



Greetings,

Exodus 17:12 Moses' arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. So Aaron and Hur found a stone for him to sit on. Then they stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. So his hands held steady until sunset.

An article appeared on CNN back in May about a woman by the name of Tinney Davidson. She moved to her home in British Columbia back in 2007 and every morning she and her husband would wave at the school children who passed their home on the way to school. Even after her husband died, Tinney would sit at the window and wave. That's it. She just waved and a bond was formed. The teenagers said that her simple wave and smile would brighten their day.

Tinney is 88 now and preparing to move into an Independent Living Home. On her last day in the house, she again sat at the window. This time, hundreds of students carrying signs and flowers walked together to her home and stood on her lawn. They held up hearts. They blew her a collective kiss, and they waved. They shouted, "We love you Mrs. Davidson. Thank you for being awesome."

Tinney's was such a simple gesture of generosity, but one those teens likely won't forget. It was a gesture of love and hopefully the teens will tell others about this dear woman. Perhaps they will even emulate this gesture in their own lives.

We so often think that if we're going to reach out to another, our generosity needs to be grand. It needs to be perfectly orchestrated and carried out. It needs to be timed right. We don't want to bother someone. We don't want to step into a space we might not be welcome. We hesitate. We talk ourselves out of it. We minimize the potential impact..... Don't.

Reach out whether it's with a smile or a card with a personal note, a phone call or a hug with no words. Pray for someone. Better yet, pick up the phone and pray together. Or grab someone's hand and pray with them, wherever you are. A friend of mine said she unexpectedly found herself in a prayer circle one day in the entrance way to a Publix. She said it was one of the most powerful moments she'd ever experienced.

We are called to hold each other's arms up. To care for each other. To be there.

Tinney didn't know what those teens were going through as they headed to school each morning. I suspect some of them were burdened with the stress of school or what was going on at home. Others might have been confident, some fearful, some so alone they that their isolation was palpable. Tinney didn't know and it wasn't important. She had been called to care generously with all that she had, so she reached out her hand and she waved.

Many blessings on your own waving,
Pastor Karen

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Kevin Strickland elected Bishop of the ELCA Southeastern Synod

The Rev. Kevin L. Strickland, Chicago, was elected June 2 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the synod assembly, held May 30 – June 2 at the Chattanooga (Tenn.) Convention Center.

Strickland was elected on the fifth ballot, with 199 votes. The Rev. Tiffany Chaney, pastor of Gathered by Grace Lutheran Church in Montgomery, Ala., received 158.

The bishop-elect has served as assistant to the bishop and executive for worship with the ELCA churchwide organization in Chicago since 2014. He served as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Nashville, Tenn., from 2011 to 2014, and of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Maryville, Tenn., from 2008 to 2011.

Strickland received a Bachelor of Arts from Newberry (S.C.) College in 2004 and a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in 2008. Newberry is one of 27 ELCA colleges and universities, and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary of Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, N.C., is one of seven ELCA seminaries.

Strickland will be installed Oct. 5 at St. Philip's Episcopal Cathedral in Atlanta.

The Rev. H. Julian Gordy has served as bishop since 2007 and will retire Aug. 31.



Unfortunately, Faith Lutheran has had some very recent situations that involved email and texting scams.

Please be assured that Pastor Karen will **never** ask you for money, anything involved with money, or any personal information over a text or email. If you receive anything suspicious, or anything that doesn't sound like Pastor Karen, **please do not respond** but contact Pastor Karen or the church office. Also note that Pastor Karen's phone number has a 678 Atlanta area code.

If you are interested in membership at Faith Lutheran, please speak with Pastor Karen. A new member class will be forming soon. Watch for more information in the coming weeks

CONSTITUTION APPROVAL



Our Church Council and Constitution Committee have been working for over two years to update Faith Lutheran Church's Constitution which was last amended in 2004. As required, Synod approved our draft in September 2018 and Council approved it on May 14, 2019.

To complete the process the following steps must be taken:

1. There must be a called Congregational Meeting with a quorum present. A majority of the voting members must approve the draft. This meeting will be held Sunday, September 15 following worship. In August copies of the proposed Constitution will be available at the front desk and by email.
2. If the draft is approved at the September meeting, it must be presented to the congregation a second time at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 24. Two-thirds of the voting members must approve it at this meeting.
3. If approved at the Annual Meeting, it will be sent to the Synod office and the process will have been completed.

