



News & Notes

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Spring/Summer 2021

Pastoral Staff

Our Pastors are available throughout the week for personal prayer, counsel, private individual confession and absolution:

Rev. Eric J. Edwards
pastoredwards@faithbtown.org

Rev. Christopher Beck
pastorbeck@faithbtown.org

Rev. Liwei Sui
pastorsui@faithbtown.org

University Lutheran:
Rev. Richard Woelmer
812-336-5387
rwoelmer@indiana.edu

Sabbatical for Pastor Edwards

Pastor Edwards is now in his 8th year of serving us at Faith. When we extended the call to him, we included provisions for him to take a 3 month paid sabbatical after 7 years. Last year, his sabbatical was postponed due to Covid-19.

Traditionally, a sabbatical is a period of paid or unpaid leave that is granted to an employee so that they may study or travel. Pastor's main goals are reading, writing and reflection. He has stated, "Our family will be traveling with our pop-up camper, worshipping with other congregations in our circuit (and wherever we travel) and focusing on family time apart from the many commitments of ministry".



His last official service prior to sabbatical will be Ascension Day on May 13, with a return August 8 for Christian Education Sunday.

Rev. Martin Homan (new member at Faith, and retired LCMS pastor), *Pastor Mitchell* and *Pastor Tom Eggebrecht* (from LCEF) will be providing some pulpit relief for Pastor Beck during this time.

Barry Martin
Head Elder



CALENDAR

Subscribe to add to your personal calendar

MAY

- 6-8 Photo sessions for new Directory
- 13 Ascension Day worship 7pm
- 16 FINAL Drive-in Service
- 23 Pentecost: WELCOME HOME reception / anticipated return to 'normal' Sunday Schedule
- 20 Preschool Graduation

JUNE

- 6 Congregational Meeting /Pastor Tom Eggebrecht preaching

JULY

- 12-15 Spirit Camp

AUGUST

- 8 Christian Education Sunday

Visit www.faithbtown.org for the full calendar and details about everything in this newsletter and more.

NEW Congregational Picture Directory

All details can be found at faithbtown.org/directory



Our new picture directory is in the works now, and we want you to be included! There are two parts to this:

Schedule your photo session (held May 6-8 in the upstairs classrooms at church):

- ⇒ online Monday-Friday
- ⇒ at church on Sunday morning
- ⇒ on the phone any day by contacting *Bonnie Martin* (812-345-3622 or bonniekielmartin@gmail.com) or *Ann Graves* (817-929-1006 or anngraves6@gmail.com).

Submit your member information for the Directory and for office:

- ⇒ online via the link at faithbtown.org/directory
- ⇒ by filling out a blue form in the narthex at church
- ⇒ by contacting the church office (office@faithbtown.org or 812-332-1668).

*Watch also for details about a secure, members-only app to access basic church information and (eventually) also a digital directory.

- Fellowship Team

Spirit Camp 2021



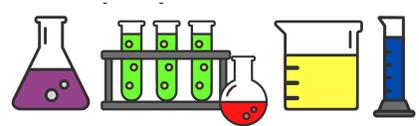
Space is **limited to 100 kids** for this covid-friendly week. Visit faithbtown.org/spiritcamp for more information or to register.

Registration opens:

- May 2—Faith members and Preschool families
- May 30—community

JULY 12-15

Mark your calendars now!



Want to help make our VBS spectacular? Visit our Amazon wish list for needed supplies:

[tinyurl.com/SCSupplyList2021](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B089L3L3L3)



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Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Text **FAITHBTOWN** to 84576

OR

Connect with us online at:



faithbtown.flocknote.com

WIFI is available throughout the building. No password is needed; simply connect to one of these Guest signals:



FLCGuest
FLCNartheGuest
FLCGrandHallGuest

YOGA at Faith 1st & 3rd Tuesdays through July 20 12-12:45 pm via Zoom

Did you miss—or look forward to continuing the gentle yoga class offered via Zoom during Lent? Yoga has been shown to help calm and relax the mind.

