



*As a vibrant family of believers, Faith Lutheran shares
God's saving grace to equip the next generation.*

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a message from senior pastor, Jacob Heine

I love to cook. It is something I have done for a long time. I remember making Christmas cookies with my mom, and then her handing down the secrets to making a great chicken noodle soup. The last time I was home my dad gave me my mom's cookbook.

There are a lot of handwritten recipes in there I had forgotten about over the years. Cooking is a happy place for me. It is something I enjoying doing and I find it restores my soul.

I love to read. I read a lot of different genres. Biographies and memoirs, to fantasy and mysteries. I like a lot of different kinds of books. There is something about sitting down with a good book for a few hours and losing yourself in a story. I have found that I can even listen to books while I run.

God has created each of us unique and different. We are all wonderfully unique creations of God. The Bible says we are fearfully and wonderfully made! (Psalm 139:14)

This also means that each of us is restored in different ways. God calls us to faithful labor in our personal and professional vocations, serving our neighbors through the work he has entrusted to us. Yet he also commands us to keep the Sabbath—to cease from our labor, receive his gifts, and be renewed by his grace. In resting, we remember that our lives are sustained not by our work but by God's faithful provision.

As I prepare for my Sabbatical next month this is one of the things that I have been focusing on. First was rest (see last month's article). Second, is restorative practices. I am planning and preparing to do things that I find enjoyable and restorative to me just for the joy of doing them. This is an important part of Sabbath. God made sabbath for man, not man for the sabbath. (Mark 2:27)

In sabbath rest we are restored, both by the gifts that He pours out in worship, but also in the wonderful activities He gives us to do. When we find things that bring us joy, and do them with excitement and joy just for the point of doing them, this is a blessing from God.

Some people love to garden, some make beautiful creations with paint or thread, some love to hike, while still others find restoration in serving others. There are many different ways to be restored in sabbath resting.

During my sabbatical, I am going to be intentionally cooking and reading (among some other things) for the joy of the activity that God has blessed me to do. In this way I will be finding peace in joy in the gifts that God has given me.

What do you do to be restored? What is your sabbath activity that brings you joy in Christ?

In Christ's Hands,
Pastor Heine

. youth .



Junior Youth will host coffee fellowship **July 5**. All proceeds go towards their summer trip to Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO.



Senior Youth will host coffee fellowship **July 12**. All proceeds go towards their summer trip to Snow Mountain Ranch in Grandby, CO.



Pray for our Youth...

Please keep our youth and leaders in your prayers as they travel to summer camps!

Senior Youth will attend camp at Snow Mountain Ranch in Granby, CO, **July 13–19**. Pray for safe travels, meaningful fellowship, and that God would strengthen their faith during the week.

Junior Youth will attend camp at Trout Lodge YMCA in Potosi, MO, **July 26–29**. Pray for safe travels and that their time together would encourage them as they grow in their faith.



Interested in supporting a youth more directly?

Sponsor a youth to go to camp this summer! Our junior youth trip costs around \$400 per person, with a total of 22 people registered to attend. Our senior youth trip costs around \$650 per person, with 27 people attending this summer. Donations are always appreciated to help offset costs for Faith's families.

LUKE SAVAGE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



We would like to extend a big thank you to all the golfers, hole sponsors, and volunteers for making the **12th Annual Luke Savage Memorial Golf Tournament** a huge success and a wonderful day of fellowship!

This year's total was \$21,000. All proceeds go directly to the **Luke Squad Foundation** which provides faith filled hope and encouragement to families with children with medical issues.

Thanks for sharing all your love and support with us!

Darrel & Kim Savage and The Luke Squad

"Play With All Your Heart" in memory of Luke and help raise funds for children and families experiencing health issues and hardships.

