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Living the Beatitudes: Finding God's Heart in Everyday Life

FROM PASTOR HEATHER BROWN

Matthew 5:1-12 – The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called
children of God.

Dear Faith Lutheran Friends & Family,

This summer we have been exploring Dr. Timothy Johnson's book, "Finding God in the Questions." In Chapter 10, Johnson says that Jesus's words from Matthew 5:1-12 describe what is at the heart of God. Indeed, Jesus's life and teachings are all about following the great commandment to love God and our neighbor...



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If we really want to live according to the law of the universe and honor God, then we must be willing to live our lives in service to others -- specially to those who are the least among us. Johnson's says, "This is the heart of God."

Johnson raises the question whether Jesus really believed that the way of life he describes in the Beatitudes would work for his followers. Especially in the real world of everyday life, where they would often experience chaos and hardship. But Johnson adds that there are multitudes of individuals who have found peace and contentment by attempting to follow the kind of life Jesus describes in the Beatitudes . They do this by being merciful, meek and pure in heart. They aren't the kind of people we often hear about in the media. And yet, when they do get some attention it's because they stand out in such stark contrast to the norm. Moreover, when we come across such people and get to know them, they remind us of what might be possible for all of us – to be what God originally intended for us when we were created in God's own image.

Can any of us live the Beatitudes perfectly like Jesus did? No. But Jesus has promised us that if we attempt to follow his teachings, we will be closer to the heart of God than we would be otherwise. And he promises that he himself will be present in our lives as we attempt to do so. Anyone who strives to follow Jesus – even in "tiny footsteps full of failures" – will begin a journey of exploration that will lead to a deeper relationship with our Creator than would otherwise be possible.

In Christ, Pastor Heather
pastor@faithmarshfield.com

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

Karen Pugh; Maxine Morgan's friend Rachel, and her brother, Keith; Lois Krahn's sister, Sara; Janeen Dietsche's Mom, Diane; Lorraine Rogers; Jan Fink's niece, Debbie; Dave & Diane Herron's niece, Mia; Dan Akin's mother, Kenlynn; Kenneth Post & Tom Krake.



SERVICE TIME

IN-PERSON 9:00 AM

New!

WAYS TO WATCH

1. Live-streaming on our APP, Facebook, & YouTube.
2. Cable Access 989
 Broadcast Times:
 - o Sunday at 12noon
 - o Monday at 11:30 AM
 - o Friday at 11 AM
3. Always access on App, Facebook, & YouTube.





GLOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

 GLOW TEMPLE TALK
AUGUST 11TH

 LAST SUMMER GLOW
AUGUST 21ST

 NEW PARENT MEETING
AUGUST 22ND

August Birthday
Shout-Outs to the following

BIRTHDAYS:

8/17 - HUDSON CORCORAN
8/19 - NORA MEIER
8/22 - MADASON COURNOYER

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:

8/19 - SAWYER MCCANN
8/23 - HUDSON CORCORAN



Education Update: Getting Ready for the New School Year

FROM MARTY YOHN

Hard to believe it is August already. The Education Mission Team is ramping up for the start of a new school year. GLOW and Confirmation classes will begin Sunday, September 8, this fall, with Adult Education a week later. As always, volunteers are needed for teaching and assisting with classes. It can be part-time, a job share, substitute, or full year if you wish. Consider the impact you can have on a young person's life, and just as importantly, the positive impact it can have on your own life. There is a sign-up posted in the Gathering Area, or simply contact Marty, Brianne, Justin, or the church office if interested. We can't do it without you.

There will be a short parent meeting Thursday evening, August 22, for new Pre-Kindergarten GLOW students to acquaint families with the program. Contact the Church Education office for more details.





FAITH
Lutheran Youth



Duluth 2024

See ya on the Hillside

July 20 – 26

Returning from the Hillside: Youth Mission Trip Recap

FROM KIM VRANA

Just as the disciples returned from the hillside after the teachings of Jesus during the Sermon on the Mount, we too have returned from Mission Trip 2024 in Duluth.

Please join us September 15 at 9 AM (in person or online) as the Duluth 2024 Mission Trip Team shares a special service of reflection and recollection and then join us immediately after for a special Coffee Hour and Forum to hear more about the trip from both our youth and Adult Leaders. We served our brothers and sisters in Christ through outdoor repair work, trail blazing, packing meals for children in need, feeding those experiencing homelessness, extreme poverty and mental health issues and helping those in need with work that would have taken them five times as long to complete. We sought to understand the challenges of coming into a community to serve, how we should treat others the way we want to be treated and how we are the salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. We marveled at the wonders of God's creation and beauty in Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. We thank God for a wonderful trip, the many new people we met and learned from and the new friends along the way. We spent 7 days building a community of youth and adult leaders with a strong bond of friendship and love for each other and those less fortunate than us. We were blessed to be joined by our friends at First Presbyterian Church and hope they will be able to join us again someday.

UPCOMING EVENTS  SEPT. 15TH MISSION TRIP SUNDAY
 SEPT. 22ND FLY GROUP MEETING 10 AM



Mission Team Updates

Facilities Management Team

CHAIR PAM JOHNSON

- GLOW classrooms will be cleaned in August by K&C Cleaning.
- LSS rental agreement was passed to leave rent at \$200 a month.
- House of Heating fixed a leak in the duct work on the air conditioners on the roof of the church.
- Elevator had water in the shaft. Took care of it and will look into why.
- Church Mutual (our insurance Company) sent sensors for water and smoke. They will be installed by the August meeting.
- A Temple Talk will be on Sept. 22nd to inform the congregation of the Parsonage/Better Way Club status. There will be a question and answer forum to follow. Watch for more details.

