



# Acts of Faith

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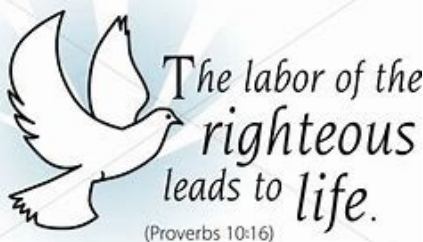
**Uplifted Hands:** *Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword. Exodus 17:12-13*

Life can sometimes feel like a battle. This is true especially for Christians who are trying to honor the Lord by serving others and by proclaiming the Gospel. This is also true for pastors and other professional ministers in our Lutheran churches and schools. The world considers Christians to be intolerant, narrow minded, and out of touch with reality. We can become weary from always “swimming upstream” against the currents of popular opinion and world philosophies.

It is important to remember that Jesus already fought and won the battle against sin and the devil. All we must do is stand (Eph.6). The devil cannot harm us. Yet, still at times, we need people like Aaron and Hur to hold up our hands and the hands of God’s professional workers so they can continue to bless us with God’s Word.

In Exodus 17, we see the account of when Aaron and Hur stood with Moses while Moses blessed the people of Israel as they fought against the army of Amalek. As long as Moses held his hands up in blessing, the Israelites were winning. If he lowered his hands, they began to lose. So Aaron and Hur stood beside Moses and held up his hands.

Are there any “Aarons” and “Hurs” in your congregation? If so, praise God and thank them for their service. If you are an Aaron or a Hur, never forget how important you are! God may be using you to uplift your pastor and other workers so they can continue to bless your congregation and/or school with the powerful and life-giving Word of God. – Rev. Jeff Harter



Please keep our people, our community, our state, our country, and our world in your prayers during this difficult and uneasy time. God is with us always!

**OKTOBERFEST:** It is impossible to know what the future will bring, but we are hoping and preparing to hold our Oktoberfest dinner on Thursday, October 14th this year. We need to start planning and selling tickets soon. A organizational meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, at 2:30 in the fellowship hall. Tasks and work times will be determined. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please sign up on a workers list which will be in the Narthex soon. We would like to determine the use of the profits from our dinner this year, focusing on a mission project. If you have an idea please share it with a Council member.



*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 13:15*

## September's Calendar

- Sept 05 **15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**
- Sept. 06 Labor Day Observance
- Sept. 09 W.O.F. Meeting 10:00 AM
- Sept. 11 LLL retreat at Camp CILCA
- Sept 12 **16th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**  
Grandparents Day Observance
- Sept. 13 LifeLight Bible study 1:00 PM  
Oktoberfest Mtg. 2:30 PM
- Sept. 16 Elders & Council Meeting 6:30 & 7:00 PM
- Sept 19 **17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**
- Sept. 20 Faith hosts RI Cir. Pastor's mtg. 9 AM  
LifeLight Bible Study 1 PM
- Sept. 21 Fall Begins  
LWML Fall Rally 9:00 AM  
St. John, Geneseo
- Sept 26 **18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**
- Sept 27 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM

**Worship Schedule**  
**9:00 AM Sunday Worship Service**  
**10:00 AM Bible Study**

## Altar Guild Schedule

Sept. 05	Kari Tavares	Green
Sept. 12	Marilyn Sturtevant	Green
Sept. 19	Sharon Larson	Green
Sept. 26	Leah Weber	Green

## Elders List:

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

**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, please notify Pastor Weber via e-mail or phone.

**Goodbye:** Yvonne Wegener will be moving to Peoria this month to be near her daughter. We will miss her on Sunday mornings and at Bible Class. We wish her good health and many of God's gracious blessings. We welcome her return visits when ever possible. Our love goes with her to her new residence.

Pastor Weber will be at Iowa Army Reserves' camp on September 12th. Rev. Ken Umbarger, St. John's, East Moline, will conduct service this Sunday. Thank you Rev. Umbarger.

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

**Our Faith family:** Allison Leezer, Cari Bridgewater, Nancy Tudder, Cheryl Snyder, and John J. Hernandez.

**Friends:** Jeff Bowman, Sue Copeland, Ron Pettit, Lacey Hammons, Kent West, Cindy Stapel, Katie Yarger, Jim Tudder, 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.

**Our World:** That Lord of all will bring healing to those who are sick, comfort to those who mourn, care for those who tend and care for the ill, and bring an end to the spread of this virus.



**LifeLight Bible Study** will start again on September 13th at 1:00 PM This study will be on **Timothy, Titus and Philemon**. Each nine week session will go from 1:00–2:00 PM with fellowship at the end. Please contact Gary Hahn, or leave a note in the office if you are interested in joining. Guests are always invited to sit in.





## Birthdays of the Month

Joshua Carpenter	9/01
Ronald Larson	9/06
Bradley Cook	9/14
LaJean Breedlove	9/17
Donna Becker	9/18
Olive Cervantez	9/20
Christian Clapper	9/21
Mary Duncan	9/22
Justin Carper	9/24
Addyson Hicks	9/26
Theo Tavares	9/26

## Baptism Dates

Bradley Cook	9/14
William Croegaert	9/14
Laura Heinrich	9/07
Layne Stapel	9/20
Kaitlyn Tudder	9/01
Mark Tudder	9/08



## Wedding Anniversaries

Judy & Donald Bridgewater	9/13
Bonnie & Jim Nuding	9/18
Marilyn & Ted Sturtevant	9/18



## Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program

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

**Women of Faith:** The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, **September 09**, at 10:00AM to make pies for the Oktoberfest dinner. Bring your brown bag lunch.



