

# God's Lighthouse

When You  
Can't Feel God:  
God's Lighthouse of  
Spirituality and the  
Reef of Mortality

Spirituality  
Psalm 42

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Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

\*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

**We praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Confession and Forgiveness

**Almighty God, our Creator and Redeemer, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of Jesus. Most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for Jesus' sake forgive all our sins. And by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To everyone who believes on His name, He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

\*Prayer of the Day

**To be honest, God, some of us feel downcast this morning. Some of us are asking, “Why have You forgotten me?” Others have mocked us, saying, “Where is Your God?” So we now remind our souls: Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God! Lord, in our worship together, direct Your love to us. And as we lay our heads down tonight, fill our minds with Your song. We come in Christ's name to worship. Amen.**

Song – “As the Deer”

\*Gospel – Matthew 5:1-6

New Testament Lesson – 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

Children's Message

Song – “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 42

Sermon – “When You Can’t Feel God:

God’s Lighthouse of Spirituality and the Reef of Mortality”

Song – “Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

Holy Communion

\*Words of Institution for Holy Communion

\*Lord’s Prayer

Distribution Songs

“All Who are Thirsty”

“Lord, I Need You”

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song - “With All I Am”

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Inviting all People to Faith ... Come and Worship - Go and Work*

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June 2, 2024 | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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Watch us on SMU: Monday @ 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.

Text your giving to Faith at 712-214-4317

**Welcome Visitors!** We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Please scan the QR code to help us connect with you, or find the “Guest Connection Form” on the Welcome Center and leave the form in the offering box.



## **Gospel – Matthew 5:1-6**

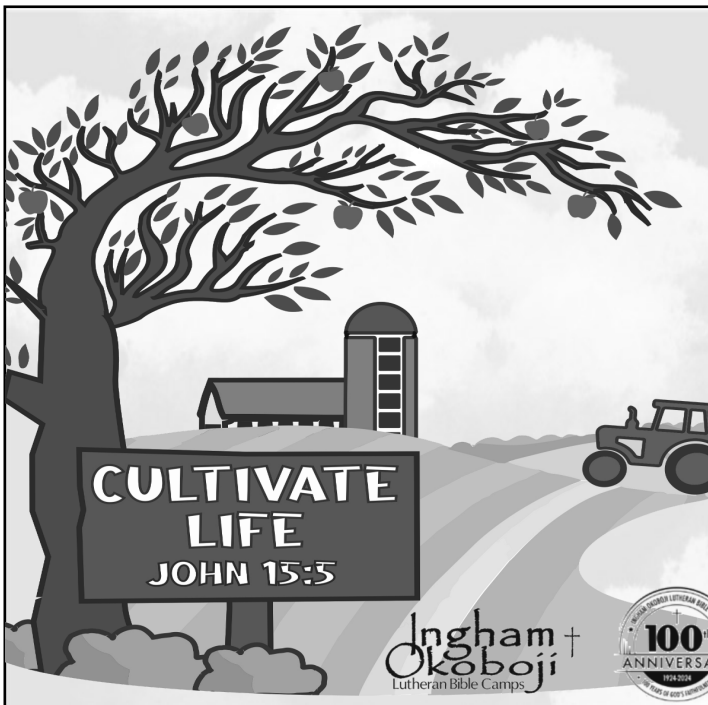
<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountain side and sat down. His disciples came to Him, <sup>2</sup> and He began to teach them. He said: <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

## **New Testament Lesson – 1 Corinthians 2:9-16**

<sup>9</sup> However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” – the things God has prepared for those who love Him – <sup>10</sup> these are the things God has revealed to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. <sup>14</sup> The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. <sup>15</sup> The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, <sup>16</sup> for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

## **Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 42**

<sup>1</sup> As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God. <sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? <sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?” <sup>4</sup> These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. <sup>5</sup> Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God. <sup>6</sup> My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon – from Mount Mizar. <sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep in the roar of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and breakers have swept over me. <sup>8</sup> By day the LORD directs His love, at night His song is with me – a prayer to the God of my life. <sup>9</sup> I say to God my Rock, “Why have You forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?” <sup>10</sup> My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, “Where is your God?” <sup>11</sup> Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.