Faith In Action Team: Flannels, Fire and Faith

CHAIR TREVA TISDELL

Fall weather will soon be upon us and the Faith in Action Team is planning for our Annual Faith Bonfire.

Saturday, September 14th – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Auburndale School Forest. There will be outdoor games, walking tacos, hot chocolate, and s'mores. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.



Special Welcome to Newest Staff Member Justin Polzin!

Justin Polzin will be working with the Education & Family Ministry Team as Co-Director



On SEPT. 8th!

KICK OFF OF GLOW!



Treasurer's Report

FROM TREASURER KENT MUELLER

June general giving was \$17,948, which was \$9,552 lower than budget. June year-to-date general giving was \$126,777, which was \$16,223 lower than budget. Although general giving has been lower, the year-to-date expenses are \$22,956 lower than budget, resulting in net income (income exceeding expenses) of \$5,664 through June.

Money Counter Volunteers Needed!

FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY
PAM JOHNSON

Lloyd Mueller will be stepping down from serving on the Money Counting Team. Thank you, Lloyd, for your many years of service.

We are in need of a few more people to help with money counting. The team meets on Monday mornings at 8:30, counts the money collected during the week and on Sunday mornings, completes deposit slips for all accounts, and then takes deposits to appropriate banks.

If interested or for more information, contact Pam Johnson at 715-305-1673 or Jeff Tisdell at 715-387-4569.

Mission Team Updates

Finance Team Update

FROM FINANCE TEAM

During the January Council Meetings, the Church Council assessed our projected building costs looking ahead for the next 5-10 years i.e. roof, parsonage and elevator were prioritized. 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 share more. Meanwhile, the Facilities Team prepared Soup Supper donating monies to this Capital Improvement Fund of \$337, Personnel had a Brat Fry raising \$1,060, Social Concerns/Green Team gave \$2500, and individual member donations have totaled \$1,113.00, Communications M&M Fundraiser has raised \$182 thus far with pledges up to \$900.

Capital Campaign Progress



M&M Quarters for Capital Fundraiser is still going on. Feel free to sign out a M&M Tube from the office, eat the M&M's, fill with quarters and turn back into the office by Sept. 1st. Thank you!

Audit Committee of FLC

LLOYD MUELLER, KEN KRAHN, PAUL KAPLA, RICH TARTER

On Saturday July 27th, 2024, the Audit Committee of Faith Lutheran Church met and reviewed the following accounts for its 6 month audit. They are as follows: The Operating Fund; The Endowment Fund, The Memorial Fund, The Care Fund, The Women of ELCA Fund, and the Education & Family Ministry Fund. We found everything to be in proper order. This audit helps when we do the year-end audit. The treasurers of the various funds should be recognized for their endeavors and accuracy.

Caring for God's Creation

NWSWI SYNODICAL
WOMEN'S CONVENTION
At SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH
in EAU CLAIRE
SEPTEMBER 27 - 28, 2024

SAVE THE DATES!

For more information speak with
Karen Bohm or Judy Rhodes.

August 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Register for SUMMER GLOW on our APP. 1. Go to your App Store on your phone. 2. Search "Faith Lutheran Marshfield" and download App. 3. Create a profile and sign in. 4. Then go to calendar, click on SUMMER GLOW event and Register!				1 Office 8:00-12noon 8:30 Piece Corps 11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Scout Troop 345	2 Office & Building CLOSED	3
4 9:00 WORSHIP	5 Office Closed 6:30 Ed & Fam Team Mtg 6:30 Social Concerns/Green Zoom Meeting 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Al-Anon	6 Office 8:00-12noon 7:00 Boy Scouts #382	7 Office 8:00-12noon 2:00 W/ELCA Conference Brd Mtg 6:00 Communications Mtg 6:00 NA Meeting in CR	8 Office 8:00-12noon 8:30 Piece Corps 8:30 Finance Team Mtg	9 Office & Building CLOSED	10
11 9:00 WORSHIP GLOW Temple Talk 10:00 Council Meeting 5:00 Mission Trip Picnic	12 Office Closed 6:30 Facility Team Mtg 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Al-Anon	13 Office 8:00-12noon 7:00 Boy Scouts	14 Office 8:00-12noon 12:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 WOSHIP SERVICE 6:00 NA Meeting in CR	15 Office 8:00-12noon 8:30 Piece Corps 6:00 Faith In Action Mtg 7:00 Scout Troop 345	16 Office & Building CLOSED	17
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18 9:00 WORSHIP/ UKELELE FRIENDS	19 Office Closed 2:30 LSS Meeting (UR) 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Al-Anon	20 Office 8:00-12noon 7:00 Boy Scouts	21 Office 8:00-12noon 9:00 Elizabeth Circle 5:00 SUMMER GLOW 6:00 NA Meeting in CR	22 Office 8:00-12noon 8:30 Piece Corps 6:00 GLOW Preschool Parent Mtg 6:30 FE CoHort	23 Office & Building CLOSED	24
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Service Time:
Sundays 9:00 AM



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