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Our Savior's

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Pastor's View

Where is your Pastor? Office hours are 9-12 Monday to Thursday. Tuesday afternoon I attend a text study. You will find other meetings on the calendar. I spend time with family on Friday and Saturday.

If you need to contact me please call, cell phone or house phone or the office. You will have the best results with the cell phone. (319-231-5262) If you think I need to know about something relating to the church or congregational visit please tell me. I am the last to know. If you want me to remember something at church during worship write a note. I will not remember otherwise.

You may reach me at any time. I am on call 24/7. You will not bother me if you call. You will bother me if you do not call and let me know.

First Communion Class – The First Communion classes will be offered again this October. This class is for those who are taking communion for the first time or for those who would like a refresher course on what communion means to a believer. The class will be offered on October 18 and 25 at 6:30 at Faith Church. We will use the booklet, *A Place for You*. This material will be handed out to participants and adults the first night. There will be homework. It is important that the information is studied. There will be a celebration of First Communion on Reformation Sunday October 30. Please call the office if you are attending. If no one calls I may not be at the “non-meeting” because no one called. (This happened last year!) See you there!

Reformation Worship Service - The youth of the church will take a leadership role in the Reformation services on October 30. They have been working on changing the service to emphasize

the points of reformation that they find important. They will outline the service, do the children's sermon and the sermon, and will lead in readings and some prayers. Thank you to our youth and their leaders.

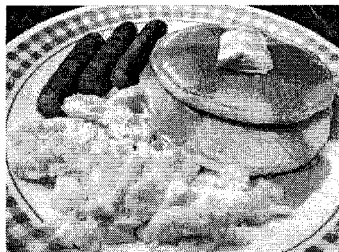
Reformation Meal – There will be offered a pancake and sausage meal after the worship service at Faith. This should be a lot of fun. I have been told that the good smells from the kitchen will entice us all to stay and eat and fellowship together. See you there.

Thanksgiving Service – This may seem a little early but it will be here before you know it. Please put on your calendars that there will be a Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday evening November 20 at 5 o'clock for worship and 6 for a light meal. We have invited the Calamus Methodist and Blieborn Lutherans to share in our worship and meal. The light meal will be soup and sandwich and you are invited to bring pies or bars or cookies. But the main point is to bring yourselves and to give thanks with your neighbor to God.

Adult Sunday School Class – Would you like to study “Luther's Small Catechism 500th anniversary Edition” ????



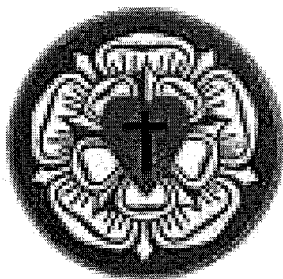
Pancakes, Egg and Sausage Brunch



Reformation Sunday
October 30
Faith Church following
10:30 Worship

The only thing you need to bring
is an appetite!

Reformation Sunday October 30



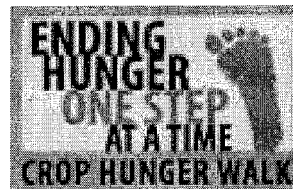
"Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen."

(Reply to the Diet of Worms, April 18, 1521)

— Martin Luther,

Luther's Works, 33: Career of the Reformer III

CROP Hunger Walk October 2 – 1:00 p.m.



Members of the Calamus Lutheran Parish are encouraged to support the confirmation class as they participate in the **CROP Hunger Walk in Wheatland on Sunday, October 2, at 1:00 p.m. – registration begins at 12:30.** The walk through town begins and ends at the Calamus/Wheatland Activity Center.

The total dollars collected will be given as a gift from the Calamus Lutheran Parish.

Money from CROP Hunger Walks is used for assistance and food in the rural areas of the world. The donations from the DeWitt and Wheatland walks are combined. 15% of the money collected from the whole DeWitt area goes to the Referral and Services Center in DeWitt. 10% is given to the Carroll Assistance Center in Wheatland. The remaining 75% is used at the state, national and international level.

