

# Faith News and Notes for October 1, 2023

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**Welcome, welcome, welcome in the name of the Lord!** We are so glad you are here with us and our prayer is always that the sweet presence of the Lord would be manifested here every time we gather together. May you be encouraged and equipped in your faith today!

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## Mary Lou Schaeffer to retire

After over 10 years of service, our devoted and diligent bookkeeper, Mary Lou Schaeffer is set to retire September 30. As a thank you to Mary Lou for her years of not only tending to our books, but also reviewing contracts and overseeing church renovations, the Women of Faith are collecting a love offering. If you wish to participate, your gift can be given to Ben at the early service or Linda Seitz in late service. Thank you for your participation, and thank you Mary Lou.

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## Mid-Week Bible Study

**Love in Chaos Video Study!** We don't have to look far to see division in our world. And in many ways, we are confused, angry, and disillusioned by all the chaos we're experiencing. How should Christians respond to the chaos? What does it look like to live faithfully in these strange and challenging times? Join bestselling author Bob Goff in this six-session series as he helps us answer these questions. Learn what it looks like to follow Jesus and obey his commands even in a time of chaos. This exciting study is held on Wednesdays at 7PM and is open to all. We meet physically in the Conference Room and by Zoom for those who can't make it in-person. A sign-up list is in the Narthex and on our web-page.

"When love has an agenda, it isn't love anymore" - Bob Goff

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**Men's Breakfast Bible Study** to continue! It's been decided to continue meeting on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM. The next study we will participate in is called *Stepping Up* by Dennis Rainey. This fast-moving, dynamic and in-depth series will unpack the idea and the process involved in living a courageous life. The first session will be held on November 11. More info is coming soon; a sign-up sheet will be posted soon in the Narthex and on our webpage.

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## The Rummage Sale is coming!!!

It's time to clean out your closets, kitchen, garage, attic and more, and tell all your friends now is the time to purge!

**Rummage Sale dates:** Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14.

**Note new Rummage Sale times on those dates:** 10:00 AM—1:00 PM on Friday and 9:00 AM—1:00 PM on Saturday.

Drop off items until Wednesday, October 11<sup>TH</sup>

## Holy Communion

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. Jesus instituted this when he celebrated Passover with his disciples, and assures us that each time we receive it, we again remember his death and receive the full benefits of His grace and all that he offers. In keeping with the Scripture and the teachings of the Lutheran church, we ask each person to consider these questions:

\*Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sins?

\*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?

\*Am I trusting in Jesus' promise that I receive full forgiveness and strength through this Sacrament?

\*Do I believe and agree that the body and blood of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine?

\*With the Lord's help, will I seek to amend my sinful life and live in conformity with His holy will?

If you answer yes to all these questions and are baptized, you are welcome to come and receive all that Jesus offers in Holy Communion. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing.

We offer assistance for the **hearing impaired**. Just speak to one of our ushers, who will be able to help you. Please return the hearing device to an usher as you exit. We have a **Nursery** for infants through age 3 that is available during our services for you to use. The nursery is through the hall on the right side of the sanctuary (facing the altar).

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### **FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

### **SECOND READING:** Philippians 2:1-18

<sup>1</sup>If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup>Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

# Gospel

## HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MATTHEW 21:23-32

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

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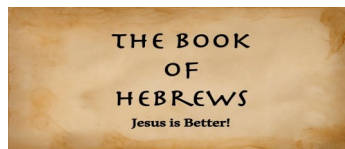


### PLEASE INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Our Homebound:** Alma Coates, Bob Heath, Ian Fennell, Dennis Litzenberg, Betty Sither, Jim & Rosie Stilwell, Carla Sesola, and Tom and Sally Schwartz

**Other Requests:** Faith Lutheran Teachers, Students and their families; Sandra Aiken, The Bean family on the death of Bill, Gail Bolognese, Bill Cahill, The Cano Family, Judith Gonnerman, The Henshaw Family on the death of Matt's mother, Leila Kazimir, Gordon Lerner, Terry Luneke, Kathy McCoy, Ernie Munter, Carole Satterthwaite, Mary Lou Schaffer, Tricia Shankin, Barb Specksgoor, Laura Tegart, Donna Van Bommel, Paul Van Bommel, Sharon Wiley, Ron Woita.

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Join us for, *Life Lessons from Hebrews*, by Max Lucado, every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM, in the Michel Building. All are welcome!

Max delves into how the Jewish believers were torn between their new faith in Jesus and their old ways rooted in Old Testament routines and rituals. He leads us to the fact that Jesus Christ is superior to anything else we are tempted to trust.

*We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized.* Hebrews 6:11

## 40th Annual Walk for Life

Faith Lutheran is partnering with First Care Women's Clinic for their 40th Annual Walk for Life on October 7th at Christ Fellowship in Palm Beach Gardens.

Like us, First Care believes:

- (1) Every child is a gift from God,
- (2) No woman regrets choosing life,
- (3) Unborn babies are worth saving, and
- (4) There is nothing better than saving lives!



