



Faith Lutheran Church

September 2021

"Soli Deo Gloria"

Johann Sebastian Bach, a composer who lived about 250 years ago, always wrote at the bottom of his music the initials S.D.G. These initials stood for "Soli Deo Gloria" which in the English language means "To God alone be the glory." Bach realized that his music was a gift from God and that he had a responsibility to use his gift to the glory of God.

Bach understood that his music was a gift from God and a gift returned to God. He wrote not for notoriety but for God. In fact, he taught that all that we do in worship is for God and for no one else. This is the essence of worship, to give God alone the glory. Yes, we might like the music or perhaps not like the music, but this is only secondary. Our music in worship is not for the people gathered; it's for God alone! The liturgy is for God; the readings are for God, everything is for God. What we get out of the music and worship is secondary.

My young daughter, one Sunday morning, told me that she wasn't going to worship. She said she didn't get anything out of it. I replied to her that worship's highest goal for those attending is not to get something out of it. It's not designed for an audience of people but is primarily directed to God. God is the only spectator of our worship; we are all participants.

When you attend worship remember your primary reason to be there is to worship God. You might get something out of it. You might like some or all of it, but first you are to give of yourself in prayer and praise. It's all for "God alone be the Glory."

Together in Christ,

Pr. Ron Nichols

COUNCIL REPORT

The Faith Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

Pastor Ron reported that Marietta, Nassau, and Louisburg Lutheran Churches are without ministers at this time. They have made arrangements for services and funerals, but asked Pastor Ron if he would be available for emergencies. He agreed. He also agreed to be emergency backup for Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church, especially during their 151st celebration August 15th due to Pastor Bringle dealing with some health issues.

Confirmation classes are commencing in September. Ninth and tenth graders will be confirmed on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

With COVID increasing, Pastor Ron believes that Faith Lutheran should follow the same guidelines as the local school as well as watching CDC and the State of Minnesota guidelines.

The council is in need of two members as Dave Kriese's and Mark Siegert's terms are ending. A nominating committee is being formed to seek candidates. Elections will be in November with installation in January.

There will be a date set to go through items being stored in various rooms throughout the church. It will be decided whether items need to be kept, can be donated or can be thrown. Boards, such as properties, worship, education, WELCA, as well as Little Blessings will hopefully have representatives at the clean up.

Faith Lutheran has been contacted by a company whose expertise is stained glass windows offering a free analysis of the church's windows. The council decided that it would be a good idea to look at the church windows to see if there is any repair that needs to be done.

The September council meeting will be changed to September 15th due to the Lac qui Parle County Fair being the week of the normal council meeting.

The full minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board across from the office and copies are available in the Church office.

Faith Lutheran Staff & Officers

Pastor Ronald Nichols

Office Staff

Music Director: Linda Anderson

Office Manager/ Financial Secretary:
Jessica Borstad

Education Coordinator:

