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From Pastor Scudder's Desk

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. (Gal. 5:1)

Ah, the 4th of July, even the mention of the date causes chills of patriotism to run up and down my spine. To hear the national anthem played as fireworks explode in the sky overhead can't help but bring a tear of pride to ones eyes. To hear Lee Greenwood sing "God Bless the USA," makes me want to stand up and salute.

Having spent 8 years on active duty with the U.S. Air Force, I guess I have somewhat of a patriotic streak in me. I'm proud to be an American. I'm so

thankful for the freedoms that God has blessed our country with. Maybe that is why all those patriotic songs move me so.

But there is a freedom that stands even far above our freedom as Americans. It is the freedom that was given to us when Jesus said, "It is finished!" It is the freedom that St. Paul spoke of when he wrote the words at the top of this page. In Christ we have been set free from the bonds of sin, death, and the grave. We have been set free to serve our Lord with joy. Set free to enjoy that life that the Lord meant for us to have.

This is a freedom that needs to be shared. Shared with the entire world that, regardless of the country they live in, they might enjoy the freedom of a redeemed child of God.

This summer we have an opportunity to be a part of that sharing, with our Vacation Bible School. July 15-19 we will be sharing the freedom of Christ with the children of our church as well as our community. Help share that freedom. Volunteer to help with VBS!

Enjoy a Free summer!

The Lord be with you ... Amen!

Pastor Scudder



Weekly Schedule:

- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 8:15 am
- Divine Service 9:30 am
- D & T Classes Sundays 11:00am
- Thursday Men's Bible Study 6:00am

Special Activities:

- Board of Ed. July 2 @ 7:00pm
- Board of Elders July 5 @ 7:00pm
- Church Council July 9 @ 6:30pm

Lutheran Hour
7 a.m.

Sunday—KILJ FM 105.5

KOKX 95.3 10:30 a.m.

**July Duties:****Elders**

Jeremy Andreasen
Kirk Hillman

Altar Guild

Whitney Vantiger

Acolytes

7/1 Carson Andreasen
7/8 Isaac Lehman
7/15 Katie Bacher
7/22 Brody McCall
7/29 Carson Andreasen

Ushers

Gregg Hall
Caleb George
Curt Nehring
John Vantiger

Coffee Servers

7/1
7/8
7/15
7/22
7/29

A big THANK YOU to all members who served as organists, ushers, and coffee servers last month. This is just another part of STEWARDSHIP in action at Faith.

Serving Next Month**Elders**

Bob Eldridge
Wade Edwards

Altar Guild

Melissa Bacher

Acolytes

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SonShine Academy News

Son Shine has a new registration policy. Please be sure you let your friends and neighbors know. Registration for all classes are always open. You can register for any class any year.

If you want to register for fall of 2021 you can. The

registration fee has increased to \$40 for one year and \$75 for two years.

If there are questions or if someone needs an early registration form, please let us know. Classes for this fall, 2018 are all full.

**LWML NEWS**

Eight LWML ladies from Faith Lutheran attended the 39th biennial IED LWML Convention at the Cedar Rapids Marriott June 15, 16. The Mt. Pleasant Zone hosted the event. Sara Scudder created the design for our theme, "Grafted to the Vine," based on John 15:16, 17.

Sandi Speidel and Shari Moeller were the music leaders for the 217 attendees. Two Bible studies, several interesting speakers, two offerings, a greeting from the national LWML president, and other items were on the busy 2-day schedule. Hundreds of baby items from the Gifts from the Heart were delivered to Cradle of Hope by Faith's ladies.

Tuesday, July 24, is the tentative date to visit the Orphan Grain Train in Clemons, Iowa.

Thank you for you continued support of the SonShine script program. When you purchase the Hy Vee Gift Cards & Certificates, the preschool will receive 10% for the shopping cards, & 15% for the certificates. Someone from the preschool board will be selling the cards and certificates after church, each Sunday, or you can stop in at the office Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am–Noon.

Please Pray

Please pray for Pastor and the Youth Group as they travel to Carbondale, Il for the Higher Things Conference

Bulletin announcements due by end of the day on Wednesday of each week.

Newsletter items due by the 21st of each month.

Youth News (Grades 6-12)

Youth Group will be not meet in July but will have Orientation in August .

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Haley Rodgers
- 2 Emily Stark
- 3 Ian Bacher
- 3 Marty Schumacher
- 3 Aubrey Smith
- 6 Alex Spenner
- 8 Karen Weems
- 8 Stephanie Wesely
- 9 Caleb George
- 9 Lauren George
- 11 Stan Hill
- 11 Tim Sammons
- 13 Joel Rees
- 13 Karen Peterson
- 14 Mike Thornburg
- 17 Jaylon Cotton
- 18 Bonnie Sammons
- 19 Darian Cotton
- 19 Mike Dorn
- 19 Rebekah Hosford
- 20 Tyler Ruby
- 21 Kree Carter
- 23 Delayna Cotton
- 23 Josh Nehring
- 23 Joe Nehring
- 25 Jordan Cotton
- 25 Emily Wesely
- 26 Jason "Jay" Sammons
- 28 Greg Hall
- 28 Nick Yoder
- 29 Amy Overton
- 30 Don Lange
- 30 Chelsey Stark

Clean Up Day

Clean up day for the church will be July 14th @ 8:30am .

Please watch for a list of things to get done along with what tools to bring.

