

# Faith First Community Church

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## Focus on Faith



### Our Church's Graduates

#### Karsten Hulme

Karsten is graduating from West High School. He plans to finish his apprenticeship hours, take EMT classes through EICC, and work toward becoming a firefighter.

#### Jacob Houtekier

Jacob is graduating from North High School. He plans to do an apprenticeship in carpentry.

#### Kyleigh Lackas

Kyleigh is graduating from North High School. She plans to attend EICC to major in Sociology, and move into law school after 1 year. She is also graduating from EICC with an AA degree.

#### Jackson Holdt

Jackson is graduating 8th grade from Trinity Lutheran School on May 29th. He will be attending North High School in the Fall.

**FAITH FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH  
NEW CHURCH COMMUNITY KICKOFF  
Sunday, August 17**

**Watch for further information!**

### THOUGHTS FOR FATHER'S DAY

A careful man I ought to be; a little fellow follows me;  
I do not dare to go astray, for fear he'll go the self-same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes; whate'er he sees me do,  
he tries —

Like me, he says, he's going to be, the little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine, believes in every word  
of mine:

The base in me he must not see, the little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go, through summer's sun and winter's snow,

I'm building for the years to be, for a little fellow follows me.

—Author unknown





# FROM THE PASTOR

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." ~ Genesis 1:1*

As of June 1, we will officially have two high school graduates in our family. I feel like it was just yesterday that Jarrod was heading off to Kindergarten, which coincidentally, was three weeks before Karsten was born. It feels like all I did was close my eyes and time flashed forward 18 years.

I feel the same way about the amount of time since I have been called to, first, Faith UCC, and now, Faith First Community Church. As of July 1, I will have been here full time for 13 years! When I was first called, I thought about the 17 years that Pastor Tim was with Faith UCC, and it seemed like such a long time! Now, I am 4 short years from being here as long as he was.

Time has a habit of feeling like it speeds up as we grow older. (Scientifically, it does—but that is a conversation for a later date!)

One of my favorite traditions that the Davenport School District does for the graduating seniors, is to invite them to don their caps and gowns, and parade through the halls of their individual elementary schools.

I have no idea why or how this tradition started, but I can assume that it has something to do with encouraging the elementary students to stay in school, or something along those lines. Maybe it was started because the graduates are role models. They are actual living proof that time marches forward; that even though we think it is going to take FOREVER, we will actually get to the point in our life when we graduate. I wonder if that's why God puts people in our lives

who have different or more experience than we do. Maybe these people are paraded through our lives to prove that keeping our faith, and keeping God at the center of our lives will lead us to, and through, our spiritual growth.

I don't know about you, but sometimes I need encouragement in order to keep moving forward. Sometimes I wonder if I will make it, if my faith will see me through. The funny thing is, every time I get to this point, someone comes along to share their story, or allows me to watch their faith-in-action (which is usually through serving others.), and my faith is restored, my center (God) is reflected to me.

Time marches on—we can't stop that. Our kids will grow up, and (hopefully) live into the lives that God created them for. And this will go on generation after generation.

Are we taking our turn to mentor others? Are we showing our faith in order to encourage those who need it? Are we showing God's love to everyone?

We won't have a cap and gown, and we need to remember to stay humble while we encourage others. But we do need to share our stories. How else will the next generation—or any generation after that—learn the stories, and how will those who don't know Christ come to him, if we don't share?

For now, CONGRATULATIONS to all the graduates who spent the last 12 years of your life learning what you did. Good luck in your future endeavors, and don't forget to share what you have learned!

Thank you to all of the teachers and administrators for continuing to show up and love and teach the students. May you all have a blessed summer of rest and renewal!

Always Peace, Pastor Heidi

## PASTOR HEIDI ON VACATION

Pastor Heidi will be on vacation from June 1-June 8.

She will return to the office on June 9.

Jill Pepper will lead worship both Sundays.

She will also be on call. In case of emergency, please contact her at 563-370-1359.

## THRIVENT FUNDRAISER FOR LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

**Wednesday, June 25 – Fellowship Hall – 6:00 p.m.**

We will gather for dinner (Olive Garden provided by Thrivent), with a speaker. We will take a free will donation and Thrivent will match it. Proceeds will go to purchase food for the Little Food Pantry. Please RSVP to Pastor Heidi or sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

## BIBLE QUIZ

Who said to the prophet Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD"?

- A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright
- C. Rahab, a prostitute
- D. David, considered Israel's greatest king

Answer: (See 2 Samuel 12:13.)



## Hope at the Brick House

We are not scheduled to serve at in June.

### Share-A-Meal

We are not scheduled to serve in June.