## 2024 VBS Day Camp

June 17-20 | 12:30-5:00 p.m.

**Ages: Preschool Through Those Entering 6th Grade**

We are looking for middle and high school helpers and any adults that would want to volunteer too! We are also looking for Thrivent cards for snacks and food!

Registration Forms are available on the Welcome Center, scanning the QR code, or online at <https://bit.ly/3KoG5Fk>



## Today! Ice Cream Social!

Ingham Lake Bible Camp is raising funds for a new 60-ft x 80-ft recreation court to support different games for campers & guests!

On the Welcome Center are 2 donation envelopes. One is for a gift towards the new court.

The other one is an envelope to be used for a gift as well as a ticket to the **Ice Cream Social today, June 2.**

The **program** begins at 3:30 p.m., the **maid-rite dinner & ice cream** are served from 4:00-6:00 p.m., and the **pie auction** is at 6:00 p.m.!

For more information, please see the poster on the west-facing bulletin board.

**INGHAM LAKE BIBLE CAMP  
ICE CREAM  
SOCIAL  
2024**

**Join Us  
SUNDAY,  
JUNE 2**

**NEW REC COURT**

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR THE NEW 60' X 80' RECREATION COURT! THIS COURT WILL SUPPORT SEVERAL DIFFERENT GAMES FOR OUR CAMPERS AND GUESTS!

COME AND JOIN THE STAFF OF INGHAM OKOBOJI CELEBRATING A NEW SUMMER SEASON AT THE ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

PROGRAM 3:30PM  
MAID-RITE DINNER  
PIE AND ICE CREAM TOO!  
4:00-6:00PM

THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE INGHAM AUXILIARY WHO WILL SERVE A DELICIOUS MEAL AND FABULOUS DESSERTS.

ALSO CHECK OUT OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS AT [WWW.OKOBOJI.ORG/PROGRAMS](http://WWW.OKOBOJI.ORG/PROGRAMS)

INGHAM LAKE BIBLE CAMP  
2258 450th Ave, Wallingford, IA  
For more info, please call Ingham at: 712-867-4170

**100th ANNIVERSARY 1924-2024**

**Ingham Okoboji**  
Lutheran Bible Camps

June 4 Stan Jongma  
Janet Schutter

June 7 Mark Cameron

June 8 Carla Vanderberg

## Birthday Blessings

## Anniversary Wishes

June 3 Austin & Madison Crew

June 5 Lee & Nancy Ketcham  
Brandon & Mallory Anderson

June 6 Tim & Pamela Egland  
Mark & Amy Freeman

June 8 Norm & Alice Nielsen



## Council Meeting

**Wednesday, June 12 | 7:00 p.m.**  
**SON Room & Zoom**

All church members are welcome to share topics and concerns with any council member for discussion at the council meeting. Please find a list of your Council Members on the bulletin board near Pastor Ben's office. Council members are also found on the church website at [www.flcspencer.org/get-involved/](http://www.flcspencer.org/get-involved/)

### Council Members!

Please submit your team report to the Church Office by Monday, June 10.

## Hands-On Mission Work Day

**Wednesday, June 5 | 9:00 a.m. - noon**

Help us with sewing, tying quilts  
and assembling kits.  
Please join us!

## Item of the Month ~ 30 Centimeter rulers

(can have inches on one side &  
centimeters on the other)



School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles.

### Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Pantry is in need of the following items for our community:

Mac 'n cheese, canned fruit

Donated items for both  
Lutheran World Relief  
and Upper Des Moines  
Opportunity can be put  
in the yellow boxes near the front doors.



