



Pastor Killian has been in the hospital all week and not able to write his “farewell address” Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they make the transition from Faith in Waterloo to Mt. Calvary in Beverly Hills.

**Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone,
Scripture Alone, and to God Alone be
the Glory!”**

Dear Saints of Faith Lutheran Church,

I have the honor of serving you as your vacancy pastor beginning August 1st!

This means:

24/7

I will be on call 24/7 for you. My cell number is 319-427-3098. If I do not answer the phone, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as I am able. I may receive text messages at the same number. My email address is prwegener@cfu.net and is another way to communicate with me. I am *not* on Facebook, so don't try to “friend” me! ☺

Sunday Mornings

Sunday morning services will be at 8:30 a.m. Immediately following the service, I will hasten to my vehicle, obey all traffic laws, and arrive safely, God-willing, at College Hill Lutheran Church for the 10 a.m. service. Bible class and Sunday school at Faith will begin around 9:45 a.m. starting August 28. Please plan to attend these! I will not be able to be there, of course, but I will make sure that God's holy Word will be taught in its truth and purity for your edification.

Mondays at Faith

Every Monday, I plan to pray Matins at Faith in the church proper at 9:30 a.m. (Please join me!) I hope to be available in the pastor's study from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. There will be times when I will not be there due to other commitments or

emergencies, so please call or text me beforehand if you would like to visit with me.

Wednesday Catechesis

Details for Wednesday catechesis are yet to be determined. I will be teaching the catechism at College Hill Lutheran Church from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. beginning September 7th. Younger children and family members who are still working through the Old Testament and New Testament stories will most likely meet at Faith with their parents. (BTW: Parents, you are the primary instructors for your children [c.f. Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:1-4], so plan to attend with them. ☺). Since the life of the baptized is one of **ongoing** instruction in the Word of God, everyone should avail themselves of this opportunity to study the basic doctrines of Scripture as a church family (over and over and over and over...). More details will be forthcoming.

Call Process

The Call process will involve a *Call Committee* which will put together a *Call List*. Unless I am mistaken, the *Call Committee* will be the board of deacons and the chairman of the congregation. The *Call List*, which may include several names, is usually reduced to 3 or 4 pastors whom the Call Committee believes to be the best fit for serving the congregation.

A special voters' meeting will be held (date will be determined later) at which information on the 3 or 4 pastors will be provided and a vote will be taken to select the pastor to receive the Call. After the pastor has been selected, I will contact the pastor immediately to confirm that he is able to consider a Call from you (the congregation of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church). Upon this confirmation, the Call documents will be prepared ASAP and sent through the mail.

The congregation may reasonably expect to receive a response within four weeks after the pastor has received the Call documents.

Patience

Sometimes the time of vacancy can last longer than we want it to. It is also a time when you will need to be patient with the process, patient with your fellow members, and patient with the vacancy pastor! While we pray that everything will go smoothly, and quickly, we should expect it to be difficult and long. Patience will be key.

God's Work

In the midst of all of this, God is at work. He will still provide for you. He will feed you with His holy Word and sacraments. They never fail and He never fails. I pray that our time together will prepare us to receive another faithful pastor, and ultimately to receive the crown of eternal life through the forgiveness of sins purchased by the precious blood of Christ.

Peace be to this house!

In Christ,
Pr. John Wegener
Vacancy Pastor

Worship Schedule: *Sundays* @ 8:30 a.m.
Holy Communion is served every Sunday.

Sunday Bible Study will not meet first 3 weeks of August.

You are encouraged to join us for Bible study on:
Sundays 9:45 a.m. beginning August 28.

Office hours:

Kie is taking a day off during the week, usually Tuesdays, but if you **need something you should call 231-5711**. Family will be here for a week or more in August so I will not be in the office regularly.

Pastor John Wegener's phone # 319-427-3098

Web site: www.faithupontherock.com Check it out. If you have ideas of things you would like to see on it, send them to Kie.

OFFICIAL ACTS:

Transfer in: Lisa, Sara, and Erica Clark from Christ Lutheran

New Addresses:

Lisa Clark, 3435 W 4th St., Waterloo 50703, 319-961-4533

Stephen & Tori Ramsey, 2055 Meadow LN, #8, Seward NE 68434

Christian & Lisa Preus, 3721 W. 46th Street, Casper WY 82604

Pastor & Jill family, After August 14:

1717 Ensley Ave, Los Angeles CA 90024

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We know children can be a handful in a worship service. We believe God wants your children to be part of the worship time and so do we.



