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We Can't Thank You Enough!

On June 3rd, we planned to surprise Eliza with a gift of a beautiful quilt in honor of her graduation from seminary. On that morning, I was surprised to find that we were serving egg bake for fellowship time. I thought, "Hey, that's great that we're adding to Eliza's surprise." So I was completely shocked when at the end of the service, Eliza announced that the brunch was part of a surprise celebration for my family!

Little did I know that the special blessing I had prepared for Eliza as she received her quilt would be so appropriate. I told her how much I see quilts as a symbol of the support of a loving community such as ours. I told her that in following her call to be a pastor, the church would ask her to give everything she has, to empty herself completely in fact. But when she was empty, if she found a loving community of faith like this one, it would also be a joy as serving together would fill her back up. The tiny stitches themselves could represent this as the thread is drawn all the way out and then back again, stitch after stitch. And then I shared "A Blessing for the Inward Way" by Tracy Shaw.

Later in the service as Eliza revealed what you all had done to show your appreciation, I was so shocked that I was at a loss for words and humbled by all the kind words that were said about me and my whole family. I loved watching my girls take in all the appreciation. I also tried to accept the praise for myself without objecting by pointing out all the ways I know I also fall short.

Later, I told my parents about it and they watched the service on our web site. They said, "It was so nice that it seemed like it must be a goodbye party." I responded, "I know. And the great thing is that we don't have to leave in order to be appreciated like this. What an amazing gift from an amazing congregation!"

In March, we have been here eight years and I had just signed up for a continuing education seminary on the long pastorate because I am hoping to keep my ministry vital here for another eight years, God willing. The three month sabbatical for us next summer is part of the best practices of congregations and pastors who have successful long term ministries. Thank you for being such great partners in ministry that makes it easy to want to stay and serve Christ together!

A Blessing for the Inward Way

by Tracy Shaw

May you learn to dwell
Below the surface of the days
At home with the ebb and flow of
Your own heart's tides.
May you find the womb space at the center of your Life,
There grow wise in the sacred rhythm
Of filling and emptying,
Emptying and filling.
There, held safe,....
At one with the mystery, at one.

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Worship Under the Bridge

Sunday August 5th, 10:00 a.m.

Pot-luck immediately following.

We join together with our partners in ministry, the UCC and Grace Memorial Episcopal in worship followed by a pot-luck. We also look forward to the Gate City Jazz band leading us in music again this year. Don't miss this time to connect with neighbors we don't see every week for this fun and meaningful service. See more details in the secretary's article in this newsletter.



Special Congregational Meeting Needed July 8th Following Worship

Approval is needed for \$7,349 expenditure to sealcoat, fill cracks, repair north entrance, and re-stripe our parking lot. Council already approved the repair of the north entrance for \$500 which will then be applied toward the contract if approved.

In June Steve Moe connected us to Clay Constantine with Seal King who was doing some asphalt work for him in Lake City. Because his crew was already going to be in the area, he said he could fix the north entrance where the asphalt did not come up even to the cement pad on Tuesday June 26th for no charge if we signed a contract with them for the sealcoating. The council did not believe it had authorization to spend this much money without congregational approval so we agreed to pay the \$500 cost for the repair and if the congregation authorized the contract for sealcoating we would then be credited this amount toward their bid. The quote also includes free striping (\$400 value).

It is recommended that we sealcoat every 2-3 years to prevent further more costly damage over time. The last time we did this was Sept 2015 for a total cost of \$9,960. We anticipate that this meeting will not require a long discussion since we have been diligent about saving for capital expenses such as this.

Let's Keep Eliza!

We're off to a good start. In five months, we've raised almost \$5,000 of our \$7,000 goal.

Please continue to donate to "Intern Fund" above your regular offering if you can.



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Worship Survey Coming Soon

Our worship committee strives to create moments of experiencing God's transformational grace and direction so that our lives are enriched to be a blessing to others. This lofty goal however requires attention to some rather routine questions.

