



Acts of Faith

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“But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.” Genesis 6:8-9

Isn't it easy to focus on what is going wrong in our country today? When we turn on the news or open our computer, we may feel like we are drowning in bad news. No one is sheltered from bad news. You can see it all over social media, news outlets, and more. There are political hostilities, rising crime and rioting, economic uncertainty, illegal immigrant problems, and COVID-related frustrations. The world's woke culture charges us as racists, oppressive, and privileged because of the color of our skin, our Christian faith, or the location of our home. We are often viewed as a group or faction, and no longer as individuals. God's law has been replaced with man's ideology, and is rapidly expanding into all structures of society in America.

Noah's life was the same. Things in his world had been turned upside down by sin. People were choosing to do what separated them from God. God was angered about this mess and needed to find some hope. He looked all over, and only one person stood out, Noah. In fact, God would use Noah to turn the world around. In our homes, relationships with others, and families – we can be like Noah – choosing to do what's right and confess our faith.

Christ must be first and direct our daily lives. We must remember we can only control ourselves, leaving God to get us through the tough days as He has promised to do. Confess your faith daily as in the Apostles' Creed. Live a righteous life according to Christ's command. This includes prayers and loving your neighbors while serving their needs when you are able.

Remember it is God who blesses us and promises to continually bless the righteous. *“And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.” Deut. 28:1-2*

God's blessings on Faith and our members as we worship our creator each Sunday morning.

LifeLight Bible Study will start again on September 12th at 1:00 PM This study will be on the Book of Joshua. 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.

The story of Joshua and the Israelites entering the Promised Land is filled with risk, espionage, blood, and sword. However, each chapter contain God's promises, especially the promise concerning the Savior.



**HAPPY HOG
DAYS
SEPTEMBER
3RD-5TH**



**“When righteous increases, the people rejoice,
But when the wicked rule, the people groan.”**
Proverbs 29:2

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



September's Calendar

- Sep. 04 **13th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**
Worship with Holy Communion
- Sep. 05 Labor Day Observance
- Sep. 08 WOF Mtg. 10:00AM
- Sep. 11 **14th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**
Worship with Holy Communion
 Grandparents Day
- Sep. 12 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Sep. 15 Elders Mtg. 6:30 PM
 Church Council 7:00 PM
- Sep. 17 Church General Cleaning Day 9:00 AM
 Junior Catechesis Class begins
- Sep. 18 **15th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**
Worship with Holy Communion
- Sep. 19 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM
- Sep. 20 LWML Fall Rally 9:15 AM hosted by
 Faith's WOF
- Sep. 23 Welcome Fall
- Sep. 25 **16th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)**
Worship with Holy Communion
- Sep. 26 LifeLight Bible Study 1:00 PM

- Sep. 04 Leah Weber (Green)
- Sep. 11 Sharon Larson (Green)
- Sep. 18 Mary Hahn (Green)
- Sep. 25 Kari Tavares (Green)

ELDER'S 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

REMEMBER: Please contact the office and inform us of any changes of name, address, marital status, e-mail, phone, and cell phone. E-mail addresses are most important in these changing times to communicate with each other.

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, Vanda Hallock, and John J. Hernandez.

Friends: Jeff Bowman, Sue Copeland, Ron Pettit, Lacey Hammons, Kent West, Jim Tudder, Hudson McCook, Chris Becker, Eugene Fronk, and all military personnel and first responders.

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

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.

Our World: Citizens of and those in Ukraine that peace may come to this land.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy



Church Cleaning: Faith is looking for a person to do light cleaning of the upstairs portion of our building. If you know of someone who may be interested please contact Ted Sturtevant.

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
Stella Nimrick	9/18
Layne Stapel	9/20
Bradley Talbot	9/18
Kaitlyn Tudder	9/01
Mark Tudder	9/08
Ryan Tudder	9/01
Andrew Yarger	9/20



Wedding Anniversaries

Judy & Donald Bridgewater	9/13 (53)
Bonnie & Jim Nuding	9/18 (67)
Marilyn & Ted Sturtevant	9/18 (62)



Women of Faith: The ladies will be meeting on Thursday, **September 8th**, at 10:00AM to work on the final preparations for R.I. Zone Fall Rally.

Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray, Director of Black and African Missions, LCMS, commented: "Years of prayerful planning and faithful preaching led the congregation to establish St. Paul Christian Academy, the only Lutheran Christian Academy serving this historic Oak Cliff community and the lone African American congregation in the Texas District with a Lutheran Christian Academy." It will allow the congregation to serve more children and to add on-site and online classes for young adults and parents in academic subjects, health, and fitness, as well as Bible studies and classes for new Christians. Thank you for your prayers and support of this Mission Grant, The Littlest and Least of These.



