

# August Newsletter

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### God's Greater Story

Everyone loves a great story. But what makes a story great? Some would say a great story is one where love triumphs over all odds. Others would say that a great story is one that involves an epic adventure, with a hero who's bold and brave. Still others would say a great story contains elements of tragedy, where not everything works out just the way one expects. There may be more elements, of course, but these seem typical of great stories.

In addition to the elements of a great story, we all know that great stories can be truth or fiction. They can be bound in books or told around the camp fire. They can be about historical events in the past or about great hopes for the future. But the thing about great stories is that they are told and retold!

Over the past number of weeks, we have been engaged in God's great story. St. Paul's letter to the church in Rome has provided us with the greatest story ever. It's a story of truth. A story of historical facts and great hope for the future. A story where love conquers all, where the hero embarks on an epic journey of salvation for all, a story where there is both tragedy and hope. This is God's great story of creation, of mankind's fall, of creation's ruin. It's the story of God's work in the past, in the present and in the future. It is the story God's promise and it's fulfillment to redeem and recreate through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. It is the story of life here on earth waiting patiently in hope for the return of the King of all Creation.

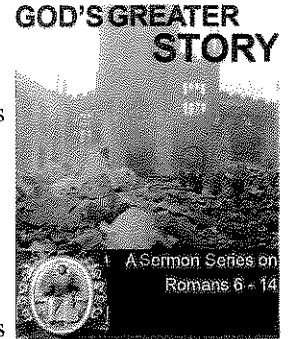
It is God's great story, and you have a place in it. Through your baptism into Christ, you have been caught up into God's great story of love, redemption and recreation. Regardless of your age, occupation, gender, life experiences or inexperience, you have been brought into God's great story by God's gracious action in baptism.

As God's great story continues to be told and retold here at Faith, I pray that you are encouraged in your life here and now and are filled with hope in the promise of the coming King. I pray that as the great story is retold, you would become more confident of your place in His story as His baptized child. I pray also that you would also retell the great story on the playground at school, at the water cooler at work, around the campfire with friends, or wherever you may be.

As the story is told, we remember Paul's words to the baptized in Rome, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" (Rom. 10:14) How are they to hear and believe if the story is not told? Thanks be to God, the story is told among us. Thanks be to God, that He tells the story through us!

May the Lord bless the telling and retelling of God's great story at Faith and in our lives!

—Pastor Edwards



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#### Sunday Schedule

Worship: 8 am, 10:30 am & 5 pm  
Sunday School & Adult Bible  
Class: 9:15 am

#### Pastoral Staff

Rev. Eric J. Edwards  
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**University Lutheran Church**  
The Campus Ministry of the Lutheran Church-  
Missouri Synod of Indiana University

**Worship and Fellowship  
Opportunities—Summer**

**Sundays**  
Divine Service 10:30 am

**Wednesdays**  
Fellowship Cookout 6 pm  
Bible Study 7 pm

**Fall schedule  
begins August 24**



**Serving Us In August 2014**

**Altar Guild** Martha Harrell & Arllys Papke

**Coffee Schedule** Norm & Arllys Papke

**8 am Service**

**Head Usher** Brad Ragsdale  
**Ushers** Julie Ragsdale  
 Brad Braun  
 Steve Hitzeman  
 Don Weaver

**Acolyte**  
 August 3 Mya Hagerty  
 August 10 Ethan Coy  
 August 17 Mya Hagerty  
 August 24 Matthew Landgraf  
 Book-bearer Claire Landgraf  
 Crucifer Justin Terrell  
 August 31 Meghan Jerke

**Greeters**  
 August 3 & 10 Don & Jan Donham  
 August 17 & 24 Bill & Wilma Wampler  
 August 31 Jim & Judy VanOsdol

**10:30 am Service**

**Head Usher** Tom Sinn  
**Ushers** Skip Harrison  
 Peter Iversen  
 Jim Wilson

**Acolyte**  
 August 3 Adam Frey  
 August 10 Joshua Grimes  
 August 17 Tatiana Huss  
 August 24 Amy Harrison  
 Book-bearer Brooke McAninch  
 Crucifer Matthew Ross  
 August 31 Adam Frey

**Greeters**  
 August 3 & 10 Travis & Kathy Jerke  
 August 17 & 24 Norm & Arllys Papke  
 August 31 Mark & Diane Riggins

