



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 14th, 2018

Dates to Remember

15 June Movie Night 06:30PM
 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	17-Jun	24-Jun
GREETERS	Linda H. / Noreen	Linda H. / Noreen
USHERS	Mike Denniston	Mike Denniston
HOST - HOSTESS	Mark & Tina S.	Dorothy K./Mike D.
ALTAR CARE	Susan & Linda	Susan & Linda
COMMUNION ELDER	Mark Sunday	Mark Sunday
READER	Susan Laeder	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 care)
- **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 Weinkauff
- **Those Awaiting Surgery:**
- **Grieving families** – Fryer-Hendricks (husband), Pate Family (Whitney's father)
- **Special requests** – Gail Batistoni, 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.
- **Movie Night, June 15** - fellowship at 6:30pm, movie promptly at 7pm. The movie "Gifted" stars Chris Evans and Octavia Spencer with McKenna Grace as Mary, the girl with special mathematical abilities.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 6B) (17 June 2018)

Ezekiel 17:22–24, 2 Corinthians 5:1–10 (11–17), Mark 4:26–34

The Cross of Christ Is the Tree of Life, Which Bears Abundant Fruit after Its Own Kind

The parables of our Lord convey the mysteries of the kingdom of God to those who are “able to hear it,” that is, “to his own disciples,” who are catechized to fear, love and trust in Him by faith (Mark 4:33–34). He scatters “seed on the ground,” which “sprouts and grows” unto life, even as “he sleeps and rises” (Mark 4:26–27). “On the mountain height of Israel,” He plants a young and tender twig, and it becomes “a noble cedar.” Indeed, His own cross becomes the Tree of Life, under which “every kind of bird” will dwell, and in which “birds of every sort will nest” (Ezek. 17:22–25). His cross is our resting place, even while now in mortal bodies, we “groan, being burdened” (2 Cor. 5:1–4). Yet in faith, we live for God in Christ, who for our sake “died and was raised” (2 Cor. 5:15). We know that, in His resurrected body, “we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (2 Cor. 5:1).

Pastor’s Corner

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”

(Psalm 1:1b,3)

Dear friends, God has blessed each of you with many gifts, so many in fact, that they are easy to overlook. One such gift is your body and soul. God has made each of you male or female, and endowed you with your personality, senses, and physical attributes. It’s through these gifts that we interact with our world and with God. It makes sense, then, to take care of these gifts—to be faithful stewards.

St. Paul, writing to the Corinthian church states, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” (1 Co. 6:19-20) The Spirit of God dwells within every believer and so it is important that we take care of our bodies, not defiling them with sexual sins, and striving to maintain their health in order to continue serving God.

“You are not your own.” When Christ shed His blood for you on Calvary, He paid the price for your sins. He bought you back from death; He bought you out of slavery to sin. When a person claims, “It’s my body, I can do with it what I want,” they deny the reality that everything they have, including their bodies, are gifts from God—given for a purpose—and saved from sin at a steep price.

The purpose, as the Psalmist would say, is that you are, “like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.” (Ps 1:3) You were redeemed, planted by God, fed with His word, not to live lives geared toward self, but to serve others in Godly love. When you love God and your neighbor you bear fruit, you grow leaves that will not wither.

I like the idea of “not withering”, I only wish that my body agreed! Every day, with its aches and pains, my body reminds me that I am not getting younger. It reminds me that none of my earthly

achievements will last; they wither away like your lawn in the hot sun. Yet, the fruit I bear for Christ will last. My season on earth will end, but the love, mercy, and faithfulness of God endures forever.

It is important to care for your body, to keep it pure and undefiled, to keep it healthy so that you may faithfully serve during your season on earth. However, you run the risk of making it a god if you place too much attention and importance upon your physical self. A fitness instructor recently wrote:

Exercise is an opportunity to practice being 100% present in your body. You honor that gift of being in your body by doing so. Your body, this Divine gift, is your Church, and you pray through your sweat.

While he is partially correct and even appears to draw upon Paul's idea of your body being a temple of the Holy Spirit, he is wrong to say that it "is your Church, and you pray through your sweat." The Church belongs to Christ—it is where His word is preached and taught in its purity, and where the Sacraments are rightly administered. Indeed, you may sweat when you pray—Christ did in the Garden of Gethsemane—but your sweat is not your prayer. This man's poor analogy risks equating a person's body with God, and exercise as worship.

Exercise, fitness, diet, and health care all have their place when taking care of your body. They are all tools that are to be used to help you in your season, and as you bear fruit. All of these things can prolong your service to others and make your time on earth more enjoyable, yet, physical fitness, good genes, running fast, lifting heavy, or punching hard won't get you into heaven. Your body is not your God; it is a gift from your Creator, intended to serve you while you serve others.

You may not always have done the best at caring for yourself—you may have worked too hard, slept too little, eaten too much, or abused your body with substances, legal or otherwise. If you have scars, wounds, and blemishes, from your past indiscretions, you can take comfort that your Savior, Jesus, gave His life to redeem you—body and soul—from sin, death, and hell. He did this not to glorify your physical being, but that you might bear spiritual fruit. You were planted and watered with His word, that all you do in Jesus' name may prosper. And when the final trumpet sounds, you will stand, body and soul before the throne of heaven, washed clean and healed by the blood of the Lamb. In Jesus' name. Amen.



~~~~~Recipe - Terrific Tortellini Salad~~~~~

**...What You'll Need:**

- 2 (14-ounce) packages frozen cheese-filled tortellini
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 cucumber, chopped
- 1 (14-ounce) can artichoke hearts, rinsed and drained
- 1 (8-ounce) bottle Caesar salad dressing
- 1 tomato, cut into wedges

**What To Do:**

Prepare tortellini according to package directions; drain. Rinse with cold water; drain. Combine tortellini, peppers, and next 3 ingredients in a large bowl; cover and chill 2 hours. Arrange tomato wedges over salad just before serving

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

- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7:00 p.m. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

**Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire**

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

2. Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight.

3. Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace;  
keep far our foes; give peace at home;  
where thou art guide, no ill can come.

4. Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but One;  
that through the ages all along  
this, this may be our endless song:

