

JULY 2021

FAITH FAMILY NEWSLETTER

*note from Pastor
Owen on pg 5*

This upcoming month

This month in July, we are walking into this new chapter of our ministry hand in hand with our Heavenly Father. He is guiding our steps, and lighting our path. Already a call letter is being written and updated by our driven and committed leadership in the PPC.

July is also full of events planned by the FACT team and our Board of Ed.

Already on the books are many outreach and fellowship opportunities for the coming months.

VBS will be this month on the 12th through the 16th(more on page 4)

Ice Cream social will be on the last Sunday of the month

We'll have a potluck on July 18th, sign up in the Narthex so we don't all bring potato casserole.

The Women's Bible study on Joy will meet on the 10th

Crafted by God will meet on the 12th to do an awesome project (more on page 3)

There are sign up sheets for the Fellowship hour; to volunteer to bring snacks after church each Sunday in the narthex.

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FACT Team Meets the 2nd Sunday of every month after church.

We are resuming fellowship and snack time after church each Sunday. A Sign-up sheet is out in the narthex. On the last Sunday of each month, we celebrate all monthly birthdays with cake and ice cream.

FACT plan to attend the Blackpatch Festival in Princeton on 9-11-21 from 8AM-9PM and the Ham Festival in Cady on 10-8 and 10-9 of 21.

Volunteers to help man the table are needed. A sign up sheet will go out soon.

Under our tent will be A table with children's crafting activities and We will hand out products of our Crafted By God days to visitors to our table with informational tracts.

FACT is planning to start monthly activities and a new things to do.

The 1st activity will be a potluck luncheon after church in July. The Date is to be announced.

FACT, Fellowship and Evangelism are all working together for outreach and fellowship events.

We also have Rally day, and a church picnic in September to look forward too.



Crafted by God

The crafting group will meet this month on the 13th at 10 am. We will continue to craft handouts for the festivals our outreach team will have on their tables during September and October. Some of the things we will make include Cross book marks, marked bibles to show a complete guide to Christ's teachings and

more these journaling pockets made out of toilet paper rolls and sheet music.



"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

LWML News

BY SHERYL NEFF

August 7th Rummage Sale

Set up will be the week before

Plans are in the works for the FALL ZONE Rally October 2,2021 10:00-3:00 here at Faith. We will be meeting again soon to see how things are going.

Mid-South District Convention June 2022 - Clarksville, TN

Faith Lutheran is helping with TOTE bags and table decoration. they will need more volunteers to cover many other jobs as the convention gets closer. Our district is the entire states of Arkansas and Tennessee and 4 congregations in Western Kentucky. They are hoping for 200+ people to attend.



NATIONAL LWMN CONVENTION -Lexington ,KY was held June 24th-27th 2021. Over 2700 People were in attendance at RUPP arena. two worship service, excellent bible study, several service event sand projects, great speaker sand entertainment. it was a very inspirational 4 days.

VBS

BY MELANIE UHER

Splash Canyon VBS is where kids will learn the bible accounts of baby Moses on the river, God's people crossing the river Jordan, the healing of Naaman in the Jordan, Paul being rescued from the sea, and Jesus' baptism in the Jordan river. In His Baptism, life, death, and resurrection, Jesus kept God's promise to save us. There will be singing, storeytelling, snacks, games and crafts. VBS begins July 12th at 6 p.m. and will run until about 8 p.m. each night through Friday night. Joan and Duane Nickerson will have their annual pool party Saturday July 17th.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR OWEN

For those who attended the services on June 27th, you will recall that the title of my sermon (based on Psalm 30: 5) was “Joy Comes with the Morning”! It has indeed been a joy beyond my expectations to have been your pastor for this past brief period and you will always hold a very special place in our hearts. Though we had our share of challenges – PANDEMIC – none of these challenges were beyond what everyone else was experiencing. He Who is faithful and just saw us through all of this – and strengthened us in the process! We are stronger and more energized and ready for whatever the world may throw our way. Though we are sad to leave you just as we have reached this level of momentum, I am so proud of what you have achieved and the levels of commitment presently among our people.

Thank you for all you have done to welcome Martha and myself into your hearts. Your love, care and concern has made us a part of you. Indeed, our time with you has been one unending beautiful sunrise. Though we may be separated by time and space, we are connected and joined by our common faith and the love of Christ. Every time we celebrate and received the Lord’s Supper – we will think of each of you – joined to you each in the fellowship of our loving Lord’s body and blood. Remember us in your prayers for we cherish them and will regularly be lifting you up in ours.

Much Love In Christ!
Pastor & Martha



To my brothers and sisters of Faith Lutheran Church,

WRITTEN BY PASTOR LARRY A PETERS

As you bid farewell and Godspeed to Pastor and Martha, you need to know that I have made them a promise that I will shepherd you through the next chapter of your life. Now I make that promise to you. We will find the path forward that the Lord has chosen.

The next month will offer you some breathing room. Pastor Holmes, whom you know from the Sundays he filled in for Pastor Owen, will be there for the first three Sundays and a new face, Seminary Candidate Trae Fistler, will be there for the last Sunday of the month. We have them in place for August as well. You will have a familiar face on Sunday mornings and I will meet with the PPC and Elders. Things will go on -- not quite the same, of course -- but our confidence lies in the Word and promises of the Lord and these means of grace will not let us down. In addition, Bible study will continue on Sundays at the regular time and place.

There will be a pastor available for sick visits and shut in calls. If something comes up and you do not know who to call, you can call me, (931) 801-2344, or email me (srpastor@glctn.org).



At the July PPC meeting I will set out a timeline so that you will have some time to consider the choices before you. These include asking President Paavola for a call list of people you may not know, considering pastors who may be available locally, and calling again from the Seminary. We will flesh out all the details later but we want you to know that there are options and a future. All we have to do is listen to the Word of God, pray, and raise up the courage to follow where our Lord leads us.

Until then, pray. Pray for Pastor and Martha and everything ahead of them. Pray for Pastor Holmes and Candidate Fistler who will be serving you. Pray for your brothers and sisters in the pews with you and for a strong and united faith as the future unfolds. Don't forget to pray for the right man and the right time so that you may be served by a faithful pastor again -- building on the strong foundation laid by Pastor Owen!

God bless you all!

Pastor Larry A. Peters

BIRTHDAYS AND ANIVERSARIES

don't forget to wish them well for another year



Birthdays

7/2 - Alivia Goins
7/2 - Megan Moore
7/9 - Chad Hulsizer
7/11 - Dan Duncan
7/28 - Mark Krzywonos
7/29 - Karen Greene

Anniversaries

If we've missed your birthday or anniversary this year, please let us know so we can update the list!