



# FAITH

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EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Newsletter

## DEVOTIONS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lead us not into temptation, that's what we pray in the Sixth Petition. It is these words that receive our focus in this month's newsletter. But what exactly is temptation. Well, plainly put, temptation is any situation in which a person may be deceived or led astray into false belief. But that's not all! Temptation is also any situation in which a person may be led astray into great and shameful sins. And where do these temptations come from? Well, listen to God's Word: **"Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). "Everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world" (1 John 2:16).** So, not only does Satan tempt us, but also the sinful world and our sinful nature. We are like a trapped soldier – with airplanes dropping bombs at us from above; ground troops advancing at us from all around; and traitors within our own camp trying to ruin our plans. The situation is desperate!

So in this petition, our Savior invites us to cast the entire responsibility for our rescue from temptation on God's gracious and mighty leading. The Lord knows – and we know – that if left to ourselves, we will plunge headlong into our favorite sins and into countless others that we dismiss as of no importance. The Lord knows – and we know – how we consider everybody else's sins serious and our own trivial and how, therefore, we easily play with temptation. The Lord knows – and we know – that we even enjoy some of the temptations that plague us. Oh how wide is the path of temptations that we toy with! Left to ourselves we would run that highway to our ruin and perish eternally in the grip of sins and shames great and small.

Therefore, in this petition we come begging the Lord for help. We know how our own sinful flesh pulls and drags us to everything that is contrary to God's will. So we beg God to lead and guide us away from temptation. He must protect us from temptations that are so powerful that we would perish in them. He must put a hedge around our heart and life so that we do not perish. He must deliver us from the shame of our stricken conscience by his continuing and so gracious forgiveness; for without that we will yield to the temptation to despair.

Yes, the Lord must show us his heart in the cross of his dear Son so that in spite of our own perversity we strive to follow the leading of his Word so that more and more his will is done in us, and less our own will. For the more he leads, the more his will will be done. In this petition we cast ourselves entirely at the Lord's feet and declare our total dependence on him, his mercy, and on him leading us in his Word.

Before we close this look at the 6<sup>th</sup> Petition, let us address one more question that often times comes up when it comes to this petition. If temptation comes from the evil three – the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh – why do we pray, *"Our Father in heaven...lead us not into temptation?"* Does the Father tempt us too?

James answers that question very definitively for us **"When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone" (James 1:13).** The Father does not tempt us. Rather we ask, "lead us not into temptation," because God alone has the power to guard and keep us from temptation or to help us overcome and win the victory over our temptations. He always gives us the power. When we stumble and fall, it is not his fault, but ours for not making use of the power he gives us. Therefore we ask, "Lead us not into temptation," and look to our great and glorious Lord who will help us in our day to day life.

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# FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

**July 24, 2017**

## ELDER'S REPORT

Profession of Faith/Adult Confirmation: 7/23/17 - Chad and Jenny Goetzka (Thomas and Owen).

Baptism: 7/23/17 - Jenny Goetzka and Thomas Danielson.

Wedding: 6/24/17 - Jenny Danielson and Chad Goetzka.

Non-member Baptism: 7/1/17 - Elizabeth Rose Jones.

## PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor reviewed a statistical report for the month of July.

Pastor's Outreach Update

Reformation road-trip on Oct. 29, 2017. 27 signed up already.

Faith Family Fun nights - Aug 14-16.

Youth Group

We are planning a back to school night August 26<sup>th</sup>; 3 fun events are planned throughout the year; and are looking at service projects

WELS International Youth Rally will be next summer at Bowling Green University in Ohio.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Cody presented a financial report showing a net loss of \$10,837.37 for the month of June. MSC to accept financial report for June, 2017.

## OLD BUSINESS

Church Picnic-82 people attended the service in Cataract with 68 in attendance for the picnic. 70 brats and 50 hot dogs were purchased. Had leftovers that we sent home afterwards.

## NEW BUSINESS

Reformation 500 Choir - Members of our congregation are able to join in the Choirs at the celebration. Music will need to be purchased and attendance at a practice will be required prior to the service. Cost would be about \$10/person who would volunteer. MSC to cover the cost of the music for the volunteers.

Pastor's compensation for 2017-18 - Recommendation made by Cody to follow Synod guidelines, build in cost of living adjustment and housing allowance (WELS Salary Matrix used 13 years of experience and changed from matrix letter D to E). MSC to approve.

Cataract Break-In-Realized on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Very little damage to facility. No money was stolen. They did steal 2 ½ bottles of wine and stole a gas can from the shed.

WELS National Conference Update-Pastor, Dave and Kari Kellen attended the conference and Dave provided us with an update on the conference.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with Pastor leading us in the Lord's Prayer

The next Church Council meeting will be 6:00pm on August 21<sup>st</sup> in Cataract.

The next Congregational meeting will be July 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 am in BRF.

Recorded by Brad Rahmlow

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### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Ron + Karen Baerbock	8-01
Cody + Majesta Heller	8-04
Scott + Nancy Templeton	8-06
Dave + Lori Spaude	8/07
Dave + Kari Kellen	8/12
Ralph + Karin Jandt	8/26
Jimmie + Hilarie Hertz	8/26

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Raymond Sommers	8-01
Heather Holcomb	8-04
Carmon Smith	8-10
Nina Severson	8-16
Alex Huggett	8-26
Kari Kellen	8-29



The youth group will meet on Sunday, August 20, from 2-3:30 p.m.

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT...FOR EVERYONE

The youth group invites the members of the congregation to a "Back to School Night" on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a supper provided; along with Bible Study, fellowship and games. Come join the youth.

Here's the schedule we will follow:

### Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

*5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Bible Class/Devotion led by Pastor*

*5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – Meal served by youth, youth parents and pastor*

*6:30 – 8 p.m. – Fun and games*

### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

If you have information to include in the monthly newsletters, please send it to [janeen.folgersx@gmail.com](mailto:janeen.folgersx@gmail.com) by the second to the last Sunday of the month.

## CONFIRMATION

School is just around the corner! That means it's time to talk about confirmation. Confirmation will begin for all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade children on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Parents, please keep an eye on the bulletin and in your e-mails for information concerning the upcoming year. Pastor plans on contacting each of you sometime during August.



## BIBLE CLASS

Planning is an essential part of everyone's life. It helps us be organized. It helps us do things in a fitting and orderly way. It helps us put first things first...and God teaches us to seek first his kingdom and righteousness (everything that has to do with faith) first. It is for this reason that in August a Bible Class Schedule for 2017-2018 will be made available to everyone so they can plan in advance what Bible Classes they can attend.

# Family Fun in God's Word for All Ages

COME LEARN HOW GOD IS OUR MIGHTY FORTRESS

**\*Monday-Wednesday (August 14-16)**

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**N6598 County Road A – Black River Falls**

**5:30 p.m. – 6:10: Simple Supper provided**

**6:15 p.m. – 6:35: Bible Time**

**6:35 p.m. – 6:55: Music**

**7:00 p.m. – 7:25: Crafts**

**7:25 p.m. – 7:45: Games**

**7:45 p.m. – 8:00: Closing Devotion**



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