



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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*"Faithful Lutherans sent by Christ to
serve God's children"*

AUGUST, 2008

PASTOR'S LETTER

It has been a busy summer. When I was young, it seemed like summer was more relaxed, that things slowed down. But these days, summer is becoming like all the other times of the year. I am just as busy if not more so in the summer. I find that things like cutting the grass and even playing golf on occasion add to the busyness in my life. Life no longer seems to slow down in the summer.

Now it is August and the summer is nearly over. In a few weeks it will be back to school. High school football games and marching band competitions will fill the weekends. The state fairs will celebrate the bounty that has always been a part of Indiana and Kentucky. Summer will come to an end with our Labor day celebration and we will begin to look forward to the fall and the changing of the seasons.

As you enjoy the last part of the summer, do not forget to take the opportunity to see God in the natural beauty that surrounds us. As I have enjoyed my rounds with some of our congregation's golfers, it has been a reminder to me of God's beautiful creation as we complete our rounds when the sun is setting and the Indiana countryside seems to be aglow in God's light. The air turns cooler and it makes me stop and recall that God has entrusted me to care for the beauty that I see all around me. Even when I sat in the heat at King's Island and listened to the music, I was reminded that God loves me and cares about me and cares about this created world. Even in the heat and the storms and the thunder and the rain, God is present and cares for me and for you and for all of creation.

For those who have been gone this summer, welcome back. You have been missed and your return is welcomed. For those who have been here through the summer heat, thank you for your support as we continue to worship God together and grow in our life of faith together. I am looking forward to a wonderful Fall.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Scott

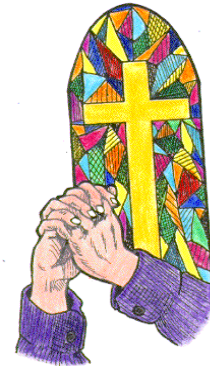
PRAYER REQUESTS

We ask God's special healing for:

- Dot Clerici
- Betty Condra
- Roger Rice
- Bill Winn
- Betty McLaughlin
- Ron Barr
- Gina Barr
- Makayla Mengen
- Bob Dietrich
- Angie Hustedt-Mitchell
- Davia Cranshaw
- Melvin Minton

- Tim Kruer
- Dave Doederlein
- WC Clark
- Becky Seiler
- Ellen Zender
- Edna Banchek
- Amy Rawlins
- Justin Romine-Wykoff
- Ian Walker
- Bill Bose
- Jim Vogt
- Amy Holaday
- Nick Sandell

- Greg Linker
- Janet Hill
- Mary Buckel
- Gordan McCall
- Patti Smith
- Bill Rose
- Mary Burnett & family



If you are in need of prayer, please contact Pastor Meier at 812-282-6993 or on his cell phone (260-273-1250) or one of the prayer chain leaders: Betty Condra (282-2102), Vivian Smith (288-8531) or Nancy Vogt (282-2014)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

God's blessings to these May birthdays:

- Nancy Vogt 8/1
- Billie Williams 8/1
- Max Mitchell 8/3
- Charlotte Davis 8/7
- Corey Durham 8/7
- Dan Diekhoff 8/9
- Roger Rice 8/9
- Stephen Thoms 8/10
- Cleon Trusner 8/16
- Meredith Jaeger 8/24
- Kris Searcy 8/27



We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in August:

Dan & Judy Diekhoff 8/29



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Faithful Quilters

We continue to meet the first and third Mondays of each month at 10 am. Please join us if you can. You do not need to be able to sew.



If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the monthly newsletter, please feel free to contact me by email or phone. I appreciate all the help I have received with my first attempt.

Sincerely,

Carrie McCoy

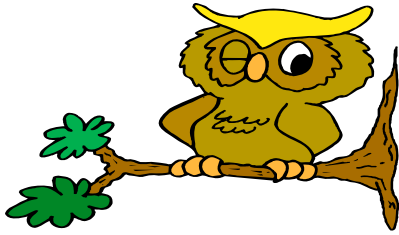
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I'd like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, and food received during my recent surgery and continuing recovery. Please continue to pray for healing and patience for both myself and Mike. I cherish my Faith Family.

