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It has been my privilege to serve you good people for several weeks ,and God willing I will do so until a Call has been accepted. I will be taking some time off in late Summer and during October. Nancy and I hope to travel and visit family, kids and grandkids who live in Kansas and Colorado.

I will continue to pray that God will soon send a new shepherd of God's flock for Faith Lutheran. In the meantime, work and pray for the members of the Call committee.

I have been asked to write a note for the August newsletter..which I am happy to do, and to add a few announcements as to my schedule.

Let's talk about REMEMBERING. Everyday we have an opportunity to Remember the events of the past day. We remember what we did - what we said - what joys we had. We might remember the beautiful sunset - the river trip we took - the bogie on #9.

Meditate on the word REMEMBER. And let us discover that it does not quite fit God in all ways. In the light of His mercy and grace, the word "remember" seems out of place and barren. Think about it for a moment and you will become aware of the fact that God doesn't remember some things. And this has nothing to do with God growing old and senile!

God said, "I will remember their sins no more." Incredible! No wonder this word seems out of place. God doesn't just forgive he forgets. And there's more! He wipes the slate clean, he destroys all the evidence. He doesn't Remember - it is called "forgiveness."

Have you ever found that you can forgive someone else, but not yourself? Have you found that you cannot forgive someone of their past wrongs? You will never forget what they did to you.

Just as God's memory is short on confessed and forgiven sins, so should our memory be concerning the sins God has forgiven us, and how we are to forgive the sins of others. We need to know that God's memory is short in this area, and that He's long on grace. Let us emulate the Lord!~

- Today we may meet someone who is having a difficult time forgiving themselves for some past failure. Remind them of God's forgetful nature. And if you need to, remind yourself to forget! Is there someone in your family, among your friends, and even among your acquaintances at church that need your forgiveness? What and Where do you need to FORGET? The Lord says in Hebrews 10:17 - "their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

Enjoy your Summer and your travels - and see you in church!

A few personal announcements:

Sunday Bible classes for next several weeks will deal with the Epistle of Colossians - and lessons of the day - do come!

Council and Elders have asked me to be in the office one day a week. That will be Wednesdays - from 10 AM to noon, and for whatever meetings of Elders and Council.

During office hours on Wednesday mornings, I will be available to meet and talk with members - just call office and make an appointment with Jane

Copies of the 4th of July Sermon are available in the Narthex, since so many requested it. (Please note that they are only sermon notes, not complete sentences and paragraphs.)

Yours in Christ,

Rev Ron Mueller, vacancy pastor



### AUGUST BIRTHDAY WISHES

- 08/01 Marilyn Loeffler
- 08/03 Lula Gerring
- 08/05 Rebecca Bates
- 08/05 Irma Beers
- 08/05 Rita Bosse
- 08/05 Jack Ryan
- 08/08 Don Castor
- 08/09 Julie DeFoe
- 08/13 Bill Fick
- 08/14 Lanna Strout
- 08/17 Ray Bangel
- 08/18 Jack Buckner
- 08/19 Chuck Davey
- 08/20 Pat Gnecknow
- 08/21 Barbara Stubstad
- 08/23 Carol Turner
- 08/28 Ellen Belfry
- 08/28 Philips Malphurs
- 08/29 Donna Holtz
- 08/30 Sylvia Moeller
- 08/31 Gloria Bubser

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARY WISHES

- 08/03 Bill & Joan Feasley
- 08/12 Ann & Paul Williams
- 08/20 Scott & Diane Baggerly
- 08/27 Jeff & Lanna Strout
- 8/29 Bill & Joyce Engelbrecht
- 8/29 Bob & Lois Hermanson
- 8/31 Angela & Jack Eggert
- 8/31 Cora & Jack Lee



### AUGUST READERS

- 08/01 - Marge Gauger
- 08/07 - Shirley Janisko
- 08/08- Paul Mantey
- 08/14 - Tom Gottschalk
- 08/15 - Pete Forte
- 08/21 - Jake Gerring
- 08/22 - Bill Fick
- 08/28 - Tom Gottschalk
- 08/29 - Gus Krayner

Lesson copies are available by email and at the name tag table. Check the bulletin board for schedule.