**CD Delivery**  
 August 3 Marilyn Zimmerman  
 August 10 Bob & Linda Pease  
 August 17 Bill Pfrommer  
 August 24 Al & Bonnie Tinsley  
 August 31 Jim VanOsdol

**Grass Cutting**  
 Week of August 3 Drew Antilla  
 Bill Ballew  
 Alan Schaefer  
 Week of August 10 Jeff Franz  
 Gary Lybrook  
 Erik Mosier  
 Week of August 17 Drew Frey  
 Kelly Johnson  
 Patrick Mero  
 Week of August 24 Brad Braun  
 David DePierre  
 Jarrod Franklin  
 Week of August 31 Drew Antilla  
 Bill Ballew  
 Alan Schaefer

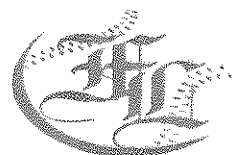
**Statistics for May**  
**Average Attendance**  
 Sunday Worship — 282  
 Sunday School — 52  
 Adult Bible Class — 45

**Statistics for June**  
**Average Attendance**  
 Sunday Worship — 256  
 Sunday School — 46  
 Adult Bible Class — 39



**Baby Shower for Baby Beck!**

The Fellowship Ministry Team would like to invite the ladies of Faith to a baby shower honoring Pastor & Sarah Beck's baby boy who is due to arrive in early September. Please join us on Sunday, August 10, at 1 pm in the gym as we shower this young family with gifts, advice, and love! They are registered at Target.



**Softball Games**  
**Recreational D League**

Bring your family and come join in the fun of watching Faith Lutheran's Men's Softball team. You can contact Mark Riggins (824-9097) or Norm Papke (824-7420) if you have questions.

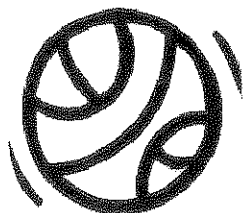
**Schedule**  
 (call 349-3610 after 3 pm for rain out info)

Tuesday, Aug. 5—7:20 pm—TL4  
 Tuesday, Aug. 12—7:20 pm—TL4  
 Tuesday, Aug. 19—9:30 pm—TL2



**Sunday Evening**  
**Worship at Faith**  
 Sundays, 5-5:45 pm

(Holy Communion is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month)



**Basketball on Mondays!**

We'll be playing pick-up basketball in the gym from 8:30-10 pm on Monday nights. We have a full court to exploit, so new players are always welcome. Hope you can join us! Let Ben Stellwagen know if you'd like to be added to the text group, 812-219-0246.



for the September 2014 newsletter is:  
**Friday, August 15.**



## Weekly Prayer Letters

One of the privileges and responsibilities a pastor has, is to pray for the congregation he serves. This can come in formal ways, such as during the prayer of the church during services. It can happen informally as members meet with their pastors in the hallway or parking lot at church, or over coffee at a restaurant. No matter where it happens, pastors pray for God's people.

In order for us, your pastors, to better know you and pray for you, we would like to introduce a "new" practice at Faith; Weekly Prayer Letters.

Here is what to expect. Each week a letter from the pastors will be sent out to two families or individuals at Faith. The letter will indicate that one of the pastors will be praying specifically for you and/or your family that week. The letter is also an invitation to meet with the pastor to spend time talking and praying together. Ideally, these meetings could take place in the comfort of your home, but they can be scheduled for church or another location.

Pastors pray for God's people. This is our great privilege and responsibility. We look forward to meeting with you and praying for you!

—Pastors Beck and Edwards

### 7th & 8th graders — take note!

Confirmation begins Sunday, August 17, 6-8 pm

- ⇒ Confirmation class for all students and parents in grades 7 and 8 will begin with an orientation session on Sunday, August 17, from 6-8 pm.
- ⇒ The evening begins with a family potluck supper. Please bring a main dish and side dish or dessert to share.
- ⇒ Parents will remain with their child during the entire evening.
- ⇒ If you have questions, please call Pastor at 332-1668.



### Save the Date – Lutheran Early Response Team training will be held here at Faith on Saturday, September 13

In order to better manage volunteers and resources, FEMA has finalized a guideline on credentialing volunteers for large-scale disasters. The federal guidelines indicate that volunteers responding to a disaster should be trained and certified. Lutheran Church Charities is providing training for Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) throughout our district. Should a disaster strike, these teams would be put on call and may be asked to deploy in 72 hours or less to the disaster site.