Noisy Offering to be Collected October 9



The ELCA Disaster Response (emphasizing the Syrian refugee crisis) has been selected by the church councils and committees to be the 2016 recipient of the Noisy Offerings.

(Check out the special article on a Syrian refugee included in this newsletter.)

If you are wanting to contact Pastor Bill for any reason, please use his cell phone number:

319-231-5262.

Thank you.



At the September Council Meetings

Joint Council:

➤ Pastor reported confirmation class has begun with 10-11 youth in attendance – they will use the same material as Sunday Adult Bible Study; confirmands considering a camp event.

➤ Pastor shared his action plan as to the One Year Follow-up Questionnaire provided by Joint Council: 1) Begin a men's Bible study; 2) Begin small group ministry which requires 3 administrators – groups will split when attendance reaches 12; and 3) Visit homes of Joint Council members – council members will then provide names of friends which Pastor will visit.

➤ Worship Committee: reviewed worship services through Christmas Day; Reformation Service on October 30 will be led by God Squad; an ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held Sunday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. with a 6:00 meal of soup, sandwiches, pies and bars to follow – Pastor will determine location; Ushers should inform altar ministers of any persons needing communion served to them at their pew; Accompanists should commune prior to the congregation being released from their pews; Acolyte training for all youth in grades 5—12 will be held on Sunday, October 9 during Sunday School; the type of communion bread served will not change from current practice – altar ministers will prepare as usual.

➤ Stewardship and Outreach Committee announced a parish pancake breakfast will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 30 at 11:30 a.m. at Faith; the committee will organize the meal for Thanksgiving.

➤ Education Committee reported 36 children attended the first day of Sunday School; 6 children attended the pre-Sunday School event hosted for new preschool students; Marsha Witte will be leaving the Education Committee in May; Sharyl Boussetot will become a member of the committee.

➤ Heather Grau gave a presentation of various types of Facebook pages – a decision was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

➤ The copier contract renewal was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

➤ A thank-you note was read from Ellen Friedrich.

Faith Council:

➤ Financial reports were approved with a designated balance of \$1,160.32 and a working balance of \$41,466.19

➤ Dave Johnson has been contacted regarding the tuck pointing of the church windows.

➤ A donation was confirmed for Ellen Friedrich.

Our Savior's Council: (Not Available)

Our Savior's Monthly Financial Report

August 2016

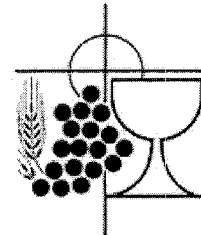
Beginning Balance.....	\$ 1,009.64
Deposits	\$ 4,652.67
Transfer from Memorial Account.....	\$ 10,000.00
Disbursements.....	\$(13,553.35)
Ending Balance.....	\$ 2,108.96

♪ October Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, To be determined

8:00 p.m. – Faith Church ♪

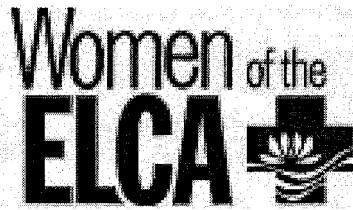
First Communion Classes



First Communion classes will be offered for persons of all ages at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18 and Tuesday, October 25 – you will need to attend both sessions. Please be considering if you or someone you know may be interested in receiving First Communion. The First Communion celebration with the congregations will be on Reformation Sunday, October 30.

Please submit items for the November 2016 newsletter to the church office by
October 20.

Thanks for your cooperation!



