

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ashlyn; Jim Cleveland; Emily Slone; Barb Myers; Carolyn Wilkins; Judie Spencer; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION during both worship services TODAY! Join us between services for refreshments and a special presentation from our pastor emeritus, Rev. Dr. Lane Burgland.

PHOTOS FOR NEW DIRECTORY: we will have a photographer at church TODAY, Sept. 19, and also Sunday, Oct. 3.

CATECHISM “REFRESHMENT”: parents, grandparents, and any confirmed members of the congregation are invited to join Sem. Woodhouse on the last Sunday of each month (9/26, 10/31, etc.) for study and discussion of the Small Catechism, following along (approximately) with what’s being covered in confirmation class. A great opportunity to revisit the teachings of the Small Catechism and enjoy discussion and leftover donuts!

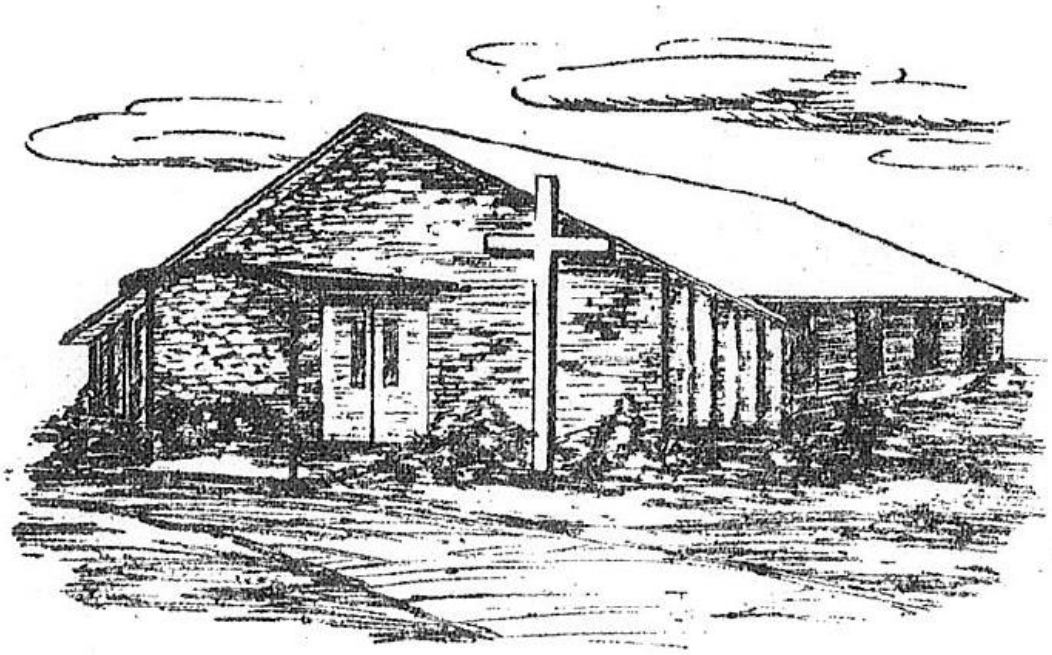
GOLF OUTING: Saturday, Oct. 9, at Eagle Glen in CC. It’s a fundraiser for Woodlands Senior Activity Center. See brochures for more info!

BIBLE STUDY SNACKS: are you interested in / willing to provide baked goods or other snacks for Sunday morning fellowship & Bible study time? Talk to Pr. Mullet! **Have no fear: donut Sundays will continue!!**

CALENDAR

Sun. Sep. 19 (60th Anniversary)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Sunday School & Bible Study 9:00 & 11:00am Directory Photos 11:30am Confirmation
Wed. Sep. 22	7:00pm Holy Communion 8:00pm Directory Photos
Thu. Sep. 23	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Sep. 26 (Trinity 17)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Sunday School & Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group

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We've come a long way as a congregation since that first service on September 17, 1961. Most of us, or maybe even all of us, weren't part of that gathering 60 years ago. Some of us might be related to those folks; maybe some of us or our families were part of the congregation by the time services were first held in our church building on December 18, 1966.

Whether we've been here since the beginning or for just a few years, the history of Faith is *our* history, because it's the history of God's people gathered at this place. Over the years we've had families join us and families move away, pastors serve and pastors take calls to serve elsewhere. But the constant has been simply this: God is here where His people are gathered, gracious to forgive our sins and pour out His abundant blessings upon us.

To borrow a phrase from John Newton's famous hymn, it was God's grace that brought us safe thus far and His grace that will lead us home. Across the years and generations, it is God's grace that has sustained us and God's grace that will continue to sustain us for whatever years and generations He sees fit to grant us in the future.

Happy 60th Anniversary! May God richly bless our congregation and her families, and may He grant us many more years!