



I get requests from time to time from people who would like to have the Christian faith reduced to a kind of “elevator speech,” or an outline that is simple to remember and follow. To that end, I am including a nugget from Luther’s Small Catechism for you that

should prove extremely useful in confessing your faith to others. Learn the seven points, learn the verses that back them up, and then dive deeper into your Bible to strengthen your own faith. Enjoy!

Salvation Outline

The following seven points summarize basic information about the human condition and God’s saving grace. You may want to memorize these points so that you may share them with someone who does not yet believe in Jesus as his or her Savior.

1. **God loves you!** “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (**John 3:16**).
2. **You are a sinner.** “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (**Romans 3: 23**).
3. **God punishes sin.** “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (**Romans 6:23**).
4. **Jesus took our punishment.** “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (**Romans 5:8**).
5. **Jesus rose from the dead.** “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, and He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures” (**1 Corinthians 15: 3-4**).
6. **Jesus offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to those who believe in Him.** “He then brought them out and asked, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved---you and your household’” (**Acts 16:30-31**).

7. **Salvation is free---a gift from God.** “For it is by grace you have been saved through faith---and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God---not by works, so that no one can boast” (**Ephesians 2:8-9**).

Pastor Killian

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

Worship Schedule: *Sundays @ 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.*
Holy Communion is served every Sunday.



ASCENSION WORSHIP May 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Each year, 40 days after Easter, we celebrate the Feast of Ascension, when we remember that our Lord ascended into heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to give us faith, help us, renew us and lead us. Our service this year will be 7:00 p.m. on May 5th, and we would love to have you come and share this very important

part of the Gospel story with us. Please join us to be strengthened through Word and Sacrament.

Bible Study Schedule

You are encouraged to join us for Bible study on:

Sundays 9:15 a.m.: Join us for something new in the adult Bible class this spring!

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.: Isaiah

Office hours:

Monday- Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

Pastor’s hours Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Kie is taking Tuesdays off this Spring, Pastor will be in the office.

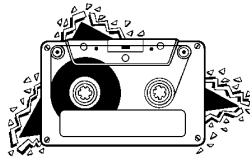
Pastor’s phone # 269-0336

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.

Sermons/services for Shut-Ins

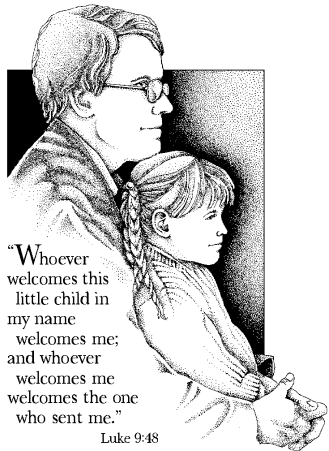
The Council is planning to start recording the services for our members that cannot attend church regularly. If you would be interested in helping to deliver recordings or **receive them**, please contact Pastor Killian, Jeff Elbert, your deacon, or the office, 236-1771.

Thank you



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.



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

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.

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.

OFFICIAL ACTS in April

Baptisms: Evangeline Flora Woolery, April 17

Hazel Karen Joy Tanney, April 17

Release: Claire & Jacob Bevard; Danny & Heather Galle; Jason & Stephanie, Jordyn, Jalynn, Jaryn, Jayna, Jacyn Gomez; Jeremiah and Isabella Lowe; Mallory Scribner; Helen Stoffregen; Joyce, William, Bryce, and Cynthia Wolf and Andrew Robbins.

New Address: Lauren Miller, 5011 71st St., Urbandale, IA 50322

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

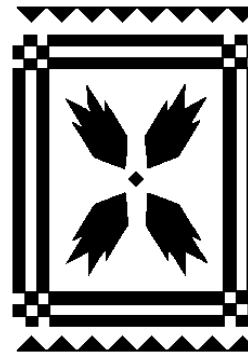
Peggy King, 2824 Violet Dr., Waterloo 50701

Leona Jeanne Perkins, 203 Lake St., Cedar Falls 50613

Geneva Wardius, 707 5th St, PO Box 26, Dike IA 50624

CHURCH LIBRARY and Cry Room

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 April 12th at Golden China for dinner out. We had 8 members present with great food and fellowship. Our next meeting will be at Faith on May 10th at 6:30 p.m. Hostesses will be Harriet DeBolt and Gerri Mahnke. Kie Maas will give a program on quilting. Also, new officers will be nominated at the May meeting. We hope to have a good turnout, all women are invited. **If you have made quilts, please bring them to show.**

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

for the BLIND In April we had crepes for lunch and it was a new experience for some of us. The food was enjoyed by all as well as the devotion by Pastor Killian. Thanks to Jill and Moira for cooking and Mike & Kenny for picking up our guests. Jill and Moira will not be here in May so we **will need a volunteer cook!** Our guests continue to benefit from hearing the Gospel proclaimed and visiting with Pastor and others. 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.