This training will prepare team members for credentialing and will focus on the safety, work, and ministry of Lutherans as Early Responders.

**L.E.R.T.**

Lutheran Early Response Team



## Sunday morning adult Bible classes—Fall

There will be two Sunday morning adult Bible study offerings beginning August 10. Pastor Beck will be leading a study in classrooms A & B. The topic of his study is still to be determined. Robert and Liesl Cruz will be leading a study titled "Worshipping as the Family of God".

### Adult Sunday School Class



This class will meet in classroom C. It will focus on how our hymnal and liturgy can bind us together as the Church (God's family). It will also explore how all ages, children and adults, can participate with their heart and mind in what happens on Sunday morning. More details can be found in this month's "Cantor's Corner."

—Adult Education Ministry Team



### Jesus Company Pool Party

August 9, 2 pm

Jesus Company is a Christian Club for kids in grades 3-6. It meets on Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m. from August 10 until Thanksgiving and again from New Year's until spring break. A specific calendar will be provided for each family.

About 25 children are expected for this year; more children are always welcome. Contact Carol or Dave Ebeling (339-6503 or [cdebeling@gmail.com](mailto:cdebeling@gmail.com)) for more details, to ask questions, or to register a child.

The first activity will be the annual pool party on Saturday, August 9, at the home of the Ebelings, 1724 E. Windsor Drive. Children are to bring their own towel and goggles (if desired). The party starts at 2 pm; ends at 4 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Parents are asked to register their children that afternoon by completing or updating the annual registration/parent consent form. They are welcome to stay for the two hours, but are not required to do so if the parent consent is complete.

The Sunday evening Jesus Company meetings start on Sunday, August 10. Watch the Sunday announcements and your e-mail for two items for each week's meeting: [1] the mystery prop and [2] the Bible quiz question.

—Jesus Company Staff

## Music Ensembles at Faith Lutheran Church: come out and try Wednesday evenings at Faith

(Beginning August 6)

6:00 to 6:45 pm – Preparatory Choir (grades K-2)  
6:45 to 7:00 pm – Preparatory Choir and parents  
6:00 to 6:50 pm – Junior Choir (grades 3-8)  
6:50 to 7:15 pm – Junior and Senior Choir combined  
7:15 to 8:30 pm – Senior Choir (high school and adult)  
All choirs rehearse in the upstairs classrooms.



Interested but not fully convinced?

Come to the **Choir Kick-off on August 6!**

- Junior and Preparatory Choir at 6:00 pm
- Pizza and fellowship at 6:30 pm

**Senior Choir begins September 3!**

—Please contact Cantor Robert Cruz either by phone (765-744-6988) or by email ([Robert.T.Cruz@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.T.Cruz@gmail.com)) if you have any questions

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### Ensembles defined



Open to anyone in **high school and older**, the Senior Choir sings weekly for the Divine Service. While the ability to read music is not required, the choir does cover a significant amount of music very quickly so a willingness to “go with the flow” is very helpful. In addition to preparing the music for weekly services, the choir also spends a portion of every rehearsal hearing God’s Word and praying for the needs of choir members.

For children in **grades 3 through 8**, this choir combines the Kodaly Concept with the Royal School of Church Music’s *Voice for Life* program to continue the musical development begun in Preparatory Choir. Choir members also grow spiritually through developing an understanding of the texts they are singing and being instructed in the meaning of the Church’s Liturgy. The Junior Choir sings at least once a month in the Divine Service, either by itself or with the Senior Choir.



For children in **grades K through 2**, this choir uses the Kodaly Concept to develop basic musicianship. The primary musical materials are the hymns and Liturgy of the Church, which are used not just to develop musicianship but also to teach the children the basics of the Christian faith. During the last fifteen minutes of every rehearsal, the parents of the children have the opportunity to join with their children in singing together so that entire families may be equipped to incorporate the hymns of the Church into family devotions during the week. The Preparatory Choir periodically sings in the Divine Service.

Playing in the Divine Service for the major Feasts and Festivals of the Church Year, the brass ensemble is open to anyone with more than two years of playing experience. Rehearsals are held on Sunday evenings on an “as needed” basis. If you are interested on being included on the roster, please contact Robert Cruz.