For instance, Carol and Brad dedicate a lot of thought to which hymns we sing on each Sunday. They look at the Scripture lesson for the day and find hymns which reinforce the lesson. They also try to expand our song repertoire by including some hymns with which we might not be as familiar along with some favorites. We'll be asking in the coming weeks for your favorite hymns to try to include in this planning. We also want to encourage anyone who has a musical gift to spend some time preparing some piece for an offering. Each offering is not only beautiful in itself but also represents hours of practice and devotion. Just let us know what you're working on and when you anticipate being ready to share it.

Another thing that we are already giving thought to is what time might be best to worship this winter. We're already planning to go to one service for the Sunday after Christmas and the month of January. We have tried various schedules over the years. We think going to one service for this time might make the most sense because of our annual meeting. The question we have is whether to meet at 9 a.m. as we do in the summer months or whether a later time might be preferable in winter. If we keep it at 9 a.m. we have a consistency in time that is one fewer thing to remember. If we go later, 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m., we might have more people who can make it out on cold snowy days. We look forward to hearing your thoughts in the coming months. Our Sunday School is also going to take this time as a hiatus from classes so that we can finish stronger in the spring.



Large Screen Television Wanted for S.S.

We're looking for a 70" or larger television to use for our children's program in worship and Sunday School practices.

Currently we print words to songs on poster board and hold them up in the front row for the kids to be reminded of the words. If we can find a suitable television to go up in the back corner of the worship space, the kids can see the words in front of them without distraction for the congregation. We will also find a few other uses for it as cues for other worship leaders, but we don't want to buy a new television or projector which will cost over \$1,500. We don't need a high quality set for the limited purpose which we envision for it. We can easily run a 50' hdmi cord to that back corner for little expense. And there is already a four foot deep shelf for it to sit on. If you are considering upgrading your current large screen television, let us know if we can see if your old one might suit our needs.



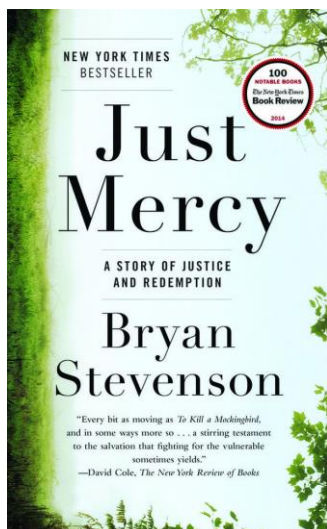
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Well, June just FLEW by! It was a busy month filled with Vacation Bible School, preparations for the youth gathering in Houston, fundraisers, worship, bible studies, and preaching. By the time this gets sent out to you, I will be in Texas with 30,000 youth from around the country, learning, serving, and hopefully laughing with our group! It has been a full month.

When things get busy, it is my tendency to put my nose down and keep at the work. I take less time for reflection, my patience wears thin, and my perspective about this work in ministry gets a bit skewed. When I get too focused on the tasks at hand, I miss the “work of the people” that I am lucky enough to call a job.

The theme of this year’s youth gathering is “This Changes Everything” – with daily topics titled “Grace...”, “Hope...” and “Jesus Changes Everything.” I’ve been thinking about this theme as I’ve navigated a month with a lot of *doing* and not enough *being*. When I first considered the concept of how faith changes us, it made me think about how if we let our faith truly form us, action on behalf of the gospel will inevitably follow. Action inspired by faith is certainly an important Christian calling as we step out in the world. To love as Jesus loved is so essential and so often involves action. This is good.

However, sometimes too much action, too many activities, too many tasks – even if they are for good causes (even for the church!) can distract us from God’s goodness. I know that when I get buried in my activities, when I fill up my calendar and constantly seek control over my circumstances, these are the weeks or seasons when I feel farthest from God. When I can quiet myself and sit still, this is when I can more closely understand that my goodness comes from God alone and not from the success of any of my work. For the rest of this summer season, I seek to spend just as much time dwelling in God’s presence as I do acting on behalf of God’s kingdom. Because stillness is good too.