This round of gentle yoga classes is good for all ages and abilities. We invite you to join us in the middle of your day twice a month for 45 minutes of caring for the physical body God has given you.

To learn more and to register visit faithbtown.org/yoga or contact Janet Hitzeman (812-345-0882). A recording of each class will be shared with those who register, if at all possible, so sign up even if you can't participate at that time.



Camp is happening this summer ...and you can be a part of it!

Registration for summer programs at Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages (both outside Seymour, IN) is still open. Programs are offered for kids in K-12th grade as well as Families.

Details and registration are at www.lakeview.camp



NEXT Generosity Feeds:

Saturday, October 2
at Faith

WORSHIP WITH US!



Current Sunday schedule, through May 16:

9:00 am Sanctuary
 10:30 am Drive-in
 5:00 pm Sanctuary

Online worship continues on our YouTube channel (FaithBtown LCMS).

Welcome Home on Pentecost Sunday/May 23:

ALL services return to the sanctuary for the first time in 14 months!

8:00 am ✠ 10:30 am ✠ 5:00 pm

9:15 am: *Welcome Home* fellowship gathering for all ages!

We've missed being together!

Join us outside in the fresh air, under our new Tent, to reconnect and celebrate the blessings we have in Christ! We'll also get to meet some of our newer members who have officially joined our Faith Family during this time.



WELCOME
HOME

Online worship continues on our YouTube channel (FaithBtown LCMS). We look forward to introducing **livestreaming** this summer.

SANCTUARY in detail

through May 16: 9 am & 5 pm
 beginning May 23: 8 & 10:30 am / 5 pm

****PLEASE REGISTER****

- Ensure you and your household are healthy and not recently exposed to COVID.
- Wear a mask.
- Enter/Exit through lower canopy doors (closest to sanctuary)
- Alternate pews are used; windows open.
- We encourage you to use the [online bulletin](#) on your device, if you can. (Some paper bulletins are available as well.)
- Spoken liturgy.
- Altered communion procedures with enhanced safety precautions.
- [Protocol and Procedures](#) available at faithbtown.org/worship-with-us

DRIVE-IN in detail

through May 16: 10:30 am

- Park in the main lot, facing the upper entryway.
- Tune in to 91.7 FM to listen.
- Access the [worship bulletin](#) online.



Ascension Day worship
with Holy Communion

Thursday, May 13
7pm
in the Sanctuary



Bible STUDY Lineup

Wednesdays through May 19:

Noon: 1 John

7 pm: Man and Woman

Sundays, beginning May 30:

9:15 am at church: Acts

Wednesdays, beginning June 3:

7 pm: 2 & 3 John

Learn more at FaithBtown.org/ChristianEducation

Sunday School

Online:

- * through July 4
- * Visit our YouTube channel (FaithBtown LCMS) each week to see the Bible lesson presented by one of our Sunday School teachers.

In Person:

- * resumes May 30
- * Protocol will be shared on FaithBtown.org/ChristianEducation and through Friday@Faith emails.



Proclaiming and Practicing God's Love with Conviction and Courage ...in our households, congregation and beyond.

What is Ministry Clarity? The *Ministry Clarity* program is a service the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) that helps congregations set clear goals for the future. (*LCEF is the financial institution of the LCMS, offering savings accounts and loans for congregations and church workers. In 2010, Faith financed the building of our upper level via LCEF.*) Since the summer of 2020, Faith has been working through this *Ministry Clarity* process to set the focus for our ministry together for the next 3-5 years. *Pastor Tom Eggebrecht* is the representative of LCEF who is guiding this 4-Step process with us.

Step 1: Mission

We first studied Scripture before adopting a **Guiding Statement** (above) that declares why we are a congregation.

Member *Val Parker* designed this graphic with specific representations of the eight key words in the statement. Can you match them?

