

FAITH MATTERS

Sunday, May 30, 2021

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Greetings

*Call to Worship

(Pastor) *We gather to worship the God who speaks a good word,*

(Congregation) who tells us the story of our beginnings and opens up the promise of never-endings.

We gather to worship the God who embodies a good World,

who shows us through Jesus Christ what impact a faithful, bold, and loving life can make.

We gather to worship the God who spreads the good word,

who enables us through the Spirit's power to go forth in mission.

We join voices in praise of our great and gracious God.

*Songs: *Holy Spirit*

What a Beautiful Name

*Invocational Prayer

Scriptures: **Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:12-17**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #57: *This is My Father's World*

Children's Church (for Kids 4 years old — 5th Grade)

Musical Meditation

Sermon: ***Life by the Spirit***

*Hymn #8: *How Great Thou Art*

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the A/V Booth.

THIS WEEK'S MINISTRIES CALENDAR

Sunday, May 30

9:30am: Praise Team Rehearsal

10:30am: Worship Service

6:15pm: High School YG

Monday, May 31—Memorial Day

Office Closed for the Holiday. Have a fun & safe holiday!

Tuesday, May 18

3:00pm: GriefShare

Wednesday, May 19

12:00pm: Faith Matters Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, June 6—CAMP SUNDAY

IF YOU COME TO THE CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY, YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO FIND THAT WE ARE NOT HERE!

But don't worry, we will be up at Portage Lake Bible Camp, keeping an eye out for you! The address is 4158 Camp Delight Rd., Onekama. Our morning worship service will begin at 10:30, but feel free to arrive early to walk the beach for a moment or to say hello to friends. Camp Staff will be on hand to direct you to the Chapel, if it is your first visit to camp. We will be enjoying music by the camp musicians and a message by Pastor Erik. Following the morning worship we anticipate baptism in the Lake, and then hope you will join us for a meal!

If you have not had the opportunity to sign up for a food donation to the Camp Sunday meal, you can stop by the Welcome Center today, or check your email this week for an online sign up for the food items that remain. Camp will be providing the utensils and beverages. If you have questions regarding Camp Sunday, please feel free to contact Amy at: amyholtgren@yahoo.com.

CAMP SUNDAY!

BAPTISM AT PORTAGE LAKE

It's not too late! If you feel the Lord is leading you toward baptism, you are encouraged to contact Pastor Erik at: 231.887.4619.

WHEELCHAIR URGENTLY NEEDED

Our Congregational Care Team needs a wheelchair to be used by a person in our congregations. If you have one available to loan or donate, please [email Connie Watson](#) or call her: 231.233.7792.

UPDATE TO FCC'S COVID-19 CRITERIA

Our Leadership Team has decided that masks are now optional at Faith Covenant Church, including worship services and ministries. Parents are to decide what is best for their children. Seating will remain appropriately distanced.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we have maneuvered our safest way possible through this pandemic. It has not been an easy year! We thank God that we are now seeing the numbers of new cases and deaths decline and it appears that the worst of this is over for many. We continue to pray for the communities still experiencing high numbers of illness and death, for the health care workers tending to their care, and for quick & complete global recovery.

FROM THE DESK OF DAVE PHELPS, OUR OFFICE & MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS GUY

I am blessed and excited to join the team at Faith Covenant Church as the new Office and Media Communication staff member. My wife, Annette, and I moved to our family cabin in Wellston in 2017. We were looking for a new home church and Faith Covenant came onto our radar. The music styles, messages, and especially the friendly welcome we received prompted us to become members here.

I grew up in Jackson, Michigan, and was involved in Christian Radio for nearly 40 years. While in that ministry, I received experience in doing many of the same types of skills that fit in this new position at FCC. Also, God gave me an opportunity to recognize the importance of serving Him and His people in any area where He leads me.

I love interacting with people, and I love creating elements that visually enhance the mission of Faith Covenant Church. I am certainly sorry to see Kate Poirier leave, but I am grateful for the new challenges that God is providing for me here. Feel free to contact me in the church office: 231.723.7173, on my cell: 517.262.6841, or via email: daveofficefcc@gmail.com.