May 2026 ... flc treasurer update

<u>For the current month</u>	
Total General Fund Donations	100,818
Operating Expenses (excluding net rental property income)	\$ 90,643
Net Balance for the month	\$ 10,175
<u>Year-To-Date</u>	
Total General Fund Donations	530,731
Operating Expenses (excluding net rental property income)	\$ 485,269
Net YTD Balance	\$ 45,463
<u>Donations</u>	
Current month compared to the prior year MTD - Over (Under)	\$ 28,104
YTD compared to the prior year - Over (Under)	\$ 84,795

NOTE

- ***Sunday School Offering** for the month of July will go to Doorstep.
- *If you would like to submit something for this publication, please email LaceyGreene@faithlutherantopeka.com by the **15th of every month.**

OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

- 5/31 Jacob & Jazlyn Yeager
- 6/28 Alex & Isabelle Emery

FUNERAL

- 6/30 Roger Matzke

WEDDING

- 6/20 Matthew & Hannah (Wilson) Niewald

.upcoming events.

PASTOR HEINE'S 20TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY



Saturday, July 11 | 4pm

Join us at Heritage Hall to
celebrate Pastor Heine's 20th
Ordination Anniversary!



Dinner is provided.

Join us as we celebrate Pastor Heine's 20th Anniversary of Ordination into Holy Ministry on Saturday, July 11 at 4pm at the newly renovated Heritage Hall. Dinner will be provided. No RSVP necessary. Have pictures or special memories of Pastor Heine? Please email them to office@faithlutherantopeka.com so we can include them in our slideshow.

Join us for a fun and relaxing evening at the golf course driving range! Whether you're an experienced golfer or have never swung a club before, this event is a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, practice your skills, and have fellowship with friends and family. We look forward to seeing you there!

Faith in Action



TOPCITY GOLF

Sunday, July 19
6pm | At TopCity Golf
At Your Own Cost

Join us! FAITH'S BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

Saturday, August 1 | 3:15-6:15pm | Blaisdell Pool

FREE Entry to the Pool- tell them you're with Faith! Dinner provided!

Friends are always welcome!

Let's celebrate the end of summer and kick off a new school year together! Bring the whole family for an afternoon of swimming, fellowship, laughter, and food as we gather for our Back-to-School Bash! This is a great opportunity for families to connect with friends, meet new faces, and relax before the busy school year begins. FREE ENTRY when you tell them you're with Faith. Dinner provided!



Registration is open for our next **Guided Spiritual Retreat**
Friday, August 7 - Sunday, August 9

Scan QR code to register or talk to Pastor Jeff for more information





JULY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Modern Worship 12:15pm Traditional Worship	29 5:00pm LWML Exec Meeting 7:00pm Scouts	30 10:00am Bible Study	1 11am Care Card Making 7pm Praise Team	2	3 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	4 Independence Day 
Lutherhoma Family Camp						
5 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Modern Worship 12:15pm Traditional Worship	6 7:00pm Scouts	7 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Spiritual Life	8 9:00am Ruth Circle 7pm Praise Team	9	10	11 8am MOST 9am Breakfast Club 4:00pm Pastor Heine 20th Anniversary Celebration
12 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Modern Worship 12:15pm Traditional Worship	13 9am Quilting 7:00pm Scouts	14 10:00am Bible Study	15 11am CareCards 1:30pm Deborah CirCleanKitchen 7p Praise Team	16 8:00am Scrap booking	17 8:00am Scrap booking	18 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Breakfast Club
	Senior Youth Trip to CO					
19 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Modern Worship 12:15pm Traditional Worship 6p TopCity Golf Sr Youth Trip	20 7:00pm Scouts	21 10:00am Bible Study	22 7:00pm Praise Team	23	24 10:00am Edie Snethen Funeral	25 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Breakfast Club
26 8:00am Traditional Worship 9:30am Education Hour 10:45am Modern Worship 12:15pm Traditional Worship Junior Youth Trip to MO	27 9am Quilting 5:00pm LWML Exec Meeting 7:00pm Scouts	28 10:00am Bible Study	29 11:00am Care Card Making 7:00pm Praise Team	30	31	1 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Breakfast Club 3:15pm Back to School Bash



Christmas in July



Help collect items for our Christmas adoption of 285 households, with nearly 900 individuals. Bring any of the following items to our Doorstep bin in the lobby during the month of July. Thank you for making the holiday season brighter for your neighbors!

