

LOOKING AHEAD IN JULY

July 1 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus – Christian Freedom

Readings: John 8:31-36; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Lamentations 3:22-33

July 8 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus – Why We Do The Things We Do

Readings: Luke 10:1-12, 16-20; Galatians 6:1-10; 1 Kings 17:1-16

July 15 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus – God’s Grace Is Sufficient

Readings: Mark 6:1-6; Ezekiel 2:1-3:4; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

July 22 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus – Seven Letters to Seven Churches - - - “He who has an ear, let him hear” (Sermon Series)

Readings: Luke 12:35-47; Revelation 2:1-7; Daniel 9:4-9

July 29 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Focus – Seven Letters to Seven Churches - - - “He who has an ear, let him hear” (Sermon Series)

Readings: Luke 16:1-13; Revelation 2:8-11; Ecclesiastes 5:8-20



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The Messenger is published monthly for the congregation and friends of Faith Ev. Lutheran Church. Its purpose is to provide information regarding all areas of congregational news and to offer enlightening articles.

Anyone wishing to contribute articles, please contact Pastor Neumann either in person or at the following email address: pastorjoelneumann@gmail.com. Newsletter deadline: The submission deadline is the next-to-the-last Sunday of each month.



July 2018

LOVE ALWAYS

[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (1 Corinthians 13:7)

These four characteristics of Christian love – protecting, trusting, hoping and persevering in all things – form a golden chain linked together by the love of Christ Jesus. This chain of gold is made to fit every child of God; these characteristics of love ought to adorn every Christian life.

Unbelievers are all too eager to ridicule the Christian way of life. Situations that we find ourselves in may be less than pleasant. And we may be tempted to complain that we are made to deal with too much. But whenever we are so tempted, we need to look to the cross, where Christ suffered quietly and without complaint: “He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth” (Isaiah 53:7).

Remembering how the Lord suffered silently for us, we are moved to wear this golden chain that “always protects.” That is, we will not want to complain about conditions or allow ourselves to be overcome by acts of ingratitude or injustice. Instead, love pro-

TECTS itself against such thing by turning to the Lord for help, strength and comfort.

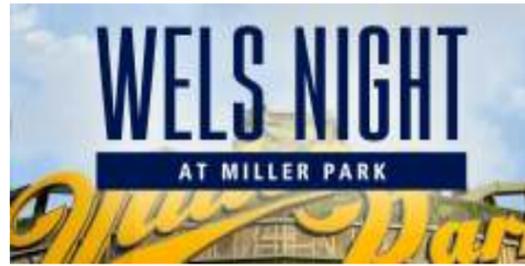
The second link in love’s golden chain reminds us “always [to] trust,” that is, it refuses to yield to suspicions of doubt and instead seeks to take the words and actions of others in the kindest possible way. Sometimes our ears itch to hear the latest gossip, and our sinful hearts yearn to be suspicious and doubtful of others. But that is not the course of love. Love seeks to excuse her enemies and speaks well of them.

The third link in this chain gives us the boldness “always [to] hope.” Is there a problem in our home? Is there a problem in our marriage? Is there a problem disturbing the relationship between parents and children? Is there any problem at all in our life? As Christians, our hope rests in the confidence that God’s power can conquer every situation. Our hope rests in God’s grace conquering and changing the lives of others as we

hope for continuing change in ourselves.

The fourth link in this chain of love is the bold patience which “always perseveres.” “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22). Under heavy trials it is easy to lose courage. But our ability to endure comes with the certainty that “God works all things for the good of those who love him” (Romans 8:28). The patient and forgiving love of Christ is the foundation for our endurance. It makes us willing to never fatigue in serving another’s best interest; it leads us to always be ready to sacrifice our own desires for the sake of another’s welfare; and it leads us to persevere in doing what is right despite the failure to be treated properly.

This golden chain, with these four links of love, is made to order for every Christian. May God enable us to wear it well!



WELS Night at Miller Park 2018
Brewers vs. Rockies
Friday, August 3, 2018

Time: 7:10 p.m.
Date: Fri., Aug. 3, 2018

Deadline to purchase tickets: July 20

The Milwaukee Brewers are hosting the fifth annual WELS Night at Miller Park, and you are invited. The deadline to purchase tickets is Fri., July 20. Thousands of WELS members are expected for the Milwaukee Brewers' game against the Colorado Rockies on Fri., Aug. 3, 2018. Game time is 7:10 p.m.

For the second year, WELS Night t-shirts are available to order for five dollars. Imagine thousands of WELS members wearing this brightly colored t-shirt, creating a sea of blue at Miller Park.