LPCC'S "BABY BOTTLE BLITZ"

Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center of Manistee County seeks to share God's love and grace by educating, supporting, and mentoring individuals to make life-affirming decisions regarding sexuality, pregnancy, and pregnancy loss." The mission statement of LPCC is what our ministry is all about. Please join us in this life-affirming ministry by filling a baby bottle with change, cash, or a check and returning to the church on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20th.

PRAISE GOD!

*Dave Lame, the friend of Joyce Reed's grandson who we have been praying for healing from a serious motorcycle accident is recovering very well!
Thank you for praying with us.*

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING FOR—

The Family and Friends of Edie Minster

Edie went home to be with Jesus
Wednesday, May 27, 2021.

The Family and Friends of Jerry Jacobi

Jerry went home to be with Jesus
this past week.

Doug & Peggy Wright's son and Katie Dye's brother, Greg Wright

Healing; hospitalized with COVID-19.

Joyce Reed's sister, Carolyn

Healing from heart attack; hospitalized in ICU.

Steve & Sue Fry's son, Keith

Healing from lung problems and cancer.

Linda Kinnan

Healing from health issues & pain.

Bev Johnston's daughter, Joy

Healing from kidney failure.

Cassie Munsell's Cousin, Tom

Healing, safety, & comfort during
hospitalization in Saginaw;
peace for the family.

Mike & Sheryl Zimmerman

Endurance during this difficult time of Mike's
failing health and strength.

GRIEF SHARE

Getting Stuck in Grief? Week 9 of the 13 week journey brings us information on how to prevent getting stuck in the grief of losing a loved one. It is not about forgetting, it is about learning to walk with God by truth, and how feelings are controlled by our thoughts, which are acted out in our behaviors. Come and find support from others who have also lost a loved one and who are learning to navigate moving forward in life. We will walk this journey together! Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00pm in Room 5. Questions? Contact Rita: 231.510.2219.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRIES



Children & Family Summer Fun Night

Friday, June 25th

5-7pm at Faith Covenant Church

Families with children ages 4 through 5th grade:

Let's get acquainted and kick-off summer together around a campfire!

Join us for stories, camp songs, and a simple supper.

Bring your siblings of all ages, and your lawn chairs.

Children's Ministry & Nursery Volunteers

THANK YOU!

Monday, June 28

7pm at Faith Covenant Church

For all of you who have volunteered in the nursery, helped with Children's Worship, or taught our youth in Sunday School, I want to say a great big "THANK YOU" with STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE!

Thank you for sharing your love for Jesus with our kids and for your immeasurable impact on their faith story. If you've served in these ways, or if you are interested in helping, please join me for Strawberry Shortcake. I look forward to hearing your stories and your hopes for Kids' Ministry.

~Sarah



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

01 Kathy B. Smith
07 Sarah Eix
07 Luci Schweigert
08 Sonya Broadbent
08 Herb Lenon
12 Randy Jesberg
13 Pete Ramon
15 Irene Olson
19 Declan McCann
23 Julia Dye
24 Colleen Granada
24 Marvin Malmberg
26 Sylvia Warsen
29 Craig Smith
29 Alyssa Tameling
30 David Solberg
19 Tiffany Elo

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

02 Devin & Luci Schweigert
10 Steve & Sue Fry
15 Robert & June Ribbe
17 Jim & Janet Hubbard
18 Russ & Kate Poirier
19 Doug & Julee Malm
20 Darryl & Kathy Ernst
22 Steve & Linda Rogers
23 Jim Hanson & Pat Lynett
25 Mike & Sheryl Zimmerman
30 Randy & Virginia Jesberg

OTHER DATES TO KNOW

20 Fathers Day
21 Summer Begins

DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION FOR OUR FAITH MATTERS NEWSLETTER?

Please email [Carolyn](#) or [Kate](#) or [Dave](#) or call us at: 231.723.7173.

The deadline for newsletter info submissions is **Wednesdays at Noon**

(unless we let you know differently because of holidays, etc.).



Monday, May 31st

**Remember and Honor the Veterans
who gave their lives so that
we can live free in this land.**

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