



JUNE 2024

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

Dear Faith Lutheran Family & Friends,

Do you ever find yourself asking big questions about God? Questions like, 'Does God really exist?' or 'Is God in control?' or 'How did we get here?' This summer we are going to explore Dr. Timothy Johnson's book *Finding God in the Questions: A Personal Journey*, where he ponders such questions from the standpoint of faith and science.

Dr. Timothy Johnson was the long-time medical editor/commentator for ABC News, Good Morning America and 20/20. As a Christian, his book examines questions that he has asked about faith over the course of his life. Despite all the challenges and difficulties he has faced, he explains what he believes and why. He writes, "Doubt doesn't have to tear down belief, however; it can purify it. When it does, the beliefs on the other side become more certain. This is why I would like to affirm that it is possible to find God even while you are still asking the big questions."

On five Sunday mornings this summer, we will highlight themes from Dr. Timothy Johnson's book during our 9am worship service. We will also offer five informal worship services with Holy Communion on Wednesday evenings and go deeper into the questions that Dr. Timothy Johnson considers in *Finding God in the Questions: A Personal Journey*. (Please note: a simple meal will be served at 5pm on some Wednesday evenings.)

FINDING GOD IN THE QUESTIONS

Sun June 2 -- Does God exist?

Wed June 5 -- Meal 5pm. Worship 5:30pm

Sun June 16 -- Why bother with religion and the Bible?

Wed June 19 -- Meal 5pm. Worship 5:30pm.

Sun July 14 -- Is God really in Control?

Wed July 17 -- Meal 5pm. Worship 5:30pm.

Sun July 28 -- Can we bet on the heart of God?

Wed July 31 -- Meal TBD. Worship 5:30pm.

Sun Aug 11 -- Why do the Questions Keep Coming?

Wed Aug 14 -- Meal TBD. Worship 5:30pm.

Feel free to order Dr. Timothy Johnson's book online, let the church office know if you need a copy. In addition, a handout with selected sections from the book will be made available for your use.

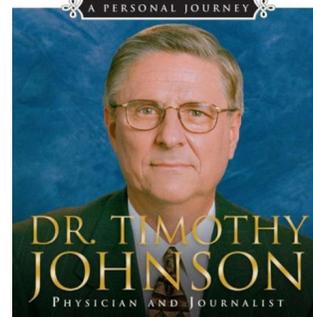
In Christ,

Pastor Heather

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FINDING GOD IN THE QUESTIONS

A PERSONAL JOURNEY



SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 AM
In Person

Online
available

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Loved by

God.

Living

for

Others.



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To Be Remembered in Our Prayers *Please keep the following people in your prayers. Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.*

Jan Taylor; Maxine Morgan's brother, Keith; Stan Panek; Dave & Diane Herron's niece, Mia; Dan Akin's mother, Kenlynn; Kenneth Post & Tom Krake.



Family Education & Youth

Education News and Events JUNE



8th Grade Confirmation Students - Pictured left to right:
Pastor Heather Brown, Brennan Polzin, Luke Quarne,
Nayla Seevers, Alivia Schiferl, & Marti Anderson

Education

May was a month of wrap-ups for Church Education. 8th graders were confirmed May 5th. Both Sunday morning Confirmation and GLOW ended, as well as Adult Ed going on hiatus until September. But Education is not done.

Confirmation

First, three 7th grade Faith Youth will be heading to Confirmation Camp at Pine Lake June 9 thru the 14th, to deepen their faith and connect with other young adults their age. We wish them well on their journey, along with good weather.

Summer GLOW

Summer GLOW kicks off Wednesday, June 19th, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, with a light supper and a fun mix of God and Science! Let Brienne Thompson know if you will be attending. The other GLOW dates will be July 17 and August TBA. Put the dates on your calendar!



For Mother's Day our students and their moms' potted a plant. Pictured is Samantha Stackman and her daughters Eva and Emma.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 24 - 26

5:30 - 8:00 pm

At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

For kids entering grades PreK - 6

Faith Lutheran • Good Shepherd • Wesley United Methodist

Vacation Bible School

Last, our joint Vacation Bible School with Good Shepherd and Wesley United Methodist takes place June 24 - 26. Sign-up to help with meal supplies, kitchen help (Faith is doing the meal Tuesday night), registration, etc. Most of all, bring your children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, etc. Any questions, contact Marty or Brienne-FamilyEd@faithmarshfield.com

Celebrating June Birthdays:

June 1 - Brayden Corcoran

June 22 - Emma Stackman

June 27 - Rachel Loucks



FLY News and Events JUNE

Duluth 2024

On July 20, thirteen youth and five Adult Leaders from FLC along with six youth and one Adult Leader from First Presbyterian Church will begin a 7 day journey together, serving in the Duluth, MN area. We will be staying at a camp on South Range about 30 minutes from Duluth. We are again partnering with Service Learning Camps who will coordinate our daily service learning experiences. Our theme this year is "See Ya on the Hillside" and our Biblical focus is the Sermon on the Mount. We are excited to be serving our brothers and sisters in Christ on the shores of the Big Lake.

