



# Faith Family

## News

September 2022

*In response to God's grace flowing through Christ, we grow in faith and show Christ's love.*

### In Our Music God is Glorified

By Pastor Adam

I have shared before about the suffering I endured as a child. My mom loved to sing. She had a song for everything... waking me up, brushing my hair, putting on my socks and shoes, and on and on. From the moment I woke up to the moment I went to bed, my mom sang. I think I first discovered that this disease was hereditary when I was in college. One morning I walked into my dorm room after breakfast and found my roommate, Bryan, still sleeping. Without thinking, I belted out, "RISE AND SHINE AND GIVE GOD THE GLORY, GLORY!" I don't know who was more scared, Bryan or me! I was infected, and the disease is incurable. But is it really so bad?

Martin Luther didn't think so. One of his most famous quotes emphasizes the sacredness of music:

"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to humankind that we should proclaim the Word of God through Music."

Music is pretty important to us Lutherans. Our worship services are filled with it because it is such a beautiful gift of God and powerful proclamation of God's Word. We've learned to value (some would say tolerate) diversity in our worship music because we are diverse and experience God through music in

different ways.

We are also extremely blessed in our Faith Family to have so many gifted musicians! From Jean Welch, our music director, piano accompanist, choir director, and Exaltation Ringer director who is always up for a challenge, our team of organists (Sandi Watts, Sharon Zuiderveld, and Susan Roegge), our Faith Singers who could put on their own musical (or comedy reality show), our seasonal chancel choir and bell ringers, and our ever-growing treasury of musicians and vocalists who offer special music... yes, we are blessed!



This month we are doubling down on the importance of music in our lives and worship. Our choirs are starting up again... and there is a place for you! We are bringing music back to our Sunday School opening time... both to bless our kids and give me an outlet for all those songs stuck in my head! Our worship planning teams have discussed having

a "Music Sunday" where we lift our voices, offer our musical gifts, and give thanks to God. And we continue to strive for vibrant worship through the diversity of music we enjoy on Sunday mornings. Because Luther was right, "next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."

Now, so many years later, my mom's songs are forever on my lips. I sing them when waking my kids, dressing Desmond, and whenever a word triggers a memory and melody. And I've also realized that it's actually not a disease, it's a blessing... but good luck convincing my kids.

## *Faith Family Updates*

What's new around Faith? Maybe you haven't been here in awhile or you just haven't noticed, but our ministry is constantly changing.

### **Remembering Larry Noble**

Larry Noble entered the Church Triumphant on Friday, August 26. He has been a very active member of our Faith Family since he joined in 1968, singing in the choir, serving on council, and building/fixing/tinkering all around the church. While we all will miss his servant heart, warm smile, and contagious laugh, we give thanks to God for our partnership in ministry and for the hope we share in eternal life. A visitation for Larry will be held at Williamson Funeral Home on Friday, September 2 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a funeral service at Faith on Saturday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m. and a meal following the burial.



### **Baptism of Annika Michelle Waddle**

On August 7, we welcomed Annika into our Faith Family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Annika is the daughter of Jacob and Hillary Waddle.

### **Ice Cream Social and Potluck to Celebrate First Lutheran, Beardstown's 175<sup>th</sup>**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Beardstown has invited us to join them as they kick off a year of celebrating their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are holding a potluck meal and homemade ice cream social at noon on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. First Evangelical is one of the oldest Lutheran churches in Illinois and is a member of our "Seeds of Hope Co-op."



### **Get Ready for Soup Luncheon 2.0 - Carry-Out Style**

Our annual Soup Luncheon will return this year with a different format. Instead of a sit-down meal, we will be offering carry-out soups and desserts on **Sunday, October 9, from 10:30am - 1:00pm**. While some of the jobs needed for a sit-down meal will not be necessary, we still need your help! On Sunday, September 11, we will have signup sheets available for a variety of ways you can volunteer from providing soups/desserts to helping in the building. We will also begin handing out tickets for you to purchase or sell to your family and friends. It has been three years since our last luncheon... even though this one will be different, let's work together to serve our community and share some delicious Lutheran Love! (Please bring in any cardboard trays or small boxes for us to use.)

