



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Andy Sorenson

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 July 5th, 2018

Dates to Remember

10 July	Elders’ Meeting	07:00PM
14 July	Church Work Day	09:00AM
15 July	Board Meeting	11:30AM
17 July	5 Year Planning Mtg.	07:00PM
20 July	Game Night	06:30PM

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY			
July 5	Bobbie Inglehart	July 31	Amanda Uliano
July 5	Dolores Ianni	July 21	Tony Ellis
July 14	Paul Blackburn	July 22	Juanita Fox
July 15	Linda Goheen	July 24	Cody Davis
July 16	James Hayden III	July 26	Sandy Tetzloff
July 16	Micah Prewitt	July 30	Tracy McCain
July 16	Bob Weinkauff	HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARY	
July 17	Leah Belknap	George & Anne Klemaier	July 4 (70th)
July 18	Irene Keller	John & Carolyn Wood	July 08
July 20	Virginia Philipp	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	July 12
July 31	Laura Denniston	Mike/Glenda Shinabarger	July 16
July 31	Svana Jonsson	Mark & Dolly Fettke	July 26
		Ray & Evelyn Uliano	July 30

Serving the Lord – 2018

DATE	08-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul
GREETERS	The Belknap Family	The Belknap Family	The Belknap Family
USHERS	Phil & Rita	Phil & Rita	Phil & Rita
HOST - HOSTESS	Flo Bellhorn	Mark & Tina S.	Dorothy K./Mike D.
ALTAR CARE	Susan & Wilma	Susan & Wilma	Susan & Wilma
COMMUNION ELDER	Adam Kiehn	Adam Kiehn	Adam Kiehn
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** –Lou Fairchild (home hospice)
- **Those recovering** – Barb Burnham, James Watters, Bob Scott, Tony Ellis, Anne Siatkowski, Melanie Crutcher, Letty Spoolstra, Sue Laeder, Ruth Rauch, Maggie McLaughlin, Cindy Crutchfield
- **Those Undergoing Treatment:** Shari Martin, Irene Keller, Janice Tyma, Jeff Beck, Jeff Bellhorn, Bob Weinkauf
- **Those Awaiting Surgery:** Gail Batistoni, Paul Martin
- **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** – 1st year anniversary of Pastor Sorenson’s Installation, Jake Sorenson is now serving his first Coast Guard post at Pascagoula, MS.

Servant Notes

Pastor’s One Year Anniversary – Please join us after the service July 8th, in Luther Hall, to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Pastor Sorenson’s Installation.

Lost and Found – Lost Keys? Misplaced Water Thermos? Eyeglasses? Earrings? Please check our lost and found box in the mailroom.

Monthly Budget Update

		ACTUAL	BUDGET
MONTHLY	JUNE INCOME	\$11,388	14,233
	EXPENSE	\$12,347	14,129
	JUNE TOTALS	-\$958	
YEAR-TO-DATE	YTD INCOME	\$89,047	\$85,398
	YTD EXPENSE	\$81,050	\$84,771
	YTD TOTALS	\$7996	

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 9B) (8 July 2018)

Ezekiel 2:1–5, 2 Corinthians 12:1–10, Mark 6:1–13

The Ministers of Christ Are Sent with His Authority to Forgive Sins and Give Life

The prophet Ezekiel was raised up by the Spirit of the Lord and sent to speak an unpopular Word to the rebellious house of Israel. As a prophet, he was not to speak his own word, but to preach the Law and the Gospel: *“Thus says the Lord GOD,”* whether the people *“hear or refuse to hear”* (Ezek. 2:4–5). So, too, in the footsteps of the prophets before Him, the Lord Jesus *“went about among the villages teaching”* (Mark 6:6). In His hometown, as elsewhere, *“many who heard him were astonished,”* marveling at His wisdom and at the *“mighty works done by his hands,”* and yet *“they took offense at him”* (Mark 6:2–3). The offense culminates in His cross, which is, ironically, the heart and center of His *“authority over the unclean spirits”* (Mark 6:7). It is by that authority of His cross that those He sends preach repentance, *“cast out many demons”* and heal the sick (Mark 6:12–13). Thus, the apostle Paul boasts in the cross of Christ and in his own weaknesses, knowing that God’s grace is sufficient and that the power of Christ *“is made perfect in weakness”* (2 Cor. 12:8–9).

