



Ask
the Lord *of*
the harvest
to send out
laborers

LUKE 10:2

FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

July 4, 2010

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it. A red Fellowship Pad is at the end of each pew, please pass it down the pew so everyone can sign for the day, this helps us know visitors and have vital information

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God by John & Carol Taylor in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary

LAST WEEK AT FAITH:

OFFERINGS:

Current	\$ 2402.00
Other	\$ 35.00
Total	\$ 2437.00

ATTENDANCE:

Worship	65
Nursery	4
	<u>69</u>

We need at least \$3236.00 in **current** each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for His many blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK AT FAITH:

Pastor ...	Scott Meier	Acolyte..	Volunteer
Assistant...	Rev. Charles Hartbauer	Greeters..	Volunteer
Organist...	Barb Brewster	Social..	Volunteer
Fin. Asst...	Stephanie Andrews	Audio..	Jim Hegenbarth
Nursery	Lisa Peter		
Altar Guild..	Stephanie Andrews		
Ushers...	Tom Hayes, Volunteers		

Next week: Assistant; L. Gernand, Acolyte; Volunteer Greeters; Steaban Social; Volunteer Audio; J. Hegenbarth, Altar Guild; S. Andrews

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, July 4	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship
Mon., July 5	10:00 am Faithful Quilters
Thurs-Sat. July 8-10	Spirit Song Fest. At Kings Island
Sun., July 11	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship VBS set-up Council Meeting

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty McLaughlin Norma Boehme Patti Smith Jim Falkenstein
Jim Vogt

Our Service Men & women and all those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith Family and beyond.

Announcements

VBS: Faith's VBS is scheduled for July 12-16 from 9 –12. If you know of any youngsters that would like to attend this fun event please register them asap so the staff can plan for their classes. See Carol Taylor for more information.

NEWSLETTER: The June/July newsletter is in your mailbox. The editor and secretary apologize for the delay in getting this out to you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The adult class has decided to continue to meet during the SCS hour during the summer months. Please consider joining us.

ATTENDANCE: Please take a moment to complete the attendance sheet in the maroon folder in the right hand side of the pew.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our volunteer coordinator is looking for volunteers for the summer months in the following areas: worship assistant, greeters, social, & ushers. Please see Veronica Rife following the service today in the narthex. Thanks for your help.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14 [not printed]

Psalm 66:1-9

SECOND READING: Galatians 6: [1-6] 7-16

[My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads.

⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its

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Pairs and Prayers

Has the church learned from the mission of the seventy? Listen and consider. Jesus wisely sends the first missionaries out in pairs. There is strength in numbers. Lots of organizations send their people out in pairs or groups: police, firefighters, miners, astronauts, and day-care providers, to name a few. It is safer. You have a friend. Someone has your back. There are things two can do together that one alone never can.

Clearly, Jesus knows the disciples will need this strength of numbers, because his instructions include preparations for dealing with communities that do not welcome them. He is sending them out like lambs in the midst of wolves (Luke 10:3). So go in pairs.

However, most of our pastors are called through the call process as individuals. Many serve as solo pastors in congregations. Even at the lay level, we often arrange ministry as a solo enterprise. Ministers of communion to the homebound may go solo. Sunday school teachers often teach a class alone. Our models for evangelism place the burden on individuals to share their personal faith wherever they are—at the office, at home, at the gym—but seldom offer models for how a pair of Jesus' followers might share the gospel together.

So we can learn from Jesus' instruction to the seventy and from Jesus' other instruction, to "ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers" (Luke 10:2). Do we include as part of our corporate prayers a petition that God would send us out as laborers, and in pairs? Do we in our devotions ask that God would make us missionaries, raise up disciples, call people in pairs, to share the gospel in every town and place Jesus intends to go? Since Jesus intends to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19), this seems a worthy prayer to pray with considerable regularity. Lord, send out laborers. Lord, make me a laborer. Amen.

Gospel, continued

streets and say, ¹¹"Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

¹⁶"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.

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