

FOCUS ON FAITH **Faith Lutheran Church**

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2011

Saturday at 5:30 pm: Taize` Service
Sunday at 9:00 am: Worship / Communion
Sunday at 10:15 am: Sunday School & Coffee Hour

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH -ELCA
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Change of Service Requested

Touched, we
Invite,
Equip and
Send people in Jesus' name.

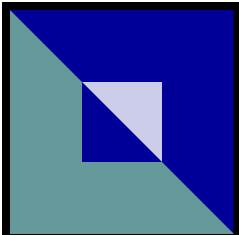
PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

August 2011

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANT MINISTER	PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH	READER	CUP DEACON	ACOLYTES	GREETERS
Sunday, August 7 OUTDOOR	9:00 a Communion	Aaron Gresch		Dick Bury	Tom & Janet Polum	Kyle Polum	
Sunday, August 14	9:00 a Communion	Judy Johnson	Judy Johnson	Judy Johnson		Tori Paige	
Sunday, August 21	9:00 a Communion			Amy Canapa	Amy Canapa & Judy Johnson	Hannah Yurske	
Sunday, August 28	9:00 a Communion					Jacob Lehnberg	

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

DO NOT DEPEND ON A REMINDER!!!LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES



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Faith Lutheran Church

August 2011

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Pastor: John C. Norquist
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Web Site Committee: Toni Schnorr, Dottie Dorr, Kathy Thiele, Alisa Norquist



If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?

Acts 11:17

On Sunday, July 31 something quite special took place in our ministry: Hammam abu-fares and his wife Hanady, and their children Dareen, Seif, Tuleen and Amir were baptized. Of course, every baptism is a special occasion, but there was something unique about this one, for Hammam and his family are Muslims.

Our world is marked by religious differences whose defining influence can sometimes supersede what God is doing in our lives. Yet if denominational identity, religious doctrine or even our comfortable, familiar routines take a higher place than God, something is amiss. "Muslim" is simply the Arabic word for one who "submits" to God. While the practice of Islam involves particular teachings and traditions, at their heart is this basic understanding. For Hammam and his family it has led to God's revelation of good news in Jesus Christ, and a desire to share in the community which bears his name and carries out his work.

Who would have expected such a gift? Yet God has given it, and with our new sisters and brothers we receive it with thanksgiving and praise! I also give thanks for the many people through whom God has been working to bring this gift, particularly Jessica and Rick Struhar and their children, through whose friendship and kindness this family was led to our congregation. We do not know how God will use our service in Jesus' name yet still we serve, confident that God will use it for good. What a blessing to behold in this way the fruit of God's activity!

God's peace,
 Pastor John



Mission of the Month - Crossways Camping Ministries

Each month our congregation emphasizes a particular outreach ministry. You are invited to support these ministries in whatever way your heart moves you.

Contributions can be given in Mission of the Month envelopes found in your contribution envelope box or in the white envelopes in the church pews.

The mission of Crossways Camping Ministries is to bring people together in Christ so that lives are changed and communities enhanced.

Crossways consists of three camps in Wisconsin, Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake Camp, and Waypost Camp. The camps provide programs for different ages and camps of different lengths – something for everyone, all summer long. The camps also provide time for retreats at other times of the year, including Scrapbooking Retreats in October and November, Quilting Retreats in November, and a Family Christmas Retreat in early December.

One young camper was heard to say, after devotion around a campfire by the side of the lake, “I never felt closer to God than I do now.”

Your donation to the August Mission of the Month, Crossways Camping Ministries, will help maintain camp facilities, fund programs, and (new this year) help to pay for locally grown food to include on menus.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry.



Thank You for a Successful Quilt Raffle Ticket Sale!

