



Summer
HAPPENINGS AT
AT FAITH IN CHRIST

The Joyful Noise

2016

“Transformed by Christ”

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!*
2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is
— his good, pleasing and perfect will.*
Romans 12:2 NIV



As you go through your day, does the Word of God come into your mind? As you take a walk in the summer breeze, do words of sacred hymns come to mind? As you are driving your car, or along for a ride with another, does your conversation turn to the things that are Holy?

These are good questions to mull over in your mind. The reason is this - is your mind a fertile soil for the things of GOD? If you have been transformed by the renewing of your mind, the things of God, the Words of God from the Holy Scriptures, and the songs of faith will influence and infuse your daily life.

Now if the things of God don't come to mind readily, and the Words of God don't come into your thoughts and season your conversations, you may be anemic with regards to your Christian Faith. You very likely need an infusion of God-stuff. You could use renewal and revival in your heart, mind, and soul.

Have you ever seen the difference in a person from before and after a blood transfusion? Night and day difference in strength, energy, vigor, life itself. Now take that same image of tremendous difference for the better, and picture what God would make happen in you if you would have a Faith transfusion! Imagine what would happen in your thoughts, your conversations, your general outlook of life when the soil of your soul has been renewed and revived by the very presence of GOD!

Just like a beautiful yard takes constant care through mowing and fertilizing, your Christian Faith needs constant care. Care that is much more than Sunday Worship. Sunday Worship is like a fresh rain. Bible study is like an intentional fertilizing of your Faith. Just as your yard needs more than rain - your soul needs more than Sunday morning worship.

Open your Bible in the morning and read a portion like a taking a daily vitamin. Pray before your meals establishing gratitude in your heart for all the Lord has provided. Sing a song in perfect tune of your own creativity, or lack thereof of carrying a tune. Still sing a song, for music knits together the words of scripture with the song of the soul and is one of the best ways for the Word of Holy Scripture to penetrate deeply in your mind and heart. Then, for a weekly workout, get connected to a Bible study with brothers and sisters in Christ. Not only will you get a booster shot of Christian perspective from God's Word, you'll get to know and care more about others as Christian friendships grow.

In summary - be transformed by Christ!

Peace,

Pastor Jeff

Discipleship

- ◆ Learn what Jesus taught - Study the Scriptures of Old and New Testament.
- ◆ Do what Jesus taught - Live what you have learned from the Scriptures
- ◆ Spread what Jesus taught - Go and make disciples of All Nations.



Prayer Moment:



Lord, as I stretch out under the shade tree, as I cast a fishing line into the brook, as I watch the starry hosts of night, may I be grateful for all You created.

Lord, as I walk barefoot in the grass, as I curl my toes in the sand, as I step into a pair of water skies, may I be grateful for all You created.

Lord, as I place my hand over my heart, as I watch a baseball game, as I enjoy a hotdog with spicy mustard dripping, may I be grateful for all You created.

Lord, as I watch the majestic power of a thunderstorm, as I see lightning streak across the sky, as I smell the fresh wetness of rain, may I be grateful for all You created.

Lord, as I tuck my daughter in bed at night, as I pray with her and kiss her goodnight, as I quietly close the door, may I be grateful for all You have created, and stop, pause, and worship You. Amen.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Esther is Queen. Mordecai has saved the King. Haman has a plan.

God is sovereign overall. Learn the Deliverance of God through Esther. Then we'll enter into the Book of Job.

Come and Study the Bible with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Tuesdays at 7 pm. We'll meet Tuesday June 7th, 21st, and 28th. We'll take off the month of July and then begin again on Tuesday August 2nd. We conclude by 8:15 p.m.



Walking in the Word

New Outdoor Ministry Planning

Many in the Family of Faith in Christ enjoy the outdoors. Many love to go camping. Many love to Explore new places, see & experience more of God's creation. New adventures are calling ...



SO - LET'S GO CAMPING!!!

See Pastor Jeff to be a part of the Planning Team! Like to have an outing late summer or early fall in preparation for something BIG next summer!



Summer Travel and Supporting The Mission of Faith in Christ.

As you travel this summer, enjoying vacations with family, friends, and the Lord's creation, please remember your commitment to support God's ministry through the mission of Faith in Christ. Your offering envelope is addressed and only needs a stamp to mail your weekly commitment to ministry and the building fund.

The last two summers as a ministry we fell behind during August. Join us in prayer that this summer God will provide, through you and others, offerings above and beyond according to the Holy Spirit power working in and through us!

"COOKIE SUNDAY" FELLOWSHIP

As we all know "we Lutherans do like to eat while we fellowship" so how about we all host a "Cookie Sunday" the first Sunday of the month during the summer. Everyone is invited to bring a package of cookies on these Sundays. We will open what we want and the unopened packages will be put in the cupboard to enjoy when needed.

Bring cookies on June 5th, July 3rd, and August 7th. And then all that is needed is for someone to put on the coffee.

Also, please continue to sign up as usual for the remaining summer Sundays.



