

OLD BUSINESS

- Church Security – Jerry to complete a walk-through with local law enforcement

NEW BUSINESS

- The pastor's salary was discussed and will be increased according to synod guidelines. The new salary will be set at \$63,788.27, an increase of 2.3% MSC
- Pastor's start date was 8/15. Since the decision to increase the salary was after this date the difference will be made up to the pastor. MSC
- Brad Rahmlow and Scott Templeton will discuss with WELS VEBA the different health plans available, and discuss possibly starting an HSA

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm with Pastor leading us in the Lord's Prayer

The next Council Meeting will be held in Cataract at 6pm October 21st.

Recorded by Garrett Jessie

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MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS THIS MONTH

Ladies Aid

Thursday—October 3 @ 12:30 p.m. in Cataract

Elders Meeting

Monday—October 7 @ 6:00 p.m. in Cataract

BRF Landscape Brigade

October 19, from 8:00-9:00 a.m

FiSH Campfire

Saturday—October 12 @ 6 p.m. in Black River Falls

Youth Group

Sunday—October 13 @ 2 p.m. in Black River Falls

Ladies of Faith

Monday—October 14 @ 6 p.m. in Black River Falls

Church Council Meeting

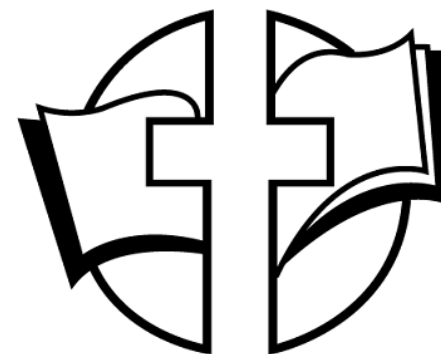
Monday—October 21 @ 6:00 p.m. in Cataract

Voters Meeting

Sunday—October 27 @ 1 p.m. in Cataract

Faith Teachers Meeting

Sunday—October 27 @ 6 p.m. in Black River Falls



The Messenger

October 2019 Newsletter

"10 FOR 10" COMING TO FAITH THIS OCTOBER

"All the church ever talks about is money!"



You've probably heard statements like the one above before. You may even have said something like that before. But it's simply not true. (For example: it has been two years since we've had a specific stewardship emphasis covering more than one week here at Faith.) Not only that, the statement is misleading: God wants a lot more than our money! He wants us to love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. If we could love God in that way, money would be a non-issue.

At our January 2019 voters' meeting we approved a budget that increased 8% over the previous year's budget. As a result of God's tremendous grace, we are currently meeting that budget! However, we will soon need to start discussing another budget. So it is a good

time for us to hear biblical preaching on the stewardship of treasures.

In October, we will challenge our Faith family to give a tithe (10%) OR to increase the proportion of what they are giving for their weekly offerings for a period of ten weeks. Why? Our giving shows the Lord the honor, love, and gratitude we have for what Christ has done for us. Generous giving is one of the ways that faith-filled hearts respond to the riches of Christ. Giving is *an act of worship*. That's the only reason we pass offering plates during church services.

The practice of *tithing* (giving 10%) is at least as old as Abraham (Genesis 14:20). In Old Testament Israel, tithing was commanded by law. In the New Testament Church,

tithing—along with all other methods of giving—is inspired by the gospel of Christ. Many Christians, free from compulsion, tithe as an exercise of their faith. Does God really have the ability to keep us safe, warm and well-fed without 10% of our income? To share an even greater proportion of our income? Faith relishes the challenge. The Spirit is up to the task!

How is it possible to give something like the tithe—and do so freely and joyfully? Christ's love empowers his people to give generously. It flows freely from Christ *"who loved us and gave himself up for us"* (Ephesians 5:2). Our generous giving to God is a response to Christ's willing sacrifice for us.

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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. Newsletter deadline: The submission deadline is the next-to-the-last Sunday of each month.

