



# FAITH

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## EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Newsletter

### DEVOTIONS ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

Back in February we began our study of the Lord's Prayer. During that time we have had the privilege of learning, relearning, and reviewing what exactly we are asking in this prayer of prayers. What joy is ours in its proper use! What comfort it gives when we know and understand what we say. Nowhere on earth can a more noble prayer be found! This month we examine the Fourth Petition, "Give us this day our daily bread." As we do, I want you to read carefully this longer quote from Martin Luther's Large Catechism concerning the Fourth Petition:

*"Let us sketch briefly how far this petition extends...a long prayer of many words could be made out of it by listing all the things it includes. For example, we could pray God to give us food and drink, clothing, house and home, a healthy body; to let the grain and the fruits of the field grow to maturity; to help us to manage our household affairs well; to give and preserve to us a good wife, good children, good servants; to cause our job, trade, or occupation to succeed and prosper; to send us good neighbors and good friends, and so on. We could continue our prayer by asking God to give wisdom, strength, and success to emperor and king and all authorities, particularly our governors, counselors, magistrates, and officials, enabling them to rule well and to be victorious over aggressors and all enemies; to enable their subjects and people in general to live together in obedience, peace, and harmony; on the other hand, to guard us against all manner of harm to our body and means of subsistence, against storm, hail, fire, and flood, against poison, pestilence, and cattle disease, against war and bloodshed, famine, savage beasts, wicked persons, and similar evils. It is well to impress on the people in general that all the above good things and others like them do come from God and must be prayed for."*

When was the last time you thought about all that when you thought about or prayed these seven words, "Give us this day our daily bread?" But it's true; our "daily bread" is more than just the dinner rolls and pizza, more than the fruits and vegetables, more than juice and water. Our "daily bread" reaches out over the fields and farmlands, over the entire country that produces and processes all that we need for life. It reaches out over workers who work in the fields and factories and over the government who protects the fields and country. For if God did not make crops to grow and did not bless and preserve them in the fields, if he did not give us governments to protect our fields and countries, if he did not give us workers to process the food, we could never have a loaf of bread to put on the table.

So, how has God done? Consider what you have in your homes! Consider the food we eat! Consider the remarkable peace we have had during our lifetime in this country! God hasn't just done well; he has been abundantly gracious. And when we pray this petition we want to remember that. In this petition we pray that God would lead us to realize all these things come from him and that he help us receive them all with thanksgiving.

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## **FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUMMARY**

**APRIL 30, 2017**

Pastor opened the meeting with a short devotion followed by prayer.

The agenda was accepted without modifications and the minutes of the January 2, 2017 meeting were accepted.

### **ELDER'S REPORT**

A report concerning membership was given and these actions were ratified. The release of Heather (Rilyn) Holcomb. The reception into membership of Joe and Alisha Southwood (Derek and Leah). The reception into membership by transfer of Carmon Portman (Elijah) from St. Mathew's Winona. The baptisms of Keagan Robert Jessie on 3/19/17 and Xylr Jeffrey-Mark Heller on 4/4/17.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Pastor reviewed a statistical summary of the last quarter.

### **OUTREACH**

Rudy J. gave an update on the activities of the Outreach Committee. They are: 1. Faith T-shirt order is going on right now. 2. Home devotions will again be offered utilizing Pastor's sermons again this summer in June, July and August. 3. Church picnic is Sunday June 25th at Cataract. 4. Koine concert will take place on Tuesday, July 25 from 7-8:30pm. 5. Faith Family Fun Nights will take place on August 14-16. 6. Reformation 500 activities-working on a road trip to Dane County Coliseum on October 29th.

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Dave K gave an update on the activities of the property committee. They are: 1. Working on issues with the organ in BRF. Was purchased as a used machine in 2013. 2. Copy machine in BRF may be updated with a better machine and contract. 3. Cross at the Cataract building is in need of some work. Working with members to find a solution. 4. Parking lot in Cataract is 3 yrs old. We are planning to have both the BRF and Cataract parking lots sealed and repainted. 5. Electrical issues in BRF in the sign. Hoping to have bulbs replaced this week. 6. At this point we will not be adding any window coverings to building in BRF. 7. Water issues at BRF. Water has an odor and they are looking at fixing this problem. Water is perfectly safe to drink but has a sulfur odor to it.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cody H. presented a report showing a net loss of \$2,116.09 through March 31, 2017.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was a recommendation by Council to change worship times during the summer months to 8:00am in Cataract and 9:45am in BRF. This change would take place from May 28th-Sept. 3rd. It was moved, seconded and approved by voters.

