

Anniversaries



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

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is a part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a church body with congregations in all fifty states and missionaries in 25 countries.

We are a Christ Preaching Church! We believe, teach and confess that Jesus is God's own Son, who came into the world to be the Savior of all people so that through his sufferings, death and resurrection, we might have forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

We Are A Bible Teaching Church! We believe and teach that the Bible is the true and divinely inspired Word of God, the sole authority for Christian faith and life.



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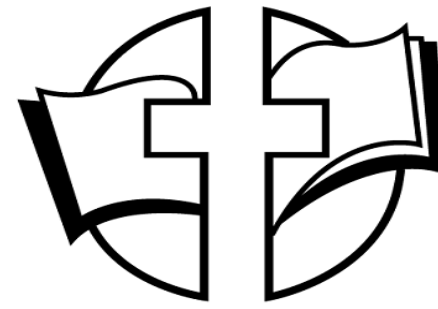
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Birthdays

Denis Janke 7/1
Jenny Goetzka 7/1
Wyatt Geisler 7/3
Bryce Geisler 7/3
Mikah Huggett 7/3
Luke Spaude 7/3
Wendy Mlsna 7/9
Arianna Kiesow 7/10
Brad Rahmlow 7/10
Gerhart Sasman 7/21
Nancy Templeton 7/11
Ken Diener 7/15
Garrett Jessie 7/17
Brent Bacon 7/18
Noah Neumann 7/23
Karen Yahnke 7/24
Jeff Nicolai 7/28



The Messenger

July 2022

How can I know the Bible is true?

Have a headache? Take two leeches and call me in the morning. If you consult a medical text from a couple of centuries ago, that may be the remedy you find. Today a textbook would probably tell you to pop a couple of aspirin. Tomorrow... Lasers? Magnetism? Who knows what advancements or discoveries will change how a simple headache is treated? It is amazing how much the science of medicine has changed even over the course of the last hundred years. How will we ever know when we have really found the answers?



of salvation is repeated throughout the Bible, from Moses' writing in Genesis to the writings of the apostle John in Revelation. How amazing that so many different writers from different times record a single message that reveals the world's only true Savior from sin!

Maybe it isn't all that amazing. "For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21). The very same God who loved us enough to send his own Son to die for us made sure that we would know

about Jesus by having his message written down. Because God had men record his Word, the Bible is unlike any other book. We are told that "all Scripture is God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16). God himself spoke through, breathed into these writers, so their words are really God's Word. Since the Bible is God's Word, we can trust that it is true.

God is speaking to us through the words that he caused to be written in the Bible.

66 – 40 – 1500 – 1: What do those numbers mean? The Bible is made up of 66 books that were written by 40 writers over the course of 1500 years. But in all of those books, only one message is found. The message? We have a problem (and it isn't a simple headache). Our problem is our sin and the guilt that it brings. That one message is also about the remedy for our problem—God sent Jesus, a perfect Savior, to die for our sin and guilt. Now believers in Jesus have the promise of eternal life in heaven. That simple message

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. Or send information to Laura Mueller at mueller-laura@hotmail.com. Deadline for information is the next-to-the-last Sunday of each month.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ENJOY A COOKOUT WITH FISH!

The FiSH social group invites **your whole family** to a cookout on Saturday, July 9, from 5-7 p.m. in Black River Falls. Bring your own meat to grill and a dish to pass if you would like to. We'll provide a hot grill, plates, plasticware, napkins, cups, and lemonade. We'll have lawn games set – and if it's raining or too hot, we'll play 'em in the fellowship hall.




RUMMAGE FOR FISH!

Do you have unwanted clothing, toys, or household items? The Good Steward Resale Store is a resale shop in La Crosse that provides financial support for Luther High School in Onalaska. Luther High School is our area WELS high school.

You could begin setting aside items you would like to donate to this shop and then in August the FiSH group will organize and deliver the items to the store.

These are items that the Good Steward Resale Store does NOT accept:			
Air conditioners/purifiers	Copy machines	Life preservers	Range hoods
Auto parts	Dehumidifiers	Mangles	Refrigerators
Baby cribs, gates (accordion)	Desks: heavy metal	Mattresses/box springs	Scrap lumber
Baby jumpers, strollers	Diaper genies	Metal bed springs	Sewing machines
Bowling balls	Dishwashers	Microwaves	Shutters
Bows and arrows	Dryers	Oil and gasoline	Skis
Carpeting	Exercise equipment	Opened paint	Sofa beds
CFI bulbs	Fluorescent or black bulbs	Organs (large)	Space heaters (gas)
Child safety seats	Golf clubs/bags	Paper shredders	Stoves
Computers, keyboards, printers	Hot water heaters	Plumbing fixtures	Swing sets
Concrete bricks, stones	Kerosene stoves/lanterns	Pianos	And
Console stereos	Lawn mowers	Ping pong tables	Tires
	Lava lamps	Pool tables	ARE NOT ACCEPTED