### NEED SATURDAY READERS

### ELDER/TECH SCHEDULE AUGUST

DATE	HC	ELDER/TECH
08/01	HC	Gus Krayner & Bud Riedel(T)
08/07		Ed Stern/Matt Warner
08/08		Gust Cougias/Bill Kavouras
08/14	HC	Ed Stern/Bud Riedel
08/15	HC	Chuck Davey & Bob Janisko
08/21		Ed Stern/Matt Warner
08/22		Kurt Johnson(T)
08/28	HC	Ed Stern/Matt Warner
08/29	HC	Gust Cougias & Paul Mantey/ Chuck Davey

**NO STITCH & TIE**  
until August 20<sup>th</sup>

**AUGUST 9:30 USHERS**  
Gene Askins, Pete Forte,  
Bill Kavouras, Henry Stregl



### A special message for summer travelers

Would you find it helpful to have your weekly or monthly offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? **Faith Lutheran Church** offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to the church's bank account. If you travel, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with your intended offerings. One simple, easy to use authorization form can begin or change your electronic contribution amount. You choose how many times per month you want your contribution deducted: once a week, once a month, twice a month, etc. Oh, and it's FREE! Contact Mike Keller or the church office for more details.



### MEN'S CLUB

OUR AUGUST MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY THE 9TH AT 9AM. INVITE A FRIEND TO ATTEND WITH YOU. WHO KNOWS, THEY MIGHT ENJOY A MORNING OFF WITH THE GUYS, HAVE A NICE BREAKFAST OF PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, EGGS, OJ AND COFFEE AND SOLVE ALL THE WORLDS PROBLEMS BEFORE 10AM? SEE YOU THERE.



### ALTAR GUILD

- 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**

## ELDERS

Hi! I'm Bob Janisko, one of the new elders. I will be replacing Steve Johnson. I've been asked to do the Elder's message so, with the current situation and the call process in progress, I thought that this might be worthy of reflection:

### PRAYER IS A PATH WHERE THERE IS NONE

Someone once asked me if I pray because it makes sense. I said, "No. I don't pray because it makes sense. I pray because my life doesn't make sense without it." I pray to lift myself up and to keep going when I can't even seem to get going. In the middle of life's struggles there inevitably comes a time in each of our lives when we collapse on the trail or in an office or even stuck in traffic and prayer, I have found, is a path where there is none. Tears falling long enough can scar rocks, but tears falling on our cheeks cause us to bloom - and the wind in your face just might be God blowing you kisses. Your life is a gift! Prayer is a thank-you note. So put your faith, not your fears, in charge and may you never forget that God is never so with you as when you feel alone. Please continue to pray for Faith, for your elders and council members, for your fellow Christians and for our new pastor - whoever he may be. Make that prayer path straight to the cross and trust that our Lord is in charge. God bless. Bob J.



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### **Please be advised – all ladies of Faith Lutheran – that our annual fall bazaar in November will be here before we blink.**

Time runs fast, Thanksgiving and Christmas come – comes – is here! The weekly craft group is working toward this objective, as are the co-chair, Shirley Janisko (621-1691) and Ellen Davey (382-1526).

Marlene Nordquist (382-4505) is again chair of the bake sale.

Please let us know:

1. What are you doing? And your ideas?
2. Suggestions?
3. Do you sew – knit – crochet – draw – give us a clue.
4. Make jams, relish?
5. Will you work during the bazaar days? **SIGN UP SHEETS IN NARTHEX.**

Will you bake? We're planning toward Christmas cookies – small loaf breads, etc. Let us know!

During the bazaar there is always a Silent Auction headed up by Gerry Peterson (503-2125). Please know that auction tickets are sold in advance, therefore, Gerry needs to know by September 15 if you plan to do a basket:

1. What kind?
2. Do you need a basket – idea – tell us!

Gerry's group will package – just bring your stuff. We need your contributions – you – and your good will!

Our efforts are always for missions and support of our seminarian – and upcoming Pastor. May God's blessings smile on you!

Thanks – Ellen and Shirley

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### **What is Thrivent Choice?**

Thrivent Choice is a new program that lets members help choose where Thrivent Financial gives back. The program will get more members involved in helping determine how Thrivent Financial distributes its charitable funds. Thrivent Choice also supports Lutheran organizations and congregations that are important to our members.

The launch of Thrivent Choice continues with the introduction of Choice Dollars. In July and August, eligible benefit members will receive a letter with information on their designated Choice Dollars for 2010 and details on how they can help direct Choice Dollar funds to thousands of Lutheran organizations and congregations. The letter will also include the Terms and Conditions of the Thrivent Choice program. Faith Lutheran of course hopes you will direct some of your Choice Dollars to our church. There are projects here in need of funding. The Thrivent Advocates at Faith Lutheran, hope to hold a meeting within the next two months to inform all Thrivent Members how the new Choice Dollars operates and answers any questions. Your Advocates are: Marlene Griffin, Marlene Nordquist and Anita Trout

### **LAST MINUTE REMINDER**

There are still a few tickets available for those who want to take the bus to the baseball game. Call Joe Beckman at 527-2680

