



# Acts of Faith

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
Kewanee, Illinois



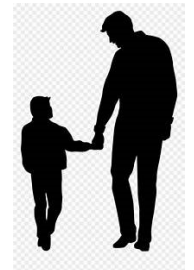
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**My Dad:** “My dad is stronger than your dad!” 12 year old Thomas said to his friends. An argument ensued regarding whose dad was strongest, richest, smartest, etc. Then the children began bragging about the important people their fathers knew. “My dad knows the mayor,” one boy bragged. Another chimed in, “My dad knows a U.S. senator!” A third boy said, “My dad knows the governor!” Thomas didn’t think his dad knew any important people. He didn’t know what to say. Then he remembered that his dad would bring his mom and his two sisters to church every Sunday. His dad would often help with the worship service and sometimes remained afterwards to speak with the pastor. Thomas blurted out proudly, “My dad knows God!” The other boys were silent.

Many people claim to know about God. But not nearly as many truly know God. To know about God means little. James 2:19 tells us that the devil knows that much! To know God is to know Him as our Father and creator, and to rejoice that He knows us. To know God is to praise and honor him with our words and our actions. It is to believe what He says in the Bible, to frequently speak to Him in prayer, and to trust that through Jesus we are saved from sin and death.



Those who know God tell others about Him. We do not brag about knowing God. Rather, we boast about all the wonderful things He has done and continues to do for us. This Father’s Day, may we boast in the Lord and celebrate that we have a Father who loves us always and forever.

— Rev. Jeff Harter

*“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”*  
Ephesians 6:4

**Points to Ponder:** 2 Timothy 3:1-7 *But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. <sup>6</sup> For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, <sup>7</sup> always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.*

St. Paul nailed it on the head when he penned these words to Timothy, and they apply so true in our worldly society and culture today. Just listen to the news, tune into social media platforms, and look around in our community of Kewanee this month. On June tenth in our own backyard, Northeast Park, there will be the Kewanee PRIDE fest. Billed as a “true family-friendly event” it will include several Drag shows intermixed with children story time shows. Now those who disagree with this and every other aspect of the sexual revolution and the LGBTQIA+ “rainbow” are not merely asked to condone it; rather, we are being compelled to celebrate and support it. “Our vision is to empower each individual in attendance to feel they are able to express themselves” is their statement.” In reality they are part of a socialist movement which seeks to undermine traditional authorities, specifically parents and Scripture. So what are we to do in such troubling times?

We must remain strong in faith and remember Jesus’ words: “*And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age*” (Matt. 28:20). As Christians, we should speak out in love to object to these unhealthy, perverted presentations, and especially to those who sponsor, promote and participate in such activities.

Worship Schedule  
 9:00 am, Sunday Worship Service  
 and 10:15 am Bible Study

**Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program**  
 Station City, State Freq. Day & Time  
 WKEI Kewanee, IL 1450 AM Sun 5:30 AM

**June's Calendar**

- June 02 LWML Prayer Service 2:00 pm
- June 03 Small Church Summit Springfield 9-2:00
- June 04 **Holy Trinity Sunday with Holy communion**
- June 05 Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 pm
- June 11 **Second Sunday after Pentecost with Holy communion**
- June 12 Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 pm
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 15 Elders and Council Mtgs. 6:30&7:00 pm
- June 18 **Third Sunday after Pentecost with Holy communion**  
 Father's Day Observance
- June 19 Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 pm
- June 21 Summer Begins
- June 25 **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy communion**
- June 26 Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 PM



June 04	Marilyn Sturtevant	White
June 11	Leah Weber	Green
June 18	Mary Hahn	Green
June 25	Sharon Larson	Green

**Elders List:**

Wayne Becker: 309-853-8783  
 Kevin Hull: 309-852-0801  
 Ron Larson: 309-853-5111  
 Ted Sturtevant: 309-853-8203

**USHER'S LIST**

1st Sunday: Ted Sturtevant  
 2nd Sunday: Nick Phillips  
 3rd Sunday: Wayne Becker  
 4th Sunday: Kevin Hull  
 5th Sunday: Jim Cook

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

**Our Faith family:** Allison Leezer, Cari Bridgewater, Nancy Tudder, JoAnne Behnke, Peggy Faber, Bonnie Nuding, Vanda Hallock, Kevin Hull, and Wayne Becker

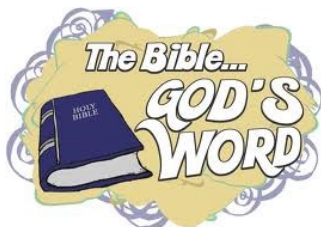
**Friends:** Lacey Hammons, Jim Tudder, the citizens of oppressed Ukraine, and all military personnel and first responders.

**Inactive Members:** Pray the Holy Spirit bring them to the understanding of their need to be in regular worship in church on Sunday, and that we as their brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.

**CID:** Our campus, prison, deaf, and Hispanic missions in the District need your prayers and support.



**Small Church Summit:** On Saturday, June 3 from 10am to 2:30pm, Concordia Lutheran Church in Springfield will host the third Small Church Summit. You can attend for free. The featured presenter will be Pastor Todd Kollbaum, Director of LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission. He will talk about resources and cooperation: Helps for small churches & ways for various congregations to work together.



Pastor has resumed the Bible study on Christians in a Woke World: A Call to Courage, Confession and Love. Words like woke, social justice, systemic racism, privilege, and critical race theory have become part of our mainstream society. While many pundits and politicians have now begun to voice their concerns about this new ideology of "wokeness" and it's impact on society, we must also be deeply concerned about the impact this ideology has on a person's relationship with Christ, and how to deal with it.



