From Our Pastor

“For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me.” ~ Luke 22:37

It’s mid-summer and there’s planning to do. We’re preparing at Faith for the food booth and pie social, for our National Night Out party, for fall events on the horizon. Folks are planning family trips while trying to stay on top of cutting the grass and weeding the garden. We’re always working on something to come, and nothing ever seems quite finished. For those of you who are feeling summer weary, here’s a little something from one of my favorite theologians (who happens to be a Swede) to carry you through (take special note of what I’ve underlined):

The centre of the New Testament is the news of Christ, and the centre of the news about Christ is the news of his death and resurrection. And this news is the resolution of the conflict that dominates all Israel’s history. The Old Testament Scriptures as a whole point forward to something that is to happen and has not yet happened. The New Testament Scriptures just as clearly look back on something that has happened and that has definitely put an end to all the waiting on something else. Christ rises up as Lord on the frontier between these two sets of writings. It is incorrect to reckon Christ as belonging only to the New Testament, and shut him out from the Old. It is equally incorrect to think of the Old Testament alone as Holy Scripture containing Christ, and the New Testament as a mere appendix about the fulfillment. In both cases Christ is locked up in a book and is not Lord. But Christ is Lord of the Scriptures, and they are his servants, the bearers of his life. By their very attitude—looking forward and backward—they put themselves below him and set him in the centre.

~ Gustav Wingren, The Living Word, pg. 50.

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Isanti Rodeo Days

The Annual Pie Social is just around the corner and once again we are calling all members to step forward and volunteer a bit of their time and talent. We will need pies - about 55 pies total! - to serve on both Thursday, July 5th and Saturday, July 7th. We also need willing workers for both days. Some help is needed to cut pies on Thursday morning, but most help will be needed from 4 – 10 pm on Thursday and again from 10 am – 3 pm on Saturday.

Men’s Food Booth - Calling all Grill Masters and those who want to help them! The Men’s Ministry group will have the grills fired up in their booth on the corner of 2nd & Main Street starting at 4 pm on Thursday evening, July 5th. Food will be sold until the parade is over. Youth will also be selling pop and water during the parade to raise funds for youth events.

Join in the fun and laughter and help make these events successful!
Remind Reminder! If you haven't already done so, please sign up for our text messaging group at www.remind.com/join/faithfams OR text @faithfams to 81010 from your cell phone and you'll be automatically signed up.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

The group returns from Houston on Monday, July 2!

Thanks for all your support, prayers, and encouragement!

The Faith youth participants will be sharing some of their experiences during an upcoming worship service. Watch for details!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School Awesome and fun! WE WOULD HAVE BEEN “SHIPWRECKED” without our wonderful volunteers!

We enjoyed great “kid-friendly” meals, games, learning, and music during our four days of VBS!

Beach Day at Fish Lake!
Sunday, July 29, 2018
Stark Road & Elmcrest Ave
Harris, MN
We have a pavilion reserved!
Enjoy an afternoon at the lake with your church family!

***Save the Date!***
Fall Fest will be Sunday, October 7!
Worship with Special Music at 9:30 am
Silent Auction, Swedish Meatball Dinner
It’s not too soon to start thinking about what you could contribute!
Mission of the Month for July: Military BibleStick

From militarybiblestick.com: Military BibleStick reaches service men and women, deployed in some of the most dangerous areas of the world, with God’s Word in audio. It can go with them and sustain them in even the most difficult circumstances. It contains the entire Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms chosen specifically for “warriors,” yet it’s only about the size of a pack of chewing gum. $25 provides a BibleStick to a service member and also the option to request a free Audio New Testament or Kids Bible for family back home. Military BibleSticks provide real hope for our heroes!

To support this organization, you can write MOM on your offering envelope or check.

Summer Giving Goal

This summer, we have set a goal of raising an additional $15,000 to ensure that we are fully funding all of our ministry areas as we head into the fall. In our first week (Sunday, June 24) we received $686 specifically given toward this goal!

Thank you!

We have a team from FLC participating in Stewardship for All Seasons training through Minneapolis Area Synod: Rick Bridston, Dan Johnson, Carol Kruse, Mandy Landt, Rae Ann Mosiman, Ashley Sjodin, and Pastor Cliff. Watch for updates throughout the coming year!