Selfishness

- Hoarding
- Discontent
- Fear



Generosity

- + Sharing
- + Content
- + Peace

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

Finally, tithing serves New Testament Christians as a benchmark for *proportionate giving*. The Apostle Paul said, "...each one of you should set aside a sum of money *in keeping with your income*" (1 Corinthians 16:2). As New Testament Christians, tithing is a practice to be engaged in freely rather than a requirement to be met legally. Some of us are already in the spiritual habit of tithing. Inspired by God's grace, we may seek to give more, more often, more creatively. For others, tithing will be a big step forward as well as a significant test of faith. For still others, because of life-issues known to God, the tithe might currently be unreachable. Then what about an extra percent? No matter where we find ourselves on the "giving spectrum," this is true: Our trust in God's goodness is well-placed! "Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us to Him be glory in all the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

You will be receiving several mailings, devotional pieces, and a commitment packet over the next few months as part of our **10 for 10 Stewardship Emphasis**. Receive them in the spirit they are offered: As an opportunity to grow in faith and in the grace of giving. Study them. Think about them. Pray through them. They will help keep our stewardship emphasis centered in Christ and the cross!

May the Lord of the Church richly bless our Faith family as we seek to excel in the grace of giving!

In Christ,

THE CHANGE FOR LIFE PROGRAM IS BACK!

"Dear children, let us not love with words or
tongue but with actions and
in truth." 1 John 3:18



You might recall that our mission festival service back in February was cancelled because of a blizzard. Yet, we still wanted to have Christian Life Resources (CLR) come and present to us the ministry that they are privileged to carry out. They will be here November 17th. Part of that ministry is New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers. Since 1993, New Beginnings has provided a place for a single mother and her child to live, learn to care for her child, and, most importantly, learn about God and the salvation he provides in Jesus. Because we are having CLR come again for a mission festival, we also wanted to participate again in the Change for Life program to help support mothers and babies at New Beginnings. In February we collected and sent in \$700.

Pick up a baby bottle from the white table or countertop in the gathering area and have everyone in your household fill it with their spare change on a daily basis. *On or before November 3*, return the filled bottle to church where the money will be collected and sent to help the mothers and babies at New Beginnings.

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting opened at 6:30 pm with Pastor Neumann leading us in an evening meditation that focused on Engaging Members in Ministry. We looked at 1 Corinthians 12:4-6.
- Attendance: Pastor Neumann, Garrett Jessie, Dale Jessie, Jerry Kirchman, Dave Spaude, Grady Severson, Brad Rahmlow, Brad Markhardt

ELDER'S REPORT

- Penny Nicholai has accepted the position of deaconess within the Elder's Committee. The position was approved at the August council meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastor presented a statistical report for the month of August.
- Pastor presented the 2019-20 school year statistics for Luther High
 - Freshman – 63; Sophomores – 64; Juniors – 64; Seniors – 60; Total – 251
 - This includes 38 parental choice students, all WELS

With the discussion of Luther High, Dave Spaude asked to no longer be a congregational delegate to Luther High. After discussion, it was decided that one delegate was sufficient from our congregation. That delegate is Rudy Jeseritz.

- Pastor asked if there would be financial support to cover the cost of registration for those wishing to attend the Men of the Word Conference and the Women's Retreat. It was decided to provide financial support up to the sum of \$400. Pastor also reminded the council that the Youth Rally will be coming up in the summer of 2020.
- Pastor brought up the need to have a better method of transporting offerings from Cataract to BRF

FINANCIAL REPORT

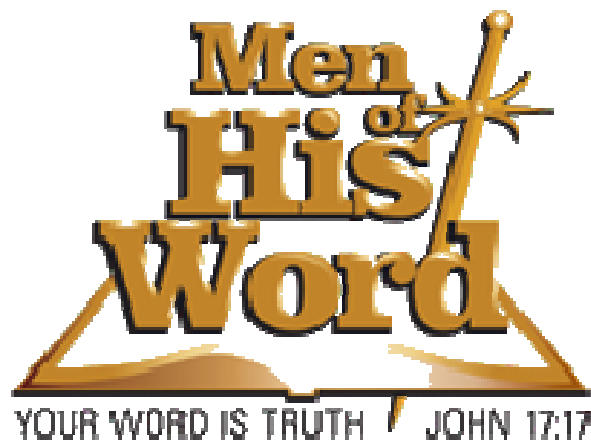
- Brad presented a financial report showing a net gain of \$652.91 through the end of August. Moved, Seconded and Confirmed (MSC) to accept financial report for August, 2019

SPECIAL REPORTS

- Brad Markhardt was present and discussed the things the Outreach Committee Report presented
- Brad reminded the church council that the outreach committee would like to review the vision timeline with the church council. The time is to be determined
- Ministry Conference will be held at 9am on October 12th

2019 MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE

Is your house built on the rock or on the sand? Will your house survive the torrential storms of life or will it wash away when the waves of life come crashing in? The world attacks our Christian values from every direction on a daily basis. To counter these attacks, the MOHW Conference provides opportunities and resources for men to grow spiritually, using God's Word to empower and equip men to carry out their God-given mission in their homes, churches, communities and the world. This year's theme is "BUILT ON THE ROCK."