### Baptism Dates

Cari Bridgewater	6/11
Joshua Carpenter	6/19
Gary Carper	6/19
Peggy Faber	6/12
Logan Hernandez	6/20
Katherine Talbot	6/06
Jacob Townsend	6/15
Lorie Townsend	6/13



### Birthdays

June 2	Kaitlyn Tudder
June 2	Ryan Tudder
June 8	Kamdyn Hicks
June 13	Jeffrey Heinrich
June 17	Kevin Hull
June 28	Glen Godke (91)
June 29	Karen Stapel

### Wedding Anniversaries

Mark and Kim Tudder	June 03 (34)
Wayne and Donna Becker	June 11 (68)
Pastor and Heather Weber	June 12 (30)
Joy and Troy Butler	June 20
Linda and Robert Jacobs	June 29 (54)

**Women of Faith:** The Women of Faith will host a Prayer Service on June 2, 2023 at 2:00 pm. All members of the congregation and LWML members in the R.I. Circuit are invited to attend.

This month we are collecting your mites to support the Mission Grant, Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach in Merced, California. The Hmong people came to the United States as refugees following the Vietnam war. After living in the US for over forty years, the children and young adults are losing Hmong language skills which are important to their elders. The Hmong Language School teaches language skills using Hmong translated Biblical materials. The young are taught the language and their elders learn from them about Jesus. Thank you for your support of this Mission Grant.

LWML's 40th Biennial Convention will be held in Milwaukee, WI on June 22-25, 2023. The Rock Island Zone will sponsor the Central Illinois District Convention in 2024.

Check out the greeting cards in the display rack! For only \$.75 you can get a pretty card for your occasion and the money goes to LWML missions.

**Graduations** We congratulate the following 2023 graduates:

**Andrew Steven Becker**, grandson of Wayne and Donna Becker, graduated on May 6th from the University of Illinois-Chicago, School of Law, with a degree of Juris Doctor. He has employment in Peoria, IL.



**Nathanael Weber**, son of Pastor and Heather Weber, graduated from Western Illinois University on May 14th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is in an intern program at John Deere.

**Jaxson Hicks**, son of Tara Hicks, grandson of Kari Tavares, and great-grandson of Ted and Marilyn Sturtevant, graduated from Kewanee H.S. on May 21st. He is planning to attend Black Hawk East this fall.

**Blair Snyder**, granddaughter of Cheryl Snyder, graduated from Stark County H.S. on May 14th. She will enroll at Black Hawk East in the fall.

**Tinsley Newman** has graduated from Wethersfield Junior High School. She is the daughter of Melissa Newman and granddaughter of Ray and Carol Robinson.

**Kamdyn Hicks**, Son of Tara Hicks, Grandson of Kari Tavares, and great-grandson of Ted and Marilyn Sturtevant, has graduated from Central J.H.

God's blessings on your future undertakings.

**Council Notes:** The treasurer's report was distributed and Sue reported that the general fund has \$53,672.31 the Memorial/Dedicated Fund has \$14,315.47 for a total of \$67,987.78. The church extension fund balance is \$148,793.40. Sue identified the other income in April to include the insurance payment of \$6,756.34 and \$1,781.00 from Thrivent member investments.

The elevator repairs are completed, and now waiting on state inspector to return. Ted is having trouble finding a contractor to bid on siding repairs.

Bill presented a booklet of study that helps family members and Elders learn how to approach and counsel inactive members of all ages to get them back to attending church. Pastor will review this training tool.

We thank Pastor Weber for donating a cell phone and charger to use in the office. This will reduce Faith's telephone costs once activated with the church's phone number.

It was agreed that bids be obtained to repair the north side ceiling since rain leakage has been fixed. Memorial monies could be used to cover this expense.

**Seminarian Joshua Bieri:** Joshua Bieri, from Taylor Ridge, has entered the Fort Wayne Seminary to become a minister of Christ. His new address is 2219 Abbey Dr. Apt 5, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. He is appreciative of CID-Rock Island District for our prayers and support as he walks the path to the seminary!



Women Of Faith will be gathering components and putting together LWR **Personal Care Kits** in June and July. Faith members are asked to donate new items for these kits.

Each kit will consist of: 1-medium light-weight bath towel (20x 40 minimum), 2-bars of bath size soap (9oz.) wrapped, 1-adult size toothbrush in package, 1-sturdy comb, and 1-metal nail clipper.

The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self care, critical germ fighting supplies and the chance for our neighbors in need to regain dignity amidst fear and uncertainty. Thank you for sharing your love to our most vulnerable neighbors. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex to support this effort.



*A Dollar for*  
**Missions**

The Central Illinois District encourages its members to contribute one dollar per member per week for missions, in addition to their ordinary offerings. This kind of over-and-above giving is called "A Dollar for Missions"

**Faith is still collecting used aluminum cans and miscellaneous metal to recycle. If you have a bag of cans leave them in the lower level near the back doors. Every little bit helps maintain the Word of God in our community.**



## **Q. What is the role of elders in a congregation?**

**A.** What we commonly call "elders" in the LCMS are laypersons appointed to serve a congregation in various ways, in keeping with its constitution and bylaws. As a humanly defined office, the term elder itself does not have a uniform meaning throughout The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Elders (or deacons) typically support and assist the pastor in his spiritual and administrative tasks toward the goal of nurturing and strengthening the spiritual life, mission, and ministry of the congregation. Some congregations prefer the term "deacon" to refer to laymen with similar duties.

Elders may pray with and for the pastor, advise the pastor in certain decisions of pastoral care, help to evaluate and encourage his performance in his pastoral and administrative duties, assist him in visitations and in the distribution of the Lord's Supper, and advocate for the pastor's and his family's material, emotional, and spiritual well-being.