## Powered by Generosity

God is doing great work through us at Faith Lutheran, each day, all year long. Even beyond our doors, mission partners serve Christ around the world because of our support and prayers. All these ways we serve Christ are possible because of the generosity of the people of Faith Lutheran. As we enter the summer months, would you consider a special, “extra-mile” gift to help our church fulfill all our ministry goals?

**Thank you for your vital, gracious  
support of God's work at Faith!**

## 2024 GENERAL OFFERING & ATTENDANCE – BUDGET: \$420,894.00

Date	April	May 1-5	May 6-12	May 13-19	May 20-26
Attendance	181	170	183	140	115
Live Stream Computers	19	15	16	14	14
General Giving	\$22,340.75	\$7,545.00	\$4,275.00	\$4,067.00	\$4,080.00
Year to Date	\$118,973.28	\$126,588.03	\$130,894.65	\$135,031.37	\$139,164.37

***Thank you for generously supporting Faith and our Mission partners in 2024!***

*To make the budget, we need \$40,247.00 per month for June-December.*

### ***Worship partners for today are ...***

Altar Prep: Denise Lovitt, Susie Brinkley | Children's Message: Jamie Rouse  
Communion servers: Karen Brandt, Tim Brinkley | Counters: Barb Solberg,  
Greg Lear | Fellowship: Troy & Anne Rosendahl | Greeters: Lee & Nancy Ketcham  
Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley, Kevin Skadeland  
Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Prayer Intercessors: Dave & Linda Susie,  
Jake & Karen Jacobson | Prayers of the Church: Jim Paulsen  
Scripture Reader: Lauren Rouse | Worship Leader: Eric Tigges  
Camera: Kent Heazlett | Computer: Kevin Swancutt | Sound: Cheryl Stueven  
Lead Tech: Brett Eilts | Vocalists: Rachel & Annabelle Simington, Cassie & Riley Simcox

### ***Worship partners for June 9 are ...***

Altar Prep: Denise Lovitt, Susie Brinkley | Children's Message: Dodo & Emu  
Counters: Jolene Hansen, Shanna Kooker | Fellowship: Tom & Pam Hanson  
Greeters: Paul & Kris Behrens | Instrumentalists: Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley,  
Kevin Skadeland | Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Scripture Reader: Joy Kelsch  
Prayers of the Church: Larry Peterson | Camera: Becky Simons | Computer: Paul Wire  
Sound: Isaac Storley | Lead Tech: Lance Storley | Worship Leader: Dennis Larson  
Vocalists: Lauren Rouse, Corbin Maaland, Trisha Rohmiller, Whitney Gray

### ***Faith Lutheran Staff***

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# ***This Week at Faith***

## **Wednesday, June 5**

- 9:00 a.m.-Noon Hands-On Mission Work Day
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Executive Team Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Rehearsal

## **Thursday, June 6**

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning coffee fellowship

## **Saturday, June 8**

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible study

## **Upcoming Events**

- June 17-20** VBS with IOLBC counselors  
Registration forms on the Welcome Center  
or scan QR code



Please contact the church office (712-580-4316) for a current calendar of events.  
Or, check the online calendar at [www.flcspencer.org/our-calendar/](http://www.flcspencer.org/our-calendar/)

### **Prayer Chain**

Please send your prayer request to Linda & Dave Susie  
at 712-363-1130 or [djslrs74@yahoo.com](mailto:djslrs74@yahoo.com) or to  
Doreen Scribner at 712-262-3488 or [doreenscribner@outlook.com](mailto:doreenscribner@outlook.com)  
To be placed on the Sunday morning Prayers of the Church, please contact the  
church office at 712-580-4316 or [office@flcspencer.org](mailto:office@flcspencer.org)

### **Free WiFi Connection**

Network: FAITH\_Guest | Password: 7125804316

### **Christian Counseling – TEAM Restoration Ministries**

TEAM Restoration operates out of Faith Lutheran. It is a Christian counseling service that has a God-driven commitment and passion for facilitating the healing and strengthening of marriages, families and individuals, both children and adults.  
To schedule an appointment, please call 515-238-9010.