Please plan to do the following:

1. Pick up a copy of our draft constitution in August or have it emailed to you so that you can read it prior to the first meeting.
2. Attend both meetings on **September 15 and November 24**.
3. Pray for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit as we move through this process.

Many Blessings,
Linda Herold, Council President

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Kristen Svoboda
Fred & Wanda Quinn
Mike Diuguid
Chris & Tiffany Fortunis
Al & Janet Awtrey
Alan Boda

CLIPPED WINGS

In these dog days of summer are you ready to soak up the “cool” atmosphere of Ruth’s Place (2404 Derby Way off I459 S)? We will meet on Thursday, July 11th at 11:30am. Gail Kohser or Beate Cole will be glad to provide transportation to you. Please join us as we enjoy a time of fellowship and sharing of all the blessings our sweet Lord provides for us.

DINNER & DISCUSSION GROUP

The Dinner & Discussion group is taking a vacation! We will resume our meetings on Wednesday, July 31st for dinner at 6:30pm & discussion beginning at 7pm. Enjoy the summer break & we will see you at the end of July.

SUMMER CHOIR



Summer choir single commitment Sundays are back! Last summer we had a great turnout and the music was glorious! Come at 10:00am to the choir room,

practice a simple piece, and then sing with the choir during worship that same Sunday. All ages are welcome, so plan to join us as we lift our voices in song.

Women’s choir, Sunday, 7/14

Mixed voices (Men and Women), Sunday, 8/11

VBS WORKDAY - We need all hands on-deck to help

transform the church for VBS. Please come to church Saturday, July 13 (9am to ?) and help hang backdrops and posters. The final setup will be following the 10:30am Worship service on Sunday, July 14.



FAITH LUTHERAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Theme: *To Mars and Beyond* Explore where God’s Power can take you!

Dates: July 15–19, 2019
(Mon-Fri evenings)
6-8pm

Ages: 3 to 11



Our mission project this year is to collect new packages of both boys’ and girls’ undies (elementary school sizes) for the Health Room at Clay Elementary (our outreach partner) and to collect bars of soap to send to Lutheran World Relief.

Come and enjoy a free and fun week of bible learning activities. We are shortening the time frame this year to help with getting kids home a little earlier so the small dinner has been eliminated, but the children will still have a fun snack each evening and will participate in incredible Bible-based experiences.

VBS Donations Still Needed

We are still looking for a few items for our VBS science activities. If you have any of these, please bring them to church by 7/7.

- 35mm plastic film canisters and lids
- Sturdy plastic drink bottles with lids
- Empty tin cans (lids off and washed)
- Empty paper towel rolls

VBS SNACK DONATIONS

(see bulletin board for quantities needed)

- Mini marshmallows
- regular size marshmallows
- watermelon
- STICK pretzels
- Bananas
- Cheez-its
- Peanut butter
- grape jelly
- Orange gumdrops
- White bread



Thank you to everyone who joined us on 6/23 for the Intergenerational Sunday school project. Keep an eye on the weekly email and worship folders for the July & August dates for more fun projects. All ages, all skill levels, all hands are needed!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

On Saturday, June 8, 2019, Karl and Linda Nelson, Mark Richey, and Larry, a community volunteer, served over 90 people, including 3 children, at the Community Kitchen. This is the largest crowd that Mark has seen served.

The next opportunity to serve is July 13. Please consider taking a turn at serving at the Kitchen. No experience is necessary just a willingness to serve. Volunteers meet at Grace Church at 11:30; however, if you would like to ride share just let Mark Richey know.

Location: Grace Episcopal Church 5712 1st Ave N
Birmingham, AL 35212
Second Saturday of each month
Time: 11:30 a.m. to approx. 1:30 p.m.

Thank you all for your prayers and all the visits to the home, hospital to see Aunt Johnnie and Uncle Starnes. The food provided was so good and all the Love you all have shown to us at times we've met. We love and thank you all.

JR & Linda Roberts

PARISH NURSE NOTES

If you have been to your doctor or dentist lately, you are that you are asked to fill out an updated data sheet each year. It can be hard to remember what medicines you are taking, dates of past surgeries, allergies, etc. In the event of an emergency, it may be difficult to think clearly due to the stressful situation. It is helpful to have a written account of all your information in one place for first responders and ER personnel also.

For a limited time, I am offering to make emergency medical wallet cards at no cost to our members. Please ask if you'd like to see a sample card and get more information. All you have to do is complete the one page, confidential form and return it to me. I will prepare the cards for you and as always, all information will be kept confidential.