Orphan Grain Train
Central Iowa Branch
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Clemons, Iowa 50051



YOUTH GROUP All youth are welcome to join the fun in playing games, eating treats, laughing in fellowship, helping others, and reading/discussing the Word of God on issues that matter most to young adults. Youth Group will meet Wednesday the 11th and the 25th at 6:00 p.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

CONFIRMATION AND WEDNESDAY CLASSES

May marks the completion of our classes. Staff and students have worked together with parents and families to have a successful learning year. Thank you everyone! Thanks be to God for guiding us through His Word to understand the faith we confess and believe. He continues to lead us as we grow in our faith.

Prayers and congrats to our three confirmands: Jenna Chidester, Charlotte Collins, and Hannah Hewitt. May they continue to learn more about God's plan for their lives. Keep faithful and seek God's guidance. He is always with you, loves and forgives you.

We celebrate our year of learning with a family cookout and game night, May 4. Thanks to everyone for your support and help throughout the year! Bless you! Watch for information this summer on classes starting in the fall, usually after Labor Day.

Keep growing daily in your faith.

"There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all. . . ." Ephesians 4:4, 5, 6a

A Big Thanks to everyone that helped make the confirmation breakfast a special time for the families and friends attending.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School focus for May continues in the New Testament as Jesus teaches about God's Kingdom. Jesus teaches us through the many lessons He spoke to the disciples, believers and those learning about the faith when He was present with them. We learn from His Word – The Bible and the Holy spirit guiding us. Pastor, teachers, parents and family also continue to help us learn about our faith. The faith we have been given is continually growing and getting stronger. We, too, have the opportunity to tell others just as the disciples did. As Jesus ascends, He gives the command, "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." (Matthew 28:19, 20a)

May Lessons:

May 8: Jesus feeds Five Thousand, John 6:1-14

May 15: The Transfiguration of Jesus, Matthew 17:1-9

May 22: Jesus Sends the Seventy-two, Luke 10:1-24

May 29: The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37

During the openings each Sunday, we are teaching students and staff seasonal hymns as well as many other favorites. We celebrate birthdays, baptisms and other special occasions together. The students have also added their voices to our worship services. Thank you for sharing your talents with others.

Join us each Sunday as we grow in the knowledge of God's Word and the faith we believe and confess.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. . . ."

Ephesians 2:8

Hymnal Needs. . . Half way to goal!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who has generously given to buy hymnals for the Sunday School. We are about half way to reaching our goal of 15. If you would like to donate for hymnals, the cost per book is \$26.00. We will continue to take donations until we reach fifteen to place the order. Call the office or talk to Deb or Vickey Smith if you are interested in donating for one.

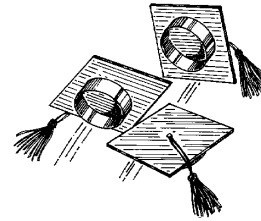
VBS: Barnyard Roundup VBS July 17-21

God's children of all ages will learn that Jesus gathers us together at Barnyard Roundup VBS. AND, every child will hear the Good News that Jesus, their Savior, is with us and abundantly provides for all our needs. He also protects and saves us – now in this world and forever too! At *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, as VBS staff you can live out the theme "Jesus Gathers Us Together" as you share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule and interests. Call or text Jill Killian at 596-6400 or email lutherangal@gmail.com, for more information. Join us to see how Jesus gathers us together!

There will be a planning meeting on May 12 at 6:00 p.m. Come and see how you can help.

The Easter breakfast raised \$830

The money will be sent to support our seminaries. Thank you to everyone that donated.



High School Graduations:

West High: Madison & Malina Chidester

If you have a student graduating from high school or college, please call the office and let me know, 236-1771. Thank you, Kie

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Every year we offer our camp as a great place for youth of all ages to socialize, take part in daily activities, and grow in their faith with the Lord. Our daily schedules will keep the campers busy all day followed by a wonderful time of evening fellowship. Campers are given an opportunity to begin and end each day with the Word of God and prayer, learn more about Jesus Christ through Bible study, make lasting Christian friendships, sing camp songs, learn a variety of recreation skills, and enjoy their favorite all-camp games. Some of the activities our campers enjoy include horseback riding, swimming, hiking, sports activities, and having time to meet new friends.

