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Focus on Faith



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5TH



FALL WORSHIP SERIES



- Week 1 — October 12th: Compassion
- Week 2 — October 19th: Collaboration
- Week 3 — October 26th: Creativity
- Week 4 — November 2nd: Empowerment

A Changemaker is a risk-taker, someone who puts their faith into action to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Jesus was a Changemaker. The Good News is... so are we. Made in the image of God, sharing in the purposes of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, we are the "assets" we've been looking for. Our wealth lies in the Compassion, Collaboration, Creativity, and Empowerment that sustains us through change, for change, for the sake of a better world. Join us as we hatch new ideas and fly to new heights, risking something big for something good.

HOLY INTERRUPTIONS

Most of us are pretty good at planning—schedules, to-do lists, calendars filled to the brim. But what happens when God steps in with an unexpected detour?

Throughout Scripture, God often moved in the interrup-



tions. Moses was tending sheep when he saw a burning bush. Mary was simply living her life when an angel appeared. Even Jesus was frequently "interrupted" by people seeking healing or hope—and He never turned them away.


"Interruptible faith" is a posture of openness. It's saying, "Lord, here's my plan—but I trust Yours more." It means slowing down, paying attention, and being willing to let God rearrange our day for His greater purpose.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) reminds us, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." May we have the courage to let Him.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH — 9 TO 10 AM

Jacob Houtekier is holding a pancake breakfast to celebrate finishing his Eagle Project. It is to help raise the rest of the money to cover supplies. He will serve from 9 – 10 a.m. — free will offering. ALSO — Rev. Liz Woodward will be our guest preacher that day!



FROM THE PASTOR

“So come on, let’s leave the preschool fingerpainting exercises on Christ and get on with the grand work of art. Grow up in Christ. The basic foundational truths are in place: turning your back on “salvation by self-help” and turning in trust toward God; baptismal instructions; laying on of hands; resurrection of the dead; eternal judgment. God helping us, we’ll stay true to all that. But there’s so much more. Let’s get on with it!”

~Hebrews 6:1-3 MSG

If you didn’t read the scripture above, please pause here and read it. It’s okay.....I’ll wait.....

I love this version. It comes from The Message Bible. “Let’s leave the preschool fingerpainting exercises and get on with the grand work of art.” This letter to the Hebrew church by Paul is a reminder that we are not supposed to stop growing our faith, that we need to move past what we were taught as children, into a more mature faith.

The reality is, growing in our faith is a life-long process. It isn’t measured like school—where you go up through a certain grade and then graduate.

Unfortunately, this is how we often see faith formation in our churches. We send our children to Faith Formation classes (Sunday School), for some, we make them go to Confirmation or Baptism class, then youth group. But after that, it is seldom that we ourselves attend adult Bible Study or Faith Formation classes. We believe that worship is enough. But it isn’t.

Did you know that we have both Children and Adult Faith Formation classes on Sunday morning? Adults begin at 9:00 a.m., led by Sharon Perreault, and Children begin at 9:15 a.m., led by Jill Pepper.

Sadly, we don’t have many who attend either one, for obvious reasons. We just don’t have families with children and youth. So, we have decided it is time for a change!

Beginning in January, we will be doing Faith Formation differently. We will be holding Intergenerational Faith Formation. We—ALL AGES—will gather together in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. We will begin with a little mu-

sic, and then hear the story of the morning. This story will be told by different people, in different ways. Some may have others act it out with them, some may use puppets, some may tell the story using props. But we will all hear and witness the story together.

Following the story, we will break into our age-appropriate groups to discuss the story: Jill will lead the children, Sharon and Jim Perreault will lead the youth, and I will lead the adults.

Finally, when it is time to close, we will come back together to pray.

We are very excited to be trying something new, and hope that you will come to experience it once....maybe twice...

Until January, we will still have our Children’s and Adult’s Faith Formation classes. The adults are about to begin studying the Gospel of Mark.

Also, please watch for upcoming dates for other new Faith Formation groups:

- *Youth Group
- *Young Adult Group
- *Men’s Group

When we make our baptismal vows, or vows for our children, we covenant to grow our faith in Jesus Christ. By joining us in Faith Formation groups, you are fulfilling that covenant.

So come and check things out. You never know what you might learn!

Always Peace,
Pastor Heidi



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
JACOB HOUTEKIER
EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY

You are all invited to the Eagle Ceremony of Jacob Houtekier at 1:00 p.m. here at Faith First.

BIBLE QUIZ

The book of Jonah tells the story of a prophet who ran from God, faced a storm, and learned about God's mercy. Which of the following statements is true?



- A. Jonah told the sailors he was running from God, and they threw him overboard.
- B. The fish that swallowed Jonah washed up on the shores of Joppa.
- C. Jonah preached in Nineveh for forty days and forty nights.
- D. After the city repented, Jonah rejoiced and built an altar to the Lord.

Answer: (See Jonah 1:9-15)

Hope at the Brick House

We are scheduled to serve on October 9th.

Share-A-Meal

We are scheduled to serve on October 31st.



- 4 Mary Beth Hawley
- 14 Gloria Power
- 15 Gary Hoker
- 17 Cheryl Leamer
- 18 Rob Kress
- 19 Kay Showens
- 20 Autumn Dowell
- 22 Jacob Smith
- 26 Mark Christy



Women's Group
Will meet at Becky's home
October 2
6:45 p.m.