Gail Kohser, Parish Nurse

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30am

July 7

Asst. Minister: Dennis McMillan

July 14

Asst. Minister: Paula McMillan

July 21

Asst. Minister: Linda Herold

July 28

Asst. Minister: Sharon Towry

Ushers: Rick Yarbrough, Al May, David May
Matt Kirksey & John Beyer

Greeters: Sandra May & Wanda Quinn

10:30 a.m.

July 7

Asst. Minister: Troy Nelson
Lector: James Kennedy
Acolyte: Mia Graham
Crucifer: Devin Kennedy
Comm. Presenters: Al & Sandra May

July 14

Asst. Minister: Paula Daum
Lector: April Kirksey
Acolyte: Carter Kirksey
Crucifer: Ky-lin Berg
Comm. Presenters: Matt & April Kirksey

July 21

Asst. Minister: Skip Craig
Lector: Mark Craig
Acolyte: Michael May
Crucifer: David May
Comm. Presenters: Fred & Wanda Quinn

July 28

Asst. Minister: Dennis McMillan
Lector: Will Daum
Acolyte: Open
Crucifer: Devin Kennedy
Comm. Presenters: Tammie & Mark Richey

PRAYERS

Members: Faye Hyde; Jean Nelson; Richard Laframboise; Ellouise Waugh; Al & Janet Awtrey, Ruth Spitzer, Teresa McCullough, Nancy Quinn, Tammie Richey & Dorothy Body

Friends: Sylvia Kirshy (Mary Yarbrough's extended family); Claud Patrick (grandson of Mary Yarbrough's co-worker); Mildred Bunn (Matt Kirksey's grandmother); Lyle Kennedy (James Kennedy's mother); Kent Forrester (Jessica Lively's uncle); Jay Wesson (cousin of Joan Laframboise); Steve Cheatham (friend of Craig & Sue Kuechenmeister); Wanda Payne & Tom Duke (friends of FLC Preschool); JoAnn Johnaon (friend of Linda Herold); Brett Smith (Hazel Wentzell's nephew); Carol Cantrell (friend of Ken Monk); Larry Allin (Father-in-law of the Wentzell's grandson); Treasa Webb (friend of Preschool), Jerry Sellers (friend of the congregation), Gavin McMillan (grandson of Dennis & Paula McMillan), Teresa Buckner (friend of Sarah Nafziger), Ned Brittain (brother of Dick Brittain), Rozann Brittain (sister-in-law of Dick Brittain), Johnny Fricke, Larry Fricke (cousins of Becky Brittain); George Brown (dad of Sandra May); Mary Hamson (Al Awtrey's sister), Kenneth Piper (cousin of Fred & Joyce Ehrensperger); Brian Poole, Gracie Ann Poole, Jackson Roberts, Kathie Finley, Reba Roberts (friends of Fred & Wanda Quinn), Ronald Park (brother-in-law of Wanda Quinn), Shirley Sanders (niece of Norma Holsombeck); Patricia Hofer & Winnie Starnes (sisters of Merle Wentzell); Neysa Charie Rhodes (friends of Sue Kuechenmeister), Stuart Craig (brother of Skip Craig), Willard Leopard (brother of Wyomie McRae)

Serving Our Country: Connor Butz (son of Terry & Sharon Butz), Adam Ford & Austin Workman (sons of Richard & Emily Ford, Grandsons of Jerry & Sharon Towry), Chris Lewis (son of Jeff & Martha Lewis), Noah Graham (son of Shannon Graham, Grandson of Dennis & Paula McMillan and Wayne & Linda Graham)

College Students: Allison Boda (Furman), Andrew Boyd (UAH), Noah Graham (University of Alabama); Caroline Hoffman (Jacksonville State), Hannah LaRue (Tennessee Tech); Sarah Nafziger (UAB), Troy Nelson (UAB), Kinsey Waylander (UAB); Courtney Yarbrough (UAB) & Stephen Yarbrough (ASU)