FAITH
Lutheran Youth



Duluth 2024

See ya on the Hillside

July 20 - 26

Youth & Mission Teams



FLY News and Events Continued...



Little Free Pantry

The Little Free Pantry being hosted by Faith Lutheran Youth is installed and operational!!

The Little Free Pantries (LFP) project started in Arkansas in 2016 to help battle food insecurity in our country. All across the nation LFPs are popping up in communities just like ours, so neighbors can help neighbors. Food insecurity is a problem even in Marshfield and it is our hope that Little Free Pantries of Marshfield will help address basic food needs in our community.

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) is sponsoring a LFP at our location as it aligns with our youth mission to address food insecurity. LFP's are most successful through neighbors helping neighbors. We felt this was a great opportunity for our youth to have the opportunity to lead a project that has its focus outside of our church building and to those in need in the Marshfield community, including those who utilize our building.

- ⇒ Give what you can by placing unexpired food, hygiene items, or paper items inside the LFP. Focus on items you would want to receive and buy duplicates of what your household uses. No gift is too small.
- ⇒ Take what you need. If you find an item inside that you need, take it and know that we care. Please remember that the LFP.



Baccalaureate

On Sunday, May 19th we celebrated and offered a special sending service for our 4 high school graduates for this year. Please keep Riley Heller, Ryan Grassman, Ellie Brand and Savannah Post in your prayers. We also hold in our prayers those young adults from our congregation graduating from colleges and universities this month. Each Senior also received a beautiful quilt made with love from our Piece Corps which we are sure they will cherish for a long time. FLY continues to be grateful for this intergenerational partnership.



Communications Team Highlights

Audio/Visual Team:

- New headphones were purchased for mixing better online sound and for sanctuary.
- Youth Hannah Loucks and Louisa Rand now participating on Slide Team. More Youth are welcome.
- Livestream back up plan was enacted when no internet. Able to record service and upload later.

IT/Admin Team:

- New router was installed 6 weeks ago, ended up being a lemon which left no internet on church on a Sunday.
- Router was replaced and all is working again.
- Protocol if this happens again: notice will be posted on FB, Website, App and an email blast will be sent out.

Marketing/Promotions:

- Working on a volunteer t-shirt design for June Dairyfest parade per FIA request. Patrons will need to purchase unless a Thrivent Action Card can help cover or donation provided.
- Increasing Social media engagement through private FB group community. All are welcome to join: **Search "Faith Lutheran Online Community"** on FB and request to join.
- Scheduled three website work nights during month of May in order to Launch Phase 1 of Website to get rid of old website. Additional pages and updates to come over the summer. Please let office@faithmarshfield.com know of any discrepancies.

Mission Team Updates

Faith In Action Team Highlights

Faith in Action has been busy this month gearing up for the Dairy Fest parade, which is taking place on Saturday, June 1st. Our slogan for our float will be "Everything is butter at Faith Lutheran Church". To show off our slogan, the team has decided to post pictures of the different events we have done throughout the year that brings us all together, including the Mother's Day event, Bunny Hop, and Trunk or Treat. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the following, please contact Michelle at micheller0714@gmail.com or Justin at jpolzin84@gmail.com:

- Parade Walkers
- Coolers
- Ice
- Water for participants
- Snacks for participants
- Decorating the float



In May, Faith in Action helped organize the Coffee Outreach to the Post Office. This event took place on Tuesday, May 21st. Pictured is Pam Johnson and Postmaster John Halverson

Facility Team Highlights

- Leak addressed on church Flat Roof—Quality Roof came and found two small holes between the air conditioners and duct work. Did a water test and it did not leak.
- Insurance was looked at. Discussion on how to lower premium as it went up 40%. Value of property back to 2023-saves \$585, Keep deductible at \$2500, pay the monthly premium instead of the annual premium – it only in adds \$3 a month and we can continue to look into other insurance companies.
- Plumbing has been updated with shutoff valves on May 20th.
- Work on the Kitchen Restoration is moving forward now that the kitchen walls have stayed dry. See update below.
- New AED Pads were installed on Defibrillator in Gathering Area.
- There are new plastic rectangle tables in the upper room. They are purchased through Memorial and other funds.
- Randy Lueth updated the maps on the main level, education level and the lower level of the church. Jeff Tisdell is using them to mark fire extinguishes, exit lights, and escapes.