A new group still in formation, the adult handbells ring periodically in the Divine Service, usually accompanying the choirs or the Liturgy. Rehearsals are held on Sunday evenings on an “as needed” basis. Depending on interest and availability, this group could expand to explore more music for handbells alone. Please contact Robert Cruz if you are interested in being added to the roster.

## A Message from University Lutheran Church The Blessings of a Campus Ministry

While preparing to move to Bloomington for my graduate coursework, I learned through alumni friends about the LCMS campus ministry at IU. Having attended (and been confirmed in) an LCMS church during my undergraduate career at Hillsdale College, I was looking forward to attending a church specifically serving college students. It was encouraging on my first Sunday in Bloomington to find so many students hearing God's Word preached, confessing their common faith, and receiving the Sacrament.

Indeed, ULu eased the transition to a new town and new school. All of the weekly events – the graduate student/young adult reading group, the Sunday evening Bible study, the “pizza talks” – permit the development of a close community among IU Lutherans that I found welcoming and inviting.

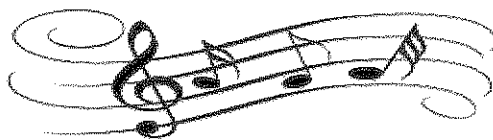
The thoughtful conversations – both theological and otherwise – with friends from ULu have been, moreover, a wonderful respite from the daily stresses of work and class, where social conversations tend to revolve around the latest pop culture development and not on questions of a more eternal nature. As a campus ministry, ULu also offers opportunities for leadership within the congregation and sharing the good news of Christ with those outside the church.

I am also thankful for the strong relationship that ULu has with Faith Lutheran Church. This is an important network for meeting faithful Lutherans who live and work in the Bloomington community. I also appreciate the support members of Faith have shown to ULu, especially the volunteers who have made time to visit us.

I look forward to continuing to cultivate relationships at both ULu and Faith and to grow in the ever enduring Word of the Lord during the rest of my time in Bloomington.

VD+MA

—Alex Meregaglia, ULu Elder



## The Cantor's Corner

It may still be summer outside but the coming of August means the beginning of another school year...and the start of another exciting round of musical activities here at Faith Lutheran Church! Sprinkled throughout this month's newsletter you'll find more information about the various ensembles that help to adorn the worship services here but there are couple things I would like to highlight. First, if you have ever had even the slightest desire to join the choir, even if you mistook that desire for heartburn, I strongly encourage you to give one of the choirs a try. There are opportunities for all ages from Kindergarten through adult. All you need to do is show up at a rehearsal. Even if you can only commit for a portion of the year, you are welcome to come on out.

Second, I would like to highlight a class I will be co-teaching with my wife Liesl this fall entitled “Worshipping as the Family of God.” The goal of this class is to show how what we do on Sunday morning can foster a deeper sense of community in our congregation. Part of the class will be “theological”: digging into the Scriptures to see what they say about worship and our life together as a congregation. But much of the class will be “practical”: exploring concrete ways that all ages can engage with what is happening on Sunday morning. I am very excited for this class and hope to see many of you there!

—Robert Cruz

## Guys' Night / 7th Annual Camping with Christ

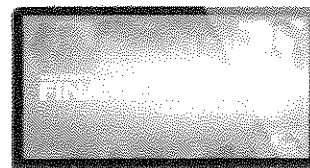
Friday, September 5, through Saturday, September 6

*“For where two or three come together in my name,  
there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20)*

The Fellowship Team would like to invite all men and boys of Faith and the Bloomington area to a night of camping at the Grimes' family property (1645 Ridgeway Drive, Ellettsville, IN). **COME FOR AN HOUR OR STAY ALL NIGHT!**

Events will include a cookout for dinner, basketball, corn hole, horseshoes, and a bonfire with s'mores. Ask your friends, coworkers, and family members to join us so they too can experience the joy of Christ's love through fun fellowship and learn more about Him through devotions and casual discussions.

We will begin the festivities on a **Friday, September 5 at 5 pm** and will end in the afternoon on **Saturday, September 6**. Please plan on bringing your tent and sleeping bags plus a snack or dessert to share. Burgers, hot dogs, beverages, and s'mores fixings will be provided. Contact Tony Grimes at 876-0499 if you are interested in participating, need directions or have any questions. We can't wait to see you there!