What I’m Reading...

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

By Bryan Stevenson

Woah. This book took me to church! By that, I mean that it opened my eyes to some of the shocking patterns of our criminal justice system. I’ve had this book on my shelf for the past year or so, and when I found out that Bryan Stevenson was a speaker for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, I knew it was time to finally bring it to the top of my pile. I am so glad I did.

Stevenson is a lawyer who works for a non-profit agency that works to get innocent people off of death row in Alabama. He manages to tell the heartbreaking stories of many of his clients, teach about broken parts of our legal and justice systems, and still find moments to offer hope. This is a heavy read. It is hard to hear real stories of people, many of whom were children or mentally ill, who have been victims to our criminal justice system. If you choose to read it, I would love to talk with you about it.



FRESH FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Summertime is flower time. If you have fresh flowers to share for our Sunday worship services, please bring them before the service, either using a vase of your own or vases are available in the Sacristy (behind the Sanctuary). You may take them home after the service. These gifts of beauty are very much appreciated. It is another way for the beauty of God's earth to join us in worshipping our Beautiful Savior, King of Creation.



JULY FOOD SHELF ITEM IS PEANUT BUTTER!



Please bring peanut butter this month to our food shelf in the Welcome Center.

It can be crunchy or smooth! Add some jelly, too, if you'd like!

JULY 2018 IS A FIVE SUNDAY MONTH. FILL YOUR PICTURE CANISTERS WITH AS MANY QUARTERS YOU CAN.

Return them the last Sunday, July 29th.

What a difference even quarters make in doing something about hunger and poverty through our ELCA HUNGER APPEAL. Imagine this:



- 1 quarter=1/2 pound of seed to grow food
- 4 quarters=chick to help families start an egg business
- 8 quarters=water jug to help carry clean water
- 40 quarters=week of meals for a child orphaned by AIDS
- 100 quarters=materials or fees for a child to go to school
- 600 quarters=hand water pump
- 1,000 quarters=community fish farm stocked with fish
- 2,000 quarters=loan to help a woman start a business

Thank you for your canister offerings...as you can see, every little bit helps in a big way.

Happy JULY Birthday to:

***1st Patricia Adams
1st Christin Henke
1st Henry Johnson
3rd Ty Gaedtke
5th Chris Fancher
5th Kreg Purvis
7th Hal Becker
7th Brittney Ender
8th Chuck Mayhew
9th Eric Sandstrom
9th Ava Frost***

***11th Martha Wunderlich
12th Larry Boehmer
12th Kendall Zimmerman
14th Megan Braem
15th Andrew Kreye
16th Scott Durand
19th Mike Smith
19th Deb Smith
22nd Reina Beisell
23rd Tracy Peterson***

***25th Vyla Brandt
25th Rylie Mustain
26th Sharlene Beisell
26th Shari Buckman
29th Amy Gaedtke
29th David Laffrenzen
30th Tanya Graves
30th Dar Hovda
30th Madelynn Strobush***



DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR DAILY FAITH

Copies of the ELCA daily devotional, **CHRIST IN OUR HOME**, are on the Welcome Center table by the main entry door. The new quarterly issue (July-September) is available now. There are a few copies in large print for those who need visual enlargement. Daily faith needs time with God in scripture and prayer each day.

WORSHIP UNDER THE BRIDGE on Sunday, August 5th

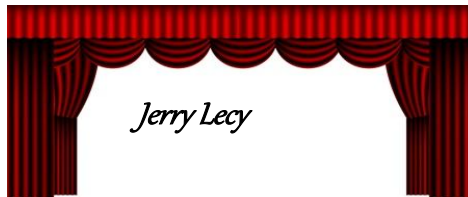
Our Under the Bridge service is quickly approaching! The service is Sunday, August 5th. Service time is 10:00, with prelude music from the band starting around 9:45. Please remember to bring a chair, and that there is a potluck/picnic following the service. UCC Congregation will again set up tables, provide power/extension cords, and set up for the band. UCC will also offer their church as the "rain back up" location, in case of inclement weather.

