

FOCUS ON FAITH

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“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,”
Matthew 28:19a

Dear Friends in Christ,

If you remember during one of my times after the services and since from time to time, I noted the theme that God gave us a mission statement in Matthew 28:19-20. Jesus gave us the command to get going, reach out to the world to make disciples by teaching, baptizing, and bringing them into the church defined in Acts 2:42. But what does having the Great Commission as a mission statement mean?

The Great Commission as a mission statement means that it is the concept to influence, guide, direct, and in some way, have the final say over every decision we make as loyal disciples of Jesus. It is our work to figure out how, in our time and space, to do the work He has given us with the gifts He has granted us. You might hear my question sometime, how, as part of this Great Commission, do we build bridges to the world around us that they may be brought in to prompt us to look at how and what we do that helps to reach out to the world.

For example, did you put the lift in to meet the handicap accessible requirements or so that people could join us for services in God’s house?

Liturgical services are on the rise, so do you print them because that is lighter than holding a hymnal or because it is helpful to those who are not familiar with our liturgical flow of the service so they will feel comfortable and not lost?

Could the school be part of our bridge building to the world around us to help bring people in? Could we have them sing here on Sunday morning to get the parents here? Could we have kids bus tables during the chicken noodle dinner? Could the school be a part of our VBS or involved in some way? Is the school a gift we could use to build a bridge to help in our outreach? Or is the school to be viewed as renters who need help to cover the cost of using the building?

What about the church sign? How could a new sign be part of our outreach to the world that drives by us every day?

How about one service or two? Do two small services accomplish the goal of bringing people in by providing a better time or are the services just too small to accomplish what we want to accomplish?

Regarding attending Bible study, not only do we all need to learn more, does our presence present a lively place that people who are new want to be part of?

How about greeting people one does not know? Is that a simple way to welcome someone into the faith or begin to open the door for new people?

Please understand this is all part of the overall calling preparation. I was serving a vacancy before coming here and, after the congregation had another call declined, the council asked me what I did differently as an interim. I said that I usually like to get the congregation to figure out its unique work in fulfilling the great Commission and calling someone who fits that plan. One council member said, “I always thought that we call a pastor to tell us what we should be doing. Your method seems a lot better way.” Knowing our work here is part of calling a pastor that fits the unique work God has entrusted you to do.

In His love,
Pastor Bob

ROMANS- Sunday morning Bible study will be looking at the book of Romans. Please plan on joining as we study this book that was so important in the Reformation for clarifying just how we are saved.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 Phil Nelson	13 Jean Gerbitz	26 June Trapp
2 Brandon Cook	13 Aubrey Hansmeyer	29 David Voss
5 Remi Holt	13 Alivia White	29 Nathan Voss
6 Josh Herman	15 Michelle Way	
8 Joy Klepacki	16 Mike DeLapp	Anniversaries
9 Kristina Reed	18 Max Ayers	9 Jay & Karen Holt
10 Lars Fischer	21 Alicia Landsverk	14 Mark & Debra
10 Mel Srader	21 Missy Weyand	Doesken
10 LaVelle Haefner	22 Matt Voss	18 Russ & Leonna
11 Linda Leimer	24 Colton Ganow	Wallace
12 Don Brace	24 Caris Johnson	26 Robert & Sara Jones
12 Xander Schoonover	24 Jerry Newbury	28 Steve & Kimberley
13 Steven Bartlett	24 Renee Schott	Davis



Three seminarians will be graduating this year. They are Kairo Juarez of Guatemala, Jesus Barcelo of Venezuela, and Oscar Saavedra of Mexico. Pray for them as they serve the Lord in their native countries. Thank you for your support & prayers!

~ The Conrads lcms.org/Conrad



Missions



JUNE COLLECTION FOR CARE & SHARE: Requested items are jelly, peanut butter, sugar, canned fruit, and canned veggies. Please place in the grocery cart in the breezeway.



2026 Newsletter

March of Fiscal Year 2026

Responsibility: All

Fund: 01 - Faith Lutheran Church

	March Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of Budget
Income				
General Fund	35,806	84,068	266,500	32 %
Other Income	282	1,047	3,500	%
Total Income	36,088	85,115	270,000	32 %
Expense				
Elders	14,201	43,412	170,780	25 %
Board of Trustees	15,876	28,466	112,270	25 %
Christian Education	235	339	2,100	16 %
Youth & Family Expenses	-	26	1,200	2 %
Evangelism	-	200	1,300	15 %
Stewardship	-	-	50	0 %
Office Expenses	110	327	2,950	11 %
Finance Committee	-	-	750	0 %
Additional Items	1,582	4,134	13,100	32 %
Total Expense	32,004	76,905	304,500	25 %
Income Less Expense	4,084	8,210	(34,500)	
Endowment Fund				
		1/1/26	105,262	
		YTD +/-	-3,063	
		3/31/26	102,199	