Visit the display table in our Narthex

At their clinics, women in crisis pregnancies can receive free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, free pregnancy counseling, and referrals to their community partners for pregnancy healthcare, maternity homes, parenting classes, teen mom mentoring, adoption, and additional support.

On October 7th the Walk for Life starts at 9:30am, there will also be a free Kids Fun Run for those 12 and younger starting at 9:00am. This will be a fun-filled morning to celebrate life together!

Please visit our informational table in the narthex to learn how you can participate, raise funds for First Care, earn great prizes, and help save lives!



To the Glory of God  
By Paul and Donna Van Bommel



Talia Waugh  
Debbie Weier  
Lois Ruppert  
Matt Henshaw



Bob & Laura Tegart



**Bible Study Fellowship** is an international organization offering Bible-study opportunities to men, women and children. They've been in existence for more than sixty years, and annually serve over 400,000 in more than 120 nations. They will be using our facilities this year on Monday evenings for their program. The materials are free, and they do take a weekly free-will offering to help cover expenses. Their program this year will focus on the Gospel of John. The program began September 11th and lasts for 33 weeks. If you'd like more information, you can visit their website: [bsfinternational.org](http://bsfinternational.org). There you can sample curriculum, look at the history, as well as request to join the group.



### Congregational Breakfast

TODAY @ 10:00 AM  
The Michel Building\*

We warmly welcome our visitors.

\*Visitors—The Michel Building is to your right as you leave the sanctuary.



Calling all those interested in becoming a new member at Faith! We will have a New Member Class on Friday, October 27<sup>TH</sup> beginning at 7PM. Attendance at a New Member Class does not have to end in membership, but it's a good opportunity to find out a little more about what we teach and believe, and who we are. Also, there may be some confusion about whether you actually are a member or not; a simple call to Jen at the Church Office can clear any confusion up. A sign-up list is in the Narthex, and on our web-page.



**A Life Quote for Sunday, October 1:** "The science is conclusive: Human life starts at fertilization. The Bible is conclusive: Life is from God, it begins at fertilization, and God's commandment of 'You shall not murder' (Exodus 20:13) certainly applies to the slaying of an innocent child in the womb. Because that little baby in the womb IS a human being." *Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan*

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for October 1 – Pentecost XVIII (Proper 21A):** Remaining silent about the sanctity of life enslaves us to selfishness just like abortion does. But God's grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus free us from looking out only for ourselves. We get to speak His truth and show His love to every one of our neighbors—not out of "selfish ambition or conceit," but in service to "the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).



### Help Wanted

Faith Lutheran School

Infant - Toddler Teachers (Full-time)

Must be over 18 years old

Experience preferred

Willing to train and obtain necessary DCF trainings

Send resume to [ptucker@faithnpb.com](mailto:ptucker@faithnpb.com)

### Faith Lutheran's Book Club



Our book club for October will meet on the 18<sup>TH</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. Dinner will be after our book discussion at a location TBA. The book we will be discussing is, *Leota's Gardens* by Francine Rivers.

Leota's garden was once a place of beauty, where flowers bloomed and hope thrived. It was her refuge from the deep wounds inflicted by a devastating war, her sanctuary where she knelt before a loving God and prayed for the children who couldn't understand her silent sacrifices.

Now, eighty-four-year-old Leota Reinhardt is alone, her beloved garden in ruins. All her efforts to reconcile with her adult children have been fruitless, and she voices her despair to a loving Father, her only friend.

Then God brings a wind of change through unlikely means: one, a college student with an agenda all his own who thinks he has all the answers; the other, a granddaughter Leota never hoped to know. But can the devastation wrought by keeping painful family secrets be repaired before she runs out of time?

# **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

## **Sunday, October 1**

**8:45 AM Traditional Worship Service**

10:00 AM Congregational Breakfast

**10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service**

12:00 PM Contemporary Practice

## **Monday, October 2**

6:00 PM Bible Study Fellowship (Campus Wide)

7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous (Chapel)

## **Tuesday, October 3**

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

6:00 PM Lay Leader's Meeting

## **Wednesday, October 4**

10:00 AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry

7:00 PM—8:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study—Love in Chaos (Conference Room)

## **Thursday, October 5**

9:30 AM—10:30 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B)

11:00 AM Canasta (Youth Room)

5:30 PM Kairos Meeting (Gym)

## **Friday, October 6**

9:30 AM—12:00 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B)

## **Saturday, October 7**

8:00 AM—10:30 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B)

## **Sunday, October 8**

**8:45 AM Traditional Worship Service**

**10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service**

12:00 PM Contemporary Practice

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Julie Tombari: Administrator

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	<b><u>8:45 AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:45 AM</u></b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lou Raffa	Fran Hickman
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Lou Raffa	Karen Hernandez
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**OUR VISION**

**We believe God calls us to engage, encourage and equip our church,  
community and world with His unfailing love.**

We will **engage** all people in meaningful relationships with God’s unfailing love as the foundation.

We will **encourage** all people to a closer relationship with Jesus.

We will **equip** all people to live a loving, powerful, Spirit-filled life.