray Heinrich & Kevin Hull
- 2nd Sunday: Eric Cervantez & Nick Leezer
- 3rd Sunday: Nick Philips & Randy Stockner
- 4th Sunday: Mike Leezer & Wendell Hier

Elders List:

- Wayne Becker: 309-853-8783
- Kevin Hull: 309-852-0801
- Ron Larson: 309-853-5111
- Mike Leezer: 309-286-3014
- Ted Sturtevant: 309-853-8203
- Wendell Hier 309-853-8388

June Cleaning Schedule

Week starting	Team#	Type
June 4	Team #1	Monthly
June 11	Team #6	Weekly
June 18	Team #2	Weekly
June 25	Team #3	Weekly

Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program

Station	City, State	Freq.	Day & Time
WKEI	Kewanee, IL	1450 AM	Sun 5:30 AM

Those For Whom We Pray Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

Our Faith family: Cari Bridgewater, Betty Godke, Tootie Godke, Doris Hier, Heidi Heinrich, and Lois Novotny

Friends: Karen Wright, Judi Umbarger, and SSG Camie Kelly

CID: CID mission congregation in Peru, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. LaSalle County has a population of 114,000 with 54% of the people unchurched. Rock Island Circuit congregations Mt. Calvary, Galesburg and St. Matthew, Milan both with pastoral vacancies.



Prayer Requests: Have someone or something that you would like Pastor Weber to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request, place in an envelope, and leave it in the office or hand it to Pastor.

June Birthdays

June 2	Kaitlyn Tudder
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June 3	Karen Adkison
June 7	Kathy Peed
June 8	Kamdyn Hicks
June 8	Austin Peed
June 13	Jeffrey Heinrich
June 17	Kevin Hull
June 28	Glen Godke
June 29	Karen Stapel
June 30	Halea Damm

Baptism Dates

Cari Bridgewater	6/11
Donald Bridgewater	6/11
Joshua Carpenter	6/19
Gary Caper	6/19
Michelle Croegaert	6/29
Peggy Faber	6/12
Logan Hernandez	6/20
Katherine Talbot	6/06
Jacob Townsend	6/15
Lorie Townsend	6/13
Deborah Woods	6/15
James Woods	6/21

Wedding Anniversaries

Mark and Kim Tudder	June 3
James and Donna Becker	June 11
Joy and Troy Butler	June 20
Robert and Linda Jacobs	June 29



Women of Faith will meet on Thursday, June 8th, at 10:00 AM. Donna Becker is the hostess for the day. Yvonne Wegener will present a program on quilted wall hangings she creates. Bring a brown bag for lunch. All ladies in the congregation are invited to attend.

Mites will be collected on June 4th. Women of Faith ask you to join us in giving all praise and glory to God for the tremendous favor He bestowed on LWML allowing us to fulfill our pledge to the 19 grant recipients with full payments to them. "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 1 John 3:1. Many of our LWML Mission Grants serve children and youth. Your mite offerings bring the message of God's love to His youngest children.

Sunday School News Leah Weber, Pastor's daughter, will be leading our Sunday School at Faith this summer, a Pre-school through Kindergarten class will be held on the first Sunday of the month during regular worship time. Informational letters of invitation have been sent out to this age group families. With God's blessings and congregational support this small step will mean a renewed Sunday School program at Faith next fall. We ask for your prayers and support for Leah and our Faith families for this important educational activity.

Rebuilding Together Henry County received \$117.00 from Faith Lutheran members for their effort in upgrading homes in and near Kewanee. Thank you for your assistance to this worthy endeavor.

Church Council Action included offering to Redeemer Lutheran (ALC) the organ sitting in the fellowship hall to replace their existing one which is in need of repairs, permission to use the fellowship hall for graduation and Mother's day dinners, permission to sell drinks and snacks during the Fourth of July fireworks program to those using our parking facility, and a WOF clothing drive in June.

Discussion was held on the need to resurface our parking lot to preserve it from deterioration and get bids to do so.

Reminder A Memorial Fund has been established in the name of Rev. Robert Yount at Faith Lutheran. Sue, our Treasurer, reports \$210 has been collected so far. If you choose to include a memorial gift, please put it in an envelope marked "Yount Memorial" and place it in the offering plate.

Men's Clothing Collection will held during June by WOF. Got any gently used clothing? The ladies will be gathering men's suits, jackets, pants, and shirts that are in good condition to donate to the chapel at the East Moline Correctional Center.

State of Illinois DOC issues to inmates upon their release a pair of sweat pants, a sweat shirt, and \$10 to return to society. For some that is all they own. Pastor Weber can recycle this clothing to those leaving EMCC. Hopefully, this act of Christian kindness will improve their self esteem and help get them started during the difficult re-entry process.

The clothing donations suitable for work and daily life can be left in the Narthex under the coat rack through July 2, 2017. Help stock the EMCC closet and minister to others in this rehabilitation effort.

July 4th Celebration brings carloads of people to our church to watch the Kewanee fireworks display. Once again, we have the opportunity to serve our community and evangelize at the same time. If support and volunteers are available Faith will sell cold drinks and snacks that evening. If you can help in this event please contact Ted and Marilyn Sturtevant. Then bring your lawn chair and enjoy the show from our campus.

Central Illinois District's Response to the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and Martin Luther's posting of the 95 theses on the door of the Wittenberg's Castle Church. In the recent past, members of the CID-LCMS have been instrumental in rebuilding Wittenberg's Old Latin School and repurposing it into the International Lutheran Center. Additional support is needed for special 500th Anniversary programming at the Center. Tours, lectures, concerts, and socials will draw people from outside the Church to learn about Jesus, and salvation by grace, through faith in Him.



To meet those programming needs, a special appeal is being made to members of all CID congregations. Faith member's may donate through our congregation with a note on your check or envelope of **CID500**. We will have an opportunity to authorize an additional congregational gift at the July Voter's Assembly.

Psalm 23 is the Shepherd Psalm. There we learn that the Lord is our shepherd. And since He is our shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

How do we do this? We do it when we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving the gifts that He won for us on the cross, a violation of the First and Third Commandments. We do it when we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we think we don't know what the future will bring, even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters. We do it when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves, we do this because we have a mind set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We do this because we have stopped hearing the call of our shepherd, which comes through His Word.

The Word of God is how our shepherd calls us to himself. Through that Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through that Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead you to your true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the good news: The Lord is your shepherd still, even, and especially, for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the shepherd that lays down his life for His sheep. The Lord is your shepherd. Let us live then as His sheep.