

JULY 2010



JULY BIRTHDAY WISHES

- 07/02 Gerry Dunmire
- 07/02 Jim Hofmeister
- 07/02 Robert Neff
- 07/03 Bill Kavouras
- 07/04 Nancy Griffin
- 07/05 Ted Gatz
- 07/07 Robert Turner
- 07/09 Hilda Weaver
- 07/10 Ruth Askins
- 07/10 Sylvia Decker
- 07/13 Vivian Dickinson
- 07/15 Tom Jung
- 07/16 Linda Fick
- 07/20 Nancy Loe
- 07/20 William Phillips
- 07/20 Ann Williams
- 07/22 Chris Janes
- 07/22 Anita Trout
- 07/23 Geneva Davis
- 07/25 Eric Legus
- 07/25 Shirley Schaeffer
- 07/26 Jacki Doxey
- 07/27 Tim DeFoe
- 07/28 Lois Stern

JULY ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- 07/10 Ken & Marilyn Loeffler
- 07/12 Marilyn & Ralph Frank
- 07/12 Karen & Willie LaCroix
- 07/15 Carol & Robert Turner
- 7/22 Bill & Sylvia Moeller
- 7/22 Carol & Floyd Sims
- 7/26 Charles & Lucille Countryman
- 7/31 Clara & Paul Maurer

JULY 9:30 USHERS

Bob Janisko, Shirley Janisko, Karen LaCroix,
Willie LaCroix, Corey Janes, Don Kennedy

ELDER/TECH/ACOLYTE SCHEDULE JULY

DATE	HC	ELDER/TECH/ACOLYTE
07/03		Stern/Warner/Martina
07/04	HC	Davey, Riedel/Kavouras/Ella
07/10	HC	Stern/Warner/Austin
07/11		Johnson/Johnson/Kristie
07/17		Stern/Warner/Samantha
07/18	HC	Cougias, Janisko/Riedel/Ella
07/24	HC	Stern/Warner
07/25		Krayer/Davey
07/31	HC	Lacroix/Warner

JULY READERS

- 07/03 - Shirley Janisko
 - 07/04 - Pete Forte
 - 07/10 - Tom Gottschalk
 - 07/11 - Bob Hermanson
 - 07/17 - Joyce Engelbrecht
 - 07/18 - Madolyn Crysler
 - 07/24 - Tom Gottschalk
 - 07/25 - Ellen Davey
 - 07/31 - Jake Gerring
- . Lesson copies are available by email and at the name tag table. Check the bulletin board for schedule.

ALTAR GUILD

- JUL - Wanda & Martina Malphurs
- AUG - Ellen Davey & Jane Fellows
- SEPT - Joyce Engelbrecht & Jane Van Orden
- OCT - Wanda & Martina Malphurs
- NOV - Grace Belland & Marilyn Richards
- DEC - All Available Altar Guild (decorating date TBD)

Volunteers needed, call church office for more info - 527-3325

OUTREACH REPORT The business cards that we ordered have been delivered and we are pleased with the results. Cards were given to the Elders, the Council members and the Outreach Committee. They are to be given out in your daily life when you come across a person you would like to reach. There is an attractive picture of our church on one side with a map and a question for the receiver to answer on the other side. The variety show is processing with some acts onboard. More are needed as we anticipate a program of about 1 1/2 hours to 2 hours. October is the timetable for this. We plan to have someone from District come to our church and make a presentation on wills, trusts, memorials, etc. We will notify you when a date is set. Stewardship and Outreach Committees are merging. Tom Gottschalk has agreed to take on Stewardship. It has been suggested we need something to bring Faith together as a family again. I will work on a trip, possibly a local cruise in the fall when the weather cools off. We will probably do this on a every other month basis. Fresh Start Doughnut Cafe in Beverly Hills was the bakery that supplied the beautiful 20th anniversary cake. They aren't listed in the yellow pages under bakery but their phone number is 527-1996. Please think of them when you are ordering cakes for special occasions such as birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, engagements, etc. They did a beautiful job for us. Carol Steams