TOYS

- FOOTBALLS
- BASKETBALLS
- POKEMON
- HELLO KITTY
- EDUCATIONAL TOYS
- SPIDERMAN
- K-POP
- LILO & STITCH
- SONIC THE HEDGE HOG
- JEWELRY
- MAKE-UP & NAIL KITS
- ROBLOX GIFT CARDS (\$10-20)
- PAW PATROL
- BLUEY
- MINECRAFT
- PUZZLES
- LEGOS
- SENSORY/FIDGETS
- BOARD/BRAIN TEASER GAMES
- COLOR BOOKS
- TEEN BOARD GAMES
- CARD GAMES

KITCHEN ITEMS

- SILVERWARE
- GLASSWARE
- CROCKPOTS
- DISH SETS
- POTS & PANS
- AIR FRYERS



MEN'S/WOMEN'S ITEMS

- TOOL SETS
- FLASHLIGHTS
- FISHING ITEMS
- CAR CLEANING ITEMS
- BOOTS/SNEAKERS
- COLOGNE
- PERFUME
- SWEATS-ALL SIZES
- PJS - ALL SIZES

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- NOTEBOOK PAPER
- SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
- PENS/PENCILS
- GLUE
- ERASERS
- BACKPACKS
- RULERS
- MARKERS



DOORSTEP

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Current Food Room Needs:

- VEGETABLE SOUP
- TOMATO SOUP
- CANNED FRUIT
- EGG NOODLES
- PROGRESSO/CHUNKY SOUP
- PEAS
- CANNED BEANS

Doorstep appreciates all food donations at this time, as Let's Help is temporarily closed during its transition to Catholic Charities. Thank you for helping support our neighbors in need and demonstrating God's love through your generosity.

Doorstep's Christmas Cash Bash

Donate to Doorstep during the month of July, and help us earn 'match money' from anonymous donors!

If we receive \$10,000 - We earn \$5,000!

If we receive \$15,000 - We earn \$7,500!

If we receive \$20,000 - We earn \$10,000!





*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise
to the rock of our
salvation!
Psalm 95:1*

DEBORAH CIRCLE met June 17 for lunch at First Watch. They will meet **Wednesday, July 15** at 1:30pm at church to clean the kitchen.

EVE CIRCLE will not meet over the summer.

HANNAH CIRCLE will not have formal meetings over the summer. They will meet for a social **July 12** at 12:15pm (following the 10:45am worship) at 785 Beer Company.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday, July 8** at 9:00am at church.

LWML Executive Board Officers

We are pleased to welcome our newly elected Executive Board officers:

Karen Brumleve - *President*

Claire Banion - *Secretary*

We pray that God will bless them as they begin serving in these important leadership roles.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our outgoing Executive Board members for their faithful service and dedication to the LWML:

Karen Peterson - *Past President*

Jan Rankin - *Past Secretary*

Thank you for your many years of commitment, leadership, and service. Your contributions have been a true blessing to our organization.

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday Sundaë

August 16

2pm . Fellowship Hall

All Women Invited!



Kansas District Convention 2028

Although it's nearly two years away, the LWML Kansas District is counting down the days to the next convention, which will be held in Topeka, **April 28-30, 2028**.

The theme for the convention is "*Peace in His Presence*" and the verse is "*Seek the LORD and his strength: seek his presence continually!*" - Psalm 105:4

The convention will be hosted by the LWML Topeka, Herington, and Lincoln Zones. Planning is underway and the first planning meeting will be held here at Faith on August 29.

Karen Peterson is the convention chairman and Claire Banion will serve as the convention registrar. The Lincoln Zone will head up the registration and prayer committees and the Herington Zone will chair the exhibits committee.

The Topeka Zone will be looking for volunteers to serve as convention treasurer and LWML store coordinator.

We'll have many more volunteer opportunities available for the following committees:

printing and publicity
hospitality
properties
decorations
music
hospitality
banner

For more information about any of these opportunities, check with Karen Peterson or Shari Albrecht. We look forward to your help in warmly welcoming the Kansas District LWML convention attendees here in Topeka!