There are posters on the Classroom Doors with more information along with brochures on the Sunday school snack table. Please feel free to take a brochure and register your child for camp.



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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH

Giving back as we've been blessed!

Total undesignated income	\$19,663.01
Required to meet budget	\$14,311.00
Status (offerings compared to budget)	+ \$ 5,352.01
Year To Date	+ \$ 4,678.30



So many people do so much

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

- Thanks to Vickey & Deb Smith, Rebecca Stitchman, Jill Killian, & Kie for planning & preparing the Confirmand's breakfast and serving.
- A long overdue thanks to Deb Oltmann for all the work she puts in as Treasurer of our congregation!
- Thanks to Gene Johnson for cleaning up around the church grounds.
- Thanks to Kenny Maas and Black Hawk Electric for replacing the lights in the Sanctuary.
- Thanks for all the prayers and concerns for Zoe's health
- Thanks to everyone providing rides to others for Bible study, church and Blind Outreach.
- Thank you to Deb Smith for teaching the children to sing and leading them as they sing in worship.

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

Thank you to my family and friends for making my 90th birthday celebration a wonderful time. I feel truly blessed to have received so many cards and good wishes.

Many Thanks and God Bless you,
Harriet DeBolt

Prayers for Zoe. . .

We humbly ask you to keep Zoe lifted up in prayer this month (specifically May 23) and throughout the summer. Zoe will be having surgery to implant an intrathecal baclofen pump. This will provide a direct drip of medicine to her spinal fluid and will hopefully increase its effectiveness. As in any surgery, there is risk and this is of great concern. We pray also that Zoe will stay healthy, the surgeons, nurses and caregivers will have the ability to treat her successfully.

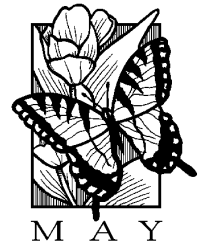
There is a lot of travel (10 hours plus) involved and we ask for comfort and safety for Zoe and her family. She will also need follow-up appointments throughout the summer. We trust that God will continue to care for Zoe and her family. We have graciously learned that God cares for her through the love of many others like all of you! We give thanks and praise for that great love! Zoe is God's creation and His baptized child. WE know that He never leaves us and will continue to hold Zoe in His hands.

Thank you so very much from all of us, Papa Mike, Grama Vickey Josh, Jamie, Noah & especially Zoe Jones
4807 Baldwin St., Rapid City SD 57702-1933

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 **May 20** to be included in the *June Rock*.

May Anniversaries

- 1 Dencil & Robin Wireman (22)
- 4 Jim & Sharon Meggison (41)
- 6 Sean & Traci Hewitt (20)
- 10 Bob & Marian Wolff (57)
- 20 Michael & Rebecca Burns (44)
- 27 Rich & Peggy Carlson (44)



May Birthdays

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

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

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

May 1, "So, Ask Already!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
God loves you. He wants to hear from you. Ask Him anything and everything. Go ahead, ask! (John 16:22-33)

May 8, "Jesus Prayed for You"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Prayer begins in the heart of Jesus Christ who intercedes for you, offering prayers on your behalf to God the Father. (John 17:20-26)

May 15, "Jesus Gives Us the Help We Need"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Jesus doesn't want you to be in the dark about how much He loves you. (John 14:23-31)

May 22, "Here's a New, Lasting Identity"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
The Bread of Life, Living Water, Good Shepherd: Jesus' statements leave no doubt as to who He is, for you. (John 8:48-58)

May 29, "Identity Theft"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Nobody likes to have their identity stolen, and that includes the Lord who said, "You shall have no other gods before Me."
(Galatians 1:5-8)

ISLAM AND OUTREACH: quotes from POBLO

"I was at the hospital when my son was sick and there I met a female interpreter who happens to be from Iraq. I talked with her about how God loves her and everyone else. I was surprised to see that she is very open minded. She told me that there is someone who is Christian who has been talking to her about Christ and visiting her home. So she has been having an opportunity to learn about salvation. The interpreter told me she doesn't like very many people to come and talk to her about Jesus because she is afraid her family

will find out. I prayed for her that God would open her heart to listen to truth and to know and believe the Gospel."