Whether you attend for the keynote speaker (*Jeremy Mattek, Christian Life Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Greenville, WI, and a contributor for Time of Grace Ministries*), the relevant, thought-provoking breakout sessions (12 to choose from), or the worship experience with 300 other men (with *Koine', the worship band*), God's Word will speak to you.

The 5th Annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in Downtown Rochester MN on Saturday, October 26th, 2019. Additional details and online registration are available at www.menofhisword.org for the first 300 men. Adult registration fee is \$50 and youth registration fee is \$30 – These rates increase to \$60 for adults and \$40 for youth after October 13th. Please join us for a day of fellowship in God's Word that you will not soon forget!

MINISTRY CONFERENCE

This conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, from 9 am—noon at Christ Lutheran Church in West Salem. All members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to come. That includes all who have been members for a long time as well as those who have recently joined our congregation. This conference will be a study of what God has to say to us about making disciples of all nations as well as a brainstorming opportunity to discuss ways we can do that in our community. It is a meeting meant to help us speak to the direction of our congregation and ways to get there. Because of what the goal of this conference is, the more members present the more "successful" we will be.

KEEPING IT ON YOUR RADAR

Christmas Crafts for Kids will be held Saturday, November 16. Anyone willing to help can speak to either Alisha Southwood or Lisa Treptow.

FiSH



Enjoy a fire with FiSH! Invite your friends to a relaxing evening around a campfire on Saturday, October 12, in Black River Falls, from 6-8 p.m.! We'll have hot dogs, apple cider and s'mores. Bring a lawn chair if you can. FiSH is a social group geared toward recreational activities for adults, single or married, younger or older.

VOTERS' MEETING

Our next quarterly voters' meeting will be held at 1 pm in Cataract on Sunday, October 27. Voters' please mark your calendars now so that you set that time aside to share the work that the Lord has given to us here at Faith.



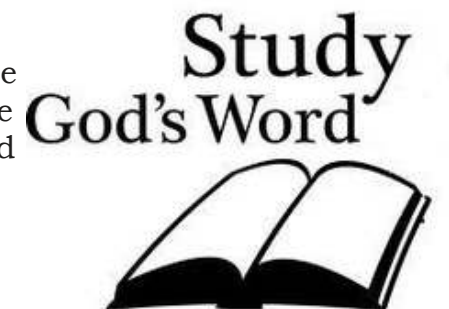
BRF Landscape Brigade

Consider helping the Landscape Brigade on Saturday, October 19, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. This month there is some mulch to put down and weeds to pull – tucking things in for winter ☺. Tools will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you would like to.

LIBRARY CORNER

Your Questions, Scripture's Answers by John F. Brug is a new addition to the Bible Aids section of our church library located in the Fellowship Hall at the BRF location. Professor Brug uses the Bible to answer questions about fellowship, government, end times, and more. He urges readers to continue to ask questions and to rely on God's Word for answers.

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



September 2019 CAMM Monthly Letter

Carrying the Burden for Others

Carrying a burden for others is not as easy as it may sound. Yet Jesus Christ did that task for the whole world, so that we may be redeemed from the powers of sin and death, and thus gave us salvation. Jesus Christ has called us to live exemplary lives in both words and action. God wants His children to reflect Christ's love in all our acts through physical help, hence carrying one another's burden. As human beings we are weak in many areas of life and it makes more sense to say that "no man/woman is an island". In life we will always need someone to give a helping hand in one way or the other. Just pause for a moment and think of life. When a person is formed, it means that God planned the birth - the race, the parents, including nationality of such an individual - and the million-dollar question would be why? I guess it is for His own glory. During pregnancy our mothers have the burden of carrying the child. After we are born, in order for an individual to grow up, it takes many stakeholders, all with different roles. As the African saying goes - It takes a Village to raise a child.