Little Blessings Teacher: Kelli Fernholz

Senior Choir Director: Gary Boraas

Executive Council

President: Ryan Giles

Vice-President: David Kriese

Secretary: Jeanene Munsterman

Treasurer: Becky Mortenson

Mark Siegert

Linda Anderson

Kelly Zahrbock

Melanie Miller

Taylor Shelstad

Education Committee

Jodi Kallhoff

Deb Meyer

Becky Mortenson

Darcy Daline

Jessica Borstad

W-ELCA

Kathy Harwick

Karen Nesvold

Eileen Trelstad

Property Committee

Dave Amundson

Ron Toenies

Mark Siegert

Worship Committee

Gail Smith

Linda Anderson

Mary Wodrich

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jerome Kallhoff

Discipleship Committee

Melanie Miller

Tamara Bissett

Kelly Zahrbock

Brittany Engesmoe

Stewardship Board

Jerome Kallhoff

Darcy Daline

David Kriese

Global Missions

Kris Hanson

Jody Dahle

Stan Olson

Curtis Seefeld

Betty Tollefson

Char Heinzen

Technology Committee

Judy Kriese

Maynard Meyer

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jeanene Munsterman

Eric Nygard

Ryan Giles

Linda Anderson

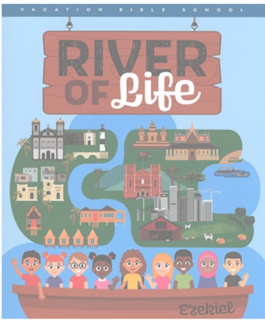
Gail Smith

*The Executive Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

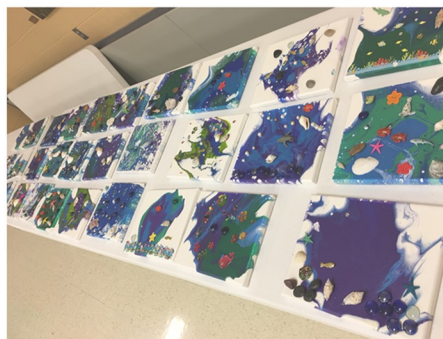
**All other committees are to meet once a month and report to the Executive Council.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



River of Life was the theme for Vacation Bible School August 1st through August 4th. The students and teachers spent time learning about the importance of water and how communities around the world are working to ensure safe water for everyone. With a Thrivent Action Grant we were able to make Peace Bags to give to homeless individuals. The kids filled 48 zip lock bags with a pair of socks, hand warmers and a reusable water bottle. The bags will be delivered to Union Gospel Mission in St. Paul, MN.



Ruth Circle- 9/14 @ 9:30am

W-ELCA NEWS

**Hannah/Lydia Circle-
9/15 @ 9:30am**

Sunday, September 12, 2021 is "God's Work, Our Hands", which is dedicated day of service to share our love and serve our neighbors. Faith Lutheran has expanded this to be September 7-13 with close to 200 volunteers serving our community at the county fair food stand. Thank you for the many hours needed to make this a success.



Notes from Linda

Joyful Noise Singers/Ringers will be starting rehearsal on Wednesday, September 8, right after school.

Faith Ringers will have their first rehearsal on September 22.
Senior Choir rehearsal information will be out soon!

Saturday, November 6, is the date for our annual women's fall retreat. Tickets will be sold in October. This year's theme is "Bee Blessed".

Worship Committee News by Gail Smith

September 19th will be a busy Sunday. It will be Rally Sunday and Pastor Ron will be blessing the children's backpacks on this day. We are asking kids to bring their backpacks with them to church. They can place them up by the baptismal font before worship or bring them up with them when they are asked to come forward.

September 19th is also the Sunday we will be observing "God's Work, Our Hands". Pictures will be shown on the screen of some work that has gone on with the help of people from the congregation. We are also encouraging people to help a neighbor, the church, a family member, or friend with a project on this day.

Seeking applicants for Coordinator of Education and youth activities within the church. Salary Position. Deep love of children, computer skills, and leadership skills with children and adult volunteers preferred.

Please contact Faith Lutheran Church office for job description and to leave resume. 320-598-3630

Confirmation Registration and Orientation for Grades 7 and 8

Parents and Students are invited to a meeting of registration and orientation on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:00 PM. Confirmation classes begin September 15 from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM. This meeting will include an orientation and information regarding the 2021-2022 confirmation program.



Confirmation Sunday is on Reformation Sunday, October 31st.

Arndt, Matthew	Call, Mackenzie	Mortenson, Kaden
Asfeld, Kylee	Erp, Tyler	Nygard, Eric
Bendel, Aspen	Hacker, Sadie	Oie, Hannah
Bissett, Daytona	Kranz, Kya	Shelstad, Kendyl
Borstad, Drew	Long, Tygan	Wells, Blake



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SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

Acolyte

5 - Malcolm &
12 - Lyndsey & Jace
19 - Nolan & Grant
26 - Macy & Jax

Lay Reader

5 - Dave Kriese
12 - Sharon Ronglien
19 - Becky Mortenson
26 - Sherry Deyo

Ushers

5 - Team 1
12 - Team 7
19 - Team 6
26 - Team 5

Screen

5 - Lorrie
12 - Jeanene
19 - Lorrie
26 -

Videographer

5 - Maynard
12 - Dan W.
19 - Paul E.
26 - Dan L.

Communion

5 - Tamara B., Kathy H.
12 - Jodi W., Deb M.
19 - Cindy H., Bob G.
26 - Angela A., Mike D.