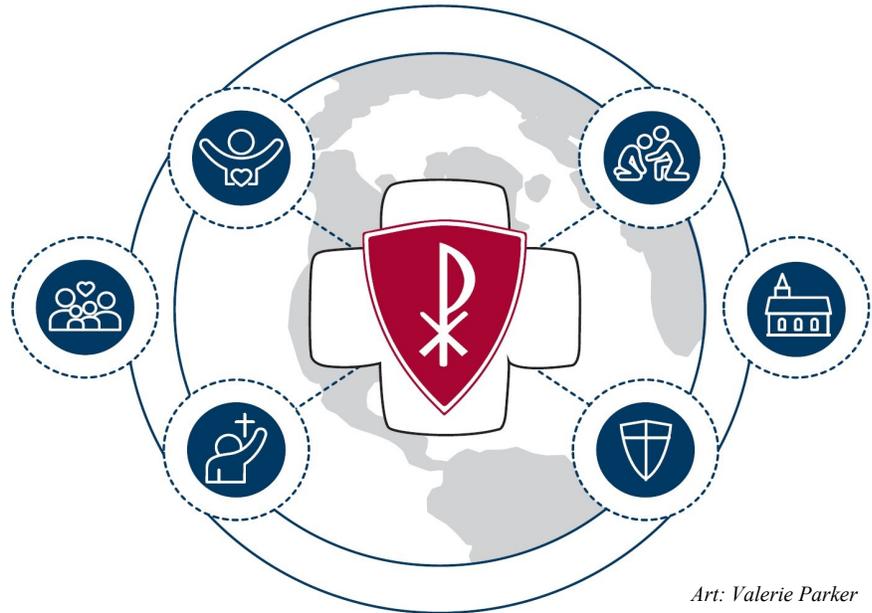
Step 2: Targets

The *Ministry Clarity* team* looked at over 50 ministry activities we presently do at Faith, and then grouped them each under one or more of five identified **Ministry Pillars**:

- ✠ **Worship**
- ✠ **Education**
- ✠ **Fellowship**
- ✠ **Evangelism**
- ✠ **Service**

Questions about each Pillar were actively discussed by small groups as the main focus of our *Congregational Summit* in February.

The team* is now drafting the results of those discussions into five **Aspirational Targets**, one for each Pillar, to be emphasized over the next 3-5 years.



Art: Valerie Parker

Step 3: Goals

For each of the five **Ministry Pillars**, the *Ministry Clarity* team* is also drafting up to three **Goals** related to the corresponding **Aspirational Target**.

These suggested targets and goals will be introduced and discussed at the **Congregational Information meeting on Sunday, June 6**. *Pastor Tom Eggebrecht* will join us and will also be guest preacher that day.

Step 4: Tasks

When those goals are adopted by the congregation, specific **Tasks** will be clearly stated so that we have a road map to consistently be together in prayer and study to focus on the **Mission** we have adopted.

This will be completed in the Fall, after *Pastor Edwards* returns from his sabbatical.

Concurrently, the **Space Use Committee** is working with *Michael Chamblee*, the architect who designed our upper level expansion (completed in 2010), to determine if the way we use our current facilities is the best set-up to address the **Mission Statement**. Keep an eye on our website (www.faithbtown.org) and your Friday@Faith emails for updates and more information, and be sure to join us for the **June 6 Congregational Meeting**, when this committee will present a report as well.

Questions may be directed to either pastor or to:

- *Bill Pfrommer* (Congregational Chairman) wfromme@homefinder.org or 812-360-5414
- *Dave Ebeling* (Chair-Elect) davidgebeling@gmail.com or 812-322-6503
- *David Skirvin* (Chair of the Space Use Committee) dskirvin@indiana.edu or 812.320.7326

***Ministry Clarity Team members are**

Pastor Edwards, Pastor Beck, Bill Pfrommer, Rachel Stults, Barry Martin, Janet Schaefer, Priscilla Gabriel and Dave Ebeling, with guidance from *Pastor Tom Eggebrecht* and *TJ Mattick* of LCEF.