



# THE MESSENGER

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but may have eternal life. John 3:16*

THE NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2022

*Faith's Mission is to reach people, young and old, who need Christ  
in their lives, and to help them know, love and serve Christ.*



from the Interim Pastor

Greetings to all the servants at Faith Lutheran Church!

In the name of the risen and living God, Jesus Christ, to those who are called to be saints of Faith Lutheran Church and who call on the name of our Lord: Grace and peace to you.

This is a picture of Luther's home that was taken when Pat and I visited Wittenberg, Germany back in 2009. In the forefront of

the picture is the famous "table" where he entertained many important people and students who would discuss theology all while eating dinner that his beloved wife Katie prepared. Notice how worn it is...

In the rear of the picture, there is a chair (the one with the "tall" back) built into the wall that looks out of the window into the courtyard. Note too, the enormous amount of wear from Luther resting his arm on the ledge. This is the place he wrote much of his massive body of work. Today there are about 70 volumes translated into English which is a little more than half of what he had written.



So in honor of the Reformation (coming up on Sunday October 30), I thought it might be kind of fun to see Luther's "office" where he did all his praying, thinking, studying, and writing. This indeed is one man who singlehandedly changed the world.

Until next time friends, God's peace + to you and your family.

In Christ alone, your brother,  
Pastor Scott

*P.S.: Pray. Hear God's voice. Be **re-formed!***

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## DECORATING TEAM NEEDED

After 30+ years of decorating our church, Rose and Bob Burggraff are retiring. THANK YOU both for all you've done over the years! We are now looking for a decorating team of 3 or 4 members to take over. There are new guidelines to make this job easier and a council member and/or Pastor Scott will meet with the team to guide you how to plan for the church year. This does not have to be a huge commitment once the team plans how to decorate for the church seasons. We would like the committee members as soon as we can to get started for the coming year. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex table.

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## CHURCH POTLUCK

Church potluck meals not only bring good food, but are a great social event for members and visitors. There will be a potluck dinner on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> after the church service to celebrate Stewardship and Reformation Sunday. The meal of pulled pork will be served by the council members. Watch for a signup sheet on the narthex table for other items needed. There will be no Sunday School that Sunday.

*TO FAITH LUTHERAN VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU!!*

*To those that volunteer, thank you! It takes so many of you to make this congregation "work." And it couldn't be done without you. Thank you for all that you do, in the serving, helping, cleaning, meeting, and so much more.*

*Also a HUGE shout-out to all of you that worked at the Fall Festival. Your hard work and commitment made it a great success!*

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

*Blessings to each and every one of you, Pastor Scott*



# THOUGHTS ON “UPDATING” THE SANCTUARY

Hello saints of Faith Lutheran!

As your interim pastor, part of my “job” is to look at many systems and processes and make recommendations to you. With that in mind, I was thinking about the Sanctuary. Perhaps we could freshen it up some. We could put in a Paschal Candle and stand. A Paschal Candle, known as the Christ Candle, would stand in the chancel area. It is about 30” tall and sits on a movable wooden stand. It is lit for special Church days, baptisms, funerals, and other times. They are very beautiful and would add a little something to the sanctuary.

And speaking of candles, another thought would be to move the Eternal Candle (the red, shorter candle that sits on the altar) to the wall. A brass bracket would be installed on the East Wall (not sure of exact location) that the Eternal Candle would sit on.

Also, my thought was to paint the wall that holds the cross. This wall is known as the East Wall, though it faces southwest. Perhaps the best color would be the same color that was painted in the Chapel. It is a “greenish” color called Moss Lake. The new color would offset the chancel area and give the whole sanctuary a new look all while tying the Chapel and Sanctuary together.

All in all, it would be relatively inexpensive to do all this while creating a new look and sprucing things up.

One more thought, and we certainly should talk about it before anything is done, is the idea of adding 65” television monitors to the front of the Sanctuary, one on each side. The projector would be removed. This is just a thought and nothing has been set in stone. This is still in the idea and discussion stage.

Well, there you have it. Feel free to chat me up about these things, and of course, speak with a council member.

Grace, peace, and blessings to you.  
Pastor Scott

## LUTHERAN TIDBITS

**THE THIRD COMMANDMENT:** “You are to hallow the day of rest.”

The word “holy day” or “holiday” comes from the Hebrew word “Sabbath”, which properly means to cease from work. Stopping work literally means “taking a holiday”. The simple meaning of this commandment is we should use all holidays to learn God’s word. God wants the day to be holy for you. So it becomes holy or unholy on your account, depending on whether you spend it doing something holy or unholy. Truly we Christians ought to make every day such a holy day & devote ourselves to holy things & to occupy ourselves daily with God’s word and carry it in our hearts and on our lips. (Adapted from Luther’s Large Catechism)

# LUTHERAN PRAYERS YOU CAN USE AT HOME

## MORNING:

Heavenly Father, who called forth light out of darkness, shine into my soul with the power of your love, give me a new heart, and create a clean spirit within me. Enlighten also my heart through your Gospel to know you. Lord Jesus, you rose from the grave and proved yourself redeemer of all the world, give me faith to trust you more and more and forgive all of my sin. Grant me grace to rise to newness of life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## EVENING:

Lord God, I thank you for the peace of this day, the peace proclaimed from your Gospel, the peace from strife and toil of daily tasks, the peace of coming to you in prayer. Do not let this peace vanish from my heart and depart from my life. Grant that the joy of worship be steady and strong within me, even in the days when I may not be able to go to church. Grant that the sureness of your peace persist in my heart when doubts and evil assail me. Refresh me this night, and fit me for the labors of this coming week. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

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## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Council meeting of Faith Lutheran Church was called to order by President Kim Garberich at 7:00 PM.