DID YOU KNOW...



...the first worship service for Faith Lutheran Church was held on September 8th, 1968, with Pastor Paul Lee officiating. It was noted that 86 attended this first worship service. And true to tradition, coffee fellowship was held after their worship. 😊

“Behind the scenes at Faith Lutheran this month”



Jerry Lecy is retired...but you wouldn't know it! Jerry has been a committee member of the Property Committee here at Faith Lutheran for the past five years. Anything that needs attention, Jerry is on it! It would be difficult to recall everything he's had a hand in, and in spite of the fact that Jerry suffered a serious stroke last January, he is the only person who seems to have completely figured out our challenging Heating/Cooling electrical technology! Jerry also volunteers mowing the lawn, power washing the church siding, and helps decorate our Christmas tree in December. Jerry's true claim to fame is the fact that he was the "first" male to join our Bible Study class...and several men have since joined. We appreciate all you do here at Faith, Jerry!

THANK YOU'S TO FAITH...

From Southeastern Minnesota Synod: Your gift of \$272 to the Synod Assembly Offering to support God's work in Colombia, South Sudan, and Tanzania is a great blessing. Thank you! Working together with our global partners, we: provide critical health care to those in Juba, South Sudan; train church leaders at the Lutheran Bible Institute of Kiomboi, Tanzania; support ministries of reconciliation and social justice in Colombia. Without generous supporters like you, this work would not be possible. Thank you for joining me in responding to the Spirit's call. In Christ, Bishop Steven Delzer

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From Kylie: Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket! It was a very kind and thoughtful gift that I really enjoy!! Sincerely, Kylie Passe

From Paige: Quilting Ladies of Faith: I would like to thank all of you for the beautiful quilt I received! I love it so much and it is so warm! I am so blessed to have people like you in my life! Also, I am beyond excited to attend Minnesota State College Southeast for nursing this fall! Thank you! Paige Fahnel

From: LUTHERAN CAMPUS CENTER...Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$120 given to LCC on 5/9/18. We are so grateful for your involvement. Kelly Olson, Philanthropy Director

From: Julie Anderson...Thank you for letting me use our church for my annual piano recital. I can't think of a more accommodating place for it.

HOSTED BY "CELEBRATE RECOVERY"

An evening of a modern worship band called "We Are Vessel" from Waycross, GA will be here at 7pm on Wednesday, July 18th to share with us that RECOVERY ROCKS! The public is invited.

The program will begin at 7pm. See you there!

FAITH'S ANNUAL GOLF FUN DAY—AUGUST 26, 2018



Fellowship of Christian Golfers are all welcome to join us for a day of fun on The Bluff's Golf Course on Sunday, August 26, 2018. This is not a fundraiser. Rather it is a fun raiser sponsored by Wabasha area churches. Anything above costs will be given out in prizes. We'll have door prizes, prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, longest putt, for both men and women...and more! We will not be giving prizes for first place teams, etc. Bragging rights only so that we can give out more prizes to more golfers just for fun. Golfers must be 18 years of age or older. Tee off is a shotgun start at 1pm. You can sign up for the golf scramble as a foursome or sign up individually and be assigned a team. A scramble means that players will take the best shot of the team, continuing from there.

Cost: \$50 for non-members, \$35 for members of The Bluff's Golf Course

Included: Green fees, cart, prizes and hamburger/hot dog buffet. All money raised above costs will be given out in prizes.

Dinner: Hamburger/Hot Dog buffet available for \$12 for non-golfers who wish to join us for dinner.