Bev Sparks	1
Mark Bleich	2
Tina Brackman	2
Thomas Kamprath	2
Dave Mahon	2
Christian McCoy	2
David Taylor	3
Debbie Anschutz	4
David Atchison	4
Sandra Dickison	4
Addison Maxwell	4
Darin Schwant	4

Alex Emery	6
Megan Lehman	6
Maureen Schwant	6
Delicia Timm	6
Jean Anne Lietz	8
Hudson Campbell	9
Jane Jones	9
Ethel Kruse	10
Kristen O'Shea	10
David Domingo	11
Nathan Haley	12
Jeff Sloyer	12
Marlene Urban	13
Gretchen Hammond	14
Alana Rhone	15
Shari Saxton	14
Kim Dietrich	15
Mickey Holloway	16
Olivia Dombrowski	16
Donna Lehman	17
Brenda Michalski	18

Darlene Strader	18
Audrey Taylor	18
Jane Banion	20
Amy Glinka	20
Jim Janousek	20
Pierson Moran	20
Rylan Atchison	22
Holly Robertson	22
Trayton Schafer	23
Fred Crowder	25
Presley Guffey	25
Jennifer Marlatt	25
Kat Tangari	25
Tim Gateley	26
Art Tardiff	28
Greg Harris	29
Lynn Janousek	29
Penny Lane	29
Jennifer Kuhn	30
Brady McCormick	31
Larry Sheets	31



Care Card Ministry

Kind words can make a significant impact. Please consider stopping by our

Care Card Station

to write a short note with encouraging words and/or scripture to our members who are ill, homebound, hospitalized or recovering.

Mark your calendars & join us in making cards

July 1, 15, 29

Rm 206/208 11-2pm

Doug & Pam Boetcher	2
Diane & Brad Butler	3
Beth & Doug Helmke	3
Bill & Jacki Theis	8
David & Sara Marstall	12
Caroline & Don Signor	12
Drew & Nicole Bradshaw	14
Rachel & John Bristow	14
Hank & Jeanne Hudson	17
Pat & Tammi Pierce	17
Delicia & Robbie Timm	18
Karen & Mike Brumleve	19
Jon & Susan Rollenhagen	20

Kim & Jon Dietrich	21
Byron & Jane Jones	21
Mark & Lori Neddermeyer	25
Eric & Michelle Boling	28
Lori & Steve Hennessey	28
Jeff & Penny Lane	30
Erik & Mallory Bertels	31



Address Change

**Galen & Carolyn Dale
4606 SW Moundview Dr
Topeka, KS 66610**



.vbs recap.

This Week at Faith



It was such a great week here at Vacation Bible School! We had 94 kids in total attendance and 60+ volunteers throughout the week. We also collected over 900 lbs of food for Doorstep with donations from our VBS kids. We are already planning next year's theme and can't wait to share Jesus' love with our community!

THANK YOU to all our VBS volunteers, cooks, decorators, etc.

We could not have done this week without YOU!



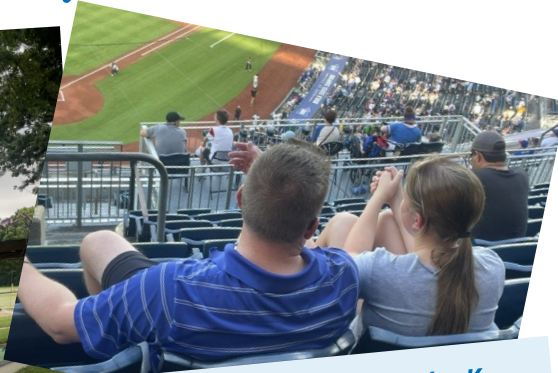
**OVER 900 LBS OF FOOD
COLLECTED FOR DOORSTEP!
THANK YOU VBS KIDS!**



happening at faith



FIA: Mini Golf



Faith Lutheran Day at the K



VBS



Sr Youth Toy Story 5



Luke Savage Golf Tourney



Baptism on June 28



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm (closed 12-1pm)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00* - Traditional Worship

10:45* - Contemporary Worship

12:15 - Traditional Worship

* also live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube

EDUCATION

Sundays for all ages: 9:30am

WOW Wednesdays: 5:15-7:30pm (Sept-Apr)