When God Forgives the Guilty



**"Jesus and the Evil Eye: When
God Blesses the Undeserving"**

**Wednesday, October 19
2:00 p.m.**

**Hostess: Kay Olson
Leader: Pastor Bill**



**Friday, October 28 – 10:00 a.m.
Grand Haven**

**201 E. Franklin Street, Eldridge
Hostess: Meryne Henning
Leader: Lois Wessels**

Sunday School Staff Complete

The following are serving as Sunday School
teachers for 2016 – 2017:

Adult Class: Pastor Bill

God Squad (confirmands & high school): Ashley
Steffens and Pat Grau

4th, 5th and 6th: Amy Glover and Deb Tulley

2nd and 3rd: Rebecca Hurt and Dan Burke

1st: Trina Knoche and Rebecca Wilhelm

Preschool/Kindergarten: Eric Hoffmann

Music: Marsha Witte

Substitutes: Sharyl Banowetz and Heather Grau

Acolyte and Communion Assistant Training



Altar Servers

During the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:25
a.m. on October 9 there will be acolyte training for
all young people in grades 5-12. Please gather at the
front of the church and with your friends learn this
important ministry that serves as an important part
of our worship service.

"Coffee & A Little Jesus"



You are invited to the
Women's/Mom's Bible Study, "Coffee & A Little
Jesus." We will meet the 1st Tuesday of the month
at 9:00 a.m. Kids are welcome.

**Heather Grau, 1658 – 257th Street, Calamus
October 4 – 9:00 a.m.**



If interested, please email me
grau.heather@gmail.com or call me 563-424-0507

You can also follow on Facebook at
Coffee & A Little Jesus

News About Our People



Thomas Ray, son of Matt and Julie Olson, was born
on Wednesday, August 31, 2016.



Amelia Ann, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca
Barnes, was born on Thursday, September 15, 2016.



Meghan Clark and Isaac Chadwick were married at
Faith Church on September 17, 2016.



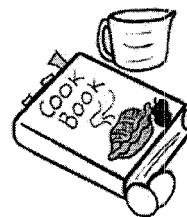
Jr. Homrighausen passed away on Wednesday,
September 28, 2016. A funeral service will be held
on Monday, October 3, 10:30 a.m. at Faith Church.

All Saints Sunday November 6

Sunday, November 6, 2016, the Christian Church celebrates "All Saints Sunday." On this day, we remember with thanksgiving those saints who have gone before us. At our baptism, God made us saints, as well, and wrapped us in the pure, white robes of eternal life.

There will be a sign-up sheet in both churches to add the names of those dear to you who have died this past year. Or you may phone the names in to the church office (246-2622).

Looking for a New Recipe?



Our Savior's Cookbook,

filled with delicious recipes is still available—
if interested, please contact

Jason Boussetot

1866 – 265th Street, Calamus



God Squad Sunday School Class



**God Squad Welcomes
all Junior High and
High School Youth!**

Where: Faith Church

When: All Sunday Mornings, 9:25 a.m.

Meals of Love



Working together to spread Jesus' Love, by
providing homemade meals to those in our church
who are experiencing life changing events;
new moms, surgery, illness/injury recovery,
death in the family, etc.

If you would be interested in being contacted to
make a freezable meal please contact Heather Grau
at 563-424-0507 or grau.heather@gmail.com, and
provide your name and best means to contact. Or
there will be sign up sheets at both churches. Our
goal is to provide an individual/family 3-5 home
cooked meals.

**There are sign-up sheets in the narthex
of each church.**

Repurposing with a Purpose

Before you throw away, consider repurposing. We
are looking for gently used magazines, pens/pencils,
activity books (cross words, word find, Sudoku),
decks of cards, small/medium size plain gift bags or
other items that can go into 'Busy Resting Bag'.
These bags will be used to provide to individuals on
bed rest. Contact Heather Grau at 563-424-0507 or
grau.heather@gmail.com for more details.

