



Faith Lutheran Church
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 19

Worship 8:00 and 10:00 am
 Coffee Fellowship/Sunday School 9:05 am

Tuesday, September 21

Wise Guys 9:00 am
 Quilting ministry 9:00 am
 Pantry of Faith Distribution Day 12:00-3:00 pm

Wednesday, September 22

WOW (Women on Wednesday) 9:30 am
 Confirmation Gr. 5-8 6:00 pm
 Confirmation Gr. 9 7:30 pm

Thursday, September 23

Pantry of Faith Distribution Day 4:00-7:00 pm
 Faith in Action Board meeting 5:15 pm

Friday, September 24

AA 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 26

Worship with communion 8:00 and 10:00 am
Special Congregational meeting 8:50 am
 Coffee Fellowship after meeting
 Sunday School 9:05 am

Tuesday, September 28

Quilting ministry 9:00 am
 Church Council 6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 29

WOW (Women on Wednesday) 9:30 am
 Confirmation Gr. 5-8 6:00 pm
 Confirmation Gr. 9 7:30 pm
 Personnel Team 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 3

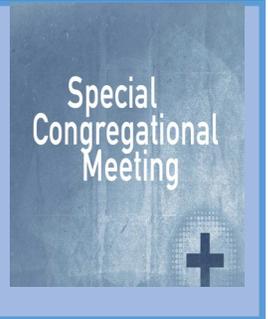
Worship 8:00 and 10:00 am
 Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
 Call Committee 9:00 am
 Sunday School 9:05 am

Mike Zaske, Interim Pastor
 Carol Johnson, Secretary
 Nadine Langworthy, Music Coordinator
 Mindy Schaefer, Financial Comptroller
 Ray Spaulding, Maintenance Supervisor

A special congregational meeting will be held on

Sunday, September 26 following the 8 am worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a new Call Committee youth representative to fill a vacancy.



Message from Bishop Hassanally

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors,
 as though God were making his appeal through us.*
 2 Corinthians 5:20

To the People of God in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod,

I had a colleague whose mother told him every time he left the house as a child, "Remember, you're a Josephson." She was, on his way out the door, reminding him of who he was and the reality that he represented more than just himself. He was a Josephson, and that meant something.

I have long understood that one of my primary roles as a pastor is to remind people of who they are on a regular basis. It is why I address my letters *To the People of God*. It is who you are, and how we understand who we are shapes how we live.

Martin Luther is commonly believed to have said, "When you wash your face, remember your baptism." For me, remembering my baptism is remembering my identity. I'm a child of God. That is who I am.

The apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians that, as God's people, we are "ambassadors of Christ." As the People of God, we are beloved children of God, and we also, like my colleague Pastor Josephson, represent more than just ourselves. Indeed, we represent what it means to be a child of God. We are, as Paul teaches us elsewhere, the body of Christ in the world today.

Dear church, this pandemic has lasted (and seemingly will continue to) longer than any of us would desire. I think it is fair at this point to say we are all plumb worn out. We are tired, and we are weary, and I think some of us might even be wondering how much longer we need to continue thinking so much about the health and welfare of others.

To this, I offer a pastoral word: remember who you are. You are the People of God. You are followers of the way and life of Jesus. You are ambassadors of Christ.

The sheer amount of decision making this pandemic requires is exhausting. The exhaustion and weariness are wearing on us, and it is showing up all over the place: in conversations about masks and vaccines and personal freedoms. And in areas that seem completely disconnected from the pandemic but are overflows of our weariness nonetheless.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Faith has an active prayer ministry. If you desire prayer, please contact the church office at (507) 374-2174 or stop into the church office. Names will be listed here for two weeks, after which time they will be removed unless we hear from you to keep prayers active.

Please pray for:

Grant Erler, Milt and Nancy Kuball, Ruth and Wayne McColley, Ruth Shadow Castillo Fuerte and Bishop Ata in Bogotá, Colombia, Bishop Regina Hassanally and the SEMN Synod.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 19-Oct. 2

19. Nathan Eipers, Aidree VanBeek
20. Cameron Ellingson, Dan Finne
22. Alex Holmseth, Brooklyn Nauman
23. Dulcey Denter, Barb Yanke
24. Parker Andrist, Gary Leppert
25. Phil Berg, Graham Christianson
26. Bryce Kleinwort
27. Thomas Tapp
28. Tessa Ogren
29. Monica Keesling

October

1. Corbin Giesler
2. Joan Henderson, Sydney Pluto

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 20-October 3

20. Scott and Beth Glarner
22. Cayla and Nelson Edling
25. Chad and Tricia Johnson
Eric and Tessa Ogren
26. Phil and Missy Pflaum
Tom and Andrea Tapp
27. Nick and Renae Axt
Scot and Val Langworthy
28. Larry and Denise Ellingson
29. Amy and Dave Myrom

October

3. Russ and Lynn Koehler
Jenna and Travis Shallbetter

BISHOP'S MESSAGE/INFORMATION

Dear church, even in your profound exhaustion, *remember who you are* and live and act from that place. First, stop and remember who you are. Meditate on it. Remember your baptism: the promises you received and the promises made. Remember what it means to be a follower of Jesus: someone who loves God and loves neighbor. Everything in our Christian life hangs on these two teachings. Our identity comes not from the animosity and anxiety that so freely swirl around us but from Jesus Christ.

So, having been re-rooted in your true identity, allow it to shape the way you live. Remember, you are ambassadors of Christ. Allow that understanding to inform how you interact and dialogue with others, how you receive decisions made by leaders, how you continue to live in community.

It has been a long pandemic road; the stress and anxiety around us only seem to increase. But those outside forces are not what shape how we live because they do not change who we are.

You are the People of God, followers of Jesus, ambassadors of Christ. To borrow the wisdom of Mrs. Josephson and Martin Luther: remember who you are, every chance you get.

In Christ,

Bishop Regina Hassanally

9th grade Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays @ 7:30 pm

Sept. 22, 29

Oct. 6, 13

Confirmation Service

Oct. 17, 2021 @ 1:00 pm

Confirmation classes

(Grades 5-8) begin Sept. 22 @ 6:00 pm



Worship Assistants

September 19

Ushers: Selthun family (8am) open (10am)

Reader: Diana Vang (8am) Litany Peterson 10am)

Coffee Fellowship: Carol Johnson

September 26

Ushers: Mike/Sue Anderson (8am) April Dean (10am)

Reader: Carol Johnson (8am) Shirley Traff (10am)

Coffee Fellowship: Shirley Chapin/ Stacy Wolf

Custodian Position available immediately:

This is a 10-15 hr/week position compensated at \$12.50/hr. Applications, available in the church office, must be completed and returned with a cover letter to the office by September 27, 2021.