

# The Messenger

*Rooted in Christ.  Reaching Out With The Word.*

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*Faith Ev. Lutheran Church  
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## **Jesus is My Savior from Satan**

**The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. – 1 John 3:8**

Is the devil real? He doesn't really exist, right? WRONG! The devil is a fallen angel. He is called Satan, which means "adversary." He has one goal. He wants to literally "give you hell." Picture him as a prosecutor standing before the judgment seat of God. He talks about your character flaws like pride, anger, and your evil desires of greed and lust. He's very convincing. And that "father of lies" is not lying. You can't deny what he says about you. It appears his case work will bring about an eternal sentence of hell for you.

But wait, Satan doesn't have the last word. Jesus Christ has come to our defense. He set out to defeat the devil and put an end to his evil work. Jesus came to earth not to just hinder, slow down or frustrate the devil and his dealings with you. He came to destroy him. That is exactly what Jesus did by his death on the cross. Jesus' death on the cross in your place is the devil's destruction. All of the devil's accusation about you before God are stopped because on the cross Jesus won the forgiveness for all of your sins. The devil can no longer successfully accuse you before God.

So what does the devil do now if he can't speak to God about your sins? He speaks to you! The devil comes to you reminding you of your sins and tries to convince you that God won't forgive you. This is his last resort. He tries day and night to tempt you to sin and then push you to despair over your condition.

But the victory is already won! The victory belongs to Jesus and by faith it belongs to you. Resist the devil's temptations and he will flee from you. He may try to set snares, but you aren't ignorant of his devices. You have the shield of faith in Jesus that extinguishes all the fiery darts of that wicked one.

So keep your eyes on Jesus, who died for you, and your enemy the devil can't have his wicked way with you. The truth is that the devil's evil work has been destroyed by the Son of God, Jesus Christ. He is your Savior from Satan.

# Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting Summary

August 7, 2016

The elders report was presented by Dave Spaude.

The voters' ratified Council's recommendation to :

- receive into membership by Profession of Faith / Confirmation: John Thomas Pleau - July 3, 2016
- transfer in: Richard and Rita Selin (Grace Lutheran Church, Scroggins, TX) - July 18, 2016
- transfer out : Jacob and Allison Dahlke (Estelle, Vincent, Primrose) - July 18, 2016 (Trinity Lutheran Church, Marshfield, WI)

2nd Quarter statistics were presented and compared with the previous quarter - and the Elders' Report was accepted.

## Special Reports:

1. Jesus Cares Ministries will resume classes Sept 26, 2016 and review PR efforts.
2. Outreach – a written report was presented by Rudy Jeseritz that highlighted the fact that Faith will be sponsoring a concert in the park event by Koine on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at the Lunda Park in Black River Falls.

## Old Business

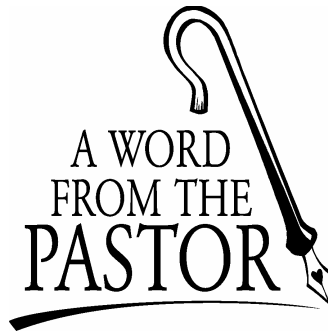
1. Christian Education Funding was discussed and Scott Templeton presented the Church Council's recommendation and gave an example for those attending.
  - o Budgeted amount for funding Christian Education will be based on 8% of the envelope and plate offerings received from the previous year.
  - o Funding will be for any WELS Elementary School, WELS High Schools, WELS Prep School, Martin Luther College and WELS Seminary
  - o 100% of our Pastor's children's grade school (PreK-8th Grade) tuition will be paid from the total.
  - o The remaining amount will be divided equally among any other students.
  - o Any unused funds will be returned to the budget and not carried over to the next year.
  - o The Congregation reserves the right to amend this policy due to unknown budget constraints or other circumstances that may arise.
  - o This policy will take effect on Jan. 1, 2017 for the end of the 2017 school year and beginning of the 2018 school year.
    - MSC to follow the recommendation as printed and for policy to be reviewed annually and for the Council / Congregation to reserve the right to amend the policy.

## New Business:

1. Pastor stated that the next Luther High School Regional Meeting will be 1:30 PM, Sept. 18, 2016 at St. Paul's in Bangor, WI. They will be talking about the "Rise Up & Build" campaign and the WI Parental Choice Voucher Program that Luther is considering participating in. Members of Faith are welcome to attend.
2. **The next Congregational Meeting will be . . .**  
**October 30, 2016 at 1:00 PM in Black River Falls, WI**



Noah Hanson	9/07
JoDee Liesso	9/07
John Mlsna	9/18
Channing Manske	9/18
Rudy Jeseritz	9/19
Les Mlsna	9/20
Majesta Heller	9/23
Allison Hood	9/25
Jan Eggen	9/28



## PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR CONFIRMATION CONTINUED...

Last month we asked the question, “Does confirmation still have value today?” As we answered there we answer here – YES. But why are so many of our confirmands in our Wisconsin Synod churches not coming back to church after their confirmations? I pray that taking to heart these points will help stem the tide.

