



Spring is here, and for that I am truly grateful! The more sunlight and heat that we can get, the better this pastor likes it! Things are beginning to get green, kids are going to be getting out of school and graduating, and summer is surely coming before long. There is much to celebrate, much to do, and

much to enjoy. The newness of our sanctuary has not worn out (at least for me anyway), and the sights, sounds and smells of our worship together refresh me every week.

As we enjoy God's creation, and the gifts He so richly provides for us, it seems like a good time to take stock in the general state of things at Faith. I am wondering about the thoughts, concerns and feelings of the congregation. What are you happy about in regards to our congregation? What might you like to see changed or improved? What would you like to see added to the things we do already? Is there something you think is wrong with how we operate or my pastoral care? Is there a book of the Bible or a specific topic you would like to see explored? Is there a hymn we don't sing that you like? Do we have needs among us that are not being met as you see it? The deacons and I would like to know what you think.

It is possible that there may be a theological reason behind something that we do, and that it needs to remain as it is. But if anything can be changed, improved or done away with that doesn't involve compromising our doctrine or practice, we are interested in doing it. We are interested in working together to best serve the Gospel in this congregation, and we depend on you to help us.

I urge you to make your voices heard. Whether you call me, e-mail me (pastorkillian@gmail.com), visit me in my office or at your home, or contact your deacon, let us know. We look eagerly forward to your input as we go forward together in faith.

Pastor Killian

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

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday-Friday 10:00-1:00

Worship Schedule: *Sundays @ 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.*

Holy Communion is served every Sunday

Bible Study Schedule

You are encouraged to join us for Bible study on:

Sundays 9:15 a.m.: We are studying the Proverbs

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.: New- Justification & Sanctification

Office hours:

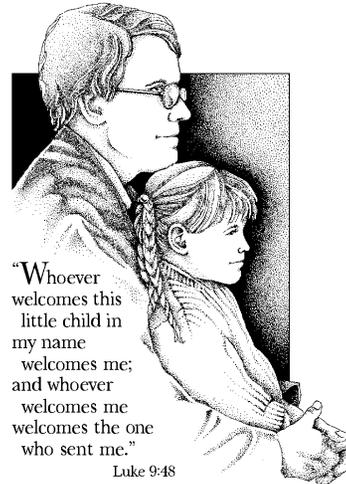
Monday- Friday

9:00 a.m. to noon

Pastor's hours Tuesday- Friday

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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.



"Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."
Luke 9:48

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 monitor in the Sunday school room at the end of the hall on the right. You can sit in a chair back there and listen to the service till your child calms down. While following the service from back there, you will know when communion starts so you can come out and receive the holy gift.

ASCENSION WORSHIP May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

VOTERS' MEETING At the meeting we found out that there is a need for more volunteers to help clean the church. The church is divided into 3 sections and we need one person for each section per month. Please consider helping care for your church in this way. You can call the office if you have questions.

Remember Our Shut-Ins:

Floyd Burroughs, Windsor Care Center, 2305 Crescent Dr., CF
Steve Boyken, Ravenwood Care Center, Waterloo
Kathy Boyken, Ravenwood Care Center, Waterloo
Dona Carter, 5605 Sierra Dr. Waterloo 50701
Shirley Clement, 1442 Prospect Blvd, Waterloo 50701
Rande Galle, 3261 Ansborough Ave. Waterloo 50701
Dale Holmes, 2104 Parrish, Cedar Falls 50613
Leona Jeanne Perkins, 203 Lake St., Cedar Falls 50613
Gleneva Wardius, 707 5th St, PO Box 26, Dike IA 50624

NEW Addresses & phone numbers:

Stephen & Tori Ramsey, 2229 Edgemont #6, Waterloo, 50702

OFFICIAL ACTS in April:

Marriage: Tori Killian and Stephen Ramsey, April 25

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER for the BLIND

The Blind Outreach met on April 18 for our regular luncheon. Our next meeting is May 16 which is also the date of Valley Lutheran School graduation. Also Kie will be out of town so we will need extra help. Please plan to join us and get to know our special guests.

One of our Blind guests has requested a ride from Cedar Falls for our Wednesday Bible Study. If you would be able to help out with that, call Mike Smith, 296-2342. Thank you

Please contact Kie Maas, 231-5711, Jill Killian, 610-4148, or Noreen Purcell, 230-8786, if you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry.



CHURCH LIBRARY



Read any good books lately? Let me recommend one!

In July of 1993 *The Lutheran Witness* published a list of twelve books that every Lutheran should read. That is a long time ago and there are so many more good books since then. These are classics though and still worth reading. The list was compiled by a survey of "101 Missouri Synod Lutherans of all stripes – male & female, black & white, clergy & Lay, young & old." The single most recommended book was, The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis (MacMillan, 1961) This is also in our library already so I would like to recommend it to you.

