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#### OUR MISSION

*Glorifying God the Father and filled with the Holy Spirit, we celebrate our relationship with Jesus and invite others to join our celebration.*

## NEWSLETTER - JULY 2018

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### Goodbye & Welcome

July of 2018 is a transitional month for our congregation and filled with mixed feelings. This month we are saying goodbye to someone we love and we are welcoming someone God is giving us to love. Meghan O'Hara, our current Director of Christian Education (DCE), accepted a call to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in O'Fallon, MO, and Alexi Lundquist accepted the call as DCE to Faith Lutheran Church. With blurry eyes because of tears of sadness and happiness, in faith we still can be thankful and see that God is giving us a great blessing and privilege!

We welcomed Meghan as our Director of Christian Education Intern in June of 2015. With God's blessings and guidance, we were able to successfully complete the internship program and extend a divine call to her to continue serving as a full-time DCE. Both Meghan and the congregation promised before the Altar of God to work together and support each other diligently in accordance with His Word. It was a promise of faithfulness to God and of love, honor and support for each other by our gifts and fervent prayer.

This great privilege and blessing from God is being given again to all of us! On August 5, Alexi is going to be installed as our new DCE. Promises of faithfulness, love and support will be made once more. After each promise, we will say "*with the help of God*" because by ourselves we are unable to fulfill our promises to Him. However, with God's help through the power of His Holy Spirit working in us, we will be able to keep our promises and accomplish the things that He has already planned for us.

I am very thankful to our God and I feel very blessed by Him to be part of a congregation that is welcoming and supporting another young person in the beginning of his ministry life to the Lord. As it happened with Meghan, I am certain that with Alexi we will also learn from each other and we will be a blessing to each other. I pray that together we may grow in grace, knowledge, and the joy of serving our Lord Jesus Christ, and that He will keep using us as His instruments for the expansion of His Kingdom wherever we go.

*"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:15-17)*

See you later, Meghan! And Welcome, Alexi!

In Christ,

Pastor Christopher Sperb

## Director of Christian Education

### School's Out for the Summer!

Wow! Summer is finally here! We kicked it off with our ultimate frisbee night with the young adults and our annual lock-in! We had a great turnout at both activities. We look forward to be taking 14 youth and adults to our YouthWorks Servant Event in the Adirondack Mountains of New York! We thank God that they are given the ability and desires to serve and share the love of Christ among the people of New York. Here are the names of our team members: Cody Wells, Ben Hroblak, Jennifer Riley, Karissa Schlauch, Tommy Billheimer, Jimmy Billheimer, Bobby Billheimer, Sam Kraus, Ethan Bohan, Macy Armagost, Ben Simmons, Dana Chesser, Jennifer Rogers and Mitch Riley. Please keep our team in your prayers the week of July 7th through the 14th! Thank you for all of your support.

#### YouthWorks Servant Event Team Prayer Requests

- The Adirondack Community - Leaders, Service organizations, children, teenagers, churches serving the community and other groups we will serve alongside with
- First United Methodist Church in Warrensburg that we are staying at for the week
- Safety over Everybody throughout the week and traveling to and from
- God's presence and guidance
- YouthWorks staff working all summer in the community.
- Our team for unity, boldness to step out of comfort zones, opportunities for respectful service, humility, opportunities to listen and learn and ENERGY!

Look out for more details concerning some fun summer activities!

### Young Adult Happenings!

Our young adults met a couple of times this past month. We tried to go hiking but the rain stopped us. However, we played some ultimate frisbee with the youth and enjoyed a movie night together! We even hung out with the new DCE Alexi and his fiance Emily. We look forward to the monthly hikes starting this month and into the fall. All young adults are welcome to join us! Not on the email list? Send the young adult's email address to [dce@faithmd.org](mailto:dce@faithmd.org). Hope you can join us for these wonderful times together!

#### GAHU

7/1 - YouthWorks Servant Event Commissioning Service @ 8:00 am & 10:45 am

7/7-7/14 - YouthWorks Servant Event - Adirondack Mountains, Warrensburg, New York

7/15 - YouthWorks Servant Event Sharing @ 8:00 am & 10:45 am

8/11 - GAHU & YAM Kayaking & Tubing @ 12:00 pm

#### YAM

7/14 - Sunset Hike at Annapolis Rock @ 6:00 pm

8/11 - YAM & GAHU Kayaking & Tubing @ 12:00 pm

Meghan O'Hara (DCE)

## Small Group Ministry

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37b-39)

## LOVE THE LORD LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

What do you glean of the 5 Practices as found in Matthew 22?