WELS pitching ace Rev. Joel Voss from Centerville, Ohio, will throw out the ceremonial first pitch during pre-game festivities. Voss is a parish pastor at Resurrection in Centerville and WELS' second vice president.

The Brewers are again offering WELS members up to 50 percent off the price of tickets. Seating will be along the third base line this year and in a block for WELS members. The pricing is Field Outfield Box sections 126 – 131 for \$21/ticket, Loge Outfield Box sections 228 – 232 for \$17/ticket, or Terrace Reserved sections 433 – 437 for \$9/ticket. The ticket service fee will be waived for groups of 20-plus if you contact Greg Souza at 414-902-4492 or greg.souza@brewers.com.

Tickets can be purchased at brewers.com/wels. T-shirts can be ordered at co-store.com/WELSNight.

BIRTHDAYS

Denis Janke	7/1
Jenny Goetzka	7/1
Mikah Huggett	7/3
Luke Spaude	7/3
Wendy Mlsna	7/9
Brad Rahmlow	7/10
Nancy Templeton	7/11
Ken Diener	7/15
Garrett Jessie	7/17
Noah Neumann	7/23
Karen Yahnke	7/24
Ralph Jandt	7/26
Jeff Nicolai	7/28



ANNIVERSARIES

Pastor Joel + Rachel Neumann	7/6
Dale + Linda Jessie	7/12
Ray + Judy Sommers	7/21



YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIBLE SOCCER CAMP

CAMP WILL BE HELD AT →

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
N6598 COUNTY ROAD A
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI**



The Bible Soccer Camp is for children ages 4-13.



The Bible Soccer Camp will be held August 6 – August 8 (Come each day or some of the days).



The Bible Soccer Camp will be held from 9 – 11:30 a.m. each day.



There is no cost for this Bible Soccer Camp. Each child will receive a t-shirt and water bottle. Snacks are provided each day.



The Bible Soccer Camp activities will include physical training and Bible studies. Each child should have appropriate footwear and shin guards. If you do not have shin guards, they will be provided.



The Bible Soccer Camp registration can be done online at www.faithwels.com or by filling out a registration sheet found in the gathering area. Questions? Call 284-0772.

LUTHERAN MOBILE CLINIC (CAMM)

CONGRATULATIONS!! CELEBRATIONS!! "Every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). This time of year brings many good and perfect gifts (and celebrations) from our gracious God. Graduations, Weddings, Conventions, Father's Day, Vacations---to name just a few. These events bring us the opportunity to gather with family and friends and to thank our God for the(June) special circumstances taking place. Our Lutheran Mobile Clinic staff, Beth and Gary Evans are back in the States for a short visit to celebrate a graduation in their family. Many of us look forward to gathering as fellow believers and mission supporters at the LWMS National Convention later this month in Green Bay, WI. These are all wonderful opportunities to thank our loving God for so many blessings He bestows on us as His children.

As CAMM supporters, we also have blessings which God allows us to share in as we pray for, offer our treasures for and participate in service for our medical clinics in both Malawi and Zambia. Beth Evans, our nurse in charge at the Lutheran Mobile Clinic in Malawi shares news and experiences with us to give us a better perspective what life is like for our fellow believers in Africa.

God's blessings to you this summer as we partake in all the blessed events God gives us in His Love. Thank you for your support, love, prayers and service to CAMM! We could not do this work without all of you. To God be the glory both now and forevermore!



Central Africa Medical Mission Lutheran Mobile Clinic (Malawi) June 2018

My husband Gary and I attend Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Lilongwe, Malawi on the campus of the Lutheran Bible Institute (LBI). Most Sundays we can worship with the full sound and harmony of Malawian hymns from the LBI choir. We hear God's word preached by Pastor Panning or Pastor Chinyanga, and have Bible study after the service. It is good to have this fellowship with the mission families and Malawian church members as we learn from God's word, as it prepares us for the week ahead.

There are aspects of working in a developing country that are frustrating, from the slow traffic to shortages of supplies. Being in a different culture has its challenges with communicating with and relating to people. The basics of being a mobile operation include making sure everything needed to run a clinic is loaded in the ambulance, fully restocked, each day. I know my patience and physical stamina have been tested often.

Then I remember those people we often find lying on the ground outside of the clinic building when we arrive, covered by a chitenje cloth. They are weak, feverish, or coughing. Our staff gets them registered, examined, treated or referred to the hospital. We can make sure the babies are protected with vaccines, and their mothers have nutritious flour to make their porridge if they are underweight. We give them little knit hats in the cold season. We are there to help them, because of people in the US who believe that we should, because Jesus did.