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

November Newsletter article deadline is Oct 19.

November Newsletter will be mailed by Oct 28.

Treasurer's Report August 2025			
PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	AUGUST	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 6,322.00	\$ 53,027.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 320.00	\$ 2,427.00
OCWM	\$ 151.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 1,251.00
DOCM	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ 118.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 360.00	\$ 286.00	\$ 2,544.00
Total Giving	\$ 7,506.00	\$ 7,053.00	\$ 59,367.00
GENERAL FUND			
MO BUDGET			TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 6,642.00	\$ 55,454.00
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 110.65	\$ 2,137.65
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,092.13
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 6,752.65	\$ 83,683.78
Pastor Expense	\$ 7,549.00	\$ 8,263.06	\$ 58,484.17
Employee Expense	\$ 1,373.00	\$ 1,485.90	\$ 10,509.56
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 383.00	\$ 445.52	\$ 2,125.16
Office Expense	\$ 520.00	\$ 465.38	\$ 3,915.41
Property Expense	\$ 2,169.00	\$ 2,950.69	\$ 19,743.68
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 11,994.00	\$ 13,610.55	\$ 94,777.98
Net General Fund	\$ (5,044.00)	\$ (6,857.90)	\$ (11,094.20)

Submitted by Martha Watters



Board Notes

Board Meeting— September 14

1. Martha presented the proposed budget.
2. Doug, Martha and Heidi met with Hank Jacobsen who has completed his walk around the property. He hopes to have the written assessment completed early October.
3. General Fund—the operating account is at a negative balance through August 31st. \$11,094.20.
4. Next meeting - October 12 at Noon.

UNDERWEAR BECAUSE WE CARE

We are collecting underwear this month for "Underwear Because We Care" - a Quad City based organization.



They collect underwear, under-shirts, underpants, & bras. They distribute the items to the homeless in the area.

The group partners with churches, schools & businesses— Bombas Socks gave them 10,000 pair of socks.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

VERBUM DOMINI MANET IN AETERNUM — Latin for “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever,” this motto of the Lutheran branch of the Protestant Reformation comes from 1 Peter 1:25. Frederick the Wise, ruler of Saxony and one of Martin Luther’s earliest and most influential supporters, had the VDMA symbol sewn into the right sleeve of the official garments worn at his court. The symbol also appeared on banners, flags, swords, and uniforms, representing the unity of the Lutheran laity in standing firm in their faith.



Our Faith First Family

Deb Lobdell
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 Meye
Colleen Skinner
Harry Stroupe

Our Family and Friends

Susan
JR Showens
Dillon Poole
Cal Klopp
Lorie House
Fran Frutiger
Alison Byers
Kylie
Cindy Norman
Taunia Waters
Nilofar Basti
Terry Showens
Judy Cummings



Our World

Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, The Caribbean



ATTIC SHOP PRICING — We will meet on Oct. 9 and 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Come for an hour or stay for the morning. All are welcome who can make it.

ANNUAL ATTIC SHOP & MORE!

The Annual Attic Shop & More is set for Saturday, November 1st from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In Fellowship Hall. We will need volunteers for cashiers and helpers. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Your co-chairs are Becky Christy and Jan Hannel.

Setup Schedule:

Sunday, October 26: Set tables in various areas.
Monday, October 27: 9 to 11 a.m.
Tuesday, October 28: 9 to 11 a.m.
Wednesday, October 29: 9 to 11 a.m.
Saturday, November 1: Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Per our new constitution, the board selected the date for the annual budget meeting — it will be October 19 immediately after worship. We will also have board election — we will need one new member for a two year term.

HOPE AT THE BRICK HOUSE ANNUAL BANQUET

October 28th—5:30 to 8 p.m.

This event will be held at St. Ambrose Rogalski Center and will include a silent auction and a dinner buffet. The Program includes music by students, testimonies and ministry updates. There will be opportunities to make financial contributions. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Sign up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.

SPIRITUAL RESTORATION RETREAT October 11, 2025 ♦ 9:30 - 5:30

Each workshop will be offered twice: a morning session and an afternoon session. Participants will have the opportunity to attend all workshops, if desired

- +Chair Yoga
- +Ener-Chi
a tai chi variation
- +Painting Your
Inner Vision
- +Detox Toxic
Religion
- +Inherent Worth
Meditation
- +Found Poem
Collage
- +Sound Healing
closing session offered only at 4:30 pm




Register:



Free Program
Camp Milan
12905 13th Street
Milan, IL 61264 4904

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Pancake Breakfast</p>			1	2 Women's Group Becky Christy 6:45 p.m.	3	4 Fellowship Hall Reserved
5 Pancake Breakfast 9 to 10 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Reconciliation/NIN Special Offerings World Communion	6 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	7 Davenport Primary Voting 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	8	9 Hope at the Brick House 3:30 p.m.	10	11  Jacob Houtekier 1:00 p.m.
12 Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Board Mtg Noon	13 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	14 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	15 Basket Class 5:30 p.m.	16	17 	18 Fellowship Hall Reserved
19 Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Budget Meeting 11:30 a.m. <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	20 Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	21 Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.	22 	23 Pastor Heidi Vacation	24	25
26 Faith Formation 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Pastor Heidi Vacation → Attic Shop Setup	27 Attic Shop Setup	28 Attic Shop Setup	29 Attic Shop Setup (If needed)	30	31  Share-A-Meal 5:15 p.m.	