



# Acts of Faith

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**“Lead us not into temptation”:** Seeing all kinds of commercials on TV for these silly reality shows, I was reminded of the dumbest one of all: Temptation Island. Temptation Island ran a number years back, and I think it made it all the way up to “Temptation Island 3” before it was cancelled. The concept of the show is that young couples test the strength of their relationship by going off to a tropical island full of single, half-naked coeds, who are trying to break the couples apart. I’m sure you can guess the methods used by these coeds to break the couples up. These folks all remain on this island for a number of weeks and see which couples remain faithful to each other, and which crumble under the weight of all this temptation. This could quite possibly be the dumbest thing I’ve ever heard of.

You and I know that mankind is sinful. If you tempt a person enough, they will most likely fall into sin. This is why Scripture tells us to “avoid every kind of evil” (1 Thess. 5:22). You’re asking for your relationship to fail when you go to Temptation Island, or any other place where temptation is heavy. Couples who have strong relationships don’t show how much they love one another by putting themselves in the midst of temptation and then trying to resist it. Couples who have a strong relationship flee from temptation so they’ll never even be tempted to leave or cheat on their significant other. They avoid situations where they’ll be tempted because they love their spouse so much, they don’t even want to chance hurting the relationship. You might say faithfulness comes more from being smart than from being strong.

Jesus Christ died for all the sins we commit when we don’t resist temptation, but this is no excuse to sin. Jude verse 4 (the book of Jude has only one chapter) warns against those “who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality.” Because of all Christ has done for us, including the salvation we have because of Him, we want to keep His commandments. The sixth commandment tells us we should not commit adultery. This includes not only actions, but also thoughts. We don’t want to sin, and that means we flee from temptation. For those times when temptation cannot be avoided, the Holy Spirit gives us the strength to resist it, and when we do sin, we repent and are forgiven because of Christ’s sacrificial death for us on the cross. But Christians, who love their Lord and see their spouse as a gift from Him, don’t just resist temptation, they avoid temptation.

Blessings to you and yours in this spring season! In Christ, Pastor Bushre

St. John Lutheran Geneseo is hosting a program by visiting missionary, Rev. Jonathon Clausing, on Tuesday, May 22, at 1:00 PM. He is home on furlough from his mission based in Kenya, Eastern Africa. He is the coordinator of the LCMS Mission Training Center’s programs. This is a LWML sponsored event, but men and women interested in hearing Rev. Clausing discuss his activities are welcome to attend. Desserts will be served. The ladies of St. John welcome you to this event. To plan for refreshments please notify Mary Hahn if you plan to attend.



We’ll Bring the  
World  
His Truth



**Transferred from the church militant to the church triumphant:**

Carol Schwefel died on April 22, 2018. Her funeral was at held at Faith on April 27th, and she was given Christian burial at Pleasant View Cemetery, in Kewanee.

We find lasting comfort in the promise of God: “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10)

Worship Schedule

5:00 PM, Saturday Worship Service  
with Adult Bible Class, 4:00 PM

**April's Calendar**

- May 03 National Day of Prayer
- May 05 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**  
Sunday School  
Bible Class at 4:00 PM
- May 07 LifeLight Study 1:00 PM
- May 10 Ascension Day  
WOF Meeting 10 AM
- May 12 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**  
Bible Class at 4:00 PM
- May 13 Mother's Day Observance
- May 14 LifeLight Study 1:00 PM
- May 19 **Day of Pentecost**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**  
Elders Mtg. 2:30 PM  
Church Council 3:00 PM  
Bible Class 4:00 PM
- May 21 LifeLight Study 1:00 PM
- May 22 St. John Geneseo LWML is hosting a  
Missionary Speaker 1:00 PM
- May 26 **Holy Trinity Sunday**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**
- May 28 Memorial Day Observance

**Altar Guild Schedule**

April 28	Kari Tavares	White
May 05	Sharon Larson	White
May 12	Mary Hahn	White
May 19	Marilyn Sturtevant	Red
May 26	Kari Tavares	White

**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
- 5th Sunday: Kevin Hull & Ted Sturtevant

**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

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 May 23, 2018

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

**Our Faith family:** Pastor Weber and family, Cari Bridgewater, Betty Godke, Tootie Godke, Lois Novotny, Joyce Long, Mona Kubiak, and Bonnie Nuding.

**Friends:** Jeff Bowman, Karen Wright, Judi Umbarger, Steve Peart, Rev. Ken Wegener, and our troops abroad.

Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family of Carol Schwefel. Carol was transferred to the Church Triumphant on April 22 and will be greatly missed by her family and her friends.



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

**LifeLight** study "Book of Hebrews" continues on Mondays at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Like pilgrims who need a word of encouragement; Hebrews encourages us to listen to the Word of God revealed in the Son of God, Jesus.