THEY WERE NOT PERFECT
THE NEXT TIME YOU FEEL LIKE GOD CAN'T USE YOU,
JUST REMEMBER:

- Noah was a drunk
 - Abraham was too old
 - Isaac was a daydreamer
 - Jacob was a liar
 - Leah was ugly
 - Joseph was abused
 - Moses had a stuttering problem
 - Gideon was afraid
 - Samson had long hair and was a womanizer
 - Rahab was a prostitute
 - Jeremiah and Timothy were too young
 - David had an affair and was a murderer
 - Elijah was suicidal
 - Isaiah preached naked
 - Jonah ran from God
 - Naomi was a widow
 - Job went bankrupt
 - John the Baptist ate bugs
 - Peter denied Christ
 - The Disciples fell asleep while praying
 - Martha worried about everything
 - The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once
 - Zaccheus was too small
 - Paul was too religious
 - Timothy had an ulcer.
 - AND Lazarus was dead!
- from Christian Clippings

On Sunday, July 18, 2010 there will be a bus leaving our area for a Sunday brunch on the Rivership Romance ship leaving from Sanford for a 3 hour cruise. There will be 2 pick up and return areas: Meadowcrest Lv 7:30a.m. Return 4:45 p.m Inverness Fairgrounds Lv. 8:15 a.m. Return 4:15 p.m. The price is \$65 per person and this includes bus transportation, brunch and the cruise. Make checks payable to Tally Ho Vacations. We will need to know specific names and the pickup point for each person. As you know, we do have a Saturday night service so it would still be possible to attend church and the cruise. If this date isn't a convenient date for us we will pick another date and go as a group and car pool. The ship is air conditioned and reports are the meal is good. Please contact Jane with your reservation and check. If we decide to go at a later date on our own the price would be \$43.34 per person and whatever you give the driver. This sounds like a fun event and hope to see you there. Carol Steams

AN INVITATION TO ALL OF FAITH! (Ladies and Gents) MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

A personal wedding shower luncheon will be held Wednesday, August 18th at the Sugarmill Woods Country Club for ---

GUESS WHO???? - the LOF treasurer for the past six years and still going strong, Marge Gauger. Marge is planning her wedding for September 4th in California to Mr. Glenn Sawyer, a USS Columbia naval shipmate.

HOORAH! HOW HAPPY!! HOW WONDERFUL!!! GOD'S PLANS ARE HEAVENLY!

All planning to attend, please call Ellen Davey, 382-1526 for pertinent details.

From the President: To Faith Lutheran Congregation;

I would like to thank the Congregation for attending the Voter's Meeting, filling the vacant Council positions and electing me as President. Your confidence in me and my fellow Council members to follow the direction of the Lord and guide Faith Lutheran through these difficult times is most gratifying. Faith Lutheran has been so richly blessed in the past and even though the road is a little bumpy now, by following the Lord, things will work out. All that we have to remember is "LORD HOW GREAT THOU ART!"

The Lord's Blessings to All. Bill Moeller

2010 Council Vacancy filled
President - Bill Moeller (1/2yr term)
V Pres. - Bill Fick (1 1/2 yr term)
Fin Sec - Marlene Griffin (1 1/2 yr term)
Rec. Sec. Dottie Woodworth (1 1/2 yr term)
Stewardship - Tom Gottschalk (1 1/2 yr term)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010 (as seen through the eyes of a 10 year old child and an adult spectator)

CHILD: WOW! Zippee-do-da – hooray!!! Hurry, hurry! Just can't wait, mom! Hurry and get us there! All the kids will be coming