Council Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2018

Pastor’s Report: Baptism of three siblings in May—they were Pastor Cliff’s 101st, 102nd, and 103rd baptisms at Faith! Delivered the 7 Houston trip youth to their bus on June 26. 4 youth painted the rodeo bridge, and 3 helped with VBS in June. Finished Revelation Class and started Adult Confirmation/New Member class. Continue with visitations of homebound and premarital counseling for one couple. Stewardship for All Seasons has begun—met two weeks ago to begin planning for fall campaign. Will be traveling with Cat to China in August for adoption (not sure of dates yet), and then will be on six weeks of paternity leave. Will have several pastors available for backup, including nearby pastors who meet weekly for text study. Report approved.

Finance: In general, giving has been about $2500/month short of what is needed to meet expenses. 2017 audit was not completed; Erin will try to have it completed by the two volunteers who expressed willingness to help. An outside auditor and/or recruiting new volunteers were also suggested. Report approved.

Heavenly Sunshine Preschool Report: Erika assisted with preschool group at VBS, which had their playtime and class time in the HSP area downstairs.

CEF/Youth/Scholarship: Lively discussion regarding youth programming, including successes, struggles, and possibilities. VBS went well. The kitchen staff provided great meals each night, and the kids enjoyed the curriculum. Attendance was lower for various reasons, and the majority of kids were PreK-2nd grade, which seems to be a pattern throughout youth programming. Talked about ways to engage 3rd-6th graders. Discussed finding a resource to give to children and families to continue learning together at home, which could be incorporated into the youth programming and Children’s Sermons. Pastor Cliff and Gretchen will meet to discuss these topics and come up with possibilities.

Social Ministry: Planning for pie social on July 5 & 7. National Night out is August 7. Pastor Cliff will be talking with police and fire departments to ensure their involvement.

Property: Parsonage garage door opener replaced and key pad was added. Looking into have an outside company oversee and maintain fire alarms in the church. Trees have been trimmed but weeds need to be pulled. Need to be able to accommodate more walkers and wheelchairs in church, as more are being used.

Worship & Music: Planning 140th anniversary celebration for sometime in the fall. Fall Fest will also highlight anniversary. Pastor’s cordless microphone will be replaced (purchase was already approved.) Pastor would like to see LED screens for front & back of church—will investigate and bring pricing/options to council.

Old Business:
- Long-Range Planning: on hold during summer stewardship drive.

New Business:
- No Fellowship Breakfast or Knit & Crochet in July or August. Both will resume on September 8.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend!
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| ELCA Youth Gathering returns to Roseville Walmart 3-5 pm |      |      |      |      |      | Service 9:30 am  
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| Social Ministry and Property Committees 7 pm |      | Youth Ministry Team 6:00 pm  
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| Independence Day—office closed. |      | Bible Study 10 am |      |      | 12  |
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| Rodeo Days Parade!  
*Men’s Food Booth 4 pm to end of parade  
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| 22   |      |      |      |      |      | 4 (Aug)  
Worship & Music Committee 7 pm |

**Acolytes:** Alina Ellis & Morgan Massa  
**Communion Assistant:** Denise Roetzer
Third Annual National Night Out at FLC/HSP
Tuesday, August 7!
Watch for details! See you there!

Five Finger Prayer
Submitted by Joyce Johnson

1) Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a “sweet duty.”

2) The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes parents, teachers, doctors, ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3) The third finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president no matter how you voted, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God’s guidance.

4) The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, ill, in trouble, depressed, abused, confused, misunderstood, in pain, or lonely. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5) Lastly comes our little finger—the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into better perspective, and you will be able to pray for your own needs, roles, and goals more effectively.
Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m.

Rodeo Days!
July 5: Food Booth (corner of 2nd & Main)
   4 pm until end of parade
   Pie Social (FLC fellowship hall), 4-10 pm
July 7: Pie Social (FLC fellowship hall), 10 am to 3 pm

Sunday, July 29: Afternoon at the Beach!
   Pavilion Reserved!
   Fish Lake (Harris)

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