Any questions you have about our facility please contact Pam Johnson at majiella@gmail.com.



Ice Cream Social

JUNE 9th AFTER SERVICE



Kitchen Committee Restoration Update

The kitchen restoration project is in full swing, visible changes are already evident. On April 5th, we received a report from Northstar Environmental Testing, LLC. There was no asbestos found in the flooring materials. This was requested by the Facilities Team (cost \$80). Following the early spring thaw, the basement remains dry. Having these issues resolved has allowed us to move forward! The back storage area walls were cleaned and painted. The upper affected (east wall) cabinet has been removed and is being replaced. The flooring has been ordered (floor tiles and baseboards). The cabinet replacement and flooring items were in the original bid and the contractors have agreed

to honor those numbers. Following our timeline, our next project is refurbishment of the damaged lower walls and cabinets. We would like to thank our volunteers for their continued time and talents. Specifically, Dale & Ryan Bohm and John Lenz. Thank you again to everyone that has contributed to these projects.

Faith Kitchen Committee: Joyce Cesar, Judy Rhodes (Co-coordinators), Mike Behling, Karen Bohm, Kristin Litwaitis, Nancy Sternweis & Jalaine Varsho



Mission Team Updates

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Welcome Center

Something new for everyone to know, the clipboard that has always been sent around during the service time will now be sitting by the welcome station. Please sign up before or after service. All your time and talents are appreciated. The Welcome committee is growing... Yay! If you would like to be on our team, please feel free to contact Diane Herron 715-384-3096. Thank you!

Personnel Team Highlights

Personnel Mission Team sponsored the first annual FLC brat sale at Festival Foods on May 17, 2024. This sale was part of the 2023 church council strategy to build a capital improvement fund for our church. We were blessed with a beautiful spring day with lots of people hungry for brats and hot dogs. Some stopped because they could smell us cooking the brats and at the end of the day there was a demand for brats to take home to their evening campfire. Income for the sale was \$1598.35. This included the \$250 grant from Thrivent and two donations from members for \$150.00

Expenses for the sale: \$538.79

Profit: **\$1059.56 for our Capital Improvement Fund**

It was a great time for members to gather in the community, let the community know who we are and get to know others in our church. And it was a fun day! Thank you to all who participated to make this sale a success!

Job Posting—Custodian

This part-time custodial position involves cleaning and maintaining a church's buildings and grounds, coordinating with church activities, managing supplies, setting up for events, performing routine equipment maintenance, and addressing safety concerns. It requires physical capabilities such as lifting, bending, and standing, with occasional exposure to outdoor conditions and cleaning chemicals. The role offers up to 10 hours per week with flexible scheduling, and prefers candidates with 2 years of custodial experience and availability for day and night shifts.

Job Posting—Choir Director

Seeking a passionate Choir Director to lead our adult choir during the school year. Responsibilities include directing rehearsals, selecting music, and leading performances aligned with Lutheran liturgy. Part-time position with flexible scheduling. Experience in choral directing preferred.

Worship & Music Team Highlights

- Starting Wednesday Services with a 5 PM meal and 5:30 PM start time. Services to include communion.
(June 5th & 19th, July 17th & 31st, & Aug. 14th)
- Outdoor Sunday Service combined with Good Shepherd on June 23 at Good Shepherd at 9 AM.
- Christmas in July Service on July 21st
- Choir Director candidates are currently applying for the position.

"Save Your Plastic Plant Pots"

Every year up to a half BILLION plastic plant pots end up in landfills or incinerator plants. Even though they may have a recycle symbol and number on them, the sad truth is that black plastic does not get recycled because there is not a demand for the recycled plastic. The Green Team asks you not to throw out your plastic pots that could be reused. They can be reused by washing them with dish soap and water and then soaking them in a solution of water and bleach (10:1) for 10 minutes. If you can't reuse them, bring them to the church garage. The Green Team will have a container to put them in. They will be offered to others who can reuse them. Thanks.



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Mission Team Updates

Treasurer's Report

April general giving was \$16,891, which was \$5,108 lower than budget. April year-to-date giving was \$88,196, which was \$5,304 lower than budget. Although general giving has been lower, the year-to-date expenses are \$15,644 lower than budget, resulting in net income (income exceeding expenses) of \$12,869 through April.