You can begin training them as soon as they can sit by themselves. To help you, here are some suggestions. First - Worship with them, teaching them the pattern of worship. Folding hands during prayers is a good place to begin and standing when the congregation does. As they get older teach them to follow the service in the hymnal or with a large print bulletin. Teach them the hymns so they can sing with you. During the sermon, let them color or play quietly.

And finally – they are children and will not be perfect. We expect an occasional “melt down” so hang in there. There is a cry room where you can sit and listen to the service till your child calms down. You can take your bulletin with you and follow along and you can even see the service through the large window looking in to the sanctuary.

SERMONS/SERVICES FOR SHUT-INS

The Council is recording the services for our members that cannot attend church regularly. They will eventually be posted on our website. Some people, without computers, may need them delivered. If you would be interested in helping to deliver recordings or **receive them**, please contact Jeff Elbert, your deacon, or the office, 236-1771. Thank you



HOSPITAL STAY- Pastor Wegener will visit the hospitals.

However, the hospital will not call us to let us know when one of our members is admitted. If you know ahead of time that you

are going to be hospitalized, please indicate that on your record of fellowship or speak with Pastor. If you are admitted suddenly, call or have a friend or relative call the church office for you.

Remember Our Shut-Ins:

Steve Boyken and Kathy Boyken, Sunset Nursing, 235 N Mill St.,
P.O Box 383, Denver, IA 50622, Kathy: 984-5092
Rande Galle, 425 Allen St. #215, Waterloo 50701, 404-8187
Jennifer Holman, 2204 Rainbow Dr. Waterloo, 50701
Peggy King, 2824 Violet Dr., Waterloo 50701
Leona Jeanne Perkins, 203 Lake St., Cedar Falls 50613
Eddie Swaim
Gleneva Wardius, 707 5th St, PO Box 26, Dike IA 50624
Searle White



CHURCH LIBRARY and Cry Room

The library has many books that you can check out. They are not organized very well. If you would be interested in helping to get the library set up to make it easier to find the books you would

be interested in reading, please talk to Kie.

All the magazines that used to be on the table in the hallway are now on the shelves in the library. There are also many pamphlets written by the late Dr. A.L. Barry. These pamphlets cover many topics that you may have questions about. Please stop in and browse. You can take the pamphlets for yourself and also to share with friends that may have questions.

WOMEN OF FAITH met July 12th with 8 members present.

Hostesses were Diane High and Becky Dalluge.

We enjoyed a great Bible study from Pastor from Luke 15...

Parable of the Lost Son. We will have a special presentation at our August meeting (Aug. 9th, 6:30 p.m. at church) from a young missionary who spent time in Madagascar. We would love to have a good turnout....it should be very interesting. The regular WOF attendees will be asking a guest to join them that evening, but all women are invited. Hostesses for the August meeting will be Becky Dalluge and Sandy Warmuth.



Orphan Grain Train
Central Iowa Branch
302 Bevin St.
Clemons, Iowa 50051

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER for the BLIND

met in July for pizza and salad. It was Pastor and Jill's last time to meet with the Blind group.

We would like to keep this ministry going, but we will need more help with Pastor and Jill leaving. Jill has been our main cook and Pastor always shares the Gospel with our guests which is the main reason we meet. Please contact Kie Maas, 231-5711 or Noreen Purcell, 230-8786, if you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry.



NAMI Family-to-Family Class

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free 12-week class for family members who have relatives with mental illness. It includes current research about mental illness; information about medications; effective treatments to promote recovery; problem solving and communication techniques; and coping with

worry, stress, and emotional overload. The class will run every Thursday from 6 to 8:30 pm starting September 1 and ending November 17. It will be at the First Congregational Church in Waterloo at 608 West 4th Street. Call the NAMI office at 319-235-5263 if you have questions or want to register for the class. The deadline for registering is Wednesday, August 17.

YOUTH GROUP does not meet during the summer months.



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s Campus Ministry works through LCMS U, an initiative to connect and support Lutheran students as they head off to college and face countless challenges to their biblical worldview, doctrine, ethics and practices.