**"Don't judge someone just because they sin
differently than you."**

**"There is no season when
such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on,
and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings,
as now in October."**

- Nathaniel Hawthorne



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct 1: Ronnie Voss
 Oct 2: Sally Holst
 Brian Tulley
 Oct 4: Brendan Olson
 Oct 5: Violet Jacobs
 Jacob Warnemunde
 Oct 6: Jody Passig
 Oct 7: Kathy Willet
 Lisa Ross
 Theresa Eschbach
 Jane Runaas
 Oct 8: Hilda Hellyer
 Hope Olson
 Oct 9: Samuel Mueller
 Oct 13: Linnae Wingate
 Oct 14: Nathan Wingate
 Kendra Rock
 Oct 16: Jeannene Bousselot
 Ellen Olson
 Oct 17: Paul Olson
 Chad Bousselot
 Oct 18: Brienna Hayes
 Oct 20: Brittney Crossen
 Aubrey Knight
 Oct 21: Shawn Henning
 Chase Knoche
 Oct 22: Dawn Olson
 Oct 23: Chad Christensen
 Kennedy Maske
 Pastor Rick Miller
 Beth Tulley
 Oct 24: Bill Morehead
 Dawn Dosland
 Oct 25: Brian Johnson
 Oct 26: Alan Lee
 Oct 27: Cindy Marsh
 Oct 28: Doreen Henning
 Wade Petersen
 Oct 29: Joey Henning
 Oct 31: Tracy Gasper

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Oct 2: Tait & Jessica Steines
 Oct 4: Leon & Sherri Bousselot
 Neil & Jane Mason
 Oct 5: Jason & Chad Bousselot
 Oct 10: Rod Smith & Robin Costello-Smith
 Oct 15: Amber & Eric Claussen
 Oct 16: Fred & Dorinda Wilhelm

Oct 17: Jason & Brenda Wilhelm
 Oct 18: Blake & Chelsea Elias
 Oct 20: Eric & Brittany Hoffman
 Dave & Linda Whitman
 Oct 30: Ken & Alice Fitzgerald

If there are errors or omissions in the birthday or anniversary list, please notify the church office

News from Ellen Friedrich - YAGM (Young Adult in Global Mission)

Hey Everyone!

Great news, I'm still alive! I've happily arrived in Madagascar and am starting to get my footing. I've finally put my blog together and made my first entry. I've put a link to my blog below so you can follow my ventures and remind yourself of how happy you should be that you managed to get me out of your country!

<https://ellenfriedrich.wordpress.com/blog/>

I'll also be sharing my blog on Facebook so you can look it up that way as well. Feel free to distribute or share what I post however you please. Thanks for all the support and prayers!

Best,
Ellen Friedrich



(The us/we in the following article is Aaron Ford and his wife, Mareike and they live in Germany. Aaron is the son of Richard Ford who is married to Dianne Witte, Mark Witte's sister.)

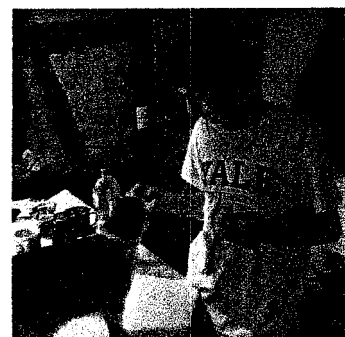
Mustafa's Journey



Mustafa Amaya is a 16 year old Syrian refugee. He came to Germany in December 2015 and is living with us, since early February 2016. He was born and grew up in Aleppo, Syria. He is the youngest of five siblings, having two older sisters and two older brothers. His family was struggling financially after the father got sick and was unable to continue work. So Mustafa had to leave school and work to help support the family at age 8.

