



Sunday, June 9th --Thursday, June 13th

5 PM to 7:30 PM

****Supper provided!**

GIVE KIDS ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS

Every day, our kids are bombarded with questions: Did God really create everything? Why do bad things happen? Was Noah's ark real? Why do I need to be saved? Can I trust the Bible?

At this VBS, your kids will explore the biblical answers to these questions as they set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation.

Prepare to swing into fun as we head out on

The Great Jungle Journey!

Register at: faithlutherandetroitlakes.com

Spread the word!

**On the glorious splendor of Your majesty
And on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.**

Psalms 145:5

Friends of Faith,

I enjoyed this devotional from Days of Praise, ICR

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.” (1 Peter 2:9)



In our ongoing struggle for both survival and victory in this world, we do well to recognize that we are in enemy territory. While it is true that our Captain created the world—indeed, “all things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:3)—and sacrificed His life to redeem it and will reign over it for eternity, it is also true that “the whole world lieth in wickedness” (1 John 5:19), occupied by “the prince of this world” (John 12:31) who is “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2).

The fact that we are surrounded by such darkness should come as no surprise, for before we were rescued by His grace, we too were part of the darkness—indeed, we had to be called out of it. John the Baptist came “to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace” (Luke 1:79). Furthermore, as Christ taught, “men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil” (John 3:19).

This confrontation overshadows mere human conflict, however, “for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12). But, praise God, we have been called “out of darkness into his marvellous light” as described in our text. Although we may still be in the world, our King has “delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son” (Colossians 1:13). “In him was life; and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4). JDM

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If you have a prayer request during the week, you can start the prayer chain by calling the church office at 847-1040.

Zion Hilde
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Alisha Lancaster
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<i>Aislinn Klein</i>	<i>May 2</i>
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<i>Simon Mitchell</i>	<i>May 7</i>
<i>Heidi Larson</i>	<i>May 12</i>
<i>Hudson Larson</i>	<i>May 12</i>
<i>Katie Hestekin</i>	<i>May 14</i>
<i>Fannie Lerud</i>	<i>May 14</i>
<i>Ike Hills</i>	<i>May 19</i>
<i>Hannah Foltz</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>Lane Schoeberl</i>	<i>May 27</i>



Faith Lutheran Youth
Come "FLY" with us!

Bible study, fellowship, food, games and so much more!

BRING A FRIEND!



Men's Fellowship & Potluck

No Men's Fellowship dinners May-August. We resume in September!



<i>Jack & Sandee Wagner</i>	<i>May 3</i>
<i>Norman & Cindy Hills</i>	<i>May 18</i>
<i>Martin & Gretchen Shervey</i>	<i>May 22</i>
<i>Don & Tiffany Holm</i>	<i>May 23</i>
<i>Steve & April Janiro</i>	<i>May 30</i>



If you would like to continue to be on or would like to be added to the Faith Lutheran Prayer Chain, please add your name and email address to the list on the table in the narthex.

Thank you!

WE CARE RECEIPTS!

Just a reminder:

We care receipts cannot be more than a year old. Please make sure you aren't including old receipts.

Thank you to Lila Tingelstad for calculating and turning in our receipts.

It's FREE money!



Creation Basics: Can Christians Believe in Evolution?

By Ken Ham

There's a growing group of academics, theologians, and even pastors trying to convince lay Christians that they can believe in evolution. Of course, this is nothing new; such a push to compromise God's Word with evolution has been going on since the belief in millions of years and evolutionary ideas were popularized in the 1800s. They argue that it's a scientific reality (it's not—it's a belief about the past) and therefore Christians must accept it. But we shouldn't allow the words of fallible humans to determine truth. We must go back to God's Word and ask, "Do the Scriptures teach or even allow for evolution?"