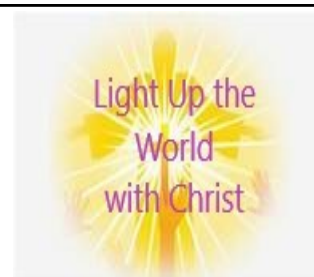
The LWML ladies are collecting used **postage stamps, empty prescription bottles, old Portals of Prayers books and Bibles**. Collection boxes for these items are in the Narthex.

"Light Up the World with Christ" is the theme for the Rock Island Zone Fall Rally on **September 20th** being hosted by Faith's WOF ladies.

This year's theme is **"Light Up the World with Christ"** based on Psalm 119:105. Our guest speaker is Rev. Rodney G. Blomquist, CID Prison/Jail coordinator and a member of District's Human Care Committee. Retired, he is currently serving as vacancy pastor at Trinity Lutheran, Taylorville, IL.

Registration/coffee time begins at 8:30 am and the rally will start at 9:15 am.

Masking will not be required, but is optional by each individual. Masks are available at the church. A lunch is included with the registration fee of \$12.00 per person. Names of attendees and fees shall be given to Mary Hahn by Thursday, September 8th. Sixty attendees are anticipated. Thank you to all those volunteers that are working with our ladies to make this event successful.



Youth Catechesis Class: Pastor Weber is making plans to begin a Catechism class for the youth of Faith in September. This two year program will meet on selected weekends preparing them for Confirmation. If you have or know of a student (5th-8th) who would benefit from this class, contact Pastor for more information.

Cleaning Day Scheduled: September 17th has been scheduled for a general total church cleaning day in preparation for the LWML Fall Rally at Faith. Many hands are needed to cleanse the main floor as well as the low-level and classrooms. Bring your favorite cleaning utensils if you desire.

Church Council Report: The treasurer reported as of 8/16/2022 the General Fund balance was \$50,010.02 and the Memoria/Dedicated Fund balance was \$13,048.81. The current mortgage amount is \$163,214.30. It was announced that CID-CEF has raised the interest rate on loans from 4.5 to 5.0%, but reduced our minimum monthly payment (\$1896.54). Council directed the treasurer to continue to pay \$2100 per month as funds allow.

At the CID Convention, in addition to Rev. Michal Mohr being elected as CID President, Rev. Mark Eddy (Zion, Taylor Ridge) was elected as 1st. Vice President, and Rev. Kent Umbarger (St. John, E. Moline) was elected as Secretary. This requires R.I. Circuit to select a replacement for the Circuit Visitor position. The next CID Pastor's Conference will be held at St. John's, East Moline on October 2nd-5th.

Council approved a special door collection to assist Holy Trinity, Bristol, Tennessee, who found their building program hit a snag when the city required an additional larger culvert installation at a cost of \$50,000 not covered in their CEF loan. This small congregation has a go-fund me site at <https://gofund.me/89bb7ed0>.

2022 Oktoberfest has been scheduled for Thursday, October 13th. An organization meeting will be setup later in September. Proceeds to be split between our mortgage and Concordia Lutheran Academy in Geneseo, IL.

Council approved an expenditure from the dedicated military fund to purchase copies of a book, "Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman for use in the chaplain's program on relationships. Also, Pastor will present a Bible Study on this topic in the future.



Women of Faith have created some unique hats to wear for the LWML Fall Rally hosted by the ladies. Pictured at the left are Heather Weber, Mary Hahn, and Carol Cook in the back row, and Donna Becker and Cheryl Snyder in the front. Nancy Tudder's hat is shown, but she was unable to attend. Thanks Marilyn Sturtevant for taking the pictures.



Wendell Hier was called to his Heavenly home on August 22, 2022 at the age of 89 years. He was a dedicated member of Faith Lutheran, and was given a Christian funeral on August 27th. We pray for his family and friends.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

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.



Q: Where did angels come from? Were they created in heaven? Can a mortal be made an archangel?

A: Angels are created beings. Genesis doesn't say exactly when, but it's safe to say it was sometime between Day 1—when it all got started and Day 6 when it all got done. Angels are not animals, and they are not human. They are spiritual, not physical (Heb. 1:7). The true answer to the question is that we do not know how God made archangels or other angels, but it is clear that mortals do not become angels. The visions of heaven in the book of Revelation make a clear distinction between humans raised from the dead and the angels who populate the halls of heaven. Instead, as creatures made in God's image, dignified beyond measure by the incarnate Son, we will dwell in God's eternal presence as the human beings He originally designed us to be.