## Financial Peace University at Faith this Fall

Have you listened to Dave Ramsey on local radio describe his nine-week class, *Financial Peace University*? Students [1] view entertaining video presentations as he offers specific strategies for becoming debt-free, [2] participate in guided discussion, and [3] apply principles to personal finances.

**Financial Peace University will be offered at Faith on Thursdays from September 4 to October 30. Class time is from 6:05-7:45 pm. It is open to the entire Bloomington community. Register by August 28. The fee is \$109 per family.**

Free child care will be provided by the staff of Faith's Preschool and Christian Child Care. An FPU Fund has been opened to receive donations to pay for the child care and to assist families that find the registration fee prohibitive. Contact Dave Ebeling, the class facilitator, at [dave.ebeling@in.lcms.org](mailto:dave.ebeling@in.lcms.org) or 812-322-6503 with inquiries or to register.



## Ebelings retire from teaching after 45 years



Since their arrival in Bloomington in June of 1969, Dave and Carol Ebeling have taught Sunday School here at Faith for all but a few years.

1969-'73: Shortly after moving in just 2 blocks away from members Ernie and Charlotte Reese, Ernie learned that both Dave and Carol were Synodically-trained Lutheran teachers. He asked each of them to teach a Sunday School class. That was the beginning of 45 years of faithful service to the children and youth of Faith Lutheran Church.

1973-'90: There was no youth program. Vicky (Hillenberg) Riggs and Nancy Olcott asked Pastor Skibbe why other churches had one but Faith didn't. He asked for Dave and Carol's help. They started a group with Vicky, Nancy, and a few other teens. The youth did the Living Nativity that very first year and that was the impetus for growth. Sunday morning Bible class and group activities commenced. During some of those years, while one of them continued with the youth Bible class on Sunday mornings, the other taught assorted other classes. In various years Carol also taught part of Pastor Skibbe's confirmation (or pre-confirmation) class.

Early-mid '90s: Carol and Dave continued to teach a variety of shorter term classes including Junior High.

1997-2013: In the spring of 1997, Dave and Carol took over the Parents & Twos class. It was the beginning of 16 years of teaching and nurturing some of Jesus' littlest lambs and their families.

VBS/Spirit Camp: They began teaching Vacation Bible School during their first year at Faith. Carol continued until 1986. She returned sometime after her years as the Director of Hospice of Bloomington came to an end in 1996. Dave taught for several years until his "day job" as Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education with the Monroe County Community School Corporation limited his ability to take time off during the day.

Jesus Company, 2000-present: With the help of teachers Shely Horn and Glenda Morris and other volunteers, Dave and Carol launched Jesus Company in 2000. God-willing, they will teach this coming year and then serve as resource personnel.

In retirement, after 45 years of faithful service as teachers helping children, youth, and families of our congregation grow in God's Word, you will now find Dave and Carol enjoying adult Bible study classes on Sunday mornings. For the faith they have shared in God's name, for the love, wisdom, and resources they have shared, and for the immeasurable amounts of time and energy they have spent glorifying Him in this capacity, let us pray, praise, and give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ!

—Jean Scott, Sunday School Superintendent

## History of Faith display boards are brought up-to-date

*Do you remember the celebration of Faith's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 26-27, 2013?*

*Can you name several events included in "Enjoy the Year"?*

Several display boards have been added to the permanent display found in the corner of the Grand Hall. Turn the pages and enjoy the new boards depicting recent events in the history of Faith. Check out the pictures; can you find yourself? Read carefully the written explanations of our parameters and banners which complement our worship throughout the entire Church Year. Peruse the various anniversary pages and see how God has blessed this congregation. Check the updates of Pastors, their families, Confirmation classes, first calls of all our past vicars.

The display boards are packed full of information about Faith Lutheran Church from its beginning in 1963 through its first 50 years and now the start of years to come. Take a few minutes from time to time to check out the different topics and marvel at God's blessings.

*Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. (Ps. 115:1)*

## Ladies' Night Out

Friday, August 8, 6:30 pm



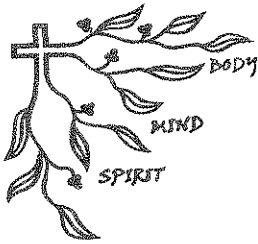
Ladies' Night Out is a monthly gathering of the ladies of Faith Lutheran Church to enjoy a few hours of Christian fellowship with each other. It is a great opportunity to invite friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. **We will be meeting at DeAngelo's at 6:30 pm on Friday, August 8.** DeAngelo's is located in Eastland Plaza at 2620 E. Third St. If you plan on attending, please contact Emilia Brunner at 824-5170/pebrunner@bluemarble.net or sign up on the bulletin board across from the library no later than Thursday, August 7 so she can get an accurate count for the reservation.

## Sunday School mission offerings for the Orphan Grain Train



Orphan Grain Train (OGT) is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, Christian literature, and other aid to people in 61 different countries including the USA. It is a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. It operates in cooperation with Lutheran Hour Ministries, LCMS World Mission, LCMS World Relief, and other Christian ministries. As bulletin announcements have reported, the project is in great need of both money and supplies. Sunday School offerings collected on the last Sunday of each month and during quarterly Common Openings (May and August) are being donated to the OGT.

—Jean Scott,  
Sunday School Superintendent



### A Healthy Faith

If you ask, most people will say that they prefer *quality* of life over *quantity*. But, as the largest segment of our population (the Baby Boomers) ages, our average lifespan also increases. The last data available (from 2010) shows that the average life expectancy for men is 76.2 years, and women is

81.1 years. Compare that to just 40 years earlier: in 1970, it was 67.1 years for men and 74.7 years for women. Many people are also living beyond 100 years old. In the book "Living to 100", author Thomas Perls, MD, found that many of the centenarians in his research shared the same attributes. They:

- Have positive outlooks
- Don't overeat
- Live for the day
- Have a good sense of humor
- Don't dwell on issues
- Are adaptable and independent
- Have meaningful relationships with family and friends
- Have a spiritual life
- Handle emotional stress well
- Stay active, both physically and mentally

—Health and Human Care Ministry Team



### Mark Sunday, September 21, for fun and food

September 21 is the Sunday set aside for our annual Church Picnic here at Church—be sure to put it on your calendars now! Watch for more details in the September newsletter.

—Emilia Brunner

### Camp Lakeview Dinner Auction Donations Needed

It is getting to be that time of year again! We will be collecting donations to give to Camp Lakeview to use for their dinner auction that will be held on Saturday, November 22, in Columbus, IN. Keep an eye out for the donation table in September so that our collection of items can be delivered in October. Any **crafts, artwork, woodwork, antiques, collectibles, gift certificates for goods or services, or any unused items** you just have lying around the house are all acceptable donations for this vital fundraiser. Thank you to those of you who have contributed in the past. We hope you will prayerfully consider how you can contribute to the success of this event! Please contact Paul or Emilia Brunner if you have any questions.



## University Lutheran Church

The Campus Ministry of the Lutheran Church—  
Missouri Synod at Indiana University

### Campus Ministry Welcome Picnic and Open House

Pastor Woelmer, our Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry, celebrates 20 years in campus ministry at University Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 24, with the opening service of the Indiana University 2014-15 school year. **All are welcome to the ULu Divine Service at 10:30 am, immediately followed by the Welcome Picnic & Open House on the front lawn until 1 pm.** We'll have great food, a great crowd, corn hole, tours, and prizes! University Lutheran Church is at the corner of 7th & Fess, across the street from Dunn Meadow on the IU campus.

### Retirement thank you from Joan Bertermann

Little Johnny Appleseed made up a song that was sung at meal time. "The Lord's been good to me and so I thank the Lord, for giving me the things I need..." I will apply it to a thank you note to the congregation.



The Lord provided for me to serve in His ministry work the following...

- Opportunity to do the Lord's work and to plant seed of faith in hundreds of children
- Facility to carry out the Lord's work through the Early Childhood Ministry
- Prayer support for families and staff in need of prayer and for their general welfare
- Financial support providing gift money to the program and for scholarships
- Savers and recyclers for providing art supplies for small motor and creative development
- The interest of many congregational members in the Early Childhood Ministry. Without that bond, and collaboration in the ministry work, the word of Jesus could not have traveled to countries, states and counties.
- The list could go on to include many attributes of the congregation.