1 Blanche Boraas
2 JordanLong
2 Joanne Nelson
3 Stan Nelson
4 Steve Halvorson
4 Blake Wells
5 Brianna Borstad
6 Jane Boraas
7 Tygen Mosenden
8 Graylen Carlson
8 EastonCarmody
9 Samantha Judovsky
9 Eileen Trelstad
10 Jay Hansen
10 Carol Lyng
10 Nolan Maatz
11 Lux Ludvigson
12 Minerva Moen
12 Gail Smith
13 Betty Jo DuFrane
13 DarrellMaasjo
14 Lindsay Kranz
15 Isaiah Arndt
15 Paxton Pillatzki
15 Natalie Wollschlager
16 Emma Croatt



16 Benjamin Ludvigson
17 Mark Halvorson
17 Eunice Bendel
18 Lisa Bornhorst
18 JordanHalvorson
18 Callie Ludvigson
18 Zachary Powelson
19 Greyson Daline
19 Jeff Hanson
20 Dave Amundson
21 Scott Olson
21 Corey Roggenbuck
21 Willow Staton
22 Cash Mortenson
22 Kaden Mortenson
22 Whitley Pauly
23 Jerry Osteraas
23 Jeff Jr. Ronglien
25 JoAnn Kriese
26 Loretta Geerdes
26 CharlesRonglien
28 Joel Churness
28 James Diller
28 Dennis Lund
30 Brent Bacon
30 Krista Staton

Statement of Activities

August 31, 2021

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income					
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	13,072.94	25,271.71	169,065.74	202,173.66	303,260.50
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	1.17	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	0.00	1,250.00	10,786.97	10,000.00	15,000.00
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	165.00	233.34	1,872.00	1,866.64	2,800.00
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	257.65	0.00	1,745.65	0.00	0.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	21.85	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	50.00	0.00	3,295.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	0.00	111.87	0.00	0.00
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.00
INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CD Totals:	0.00	0.00	2.85	0.00	0.00
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Totals:	13,545.59	26,755.05	186,903.44	214,040.30	321,060.50
Expense					
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	10,112.17	17,746.22	125,942.92	141,969.62	212,954.50
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	418.20	827.09	3,655.58	6,616.64	9,925.00
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	326.67	925.50	1,033.85	7,404.00	11,106.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	30.93	172.91	228.50	1,383.36	2,075.00
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	2,775.84	5,558.35	37,417.02	44,466.60	66,700.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	750.00	1,500.00	2,569.71	12,000.00	18,000.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	13.88	25.00	111.04	200.00	300.00
Expense Totals:	14,427.69	26,755.07	170,958.62	214,040.22	321,060.50
Income - Expense:	(882.10)	(0.02)	15,944.82	0.08	0.00

Thank you! We appreciate your continued gracious giving.
 Tithes and offerings can be mailed, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org
 or PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com)

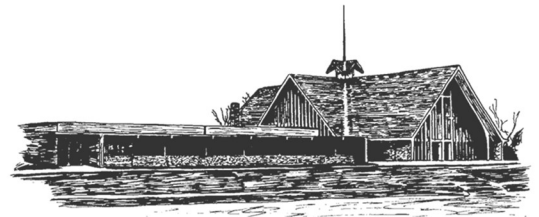
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am Hot Muffins	2	3	4
5 9am Worship	6 Office Closed	7	8 9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 7pm 7-8 grade Conf. Mtg. 8pm 9-10 Conf. Parent Meeting	9 NO Do Day	10	11
12 9am Worship	13	14 9:30am Ruth Circle	15 9am Hot Muffins 9:30am Hannah/Lydia 3:30-5pm Confirmation 7pm Church Council Mtg.	16	17	18
19 9am Worship- *Rally Sunday *3yr old Bibles	20 	21	22 9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 3:30-5pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers	23 Do Day 11:30-12:30pm Second Harvest & Meal	24	25 9am Fall Church Clean-up
26 9am Worship- *3rd Grade Bibles	27	28 7am-3:30pm Preschool Screening	29 9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Confirmation 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 6pm Faith Ringers	30		

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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.



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Sunday Worship at Faith: 9:00 a.m.

Broadcast on KLQP 92.1 FM: Sundays 11:30 a.m.

Cable Channel 8: Sundays 3:30 p.m.

Facebook: 3:30 p.m. [Faith Lutheran Church](https://www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurch)

Website: 3:30 p.m. www.faithlutheranchurchmadison.org

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