CAMPUS MINISTRY IS supported, encouraged and developed throughout The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod through LCMS U. LCMS U is the place to connect and support our college students as they head off to college and face countless challenges to their biblical worldview, doctrine, ethics and practices. It also is a place to connect and encourage parents, congregations and campus ministries as they seek to care for their students, so that all can boldly bear witness to Christ on our nation’s college campuses.

LCMS U offers the following support services:

- Tools to find LCMS U: chapters and connect college students to them.
- National conferences for college students and campus workers.
- A weekly LCMS U radio program, “The Student Union,” on Worldwide KFUE
- Resources to help connect and prepare those who are college bound
- Consultation for new and existing campus ministries
- Campus ministry tip sheets

Find out more at lcms.org What We Do – Campus ministry

CONFIRMATION and WEDNESDAY CLASS

Please watch for details in future bulletins and newsletter for September. Confirmation will take place at College Hill in Cedar Falls with Pastor Wegener, starting September 7. As to the younger classes, that is still in the planning stages. Call the church office with questions or concerns. Thanks you for your patience and understanding.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Blessings. We all experience many in our lifetime, if we think about it. Family, children, friends, talents, love, joy, comfort, health, food, shelter, church, to name a few. The greatest blessing, however, is the love of God and the gift of faith. The hope it gives to each of us, the forgiveness, the promises fulfilled and the peace. Can there be a better blessing! Consider this as you think how you have been blessed. Let us be very thankful to God and use our blessings to serve others as He did. No matter what we face in this life we can always be assured of the blessings of God. He is never far off and will continue to love and bless us.

Sunday School blessings:

- Children to teach and share the faith with
- Volunteers to teach and lead
- A faithful Pastor to guide us
- God's Word' to build the faith we believe and confess.

We are truly blessed!

During August there will be **NO Sunday School until August 28**. Our time will also change to 9:45-10:45, after our one worship service. This is a temporary change until we have a new pastor. Thank you for working together through this process. As a new year starts there is also a need for teachers; one for each grade level. (pre-K-Kindergarten, 1st – 3rd and 4-6th) A team of two or more is preferred to share the teaching time. Please consider this opportunity to serve our children at Faith. If you are interested please talk to Deb or Vickey Smith.

"Be joyful always; pray continually' give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

A BIG THANKS to everyone who helped donate, prepare, serve, clean and make our VBS meals and snacks each evening a success. It takes a team together to make this possible. Thanks to everyone!!! Vickey Smith

PRAYERS - We humbly ask you to continue to keep Zoe Jones in your prayers. It has been a summer of lots of travel to doctor appointments in St. Paul, MN. The hoped for results have not yet been seen and we continue to wait on the Lord. We trust and

know He is in control and His wisdom is greater than ours. He has held Zoe in His hands for seven years and continues to provide for her, love, and forgive her. Help us to have patience and understanding as we wait on Him. Thank you for your love and prayers!

Papa Mike and Grama Vickey Smith
Josh, Jamie, Noah & Zoe Jones

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR June

Giving back as we’ve been blessed!

Total undesignated income	\$10,941.16
Required to meet budget	\$14,311.00
Status (offerings compared to budget)	- \$ 834.15
Year To Date	+ \$ 4,386.66



We continue to uplift **three missionary families** spreading God's love and forgiveness to the world. Please pray and consider financially supporting the Rev. David Preus and family in the Dominican Republic, Rev. Micah Wildauer and family in Togo, and David Federwitz and family in Ghana.

Also check out their Websites: lcms.org/Wildauer, lcms.org/Preus, and LBT.org (Federwitz)

There are newsletters from all three Missionary families on the bulletin board.



So many people do so much

around our church that may go unnoticed. Here are some things that have been noticed:

- Thanks to everyone that helped organize and serve Pastor's ordination anniversary, Shane and Rebecca Stitchman, Noreen Purcell, Jeff Elbert, and Paul Collins.
- Paul Collins and Jeff Elbert provided the meat from Famous Dave's and took care of organizing the program.
- Thank you to Cole Stitchman for carrying the crucifix in the processional and lighting the candles! Always ready to serve even when asked at the last minute 😊
- Thanks to Rebecca Evers for helping with the special bulletin.
- Thanks to Jill Killian for organizing VBS
- Thanks to Mike & Vickey Smith and Mya Hart for cleaning the Parish hall after VBS and setting up for the dinner
- Thank you to Deb Smith and Becky Dalluge for cleaning the Sunday School rooms after VBS
- Thanks to Jill Killian and girls for cleaning the sanctuary and narthex after VBS.