Their (LW) review is as follows: "This ingenious classic by the great English Christian apologist offers a view of the Gospel in reverse – seen from the viewpoint of hell. A collection of fictitious letters exchanged between an apprentice demon, Wormwood, and his experienced uncle, Screwtape, each chapter contrasts the kingdom of God ("The Enemy") with the kingdom of Satan (Our Father Below)". For example, turn this little piece of diabolical advice on its head, and you have important insight for prayer: 'Whenever they (the Christians) are attending to the Enemy Himself, we are defeated, but there are ways of preventing them from doing so, The simplest is to turn their gaze away from Him toward themselves.' The Screwtape Letters shines the penetrating light of Scriptural insight on the dark workings of that old Adam each of us must drown every day of our lives. It offers fanciful yet provocative reading to the Lutheran who doesn't mind having his or her mind exercised and expanded."

For me, it was kind of difficult to read, but it was worth it. Because Lewis was English, his wording is a little different to us (not as difficult as the King James Bible though). It was also challenging because it was the opposite of the way we think, i.e.: calling God the "Enemy". It was easy to get caught up in though, because they followed one "patient" all the way through the book. Screwtape was always giving advice on how best to win the patient for hell. In the beginning he says "Your man has been accustomed, ever since he was a boy, to have a dozen incompatible philosophies dancing about together inside his head. He doesn't think of doctrines as primarily 'true' or 'false', but as 'academic' or 'practical', 'outworn' or 'contemporary', 'conventional' or 'ruthless'. Jargon, not argument, is your best ally in keeping him from the Church." Isn't that also true today! It

continues, urging Wormwood not to let the patient think too deeply about the important eternal things, but keep him distracted with the “stream of immediate sense experiences teaching him to call it ‘real life’.”

Don't we make that mistake all too often, getting caught up in worldly things and pushing aside the really important eternal things.



Luther wrote in the Large Catechism, “The one reason why we go about so heedlessly in our false sense of security is that we do not admit or believe that we are living in the flesh, in the world, and in the devil's domain.” Screwtape says, “If any faint suspicion of your existence begins to arise in his mind, suggest to him a picture of something in red tights, and persuade him that since he cannot believe in that (it is an old text book method of confusing them) he therefore cannot believe in you.” The Bible says in 1 Peter, “Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

The Cry Room is now a perfect place for a church library. 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.



We hope to grow the library with good Lutheran books. You can donate toward that with cash or with books that you would like to donate. Please give all books to Pastor Killian to approve before they go in. I, Kie, hope to highlight a book from the library in the *Rock* each month to introduce it. I wrote these articles several years ago.

HOSPITAL STAY- Pastor Killian does make it a priority to 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 Killian. If you are admitted suddenly, call or have a friend or relative call the church office for you.

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YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET Wednesdays

May 6 & 20 – Youth Bible Study at Church, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (1 hour of studying the Bible and 1 hour of playing games)

Sunday, May 10 – Youth will be providing donuts between services for free will donation to help fundraise for future events (...and also to get people to go into the parish hall and check their mail boxes and possibly stay for adult Bible study :) YOUTH, PLEASE ARRIVE AT 7:00 A.M.



Y4Life: Answering THE question of our generation
Y4Life is here to help youth and young adults answer what may be the most important questions of our generation: Find Y4Life Blog at www.lutheransforlife.org

Vacation Bible School will be July 19-23 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. for children 3 years old- 6th grade. Supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. for the children and leaders. Be a part of this fun faith filled week!! If you are interested in helping with VBS this year, please contact Jill Killian

CONFIRMATION AND WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Classes will be ending in May. Confirmation for three of our students will be Sunday, May 3. **Confirmands are: Breanna Chidester, Laura Collins, and Anthony Holman.** Pray for these students as they make this commitment of faith and encourage them as new communicant members.

The younger students will conclude their classes also. These classes have focused on the church year from last fall to this spring; the many changes that we observe in things we see, hear, sing, recite, and read. The students are more aware of what is going on in their church and growing in faith. It builds and strengthens their faith by understanding more about it.

Thank you to staff, students and families as we joined together helping our younger generations grow in the faith.



Students, their families and staff are invited to join us for an end of the year celebration on Wednesday, MAY 6 5:00-7:00 p.m.

We will be grilling supper starting at 5:00 and eat until 5:30 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, drinks and ice cream will be provided. We can use donations of

salad, fruit, fresh veggies and ice cream toppings. (Feel free to bring other meat to grill if you like. The grill will be fired up)

After supper, weather permitting, we will play outside games. Bring a game to share with your friends. Volleyball and croquet will be provided. Come join the fun, food and fellowship!

“ . . . Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON MAY 3, CONFIRMATION

BREAKFAST for families and confirmands from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

The focus of May is the Easter season and the events after the resurrection. We continue to celebrate our risen Lord and understand how important that is to the faith we believe and confess. Lessons will teach us more about what Jesus did for us (sinners) and how great His love is. He is preparing and equipping us until He returns again.

May Lessons :

May 3: NO CLASSES, CONFIRMATION come learn and celebrate with the confirmands.

May 10: The Widow's Mite – Mark 12:41-44 and the Widow's coins (page 386 in Story Bible)

May 17: Ascension – John 21, Acts 1 (page 417 *The Story Bible* & page 141 *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*)

May 24: Pentecost, God Sends the Holy Spirit – Acts 2 (page 423 *The Story Bible*)

May 31: Trinity Sunday Matthew 28:19, 1 Cor. 12:3, Gal. 5:22-23, Titus 3:5-7, (Arch Book: *Holy Spirit, My Helper*)

Join the students as we celebrate these lessons through music and liturgy. Our group openings taught the Ten Commandments, Luther's prayers, the Creeds, the 23rd Psalm as well as celebrating birthdays and baptisms. Come and be a part of learning together with our students. Parents, families and guests are always welcome.

Thank you to all for the donations of juice and snacks. It is always a welcome part of our morning!

Please plan ahead – classes continue in June and July with much of August off. We will be focusing on a mission theme this summer; reaching others with God's Word. If you would like to be a part of this two month session by teaching a class, donating snacks or helping in any way, please contact Deb or Vickey Smith.

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19- 20

Heroes of the Faith is the focus of the middle school class.

High School and Adult Bible study also meet during the Sunday School hour. Please join a class to grow and feed your faith, keeping you confident in what you believe and confess.

Io-Dis-E-Ca Summer Theme: **SET FREE**

“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” –

John 8:34-36

Jesus comes to set you free. Throughout His ministry, Jesus healed the sick, made the deaf hear, the lame walk, and the blind see. Yes, He even forgave people their sins. Through the lens of His ministry, we see Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection as the ultimate act of setting people free. Jesus paid the price so that we are freed from being slaves to sin.

Being a slave means that someone owns you, and sin owns people. Even some of our most beloved biblical figures have been slaves to their sinfulness. King David and the Apostles Peter and Paul are some of those who have been owned by sin. They were

enslaved to sins such as hatred, denial, adultery, lying, deceit, and even murder. Their mistakes are sins that we can relate to. David, Peter, and Paul were freed from their sins. By delivering the forgiveness Jesus won on the cross, the Holy Spirit sets us free from our sins too, just as they were! Their freedom from their sins is something we can relate to. Join us this coming summer as we explore their stories and our own stories of being *Set Free*.

Summer camp registration is open! We are adding two more programs to our lineup. The first is Basketball Camp for Jr. High youth and the second is Defending the Faith Camp, which is an apologetics themed camp for Sr. High youth. Stay tuned for more information on these programs at our website and on our Facebook page!

WOMEN OF FAITH Next meeting will be May 12 at **6:00 p.m.** We will meet here at Faith for our annual Salad supper. Please bring a salad to share. We will also begin to plan for next year. If you have ideas of topics or speakers you would like hear, please bring them. All women are invited to attend.

Church Garage Sale The Women of Faith are having a garage sale to raise money for the kitchen fund. We are planning for the 8th or 22nd of August. Originally we thought June, but the calendar filled up too fast so we changed to August for back to school. Clean your cupboards & your closets. We will have children's clothes only but all other household stuff welcome.

Spring in the Heartland! It's time to plant God's grace and mercy as we prepare to receive our guests at the 36th Biennial LWML Convention in Des Moines, June 25-28. We ask God's guidance that His plans will be our plans. Be sure to send in your registration prior to the deadline. Follow the steps in your worker assignment packet. Remember to complete the registration form in the packet and attach your worker coupon to receive a \$65 discount. Convention Logo Polo Shirt mail orders need to be postmarked no later than May 15. The postmark deadline is June 1, to be able to pick up your shirt at the convention. Please go to the host websites to view the Host Committee Convention Newsletter, *Bountiful Blessings*.

The IDE website is <http://www.lwml-ied.org/>

"Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn" Matthew 13:30-35

Do you have information that you would like to share with the congregation? Please bring it or e-mail it **Faithluth@aol.com** to the office by **May 22** to be included in the June Newsletter.