They experienced all the hardship of war right in their neighborhood with no electricity, extreme shortages of food and water and shootings in the streets. Mustafa and his brothers had to hide in the house when not working as to avoid abduction by the army to serve as soldiers. After the neighbor's house was hit by a bomb and Mustafa's brother being injured by shrapnel the family decided to flee. At first they made their way across the Turkish border staying in Gaziantep with the plans to go back to their house to get some more belongings. However their house was bombed and raided before they had the opportunity to return. Mustafa and one of his brothers found work in a bakery and were able to support the family but the life in Turkey was hard and the family hoped to continue their way to Europe. Because of their financial situation and the health condition of Mustafa's father they decided to send Mustafa, as they could only afford to send one person and Mustafa being the youngest had the best chances to be able to bring the rest of the family once his asylum claim was recognized in Europe. The family borrowed money (about 1000 Euros) to pay the smugglers and Mustafa went on a little boat from near Izmir, Turkey to Mitilini on the Greek Island Lesbos. There he was held in detention and questioned to determine his true nationality, as he does not have a passport and many asylum seekers claim to be Syrian because this gives them better chances to be accepted. After about two weeks he could continue the journey, now traveling with a group of five unaccompanied minors from Syria and other countries. They had a quick journey travelling by bus and train and only sometimes walking. He arrived in Rosenheim near Munich, Germany in December and came to Pforzheim in January where we first met him.

At the first meeting it was a bit overwhelming for Mustafa sitting at a table full of strangers discussing his future options and questioning him in a language, he did not understand (With the help of a translator). He wanted to come and see where we lived so we arranged a visit for him (and the translator) to see our house and his room. After this meeting he stayed over the weekend for a trial period (first time without the translator). Everything went well and we all felt very positive about it. Mustafa decided to come and live with us permanently.



We found a school that took him on in the nearby town of Bretten within the first week. There are about 15 young refugees in his class learning the Latin alphabet (reading and writing is a struggle not only for him) and of course German. In addition he has other subjects like cooking, metalwork, painting workshop, music and social studies. His timetable is changing about every four weeks, as it is adjusted to the progress the class makes. Mustafa enjoys the school and has quickly found friends both from Syria and other countries. One day a week Mustafa is going to a nice Lady here in Knittlingen for tutoring and also spends some time with her youngest son, who is about Mustafa's age. This is a good next step, as he does not have much contact to German teenagers. We encourage

him to join some sports club or the volunteer fire brigade but so far he refused with the excuse that his German is not good enough. He enjoyed playing volley ball with our friends and also likes soccer, so maybe after Ramadan is over we might get him to do some trial training sessions to see if he might like one of the options available here.

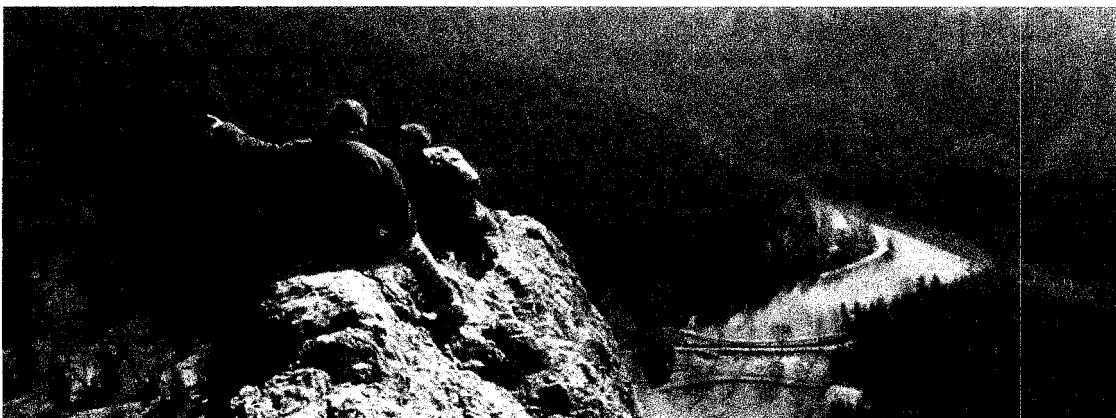


One of Mustafa's wishes was having a bicycle so we got him a nice mountain bike which he enjoys riding, to school and back as well as in his free time. We often go on little rides in the evenings, to the garden or getting some ice cream in Bretten. During the weekends we often go on little trips to show Mustafa and his friend Achmad (whom he met in Mitilini and is living in Pforzheim with a group of other young refugees) a bit of our area in Germany. We have taken trips to Karlsruhe

to see the castle and a museum of modern media, to Stuttgart to see the Mercedes Benz Museum as well as the natural history museum and a nice automobile museum that features everything from historic to futuristic in both civic and military sectors. We went hiking in the black forest a few times and recently went on a four day trip to Thüringen to visit friends. On one occasion we went to a training facility where people without a license can practice driving. Mustafa knows how to drive from Syria and is afraid he might unlearn it in the time he has to wait before he can get his license, which is of course a big dream of his.