Well, the biggest problem with adding evolution and/or millions of years into the Bible is that it puts death (the punishment for sin) before sin. Instead of a "very good" (Genesis 1:31) world marred by Adam's sin, the world would have been filled with death, suffering, pain, disease, and animal carnivory for millions of years before mankind arrived. Be sure to keep it in mind: *death before sin is a really big deal because it undermines the foundation of the gospel message!*

There's no hint of God changing groups of creatures slowly over millions of years. Rather, God speaks, and creation instantly obeys his command by springing into existence.

But there are other problems with adding evolution into the Bible. Consider, for example, that the context of Genesis 1 is God creating everything from nothing. There's no hint of God changing groups of creatures slowly over millions of years. Rather, God speaks, and creation instantly obeys his command by springing into existence.

Also, 10 times throughout Genesis 1, we read that God created life "according to its kind." This implies that one kind will not turn into a totally different kind. Rather, one kind will produce in accordance with its kind (which is what we observe!). This means fish aren't going to evolve into land creatures and dinosaurs aren't going to evolve into birds, because that would involve a change of kind and everything reproduces "according to its kind."

Join us Wednesday nights at 7 PM

Adult Bible Study

Come and learn about God through His word.

Youth Group

Come, let's learn together!

Invite your friends, Strengthen your faith, & build life-long friendships.

Kids For Christ

Memorize Scripture verses,

Learn more about the Holy Bible and Jesus Christ.



Join us!

Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM

We are in the book of Ruth!

3 weeks a month we will have Bible Study
and once a month will be a time of fellowship
and an activity!

School Newsletter

Dear Supporters of Faith Christian School,

The school board voted to start our high school with 9th grade for the 2024-25 school year! We are very excited about this opportunity to have a Christian based education for all kids grades Pre-K-9. Now we need students and a teacher. Please spread the word, pray, and help us find what we need to start in the fall. We will also be opening a class for 3 year olds.

Our open house is Monday, April 29 from 4-6 p.m. Please come to learn about our school, see the new building, meet the staff, and ask questions.

In this, our last month of the 2023-24 school year, we are looking forward to honoring our volunteers and parents during a volunteer/parent appreciation breakfast served by the students. We also will plan to have a field day, some end of the year field trips, and our traditional awards day with an all school picnic.

Thank you and God Bless,

Anita Thorson

Faith Christian School

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

May 10th Parent/Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

May 13th Roller Skating Party at Skate Land

May 17th FCS Track & Field Day

Now, this biblical teaching gives us a framework through which to interpret biology. We understand that all of life reproduces according to its kind but that there is incredible genetic diversity within a kind. This means dogs remain dogs, but dogs don't all look exactly alike. There are various species (wolves, coyotes, dingoes, etc.) and breeds (French bulldog, Labrador retriever, pug, etc.) because of the genetic diversity God created at the beginning and placed into every kind he made.

Lastly, consider that the order of events is completely different between the creation account in Genesis and the evolutionary story. For example, in the creation account, plants are the first life that God creates. In the evolutionary story, life begins as a single-celled organism and plants arrive many millions of years later.

In the biblical account, sea creatures (including whales) are created on day five and land creatures on day six. In the evolutionary story, sea creatures evolve first, followed by land creatures, but then some land creatures evolve to go back into the ocean and become whales.

In the creation account, birds are created on day five and dinosaurs (land animals) on day six. In the evolutionary story, dinosaurs evolved first and then evolved into birds.

In the creation account, mankind was created from the dust and woman from his side. In the evolutionary story, man and woman both evolved from an apelike creature.

The order of events is totally different! **You can't blend the two and remain faithful to the plain meaning of Genesis.**

NO, Christians cannot accept evolution. To do so is to compromise the clear teaching of Genesis with man's ideas about the past and is therefore lifting man as the authority over God and his Word. But "let God be true though every one were a liar" (Romans 3:4).



B.O.L.D.

