



# Acts of Faith

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## “Power of Prayer”

*“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working”* (James 5: 16).

Prayer plays a central role in our journey of faith. God delights in hearing our prayers, because He is the God of the impossible. When we believe that, it’s easy to understand how our prayers have a strategic purpose in the work of the Lutheran Church. We invite you to join us in praising His name and seeking His provisions. The “power of prayer” is a term used frequently among Christians. It is something we say to someone going through a difficult time, or in need of encouragement. It is something we say to bring hope and comfort. But do we truly understand how powerful prayer is? There is a great responsibility for the Church to seek God’s will and direction for their ministry. The only avenue to seek God’s will is through God’s Word and prayer. *“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groaning’s too deep for words”* (Romans 8:26).

Concerning prayer, Luther writes, “We are in a situation where no person can perfectly keep the Ten Commandments, even though he has begun to believe. The devil with all his power, together with the world and our own flesh, resists our efforts. Therefore, nothing is more necessary than that we should continually turn towards God’s ear, call upon Him, and pray to Him. We must pray that He would give, preserve, and increase [saving] faith in us.”

The Church is a praying community, and we pray continually, in the name of Jesus. Every ministry needs to begin with prayer. The Bible states many reasons for prayer. Adoration and praise for our Heavenly Father, confession of our sins, supplication, intercession, thanksgiving, prayers for the afflicted. These are just a few mentioned that are intended for each individual believer, and also for the Church as a whole. Our church prays with those sick and in need. Jesus set the example by praying to His Heavenly Father in adoration, supplication, intercession, and thanksgiving. When we gather together with fellow believers, the Lord is with us, guiding us. What an awesome blessing to have the opportunity to share with one another our hopes, heartache, and joy.

Christ says, *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened”* (Luke 11:9-10). He wants to give it all to us by grace.

Join us at Faith in praying for the Church, our members, and others, both in the Divine Services and individually daily. Should you want to request a prayer for yourself or someone else in need, Prayer Cards are available in the Narthex. Please fill one out and hand it to Pastor. Do so even if you prefer to keep this request private and not shared in the worship service.

IF YOU HAVE TIME TO WORRY  
YOU HAVE TIME TO PRAY



## June's Calendar

<b>June 01</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost with Holy communion *</b>
June 02	Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 pm
June 07	Small Church Summit @ Taylorville
<b>June 08</b>	<b>Pentecost with Holy communion</b>
June 09	Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 pm
June 12	W.O.F. 10:00 am
June 14	Flag Day
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday with Holy communion</b> Father's Day Observance
June 16	Lifelight Bible Study 1:00 pm
June 19	Elders and Council Mtgs. 6:30&7:00 pm
<b>June 22</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Pentecost with Holy communion</b>
June 23	Lifelight Bible Study 12:00 noon
<b>June 29</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Pentecost no communion</b>

\* Rev. Joel Brondos will conduct the service.

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



June 01	Kari Tavares	White
June 08	Mary Hahn	Red
June 15	Marilyn Sturtevant	White
June 22	Carol Cook	Green
June 29	Leah Weber	Green

### Elders List:

Gary Hahn	309-854-2203
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:	Gary Hahn
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, Nancy Gillespie, JoAnne Behnke, Peggy Faber, Bonnie Nuding, Melissa Newman and Betty and Glen Godke.

**Friends:** Lacey Hammons, Jim Tudder, Steve Faber, Art Rosencarter, Lisa Griffin, 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:** Citizens of and those in Ukraine and Israel that peace may come to their land.



**Our prayerful sympathies** go out to the family of Milt Stapel whose mother, Vanda Hollock, passed away on April 24th at the age of 88 years in Missouri. Vanda was a member of Faith-Kewanee.



Our congregation has received a gracious thank you from Allison Leezer and her family for the prayers, brunch, and donations in combating her fight with cancer. She reports a CT scan shows amazing shrinkage in her tumors, and request our continued prayers for the medicine to continue the healing process.



### Birthdays

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

### 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



### Wedding Anniversaries

Mark and Kim Tudder	June 03
Pastor and Heather Weber	June 12
Joy and Troy Butler	June 20

**Women of Faith:** The Women of Faith will meet on June 12th at 10:00 AM. Nancy Tudder will be the hostess. Bring a brown bag lunch. The ladies will be tying blankets for Phil's Friends as a project.

The LWML CID is overjoyed to announce our mission goal for 2025-2026 of \$110,000 with \$82,500 for district grants and the remaining funds to national mission grants. This month we focus on the CID Mission Grant-Student Aid for Church Workers - \$30,000. Due to the high cost of becoming a full-time church worker, many students find it difficult to complete their schooling. This grant will provide partial funding to CID students so they may realize their dreams of becoming full-time church workers. These funds would be distributed through the LCMS CID Scholarship Committee. In the CID there are 37 total vacancies, 26 parishes actively calling or on temporary hold. Thank you for your prayers and support.



