



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Divine Worship 10:15AM
 Sunday School / Bible Study 9:15 AM
 Wednesday Bible Study 9:15 AM
 Wednesday Choir Practice 10:45AM / 6:30PM

“Faithful to God’s Word through Christ, we aspire to love, care, and serve all people.”

Faith Lutheran Weekly for June 7th, 2018

Dates to Remember

9 June	Church Work Day	09:00AM
12 June	Elders’ Meeting	07:00PM
15 June	Movie Night	TBA
17 June	LWML Father’s Day	10:15AM
17 June	Board Meeting	11:30AM

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY

1st Dennis Fox
 4th George Klemaier
 10th Al Lentz
 10th Eric Rauch
 11th Dorothy Kuntz
 13th Rudy Almquist
 15th Hubert Premo
 16th Carl Belknap

16th Noreen Whelehan
 20th Charles Kiehn
 22nd Jan Duesenberg
 25th Janice Brown
 28th Doris Watters

HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARY

8th Ed & Cindy Crutchfield
 20th Don & Sandy Tetzloff
 28th Eric & Ruth Rauch (60 years)
 29th Bob & Shirley Scott (50 years)

Serving the Lord – 2018

DATE	10-Jun	17-Jun	24-Jun
GREETERS	Linda H. / Noreen	Linda H. / Noreen	Linda H. / Noreen
USHERS	Mike Denniston	Mike Denniston	Mike Denniston
HOST - HOSTESS	Flo Bellhorn	Mark & Tina S.	Dorothy K./Mike D.
ALTAR CARE	Susan & Linda	Susan & Linda	Susan & Linda
COMMUNION ELDER	Mark Sunday	Mark Sunday	Mark Sunday
READER	Noreen Whelehan	Micah Prewitt	Jen-Nett MacLean

Prayer List

*Names will be kept on the printed prayer list for 30 days unless otherwise requested

- **Those hospitalized** –
- **Those in care facilities** – Tony Ellis, Lou Fairchild (home hospice)
- **Those recovering** – Anne Siatkowski, Melanie Crutcher, Letty Spoolstra, Sue Laeder, Ruth Rauch, Shari Martin, Maggie McLaughlin, Cindy Crutchfield
- **Those Undergoing Treatment:** Irene Keller, Janice Tyma, Svana Jonsson, Tony Ellis, Jeff Beck, Jeff Bellhorn, Bob Weinkauf
- **Those Awaiting Surgery:**
- **Grieving families** – Fryer-Hendricks (husband), Pate Family (Whitney's father)
- **Special requests** – Faye Kardkasilis, Al Lentz, Glenda Shinabarger Ed & Cindy Crutchfield, Charles Wright, Juanita Fox, Mike Shinabarger, James Watters, Bellhorn Family, Dorothy Laabs, Jennifer Prewitt, Pray for Christians in the Middle East and African conflicts and those refugees fleeing Syria.
- **Celebrations** –Bob Scott had a successful surgery. Rev. Rauch on the 56th Anniversary of his Ordination

Servant Notes

- **Annual Father's Day Faith LWML and Thrivent Event** –
Calling All Cookie and Brownie Bakers! Please donate some home-made cookies. Place in quart plastic baggies and write on the outside what kind they are; if they have nuts or peanut butter in them.
Brownies and very large cookies, put 4 in a bag.
Regular size cookies, put 6 in a bag.
Please have them in the kitchen by 10:00A, Sunday, June 17. 100% of the donations will be directed to Dunedin Cares.
- **Jon Stricker of Thrivent Financial** will host Baseball Night with The Clearwater Threshers, Saturday June 30th at 6:15pm. Tickets are \$10 (normally \$20) and include your seat (semi-private area) and food/drink (sodas/water, hamburgers/hotdogs etc.) for the game. We will have our own covered seating area and fireworks will take place right after the game in honor of the upcoming 4th of July holiday. Please RSVP by phone to Jon's administrative assistant, Sherry Lancaster at 813-994-0482 or to jonathan.stricker@thrivent.com and let them know how many tickets are requested. Payment for the tickets can be made up at the churches front office area and must be made no later than Wednesday June 27th. Please make checks payable to Jon Stricker as he is paying for the tickets out of pocket ahead of time. Information on ticket pickup will follow but will probably be in the church office.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 5B) (10 June 2018)

Genesis 3:8–15, 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1, Mark 3:20–35

Jesus Has Defeated the Devil and Released Us from the Bondage of Sin and Death

The devil deceived us, enticing us to disregard and disobey the Word of God and driving us to hide *“from the presence of the LORD God.”* But the Lord, in His mercy, promised a Savior, who would set Himself against the devil on our behalf (Gen. 3:8–15). The Son of Man came, the incarnate Son of God, conceived and born of the woman. He *“first binds the strong man,”* Satan, by atoning for the sins of the world, thereby removing the condemnation of the Law and the fear of death (Mark 3:27). Now He plunders the devil’s house by calling all men to repent. Though He appears to be *“out of his mind”* (Mark 3:21), He fulfills the will of God and makes of us His own brothers and sisters. Therefore, *“we do not lose heart,”* despite the suffering, sin and death that we experience in this fallen world. *“He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus.”* By His grace, we are *“being renewed day by day.”* For the Gospel is daily bringing us into His presence, not for punishment, but for *“an eternal weight of glory”* (2 Cor. 4:14–17).