Outreach partners: Lutheran World Relief, Community Kitchen, Trussville Ecumenical Assistive Ministry (TEAM), Clay Elementary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pastor Karen in Atlanta Office & Preschool closed	2 Preschool Closed Secretary on vacation	3 Preschool Closed Secretary on vacation	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5 Office & Preschool closed Pastor Karen out	6 Pastor Karen out
7 8:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship 12:15pm Choir	8 9am Preschool	9 10am Quilters 6:30pm Council Mtg.	10 9am Preschool	11 Pastor Karen at Pastor Conference Meeting 11:30am Clipped Wings Lunch -TBD 6:30pm Property Committee	12 9am Preschool	13 9am VBS workday Community Kitchen
14 8:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship – Summer Choir Women VBS set up following worship	15 9am Preschool VBS 6-8pm	16 VBS 6-8pm .	17 9am Preschool VBS 6-8pm	18 VBS 6-8pm	19 9am Preschool VBS 6-8pm (8-? VBS cleanup)	20
21 8:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship – Ryan Kennedy Baptism	22 9am Preschool	23 10am Quilters 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee	24 9am Preschool	25	26 9am Preschool	27
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Faith Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2019

Attending: Pastor Karen Boda, Beate Cole, Skip Craig, Fred Ehrensperger, Linda Herold, Amy Hollar, Pat Holman, Karl Nelson, Troy Nelson, Tammie Richey, Jeannine Spann (via phone), and Mary Yarbrough.
Absent: Tim Awtrey.

Opening Devotion: Beate Cole opened the meeting with a devotion based on Proverbs 2:9-15 and the moral benefits of wisdom.

Review & Approve Last Month's Meeting Minutes:
Last month's minutes were approved as submitted. Motion to approve by Fred Ehrensperger, second by Skip Craig.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Ehrensperger reviewed the Treasurer's report. Pastor Karen Boda noted that there will be some charges for background checks this month. Pat Holman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted with a second by Troy Nelson. All approved.

As the Council liaison to the Generosity team, Skip Craig identified the following ways Faith has been generous this past month: Community Kitchen, Lenten offerings were sent to the Synod for disaster relief efforts, scholarships for preschool, use of Thrivent Choice dollars, money raised from the quilt raffle was sent to Lutheran World Relief. These are all in addition to the amount we send to the Synod for Benevolence each month.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Karen Boda addressed the recent scam affecting the church where the church office and church members are being sent texts or emails. She reiterated that she will not text or email anyone for personal information or monetary requests. She addressed steps that have been taken to try to prevent this from happening again and noted that she has asked Mark Craig to look at other things we have on the web that might be enabling the scam artists. She reviewed her submitted report and noted that Pastor Carolyn Hayford will cover for her for emergencies while she is on vacation. All routine church business can be handled within the church.

Mary Yarbrough gave an end of school year report on the Preschool. We ended May with 27 students and

there are 26 students in the summer program. The Preschool is caught up with accounts receivable.

Current Business:

1. Karl Nelson reported on the progress of the GENEROSITY Priority stating that a portion of the core committee met on May 23. He detailed some suggestions from the committee regarding how to keep the message of generosity in front of the congregation, such as Temple Talks, and the committees desire to pursue some sort of electronic giving method. After some discussion including putting a generosity story in the scroll each month, the Council recommended that the Generosity Committee proceed with Temple Talks (where someone gets up and takes a few minutes during the church service to relate their experiences). In addition, the Generosity Committee made a recommendation to the Finance committee to investigate e-giving.
2. Troy Nelson and Amy Hollar reported that they have a draft mission statement that they have been editing and asked for others to help edit. Pastor Karen agreed to help.
3. Linda Herold stated that the Staff Position Performance Evaluations are being received and will be summarized and discussed at Executive Committee in August before a meeting with each staff member.
4. Pastor Karen Boda stated that the first Intergenerational Sunday School for the summer will be June 23. She expressed a thank you to Paula McMillan who is leading this effort.
5. We are at step 3 of the 10 steps in the Constitution approval status process. The council agreed to set the first congregational meeting for September 15.
6. Linda Herold and Pastor Karen Boda gave a summary of the Synod Assembly and the bishop election process. Sixty-eight people were nominated on the first ballot. The assembly was a very intense and meaningful weekend.