Present: Pastor Scott, Kim Garberich, Kerry Johnson, Mark Gilberts, Steve Lichtenberg, Gloria Colbenson  
Absent: Pat Zierden

Pastor Scott opened with devotions and prayer.

### Pastor's Report:

- Suggestions were made for updating the sanctuary with a new color of paint on the southeast end behind the cross.
- Purchasing a Paschal candle. A motion was made by Gloria, second by Steve to purchase a Paschal candle and supplies using memorial funds. Motion carried.
- In the future put up two 65 inch TV screens in front of the church.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

### Building and Grounds Report:

- Kerry is looking into new flooring and prices for the narthex and hallway. Also looking into sound barrier flooring for the Apostle's room.

## Old Business:

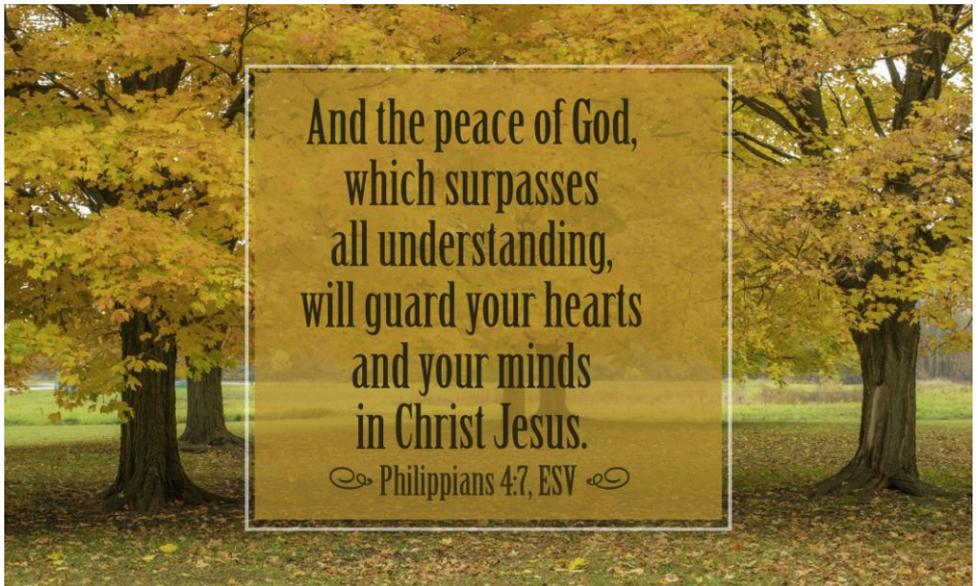
- Recap the Fall Festival. All figures are not in yet to determine income and expenses. Attendance was down, but still a successful event.
- An article will go in the October newsletter for a decorating team.
- Steve reported he's working on the floor plan to be displayed around the church.
- Mark reported he is ready for Sunday School September 18th beginning with a playground dedication.

## New Business:

- Discussed the LCMC convention held in October in Lakeville, MN.
- Pastor Scott will send out a mailing regarding the annual stewardship drive on October 30.
- Council made the decision to have a pulled pork pot luck dinner after church on Stewardship Sunday which is also Reformation Sunday. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for items needed for the meal. Council members will prep and serve the meal as a thank you to the congregation for all their help with the fall festival. There will be no Sunday School that Sunday.
- Council granted Gloria permission for Amy Rimmer, a friend of Lorraine Newkirk's, to offer a card making class in October at church. Amy has donated several silent auction baskets including her homemade cards to the fall festival the past two years. More info to come on date and time.

Kerry made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Mark seconded. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's prayer.

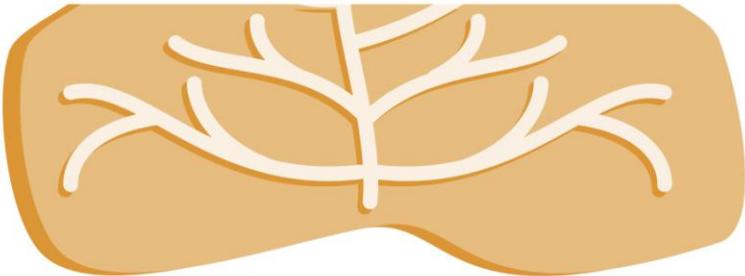
Respectfully Submitted,  
Gloria Colbenson, Secretary





# OCTOBER

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



God bless you  
on your  
special day!

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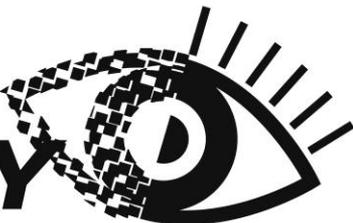
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[faithlutheran@tds.net](mailto:faithlutheran@tds.net). Thanks!

- 1- Tim Gillham
- 3- Barb Papke
- 4- Dave & Connie Lounsbury
- 5- Judy Jarmuzek
- 5- Patrick Zierden
- 6- Elysia Littlefield
- 6- Finn Pesola
- 7- Kay Sime
- 10- Preston Van Schepen
- 13- Deanna Hanson
- 20- Bryan & Anna Cox
- 21- Kelly Hamson
- 31- Ray Slaight



# SEEING CLEARLY



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*Directions: Hold up the puzzle to a mirror. Then write the backward words correctly to complete Romans 1:20, NIV.*

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