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

### May Birthdays

Mary Hahn	5/01
Jenny Leezer	5/01
Jacob Townsend	5/06
Michelle Croegaert	5/11
Wendell Hier	5/15
Nancy Gillespie	5/21
Jeri Erickson	5/26
Louis "Chip" Wager	5/31

### May Baptism Dates

Melisa Carper	05/27
Eric Cervantez	05/28
Cindy Ganschow	05/09
Mary Hahn	05/22
Ray Heinrich	05/07
Doris Hepner	05/17
Dylan Mallery	05/13
Cheryl Snyder	05/30
Miah Townsend	05/07

### Wedding Anniversaries

LaJean and William Breedlove	5/02
Dawn and Kevin Hull	5/23
Mary and Gary Hahn	5/24

### Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program

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

**Women of Faith** will be meeting on Thursday, May 10, at 10:00 AM at the church. Donna Becker will be the hostess, and will lead a devotion. All ladies of the congregation are invited and asked to bring their sack lunch.

At 1:00 PM the program will feature a Comfort Dog with Veronica Haskell. All members of Faith are encouraged to attend and listen to this informative presentation.

**NOLA 4H** is the acronym for the LWML Grant #8 — **New Orleans, LA Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting**. Women of Faith ask for your support of this Mission Grant by placing your mites in the mite box, and including this mission in your prayers. There are still many people suffering from Hurricane Katrina primarily because they are poor and lack the resources to get back on their feet.



We welcome into Faith's membership by transfers of Cheryl Snyder from Risen Savior, Davenport; and of Peggy Janik, Julie Janik, and Stanley Janik from St Paul, Kewanee. We are so happy you chose to worship our Lord here at Faith.

**The 59th Convention** of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and the 8th Convention of the Church Extension Fund, Inc. will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois, on **July 8-10, 2018**. Registration for the convention and business sessions will be held at the Crowne Plaza from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 8th, and beginning at 7:00 am on Monday, July 9th. Rooms will be available at the **Crowne Plaza** and the **Holiday Inn Express** (next door).

Ted Sturtevant has been appointed by the Council to be Faith's CID Convention voting delegate and has attended the R.I. Circuit forum for the 2018 convention.

**Letter Carriers and Food Pantry Food Drive:** Kewanee USP Letter Carriers and the Kewanee Food Pantry are holding a community food drive to be held on **Saturday, May 12th**. The Kewanee Food Pantry continues its mission of providing food to individuals and families. Many are unable to provide for basic food requirements because of lack of employment or income, inability to secure enough assistance from other agencies, or because of emergency situations.



"A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie." ~ Tenneva Jordan

**Portals of Prayers** for April thru June 2018 are available in the Narthex on the information stand. Please take one home and another for a friend to use in your daily devotions.

**Remember** to please put your name and date on all “generic offering” envelopes. We want to give you credit for all your contributions. We appreciate your assistance to all the various activities we sponsor. We want to make sure you get credit for your year-end records.

**Care Packages:** May is the last month left in our National Guard comfort boxes campaign. Please leave your care package items in the box located in the Narthex by May 10th. Thank you for all your support and prayers and sharing God's love with those protecting us! These are soldiers that lack support from home and will truly be encouraged by these boxes!



**Our new processional cross:** The wooden processional cross is a gift from the Rev. Robert Yount Memorial. The walnut wood stand was built and presented to the congregation by Ted Sturtevant. Our thanks to all who contributed for this beautiful addition to our sanctuary.



“So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me vainly, But it will accomplish what I delight in, And it will prosper in the matter to which I have sent it.” *Isiah 55:11 NKJ*

**Military Biblestick:** Faith congregation is participating with a non-profit organization to provide military personnel with the Word of God by supporting the distribution of pre-loaded audio New Testament and selected Psalms on small personal listening devices. Military Biblesticks can be sponsored for \$25 each, and will be distributed to military chaplains to be given to the those who courageously serve our country. It's rugged enough to withstand tough weather conditions, can be used in low-light situations, and easily fits into uniform pockets.



In addition, each Biblestick will include a card that offers free MP3 Bibles for spouses and children at home. God's Word in this unique format could change the life of a service member forever. Chaplains are currently requesting up to 2000 each week, so demand continually exceeds ability to respond.

On April 28 and May 5th door offerings will be accepted for this endeavor. Hopefully, you are able to contribute \$25, or some other amount to sponsor a Biblestick. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

May is National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM)! It is a time to remember those who have given their lives for our freedom.



**Pentecost Sunday** is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day after Easter, and it supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.



**Your Invited:** Pastor and Heather Weber cordially invite you to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for their son, Nathanael Weber, on Sunday, May 20, 2:00 PM, at St John Lutheran Church in East Moline, Illinois with reception to follow. From 3:00–5:00 PM a 2018 graduation celebration for their three daughters will be held. Join their family for this festive occasion!