New Business:

1. Four members of Faith attended the Diaspora Meeting/Transformational Ministry 2.0

conference with other churches from Huntsville to Montgomery. Pastor Karen Boda explained the ministry and noted that two area Lutheran churches have already agreed to participate. It is a two-year program where 4 to 5 churches meet 4 times over 2 years. The meetings will be in Birmingham. She noted that this is a congregational process and involves the entire congregation. There is a nominal fee of \$400 to participate. If the council supports this effort, we need to 1) fill out an application 2) select a transformation team to head up the process. Karl Nelson made a motion to support this project with a second by Mary Yarbrough. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Discussion was held on which bucket to use to cover expenses for funerals held at the church. It was agreed that the money will come from Special Funds this year. The Worship and Music committee will ask for a line item in the budget for next year.
3. Pastor Karen Boda reported that John Boettner, who is from Shepherd of the Hills and is the Disaster Relief Coordinator for Alabama, would like to come to Faith and talk to the church about members getting involved in helping with disaster relief efforts. He will be asked to come to the Council meeting in August and the congregation will be invited to attend the meeting.
4. Fred Ehrensperger reported that Sharon Towry has agreed to chair the newly re-formed Memorial Committee which includes Fred Ehrensperger, Sharon Towry, Tim Awtrey, and Beate Cole. Fred is finishing the entry of the handwritten memorial gift record into a spreadsheet and the committee will meet once this is complete.

Other:

- An email was sent to Pastor with a request for a night of lodging for a group of youth and adults from Living Word Lutheran Church in Texas while on their way to Atlanta to do mission work in late June. Three Council members volunteered to be host homes for the group.
- A request has been made and accepted for a vehicle to be parked temporarily at the church and for the van and vehicle to be moved behind the church building.

July 2019 Devotion: Tim Awtrey

July 2019 Meeting date: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer: Motion to adjourn by Pastor Karen Boda, second by Skip Craig.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie Richey, Council Secretary

Monthly Submitted Reports

Pastor's Report - Karen Boda, June 11, 2019

Worship

- Preached and presided at early/late worship services each Sunday, except 6/2 when Will Daum led worship, Bishop Gordy preached via video, and Pr. Frank Wise presided at the table.
- Presided at the wedding of Shannon Graham and Brian Purcell on 6/8.
- Served as Dean at the installation of Pr. Carolyn Hayford at Shepherd of the Hills on 6/9.
- Havis Johnson's Memorial Service is planned for 6/15 at 2pm.
- Continued worship planning with Karl Nelson, Denny McMillan, and John Beyer.

Congregational Care

- Ministered to members and families of Faith through visits, calls and cards.
- Eucharistic ministers continued to take communion to our homebound to augment my visits.

Education

- Led Sunday School for Adults each week on the lectionary.
- Led last Bible Babble (chapel) for the Preschool this school year.
- Continued Dinner and Discussion with a Video Series called "In the Dust of the Rabbi." Last two weeks are spent discussing TheoEd talks with Rev. Dr. Lauren F. Winner and Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.

Outreach

- Participated in a conference call to review the Synod's visit to the Legacy Museum in Montgomery.
- Paula McMillan will head up the Intergenerational Outreach Sunday School during the summer.

Other

- "Graduated" from the Clergy Wellness Program.
- Attended Synod Assembly 5/31-6/2 and participated in the election of a new bishop, Pr. Kevin Strickland.

Upcoming

- Vacation for our daughter's wedding 6/25-30. Mark LaRue will lead worship/preach and Pr. Frank Wise will preside at the table on 6/30. Pr. Carolyn Hayford will cover while I am gone.
- Women in Ministry event in Atlanta, 7-1.
- Attending the wedding of a dear friend's daughter 7/5-6. Back in time for worship 7/7.



Worship Service:	8:30 am
Sunday School:	9:15am
Worship Service:	10:30 am
Coffee Fellowship:	11:45 am
Choir Practice:	12:15 pm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9 am to 2 pm

Friday 9am to 1pm

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Faith Lutheran Staff

Rev. Karen Boda, Pastor

Terrie Awtrey, Preschool Director

Martha Lewis, Secretary

Adam Bowles, Keyboardist

Gail Kohser, Parish Nurse

2019 Church Council

President - Linda Herold

Vice President - Tim Awtrey

Secretary - Tammie Richey

Treasurer - Fred Ehrensperger

Financial Secretary - Rick Yarbrough

2019 Liaisons

Education: Mary Yarbrough

Evangelism: Troy Nelson

Fellowship: Pat Holman

Finance: Fred Ehrensperger

Mutual Ministry: Jeannine Spann

Outreach/Social Ministry: Karl Nelson

Property: Tim Awtrey

Stewardship: Skip Craig

Worship and Music: Beate Cole

Youth: Amy Hollar

TEAM: Connie Waylander

Attention Thrivent Members:

If you have any questions about Thrivent Choice, please see Skip Craig for more information

The deadline for the August 2019 Scroll is July 26, 2019

Information received after this date is not guaranteed to be included. Email submissions to the church office - flcoffice1@gmail.com.