- Seeking the Kingdom (Matthew 22:1-14)
- Hearing from Jesus (all of Matthew 22)
- Talking with People (Matthew 22:15-26)
- Doing Good (Matthew 22:34-44)
- Ministering Through Prayer (Matthew 22:34-44)

**WHY JOIN A SMALL GROUP? Join one to have FELLOWSHIP with other brothers and sisters in Christ, SERVE together, and LEARN how God is working in and through you!** Need more information? Email Meghan at [dce@faithmd.org](mailto:dce@faithmd.org) if you would like to get INVOLVED. We hope that you consider this opportunity to grow in your faith and with fellow members of our church family. Look out for more details concerning the missional SMP Goal and how Small Groups will help reach that Goal!

# Worship Ministry



*Because He Lives (Amen)*

## **Chorus**

*Amen amen I'm alive I'm alive because He lives Amen  
amen Let my song join the one that never ends  
(Because He lives).*

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While change seems to be a constant in life, there is truly one place we have refuge, comfort and solace. Our true peace is through Christ, who stepped down from the glory of Heaven to redeem us, take us into His loving arms and bring us into His family.

*“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.”*

**Romans 5:8**

Because He lives, and because He died and rose for us, we can handle all the changes that life throws our way. Because He lives we truly can face tomorrow.

Please join us for worship on Sunday at either 8:00 or 10:45 a.m., July 1, 8, 15, & 29. And please plan to participate in our blended worship service on Sunday July 22 at 9:00 a.m., when we bless Meghan and Adam as they prepare to begin their new life together in Missouri.

May you always have God’s Word in your heart and a song of praise on your lips,

Connie Simmons



## ***More Resources from LHM***

### **Prayer Warriors**

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a global family of believers. Together, we are united in mission and ministry. This page gives you a space to pray for members of the LHM family and share your own prayer requests. When you sign up to be an LHM Prayer Warrior, we will send you a **FREE** digital resource named Prayer: When You Don’t Know What To Say that explores why and how we should pray - [www.lhm.org/prayer](http://www.lhm.org/prayer)

### **Online Mission Trips**

Children's opportunities for hands-on service in the field tend to be limited - but through Lutheran Hour Ministries' International Online Mission Trips (OMT), students can experience much of the learning and thrill of a mission trip - and develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for the work of Lutheran Hour Ministries around the world. To learn more go to [www.lhm.org/onlinemissiontrips](http://www.lhm.org/onlinemissiontrips)

### **Men's NetWork**

LHM’s **Men’s NetWork** is a unique resource designed to help new or existing men’s ministry groups in any size church. The programmatic hub of the **Men’s NetWork** is a website loaded with solid Christian content, relevant video-based Bible studies, How-To documents on a wide variety of topics and much more, but off-site connection is encouraged as well through local groups, opportunities and ideas for outreach within the community. Learn more at [www.lhm.org/men](http://www.lhm.org/men)

## Women's Ministry Team

### “Daughters Of The King” Women's Ministry Update

While our Monthly Women's Ministry Gatherings and Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study are on break for the summer, this ministry is still going strong! During the months of July and August, we will be hosting two Visual Faith Gatherings. We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship, idea sharing and for the chance to engage in some creative visual faith activities.

These events will take place from 10:00-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 10th and Tuesday, August 14th. Please see the church bulletin for more information about these events.

### We Need You!

The Women's Ministry lead team will be meeting in early August to plan the women's ministry calendar for the 2018/19 program year, and we need your help! If you have any ideas for events or activities or would like to participate in this meeting, please contact Debbie Geiger (geigmama14@gmail.com).



## Missions Ministry Team

This month's Highlighted Mission Envelope effort will be in support of:

### THE LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

The mission field is not all overseas. It is also right here, in our own neighborhoods, where people are struggling and hurting and hungering for the wholeness Jesus brings. This is the all the Lutheran Mission Society heard over 100 years ago, and the call that still drives LMS ministries today – ministering to the needs of the body with food, clothing and shelter; ministering to the needs of the soul with the Good News of Jesus. LMS Compassion Centers exist for this purpose. There are currently nine Compassion Centers in Maryland and York, PA where over 500 people come daily for help with the physical necessities of life and for the nourishment of spirit that only Jesus can give. In addition to providing help with tangible needs, there are shoulders for crying on, ears for listening, and chapels for praying. Our volunteers and Jesus are often the answer to someone's prayers. LMS Counseling (Compassionate Grace Counseling Center) is a faith-based program staffed by professional therapists whose purpose is to provide low-to-no-cost counseling to the community. Lutheran Partners in Disaster Response (LPDR) is a cooperative ministry among the Southeastern District, LCMS; Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA; Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries; and the Lutheran Mission Society. The Lutheran Mission Society is a LCMS recognized service organization.

*LMS Vision Statement* – We will reach out, together with members of the body of Christ, to bring wholeness to people whose lives we touch, striving to meet the needs of an ever-changing world with the unchanging message of God's love.

*Our congregation was able to share our blessings with the Tender Care Pregnancy Center by donating \$1170.00 for the month of May 2018.*

