



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 21st, 2018

Dates to Remember

22-24 June FL-GA District Convention

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	24-Jun	1-Jul
GREETERS	Linda H. / Noreen	The Belknap Family
USHERS	Mike Denniston	Phil & Rita McWhorter
HOST - HOSTESS	Dorothy K./Mike D.	Joy/Anne Ice Cream Social
ALTAR CARE	Susan & Linda	Susan Laeder, Wilma Lehto
COMMUNION ELDER	Mark Sunday	Adam Kiehn
READER	Jen-Nett MacLean	Doris Watters

Prayer List

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

- **Those hospitalized** – James Watters
- **Those in care facilities** – Barb Burnham (pacemaker), Ampe Lancaster (Nellie Kellogg's mother), 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** – 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

Jon Stricker of Thrivent Financial will host Baseball Night with The Clearwater Threshers, Saturday June 30th at 6:15pm. All those who would like to go to the Thrivent Night at the ballpark, Sat June 30th, please see Phil or Joy to provide payment of \$10 each.

The tickets will be delivered to the church mid-week next week. The gates open at 5 PM and the game starts at 6:15. Free food will be available until 7:30. Look for us outside the gate if you have not gotten your tickets prior to your arrival. Let's all go to the ballpark!

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 7B) (24 June 2018)

Job 38:1–11, 2 Corinthians 6:1–13, Mark 4:35–41

The Word of Christ Bestows Peace on His Creation through His Forgiveness of Sins

In his anguish and affliction, Job must be reminded that, as a finite creature, he is in no position to question the Maker of the heavens and the earth. Job's "words without knowledge" are unable to penetrate the wisdom of the Lord (Job 38:1–2). For the Lord has "prescribed limits" and "set bars and doors," so that "here shall your proud waves be stayed" (Job 38:9–11). That's how He humbles us unto repentance. But also by His powerful Word, He calms the "great windstorm" and the waves "breaking into the boat." He does not permit the chaos of this fallen world to overwhelm us or bring us to despair. By the Word of His Gospel, He speaks "Peace!" to us, which bestows the "great calm" of His new creation (Mark 4:37–39). Therefore, do not be afraid, and do not receive this grace of God in vain. "Now is the favorable time," and "now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:1–2).

Pastor's Corner

"Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land."
(Psalm 85:8-9)

Dear friends, people often ask me what it will take to grow the church, or to put it in contemporary political vernacular, "Make the Church Great Again!" This question and the desire for growth stems from the steady decline of membership in all Christian denominations here in the United States. Before we can answer the question though, we must identify what it is we wish to see grow, or to be made great again.

The Lutheran Confessions proclaim,

"It is also taught that at all times there must be and remain one holy, Christian church. It is the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel." (Augsburg Confession VII.1)

The import of this statement is that the Church is nothing more than the pure gospel, properly administered sacraments, and people to hear and receive these gifts. Strip away the building, the pews, the altar, the choir, the air conditioning and kitchen, and you will still have the Church.

The other side of the argument is that you cannot have the Church where the gospel is not proclaimed in its purity, where the sacraments are not faithfully administered, or where there are no people. You can have the most beautiful cathedral ever built, the best choir the world has heard, and all the programs a person could ever want, but if you don't have the gospel you don't have the Church, at least not a Christian one. There are countless buildings that once housed churches that now serve as discos, rock-climbing gyms, cafes, and mosques. So, with this understanding of the Church in mind, we can then ask, "What made the Church great to begin with?"

Was it the Apostles? Was it the miracles these men performed? Was it eloquent preaching? Was it that they shared everything with one another? No, the reality is, Jesus made the Church great. Without the Word of God there is no Church. Without the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the sacraments would lack their power and be meaningless. Without His gift of the Holy Spirit none of us would possess faith, or would have been called into His family. Jesus made the Church; it was His greatness that made, and continues to make, it great.

Our psalm for today tells us, “Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him that glory may dwell in our land.” (85:9) The glory of the Lord, the salvation of His people, exists where people fear Him. This “fear” means to have respect for God; to fear angering Him because we love Him for all that He has done. We desire to keep His commands because they are given to bless us. We don’t add to, or take from, His Word because we recognize that we are finite beings with limited understanding—how can the wisdom of men hope to compare with that of an eternal God? It would be folly to turn back from God’s Word in favor of man’s wisdom. This was the truth that the reformers fought for—show us from Scripture where our doctrine is wrong—not from human tradition or wisdom.

Humans did not make the Church, nor did they make it grow, and neither will they make it great again. The three ingredients for a church: God’s pure Word, faithfully administered sacraments, and believers, all come from only one source—God. And it is God who now sends you into the world, not to be conformed to the world, but to share the gospel that the world might be changed, that people might receive the Holy Spirit, faith, forgiveness and salvation in Jesus.

What is needed for growth, or for a great Church? Faithful preaching and administration of the sacraments, and believers empowered by the Holy Spirit to love God, and to love their neighbors. When this love is present then God’s glory fills His children, their land, and the Church, which cannot help but to be blessed and to grow, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

~~~~~Recipe - Muffin Tin Meat Loaves~~~~~

...What You'll Need:

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 1/2 cups shredded zucchini (about 1 medium)
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup ketchup

...What to Do:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except ketchup, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Place about 1/3 cup of beef mixture into each of 12 medium muffin cups, pressing lightly; spread ketchup evenly over tops.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes, or until no pink remains and juices run clear.

Notes

If you want, you can use yellow squash in place of the zucchini...or some of both!

A Little Humor – Church Bulletin Announcements (actual) – final version ...

- Today's Sermon: HOW MUCH CAN A MAN DRINK? with hymns from a full choir.
- Pastor is on vacation. Messages can be given to church secretary.
- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