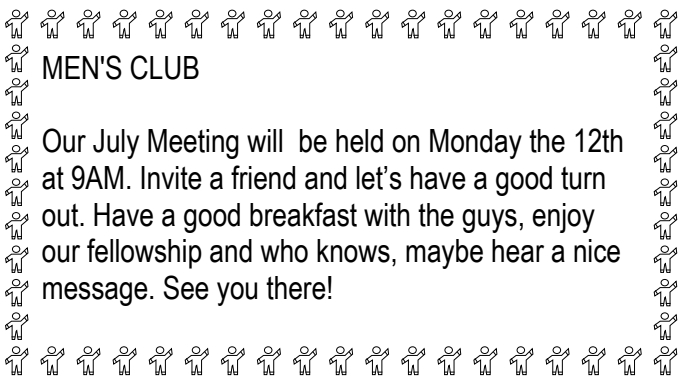
SPECTATOR: And 24 to 26 kids and 23 teachers and helpers did come. They were all there to: 1. learn about Jesus, 2. learn about Joseph, 3. learn about Egyptian customs in the old, old days of the Old Testament, 4. go to the market place with our silver coins, 5. taste their foods – even pizza, 6. play exciting, challenging games like 'throw a golf ball into a small plastic cup five feet away (sounds easier than it is) or chase and try to catch running kids to smack them with a pool noodle. (That was even fun to watch in 90 degree heat.), and 7 get wrapped in toilet paper like mummy. 8 decorate neat little boxes with paper and stickers, 9 sing Jesus songs, do a snake dance, know that Jesus loves us. 10 learn to tie a knot to finish a soft fleecy throw for kids of Lutheran World Relief in scribed 'We love you", 11 listen to Joseph (really Aaron Bush) tell about his brothers and ask us about any beefs we've had with our sisters and brothers - that was neat!! Yes, what excitement! Shining eyes filled with expectation, eager children having fun, fun, fun. Learning along the way. Willing to cooperate and listen. Competing a little, creating a little. In constant motion. And always the excited. "what next?"

CHILD: And on the last day we had a feast, hot dogs, chips, sodas, slushies and cookies. - ALL THAT YOU WANTED! What could be better than Vacation Bible School at Faith Lutheran Church? WHEW!!

SPECTATOR: The VBS staff led by Judy Hill, assisted by Pharaoh's wife, Shirley Janisko and 23 robed Egyptian teachers who gave their all - (Funny – they looked like ladies I've seen in church.) and three guys, (Matt Warner, Gust Cougias and Aaron Bush) created and worked the fabulous Vacation Bible School Circa 2010. (I even saw Gerry Peterson wait outside the "necessity room" for sparkly – brown – eyed Evan.

TOO BAD YOU WEREN'T THERE – it was a show –and it made you happy, too.

Ellen Davey, adult spectator and her inner child

 MEN'S CLUB
Our July Meeting will be held on Monday the 12th at 9AM. Invite a friend and let's have a good turn out. Have a good breakfast with the guys, enjoy our fellowship and who knows, maybe hear a nice message. See you there!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

PLEASE CORRECT ERROR
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What really is a Lutheran?

While there are a variety of ways one could answer this question, one very important answer is simply this, "A Lutheran is a person who believes, teaches and confesses the truths of God's Word as they are summarized and confessed in the Book of Concord." The Book of Concord contains the Lutheran confessions of faith.

Perhaps you have attended an ordination of a pastor and heard him promise that we will perform the duties of his office in accord with the Lutheran Confessions. When people are confirmed they are asked if they confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as they have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true.

These solemn promises indicate to us just how important the Lutheran Confessions are for our church. Let's take a look at the various items contained in the Book of Concord and then we will talk about why the Lutheran Confessions are so important for being Lutheran.

What are the Ecumenical Creeds?

The three ecumenical creeds in the Book of Concord are the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed. They are described as 'ecumenical' [universal] because they are accepted by Christians worldwide as correct expressions of what God's Word teaches.

What is the Augsburg Confession and Apology of the Augsburg Confession?