Merilee Ottoson

There are many ways to think about the Christian life and how to live it. What if we decided to live it with **boldness?** It would be a shame to sit on the “sidelines”, watching only and never stepping into the “action”. Second Corinthians 5:10 tells us that we will “be recompensed for our deeds in the body according to what we have done, whether good or bad.” What would it look like if we lived our lives being BOLD for Him? How could being a **Bondservant**, being **Obedient**, striving to be a **life-long Learner** and living a **Deliberate life** be some of the best ways to live for Christ?

Bond servant—refers to a servant who had been a slave and then decided to voluntarily serve his master ***for life***. His love and desire to please his master caused the slave to happily GIVE his entire life in service to the master. Do you want to live as a bondservant for Christ? Giving yourself freely to the One Who gave His all?

Obedience—The account of Noah in Genesis chapters 6 and 7 reveals a man who dedicated himself to obey God no matter what the “crowd” thought of him. Through mocking and jeers he built the boat whose blueprints were given by Almighty God. He preached repentance to his neighbors and asked them to join him and his family on the ark. Zero. There were zero people who repented during those 120 years.....and yet, he persevered in doing what God had called him to do. Obedience!!

Life Long Learner—The twelfth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is “L”, ***Lamed***. It is pronounced “lah-med” and is the symbol of learning. In doing a little research, it appears that the full spelling of the letter means “a heart that understands knowledge”. As followers of Jesus, it is incumbent upon us to follow Paul’s admonition in II Timothy 2:15, “Be diligent to present yourselves as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the Word of truth.” We can choose to be learners of God’s Word as a lifelong assignment.

Deliberate—means to be intentional....to do things with a purpose rather than live life from day to day with no real plan. If you make no plan and have no goals, how do you know when and if you accomplished them? Every good game plan has a strategy.

*So what if your decision to live a **B.O.L.D.** life meant you decided to;*

~Spend your life for Jesus like there was no tomorrow~

~Obey His Word and promptings even when it is difficult~

~Study His Word with the heart of student~

~Follow His lead with purpose and dedication~

What if.....?

2024 National Prayer

Jesus, we profess our faith in You. You are the Light of the world, and in You there is no darkness. For You are our lamp, O LORD, and our God who lights our darkness. Forgive us for fearing and focusing on the darkness around us instead of being filled with faith and shining like the city on a hill You have called us to be. Forgive us for the times when we have been the absence of light, allowing darkness to dwell in America. Lead us forward to dispel the darkness and bring light throughout the Church, Family, Education, Business, Military, Government, and Arts, Entertainment, and Media.

We are saved by grace through faith, released from the darkness that once held us captive and now free to walk in the newness of life in You. Light dispels darkness and exposes what is hidden and wicked, so we commit to rise and shine! For by You, Lord, we can take courage to run against the enemy, and by our God we can fight the good fight and keep the faith as living lampstands in our communities and country. We fear no evil for You are with us.

Lord, Your way is perfect, You lead us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Your Word is Truth, instructing and inspiring us to live in the abundant life You gave when You saved us from the death and destruction of the enemy. Fill us with Truth as we read, study, and live Your Word.

God, You are a shield for all those who take refuge in You. As we abide in You and Your Word abides in us, we take up our shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and run boldly into the darkness to **Lift Up the Word and Light Up the World!** In the Mighty name of Jesus we pray, amen!

(National Day of Prayer Task Force)

WHY PRAY FOR AMERICA?

God is sovereign and nothing comes as a surprise to Him. Whether we face fluctuating economics, threats from abroad, unrest at home, or other troubling circumstances, our Heavenly Father is not caught unaware. Through prayer, we are able to tap into His wisdom, strength, protection, and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men.

As we Pray for America whose pledge of allegiance recounts that we are “one nation under God,” and whose currency states that it is “in God we trust,” we want Americans to encounter the God who rules over their country. “He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals His thoughts to man, He who turns dawn to darkness, and treads the high places of the earth—the LORD God Almighty is His name.”

