



Acts of Faith

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"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones." Proverbs 3:5-8 ESV

Life often brings uncertainty, unanswered prayers, difficult decisions, and circumstances beyond our control. During those moments, we may wonder if God is truly working behind the scenes.

A four year old spilled his milk on the floor and wanted to clean up the mess himself. So his mother told him that the mop was just outside the back door. Quickly, he ran to the door, but realized that it had become dark outside. Suddenly scared, he told his mother what the problem was. Assuring him, she told him that Jesus is everywhere, even in dark places, and that He'll always protect him. This put a smile on his face! So, he opened the door just enough to poke his head outside and called out "Jesus, if you're out there, could you pass me the mop?"



We have a Father in heaven. He cares for us. He knows how to give us all good things. This knowledge frees us from worry and anxiety. Jesus returned to this theme again and again, and we should take Him at His Word. Our Father will care for us, so we can be secure in generosity and faithful living. Our anxieties and fears all come down to one thing: worrying that we will not have what we think we need. God is our loving, heavenly Father. He will always care for us, His will is always best, and He actually knows what we really need. That confidence should set us free from worry and make us free for service according to the callings God has given us.

The kingdom of God is always upside down and backwards to our own worldly understanding. Christ revealed, we must die in order to live. We must be humbled so we can be exalted. It's like this with giving as well. When we give away, then we receive much more than we bargained for: peace of mind, contentment, and joy.

However, trusting in God does not mean as servants in the Church we will make all of the right decisions. We are feeble sinners who fail in our callings each day. Trusting in the Lord does not mean that we will get things right all the time. Rather, it means that we are forgiven, covered over by the precious blood of Jesus. We do not rely strictly upon our own ideas, but pray that God guide and direct us in all our works. When we fail, we ask that He would have mercy upon us.

Our Lord gave Himself for us and we must trust Him and His every Word. Once we have this faith, we naturally want to say thank you. Thus, our stewardship is a natural part of the Christian faith. We thank the Lord with our gifts which enable the church to reach more people with the Good News of Christ.

Prayer: Almighty and ever living God, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. Let Your fatherly hand ever guide us and Your Holy Spirit ever be with us to direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Worship Schedule
9:00 am, Sunday Worship Service

September's Calendar

- | Sept. 4-7 Kewanee Hog Days Festival
- | **Sept. 06 14th Sunday after Trinity
with Holy communion**
- | Sept. 07 Labor Day Observance
- | Sept. 10 R.I. LWML Zone Fall Rally
- | **Sept. 13 15th Sunday after Trinity
with Holy communion**
- | Sept. 15 Lifelight Bible Study 2:00PM
- | Sept. 17 WOF Mtg. 10:00 AM at church
- | **Sept. 20 16th Sunday after Trinity
with Holy communion**
- | Sept. 22 Lifelight Bible Study 2:00PM
- | Sept. 24 Elders Mtg. 6:30 PM
Church Council 7:00 PM
- | **Sept. 27 17th Sunday after Trinity
with Holy communion**
- | Sept. 29 Lifelight Bible Study 2:00PM



Sept. 06	Mary Hahn	(Green)
Sept. 13	Carol Cook	(Green)
Sept. 20	Leah Weber	(Green)
Sept. 27	Kari Tavares	(Green)

Elders List:

Gary Hahn	309-854-2203
Kevin Hull:	309-852-0801
Ron Larson:	309-853-5111
Ted Sturtevant:	309-853-8203

USHER'S LIST

- 1st Sunday: Ted Sturtevant
- 2nd Sunday: Nick Phillips
- 3rd Sunday: Gary Hahn
- 4th Sunday: Bill Croegaert
- 5th Sunday: Jim Cook

Those For Whom We Pray: Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

Our Faith family: Allison Leezer, Cari Bridgewater, Nancy Tudder, JoAnne Behnke, Peggy Faber, Nancy Gillespie, Bonnie Nuding, Randy Stockner, and Carol Cook.

Friends: Pat Hewitt, Jim Tudder, Steve Faber, Jacob Nimrick, and all military personnel and all first responders.

Inactive Members: Pray the Holy Spirit bring them to the understanding of their need to be in regular worship in church on Sunday, and that we as their brothers and sisters in Christ would reach out to them.

CID: Our campus, prison, deaf, and Hispanic missions in the District need your prayers and support.



Prayer Requests: Have someone or something that you would like Pastor to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request form available on Narthex kiosk and hand it to Pastor.

Reminder...when admitted to a hospital, be sure to say you are a member of Faith Lutheran or have a family member or friend call the office or Pastor Weber. Otherwise, we may not be aware of your hospitalization. Thank you.



Faith is still collecting used aluminum cans and miscellaneous metal to recycle. If you have a bag of cans leave them in the lower level near the back doors. Every little bit helps support spreading the Word of God in our community. Bill sold \$25.85 worth in August.



Baptism Dates

Bradley Cook	9/14
William Croegaert	9/14
Laura Heinrich	9/07
Stella Nimrick	9/18
Layne Stapel	9/20
Bradley Talbot	9/18
Kaitlyn Tudder	9/01
Mark Tudder	9/08
Ryan Tudder	9/01
Andrew Yarger	9/20



Birthdays

Joshua Carpenter	9/01
Ronald Larson	9/06
Bradley Cook	9/14
LaJean Breedlove	9/17
Donna Becker	9/18
Olive Nimrick	9/20
Christian Clapper	9/21
Mary Duncan	9/22
June Leezer	9/22
Justin Carper	9/24
Addyson Hicks	9/26
Theo Tavares	9/26
Jeri Bye	9/27

Wedding Anniversaries

Judy & Donald Bridgewater	9/13
Marilyn & Ted Sturtevant	9/18

Women of Faith: The Women of Faith will meet on September 17th at 10:00 AM. Carol Cook will be the hostess. Please bring a can of non-cream soup for Hobo Stew lunch. Mary will lead the Bible study "Faith Over Fear." All ladies of Faith and St. Paul's are welcome to join them.