The church picnic will be held on June 25th with a service at 10:00am.

Pastor updated us that Jesus Cares has held two Bible Classes since our last meeting in a home in BRF.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Congregational meeting will be held BRF on July 30th at 1:30pm.

Recorded by Brad Rahmlow



### **SUMMER DEVOTION SERIES**

Remember those devotions last summer that were based off of Pastor's sermons? Well, we will do that again this summer! Starting Sunday, June 4, the ushers will hand out these devotions at the end of service. A ministry moment will be used to introduce them. God's bless you as you and your family sit down together to discuss God's Word.

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### June Anniversaries

Mark + Amber Hanson	6/2
Greg + Elaine Fatla	6/8
Jake + Allison Dahlke	6/14
Ken + Carolyn Diener	6/15
Mark + Laura Mueller	6/17
Brad + Kelly Rahmlow	6/26

### June Birthdays

Devon Dennis	6/1	Pastor Joel Neumann	6/16
Wyatt Anderson	6/2	Malachi Neumann	6/17
Janeen Folgers	6/4	Tyler Jessie	6/19
Pastor Ron Baerbock	6/9	Zach Granahan	6/23
Nancy Kirchman	6/11	Alisa Volk	6/24
Adam Jessie	6/12	Rachel Neumann	6/24
Gary Haas	6/12	Karen Baerbock	6/25
Jake Dahlke	6/16	Taylor Hertz	6/26
Logan Leisso	6/16	Sherry Bue	6/28

### FIRESIDE BIBLE STUDY

This summer, we are going to hold a fireside Bible study that will look at topics such as Absolution, Affliction, Angels, Anger, Antichrist, and Apostasy/Faithfulness. We will do this by taking a look at What Luther Says, and then always coming back to God's Word to see what the Bible says concerning the subject at hand.



We will meet outside around a campfire at our BRF location at 6:30 p.m. and go for about an hour (or less). Following the study, people are welcome to bring their own favorite roasting treats to enjoy around the fire.

Here is a schedule of these classes:

*Wednesday, June 21 – What Luther Says About...Absolution*

*Wednesday, June 28 – What Luther Says About...Affliction*

*Wednesday, July 5 – What Luther Says About...Angels*

*Monday, July 10 – What Luther Says About...Anger*

*Thursday, July 20 – What Luther Says About...Antichrist*

*Wednesday, July 26 – What Luther Says About...Apostasy/Faithfulness*

Please note that each class in this study will be independent of the others! If you have to miss a class, you won't be left behind at the next class! Consider this opportunity to grow in your faith and share in the fellowship!



## SUMMER SERVICE TIME CHANGE

**First Sunday of Change:** Sunday, May 28

**Last Sunday for Change:** Sunday, September 3

**New Times:** Cataract – 8 a.m.  
Black River Falls – 9:45 a.m.

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

We are going to include a little something different in our June 11 worship service – a children's sermon. On that Sunday, we invite children (ages 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) to the altar area for a short devotion that connects to the service that day. The prayer is that not only will this help the children in understanding the truths of worship that day, but that it will also help parents see how they might be able to incorporate the truths of Sunday's sermons into devotions throughout the week. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.



### JOINT SERVICE & PICNIC



What church do you belong to? That's a silly question! You belong to Faith Lutheran Church. Where is your church located? Now that's not actually so silly. Your church is located in both Black River Falls and Cataract. That's right; our two locations are one church that shares one budget, one council, one pastor, one faith. In that aspect we are unique. Let us celebrate that unique unity we share in our joint worship service and picnic on **June 25, at 10 a.m.** This service will take place at our **Cataract location**. Even if this isn't the location where you usually worship, let us make the effort to gather around God's Word that morning (when don't we need to do that) and rejoice in the fellowship we have. The food will be provided that day!

## KOINÉ

What is Koiné, you ask? Koiné is a band made up of WELS members who take century-old hymns and combine them with modern accompaniment such as drums, electric bass and guitar. With their arrangements, Koiné strives to find a unique balance between the familiarity of the classic hymn melodies and the raw instrumentation of the new arrangements.

Why should you know about Koiné, you ask? Because they are coming to Black River Falls on July 25. On that day Faith Lutheran Church will host Koiné at Lunda Park as part of the community concert series. Come join us. Here are is the information again:

**When:** Tuesday, July 25 @ 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Lunda Park, Black River Falls

### YOUTH GROUP

The youth group will meet on Sunday, June 18 from 2-3:30 p.m. in Black River Falls.



