

# God's Lighthouse

When You  
Feel Alone:  
The Lighthouse of  
Love and the  
Reef of Isolation



Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\*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

**Our Father in heaven, in Christ You wash us clean, in Christ You adopt as Your very own children, in Christ we belong to You. Accept our words and songs of love. Renew us now, through Your Word. This week, guide and strengthen us to walk and to talk as Your children, through the grace of Christ. Amen.**

Song – “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

New Testament Lesson – Galatians 4:4-7

\*Gospel – John 11:32-36

Children’s Message

Song – “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 103:13-22

Sermon – “When You Feel Alone:  
The Lighthouse of Love and the Reef of Isolation”

Song – “Good, Good Father”

\*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

“Goodness of God”

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song - “Doxology (Old 100<sup>th</sup>)”

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 16, 2024 | Father’s Day and the 4th 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.



## **New Testament Lesson – Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. <sup>6</sup> Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir.

## **Gospel – John 11:32-36**

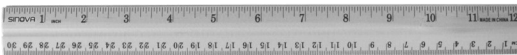
<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> “Where have you laid him?” He asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, “See how He loved him!”

## **Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 103:13-22**

<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him; <sup>14</sup> for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust. <sup>15</sup> The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; <sup>16</sup> the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. <sup>17</sup> But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD’s love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children’s children – <sup>18</sup> with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts. <sup>19</sup> The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all. <sup>20</sup> Praise the LORD, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His word. <sup>21</sup> Praise the LORD, all His heavenly hosts, you His servants who do His will. <sup>22</sup> Praise the LORD, all His works everywhere in His dominion. Praise the LORD, my soul.

## **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.



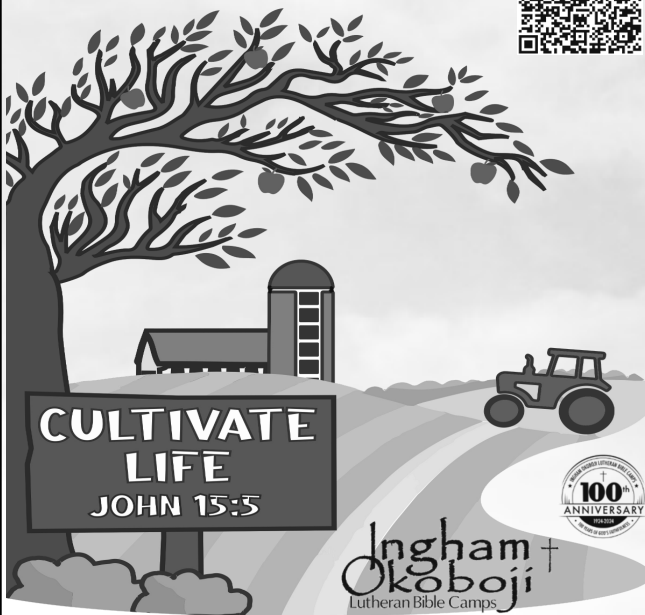
# 2024 VBS Day Camp

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

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

Day Campers will have a blast as they learn about growing in faith and helping others to grow too! This year's theme is "*Cultivate Life*", based on John 15:5: "*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.*" We will have engaging worship times, crafts, games, snacks, Bible studies, and more! Activities throughout the day are carefully selected to engage with children in fun and meaningful ways, while getting them excited to learn more about the Bible!

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



# Canvas Painting Fundraiser

Join us on **Thursday, June 27**, at Oneota Park in Spencer for an evening of step-by-step guided painting. See the photo for an idea of what we will be creating! All supplies are provided. **The evening begins at 6:30 p.m.**



Cost is \$40 per person if preregistered; day-of registration is accepted but will increase to \$45. Included in the registration fee is some light snacks and beverages. You are also welcome to bring your own.

Save your spot by filling out the form online (available by scanning the QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/3Rik697>), or by dropping the registration fee of \$40/person in the offering blessing box. Be sure to include your name(s) and note that it is for the Canvas Painting Event.



This event is a fundraiser for the Projector Project, put on by the Stewardship Team.

Oneota Park's address is 420 10th Ave. SE, Spencer.

Directions to the park: Take 10th Avenue (east side of the high school) headed south. Go past Grab & Go, turn east (left) at the Oneota Park sign.