RETURN BABY BOTTLES ON FATHER’S DAY: Circle of Peace thanks you for participating in our *Lutherans for Life* project. If your family did not get a baby bottle, you can still get one from the basket in the narthex. Please pray for God's will to be done regarding Sanctity of Life issues and fill the baby bottle with coins, bills, or checks (made out to Faith Lutheran) as you feel led. Return the bottle to the basket in the narthex on Father's Day, June 21. Thank you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held Monday-Friday, July 27 – 31, 9:00 - 11:45 am, for children Pre-K [age 3; potty trained] through 5th grade. We need adult and youth volunteers for **snacks, teachers, music, games, and crafts**. Please sign the sheet posted on the narthex window so I can reach out when we start having meetings. *If you would like to make a donation for VBS, please use the VBS envelope in your boxed envelopes or a Special Gifts envelope and mark it VBS.* I truly appreciate all your help! Thank you! ~ Amber Morrow, (316-749-7277) Youth & Family Council Member

JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

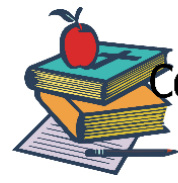
ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Darby & Carmen Onken

1st Service – 8:15AM	2nd Service – 10:45AM
<u>USHERS:</u> Mel Hollenbeck	<u>USHERS:</u> Gerry Faley
<u>June 7</u> Elder Kevin Forward Acolyte None Crucifer Alivia White	<u>June 7</u> Elder Lyle Blue Acolyte None
<u>June 14</u> Elder Kevin Forward Acolyte None	<u>June 14</u> Elder Steve Davis Acolyte None Crucifer Lora Davis
<u>June 21</u> Elder Max Ayers Acolyte None Crucifer Zackary Forward	<u>June 21</u> Elder Lyle Blue Acolyte None
<u>June 28</u> Elder Steve Davis Acolyte None	<u>June 28</u> Elder Steve Bartlett Acolyte None Crucifer Lora Davis



FLC ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIPS NOTICE: Any student attending an LCMS Synodical college or seminary is eligible to apply for tuition assistance through the Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Fund. Any member of Faith may recommend a student for consideration. Please see the Church office for an application form.





From the
Concordia Academy
Headmaster

Dear Saints at Faith,

We've had a great year with the primary school in Derby. Thanks to your help, we've held on to our kindergarten and upper grade students who are enthusiastically returning for the next year along with a dozen more kids and their families for 26-27 school year. The school is indeed growing, and we find that the kids all anticipate becoming Lutheran high school students in the future. We are so thankful for this prospect, the teachers and school board sharing in the happy prospect.

We graduated three high-schoolers this year in an emotional commencement, well attended, and joyfully overseen by the school chaplain, Pr. Brockman, and the Pastor of Immanuel, Pr. Lovett. The headmaster's theme for the morning was an odd German word: Geworfenheit. It means the quality of being thrown, or hurled into life, as many people experience it. Students usually ask at some point, "why do I have to do this?" referring to homework, memorization, or even getting out of bed and going to school. We are not merely "tossed" into life, however.

As our graduates know and every catechumen at our school comes to understand, God has called them into being and into their vocation as student, son or daughter, and in their future to stature as an adult. God continues to call us throughout our lives. We can rejoice that God holds our future and our being in his loving care. We know as well, that while everyone experiences different callings throughout their lives, all mankind is called to repent and turn to Christ. We pray for our students to lean upon their faith and baptism, the promises of God and the righteousness of Christ.

Our three graduates express hope as a result of their faith. One is going on to study teaching as a calling. Another is attending auctioneer school this summer, happy to ponder the prospect of opening his own business. Another delivered her senior thesis on the deep significance of marriage for our lives, another vocation as husband and wife in the presence of the Church and our culture. They all exhibit the trait of curiosity that will make them lifelong learners, steadfast members of the Church, and solid citizens, neighbors, and friends. It is so good to be big brothers and sisters to these newly minted adults, who will in turn enrich our lives. Let us continue to have the long view, forming lives that will continue to bless long into the years that, God willing, each of our students will fulfill, remaining long on the earth in obedience and faithfulness.

In Christ,

~ Concordia Headmaster Dan Snyder



2026 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE



Brooke Annabelle Forward - Last year Brooke completed all classes at Derby High School. This past year she was a full-time student at WSU Tech studying construction. She also was sworn into the Army National Guard on May 6, and looks forward to her upcoming duties. *Congratulations and God's Blessings!*

Church Office Attendance Report
May 3 – May 24, 2026

Date	8:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Totals	SS Adults
5/3/2026	81	N/A	81	N/A
5/10/2026	41	27	68	9
5/17/2026	54	28	82	
5/24/2026	45	30	75	N/A
TOTAL	221	85	306	N/A



Your Elders of Faith
2026-2027 Elders of Faith Lutheran Church

Lyle Blue *Tull - Zaragoza*-----993-9140
*Max Ayers *Oster – T. Trapp* -----258-1515
Kevin Forward *Kalous – Osgood-Franklin*-----882-4110
Steve Davis *Hamer - Judd* -----393-3359
Steve Bartlett *Dopps - Haefner* -----788-7606
Duane Way *A – Kyle Doesken* -----788-0147

**Chairman*



Spend time with God this summer



FAITH ON TAP

FELLOWSHIP | LOCAL BREWS | FAITH TALK

June 28th

6pm social time

7-8pm LCMS Pastor Nick Cordt

Old School Tap House | 210 E Kechi Rd, Kechi, KS 67067



Bible Study for Young Adults & College Students

Every Tuesday 6:45pm

at Fairmount



"Let us
be glad
and
rejoice
in his
salvation."

ISAIAH 25:9