**VBS:** St. Paul's Kewanee will conducted a Vacation Bible School program from 9:00 am to Noon on June 16 thru 18th. This program is for youngsters age four and older. Anyone who is interested in having children attend is asked to contact Rev. Grieser at 309-852-2461 to register. An information flyer is on the bulletin board.

**2025 Graduations** We congratulate the following graduates:

**Lena Becker**, granddaughter of Donna Becker, graduated with a BA in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

**Blair Snyder**, granddaughter of Cheryl Snyder, graduated from Black Hawk East with an associates degree in Agriculture Education. She will be attending the University of Illinois C-U next fall to pursue Agriculture Instruction.

**Addyson Hicks**, daughter of Tara Hewitt, granddaughter of Kari Tavares, and great granddaughter of Ted and Marilyn Sturtevant, graduated from Kewanee H.S. She will finish up one more year at BHE and then plans to attend Carl Sandberg College in a X-ray tech program.

God's blessings on your future undertakings.

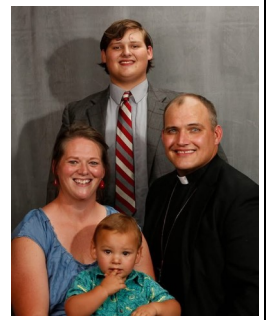


Faith is still collecting used aluminum cans and miscellaneous metal to recycle. If you have a bag of cans, please leave them in the lower level near the back doors. The price for aluminum is up currently. Chairman Bill submitted \$86 for cans sold in May.



**Vicar Joshua Bieri:** CTSFW Seminarian, Joshua Bieri has been assigned as Vicar to Faith Lutheran Church and Student Center in Lacrosse, Wisconsin. He will serve under Rev. Jacob Eichers, Pastor. He and his family, Chrystal, sons Jake and Isaac, and a baby on the way will be moving to Viroqua, WI this

summer. Josh is from Zion –Taylor Ridge, IL. You can read more about Josh from his newsletter posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex area. We wish them God's blessings as Josh enters this important phase of training.



**Doxology Program:** Pastor Weber and Gary Hahn, lay leader, will be attending the "Encore" event that will begin in Middleton, Wisconsin on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and extended to June 1st. On Sunday, June 1st, Rev. Joel Brondos, Emeritus, from Concordia-Geneseo will lead the worship service at Faith. Welcome and thank you Rev. Brondos (pictured right) for assisting Faith that morning.



**Council Notes:** The treasurer's report shows that the general fund has \$49,999.44, the Memorial/Dedicated Fund has \$15,891.04 for a total of \$65,890.48. The church extension fund balance is \$106,977.12

Elders reported the death of Vanda Hollock. Action needs to begin for a peaceful release of members no longer attending Faith, or who have relocated away from Kewanee with out requesting a transfer. Faith is accessed convention fees based on our communicant membership numbers.

Pastor reminded the council that there will be an Ascension Day service with communion on May 29th at 6:30 pm. He and Gary will be attending the second event in the Doxology program from May 30 to June 1st in Wisconsin. Rev. Brondos from Concordia-Geneseo will conduct the service on June 1st here. Also, Joshua Bieri was assigned as Vicar to Faith, Lacrosse, WI. Gary and Pastor will be attending the CID District convention on July 13-15th in Springfield.

Kari reported she is trying to get a 5 year test of our fire suppression system scheduled with Getz, and Otis Elevator to arrange repair on the elevator telephone. A 60 day extension has been granted by the State Fire Marshall. A State Certified electrician is required to install a smoke alarm in the elevator shaft and install a device to stop the elevator should smoke be detected. This is estimated to cost \$3000.

Ted reported the church's mower has been repaired at a cost of \$316, and the lighting replacement work is completed and paid. The pole lamp nearest the garage has a broken underground conductor so he recommended a \$150 solar security lighting fixture be installed there. This would be less expensive than trenching and replacing new wires. Council approved this recommendation. Ted recommends the church sell the "like new" snow blower since it has rarely been used and is now in the garage. Anyone interested in purchasing it should contact Ted. He has sprayed the driveway to kill the grass and weeds growing there.

**Q.** What do the small triangle icons mean before a hymn verse in the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) ?

**A.** The triangle indicates doxological stanzas, that is, stanzas offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Doxology means "Words of Praise." In Christian worship, doxology are words of praise addressed to the Triune God. A few of our Lutheran hymns contain a Trinitarian final stanza (i.e.. LSB 498, 539, 571, 703). We stand for Trinitarian stanzas to acknowledge and glorify our Triune God. "*The Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshipped,*" says the Athanasian Creed. Our standing acclamation speaks to our confessions together in the creeds.

LSB #805, Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow, is a stand-alone hymn, known as the "common doxology" and draws from the doxologies found in Scripture. This hymn is the final stanza of Thomas Ken's morning and evening hymns (LSB 868 and 883) .