### **Cards vs. Cubs at Faith**

Join us on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> to watch the Cards vs. Cubs game in the Great Room at Faith! We'll have hot dogs, brats, popcorn, and drinks available at noon. Game time is 1:15pm. That morning is the last chance to donate to our Cards or Cubs jars. Whichever team has the most donated is the team Pastor Adam has to cheer for. Will he get to remain a life-long Cardinal fan, or will he have to don Cubbie blue? It's up to you!

# *Living Our Mission... Vibrant Worship*

An expressed goal for 2022 is the continued fostering of vibrant worship. This specifically supports our mission as “we respond to God’s grace flowing through Christ.” In worship, God’s grace flows to us through sacraments, Word, and community, and we respond with joyful praise.

## **Colors of the Covenant**

On September 11, the narrative lectionary takes us back to Genesis as we follow the promises of God’s covenant through the lives of the Israelites. We start with Noah and the flood as God brings rebirth (RED) to creation, hanging a rainbow in the sky as a sign of God’s covenant of life. For the following six weeks, we will follow God’s covenant through the other colors as we see that it is for others (ORANGE), for the yearning (YELLOW), gives courage to go forth (GREEN), brings new beginnings (BLUE), creates identity (INDIGO), and calls us to a new vision (VIOLET). As we discover the many ways that God’s covenant is for us, the colors of the covenant will take shape, not just in our lives, but in our sanctuary too.



## **Outdoor Worship**

has been such a joy this summer and continues on the last Sunday of each month. August brought some heat, but a beautiful breeze stirred God’s Spirit among us. While kids played yard games and four square, all enjoyed a delicious picnic of pulled pork sandwiches and pies. We will have one more outdoor service this summer on **September 25** with a meal to follow. These are wonderful opportunities to invite friends to get to know our Faith Family and worship with us. Please mark you calendars for another great Sunday! And many thanks to all who have helped with set up, tear down, and our delicious meals!

## **Choir Rehearsals are HERE!**

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!!! It's time for Chancel Choir and Exaltation Ringer rehearsals to begin.

Beginning Thursday, September 1, **Exaltation Ringers** will meet from 6-6:30 pm. **Chancel Choir** will also meet on Thursdays from 6:45-7:30 pm.

We would love to have you join us - if you're interested in either of these groups, please contact me at [jrwelch53@msn.com](mailto:jrwelch53@msn.com) or 217/652-7009. The choirs offer so much - not only do they add glorious praise to God during the worship services, but the fellowship between the members is also a gift.

Hope you will join us!! *Jean Welch*, Director of Music



# *Living Our Mission ... Faith Formation*

An expressed goal for 2022 is the growing of our small-group ministry. This supports our mission of “growing in faith” and “showing Christ’s love” as we nurture relationships with God and one another. Here are some great opportunities to get involved!



## **Brochure Highlighting Fall Small Groups!**

Don't miss out on a whole host of small group opportunities at Faith this fall! A brochure of all the groups along with details of when/where they meet and who to contact was included with your newsletter, either digitally or printed. Groups include: Men's Monthly Breakfast, Pastor's Pick Book Study, Women of Faith Fellowship Group, Confirmation, Youth Group, Kid's Movie Night, Discipleship Group, Men's Prayer Group, Young Adult Group, and two Dwelling in the Word Groups. If you would like to know more or would like another brochure, please stop by or contact the church office.

## **What is Rally Day? Help us Merriam-Webster!**

rally (verb) | ral-ly \ ra-lē | “to renew energy in joint action”

As the summer has come to a close and a new school year has begun, we are coming together to renew our energy in joint action. What is the joint action? Education and faith formation for all. Beginning on September 11, we are offering four Sunday morning classes.

**For Preschool - Kindergarten...** our new Frolic curriculum is action based with stories and activities to keep our little ones engaged. Come ready for fun and creativity!