Support IHN

IHN Annual Golf Scramble Aug. 23, 2016

Entry fee is only \$80.00 per person which includes greens fee, cart, snacks, beverages, the best lunch ever and prizes!

Please help with Facility Cleaning

Our janitor Daisy has broken her leg and will be unavailable to clean for several weeks. We are asking for your help on Saturday mornings to clean and prepare our facility for Sunday worship. Cleaning teams make the time go much faster. Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex. Questions? See Beth Brown. (Midweek cleaning is covered by a team already)

SQUARE DANCE AND POTLUCK

SATURDAY JUNE 18TH

4:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

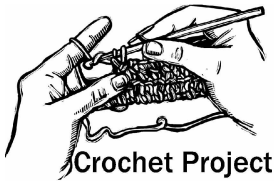


A night of Square Dancing and Eating is planned and we hope you can make it. There will be a sign-up sheet so we will know how many to plan for. You are asked to bring either a side-dish or dessert.

We will begin our evening of fun with a Potluck from 4:30 -5:30. Then beginning at 6:00 we will learn a few Square Dance steps to help get us going. We've been told there are moves for everyone, including those with any special needs. The Caller at one time even had a service dog that could square dance. But if you really don't feel like dancing, please come for the fun! (Questions, please call Marc or Marilyn.)

Wednesday Morning Crocheting

The Wednesday morning Crocheting group meets for fun and fellowship at 10:00 A.M. in the conference room. Beginners are always welcome to come and learn. We meet each Wednesday. We will be taking a break for July and August and then begin meeting again in September.



Summer Fellowship Fun Saturday July 9th 8 P.M.

Springfield Arts Festival

Arrival from Sweden - The Music of ABBA

Bring your chair to toss in the back of Steve's truck.

A group will stake out and set up chairs in an area for us.
Then come and enjoy an evening together!

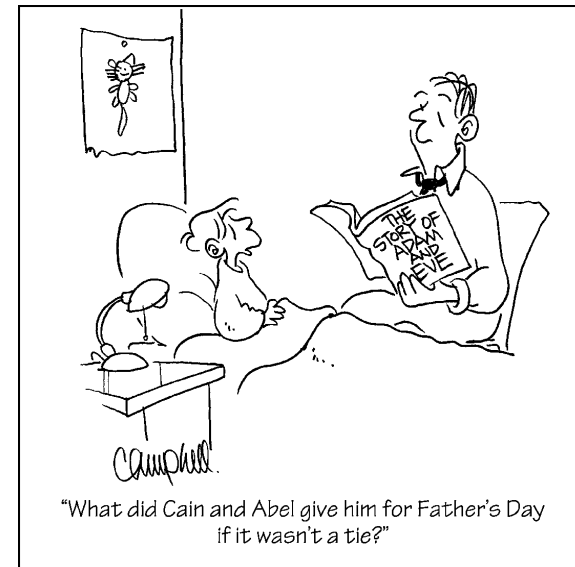
Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you for all who have designated Faith In Christ to receive your Thrivent Choice Dollars. During 2015 Thrivent Choice Dollars in the amount of \$1,867.00 were received by Faith in Christ.



If you have not already done so, please designate your 2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars

Happy Father's Day - June 19, 2016



Plan Now to attend:

Day Camp

July 11th - July 15th

For children completed kindergarten through completed sixth grade

9 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.



Having Fun at Day Camp

Worship! Bible Study! Picnics!

Games! Crafts! New Friends!

Hope to see you!!!

See Holly Hare for more Info and to Help
with this Awesome Ministry!

(There are new Playground features to explore at
Moorefield Family Park too!)

Get On Track and Stay There



A man bought a new hunting dog. Eager to see how he would perform, he took him out to track a bear. No sooner had they gotten into the woods than the dog picked up the trail.

Suddenly he stopped, sniffed the ground, and headed in a new direction. He had caught the scent of a deer that had crossed the bear's path. A few moments later he halted again, this time smelling a raccoon that had crossed the path of the deer. Then a turkey, a rabbit, and so on, until finally the breathless hunter caught up with his dog, only to find him barking triumphantly down the hole of a field mouse.

One of the things for which Paul prayed was for his brethren in Colossae to be able to "approve the things that are excellent" (Phil. 1:10). He used a word here that was common among metallurgists. As they tested the quality of metal, they "approved" in the metal that which was genuine. It is used, in this passage, of testing that which is good or evil. That is not always easy. Easy or not, it is the thing responsible Christians must do.

Our faith gets involved in this. We should test the excellency of our personal faith. Peter informed his readers that "for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials" but also told them how beneficial such would be. He concluded, that "your faith, which is more precious than all the gold in the world, may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed" (1 Pet. 1:6-7). The word "proved" here is the same as in Col. 1:10.

Often Christians start out with high resolve, putting the kingdom of God first in their lives, but their attention is soon diverted to things of lesser worth. One pursuit leads to another until they've strayed far from their original purpose. Let us do our best to put first things first. So, take the divine admonition and stay on track and let nothing cause you to deviate from the straight and narrow way.

"Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you" (Prov. 4:25). "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matt. 6:33).

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NALC CORE VALUES

Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servant-hood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.

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