—Amos 4:13 NIV

He is the One who gave us this promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” As we humbly and diligently seek Him, we’ll be changed, and we’ll see transformation in America through prayer!

Praying for our government

Our Founding Fathers established a nearly foolproof system of government; its checks and balances are among the most noteworthy aspects of our republic. Our executive, legislative, and judicial branches, - when functioning as they were designed, - champion our liberties and prevent our government from becoming tyrannical and oppressive. By and large, however, the American people are sadly uninformed about democratic principles and their role in safeguarding our freedoms. What’s more, the clearly defined lines between the three branches of government are becoming blurred and United States citizens are paying the price. We must continue to pray that God protects our way of life, asking that He would embed men and women in office who are committed to serving their constituents with integrity. We must remain in prayer for our elections, beseeching God to prompt our fellow citizens to become involved in this process. Voting is both a duty and a privilege, and the outcomes of our political races are critical in determining the future course of our nation. May God’s hand of wisdom and guidance remain upon each segment of our society, and through His Spirit, may believers be inspired to “pray continually” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We are assured that the Almighty hears our petitions. As people from coast to coast lift their voices in prayer, repentance and humility, we simply cannot underestimate how the Lord will respond. Let us together come before His throne with these words on our lips and in our hearts, “God bless America!”

Scripture

Pray for our leaders, as well as the judges in our courts. Ask God to grant them wisdom to act with integrity.

1 Kings 3:28, 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Exodus 18:21, Proverbs 11:3, Romans 13:1-2 (National Day of Prayer Task Force)



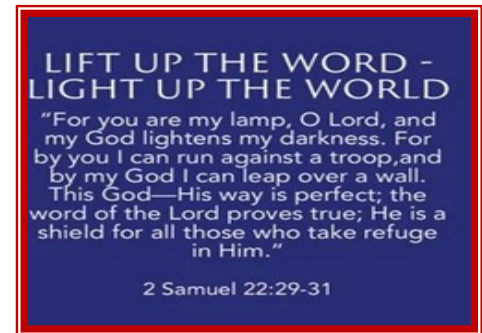
Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting a week of VBS Sunday,
June 9 through Thursday, June 13th.

Many volunteers are needed to make this a success. If you are
willing to help in any way, please see the sign-up sheet on the
table in the narthex.

Thank you,

Christian Ed Board

National Day of Prayer Community Service

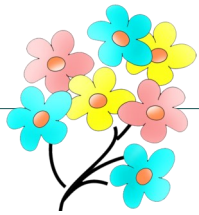


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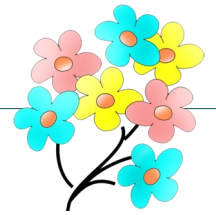
Thursday May 2nd, 2024

7:00 PM

If you are unable to attend the evening service, there is
a noon service at 1st Baptist Church—Detroit Lakes.



MAY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule: 9:30 AM Worship Service *Communion Service is the 1st Sunday of the month. 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:45 AM Sunday School for ALL ages			1 Confirmation Recital 7 PM	2 National Day of Prayer 7 PM	3	4
5 <i>Confirmation</i>	6	7	8 FLY 6:45 PM Midweek Bible Study Kid's 4 Christ 7 PM	9 Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM	10	11
12	13	14 FCS Board Mtg 5:30 PM Trustees Mtg 6 PM Deacon's Mtg 6:30 PM Church Council 7 PM	15 FLY 6:45 PM Midweek Bible Study Kid's 4 Christ 7 PM	16 Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM	17	18
19 <i>SS Picnic-sign up to bring a main dish or salad. Dessert provided</i>	20	21	22 FLY 6:45 PM Midweek Bible Study Kid's 4 Christ 7 PM	23 <i>Last day of school</i> Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM	24	25
26	27 <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>	28	29 FLY 6:45 PM Midweek Bible Study Kid's 4 Christ 7 PM	30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM	31	