Pastor’s Corner

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” (Psalm 130:3-4)

Dear friends, have you ever been hurt so bad by someone else’s words or actions that you felt it was impossible to forgive them? What, do you imagine would be an act so horrible as to be unforgivable? I know some of you don’t have to imagine such things because they are the reality you live day and night. Gina and Jay appear to be such people as well.

Gina and Jay are siblings whose mother recently passed away. They made global headlines this week for the obituary which they had published about their mom. In it they relate that in 1962 their mom became pregnant by their uncle, abandoned both their father and them, leaving them to be raised by their grandparents. The obituary concludes stating, *“She passed away...and will now face judgment. She will not be missed by Gina and Jay, and they understand that this world is a better place without her.”*

I cannot begin to imagine the pain this woman caused her family through her sinful, and selfish, behavior. This pain was so great that the wounds are still fresh after 56 years. Undoubtedly, she has already faced the Lord’s judgment, however, it may not be what Gina and Jay imagine.

The obituary and news stories surrounding it don’t mention the only thing that mattered when this woman breathed her last—*did she believe that Jesus Christ is her Lord and Savior*; was she repentant of her sins? For, with the Lord there is forgiveness. Her sins against her family, as great as they are, pale in comparison to those she committed against God. In committing adultery, through her actions, she told God, *“I know better than you what is good for me. The Laws you put in place to shield and protect both me and my neighbors don’t apply in my case.”* In effect, she replaced God’s wisdom with her own, she made of herself a god.

God condemns all such sin as deserving of death; and this is precisely what her children appear to be hoping for—eternal damnation. The fact is, however, that all people sin, all hurt others

through their words and deeds, and all fall short of the glory of God. We, each and every one of us, sin daily, and sin much. Each of us deserves nothing but death and condemnation. But with God there is forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Christ took your sin, my sin, this mother's sin, and that also of her children, and nailed it to the Cross. There, on that crude tree, He died, shedding His precious and holy blood, to pay the price for those sins. The debt paid, God glorified his Son by raising Him from death to life on Easter. Because of His death and resurrection, all who repent of their sin, and by faith call on Jesus, will be saved.

A holocaust survivor, Alice Herz, wrote, "Hatred eats the soul of the hater, not the hated." Alice could have been consumed by her hatred of what had been done to her, her family, and her people during WWII. Yet, she made the decision to forgive—not because her tormentors asked for it; not because they deserved it; but because it was the only answer to save herself. This is why the Lord taught us, "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Ma 6:14-15)

Those people who are unable to forgive bring judgment upon themselves because they refuse to let go of the hate in their hearts. It's not an easy thing to do. The hurt is deep; the pain is real; the anger is strong; but the love of Jesus is stronger yet. The hurt and pain our Lord suffered to forgive those who put him on that cross was deeper and stronger than any pain you or I can possibly imagine. He did it for your forgiveness, and that you might find the strength in him to forgive those who've hurt you.

It's interesting how God works. Both the story about the children, and the comment from Ms. Herz, appeared back-to-back in my morning news feed. I took a minute to say a prayer for Gina and Jay. A prayer that they might be able to forgive their mom one day. That they would forgive her not because she deserved it, nor even needs it at this point, but because it would bring them a peace which has eluded them for 56 years. A peace found through forgiveness and salvation, in Jesus' name. Amen.

~~~~~Recipe - Zucchini Squares~~~~~

....What You'll Need:

- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder (see Note)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup biscuit baking mix
- 3 cups grated zucchini

What To Do:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Coat an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, beat eggs, then add remaining ingredients; mix well. Pour mixture into prepared baking dish.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes, or until set in center. Let cool 5 minutes, then cut into squares.

Note

If you have the time, give this extra zip by using chopped fresh garlic instead of garlic powder.

A Little Humor – Church Bulletin Announcements (actual) – continued ...

- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" – come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

And Are We Yet Alive

1. And are we yet alive,
and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give
for his almighty grace!

2. Preserved by power divine
to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join,
and in his sight appear.

3. What troubles have we seen,
what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within,
since we assembled last!

4. Yet out of all the Lord
hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford,
and hides our life above.

5. Then let us make our boast
of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost,
till we can sin no more.

6. Let us take up the cross
till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss
so we may Jesus gain.