If you have noticed something or someone that should be recognized, please notify Kie in the office, faithluth@aol.com

FRIENDS IN CHRIST, I would like to express my heart-felt thanks to everyone at Faith for their cards, visits, support and most of all, for their prayers during my stay in the hospital. It was so encouraging to know that I had believers in Christ praying for me and my family during this time.

God bless you, Kenny Maas

Do you have information that you would like to share with the congregation? Please bring it or e-mail it to the office, **Faithluth@aol.com**, by **August 19** to be included in the *September Rock*.

August Anniversaries

- 3 Christian & Lisa Preus (8)
Lisa & Lonny Clark (28)
- 7 Shane & Rebecca Stitchman (12)
- 18 Paul & Jill Collins (26),
Wesley & Ashley Negus (4)
- 30 Todd & Billie Heth (19)



*For the glory of you, shall
love his father and mother
and be united to her
they shall be one. 2:27*

August Birthdays

- 1 Larry Riggins
- 5 Mya Hart, Jim Meggison
- 6 Michael Mann
- 7 Jim Dalluge
- 10 Louise Dawson, Leah Tanney
- 11 Amanda Budde, Morgan Crawford, Keller McBride
- 12 Toni Hilmer
- 14 Gary Deitrick
- 15 Carli Chilcote, JoAnn Mann
- 21 Brandy Douglass
- 22 Annabelle (Hilmer) Hakes
- 24 Kathy Boyken, Hunter Klima, Bill Swaim
- 25 Austin Deitrick
- 28 Tori Ramsey
- 29 David Preus
- 30 Brian Wagner
- 31 Sharon Herrmann

The Lutheran Hour-

The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday morning on the following stations:

- 6:30 a.m. on WMT 600 AM
- 7:30 a.m. on KCHA 1580 AM
- 8:00 a.m. on KWAY 1470 AM
- 5:30 a.m. on KXEL 1540 AM
- 7:30 a.m. on WHO 1040 AM

August 7, **"The Word in a World of Words"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

It's "Archives August" and Pastor Gregory Seltz revisits a classic sermon by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

August 14, **"In Spite of Everything "**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

"Archives August" continues, as Pastor Gregory Seltz preaches another classic sermon by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. (Romans 8:28)

August 21, **"Hope Not in Politicians"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

"Archives August" concludes with a classic yet timely message originally presented by Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. (Isaiah 31:1-3)

August 28, **"Boasting - Ridiculous or Real"**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Modern man boasts, "God is dead," but what have we gained from such thinking? (Galatians 6:14)



Lutherans
For Life

Equipping Lutherans to be
Gospel-motivated voices For Life

The FAITH LIFE TEAM/LUTHERANS FOR LIFE had to cancel the July meeting. We are trying new times and days to see when the most people are available. We will have a meeting on Thursday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m. We need to start planning for the September 10 Event with Dr. Lamb on End of Life Issues, and 40 Days for Life. Please contact Kie if you are interested in helping. Thank you.

40 Days for Life starting September 23

You are invited to join with life affirming members from many churches in the Cedar Valley for 40 Days for Life. Call Kie if you want more information, 231-5711. We will be meeting to plan sometime in August and you are invited to join us. 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program:

Prayer and fasting - Constant Vigil - Community Outreach

The Other End of Life - September 10

Advances in life sustaining technology, increasing health care costs, and a culture that offers death as a solution to our problems all combine to raise many questions about end-of-life concerns. What about the problem of suffering? Can Christians ever stop a particular treatment? Can we refuse treatment? Is it okay to have a Living Will

or other Advance Directives? This presentation will focus on the fact that Christians have a unique, Gospel-centered approach to dealing with these and other questions that come up regarding “The Other End of Life.”

Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb served as senior pastor at St. Paul, Garner, Iowa, for fourteen years. During this time he also served as Circuit Counselor, Zone LWML Counselor, member of the board of directors for Lutheran Family Service of Iowa, chairman of the board of directors for a community/school youth program, spiritual advisor for a local Lutherans For Life chapter, and chaplain of the Garner Volunteer Fire Department. He presently serves on the Sanctity of Life Committee for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Life Ministries. He speaks nationally and internationally, focusing on the God-given value of human life. He is the author of numerous sermons, devotionals, brochures, articles, and essays connecting God’s Word of Life to the life issues. Dr. Lamb retired as executive director of Lutherans For Life on December 31, 2015.

