

*My soul  
magnifies the Lord*

LUKE 1:46



# FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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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

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The Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Patti & Mike Smith in celebration of Kari's upcoming graduation..

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## **LAST WEEK AT FAITH:**

### **OFFERINGS:**

Current	\$ <b>3323.85</b>
Other	\$ <u>113.00</u>
Total	\$ 3436.85

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Worship	76
Nursery	<u>0</u>
	76

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.

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## **SERVING THIS WEEK AT FAITH:**

Pastor ... Scott Meier	Acolyte.. Volunteer
Assistant... Tom Hayes	Greeters.. Volunteer
Organist... Barb Brewster	Social.. Volunteer
Fin. Asst... Veronica Rife	Audio.. Bill Holman
Nursery ..... Lisa Peter	
Altar Guild.. Barb Brewster	
Ushers... Nancy & Jim Falkenstein, Dick & Virginia Klemens	

**Next week:** Assistant; P. Smith Acolyte; Volunteer Greeters; McCoy Social; Falkenstein Audio; B. Holman Altar Guild; B. Brewster Ushers; N. & J. Falkenstein, D. & V. Klemens

## Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, Aug. 15	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship
Mon., Aug. 16	10:00 am Faithful Quilters
Thurs., Aug 19	11:00 am OWLS outing
Sun., Aug. 22	9:15 am Adult SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Fellowship PLOT meeting

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty McLaughlin      Norma Boehme      Barb Fitzpatrick

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

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### Announcements

**OWLS:** The OWLS next outing is Thursday, Aug. 19. Meet at Faith at 11:00 am for a trip to Hawks View Café & Art Gallery. See Jim or Nancy Falkenstein for more information

**NEWSLETTER:** A reminder that our new editor is Peg Gernand, her email address is lylegernand@yahoo.com. If you haven't submitted your article for September, please do so. Thank you Peg for taking on this job.

### **3RD ANNUAL HOME FRONT FIGHT MOTORCYCLE RUN:**

Thanks to all who came out and helped during the motorcycle run yesterday. Proceeds will benefit the Eric Hall Foundation

**SCC:** The Taylor's are hosing a South Central conf. youth swim party/planning meeting on Sun., Aug. 29 following church. Our youth will meet prior to SCC meeting to plan their calendar for the 2010-11 year. Please plan to attend this fun/work event. For more information see Carol or John Taylor.

**PROPERTY TEAM:** The property team would like to know if anyone is interested in the old doors to the Emma Schoen Hall. If no one shows an interest, they will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. See Jim Hegenbarth if interested.

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** There are openings for you to provide simple refreshments for Social, Greet others as they enter our church, Assist Pastor in conducting the worship service, or to be one of four Ushers. Please sign up on the bulletin board or see Veronica Rife.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:7-11**

Because their shame was double,  
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,  
therefore they shall possess a double portion;  
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

**Psalm 34:1-9**

**SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**GOSPEL: Luke 1:46-55**

Mary said,  
"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;

## Bearing Jesus to the World

Mary's story has traditionally been important to women, highlighting, as it does, the significant role of a woman, a pregnant woman no less. Most mothers can probably relate to Mary's feelings of awe, blessing, and praise, even if their children are merely human and their pregnancies mostly planned and understood.

Mary's song, too, is well-loved by disenfranchised people. She sings of a God who is changing the order of the world, who is merciful to the poor, and who lifts up the lowly. How could this *not* give hope to those who are weary of the way things are? But is there an entry point to this day for those of us who aren't mothers, or those who aren't disenfranchised? How can we sing Mary's song for ourselves?

When visited by the angel Gabriel, Mary chooses to believe the unbelievable truth that she herself is chosen by God. Her song then praises this magnificent truth of God's holiness, a holiness that expresses itself not in exalting the already exalted or lifting up those who are already powerful, but in caring for the underdog, and doing so through ordinary people like us.

God is still choosing us, whoever we are, asking if we too will bear God's Son to the world. When we tell the world what Jesus' coming means—how it changes everything—and when we labor to make God's love real and visible, we join Mary in delivering good news to a world that longs to hear and experience it. When we believe in God's choice, as unlikely as it may seem, we can join in Mary's declaration that “the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name” (Luke 1:49).

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*Gospel, continued*

- he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17.

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