8th Annual Faith Lutheran Golf Outing and Dinner Registration –Sunday 8/26/18

The Bluffs Golf Club, Wabasha. 12pm Registration, 1pm Tee Time Rain or Shine Golf Registrants (\$50/person/\$35—Bluffs members)

○ Individual willing to be assigned a team: Name: _____

Member of Bluffs? Y / N

○ Team Registration (names of golfers in your foursome indicating membership)

	Member ?	Dinner Only:	Paid (v)
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JULY 2018 ASSISTANTS

July 1	9 a.m.
Acolyte:	Max Bergan
Ushers:	Jerry & Lois Leisen
Lector:	Jean Jahn
Communion servers:	Jean Jahn & Lois Leisen
Communion helpers:	London Laska & Brooks Meurer
Cantor:	Brad Kohler
Coffee:	Howard & Michelle Gorder
Videographer:	Keith Oie
Counters:	Jim Nordstrom & Kay Hickey
July 8	9a.m.
Acolyte:	Kedron Reimers
Ushers:	Toni Burns & Deb Hines
Lector:	Brent Johnson
Communion servers:	Toni Burns & Deb Hines
Communion helpers:	Annalise Wobbe & Sapphire Beisell
Cantor:	John Mundy
Coffee:	Toni Burns
Videographer:	Bob Mann
Counters:	Richard Moore & Dar Jones
July 15	9a.m.
Acolyte:	Barret Johnson
Ushers:	Jerry & Sherry Lecy
Lector:	Kristi Kropp
Communion servers:	Jerry & Sherry Lecy
Communion helpers:	Brinley Ender & Bryar Ender
Cantor:	Glenn Huntoon
Coffee:	Rollie & Dorothy Kallstrom
Videographer:	Bob Mann
Counters:	Toni Burns & Jan Mosher
July 22	9a.m.
Acolyte:	Kendall Zimmerman
Ushers:	Jim & Jean Jahn
Lector:	Ainsley Knox
Communion servers:	Jean Jahn & Klara Fahnel
Communion helpers:	Ainsley Knox & Naomi Knox
Cantor:	Liesl Knox
Coffee:	Julie Anderson & Roy Hagen
Videographer:	Keith Oie
Counters:	Lauri Hassinger & Jane Hager
July 29	9a.m.
Acolyte:	MiKenna Reimers
Ushers:	Carol Allen & Bev Hanks
Lector:	Bev Hanks
Communion servers:	Carol Allen & Bev Hanks
Communion helpers:	Brooks Meurer & Naomi Knox
Cantor:	David Laffrenzen
Coffee:	Bev Hanks
Videographer:	Keith Oie
Counters:	Jan Mosher & Carol Allen

Altar Guild: *Sandy Buchan, Dorothy Kallstrom, Jan Brunkow, Toni Burns
Newsletter Assembly on Wednesday, July 26th at 9:30am: Rich & Bev Moore
Shepherd of the Month: Toni Burns 507-259-9136

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Worship 10am Coffee	2 8:30-9:30 Fit CitySrs. Youth return from Texas	3	4 Office Closed 	5 8:30-9:30 Fit City Srs.	6	7
8 9am Worship 10am Coffee	9 8:30-9:30am Fit City Srs. 4:30pm WACRC Mtg.	10	11 9am Bible Study 7pm Pastor Dave preaches @ St. John in Alma	12 8:30-9:30 Fit City Srs. 6:30pm Council Meeting	13	14
15 9am Worship 10am Coffee	16 8:30-9:30am Fit City Srs.	17	18 9am Bible Study 10:15am Worship at St. Elizabeth's nursing home 7pm Recovery Rocks Concert	19 8:30-9:30 Fit City Srs.	20	21
22 9am Worship 10am Coffee	23 8:30-9:30am Fit City Srs.	24	25 9am Bible Study	26 8-5am Community Needs Health Assessment Mtg. 8:30-9:30 Fit City Srs. 9:30am Newsletter Assembly	27	28
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