Love & God's Peace to all,

Patti Smith



OWLS in Full Flight This Summer!

The OWLS have been very busy this summer.

OWLS ADVENTURES:

In June, our adventure was to Doe Run Inn, at Brandenburg, KY, for lunch, then to the Zimmerman Art Glass Factory in Corydon for a demonstration of glass blowing, and a finale of ice cream at Emery's Ice Cream Shop in Corydon. We all had a great time!

Our July adventure was to Lutheran Hills, where we participated in devotions, enjoyed a great (free) lunch, and had a tour of the facilities. Several of us had never been there and were very curious. We feel better now, to know what Lutheran Hills actually looks like. It's great for our Lutheran Church to have a place like this!

In August, we are going to the Bedford area for a limestone company tour, to see how our nation's stone is cut from large blocks of limestone. We will stop at Half Moon Limestone Products Gift Shop

OWLS

and eat lunch at Hoovers Candy & Eatery. (There is something special about eating lunch in a candy store). Everyone is invited to join us. We will set the date very soon. Any questions? Call Nancy 944-9408

September's outing is near at hand, where we enjoy "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" at Clarksville Little Theatre and a meal at a nearby restaurant. Details to follow

OWLS PROJECTS:

Dorothy McCall has led us in our endeavor to be of service to our senior members of Faith. A number of visits have been made, some of our OWLS have phoned our shut-ins, and sent cards. We are endeavoring to bring two of our lovely senior ladies to and from church. If you know of any of our elders who need transportation or a call or a visit, please let us know. Or if you want to help, that would be great!

In June, the OWLS had a planning meeting at Neil and Patty's Fireside Grill. At that time we pledged to help Becky and Kevin Hall in their quest to

NANCY FALKENSTEIN

bring some good from the tragedy of Eric's death. They have set up a memorial fund, which is to be used to help our military men and women who have suffered from post-traumatic stress syndrome.

Becky asked us to help with the Eric Hall Memorial Cycle Ride, on August 2, beginning at our church, proceeding to Charlestown, then eventually back to the church. We have provided volunteers to help register the bikers and to serve refreshments, which we and our church family are providing. If you receive this newsletter before August 2, come join us. We need all the help we can get, and the event promises to be very exciting. In the Eric Hall Ride in Florida, not many weeks ago, over \$9,000 was raised for the Eric Hall Memorial Fund. Hopefully, we will do as well or better.

We are still interested in joining our younger youth in their projects. Hopefully, this is in the near future.

We are staying busy. We welcome all adults of 45 or 50 or so to join us either in activities or projects. The more, the merrier! We love all of you!

God Bless, Nancy

CENTER FOR LAY MINISTRIES

SUE NEATHAMER

CLM NEEDS FOR AUGUST:

canned spaghetti sauce and tomato items

Thanks to all who donated peanut butter and tuna or any other staples to the food pantry this June and July. We have had a very busy summer so far this year.

YOUTH NEWS

SARAH RIFE

Wow, what a hot summer we have had. This summer the youth took it easy, but will soon be ready to jump back in to things this fall. The youth will be going on a white water rafting trip, August 1st and 2nd. If you have any questions, please ask Fred Czerwonka, and all checks need to be written out to Faith Lutheran Youth, because that will help us make one big check out.

On August 17th, we will have our annual pool party at the Taylor's. Lunch will be provided, and we ask everyone to come because we will be holding our youth meeting to plan events for the 2008-2009 school year.

Sunday School starts September 14th, and Confirmation starts September 3rd.

Any youth that has decided to go to New Orleans next summer, we need a \$125 deposit by September 15th, once again we will ask everyone to write checks out to Faith Lutheran Youth, and we will send one big check out. Hope everyone enjoyed their summer, now it is time to settle down and think about school. Hooray!!!!

Junior Youth Group

The Junior Youth group will have a meeting on Sunday, August 3rd after church to discuss future activities. Please bring ideas and suggestions with you. Children that are in elementary school (kindergarten through fifth grade) and interested adults, please join us. We look forward to seeing you there!



THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Thrivent Care in Congregations yard sale on May 31! We received many, many nice items, which makes for a great yard sale! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to set up, work during the sale, and haul off and clean up afterwards. We worked hard and had fun! We raised \$267, which will be supplemented by Thrivent for use within our congregation. An enormous thank you to all who helped!

So far this year, the Thrivent Care in Congregations program has also provided the Faith Youth with supplemental funds for their Civil Air Patrol dinner fundraiser for \$540, and for the Easter Breakfast for \$196. These are funds for their savings toward the national Lutheran youth convention coming up in the summer of 2009 in New Orleans and other Youth activities.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner, to be prepared by the youth and their parents (including Thrivent members), will be held in November, and is also a Thrivent Care in Congregations activity. Funds raised will be supplemented by Thrivent for use toward their savings for the Lutheran youth convention in 2009, as well as other Youth activities.

Kathy Hayes, Congregational Coordinator

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FINANCE MATTERS

MOLLY HEGENBARTH



I struggled to write this letter. My original intent was to give you more information on our financial status, but due to technical difficulties the exact numbers did not make it into this pub-

lication. I will provide updates on our financial status through the bulletins, but this raised a question in my mind.

If I only had more.....

How would you finish this statement? All of us at some time or another are want more. I wanted more information, but for some reason God sent me down another path.

But if you had more, how would you use it? Would it really benefit you in the way that you had intended? Has God not already provided us all we need?

If I only had more TIME. What would you do with that extra time? Would you put more hours in at work? Would you work on finishing special projects? Or would you give some of that extra time back to help enrich the lives of others.

If I only had more MONEY. What would you do with it? Is there really ever enough money? If we make more money don't we just find ourselves just spending it? Or would you give back to the church?

If I only had more FRIENDS. Well we all want more friends, people to share our lives with. People to help us through the rough time. But how do you get more friends?

What about If I only worked to develop a stronger faith?

Developing this faith would help enlighten each of us on better stewards of what God has given. It would lead us to share that time that we have been given to enrich the lives of others.

You would learn to depend on God and know that the money will be there if we share our treasures with the church to fulfill their missions. Have you ever given more than you thought you would be able to only to find out that the money really is there to cover it? God is watching out for us.

If you share your time, talents and treasures, it will not only enrich your life but will touch others and through that interaction your circle of friends will be expanded.

God will provide – we just have to trust that he has and will take care of us.

Our giving over the past several months has been solid. It is a reflection that we are all committed to making that Little Church on the Corner into a growing community. New faces are showing up and returning. God is taking care of us. We are meeting our bills and we are beginning to be able to look at paying Peter back. God is giving us more.

Your continued support of this family is appreciated. May God fully bless each of you so we can continue to grow our individual treasure chests in and in turn share our treasures with others!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR



Confirmation class

Confirmation classes will begin on September 3. This class is open to all students who are in 6th grade or older. This year we will meet every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm, unless it is a school holiday or snow day. Confirmation is co-taught by Carol Taylor and Pastor Scott. Our topic this year will be a study of Luther's catechism on the Ten Commandments. Confirmation day for the second year students will be May 31, 2009. This is the date for Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church in 2009. If you have a student you would like to enroll in this class please call Pastor at 282-6993 or Carol Taylor at 228-1329. As of now we have six students in this class.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CAROL TAYLOR

Vacation Bible School Report

Vacation Bible School was held at the beginning of the summer, June 16-21. This is a new date and time for our church. We had an average attendance of 56 children per day and 25 teens and adults for the staff. This is a much lower number than we are used to having attend. This could be caused by the fact that our sign went up only the week before VBS. It could also be caused because the new date was running at the same dates as 3 other evening VBS programs. At the staff meeting on Friday after VBS, it was decided to get someone to be in charge of publicity, to get them to make posters to go up in stores in the area, to get the sign up several weeks before VBS, and to continue our mailing of cards to former VBS and Weekday students. This list is on Don Smith's computer. Pastor suggested that perhaps there could be one person or persons designated as publicity committee and they could co-ordinate all activities in our church and get pictures in the newspaper. Patti Smith suggested that we could add a line to our weekly ad stating the date for the beginning of Sunday school, the Christmas program, the cantata, and VBS dates as these events progress through out the year. Does this sound like a job you would like to fill? If so, then talk to Pastor or Carol Taylor.

