



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 19th, 2018

Dates to Remember

20 July	Game Night	06:30PM
10 August	Elders’ Meeting	07:00PM
14 August	Church Work Day	09:00AM
15 August	Board Meeting	11:30AM

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY		July 22	Juanita Fox
July 20	Virginia Philippy	July 24	Cody Davis
July 31	Laura Denniston	July 26	Sandy Tetzloff
July 31	Svana Jonsson	July 30	Tracy McCain
July 31	Amanda Uliano	HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARY	
July 21	Tony Ellis	Mark & Dolly Fettke	July 26
		Ray & Evelyn Uliano	July 30

Serving the Lord – 2018

DATE	22-Jul	29-Jul
GREETERS	The Belknap Family	The Belknap Family
USHERS	Phil & Rita	Phil & Rita
HOST - HOSTESS	Dorothy K./Mike D.	Flo Bellhorn & Jan Brown
ALTAR CARE	Susan & Wilma	Susan & Wilma
COMMUNION ELDER	Adam Kiehn	Adam Kiehn
READER	Jen-Nett MacLean	Susan Laeder

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
- **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:** Chuck Jaki, Bob & Dorie Weinkauff, Shari Martin, Irene Keller, Janice Tyma, Jeff Beck, Jeff Bellhorn,
- **Those Awaiting Surgery:** 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

Thank you! – Thanks to the generous individual who donated a new upright freezer in the kitchen and new refrigerator for the Food Pantry supplies.

Game Night, July 20 – Bring your favorite game and join in the action. Snacks, fellowship and fun to be had by all. Don't miss it!

Tampa Bay Rays taking on the Chicago White Sox on Saturday, August 4th at 6:10pm July 27th is the deadline for placing your ticket orders! We've got excellent seats reserved in the Baseline Box section again this year. Group tickets cost \$26 (up to a \$60 value!). A portion of the proceeds will benefit Eckerd Connects. Based in Clearwater, Florida, Eckerd Connects is committed to not only providing the solutions that help struggling families thrive, but also to sharing these solutions with others. Learn more here: www.eckerd.org.

To purchase group tickets contact:

Bob Windheim, (P): 727-825-3220, (E): BWindheim@raysbaseball.com

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 11B) (22 July 2018)

Jeremiah 23:1–6, Ephesians 2:11–22, Mark 6:30–44

The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel

The Lord rebukes and removes *“the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep”* (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets *“shepherds over them who will care for them”* (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to *“reign as king and deal wisely”* (Jer. 23:5). He is *“our righteousness,”* in whom we *“dwell securely”* (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were *“like sheep without a shepherd”* (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples *“to set before the people”* (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace *“to you who were far off,”* and *“by the blood of Christ,”* He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were *“separated from Christ”* by your sin, *“having no hope and without God in the world”* (Eph. 2:12), now *“you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God”* (Eph. 2:19).

Pastor’s Corner

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

(Psalm 23:1)

Dear friends, it’s often said that, “The Lord gives us all that we need, not necessarily all that we want.” As a young boy I prayed long and hard for a BB gun. I didn’t need a BB gun—I lived in a city, not a farm or in the country. I wasn’t competing on a team. There was no need for me to have one, it was simply a want, one that went unfulfilled for many years. So how do I square that with the Psalmist’s words, “I shall not want”?

This is an issue people struggle with quite frequently. In the 23rd Psalm you hear that the Lord is your shepherd; you shall not want, and then in John 10:10-11 Jesus tells you, “I came that [my sheep] may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd.” So when your wants go unfulfilled, when you look at your life and think it falls short of “abundant”, you might feel that the Lord has let you down, or that you have somehow fallen short of doing what it takes to secure the Lord’s blessings. Church leaders can fall into this same temptation.

I visited a church several months ago that had a coffee bar and cafe set up in their fellowship wing. I listened as the pastor described how generations were united over lattes and it had helped to grow the congregation. It would be easy to become envious of this congregation’s wealth or to believe that somehow our congregation, or myself as the pastor, have fallen short and God isn’t blessing us as He should. As the saying goes, “There’s more to the story.”

Psalm 23 is more than the first verse. Let’s take a look at the sixth and final verse: “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” This final verse answers the dilemma of the first. You shall not want because everything that you could ever want has already been given to you. That sounds strange given

that you may have unanswered wants and we don't have a coffee bar here at Faith (though Flo does make good coffee!) Yet these are all symptoms of our deeper wants.

Why do we want the things we do? Why do we want material possessions, relationships, or all of the other things that fill out our bucket and Christmas lists? We want these things because of sin. No, it's not a sin to desire to have something, but *you desire to have it because sin has deprived you of the security and peace that you would have had without the object of your desire*. Before sin came into the world, Adam and Eve had all that they could ever want—until Satan convinced them that they didn't.

In the same way, Satan comes at you today and convinces you that you need so much more than what you've already been given—more than that with which God has blessed you. The 23rd Psalm reminds you that all that you should ever need and want is already provided by God.

Your Good Shepherd has given His life that you should have faith, forgiveness, and salvation. You will dwell forever in heaven—eternally free from sin, suffering, death, and any temptations of the enemy. In the meantime, the Lord has given you life, health, family, house, home, and all that you have. He has called you into the family of the Church and here feeds you His Word and His very body and blood. This is all that you want, or it should be.

I shall not want. When you understand that right now, at the very moment you are reading this, that you, by faith, possess the wealth, riches, and glory of heaven all because Christ died for you, then what more can you ask of God?

St. Paul learned contentment, even when he was poor and imprisoned, by learning to trust that God had already provided all that he could ever need or want when He sent Christ to redeem his soul from sin. This is true peace—peace that you and I could never afford to buy, and which surpasses all that we could ever hope to possess on our own. It's a peace purchased and won through the holy, innocent suffering and death of Christ. It's a peace given to you through God's grace, secured by your Good Shepherd. In Jesus' name. Amen.

~~~~~Recipe - Stuffed Peppers Casserole~~~~~

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

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 green bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 3/4 cup mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

**...What to Do:**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a 2-quart baking dish with cooking spray.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil until hot; saute green pepper and onion 4 to 5 minutes, or just until veggies start to soften. Add ground beef and cook 6 to 8 minutes more, or until no pink remains in the beef. Drain liquid from skillet.

Add tomato sauce, rice, 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese, the Italian seasoning, garlic, salt, and pepper; mix well. Spoon into baking dish and cover with aluminum foil.

Bake 25 minutes, remove foil, and sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake 5 additional minutes, or until cheese is melted.

**A Little Humor – Limburger Cheese**

Big Ed seemed to always fall asleep during the Sunday sermon. His wife was fed up and decided to deal with the embarrassing situation.

The next Sunday when he fell asleep, she quietly removed some pungent Limburger cheese from a ziplock bag in her purse and passed it under his nose.

Groggily startled, Big Ed blurted out, "No, Helen, no—don't kiss me now."

**O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

1. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne,  
still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages, in thy sight,  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night,  
before the rising sun.

*God wants us to know joy and fulfillment. Sing in gladness. Alleluia!*