**For 1-4 grades...** our new Holy Moly curriculum seeks to ignite a biblical imagination that lasts a lifetime with animated videos and creative activities. Make friends as we learn God's story!

**For 5<sup>th</sup> - High School...** engage in conversation around the Bible story for the day and how it applies to our lives. Meet in the basement youth area for great fellowship and discussion!

**For Adults...** join Pastor Adam in the sanctuary for some Dwelling in the Word as we reflect together on the readings and sermon of the day. We will reflect on the following questions: What do you notice? What makes you wonder? What do you hear God calling you to do?

Each Sunday, after worship and some time for fellowship, children will gather in the sanctuary for music and then head to their classes. Adults are welcome to bring their coffee and join us for the music or just come for Dwelling in the Word.

## **Synod Faith Formation and Prayer Group Opportunities**

Our synod is offering some new opportunities to grow in your faith and reach out to the unchurched in our communities. Wanting to dig deeper into your understanding of the Bible? Consider taking the “Understanding the New Testament” course. Six sessions on Saturdays starting September 3. Consider joining the synod Zoom book group that reads “Deep Roots, Wild Branches” by Michael Adam Beck to stir your imagination about where the Spirit may be leading us. Or join us in prayer on the first Friday of each month on Zoom as we pray for the people and places engaged in starting new ministries and outreach. Visit [www.csis-elca.org](http://www.csis-elca.org) for more information.

## *Living Our Mission ... Showing Christ's Love*

An expressed goal for 2022 is strengthening congregational care. This supports our mission “showing Christ’s love” as we share the love of Jesus with one another at Faith and our neighbors near and far. Here are some ways we are doing this and opportunities for you to join us!

### **A Point to Ponder** by Elaine Chapman

“Come Sunday”

When I had the opportunity to play for worship at Grace and Peace last month, I chose to play one of my favorite pieces, “Come Sunday” by Duke Ellington. This music is from Ellington’s first concert work, “Black, Brown, and Beige,” which premiered at Carnegie Hall in 1943. Since then it has been performed by many musicians all over the world. There are many arrangements and lyrics on YouTube, of course. I’d like to share some of the lyrics with you; to me, they are prayers of hope and comfort.

Come Sunday, oh come Sunday, that’s the day.

Lord, Dear Lord above: God Almighty, God of love,  
Please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.

I don’t mind the gray skies

‘cause they’re just clouds passing by.

Lord, dear Lord above, God Almighty, God of love,  
Please look down and see my people through.

Heaven is a goodness time, a brighter light on high.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you  
And have a brighter by and by

Lord, Dear Lord above: God Almighty, God of love,  
Please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God is now, was then and always will be.

With God’s blessing we can make it through eternity.

Lord, Dear Lord above: God Almighty, God of love,  
Please look down and see my people through.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lSpWvWItVA>

### **Celebration Service of Installation!**

**Saturday, September 3, 5:00pm**

St. John’s Lutheran Church, Springfield

Installation of Pastor Linda Strader as their new Pastor of Outreach and Discipleship. The Rev. Dr. S. John Roth, Bishop of our Central/Southern Illinois Synod, will serve as the preaching and presiding minister. A celebration meal will follow the service in the Parish Life Center.

### **Jacksonville Food Center**

In July, the Food Center served 125 families for food order boxes, a total of 311 people at a cost of \$16,565. They served 209 families for extra bakery, a total of 470 people at a cost of \$3,630. The meat cost for their bakery/produce customers was \$836.

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, the Food Center received two pallets of ciabatta bread (29 boxes) from Dot Foods. On July 8<sup>th</sup>, the Food Center donated 2 boxes of ciabatta bread, 30 pounds of venison, and laffy taffy to the Winchester Kiwanis Food Pantry. 37 families and 73 people were served.