It was also decided that we will again write our own material for Vacation Bible School for next year. It is very evident that we are blessed with a great amount of talent in this congregation. The material we have written for the past two years has really been well received by the teachers and students, and worked well in the classrooms. The first writers/planners meeting for VBS 2009 will be held at 7:00 pm on October 13th. Anyone interested in helping on this big project is welcome to join us. Come with ideas for a theme, art ideas, Bible stories to include, and a willingness to help make VBS 2009 a great experience for students and teachers.

Our offering this year went to three different areas. We collected our usual cans of food for the Center for Lay Ministries; we also collected a daily offering of \$158 that was given to the Eric Hall Memorial fund. The offering collected at the Thursday evening program is used to cover expenses, the cost of running the VBS program. This year that offering was \$954. There were two large checks that really helped. There was a check for \$200 and a check for \$500 from the Fraternal Order of Police. This means that Art and Classroom supplies were completely covered plus that there was money to cover the additional air conditioning and the many reams of paper and toner we used because we wrote and printed our own materials. All of the food for the snacks was donated by members of the congregation. For this we give anyone who baked or brought goodies a big "Thank You". \$796 was deposited into the general fund.

It was very evident that God's spirit was in this place. It showed in the dedication of the teachers and the time they put into their lessons, the way the students reacted to the material, and the enthusiasm of every one involved. It was a great year.

Weekday Church School

Weekday will resume classes on September 9th. The first year classes have 12 students each and there are three names on the waiting list hoping for a spot in this program. There are 22 paid students registered in the pre-kindergarten program. There are seven more that have put their name on our list, but they are also on the list for the Greater Clark pre-school program. These people will not know if they get into Greater Clark until just several days before school resumes in August. If they get into Greater Clark, I am sure they will accept public school. and we will then be able to take more pre- K students into Faith's program. .At this point we have 29 names. I like to keep this class at 26. Because we will not know until just before public school begins, we are not sure of our students. Time will tell if there are still places in this class, but if you know someone interested in enrolling in this class, we are still accepting names for the waiting list.

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Weekday Church School (continued)

Teachers for 2008-2009 are:

First year teachers:

Younger three's will be taught by Monica Hawkins and Betty Decker

The older first year students will be taught by Charlotte Davis and Edie Maas

The pre-Kindergarten program will be taught by:

Director and Academics- Carol Taylor

Secretary, Music, and Helper in academics- Barb Brewster

Art -Terri Barr is the Lead Teacher with Demarris Scott and Edith Woodward. We could use a helper to work with Terri on Tuesday morning.

Recreation - John Taylor and Al Thompson

Skills class -will possibly be taught by Kate Scott and Ann Steaban

Linda Woehrle will again be the person to help children who have learning or adjustment issues.

We are again asking for \$75 dollars for the year to cover the costs of supplies. This school is a part of the on-going Christian education program of Faith Lutheran Church. There are no salaries paid to any of the staff. We are covered under the church's insurance policy.

We are ready to help the children learn that God loves them, forgives them and provides food, clothing and parents to care for them. God bless our work as we begin our 26th year.

Sunday Church School

Sunday school will resume classes on September 14th. We will have a whole new format for the pre-school and elementary students. There will be two classes for the younger members of our congregation. The younger class is for students three years – kindergarten. The second class is for those in first – fourth grade. There will be four teachers for each age level. Each teacher will teach only one Sunday a month. Peg Gernand, Carrie McCoy, Kate Smith, Donna Bough, Nicole Parrish, and Sharon Fox have volunteered so far. Several more are considering helping at this time. If you would like to help once a month please talk to Pastor or Carol Taylor. These children will be in class during the worship service. They will be in the service until after the children's sermon. Pastor will dismiss them to their teachers. They will return to their parents before communion. Sarah will be in the nursery for these children during the Sunday school hour from 9:15-10:15. . She will be using material called One Room Sunday School. There is no overlap between the nursery material and what will take place during their Sunday school time during the sermon. WE ARE ASKING, IN FACT PLEADING, THAT EACH FAMILY PLEASE TRY TO HAVE CHILDREN IN CLASS SEPTEMBER 14, 21, AND 28. If every one tries this program at the same time I am sure it will be fun and beneficial for the children.