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Lutherans Armor Up to Defend Women *By Korey Maas* *Wall Street Journal 7/22/16*

For its modest size and relatively apolitical ethos, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod seems to be having more than its share of days in court. Three years ago the Supreme Court unanimously vindicated one of its congregations in *Hosanna-Tabor v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*, which recognized that churches have broad autonomy over whom they hire. This fall the justices will take up *Trinity Lutheran v. Pauley*, a dispute over whether states can deny funds to schools with religious affiliations.

Now the synod's two million members may have reason to anticipate yet another day in court. Last week in Milwaukee the church's triennial convention passed a resolution, by a 946-89 vote, committing to support

“those who have a religious and moral objection to women participating in the selective service system and being subject to a possible draft.” The text of the final resolution built on proposals by more than three dozen congregations, circuits, districts, or commissions of the synod.

That such a measure was even brought to a vote indicates how swiftly the country’s legal and political culture has been changing. A similar proposal mooted only three years ago was dismissed as unnecessary. Undoubtedly, some delegates even thought it paranoid posturing. Then, last December, Defense Secretary Ash Carter announced that all positions in the U.S. military, including combat roles, would be opened to women.

The order applies only to volunteers, but some fear that opening combat positions to women will make mandatory selective-service registration a legal necessity. One of the proposed resolutions at the synod’s convention cited *Rostker v. Goldberg*, the 1981 Supreme Court case that upheld male-only draft registration. “Since women are excluded from combat,” Justice William Rehnquist wrote for the majority, “Congress concluded that they would not be needed in the event of a draft, and therefore decided not to register them.”

That logic no longer applies, as many in Washington recognize. In June the Senate passed a bill that, if approved in the House and signed by the president, will mandate female registration beginning in 2018.

The synod’s carefully worded resolution does not outright condemn women’s voluntarily joining the military, serving in combat, or even registering for the draft. But it does recognize that the arguments against, both theological and secular, are sufficient to warrant an individual woman’s conscientious objection to military service.

That is what suggests the potential for an eventual legal challenge. Defense Department guidelines narrowly define conscientious objection as a sincere opposition “to participation in war in any form, or the bearing of arms.” Lutheranism, though, isn’t pacifist.

The confessional documents to which the Missouri Synod is bound, and which date back to the 16th-century Reformation begun by Martin Luther, operate within traditional just-war theory. In other words, Lutheranism has always explicitly affirmed that Christians may in good conscience bear arms if the cause is righteous.

As a corollary, the Missouri Synod has long recognized an individual’s right to refuse to participate in a war he believes to be unjust. However, the last time this issue came to the fore, at the height of the Vietnam War, the synod also acknowledged that the federal government did not recognize this right. The church’s 1969 convention noted that “military draft law exempts only those objectors who on the basis of conscience oppose war in every form.” That convention resolved to petition the government to broaden the exemption, but the law was never changed.

It is becoming a familiar story to Christians of all denominations. After the Supreme Court made gay marriage the law of the land last year, the Missouri Synod's president, Matthew Harrison, envisioned the passage of laws that would "force faithful Christian institutions and individuals to violate consciences." He warned that Christians would soon "begin to learn what it means to be in a state of solemn conscientious objection against the state."

What he had most immediately in mind was certainly not Lutheran ladies sent to boot camp against their will. But should the Senate's bill become law, a great number of those in the Rev. Harrison's church will indeed enter a state of solemn conscientious objection. Convincing the federal government to recognize and respect it may require yet another day in court.

Mr. Maas is an associate professor of history at Hillsdale College and an ordained pastor of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



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"The Nerve to Serve" Philippians 2:5-8

Valley is now enrolling for the 2016-17 school year.

For more information contact Jamie Panning at 319-266-4565 or jamie.panning@vlscrusaders.org

VALLEY IS IN NEED OF A MOWER AND A MOWER! Yes, you read it right! The lawn moving crew is in need of a walk behind lawn mower. They are also in need of another volunteer to help mow. Having another person added to the group would allow the time needed to do all the trimming required around the school.

If you are interested in volunteering your time mowing at the school or have a mower you are willing to donate, please contact the school. 319-266-4565

Thank you!