The Birthday Song
A glad and Happy Birthday,
we wish to you our friends.
May God our heavenly Father,
a birthday blessing send.
A happy, happy birthday,
all beautiful with love.
And bright with many blessings,
from our dear Lord above.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Splash Mountain
 Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! At Splash Canyon, kids discover that, on life's wild ride, Jesus is by our side. God saves us through Jesus an gives us life an hope every day and forever. VBS will be July 15-19 from 6-8pm. Come join Joe Ruby and Eddy the otter on the journey. Find out how God can help you with every twist and turn in the adventure.

Question:

Kids Corner
Do Christians believe the earth was flat?

It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in (Isaiah 40:22)

Most ancients believed in a round earth including Christians. Eratosthenes was an ancient geographer who even calculated the circumference of the earth about 200 BC! Very few Christians ever believed that the earth was flat. One Christian who did believe this was Lactates. Sadly, he mixed the false flat-earth concept with his Christianity.

An overwhelming number of Christians opposed a flat earth, and for good reason. The Bible teaches against it in Isaiah 40:22 and Job 26:10. These verses point out that the earth is circular or round. Job even goes so far as to say that the earth hangs on nothing (Job 26:7). This was confirmed when we sent satellites and people into space, and they could see and take pictures of the earth simply "hanging on nothing".

From the big picture though, Christians should always be careful about taking ideas that come from outside Scripture and mixing them with their Christianity. Instead, we should trust what Gods Word says, since He knows best!

Next months question:

Do meteors burn up and are they dangerous?

Remember kids, if you have a question about God, the Bible, Church, please write it down and place it in Pastor Scudder's mailbox, or e-mail it to him at pastorscuddermr@gmail.com

Meet Your Elder



Jeremy Andreasen

To say my Lutheran roots run deep would be an understatement. My dad, Rev. Phill Andreasen, is a retired LCMS Pastor with over 40 years in the ministry. I was baptized by my maternal grandfather, Rev. Dr. Gerhard Aho, who was a respected theologian and professor at Concordia Seminary in Ft. Wayne.

I spent my early childhood in Chuckery, Ohio, about 30 minutes from Columbus and to this day, I am a loyal fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes.

We moved to Williamsburg, Iowa when I was 10 and I lived there until I graduated high school in 1993. I enjoyed growing up in a small town in eastern Iowa and, in the back of my mind, I always knew that was the way I wanted to raise my own family someday. I have great memories of pheasant hunting in the fields of Iowa County with my dad, uncle and friends. When I was 16 years old, I finally persuaded my parents to let me have my own bird dog and I bought a black lab from a state trooper who lived in our neighborhood.

After high school, I attended Concordia University Wisconsin. I played defensive back for the Falcon football team and graduated in 1997 with a BA in Justice & Public Policy. Without a doubt though, the most important thing I gained from my years at CUW was my future wife, Lara, a nursing student from Texas whom I began to date in my senior year.

After college, I was hired as a police officer in LaPorte City, a small town outside of Waterloo. During this time, Lara began working as a RN at the UIHC in Iowa City. In 1998, knowing how much I loved to hunt, Lara gave me a new shotgun for Christmas. At that moment I knew that it was time to take that diamond ring out of my pocket...and she said yes.

In 1999 I was hired by the Iowa State Patrol. I completed the academy in November and was assigned to District 13 in Mt. Pleasant. In December, Lara and I were married in Iowa City. We made Mt. Pleasant our home and joined Faith Lutheran Church. Now, nearly 20 years later, we still proudly call Mt. Pleasant home and have been blessed with 3 wonderful children, Erin (15), Carson (12) and Courtney (9). I continue to serve with the State Patrol and Lara is an oncology nurse at UIHC. We love supporting our children in their many activities and I still find time to hunt – especially with my labs.

We are very blessed! We feel very fortunate to be a part of the loving church family at Faith Lutheran.

PLEASE PRAY

As VBS approaches please keep the Director and Staff in your prayers as well as the children who God brings to our VBS.

Summer Sunday School will be held during the month of June and the last 2 weeks of August. There will be no Sunday School in July or the first half of August.

 <i>Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca</i>	<p>SUMMER CAMP</p> <p>Thinking Summer, remember that Camp lo-Dis-E-Ca registrations are now open. Faith offers scholarships to camp. \$50 for half a week and \$100 for a full week. Check out the camps on the bulletin board for early registration.</p>
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Garden Center:

Did you know that the Hy Vee Garden Center honors the shopping cards purchased through Son Shine Academy? Buy one today so you are ready when you're buying your flowers and gardening supplies. You may also use them at Hy Vee gas, pharmacy, grocery, and Drug Town. Son Shine receives 10% of your shopping card purchase!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Divine Service	2 Board of Ed. 7:00pm	3	4	5 7:00pm Elders	6	7
8 8:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Divine Service	9 Church Council 6:30pm	10	11 Bulletin items due	12	13	14 8:30am Cleanup day at the church
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Pastor gone to Higher Things Convention July 10-13 </div>						
15 8:15am Sunday School 9:30 am Divine Service	16	17	18 Bulletin items due	19	20	21
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> VBS July 15-19 from 6-8pm </div>				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Pastor on Vacation </div>		
22 8:15am Sunday School 9:30 am Divine Service	23	24	25 Bulletin items due	26 Newsletter Items Due	27	28
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Pastor on Vacation July 19-29 </div>						
29 8:15am Sunday School 9:30 am Divine Service Mite Box Sunday	30	31 Son Shine Board Meeting 1:00pm				