Children in grades 5-7 will meet with Mrs. Taylor at 9:15 each Sunday morning. This class will tie to the confirmation program. They will be studying the Ten Commandments in confirmation on Wed, night and Old Testament history on Sunday morning. This class is a required part of the confirmation program.

Pastor will be teaching the youth who have been confirmed or are in High School. Lyle has asked for a year off in his teaching career, so that he can be a part of the adult discussion group.

John Taylor will pick up where the adult class stopped its study of Yancy's book, What's So Amazing about Grace. This class also meets 9:15-10:15. All are welcome to join the class. You will not be lost if you were not a part of it last year, because each class stands on its own discussion.

COME JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 14TH

LIBRARY NEWS

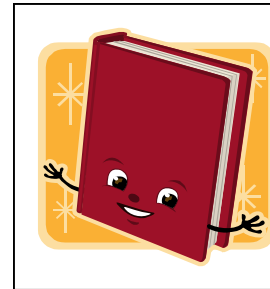
NANCY THOMPSON

I'd like to thank Virginia Klemens for giving you a first hand report on the library's first venture at offering its services to Weekday Church School. I'd like to add to it by emphasizing just how successful it proved to be. The children enjoyed library day so much that the last thing they wanted was to lose the privilege of choosing a book and taking it home with them. Thanks to Virginia Klemens and Arlys Johnson Faith's preschoolers have been introduced to a whole new world that only books can provide.

I hope that you may have found some good books to read this summer, too. At a recent National Church Library Association meeting, church librarians were asked to name the best book they had read this year. Greg Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea* was their top choice. Runners up were *90 Minutes in Heaven* by Don Piper, *The Kite Runner* by Khalid Hosseni, and *Water for*

Elephants by Sara Gruen. I'm happy to say that our library has all but the last title in its collection. If you would like to see the complete results of this informational survey, you will find a copy posted in the library. It lists many other favorites as well.

Please remember that anytime you come to church, the library is open. You are always welcome to borrow whatever interests you. Just sign the book card, place it in the file on the desk and return the item when you are through.



WELCA NOTES

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

The next quarterly meeting will be Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. This will be the fall retreat at the home of Donna Baugh. Please plan to join us!

SonShine Circle Bible study's next scheduled meeting is September 9th at 10 am at church.

Wheadon Friendship Circle Bible study will meet August 12th at 7 pm at the home of Arlys Johnson.

Women of the **ELCA**

ARLYS JOHNSON

The summer break will soon be over and our WELCA circles will be back in the swing of things before we know it. The next meeting for the evening circle will be on August 12, 7:00 at the home of Arlys Johnson. The next meeting for the morning circle will be on September 9, 10:00 a.m. at the church.

The committee consisting of Arlys Johnson, Donna Baugh, and Vivian Smith met with Pastor Laura Meier to plan the fall retreat. The retreats theme will be "Discovering our Gifts through Women of Faith". We will be meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 6, at the home of Donna Baugh. Pastor Laura has agreed to lead the Bible Study and she will be using the book entitled "Sarah Laughed" by Vanessa L. Ochs as her resource. If this proves to be an interesting text we will consider using this as our Bible study for the evening and morning circles. It will not be necessary to have one of these books for the study at our retreat but it will be helpful to have a copy of the book if we decide to use it during the year for our study. We are looking into ways that we can make this available to those that would like a copy.

The retreat will be a wonderful time for the women of Faith to be together for a Bible Study and at the same time get to know our Pastor's wife. She is very busy serving her own congregation so we feel privileged that she is spending this time with our women's group. There will be coffee and light refreshments served when you arrive at 9:00. and at 12:15 we will be serving lunch. We will be asking for a free will offering to cover the expenses that will be incurred for the day.