June 2022 CAMM Monthly Newsletter

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need.” Romans 12:11-12

Greetings from all of us at the Lutheran Mobile Clinic in Malawi! I can also pass on the greetings given from Jackson Kalekwa, Clinical Officer in Charge of the Mwembeshi Lutheran Rural Health Center in Zambia, where Gary and I visited in May. We It was good to finally see in person the renovations that have happened to both buildings over the past 2 years. No wonder our staff is proud of their clinic! After a devotion, there was under-fives clinic and outpatients were seen. I saw a mom arrive on a bicycle with her baby on her back, who we had passed many kilometers back as we drove in. A group of nurses were heading out to the nearby villages in a government vehicle to offer Covid vaccines to those who needed them. We were told that Covid case numbers were rapidly rising in the surrounding district.

Here in Lilongwe, Covid numbers remain low and Malaria numbers are dropping, as it’s the cooler, dry winter season. Other respiratory illnesses are very common. Yesterday at Msambo we were joined by Paster Msiska who led the devotion and also met with the mothers of 6 disabled children for Bible study. I will miss visiting with these moms every week, making sure their children are doing well and getting a report on how the physical therapy is going. One of the newest in the group, with a two-year-old boy named Newa who at first couldn’t even sit up alone, was smiling as she told me he is able to do so much more now.

Gary and I look back on the many changes that have taken place in both fields since God allowed us to be a part of CAMM four years ago, and we have always seen the Lord’s guidance and provision. There have also been frustrations and setbacks. We learned that steps could be taken towards nationalization so that the Lutheran Mobile Clinic could function without an American nurse in charge and clinic administrator. We found that prayer was a powerful tool in our personal lives too, when we were far from our family, and our 25-year-old daughter was diagnosed with MS. Lusungu Mwambeye, Clinic Administrator and Violet Chikwatu, Nurse in Charge have completed their orientations and will be ready to take over for us when we head back to the US later this month.

As I write, Gary is in Kenya with Pastor Roebke, meeting with Kenyan pastors to learn about the Lutheran churches and possible health promoting outreach in the congregations there. He was asked to check on some borehole projects, using his civil engineering expertise. He will remain as field director remotely and continue to oversee the CAMM work in Malawi and Zambia with field visits. Please pray for our staff and the CAMM committee. Your faithful prayers and donations will allow us to continue to serve people in Africa with medical care and the love of Jesus. We thank God for you!

Your sister in Christ, Beth Evans

MONETARY Donations may be made by Check: Payable to Central Africa Medical Mission and Mailed to: WELS Gift Processing N16 W23377 Stone Ridge Drive Waukesha WI 53188 Or MONETARY Donations to CAMM



Women’s Retreat

Held in the Activity Center
at St. John’s Lutheran
Church & School
180 Williams Street,
Lewiston

Saturday, August 27, 2022

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Topics related to our identity in Christ,
our unique design as women,
temperament and giftings.
Breakfast, devotions, and lunch also included.

Early Bird Registration: \$20 (by July 31st)

August 1 - 20th: \$25

Week of the event and at the door: \$30
(online registration is closed, must call the number below)

See a full schedule and register online at:
<http://flourishretreat.lewistonlutherans.org/>
Or call 507.523.2508 for help in registering

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SUPPLEMENTS

You may have noticed that the new hymnals have been placed into the chairs and pews of our two campuses. That means that the blue Christian Worship Supplement has been taken out. If you would like a supplement (or two or three or four...) please take one or more from the table/countertop in the gathering area. They are yours to keep if you would like them.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes SUMMARY

JUNE 20, 2022

- ♦ The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with Pastor Neumann leading us in a bible study of the catechism.
- ♦ Attendance: Pastor Neumann, Garrett Jessie, Scott Templeton, Tyler Jessie, Grady Severson
- ♦ Elder's report
 - ♦ 1. Karla Yahnke professed her faith to the congregation on 5-1-22
 - ♦ 2. Grayson Morgan was baptized as a non-member 6-4-22
 - ♦ 3. Gemma Rieck will be received into membership 6-26-22
 - ♦ 4. Ashely Dobson will be transferring into our congregation from St. Mathews in Winona, 7-3-22
 - ♦ A God Lived Life is a synod distributed program aimed at our Stewardship to God in truth, talents, hospitality, and treasure. One topic will be covered one Sunday per month in the months of September, October, November, and December.
- ♦ Pastor's Report
 - ♦ Pastor presented a statistical report for the month of May—Average attendance in worship was 78; average attendance in worship with online was 84
 - ♦ There will be new pastor installation in Burr Oak, June 26th and in Sparta, July 3rd
 - ♦ Pastor was elected at District Convention to continue to be a Circuit Pastor
- ♦ Financial Report
 - ♦ Tyler presented a financial report showing a net gain of \$25,040.77 through the end of May 2022. Moved Seconded Confirmed to accept financial report for May, 2022
- ♦ Special Reports
 - ♦ Council reviewed the Outreach Committee Report supplied by Brad Markhardt
 - ♦ Property Committee
 - ♦ The blacktop was re-sealed in the Cataract location, the total cost was \$3,800
 - ♦ The projector for the Cataract location is in and will hopefully be installed in August.
- ♦ New Business
 - ♦ The next congregational meeting will be held in Black River—July 31st at 11am.
 - ♦ The blue supplement hymnals will be offered to the congregation for at home use.
- ♦ The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm with Pastor leading us in the Lord's Prayer
 - ♦ Recorded by Garrett Jessie

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL?

“... Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” (John 21:15) If you would like to serve by teaching Sunday School this year, please let Pastor Neumann or Brad Markhardt know by Sunday, July 24. This is a wonderful opportunity to nourish our children's faith with the precious truths of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will continue using our synod's *Christ-Light®* materials, which provide teachers with easy to follow, step-by-step lessons.



Through the Member Assistance Program (MAP), members of our congregation now have access to confidential counseling services from WELS/ELS mental health professionals, using secure, online video technology. Short-term counseling is available from any private location that has an Internet connection and a web cam. Telephone counseling is also available. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor.

Christian counseling staff is able to help you & your family with:

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| • Stress and adjustment disorders | • Marriage/couples counseling |
| • Grief and loss | • Parenting/family issues |
| • Depression | • Self-esteem issues |
| • Social anxiety | • Substance and alcohol abuse |
| • Post-traumatic stress disorder | • Work and/or family situations |

To learn more about video-assisted counseling, please visit
www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org or call 800.438.1772.



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GET READY FOR BIBLE SOCCER CAMP

- ⇒ Faith Lutheran Church will once again have Bible Soccer Camp this summer. It will be held Monday to Wednesday, August 1 – August 3, in Black River Falls (*come each day or some of the days*).
- ⇒ The Bible Soccer Camp is for children ages 4-13.
- ⇒ The Bible Soccer Camp will be held from 9 a.m.– 12 p.m. each day.
- ⇒ There is no cost for this Bible Soccer Camp. Each child will receive a t-shirt and water bottle.
- ⇒ The Bible Soccer Camp activities will include physical training and Bible studies.
- ⇒ Each child should have appropriate footwear.
- ⇒ There will also be snack time, craft time, and music time.
- ⇒ The Bible Soccer Camp registration and waiver can be found online at www.faithwels.com or in the gathering area. Questions? Call 284-0772.



BIBLE SOCCER CAMP NEEDS

With Bible Soccer Camp on the calendar, it means we are in need of drinks and snacks. If you would be willing to make or bring some snacks for the week of August 1-3, please bring them in Sunday, July 24, July 31, or during the week of Bible Camp.

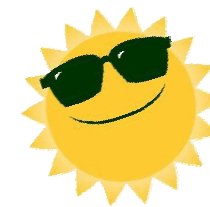
HOUSING NEEDED FOR MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE STUDENT

Over the past few years, we have had Martin Luther College students come and help us during our Bible Soccer Camp week. We have had anywhere from 2-4 students. This year we will only have one – a young woman by the name of Haley Martin. She will need a place to stay Sunday, July 31, Monday, August 1, and Tuesday, August 2. She will be leaving the afternoon of Wednesday, August 3. If you are willing to host her, providing her lodging and some meals, please speak to Pastor. If you have any questions, also speak to Pastor. Thank you!



JESUS CARES MINISTRIES
Worship at the Cross

**Next Worship at the
Cross will be Saturday,
July 30, at 1 pm at our
Black River Falls campus.**



TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

If travel or vacation plans take you away from Black River Falls or Cataract this summer, remember: you can catch our worship service live on Faith's Facebook page, or you can go to wels.net and click on the church locator to find a sister WELS church at which to worship in the area you are at.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS' MEETING

Sunday, July 31 at 11 a.m. The meeting will be held in Black River Falls.

FAITH OUTREACH MEETING

This is an open meeting – anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Agenda items include evaluating the community concert and lots more. Our meeting will take place Tuesday, July 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the BRF church building.



BRF Landscape Brigade



Consider helping the BRF Landscape Brigade on Saturday, July 9, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. This month we will be putting down mulch and doing some weeding & pruning. The Landscape Brigade will meet the second Saturday of each month, April through October, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Tools will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you would like to.



Church Library

The Bible Study Aids section of our church library in the Fellowship Hall at our BRF location has a 30 page booklet called *Family Finances* (Family Life Series) by Thomas B. Franzmann. The author gives five principles that form the foundation of Christian financial management. He suggests a simple financial plan that all of us can use. This booklet also includes several discussion questions at the end of each chapter

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

To return, put the book/DVD/CD into the basket on the shelf and cross out your entry in the notebook.