Pastor Chinyanga sends Bible verses by text every day, and one really spoke to me this week. Isaiah 41:13 "For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you." If God is holding our right hand we know that it's not up to us to do it all. We can go through our difficult times without fear because we can count on His constant presence and help. What a comfort to know that His help is also there for those we serve, despite our weaknesses! Many of you are partners in this mission of love through your donations and prayers. Thank you!

Your sister in Christ,

Beth Evans - Nurse in Charge of the Lutheran Mobile Clinic



CHRISTIAN MUSICIAN- CHRIS DRIESBACH - IN THE PARK

Who is Chris Driesbach, you ask? Well, let Chris tell you. "I'm a member of Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Madison, Alabama. Since 2006 I've been on many musical tours, playing concerts at over 770 WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) churches. My songs are all original Christian music and I love to tell the story of my journey to faith."

"I played music professionally for 30 years on the west coast. I was an atheist until age 33, and after that sort of a new-age spiritualist. Nine years later I became a Lutheran and a Christian at the same time in 1995. Faith Lutheran Church and Pastor James Oldfield in Anchorage, Alaska were my first church and pastor. We went through a 22-week Bible study course together. Pastor Oldfield read to me out of the Bible when I asked him all of the hardest questions I could think of, and after 6 weeks of his class I was given the gift of faith by the Spirit working through God's Word. My life completely changed, of course!"

Why should you know about Chris, you ask? Because he is coming to Black River Falls on July 24. On that day Faith Lutheran Church will host Chris at Lunda Park as part of the community concert series. Come join us. Here is the information again:

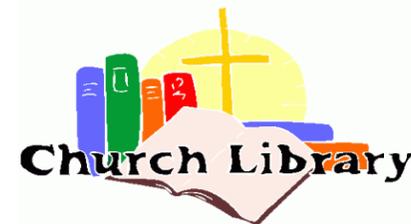
When: Tuesday, July 24 @ 7 p.m.
Where: Lunda Park, Black River Falls

FROM THE LIBRARY

Our church library located in the Fellowship Hall at the BRF location has **Chris Dreisbach** CDs

- *Movin' On*
- *After the Storm*
- *Let Christ Be Known*
- *Jesus Is The Man*
- *One Cross Three Nails*

To checkout, write the date, your name, and the name of the book/DVD/CD in the notebook on the shelf.



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

June 18, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting opened at 6:00p.m. with Pastor Neumann leading us in a short devotion. The lesson was a continuation from last month on the term Ministry. A Bible term that is rich in meaning, heard often, but not always fully understood.

ATTENDANCE

- Pastor Neumann, Garrett Jessie, Jerry Kirchman, Brad Rahmlow, Dale Jessie, Cody Heller, Grady Severson

ELDER'S REPORT

- Garrett gave an update on the recent Elder's meeting. Moved Seconded and Confirmed (MSC) to receive Jack Bue and Justin Goetzka into membership through adult confirmation.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastor reviewed a statistical report for the month of May.
- Outreach asked if we could make use of the para-synodical groups to present during Bible Class next year. Recommendation was to have three presentations over three months and a joint service alternating between BRF and CAT. Schedule to be determined.
- Pastor brought up the Multi-Site Conference in Milwaukee this November. The council made the suggestion and then MSC to have him attend.
- Discussion was had regarding make youth confirmation Sunday's a joint service. Recommendation was to leave as is for now with multiple joint services scheduled over the next year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Cody presented a financial report showing a net loss of \$10,145.42 through the end of May. MSC to accept financial report for May, 2018.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- Property Committee
 - Cement around light pole and sidewalk are repaired.
 - Copier is installed.
 - Estimates to seal cracks were \$795 for both lots. MSC to proceed with this instead of seal-coating the entire parking lots
- Outreach Committee
 - Brad Markhardt provided a written report submitted to the Council summarizing the current activities of the Outreach Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- New hymnal in 2021. Discussion tabled
- Abuse protection plan-Committee to be formed.
- Strategic planning planned for next council meeting-financial.

Adjournment-The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. with Pastor leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

The next Council Meeting will be held in BRF on July 23, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Next Congregational meeting on July 29th at 11:15am at CAT.

Recorded By Brad Rahmlow



CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS' MEETING

Sunday, July 29 at 11:15 a.m. The meeting will be held in Cataract.

BANNER MAKING

Are you crafty? Do you like hanging out with other ladies. Then this is for you! All ladies of faith are welcome to the next banner making night on Monday, July 9 at 6 p.m. in Black River Falls. If you have fabric scissors or quick dry fabric glue please bring these; all other supplies and materials will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Goetzka or Kari Kellen.



Summer Service Time Change

First Sunday of Change: Sunday, May 27

Last Sunday for Change: Sunday, September 2

New Times: Cataract – 8 a.m.

Black River Falls – 9:45 a.m.