The case of the Lutheran Rural Health Centre in Mwembezhi, Zambia is like that of human life. The local people, visitors, staff, Government officers and members from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod have played a major role to see the survival of this health centre in this part of the world. The work of God through health provision has been because of people that have put aside the "self" part of human and said I will "carry the burden". The work that is being done at the Mwembezhi clinic leaves a lot of people with no words to better express their gratitude but to thank God for His work at the centre.

My dear friends, the acts that are done which may be considered as little things, are appreciated by God. Helping somebody who is a stranger is the story of the good Samaritan after all. A lot of people have volunteered to do work or contributed financial help towards the welfare of the Mwembezhi clinic. People grow up admiring others who give of themselves to help by sweeping, washing the walls, or picking up litter around the clinic. These "little things" are appreciated by both men and God.

Mr. Jackson Kalekwa, the clinical officer at the Mwembezhi Center, has shared stories of people that have come to help in many ways, which in turn has brought healing smiles to the sick people. It is such work that has helped the Mwembezhi clinic operate up to this day. "If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose water never fails". Isaiah 58:10-11

Mwembezhi Lutheran Health centre stands strong today because so many people have shared part of their time and resources to this health centre and as a result, the area has produced the majority of the Pastors in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa Zambia (LCCA-Z). Because of the shining light that comes with the collective efforts of the health centre through its strategic partners in carrying each other's burdens, pastors such as Pastor Davison Mutentami -the Chairman of the LCCA-Z - have testified to the beauty and the service of the Mwembezhi health centre.

In conclusion, the activities people consider little things in the sight of men, could be things that matter the most in the sight of God. Look at Matthew 25:36, "I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me" People let us do whatever we can to keep our Christian faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. Stay blessed and be a blessing to others by carrying their burdens.

Respectively submitted,

Alisad Banda (Clinic Administrator Mwembezhi Lutheran Rural Health Centre Zambia)



WHAT IS LWMS?

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) is made up of mission-minded women of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) as well as women belonging to congregations that share fellowship with WELS.

LWMS was formed in 1964 and today is over 800 member congregations organized into 60 circuits throughout North America. Every woman in a member congregation is by virtue of her church membership a member of LWMS.

We encourage women to learn about and pray for our mission efforts in North America and around the world and to support those missions with their offerings as we share the privilege and responsibilities of the work our Lord has called us to do.

The work of LWMS is urgent. Though we have the knowledge and comfort of Jesus' gift of salvation, millions of souls do not have that comfort and are in despair. Every day we have the opportunity to share with people the greatest gift, the gift of their Savior. As the Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the early Roman church, "**How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14,15)**

JOIN THEM ON OCTOBER 20 TO LEARN ABOUT AND SUPPORT THIS MISSION WORK!

LWMS RALLY

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Fall Rally will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bangor on Sunday, **October 20**. Registration will be at **1:30 p.m.** and the presentation will begin at **2 p.m.** The topic that will be presented on will be on the bi-lingual ministry taking place at Bethel Lutheran Church in Menasha, WI. In the early 2000s, WELS volunteers from Bethel and sister churches began offering free English classes to the Menasha neighborhood. Spanish Bible studies and occasional bilingual worship services were added over time. Shortly after Pastor Hunter arrived, Bethel started weekly Spanish worship services. Beyond Sunday worship in two languages, Bethel's pastors teach, counsel, and evangelize in both English and Spanish. They also train Bethel's members to pray for and serve alongside their fellow members from another culture. In his presentation, Pastor Hunter will tell you about some dear friends from Cuba, Bethel's famous Latinofest street tacos, the baptism of several children from Guatemala, and a Colombian grandmother who recently said after Bible study: ¡Hay que difundir esto! (We need to let people know about this!) Pastor Hunter will emphasize our mission of connecting people with Christ in every possible conversation, in whatever language we can.



October Anniversaries	
Gale + Karen Jessie	10/6
Bill + Karen Yahnke	10/9
Kevin + Nicole Kiesow	10/15
Garrett + Maggie Jessie	10/17
Denis + Candy Janke	10/21

October Birthdays	
Nathan Mlsna	10/4
William Rahmlow	10/4
Vincent Schwartzberger	10/7
Dale Jessie	10/9
Gale Jessie	10/9
Tyrone Laufenberg	10/10
Isabel Neumann	10/14
Eric Markhardt	10/23
Gary Johnson	10/23
Karen Noard	10/28
Richard Selin	10/29