

God's Lighthouse

When Life
Isn't Fair:

God's Lighthouse of
Justice & the Reefs
of Disappointment
& Bitterness



Spirituality
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Justice
Psalm 52

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Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “This is Amazing Grace”

*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

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

*Litany (*from “All Because of Mercy,” by Casting Crowns*)

I could stand here and try to tell you I found my way here on my own,

Brought to life this heart of stone,

Working my own way to good as if anyone could,

Made up my own mind to change my own life.

But the truth is I've been broken since my very first breath.

The truth is I've been wandering since my very first step.

I know the only reason I can stand here unashamed...

Is not because I'm worthy. It's all because of mercy.

There's no way that I could earn it.

Praise God my debt is paid!

It's not because I'm worthy.

It's all because of mercy. Thanks be to God!

*Prayer of the Day

God Almighty, I know You are good and just, but this world is not. Remind me that You are working behind the scenes today for my good. Remind me that Judgment Day is inescapable. Remind me that Your forgiveness forgets Your children's sins. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song – “Beautiful Savior”

*Gospel – John 3:13-20

Children's Message

Song – “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 52

Sermon – “When Life Isn’t Fair:

God’s Lighthouse of Justice & the Reefs of Disappointment & Bitterness”

Song – “Your Grace is Enough”

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

*Lord’s Prayer

*Blessing

*Closing Song - “Standing on the Promises”

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 9, 2024 | 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. | Live Stream: youtube.com/@flcspencer

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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 – John 3:13-20

¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the One who came from heaven – the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 52

¹ Why do you boast of evil, you mighty hero? Why do you boast all day long, you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God? ² You who practice deceit, your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor. ³ You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth. ⁴ You love every harmful word, you deceitful tongue! ⁵ Surely God will bring you down to everlasting ruin: He will snatch you up and pluck you from your tent; He will uproot you from the land of the living. ⁶ The righteous will see and fear; they will laugh at you, saying, ⁷ “Here now is the man who did not make God his stronghold but trusted in his great wealth and grew strong by destroying others!” ⁸ But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God’s unfailing love for ever and ever. ⁹ For what You have done I will always praise You in the presence of Your faithful people. And I will hope in Your name, for Your name is good.

WAYS to
GIVE

at
Faith Lutheran



In Person



- ◆ Use the Blessing Box in back at service time!

Text Giving

- ◆ Text “give” to 712-214-4317. You will receive a link.
- ◆ First time: click “sign in”
- ◆ Click “register for an account” – follow prompts to receive your secure PIN
- ◆ Select fund – enter donation amount – enter payment information – Tap “save payment” for future gifts



Scan Your Giving

- ◆ Scan the QR code and follow prompts!



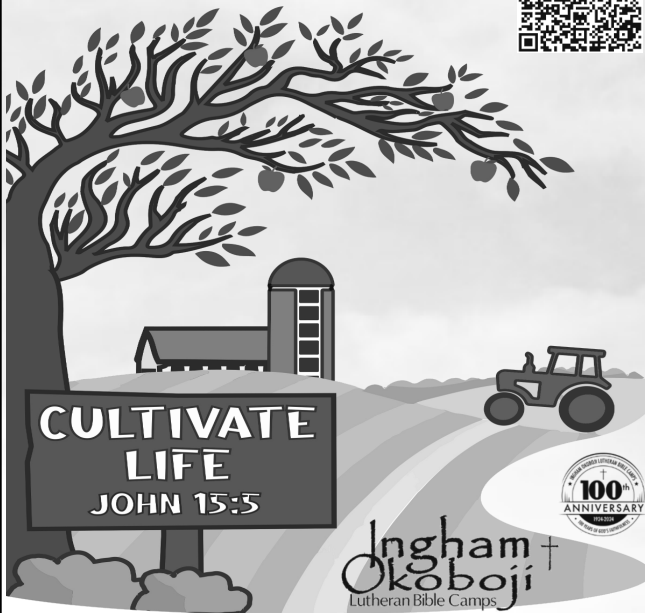
2024 VBS Day Camp

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.

June 9 Andrea Crew, Lauren Lee,
Josh Vos, Paul Caton
June 10 Tom Hanson
June 11 Catie Vos, Sandy Schnell
June 13 Del Brockshus,
Brady Vreeman,
Oliver Gray

Birthday Blessings

June 10 Bill & Ruby Nitzel
Tim & Susie Brinkley
June 11 Brett & Jolynne Eilts
June 13 Tim & Joy Kelsch
Greg & Ann Lear

Anniversary Wishes



Council Meeting

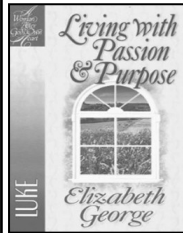
Wednesday, June 12 | 7:00 p.m.
SON Room & Zoom

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/

Council Members!

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

Bible Study: "Living with Passion & Purpose"



Tuesday, June 11
1:30 p.m.
SON Room

Come join in the discussion of Luke 16 as Jesus tells us two more parables:

All of life is a stewardship. We are asked by God to be good stewards and to make the most of each opportunity. What is Jesus' message about faithfulness, money, and listening to the Word of God in "The Parable of the Unjust Servant"? Do you wonder about life after death? Jesus gives us a glimpse of life beyond this earth in "The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus".

All are welcome!

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

Date	May	June 1-2			
Attendance	152	144			
Live Stream Computers	15	13			
General Giving	\$20,777.00	\$7,518.00			
Year to Date	\$140,035.26	\$147,618.36			

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: Dodo & Emu
Counters: Jolene Hansen, Shanna Kooker | Fellowship: Tom & Pam Hanson
Greeters: Laura Heikens, Ann Lear | Instrumentalists: Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley, Kevin Skadeland | Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Scripture Reader: Joy Kelsch
Prayers of the Church: Larry Peterson | Camera: Paul Wire | Computer: Kent Heazlett
Sound: Isaac Storley | Lead Tech: Lance Storley | Worship Leader: Dennis Larson
Vocalists: Lauren Rouse, Corbin Maaland, Trisha Rohmiller

Worship partners for June 16 are ...

Altar Prep: Denise Lovitt, Susie Brinkley | Children's Message: Dodo & Emu
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, Evan Storley, Kevin Skadeland
Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Prayer Intercessors: Bill Neiderheiser, Jim Paulsen, 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: Isaac Storley
Lead Tech: Cheryl Stueven | Vocalists: Brett & Jolynne Eilts, Lacey Johnson, Dennis Larson

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This Week at Faith

Tuesday, June 11

1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, June 12

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Thursday, June 13

9:00 a.m. Thursday morning coffee fellowship

Saturday, June 15

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



June 19 Thursday Morning Coffee Group to meet at the home of
Norm & Alice Nielsen (2002 23rd Ave. West)

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/

Prayer Chain

Please send your prayer request to Linda & Dave Susie
at 712-363-1130 or djslrs74@yahoo.com or to

Doreen Scribner at 712-262-3488 or 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

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.