In the year 1530, the Lutherans were required to present their confession of faith before the emperor in Augsburg, Germany. Philip Melancthon wrote the Augsburg Confession and it was read before the imperial court on June 30, 1530. One year later, the Lutherans presented their defense of the Augsburg Confession, which is what "apology" here means. It too was written by Philip Melancthon. The largest document in the Book of Concord, its longest chapter, is devoted to the most important truth of the Christian faith: the doctrine of justification by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

What are the Small and Large Catechisms?

Martin Luther realized early on how desperately ignorant the laity and clergy of his day were when it came to even the most basic truths of the Christian faith. Around 1530, he produced two small handbooks to help pastors and the heads of families teach the faith.

The Small Catechism and the Large Catechism are organized around six topics: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar. So universally accepted were these magnificent doctrinal summaries by Luther that they were included as part of the Book of Concord.

What is the Formula of Concord?

After Luther's death in 1546, significant controversies broke out in the Lutheran Church. After much debate and struggle, the Formula of Concord in 1577 put an end to these doctrinal controversies and the Lutheran Church was able to move ahead united in what it believed, taught and confessed. In 1580, all the confessional writings mentioned here were gathered into a single volume, the Book of Concord, Concord is a word that means, "harmony."

What is the connection between the Bible and the Confessions?

We confess that, "The Word of God is and should remain the sole rule and norm of all doctrine" (FC SD, Rule and Norm, 9). What the Bible asserts, God asserts. What the Bible commands, God commands. The authority of the Scriptures is complete, certain and final. The Scriptures are accepted by the Lutheran Confessions as the actual Word of God. The Lutheran Confessions urge us to believe the Scriptures for "they will not lie to you" (LV,V,76) and cannot be "false and deceitful" (FC SD, VII, 96). The Bible is God's "pure, infallible, and unalterable Work" (Preface to the BOC).

The Lutheran Confessions are the "basis, rule, and norm indicating how all doctrines should be judged in conformity with the Word of God" (FC SD RN). Because the Confessions are in complete doctrinal agreement with the written Word of God, they serve as the standard in the Lutheran Church to determine what is faithful Biblical teaching, insofar as that teaching is addressed in the Confessions.

What is the main point of the Lutheran Confessions?

The Lutheran Reformation was not a "revolt," but rather began as a sincere expression of concern with the false and misleading teachings, which, unfortunately, even to this very day, obscure the glory and merit of Jesus Christ. What motivated Luther was a zealous concern about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

So what is it to be a Lutheran?

Being a Lutheran is being a person who believes the truths of God's Word, the Holy Bible, as they are correctly explained and taught in the Book of Concord. To do so is to confess the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To be a confessional Lutheran is to be one who honors the Word of God.

Hand-in-hand with our commitment to pure teaching and confession of faith, is, and always must be, our equally strong commitment to reaching out boldly with the Gospel and speaking God's truth to the world. That is what confession of the faith is all about, in the final analysis. Indeed, "It is written: 'I believe; therefore I have spoken.' With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak" (2 Cor.4:13). This is what it means to be a Lutheran.

Source: LCMS web site; Dr. D. L. Barry, Past President, June, 2010



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:30 HC Patriotic Worship	6 1:00 Crafts	7 1:00 Outreach 7:00 Elder	8 1:00 Outreach 7:00 Elder	9 9:00 Stitch & Tie	10 9:00 Stitch & Tie	17 6:00 HC Worship
11 9:30 Worship 11:00 Bible Study 2:30 Life Care	12 9:00 Men's Club breakfast 1:00 Crafts 7:00 Heralds of Faith at Stems	13 1:00 Fellowship & Games	14 1:00 Fellowship & Games	15 9:00 Stitch & Tie	16 9:00 Stitch & Tie	24 6:00 HC Worship
18 9:30 HC Worship 11:00 Bible Study	19 8:30 Ladies' fellowship breakfast 1:00 Crafts	20 9:00 Stitch & Tie Newsletter Due	21 9:00 Stitch & Tie Newsletter Due	22 9:00 Stitch & Tie Newsletter Due	23 9:00 Stitch & Tie Newsletter Due	31 6:00 HC Worship
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