Come and help make this a wonderful way to start a new year of fun and fellowship with our sisters in Christ. Please sign up on the poster that Donna has made for us. This will help us with the plans for the day.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

TOM HAYES

Before my trip to Kings Island last month I was going to start the newsletter by talking about going back to school and the kids soaking up all they could from their teachers. God has a way of changing my mind for me. Like a shirt I saw there said "Change is the only constant." As I said, that was then, and this is now. I believe I learned more from the trip than Pastor or the kids. I don't know if they were thinking about this as a learning experience, but I wasn't expecting it to be like this. I just wish they could have seen it through my eyes. But with the rides calling, and the kids being kids, they really didn't want to sit through a bunch of concerts in the hot sun with no shade, especially when the Congo or the Beast was there to ride on, or with a hundred different other things to do. And since I didn't want to leave the kids in the park by themselves, I missed some concerts that I wanted to see but still had a good time hanging out with them. They're all a really good bunch of kids, and the parents should be proud of the way they carried themselves. I did, however, get to see some concerts that I wanted to see.

While I was listening to some of the bands like

Casting Crowns, Jeremy Camp, The Newsboys, and others, I was watching the audience jumping up and down and singing along, and yes, Pastor and I were part of the audience also. I'm always amazed when I see a large crowd worshipping the Lord like that. As I'm watching this happen I get this thought that maybe that's what it's going to be like when you get to Heaven, everybody jumping up and down, angels shouting for joy, because we've survived the ultimate thrill ride. Living a life with Jesus in our hearts and minds can be like going up to the biggest scariest ride in the park and having one of two thoughts: 1) This looks easy, or, 2) I can't do this!!! You get on the ride and as you get to the top of the hill you can only see parts of the ride, and you start to have doubts about why you got on in the first place. Too late -- you can't get off now. After you take off and you're going up and down hills, through twists and turns and valleys that angels wouldn't dare tread, you lose your breath, sometimes your heart feels like it's going to jump out of your mouth, you scream to keep yourself from passing out. Sometimes there's a long dark tunnel and it feels like you're the only one on the ride. Just remember, a lot of people are on this ride

with you going through the same things, and doing the same things you are.

Toby Mac was performing, and the place was just packed. The youth-challenged group was going absolutely as crazy as the younger generation, again, Pastor and me. While he was doing his thing he brought out his bible and started reading from 1 John and talking about fellowship and listening to Godly counsel by surrounding ourselves with Godly people. It started me thinking about all the Godly people we have in our church, I won't name them all but we have quite a few. And then I started thinking about the young adults we have going back to college or going off for the first time. About how exciting and maybe a little scary it might be for them. But, as I was looking over the crowd, I started noticing the shirts the young adults were wearing. Most of them had on IU, Ball State, Purdue, or WKU. It occurred to me, and gave me heart, that if our young adults pick the same type of friends they chose here, they will still have fellowship and hopefully Godly counsel with Godly people, because there are a lot of good people out there for them to "hang" with. That doesn't mean

there won't be mistakes made. But at least we can send our kids off with the knowledge that, although we are sending them out to the wolves, they will gather in a flock and keep safe. It's just the part of the ride where everyone has to lift up their hands and let go.

The parents are trying to let go, and the kids are trying to let go so they feel like they're doing it on their own. Then before you know it, you're grabbing for the handle trying to hang on for fear of falling off or out. Toward the end of the ride you realize you needn't have worried after all, that there was something always holding on to you. Never letting go. He never lets go. You're not by yourself. There are Godly people all around, at church and at the schools where we send our kids. God is the only constant. All we have to do is reach our hands to the sky and trust in Him.

God's Peace to You,

Tom



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NEWSLETTER



SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

USHERS: JIM AND MOLLY HENGENBARTH, DAVE LINDEMANN, AND GORDAN MCCALL

ALTAR GUILD: PATTI SMITH

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: FRED CZERWONKA

WEEKLY ASSISTANTS:

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>ASSIST</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>AUDIO</u>
3	?	VOLUNTEER	N/A	?	K. SCOTT	TRAVIS A.
10	?	VOLUNTEER	N/A	KLEMENS	KLEMENS	LYLE G.
17	V. KLEMENS	VOLUNTEER	N/A	?	FARMER/WOODWARD	LYLE G.
24	?	VOLUNTEER	N/A	VOGT	STEABAN	JIM H.
31	K. SCOTT	VOLUNTEER	N/A	?	?	JIM H.