Pastor Emad Tawardous, Missionary in Nebraska



Come July, elected delegates and visitors from around the world will gather in Milwaukee for the [66th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod](#). We'll gather as living stones being built together "Upon this Rock" (that is, upon Christ), and it will be our joy to *repent* of our sins, to *confess* Jesus Christ as God's Son and our Savior, and to *rejoice* together in His unfailing grace and love.

Sunday, June 12, will be the Sunday that most LCMS congregations gather their gifts for the National Offering. Start thinking about what you will set aside for this offering. 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 Sunday, May 15 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 20 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

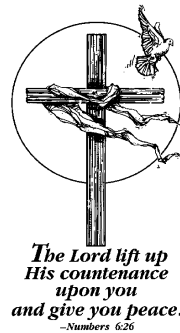
If ANYONE is interested in planting a garden, call Kie.



LIFE TEAM: **Matthew 25:40** *"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* We are all "the least" in some ways and at some times, but the unborn, the sick and the elderly are at high risk every day! Please consider joining the LIFE TEAM. Contact Kie, 231-5711, for more information. Our Life Team works together with Black Hawk Lutherans For Life to educate Lutherans on Life issues.

The FAITH LIFE TEAM will meet on May 11 at 6:00 p.m. **We will be serving at Pizza Ranch** on May 16 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. If you are able to help with this fundraising event, please talk to Kie Maas, 231-5711. If you can't help work, you are still invited to come out for dinner to support us. 7% of sales plus tips will be donated to Black Hawk Lutherans For Life.

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"[They] were so preoccupied with whether or not they could, that they didn't stop to think if they should," said Dr. Ian Malcolm, played by Jeff Goldblum, in the 1993 major motion picture *Jurassic Park*. Malcolm was referring to the scientists hired by John Hammond, played by Richard Attenborough, that created the dinosaurs for the theme park. And the point that Malcolm is making is that just because we *can* do something does not at all tell us whether we, in fact, *should* do something.

It's a line that we would do well to consider ourselves. Science is a field of study that tells us what is and what can be. But it is theology that tell us what should be, what ought to be and what must be. Science without theology is rudderless. It provides answers to some but not all the questions.

So when we look at polarizing issues like divorce and same-sex marriage, stem-cell research, abortion, in vitro fertilization, snowflake adoptions, contraception, euthanasia and end-of-life care, and the questions raised by them, science will only give us the answers to the questions that science is equipped to answer. It will only be able to tell us what is and what can be. But it won't tell us what should, ought and must be. For this we need theology. We need a source that tells us not just how things currently are, but how things should be. And for Christians, the Scriptures, and how the Church has always understood them, are our guide. When questions of abortion and contraception are raised, we look to the Scriptures for what God says about children, that they're blessings and they're to be gladly received and sought after. When questions about euthanasia, stem-cell research, in vitro fertilization and abortion are raised, we look to the Scriptures for what God says about life, how He is its author; He defines its beginning as well as its end. We look beyond what science can answer. For God shows us not just what is, but He also thereby reveals what should, ought and must be.

Let us turn to the Scriptures together and listen to the wisdom they give. Let us seek counsel from the Word of God even as we look to our pastors and Synod leaders trained to help us understand them. We can become so preoccupied with whether or not we can, that we don't stop to think if we should. May it not be so with us.

The Rev. Jason Braaten, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, Ill. [Life, science, The Lutheran Witness](#) *The Lutheran Witness — Providing Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective.*

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

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

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 LUTHERAN is done collecting **HyVee receipts** on April 25th. All receipts must be dated from June 1-April 25, 2016 to be counted. You will be able to start collecting once again starting on June 1st. Thank you to all those that have collected for the school, we truly appreciate it!!

All receipts must be turned in this week to be counted!

Soup Labels Changes

Dear Supporters of Valley Lutheran School, please check your home for products with **Labels for Education (LFE)** today. We need to have them all by the end of the school year. LFE has made the decision to end this program as of July, 2016. We want to be able to send in as many labels as possible and then sit down with the administration at Valley and redeem each and every label for wonderful stuff for the school. Below is what was posted on the website from LFE.

- In the past few years participation in Labels for Education® has declined and as a result, Campbell has come to the very difficult decision to wind down the LFE program. The good news is nothing changes this program year. There will be changes for next year's program starting August 1, 2016. We will continue to support American kids through our Grand Stand for Schools sweepstakes and our community efforts which we annually contribute \$70 million in food and funding to tackle obesity and hunger among our country's most vulnerable families.

Blessings in Jesus, Becky Decker, Parent Volunteer