### **Lutheran Mobile Clinic (C.A.M.M – Malawi) May 2017**

April showers bring May flowers, right? Well, this old adage doesn't hold true in Malawi. April typically brings long queues in our Out Patient Department, high numbers of malaria cases, and lots of referrals to Kamuzu Central Hospital, which handles complicated cases that the area health centers cannot. There is a distinct lack of rain and only a handful of wild flowers can be seen on the roadside on the way out to Suzi and Thunga.

Historically, April has been the peak of our busiest season. It's the month we see the most patients in our Out Patient Department. It's the month we have the most malaria cases. It's the month we have the most referrals. It's the month we have the longest workdays out in the field. April is a hard month, but this year, thankfully, it wasn't.

This April, we saw 1,808 patients in our Out Patient Department. In April 2016 we saw 5,132! That is almost a 65% reduction in patients. The reduction in Malaria cases is even larger! This April we saw 815 malaria cases compared to 3,145 in 2016! That is a 74% reduction in malaria cases seen at Lutheran Mobile Clinic.

What caused such a reduction? Thoughts in the Lilongwe health community point to a large-scale distribution of insecticide treated mosquito nets throughout the country in 2016 before the rains came in December. By sleeping under a mosquito net, people are protected from the mosquito's bite, which transmits the malaria parasite. The powerful and plentiful rains that began in December and continued up until March are also getting credit for helping to reduce the incidence of malaria this rainy season. The strong rains helped to reduce the amount of stagnant water around, which is where mosquitos breed, thereby reducing the number of mosquitos able to transmit malaria. The plentiful rains this year not only helped reduce malaria but also gave our farmers a bountiful crop, which is being harvested currently.

LMC receives our malaria tests and treatment, LA, from USAID, the US government's development organization. The Malawian government no longer assists us with medications; therefore, if we use all those supplies we have to purchase them from our medications budget. Each test is approximately \$1.50, and treatment is approximately, 50 cents to \$2.00. That adds up quickly when we are using over 100 tests in a day! Thankfully, this year, we haven't had to purchase any malaria supplies yet. With serious budget constraints, this is a huge blessing!

As we are coming to a close of the first week in May, we are seeing a slight increase in malaria and Out Patient Department numbers, but nothing like the volume we have been used to at this time in the year. We are grateful for the reprieve of a hard April and for a Lord who is continually watching over us and providing for us in every way.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Amanda Oswalt  
Nurse In Charge  
Lutheran Mobile Clinic

Psalm 9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

*Note from the Editor:*

*As Christians, we struggle daily with temptations of this world. By keeping Christ at the center of our hearts and lives, we can dismiss the temptations of this world and remain steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ. Sometimes reminders are needed as to why we believe and worship the way we do. This series of articles from the website, [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net), will explain why we believe what we believe and why we teach what we teach. Below are the 9th through 11th of 29 articles in this series. Please take some time to read the bible verses associated with each article to further your understanding.*

## **What the Bible and Lutherans Teach**

### **9. HOLY SPIRIT**

The Bible and Lutherans teach that the Holy Spirit is true God equal to God the Father and God the Son. He has names and characteristics which belong only to God. The Holy Spirit creates faith in our hearts through the gospel. He also keeps us in the faith and motivates us to do good works.

[Acts 5:3,4](#); [2 Corinthians 13:14](#); [Psalm 139:7,8](#); [Job 33:4](#); [Titus 3:5](#); [Ephesians 3:16](#); [Galatians 5:24,25](#)

### **10. CONVERSION**

The Bible and Lutherans teach that the Holy Spirit causes the heart to trust in Jesus as its Savior. The Holy Spirit creates and maintains faith by means of the gospel in God's Word and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. We believe, therefore, that our conversion is not our work. It is entirely the work of God's grace. Rejection of the gospel is, however, entirely our own fault.

[1 Corinthians 6:11](#); [John 17:17](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:13,14](#); [Romans 10:17](#); [Acts 2:38](#); [Acts 15:3](#); [Acts 7:51](#)

### **11. SAVED THROUGH GRACE**

The Bible and Lutherans teach that already before the world was created, God chose those individuals whom he would in time convert through the gospel and preserve in the faith to eternal life. This choosing is in no way caused by qualities or actions God had foreseen in the people whom he chose. This shows how completely salvation is ours by God's grace alone. Grace is God's undeserved love and mercy that he shows to all mankind through Jesus Christ.

[Ephesians 1:4-6](#); [Romans 11:5,6](#); [Acts 15:11](#); [Romans 5:15](#)

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#### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

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