This month we invite you to offer your mites for the LWML Mission Grant, Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Hundreds of young people from across the nation will come to **Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch** during the next biennium. Hope and healing await them all. A former male resident stated, "The people at the Ranch honestly cared for me and loved me at a time in my life when I thought the whole world was against me. With their help, and the introduction of God as our truly loving Father, I realized I could do it and that I could change." The staff continued to reach out and reflect Christ's love to this young man. Today, he has hope and, thanks in part to the Ranch's scholarship program, he is in college. Thank you for your support of this mission work.

The Rock Island Zone Rally will be held on September 21st at St. John's Geneseo.

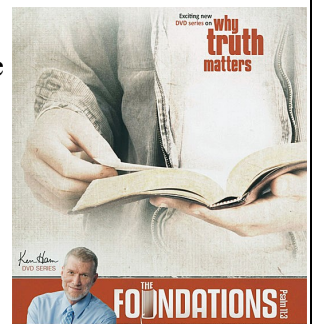
The ladies and Faith will host the Rock Island Circuit pastor's meeting on September 20th serving coffee, juice, and snacks.

**Sunday Bible Study:** Beginning on September 19, Pastor Weber will be leading a DVD bible study entitled "The Foundations." Millions of Christians have decided that the Bible is out of date. They've decided that the words of Jesus aren't always true. The Foundations reveals the alarming state of Christianity today. The Foundations DVD series reflects Ken Ham's lifework in affirming the authority of God's Word. The 12 DVD sessions inform Christians of the foundational nature of today's attacks on the Word of God, beginning in Genesis.

Today, possibly more than at any time in America's history, a culture detached from God and willingly ignorant of His hand in creation and world events needs Jesus. But the church is not nearly as effective in reaching the lost as it was only a generation ago. There is a foundational reason.

In this hard-hitting yet often humorous DVD series, author Ken Ham uses modern events as the backdrop for his most important messages. By combining his talks with cutting edge new graphics and current events headlines, Ham connects with viewers as never before!

Please consider bringing your coffee and joining us in the fellowship Hall on Sunday morning.



**Camp CILCA Notes:** Camp CILCA will host the Lutheran Laymen's League Retreat on Saturday, September 11th, from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Speaker Dr. Russell Dawn, President of Concordia University– Chicago, will discuss the topic "How Critical Race Theory and Wokism Are Their Own Religion." Cost is \$15.00 and includes lunch. Registration information is available from Deloris Blessmann at [deloriblessman@yahoo.com](mailto:deloriblessman@yahoo.com) or at 309-361-1461.

The Camp CILCA Chicken Fry and Auction will be held Sunday, September 5. Dinner is served from 11:30-2:30. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-12. The live auction begins at 1pm with a wide variety of items, including gift baskets, weeks of summer camp, a guided youth hunt, and more. Check out all the items at [cilca.org/auction-items](http://cilca.org/auction-items). If you would like to donate any items to the auction, please bring them to Camp CILCA by Friday, September 3 or contact Amy Weseloh at [weselohamy@yahoo.com](mailto:weselohamy@yahoo.com) for more details.

**Senior Retreat Scheduled for 2021:** The Southern Illinois District and the Missouri District will hold the 19<sup>th</sup> Lutheran Older Adult Retreat on October 20 and October 21 at the Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference Center in Grafton, Il. The theme is "20/20 Perfect Cross-Eyed Vision". Our theme is based on John 12:21b ... "We want to see Jesus."

The Retreat Brochure/Registration Form can be found at [www.sidlcms.org](http://www.sidlcms.org). Click on Forms/Registration. You will need to download and print the Registration Form and mail it. Each district congregation has been mailed a copy too. If you have questions call Margo Wolf at 618-979-3376.

**Recycling Cans:** Faith continues to gather aluminum cans and items for recycling. Bill Croegaert is loading and transferring them for Faith. Place cans in plastic bags near the lower level doors or place them in the garage. Help our environment and congregation.



**CID- District Convention:** CID Convention date has been moved to **July 17- 19, 2022** at the Crowne Plaza, Hotel and Convention Center, Springfield, IL (per latest CID news).

**Portals of Prayer:** Issues for Oct.-December are available in the Narthex with different print sizes. Please help yourself or ask a friend to pick one up for you.

**Thank you** to Glen Godke for trimming the shrubs in the front and rear of the church. Landscape help on the church campus is always appreciated.

**Council News:** The treasurer reported the general fund stands at \$42,157.74 and the dedicated fund is \$16,854.53 with all bills paid on August 18, 2021.

Trustees reported that the roof leak has been repaired, several shingles replaced, and caulking replaced on the west flat roof section at a cost of \$1680 by Triple J Construction. Other minor maintenance was preformed, but the women's toilet in the lower level is leaking again. Thanks to the Leezers a new color copier has been purchased and installed in the church office.

An Oktoberfest date of October 14th was established, and council is requesting ideas to use funds generated by the dinner. Council approved the purchase of a new office chair for Pastor Weber as his chair seat is crumbling.



*Thank you*

Thanks to Chris Cervantez for keeping our church's web site updated, including the past newsletters. To view our website go to [faithkewanee.org](http://faithkewanee.org)

A Sunday School teacher asked her class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible story. She was puzzled by a boy's picture which showed an airplane with four people riding on the plane. So she asked him what it meant.

"The flight to Egypt" said the boy.

"I see, so that is Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus, but who is the fourth person?" she asked. The boy explained, "That's Pontius the Pilot!"