In closing, the past twenty years have given me the opportunity to use the talents to serve the Lord in a way that is pleasing to Him. Thanks to Faith Congregation for the Retirement party, plaque, balloons, cupcakes, and beautiful class quilt plus all the work that went into the event. Thanks for all the cards, best wishes and most of all, the very kind and shared thoughts. Thanks for the memories.

—A retired servant of the Lord, Joan Bertermann

### OA Meeting at Faith

Overeaters Anonymous meets in classroom C, upstairs, **Thursdays at 8 am.** Newcomers are welcome.



From the Director ...

Greetings from the Director of Faith Lutheran Church and Child Care,

It has been a very busy summer. Summer camp has been a huge success. We have had to change many of our outdoor activities to enjoy the unusually cool weather. We went on several walks in the woods, played in water buckets full of water and water toys and simply played with the garden hose. Sidewalk chalk and bubbles were another favorite outdoor activity. The summer was a good chance for some of the younger children moving up to the preschool level to spend some time in that environment before school starts. They got to explore the classroom and get to know their new teachers before school starts in August. On the same note, the teachers were able to experience other classrooms and get to know more children and parents than the school year allows.

While the summer program is wrapped up on July 18, the school year is just around the corner. We were sad to see some employees move on to other activities in their lives, but we are happy to welcome new faces. We are also rearranging the education wing to allow for some new spaces. Please come down while the school year is under way and see how things are working out. We will be welcoming around 80 children into our building the week of August 4. It is fast approaching and a lot of work is ahead of us. Many of you have already donated time, supplies and support this summer—Thank you! Several of the staff have recently completed CPR and First Aid training. Thank you very much to Janet Hitzeman for making that happen. We had our first staff meeting and work day on Friday, August 1. **We will have our Open House this year on Monday, August 25, & Tuesday, August 26, both at 5:30 pm.** That is what the elementary schools have started doing and we will follow suit. Our Fall Family Picnic will be at Olcott Park on Saturday, September 13 (congregation is invited).

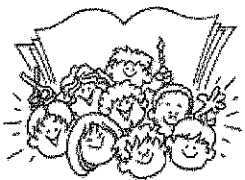
God's Peace and Blessings  
—Rachel Stults, Director

Our August Birthdays:

- Lucy Xia
- Bella Pritchett
- Lilah Erwin
- Grace Curry
- Jessica Stinson
- Sarah Pedraza

Faith's Early Childhood Ministries (preschool and the infant/toddler programs) are accredited with the National Lutheran Schools since 2004 and are a Registered Ministry with the State of Indiana since 2007. Accreditation and Registered Ministry status continues.

\*\*\*Campbell Products Labels for Education are still being collected. Thanks for collecting! Labels can be deposited in the special box in the narthex and on the table by the Education Wing doors.



Our children do listen!

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16-17)*

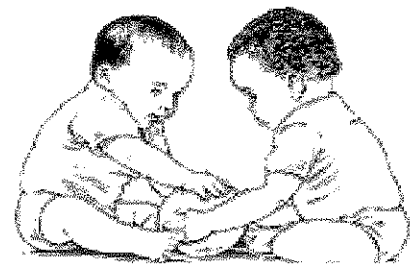
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Some Sundays if we are the Sunday School teacher of the little ones, we sometimes wonder amid the chaos of class if our small ones are learning anything. Knowing this, I would like to share a true story with you. Sally (name changed) keeps her two toddler granddaughters, Amy and Sue (names changed) during the week. Both little ones are faithfully taken to church on Sunday and attend a Christian preschool. Like our own children at Faith, they had the story of Naaman being healed of leprosy.

One morning as both girls awakened, Amy came running down the hall screaming to her grandmother, "Sue has leprosy—Sue has leprosy." Grandmother soon discovered Sue had a rash which she later learned was caused by a medication she was taking. Amy shared her "leprosy" story with her preschool classmates. Amy had not mentioned this story before BUT she had stored that story away and applied it to a real life situation. That was the only point of reference she had for Sue's rash.

What a great example that children learn what they live. They are all like little sponges soaking up what they see, hear and experience. Our children are such precious gifts from God and He expects us to take to heart Luke 18:16-17.