- **Remember that children’s self-esteem is fragile.** When they come home crushed by verbal stones thrown by friends, use the same truths which they are learning in confirmation class to comfort them. Show them that what they are learning is relevant.
- **Give your children an opportunity to tell you what they are gaining from their instruction.** Challenge them to see ways they can serve Christ and his church before and after confirmation.
- **Point out the real importance of confirmation day.** It is much more than one way to get Uncle Harold and Aunt Hilda to drive up from Florida. This is the day they stand before God and his witnesses to confess their faith and to promise their loyalty to Jesus.
- **Realize that a parent’s job is not over with confirmation.** Remember the worth of a picture. Your children will still be watching your example. What will you show them about the value you place on Christ and your own ministry in his name?
- **Realize that just being confirmed doesn’t mean being grown up.** Remember that when your children are confirmed, it doesn’t mean they have matured to the point of always making wise decisions. They are still very emotional. They still need you to curb their sinful flesh. They will more often than not make the wrong decision if you allow them to decide if they should or shouldn’t go to church. You are still their parents.



September 7<sup>th</sup>

Jeff & Penny Nicolai

September 14<sup>th</sup>

Dale & Emily Timm



# SEPTEMBER

## Ladies Aid (Cataract)

The Ladies Aid of Cataract will resume their monthly meetings on Thursday, September 8 at 12:30 p.m.

## Ladies of Faith Black River Falls

We're starting our Ladies of Faith year with a fellowship salad supper on Monday, September 12 at 6:00 pm. Bring a salad to share and let's enjoy each other's company! After supper Pastor Neumann will lead us in a short devotion then we'll make some cards!



**Confirmation Classes begin for our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday, September 7 at 5:30 p.m.**

**YOUTH  
GROUP**

**BIBLE CLASS  
AND  
GAME NIGHT**

The next youth group gathering will be Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Black River Falls.

## Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Summary

August 15, 2016

### Elder's report-

1. Membership changes through death -Lucille Sophia Kyser, 7-29-16
2. Pastor was given approval by the elders to have a Youth Sunday in January

### Pastor's report-

1. Mission Festival will be held on October 16, 2016 with a Church Service at 9:00 am with a 10:15am presentation.
2. A Stewardship Bible Class will be offered at four different times to accommodate as many members as possible.
3. Pastor will attend a Missions Conference on October 25-26, 2016.

### Outreach Committee

1. The Faith Family Fun Nights were a success with good attendance all three nights.
2. A questionnaire will be distributed on August 28<sup>th</sup> concerning the sermon devotions.
3. Festival of Friendship will be held on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Financial Report

1. Scott presented a financial report (attached) prepared by Cody Heller. The report listed net income of -\$5,387.90 as of July 31, 2016. Motion by Todd, second by Mark to accept-carried

**The next Church Council meeting will be September 19, 2016, 6:30 p.m. in Cataract.**



## Faith Outreach Meeting

This is an open meeting – anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Agenda items include evaluating the home devotion activity and Christmas Crafts for Kids. Our meeting will take place Sunday, September 11, at 12:30 p.m. in



## Faith Teachers Meeting

There will be a Faith teachers meeting on Sunday, September 25, from 10:30-12:00 in the BRF church building.

## BIBLE CLASSES

**Bible Information Class:** Are you looking to join our congregation at Faith? Are you looking to review the truths you learned in confirmation? Are you looking to learn more about the Bible? This is the class for you. We begin on Thursday, September 8 at 6 p.m. in Black River Falls.

**Civil Government** – God’s Other Kingdom: In just a little over 2 months we will be voting to elect the next president of our nation. What does God have to say about the civil government? What do we do when we don’t know who we can vote for? Come, let us listen to God’s Word on the topic of Civil Government. We will meet at Denny’s in Black River Falls starting Saturday, September 10 at 9 a.m.

**Vocation:** Our vocation is the calling that God has given to us in our life. Through our various callings we glorify God and are a blessing to others. Do you have a question as to whether your vocation is where God wants you to be? Do you wonder if some vocations are more godly than others? Come, find out at we begin this study on Sunday, September 11 at 11 a.m. in Cataract and on Wednesday, September 14 at 7 p.m. in Black River Falls.



Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity for the children of our congregation to be in the Word of God and learn Bible lessons that apply to their lives. It is an opportunity for them to grow in their faith as well as in their knowledge of God’s Word.

Sunday School starts on September 11th at 9:15 a.m. in Black River Falls.



Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:15 p.m. in Black River Falls. This falls right before Wednesday evening Bible Class. So, come for choir and stay for Bible study. If you like to sing, this is the place for you. No previous experience is necessary.

If you have any questions, please talk with Nancy Templeton.



### **CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

A new round of Sunday morning Bible education begins Sunday, September 11, with something for everyone – kids, teens & adults!

A new round of Sunday morning Bible education begins at our Black River Falls location on Sunday, September 11, with something for everyone! We encourage you to be like Mary and sit at the feet of Jesus for the one thing needful (see Luke 10:38-42). We will be using the lesson schedule from the Christ-Light curriculum for all the classes. This will help with your Bible conversations, especially at home. Home devotions utilizing the lesson are found in the adult lessons.

There will be an adult and teen Bible study. “Sunday School” classes will be held for pre-K through 6th grade children. Three years old and younger can go to the early childhood area for child care that utilizes the lessons from the Jesus Cares Ministry. All classes run from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Brad Markhardt at 715-284-4394 or [bamarkhardt@charter.net](mailto:bamarkhardt@charter.net).

### **Sunday Sermons**

If you would benefit from following along with the sermon while it is being preached, copies of the sermon can be found in the gathering area on the white table (BRF) and countertop (CAT). Sermons can also be found online at [www.faithwels.com](http://www.faithwels.com)



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***Anyone wishing to contribute articles or information:***

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**Newsletter deadline:** The submission deadline is the next-to-the-last Sunday of each month.  
September 17th is the deadline for the October, 2016 newsletter.