**Women's Group**  
Will meet at Deb Sullivan  
Home for a Cookout in  
June Date TBD

**Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.**

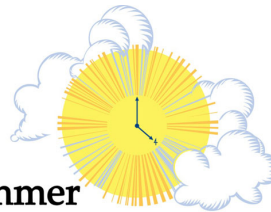
**July Newsletter article deadline is June 15.**

**July Newsletter will be mailed by June 28.**

Treasurer's Report April 2025			
PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	APRIL	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 6,010.00	\$29,364.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 170.00	\$ 1,517.00
OCWM	\$ 151.00	\$ 186.00	\$ 647.00
DOCM	\$ 45.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 48.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 360.00	\$ 429.00	\$ 1,301.00
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$ 7,506.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,819.00</b>	<b>\$32,877.00</b>
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 6,180.00	\$30,881.00
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 132.91	\$ 1,448.76
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$12,092.13
<b>Total Gen Fund Inc</b>	<b>\$ 6,950.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,312.91</b>	<b>\$44,421.89</b>
Pastor Expense	\$ 7,549.00	\$ 7,397.82	\$30,160.12
Employee Expense	\$ 1,373.00	\$ 1,311.24	\$ 5,229.64
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 383.00	\$ 273.20	\$ 828.35
Office Expense	\$ 520.00	\$ 529.02	\$ 2,163.71
Property Expense	\$ 2,169.00	\$ 3,468.21	\$10,177.40
<b>Total Gen Fun Exp</b>	<b>\$ 11,994.00</b>	<b>\$12,979.49</b>	<b>\$48,559.22</b>
<b>Net General Fund</b>	<b>\$ (5,044.00)</b>	<b>\$ (6,666.58)</b>	<b>\$ (4,137.33)</b>
Submitted by Martha Watters			



- 1 Trenton Wakeland
- 2 Dennis Jacobsen
- 13 Karen Wakeland
- 23 Janelle Hoker
- 26 Lucas Smith
- 26 Lennon Perreault



## Summer Worship Hours

**WE CONTINUE** our Summer Worship Hour of 10 a.m. for the rest of the summer months. This will be the worship time until the Sunday after Labor Day.

## THE FIRST DAY OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



One summer afternoon, a grandfather picked up his 4-year-old grandson at church. "Well, Jason, how did you like your first day of vacation Bible school?" "It was great!" the boy replied. "We heard some stories and drew some pictures. Then we went

out to play, and when we came back in God had juice and cookies waiting for us!"

VBS at Faith First will be August 16th!

## IT'S THAT TIME, AGAIN!

The fundraising committee wants to remind everyone to bring items to the church to be sorted and priced. The items need to be clean and ready to sell.





## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

**RIVER** — In the Bible, rivers (and other bodies of water) often represent deliverance, salvation, freedom and cleansing. The Jordan River is especially prominent: The Israelites crossed it to enter the Promised Land after God delivered them from slavery, and John baptized Jesus (and many other people) there. The image of crossing the Jordan River has long been a metaphor for death — crossing from earthly to heavenly life, from worldly struggles to the bliss of God's kingdom, from physical ailments to the wholeness of a resurrection body.



### Our Faith First Family

Deb Lobdell  
Doug Cox  
Glenn Perreault  
Don Walton  
Pastor Heidi  
Sid and Ardella Boots  
Karen Risler  
Rev. Barb Koenig

### Our Homebound

Paul Dammeier  
Nancy Giles  
Dennis Jacobsen  
Jan Johnson  
Hazel Jones  
Virginia Lemons  
Harriet Meyers  
Colleen Skinner  
Harry Stroupe

### Our Family and Friends

Cal Klopp  
Lorie House  
Nancy  
Fran Frutiger  
Family of Fran Leamer  
Allison Byers  
Judy Cummings  
Cindy Norman  
Taunia Waters  
Deb  
Nilofar Basti  
Heather  
Bruce  
Terry Showens

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

### Our World

Angola, Mozambique, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Eswatini, Botswana,  
Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, Kenya, Tanzania



No matter what age you are or what you like to do, there is a camp for you! For more information on each camp that is offered go to either of the websites below. There are camp scholarships available.

### CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

<https://www.newtonccc.org/scsessions>

### PILGRIM HEIGHTS

<https://www.pilgrimheights.org/events>

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
  
**Vacation Bible School**  
  
**Saturday, August 16**  
  
**Watch next months news-**



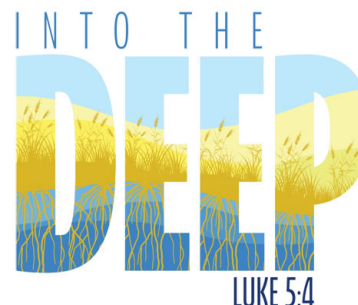
### DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JULY 12-15, 2025

MEMPHIS, TN

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will gather in person from July 12-15, 2025, in Nashville, TN. The theme: "Beyond" based on Ephesians 3:20-21



### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST GENERAL SYNOD

July 11-15, we are excited to welcome thousands from across the country for General Synod 35 in Kansas City, Missouri — the barbecue capitol. Together, we will discern

resolutions of witness, church structure, and function. We will celebrate our faith. And we will join in spirit-filled worship each day.

# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>  Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  Pastor Heidi On Vacation	<b>2</b>  Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	<b>3</b>  Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  
<b>8</b>  Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  Pastor Heidi On Vacation	<b>9</b>  Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	<b>10</b>  Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	<b>11</b>  Jacob's Eagle Scout Project Prep Work 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Karsten Hulme Graduation Open House 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
<b>15</b>  Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	<b>16</b>  Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	<b>17</b>  Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	<b>18</b>  	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  	<b>21</b>  Jacob's Eagle Scout Project Prep 1:00 p.m.
<b>22</b> Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting 12:00 p.m. Jacob's Eagle Scout Project Paint 12:00 p.m.	<b>23</b>  Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	<b>24</b>  Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	<b>25</b>  Thrivent Fundraiser for Little Food Pantry 6:00 p.m.	<b>26</b>  <i>Mail Newsletter</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Jacob's Eagle Scout Project Paint 12:00 p.m.
<b>29</b>  Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	<b>30</b>  Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.					