—Marilyn Zimmerman, Children's Ministry Team




Faith & Friends Play Group

The Faith and Friends Play Group will be meeting at Liesl Cruz's home for the month of August except when we meet at the Ebelings' pool on Aug. 19. If you'd like to join us on Tuesday mornings from 9:30–11:30 am, we would love to see you there! Liesl's address is 1558 W. Leighton Lane, 47403. The Ebelings' address is 1724 Windsor Drive, 47401. If you are interested in hosting playgroup in the future, please contact Emilia at 824-5170 or pebrunner@bluemarble.net.



# August 2014

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3 8th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Worship 8 am (Communion) Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am Worship 5 pm	<b>4</b> Preschool & CCC begins Meal Share 5:30 pm Stewardship 6:30 pm Basketball 8:30 pm	<b>5</b> Play Group at Liesl Cruces 9:30 am PPC, Spiritual Care & Worship, School Board & Stewardship 6:30 pm Softball 7:20 TL-4	<b>6</b> Kick off for Youth Choirs 6 pm	<b>7</b> *OA Meeting 8 am Staff Meeting 1 pm	<b>1</b> Ladies' Night Out at DeAngelo's 6:30 pm	<b>2</b> Jesus Company Pool Party at Ebelings' 2 pm <b>9</b>
<b>10 Christian Education Sunday</b> Worship 8 am Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 am New Studies—Common Opening Worship 10:30 am (Communion) Beck Baby Shower 1 pm Worship 5 pm (Communion) Jesus Company & FLY Group 6 pm	<b>11</b> Basketball 8:30 pm	<b>12</b> Play Group at Liesl Cruces 9:30 am LWR Quilting 2 pm Softball 7:20 TL-4	<b>13</b> Children's Ministry 5:30 pm FAPC & FAJC 6 pm	<b>14</b> *OA Meeting 8 am	<b>15</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>16</b>
<b>17 10th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Worship 8 am (Communion)—New Members Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am—New Members Worship 5 pm Jesus Company 6 pm Confirmation Parent & Student potluck & meeting 6 pm FLY Group 6 pm	<b>18</b> Basketball 8:30 pm	<b>19</b> Play Group at Ebelings' Pool 9:30 am Softball 9:30 TL-2	<b>20</b> FAPC & FAJC 6 pm	<b>21</b> *OA Meeting 8 am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Preschool / CCC Picnic at Church 11 am-1 pm
<b>24 Festival of St. Bartholomew</b> Worship 8 am Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am (Communion) Ulu Welcome Back 11:30 am Worship 5 pm (Communion) Jesus Company 6 pm Confirmation & FLY Group 6 pm	<b>25</b> Preschool Open House 5:30 pm Basketball 8:30 pm IU begins	<b>26</b> Play Group at Liesl Cruces 9:30 am LWR Quilting 2 pm Preschool Open House 5:30 pm Men of Faith 7 pm	<b>27</b> FAPC & FAJC 6 pm	<b>28</b> *OA Meeting 8 am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 12th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Worship 8 am (Communion) Blood Pressure Checks 8:45 am Sunday School 9:15 am Adult Bible Classes Mission Moment Presentation 9:15 am Worship 10:30 am (Communion) Worship 5 pm (Communion) Jesus Company, Confirmation & FLY Group 6 pm	Rev. Eric Edwards Rev. Christopher Beck Rev. Liwei Sui 332-1668 (office)	Rev. Richard Woelmer at University Lutheran 336-5387 (office) Mrs. Rachel Stults Director, Preschool & Child Care 334-2209 (office)		Scripture Readings for August 2014 August 3 — Is. 55:1-5; Rom. 9:1-5 (6-13); Matt 14:13-21 August 10 — Job 38:4-18; Rom. 10:5-17; Matt. 14:22-33 August 17 — Is. 56:1, 6-8; Rom. 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32; Matt. 15:21-28 August 24 — Prov. 3:1-8; 2 Cor. 4:7-10; John 1:43-51 August 31 — Jer. 15:15-21; Rom. 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28	*indicates a Community Group	

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***Activities coming up!***

**Basketball continues on Mondays**

**Youth Choirs kick off Wednesday, August 6, 6 pm**

**Jesus Company Pool Party, Saturday, August 9, 2 pm,**  
**regular meetings begin Sunday, August 10, 6 pm**

**Beck Baby Shower, Sunday, August 10, 1 pm**

**New Adult Bible Studies-Common Opening, Sunday, August 10**

**New Members received, August 17, 8 am & 10:30 am**