Finance Team Highlights

- Cindy Prust made a motion to designate \$5,000 in the MIF Checking (Reserves) to be used to pay our insurance deductible in the future if needed. Pam Johnson Seconds. Motion passes.
- Thrivent Choice Dollars amount has come in March-May totaling: \$1,250.00. We are having a meeting regarding Thrivent to encourage involvement and education.
 - Total Action Cards used so far this year—over \$2,500 in approved grant money through action cards.
- We have made a recommendation to the Facilities Management Team to review the contract for Better Way Club and consider adding rent in addition to their utility payment.
 - To allow time to discuss, only sign a 3-month contract at the current rate.
- We have made a recommendation to Facilities Management team in regards to Insurance Premium Increase: Put the property value back at the 2023 amounts to save us \$585 dollars. Keep the deductible at \$2500 currently. Sounds like insurance may raise it to \$5,000 in upcoming years. Pay the monthly amount instead of annual amount, only increases it by \$3/month by paying monthly, therefore giving us time to research other insurances without putting up the large annual amount over \$10,900. Kent to research other options in the meantime.

2024-2025 Council Representatives

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Sundaes on Sunday

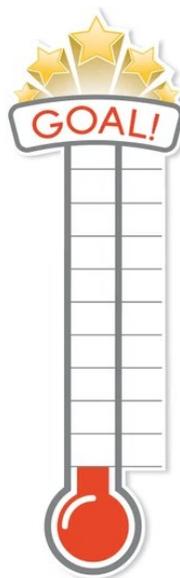
Please join us for sundaes on Sunday, June 9th sponsored by our church women. It will be held after the church service. We will have hot fudge, caramel, strawberry toppings, sprinkles, whipped cream, lemonade, and coffee. A free-will donation to support our women's group will be appreciated.

Craft & Bake Sale

There will be a craft and bake sale hosted by the Social Concerns/ Green Team on December 7th & 8th. Please reach out to John & Kathy Campbell or Lisa Helstein with any questions.

Capital Improvement Campaign

During the January Council Meetings, the Congregational Council assessed one-time upcoming costs that affect our building. In looking ahead for the next 5-10 years, appliances, roof, parsonage and elevator were assessed. The council decided to launch a multi-year campaign to raise funds that will go into our Capital Improvement Fund. This year the council set a goal of raising \$10,000. Mission teams are committed to launching a fundraiser this year to help bring in funds. In the upcoming Newsletters and Quarterly Stewardship Letters, the council will spell out what we are raising money for and the priorities. Meanwhile, Facilities Team prepared Soup Supper donating monies to this Capital Improvement Fund of \$337 and Personnel had a Brat Fry raising \$1,060. Total Goal Raised so far \$1,397.00.



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Dairyfest Parade (FLC Float)
2 9:00 WORSHIP 2:00 Piano Recital FLY Mission Trip Meeting	3 Office Closed 6:30 Ed & Fam Team Mtg 7:00 AA 7:00 Al-Anon	4 7:00 Boy Scouts Patrol Leader Council Mtg	5 12:00 Staff Mtg 5:30 SERVICE 6:15 Communications UR 6:00 NA Meeting in CR	6 8:30 Quilters Piece Corps 8:30 Finance Team Mtg Office Manager OFF	7 <i>Synod Assembly</i> Office & Building CLOSED	8 <i>Synod Assembly</i>
9 <i>Dairy Sunday</i> 9:00 WORSHIP <i>WELCA Ice Cream Social</i> 10:15 W&M Meeting	10 Office Closed 6:30 Facility Team Mtg 7:00 AA 7:00 Al-Anon	11 7:00 Boy Scouts in CR	12 2:00 LSS Meeting in UR 5:30 FLY Adult Leader Mtg in UR 6:00 NA Meeting in CR	13 8:30 Quilters Piece Corps	14 Office & Building CLOSED	15 9:00 Praise Band Practice
Confirmation Camp						
16 <i>Father's Day</i> 9:00 WORSHIP / PRAISE BAND 10:15 Council Meeting	17 Office Closed 7:00 AA 7:00 Al-Anon	18 4:00 Altrusa in FH 7:00 Boy Scouts in CR	19 9:00 Circles 12:00 Staff Mtg 5:00 Summer GLOW 5:30 SERVICE 6:00 NA Meeting in CR	20 8:30 Quilters Piece Corps 6:00 Faith In Action	21 Office & Building CLOSED	22 <i>Pride in the Park</i> 12:30 PM Al-Anon District Workshop in CR
23 9:00 WORSHIP at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	24 Office Closed 7:00 Ruth Circle at MM 7:00 AA 7:00 Al-Anon	25 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:00 NAMI Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts in CR	Office Manager Alicia Heinrich OFF		28 Office & Building CLOSED	29
30 9:00 WORSHIP	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8PM at Good Shepherd Lutheran					



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Ways to Access the Sunday Service

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am
In Person

Join Us!

All Are

Welcome

- 1) In-person worship at 9 AM every Sunday.
- 2) Live-streaming on YouTube at 9 AM on Sundays.
- 3) On the Cable Access Channel 989 on Sundays at 6:00 PM & Mondays 4:00 PM.
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