The Quilt Raffle Ticket Sale was a huge success, thanks to all of the wonderful Faith members who participated so enthusiastically. We sold a total of 334 tickets, raising \$1,700.00 that will go towards deficit reduction. The final drawing took place during the Fellowship time on Sunday-June 26th with Aubrey Cerda (great-granddaughter of Walt and Lucille Becker) picking the lucky tickets. The winner of the Log Cabin queen-sized quilt was Bruce Rappold; Paige Guse (granddaughter of Bob and Marcia) won the set of two Quilted pillows, backed in blue fabric, and Judy Johnson won the set of two quilted pillows, backed in pink fabric. The ladies of the Sunrise Circle sincerely thank all of the terrific members of Faith who supported this fundraiser.



SUMMER OUTREACH

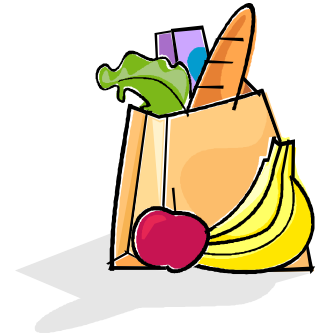
REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

The cost for one month's worth of groceries is approximately \$2,342.00. That would equal 140 bags. We will thankfully be receiving matching funds of \$1,000 from one of our members to help us reach our goal of 140 bags. The cost of one bag is \$17.00, and we will need 79 bags to reach our goal.

Your help is needed in one of two ways:

Donate money towards completing our goal of 79 bags

- 1 = \$17.00
- 2 = 34.00
- 3 = 51.00
- 4 = 68.00
- 5 = 85.00
- 6 = 102.00 and so on



Or help deliver the bags to the Reformation Lutheran Church Food Pantry.

Please use the envelopes in the pews and earmarked the envelope for Reformation Food Pantry, or give your donation to the office.

Summer is a hard time for school children in their area who rely on breakfast and lunch when school is in session.

Thank you for your support in this outreach ministry.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

From: Toni Schnorr

Activities for the month of August.....

We are busy getting ready for Rally Day scheduled for Sunday, September 11th and for Confirmation Classes. Stay tuned, more information regarding the Confirmation Program will be coming out soon.

Activities scheduled for September.....

Mentor/Mentees host the Coffee Hour on September 4th

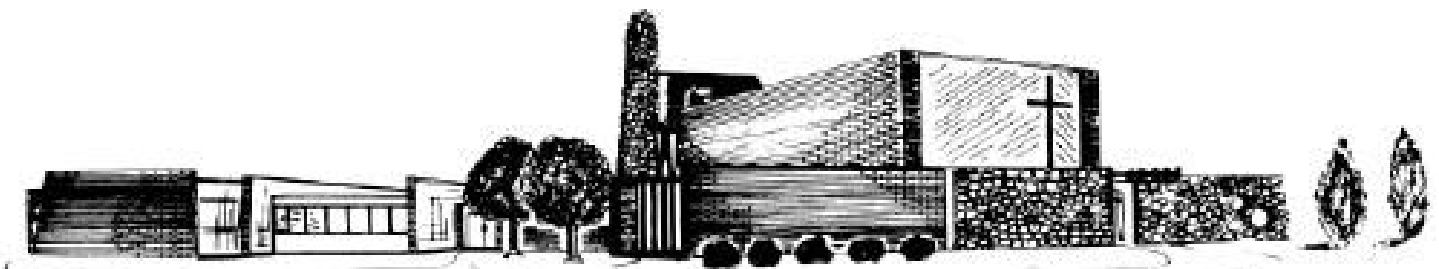
Women's Retreat - September 9th & 10th. More information is enclosed.

Rally Day - September 11th, register for Sunday School, New Mentor/Mentee Teams are yoked and a cook-out coordinated by the current Mentor/Mentee Teams.

Please know that I'm very open to your input and assistance. Stop-in to see me or give me a call at (262) 377-0960 ext, 204 or email me at faithchurchtoni@wi.rr.com

FREE TO LIVE WELL A Fall Afternoon Bible Study

You are welcome to explore two remarkable letters with friends and guests who gather here at Faith Lutheran Church, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. each Tuesday for six weeks, from September 13th to October 18th. Dale Erickson will lead a discussion of the New Testament books of Galatians and Ephesians—both attributed to the Apostle Paul—that spell out a positive view of life in challenging times. We will cover two chapters each week to complete the series. People of all backgrounds are welcome. Consider inviting guests. Materials and the course will be provided at no cost, except for your time and engagement with the ideas that are shared. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.





FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Women's Retreat
Solitude and Sabbath

September 9 and 10

Cedar Valley Center
West Bend, WI

This overnight retreat will include dinner, breakfast and lunch. We will be reading Out of Solitude by Henri Nouwen. We will plan devotions, worship, fellowship and free time. We have room for 18 women. Please sign-up with Toni Schnorr.

Cost: \$90.00 per person for a double room and \$100.00 for a single room. (The cost includes your room, meals and meeting room) Financial assistance is available.

Cedar Valley Center is located on 100 acres with walking paths and a labyrinth. Spa services are available at an additional cost. For more information regarding the Spa services go to: www.cedarvalleycenter.org other questions contact Toni Schnorr at 377-0960, ext. 204 or at faithchurchtoni@wi.rr.com.

Make a Donation, Ride a Bike, Support Outreach for Hope

There is something for everyone at the Family Biking Event, on Saturday, September 10, to support the churches of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, doing ministry among the poor in our Synod.

- For the casual rider, including families and children, a ride on the paved Glacial Drumlin Trail, 14 miles, or less if you prefer.
- For the more avid bicyclist, a 30 and 40 mile mapped and cued ride on country roads around Dousman.
- For everyone, a catered picnic at noon, with games, and Outreach for Hope ministries highlighted.
- For anyone who wants to support Outreach for Hope, the chance to donate and have your gift doubled by a generous challenge grant from Jule and Mike Groh.



REGISTRATION and MORE INFO: Go on line at www.outreachforhope.org and find the link for the 'Family Bike Ride.' Trail passes will be provided for those who don't already have one. Ride begins and ends in Dousman, WI, which is 6 miles south of Oconomowoc. There is no minimum for pledges, but participants are encouraged to get pledges and donations for Outreach for Hope. T-shirts will also be available at the Registration web site.

CONTACT: For questions call Nic Bur at 262-650-9697.

MAKE A DONATION: For those who simply want to support Outreach for Hope, you may also go on line at the Family Bike Ride link at www.outreachforhope.org or send your gift to the Synod office. Your donation will also be matched by a challenge grant.

MORE ABOUT Outreach for Hope: Outreach for Hope raises funds for congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod which serve central city neighborhoods and have made a commitment to remain a strong source of spiritual and community support.

There are 22 ministries being supported by OFH, with \$335,000 needed this year from individuals and special gifts. Please learn more about how you can be a donor to this vital work of the church. Go to the OFH Web Site, or contact the Director, Rev. Jim Bickel, at 414-671-1212.



Thank you to everyone who sent cards and best wishes following my operation. Eunice Paulin



Bible Readings

Sunday, August 7, 2011

8th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 85:8-13; refrain, Ps. 85:8

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 14, 2011

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalms 67; refrain, Ps. 67:3

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: 21-28

Sunday, August 21, 2011

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138; refrain, Ps. 138:8

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20

Sunday, August 28, 2011

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8; refrain, Ps. 26:3

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

INVITATION TO GROW



Have you felt a desire to go deeper in your faith journey, discover your gifts and apply them in real ministry? Then maybe you would like to enroll in the next Diakonia course which begins again in the fall.

The church of today needs and recognizes strong, knowledgeable leadership among the laity. Diakonia is a two year process of spiritual formation and theological education for baptized members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or anyone wishing in good faith to study these teachings. This course of study, combined with spiritual retreats and group interaction, helps train people for the many diverse tasks and opportunities to which Christ's Great Commission directs them.