In July, the churches contributed \$2,463.60 in money and \$1,259 in food donations. Faith Lutheran church donated \$230 in money. *Lillian Korous*

### **Thank You**

In July, our members provided a meal for the family and friends of Sue May. Those who made this possible were Laura Sweatman, Patty Nelson, Shelley McDaniel, Karen Sibert, Kris Roth, Kris Roegge, Kim Heise, Linda Finkle, and Barb Davenport. As usual, these lovely ladies did an amazing job. Thank you ladies for all your time and talents.

God Bless, *Diane Craig*

### **Women of the ELCA Convention**

The Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA will hold its Biennial Convention on September 9-10 at Grace Lutheran Church, Springfield. Women do not have to be in a WELCA circle to participate; just be a woman in an ELCA congregation! Please see an information packet on the counter at Faith by the Fair Trade Coffee Sales which includes the registration form. Women can register as late as September 6<sup>th</sup>, not August 29<sup>th</sup>. We have not met since 2019 in person because of COVID and are looking forward to seeing everyone. Thank you for your help! God’s peace,

Jean Scherer, President

Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA — [j.d.scherer2@gmail.com](mailto:j.d.scherer2@gmail.com)

# Worship Assistants

## Chancel Committee

Sep. 4 Kris Roth  
Sep. 11 Pat Glyshaw  
Sep. 18 Kim Heise  
Sep. 25 Martha Krohe (outside)

## Coffee Hosts

Sep. 4 Martha Krohe  
Sep. 11 Kay Schnitker  
Sep. 18 Karen Sibert  
Sep. 25 n/a Outdoor Picnic

## Communion Assistants

Sep. 4 Char Hubbard  
Sep. 11 Kay Schnitker  
Sep. 18 Ken Devlin  
Sep. 25 Karen Sibert (outside)

## Greeters

Sep. 4 Lillian Korous  
Sep. 11 Laura Sweatman  
Sep. 18 Judy Dillard  
& Vicki Robson  
Sep. 25 **need volunteer** (outside)

## Readers

Sep. 4 Sharon Woodworth  
Sep. 11 Kelly Hartz  
Sep. 18 Barb Davenport  
Sep. 25 Melissa Street (outside)

## Ushers

Sep. 4 **need volunteer**  
Sep. 11 **need volunteer**  
Sep. 18 **need volunteer**  
Sep. 25 **need volunteer** (outside)

**If you would like to help** with assisting for the 9:30am worship services, please contact the church office (faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) or **sign up in the gathering area** at the podium by the east doors.

## Altar Plants

**(\$15 donation appreciated)**

Last year, we began replacing our altar flowers with plants that remain for an extended time.

**If you would like to donate,**

please call or email the church office (245-8919 or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) or **sign up in the gathering area at the podium by the east doors;**

please make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church (1385 W. Walnut St.).

Sep. 4 By Gayla Smith in honor of her birthday  
& By Vicki Robson in honor of her 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Sep. 11 **Open for donation**

Sep. 18 By Connie & Gary Braner in memory of Maurice Driver & Lois Tippin's birthdays

Sep. 25 By the Roth family in celebration of Laura's birthday on September 27  
& By Amy Stevens-Kaufmann in memory of Dr. Tom Stevens' birthday on Sept. 27

## Financial Assistants

Sep. 4 Barb Davenport & Kelly Hartz  
Sep. 11 Ken Devlin & Mike Oldenettel  
Sep. 18 Karen Sibert & Kelly Street  
Sep. 25 Barb Davenport & Lisa Taylor

## Plastic Caps & Lids — Keep them coming!

Your generous donations of Plastic Caps and Lids will help to provide benches at Faith Lutheran Church!  
Donations continue to be gathered for this project in the Mission & Ministry Center/coat closet at church.

## Newsletter Deadline

### September 18



## Faith Lutheran on Facebook and Instagram

Are you on Facebook or Instagram? Be sure to follow us at Faith Lutheran Church—Jacksonville (FB) and @faith\_lutheran\_jaxil (Insta) for news, reminders, and encouragement! It's a great way for us to stay connected to each other and to what's happening in our community of Faith.