## **A Reminder!** **Thursday Morning Coffee Group ...**

Because Faith Lutheran will be hosting Vacation Bible School this week (Monday-Thursday, 12:30-5:00 p.m.), the Thursday, June 20, Thursday Morning Coffee Group will meet at the home of Norm & Alice Nielsen (2002 23rd Ave. West)



*June 19 Aaron Storley  
June 20 Doreen Scribner  
June 21 Mia Schwartz,  
Justin Spieker  
June 22 Casey Vanderberg  
Rachel Skadeland*

## **Birthday Blessings**

*June 18 Randy & Barb Enge  
Troy & Anne Rosendahl  
June 19 Larry & GA Darnell-Wegner  
June 20 Larry & Shirley Nelson  
June 21 Dave & Linda Susie*

## **Anniversary Wishes**



## **Tech Booth Help Needed!**

The Technology Team is looking for members to help in the tech booth on Sundays. You do not need experience to do the different positions as you will be trained. Please contact Lance Storley if you're interested - [techteam@flcspencer.org](mailto:techteam@flcspencer.org)



## **IOLBC Celebrates Its 100th anniversary!**

We are excited to celebrate 100 years of God's work through the ministry of Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps (IOLBC) in 2024! Please join us for all or part of this special celebration weekend. *Events are at the Okoboji site unless otherwise noted.*

### **Friday, June 28**

- 7:30 p.m. – Campfires at both sites.

### **Saturday, Jun 29**

- 7:30-9:00 a.m. – Breakfast (*both sites*)
- 9:00 a.m. – Chapel Worship
- 10:00 a.m. – Bible study
- 10:00 a.m. – Group games for kids
- Noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Camp Era Reunions
- 3:00 p.m. – “Looking to the Future”
- 5:00 p.m. – Dinner @ First Lutheran Church, Milford (*pre-purchase of tickets strongly preferred*)
- 7:00 p.m. – Evening Worship at First Lutheran

### **Sunday, June 30**

- 9:30 a.m. – Worship at the Beach
- 10:30 a.m. – Brunch

For more information and to register for events and housing, please go to [www.okoboji.org/100](http://www.okoboji.org/100)

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

| Date                  | May          | June 1-2     | June 3-9     |  |  |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|
| Attendance            | 152          | 144          | 140          |  |  |
| Live Stream Computers | 15           | 13           | 17           |  |  |
| General Giving        | \$20,777.00  | \$7,518.00   | \$5,822.00   |  |  |
| Year to Date          | \$140,035.26 | \$147,618.36 | \$153,539.86 |  |  |

***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 | Children's Message:

Communion servers: Eric Tigges, Lita Butler | Counters: Barb Solberg, Becky Simons

Fellowship: Emily Hoppe, Rosalie Wassom | Greeters: Todd & Shanna Kooker

Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney, Kevin Skadeland

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Prayer Intercessors: Bill Neiderheiser, Dave Simington,

Keith & Diane Van Kleek | Prayers of the Church: Joe Simington

Scripture Reader: Lindsay Neiderheiser | Worship Leader: Karen Brandt

Camera: Cindy Tigges | Computer: Cassie Simcox | Sound & Lead Tech: Cheryl Stueven

Vocalists: Brett & Jolynne Eilts, Lacey Johnson, Dennis Larson

### ***Worship partners for June 23 are ...***

Altar Prep: Denise Lovitt | Children's Message: Bill Kersting

Counters: Shanna Kooker, Larry Wigen | Fellowship: Trisha Rohmiller, Sharon Cameron

Greeters: | Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney, Kevin Skadeland |

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Scripture Reader: Heidi Skadeland

Prayers of the Church: Karen Brandt | Camera: Cassie Simcox

Computer: Kevin Swancutt | Sound: Cheryl Stueven | Lead Tech: Brett Eilts

Worship Leader: Eric Tigges | Vocalists: Joy Kelsch, Troy Rosendahl, Jim & Joan Unrau

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# ***This Week at Faith***

## **Monday, June 17 – Thursday, June 19**

12:30-5:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School with Ingham Okoboji  
Lutheran Bible Camp Counselors  
Scan the QR code to register!



## **Wednesday, June 19**

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

## **Thursday, June 20**

9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Coffee Group to meet at the home of  
Norm & Alice Nielsen (2002 23rd Ave. West)

## **Saturday, June 22**

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

## **Upcoming Events**

**June 27** Canvas Painting at Oneota Park –  
Fundraiser for new Projectors – 6:30 p.m.  
Scan the QR code to register!



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.