The Diakonia curriculum consists of twelve courses, six per academic year. Each course is 5 sessions in length, and meets weekly for 3 hour sessions. Weekly readings give students a solid background to the topic, and either weekly assignments or a final assignment will relate the subject matter to the students' context of life or give them new insight into the course's content. Students work at their own level, and assignments reflect the understanding that students are already busy in their families, jobs and parish. Typically, students average three to five hours of study per week in addition to class time.

We are now accepting applications for 1st year students who would study along with the 2nd year students as we begin with Introduction to the New Testament on September 6th.

Classes in Cedarburg will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 at Faith Lutheran Church. Tuition is \$360 per year plus a \$25 non-refundable application fee. For further information, please contact Esther Rusch at 262-375-0868 or go to www.thediakoniaprogram.org

NURSERY:

- August 7:** Bev Yurske & Hannah Yurske
August 14: Shannon Diamond, David Schnorr & Dustin Dahlman
August 21: Lauren Lehnberg & Rebecca Blau
August 28: Amy Canapa & Caden Rappold

LOCK-UP

- August 7:** Jeff Fischer
August 14: Jeff Fischer
August 21: Jeff Fischer
August 28: Jeff Fischer

USHERS:

Team 5

COMMUNION SET-UP:

Esther Rusch
Sandy Stelter
Pat Smith

WEB SITE FOR FAITH is live. Please take some time to make a visit. Our Web Site address is the same as before www.faithlutherancedarburg.com.

We will continue to expand our Web Site so if you have any suggestions or ideas contact Alisa Norquist, Dottie Dorr, Toni Schnorr, Kathy Thiele .

ALTAR FLOWERS:

- August 7:** Amy Canapa
August 14: Jim & Ruth Gollnick
August 21: Ken & Renny Rappold
August 28: Wayne & Lois Krueger

BULLENTINS

- August 7:** Nancy Lange
August 14: Jim & Ruth Gollnick
August 21: Ken & Renny Rappold
August 28: Wayne & Lois Krueger

Office Hours
Tuesday—Thursday
9:00 - 2:00 pm
Friday
9:00-Noon

THE MINUTES FROM
COUNCIL MEETINGS
CAN BE FOUND ON THE
BULLETIN BOARD
IN THE
NARTHEX.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

8/2	Cynthia Ehlers	
8/3	Walter Becker	8-2-41
8/5	Carla Corrigan	8-6-88
8/7	Cindy Ball	8-7-99
8/9	Joyce Caldwell	8-9-86
	Jane Paige	8-9-03
8/10	Kimberly Polum	8-11-68
8/11	Connie Dahlman	8-15-64
	Fritz Gronbach	8-16-58
8/13	Peter Ehlers	8-17-08
	James Gresch	8-18-45
	Matthew Zarling	8-21-88
	Jessica Ziegler	8-23-75
8/14	Robert Guse	8-25-01
	Nicholas Wittenberg	8-30-47
8/15	Lorraine Krueger	
	Olivia Norquist	
8/16	Louise Schwengel	
8/17	Eunice Paulin	
8/18	Troy Gilbertson	
	Sandra Jaeger	
	Hanna Rettler	
	Nathan Struhar	
	Sylvia Wessel	
8/19	Virginia Anderle	
	Vonna Pitel	
	Andrew Schnorr	
8/22	Robert Wendtland	
8/24	Patrick Bryan	
	William Bryan	
8/25	Karen Hoff	
8/26	Alan Gresch	
8/28	Marcus Zarling	
8/30	Elizabeth Faraglia	
	Will Rickard	
8/31	Amanda Gresch	

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Edward & Alda Rappold	70 yrs.
Robert & Jacquie Becher	23 yrs.
James & Amy Canapa	12 yrs.
Philip & Jane Paige	25 yrs.
Richard & Jessica Struhar	8 yrs.
Marlin & Dianna Miller	43 yrs.
Steve & Carol Pokrandt	47 yrs.
Jim & Ruth Gollnick	53 yrs.
Kyle & Trisha Halberg	3 yrs
Ken & Renny Rappold	66 yrs.
Boyd & Melissa Miller	23 yrs.
Robert & Lynne Beverung	36 yrs.
DuWayne & Jeanne Scheidt	10 yrs.
Harvey & Lorraine Krueger	64 yrs.