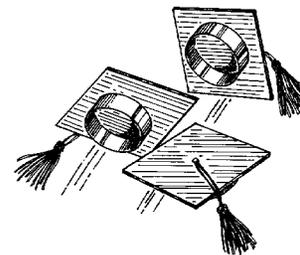
So many people do so much

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

- Gene Johnson and Kenny Maas planted grass seed after preparing the soil then watered.
- Gene Johnson, Shane Stichman, John Dalluge, Jim Dalluge, and Kenny Maas picked up rocks from the construction entrance so we can get grass seed planted. They also patched in sod along the new concrete driveway.
- Harriet DeBolt and Bev Johnson donated bars for the Valley Lutheran Delegate meeting.
- the Deacons for planning and cooking breakfast for us on Easter and
- everyone that donated food for Easter Breakfast: Tori & Stephen Ramsey; Killians, Burns, Johnsons, Wiechert, Vickey Smith, Collins, Jim Dalluge, Maas, Deb Smith, Stichmans, Carlson, Mahnke, Oltmann, Woolery, Mason and Roethler.
- Thanks to everyone that helped set up, take down and clean up after the breakfast and all that donated generously for the Seminaries.
- Holmes, Elbert and Johnson families who generously supply everything for the children's Easter egg hunt.

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

The Easter breakfast raised \$720 and the Thrivent Match was \$360.



May Graduations:

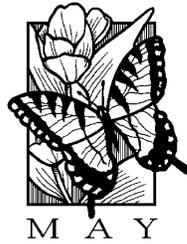
Valley Lutheran: Geoffrey Miller,
Megan Galle

West High: Moira Killian, Brian Wagner

East High: Melissa Galloway

May Anniversaries

- 1 Dencil & Robin Wireman (21)
- 4 Jim & Sharon Meggison (40)
- 6 Sean & Traci Hewitt (20)
- 10 Bob & Marian Wolff (56)
- 20 Michael & Rebecca Burns (43)
- 27 Rich & Peggy Carlson (43)



May Birthdays

- 3 Talia Simmer
- 4 Aimee Riggins
- 5 Rande Galle
- 11 Gordon Elbert
- 12 Miles Chidester
- 13 Peggy Carlson, Eddie Swaim
- 23 Jax Petersen, DeLoy Rainey
- 24 Sarah Miller
- 25 Rebecca Evers
- 27 Emily Stitchman
- 29 Marjorie Kleinendorst
- 30 Martha Preus

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH

Giving back as we've been blessed!

Total undesignated income	\$ 20,358.60
Required to meet budget	\$ 17,344.60
Status (offerings compared to budget)	+ \$ 3,014.00
Year To Date	+ \$ 4,330.05

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
- 9:30 a.m. on KXEL 1540 AM

The Lutheran Hour also podcast their broadcast. For more information go to <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts>

May 3, "You Can Live a Meaningful Life"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

A life that is meaningful is one that is connected to Jesus. (John 15:1-8)

May 10, "Relentless Compassion"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God's love excludes no one. (Acts 10:34-38)

May 17, "Without a Fight or a Prayer"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Jesus prays for us because He knows we are vulnerable and need protection from a world that seeks to steal us away from God. (John 17:11-19)

May 24, "Power Connection"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Pentecost is a day to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit as Counselor and Comforter, sent by Jesus to bless you! (John 15:26-27, 16:14-15)



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Motto

Where faith and knowledge grow as one.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VALLEY LUTHERAN SCHOOL – (K-12)

The Board of Valley Lutheran School announces major changes in administration due to our budgetary work and income projections for next year.

As our income remains constant amidst rising expenses, the Board has concluded we cannot maintain our current administrative staffing level. Therefore, the Board is immediately reassigning administrative duties to Mr. Brian L'Heureux and financial oversight to the Board, led by Duane Woebbeking. Mr. Glenn Rollins will not be returning next year and is actively seeking a Call. Mr. Rollins has been granted an immediate leave of absence to aid him in this transition.

These changes are for entirely financial reasons and are possible because of greater options we have under Independent Accreditation. The Board appreciates the leadership, work, and ministry Mr. Rollins has brought to Valley.

GRADUATION: 11:00 a.m. May 16

Last day of school: May 22

Thank you to those that were able to support Valley Lutheran at the Dinner & Auction either through donations or by attending the event. Valley is very blessed!!

Art and Music Valley Lutheran is looking for a part time licensed Art teacher and a licensed Music Director for K-12. If you are interested please contact the school at 319-266-4565 or come in to fill out an application.

FAITH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are looking to start a committee from Faith to help plan events to support Valley Lutheran School. We want to discuss ideas for our church to raise money in a fun way. Call Deb Dalluge if you are interested in helping with this planning, 415-7664. Thank you



NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

It is time to welcome the new members that have joined Faith in the last year.

We will have a welcome potluck on May 31 after the late service. All members (except those who have joined in since last summer) are asked to bring food.

New members will receive an invitation in the mail as the date approaches.

So far there are 14 new members since our last reception, but there are others taking instruction at this time.

Mark your calendar so you don't forget!

GARDEN PLANTING

We will only plant the small garden with vegetables this year. The large garden will be a butterfly and bee garden. If you want to help plant, call Kie.