

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF JULY 31, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Darlene Welsh; Brenda LeFever; Walt Trier; Cheryl Bellis

FAREWELL / INSTALLATION: today Vicar David Woelmer serves his final “official” Sunday with us, and we will install Vicar Scott Woodhouse at both services. Cake and congratulations will be a welcome part of our church picnic this afternoon! Plan to join us!!

CHURCH PICNIC: TODAY beginning at noon! Sign up to bring a dish to share! We’d love to have you join us with or without a “reservation”! :)

ELDERS AND COUNCIL meet this Tuesday, August 2, at 6:00 & 7:00pm.

PASTOR OUT OF TOWN: Aug. 3 – 9, traveling with Megan for the final portion of the Doxology conference, held in Wichita, KS. I will be able to check my messages once or twice per day. *Emergencies requiring immediate pastoral care* should be directed to Pr. Mueller at Suburban Bethlehem: 260-490-8074.

MATINS & BOOK OF CONCORD POSTPONED: we will be taking a break from our weekly Matins and Book of Concord study for the month of August. Join us again beginning Wednesday, September 7!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: next Sunday, August 7, Michelle Schoenefeld of A Hope Center will be with us during the Bible study hour. A Hope Center is a faith-based non-profit which provides ultrasounds, testing, crisis pregnancy support, educational resources, and much more. Visit www.ahopecenter.org.

VBS: our final VBS evening of the summer will be Tuesday, August 9, at 5:30pm. We’ll see how Jesus is our King! Sign up by the doors!

FAITH LUTHERAN T-SHIRTS: the shirts are in! And we have extras!

CALENDAR

Sun. Jul. 31 (Trinity 7)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Bible Study (Lutheranism 101) 12:00pm Church Picnic
Tue. Aug. 2	8:30am Greek Study
Wed. Aug. 3	7:00pm Service of the Word
Thu. Aug. 4	7:00pm Bible Study (Colossians)
Sun. Aug. 7 (Trinity 8)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Special Presentation: A Hope Center

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Today we welcome our new vicar, Scott Woodhouse, and his wife Christine. We give thanks to God for Scott's service to our congregation these last two years as our fieldworker and we very much look forward to "keeping" him for another year! Scott brings much experience with him, including several years teaching at the high school and college levels. Christine has likewise been a blessed addition to our family of Faith, and we look forward to her continued presence among us!

I thought it might be helpful to again consider the role of the vicar in the Lutheran church. What does a vicar do—and how will Vicar Woodhouse's service among us be different than when he was "just the fieldworker"? On Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, things will probably appear to be much the same: he will assist with the liturgy, help distribute the Lord's Supper, and preach about once per month. He will also have many opportunities to teach. But it is the "behind-the-scenes" aspect of vicarage that, while going largely unnoticed, will have an even greater impact on Vicar Woodhouse's pastoral formation. He is now a full-time servant of this congregation! He will be in the office while I'm in the office, studying the Scriptures with me, making visits to the hospital and to our shut-ins, and learning more fully what the vocation of "pastor" truly entails.

Join with me in prayer for Vicar Woodhouse and his wife, Christine. Pray for their health and strength, their faith and their joy. It is our fervent prayer that our time spent with Vicar Woodhouse will be fruitful, that we might serve him even as he serves us, and that our time together will glorify God's name and grow His Kingdom!

At the same time, let us give thanks to God this day for the service of Vicar Woelmer this past year, and for sharing his family with us. What a blessing it has been to have them at Faith! David & Elizabeth plan to worship with us most Sundays moving forward, at least for now. David returns to the classroom for his final year of seminary studies in September. Lord willing, he will receive a call to serve as pastor in April of 2023. We look forward to the Woelmer family's continued presence among us!