Pastor’s Corner

“Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.” (Psalm 123:2)

Dear friends, Lutheran Hour’s, Rev. Klaus, read a portion of Patrick Henry’s (of ‘Give me liberty, or give me death’ reknown) will during his Fourth of July devotion. At the end of his will, after describing how all of his physical property was to be distributed, Patrick Henry stated: *“This is all the Inheritance I can give to my dear family, The religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed.”* (<https://www.redhill.org/biography/henrys-will>)

Patrick Henry, a five-time governor of Virginia, ardent voice for and author of the U.S. Bill of Rights, one of the nation’s Founding Fathers, knew that true wealth and freedom came not from any man-made institution, government, or bank roll, but from God alone. Such words reveal the source of his courage—faith in God.

Faith, hope, and love are all gifts from God. Our eyes look to the Lord our God, just as *“the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master”* for their food, clothing, shelter, and survival. (Ps 123:2) Christ came to earth to model such trust, willingly submitting himself to the Father’s will, even to death on the Cross, trusting that the Father knew what was best. Jesus’ mother, Mary, humbly accepted the angel Gabriel’s words, trusting that the Lord knew best. Paul accepted the thorn in his flesh, trusting that the Lord would care for him in spite of his own weakness. This faith—trust that the Lord will do as He has promised—gives the believer wealth beyond the ability of this world to deliver.

Today we see so many people turning to the world for their security. Yet, nations, as great as they may be, are still flawed—governed by sinful men and women. As wonderful as Patrick

Henry's Bill of Rights was, Americans of his day still embraced slavery. Today, our much vaunted Constitution, Bill of Rights, and judicial system have legalized the taking of the lives of unborn children. Does anyone truly accept that all Americans are equal under the law? Would the unborn, the poor, the minority believe that they would receive the same treatment as the wealthy celebrity or politician?

My point is not to denigrate the United States on the Fourth of July. I firmly believe that this nation has the best Constitution and judicial system in the world. The freedom to gather in the name of the Lord is a true blessing. This country is a gift from our heavenly Father, one that is rightly celebrated. No, my point is that we must keep this gift in perspective.

If the American Revolution had failed and Patrick Henry had died penniless in a British prison his faith would have guaranteed his inheritance in heaven. He would still possess the riches of heaven won for him on the Cross and given through the grace and mercy of his Lord. Despite his shackles and prison bars he would have been free from fear of sin, death, and the devil. I imagine him content.

Your freedom, peace, and contentment derives from the master to whom you look for your sustenance. If that is your own strength, you will lose it when sickness overtakes you. If it be your job then it's yours at the whim of your employer. If it be your physical freedom then it can be taken by the government at the whims of your fellow man.

When your faith is right—when your eyes look only to the Lord—then you are rich indeed. Then the Lord's mercy will overcome the travails of life and regardless of life's ups and downs you can rest content by the grace of God in your faith. A gift against which even the gates of hell cannot prevail. For then, even when you are weak, hungry, and poor you rest in the strength of the Lord. In Jesus' name. Amen.

~~~~~Recipe - Easy Beefy Casserole~~~~~

...What You'll Need:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 (16-ounce) package frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can cream of chicken soup, undiluted
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 (32-ounce) package frozen seasoned potato nuggets

...What to Do:

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
- Brown ground beef and salt in a skillet over medium heat, stirring until meat crumbles and is no longer pink; drain. Spoon ground beef into a sprayed 2-1/2-quart shallow baking dish. Layer frozen vegetables, soup and cheese over ground beef. Top with frozen potatoes.
- Bake 30 minutes or until potatoes are golden.

A Little Humor – Don't touch the snacks

A preacher visits an elderly woman from his congregation. As he sits on the couch he notices a large bowl of peanuts on the coffee table. "Mind if I have a few?" he asks.

"No, not at all!" the woman replied.

They chat for an hour and as the preacher stands to leave, he realizes that instead of eating just a few peanuts, he emptied most of the bowl. "I'm terribly sorry for eating all your peanuts, I really just meant to eat a few."

"Oh, that's all right," the woman says. "Ever since I lost my teeth all I can do is suck the chocolate off them."

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor
to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike, God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame God knows;
motherlike, God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet God's mercy flows.

4. Angels in the heights, adoring,
you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring,
gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