OUR PRAYERS are invited for Jim Gresch, Bill Duff (Dottie Dorr's brother), Andrew (Jacquie Becher's nephew), Ray Weber (Diane's husband and the Dorr's neighbor), Tony Navarre (a teacher at Homestead H.S.), Dick Peterson (Kris Papke's father), Luke (son of Joan Dorsey's friend), Ben (Gerri Noack's grandson), Eunice Paulin, Howard Clausing (Dottie Dorr's brother-in-law), Molly Curry (Rick Struhar's cousin), Barbara Garnarcz (Jessica Struhar's aunt), Leonard (friend of Hamman), Dujana (Hanadi's mother), Glenn & Margaret Severinsen (friends of Al Gresch); for all in military service, especially Chaplin Brady Eggleston, Paul Brissman (Vera's son), Chris, Jacob Elbe (Hal & Vangie Sherman's grandson); for all those in mission work, especially Pam Schwalbach and Emily Sear.

Names will stay on our prayer list for one month. If you would like your loved one or friend on longer, you will have to let the office know.

St. Ben's Community Meal

1015 N. Ninth Street, Milwaukee, WI 53233
414.271.0135, Fax: 414.271.0637

July, 2011

Faith Lutheran Church
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$348.00 to **St. Ben's Community Meal**, plus three gift cards for food purchases from the Faith Lutheran Mentor/Mentee Program. With your assistance, combined with the thoughtfulness of many others, St. Ben's is able to provide a wholesome dinner from Sunday through Friday for over 300 men, women and children each evening. In addition, because of your graciousness, we are able to meet a variety of additional needs for our homeless guests.

For the past 40 years, the Community Meal has been and continues to be a volunteer driven daily event. The Meal can exist comfortably with a very small paid staff because of the commitment of literally hundreds of volunteers each month. Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Meal. They are the folks who share of their time, talent, and resources in a variety of ways to ensure that the daily Meal happens.

Thank you once again for the vital role that you play in our ministry!

Peace,



Br Dave Schwab, Capuchin
Meal Director

In accordance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, we confirm that, other than solely intangible religious benefits, you received no goods or services in consideration of your contribution.



The elder brother

When we turn to the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15:25-32), I think we usually pay too little attention to the elder brother. Lately, he has come to mind.

I liken him to faithful Christians among us, the members of our congregations. Like the elder brother, these people have stayed home. During the years they have faithfully "done the chores." They haven't made unreasonable and selfish demands. You can count on them. On a Sunday morning, they are in their pew. If asked, they might teach Sunday school, fill an office or serve on a committee. At church suppers, you'll find them in the kitchen. They give to missions and faithfully support the congregation's work. Like the elder brother, this member can say, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command ..." (verse 29).

Tragically, some of these dear people become cranky, negative, angry. Something has turned sour.

In the case of the elder brother, the complaint springs from the favor given to the prodigal. There is jealousy for the father's joy and gratitude upon his young son's return.

Some people in our congregations have spent their years surrounded by the grace and mercy and forgiveness and promises of God — bathed in the gospel, as it were. As the father reminds the eldest, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours" (verse 31). Can we be that close and still miss the Spirit? "But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found" (verse 32).

Maybe it's the pastor who provokes or fellow members who are irritants. Or maybe issues aren't settled to our liking. Bring the stranger, the refugee into our midst and hear the "behind the back" complaint.

Is our faith a claim on God or is it a gift we joyously share?

The father invites his son to a feast, a party. We can assume there will be laughter, music and dancing. One would hope and pray that the elder brother could set aside his pique and join the fun.

Peter, writing to people persecuted for their faith — who, therefore, have some justification for crankiness — urges a different tact. "Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen" (1 Peter 4:8-11).