This month Mites focuses on 2025-27 LWML Mission Grant #15— \$125,000 Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the USA. This project will equip LCMS entities serving immigrant and refugee populations with Arch Books, free of charge, in the heart language of the children and their families. It is estimated that up to 125,000 children and their families will be reached by the translated books. Five Bible stories will be translated and made available in Spanish, Chinese, Telugu, Arabic, and Farsi. Each book takes a portion of Scripture and sets its story in rhyme, capturing the imagination of children and bringing the stories of God's Word to life. Thank you for your support and prayers.

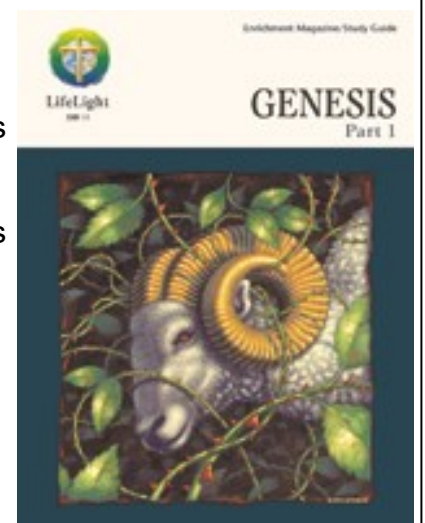


The 2026 Rock Island Zone LWML Fall Rally will be held at Zion-Taylor Ridge on Thursday, September 10th. The theme is "Great is the Lord." Registration is \$15/person and includes lunch. Gifts from the Heart In-Gathering are items for the local food pantry and Rockridge High School student closet.

LifeLight Bible Study will resume on Tuesdays, starting September 15th at 2:00 PM. (Note day and time of change this study)

This study will be on the Book of Genesis Part 1. Genesis Part 1 covers the first 25 chapters of Genesis. This nine-session Bible study includes: The Beginning of Life and Light thru Isaac. As you progress through this 9-session study, you will deepen your understanding God's plan of salvation through Jesus.

This study is part of the LifeLight Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.



The WOF meeting last month had a program present by Abby Reside, the Executive Director of the Helping Every Life Progress (HELP) Center in Kewanee. Abby is a student at BHE and is pursuing a career in nursing. The Center provides resources for new and expectant mothers, parenting classes and support. They currently are serving 42 clients from the area. Financial support comes strictly from donations and no government monies are used. Shown to the right is Abby and our congregation's donations gathered last month. They gladly accept donations of new diapers, wipes, bottles, pacifiers, formula, and other baby supplies. They also need new or slightly used clothes up to 4T, shoes, maternity clothes, strollers, bathtubs, diaper bags, and infant furnishings. Their facility is located at 325 W. 4th Street in Kewanee by appointment. Call (309) 909-7936 to schedule an appointment or to learn more about the HELP Center. Thank you to everyone who donated through Faith and the Women of Faith.



Council Update: The August treasurer's report shows that the general fund has \$43,135.43, the Memorial/Dedicated Fund has \$9200.63 for a total of \$52,336.06. The church extension fund balance is \$82,545.68. Memorial monies received last month were \$200 for Lisa Griffin, \$100 for Glen Godke, and \$735 for Betty Godke. CID-CEF has lowered our interest rate and minimum payment, but Council agreed to continue with the current payment of \$1900.

Council approved the annual Oktoberfest fund raising dinner for October 15th with serving in the fellowship hall and carry-out service from the rear lower level drive. More information and ticket sales will be forthcoming in September. Additional bratwurst and potato salad will be prepared to avoid a shortage experienced last year. Distribution of funds will be determined later.

Pastor, Sue, and Kari reported on the R.I. Circuit workshop "God's Mission Here." held in August. They found it interesting, but felt we had a good understanding of our situation here at Faith. There is a desire to get the R.I. Circuit churches more involved working together.

Pastor Weber is planning on attending a conference at Fort Wayne Seminary on September 29 thru October 1st. He has a CID Pastors conference from October 5-7th in Pekin, IL. LWML Sunday will be observed on October 4th, and a LWML prayer service will be held on October 11th. There are three congregations in the Circuit with pastor vacancies, and some 30 vacancies in the CID.

Q: Why does the Lutheran church have three creeds and when are they used in worship?

A: The Christian Church has long confessed its faith using three historic creeds: the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds. Each serves a distinct purpose in teaching and proclaiming the truth of God's Word.

The Apostles' Creed is the oldest and simplest of the three. It developed from early baptismal confessions and clearly summarizes the basics of the Christian faith: the work of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Because of its clarity and brevity, it is most often used in Baptism, daily devotions, and regular worship services.

The Nicene Creed was written in the fourth century to defend the full divinity of Jesus Christ against false teaching. It provides a more detailed confession of who Christ is and what He has done for our salvation. For this reason, it is commonly confessed during the Divine Service, especially when the Lord's Supper is celebrated.

The Athanasian Creed is the longest and most detailed. It focuses especially on the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and the two natures of Christ (true God and true man). Because of its length and depth, it is used less frequently, typically on Trinity Sunday. While each creed has its own emphasis, all three faithfully confess the same biblical truth and unite Christians in the one, true faith handed down from the apostles.

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" (Matthew 6:25)