Mustafa's great wish to see Paris however has to wait until his refugee status is approved, as he is not allowed to leave Germany until then. So in the meantime we are planning a trip here in Germany for the summer holidays which are coming up in August, mountains or beach, we have all the options.

As soon as Mustafa was included into our family health insurance a series of doctors' visits were due. He has a severe deformity of the nasal septum that has probably caused a deformity in his upper jaw, causing his teeth to grow in wrong positions. He will have surgery on his nose at the end of June and then getting braces to correct the teeth. This will be a longer process and we do not know exactly what is awaiting us but Mustafa is excited about it, as this has bothered him his whole life.



We are grateful to have the opportunity to be a part of this important chapter in the life of a wonderful young man and hope for many more positive experiences to come.

MINISTERS FOR october 2016

FAITH

Ushers:

David Bousselot
Terri Bousselot
Hannah Perrone
Garrette Perrone

Acolytes:

Brayden Williams

Altar Ministry:

Terri and David Bousselot

Communion Assistant:

Terri Bousselot

Greeter:

October 2: Terri Bousselot
October 9: Sharyl Banowetz
October 16: Mark Witte
October 23: Ruth Braet
October 30: Brian Tulley

Lectors:

October 2: Terri Bousselot
October 9: Sharyl Banowetz
October 16: Kevin Henning
October 23: Ruth Braet
October 30: Gary Braet/Jeannene Bousselot

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Ushers:

Brian Bousselot
Joe Morehead

Acolyte:

Riley Bruns

Communion Assistant:

Deb Detlefs

Lector:

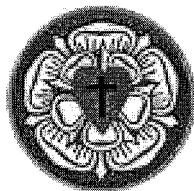
October 2: Brian Bousselot
October 9: Marcia Edens
October 16: Cindy Burke
October 23: Dan Burke
October 30: Joe Morehead

Cleaners:

Dan and Cindy Burke

If You Cannot Do Your Assigned Task On That Particular Day, It Is Your Responsibility To Trade With Someone Or To Find Your Own Substitute And Notify The Church Office Of The Change.

Reformation Sunday
October 30



8:00 Worship at Our Savior's Church
9:25 Sunday School/God Squad; Adult Class – F
10:30 Worship – Faith Church

OCTOBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F	3	4 9:00 "Coffee & a Little Bit of Jesus" Bible Study at Heather Grau 1658 - 257th Street	5 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	6	7	8
9 NOISY OFFERING 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F Grades 6-12 Acolyte Training - F 10:30 Worship - F	10	11 7:00 Committee Night - OS	12 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	13 6:00 Worship Committee - OS 7:00 Joint Council - OS	14	15 SEJA Synodical Women's Retreat - Grace Camp, DeWitt
16 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F	17	18 6:30 First Communion Class - F	19 2:00 Lydia Circle H-Kay Olson L-Pastor Bill 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	20	21	22
23 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F 30 REFORMATION 8:00 Worship - OS 9:25 SS/GS/AC - F 10:30 Worship - F 11:30 Pancakes - F	24 31 Halloween 6:00 - 8:00 Trick or Trunk /Soup & Sandwich Supper - F	25 6:30 First Communion Class - F	26 6:00 Confirmation Class - F	27	28 10:00 Naomi Circle H-Meryne Henning Grand Haven 201 E. Franklin #202 Eldridge L-Lois Wessels	29



Autumn's Last Hurrah!

by Lois Wessels

All around the changing leaves
Let lose their grip on the maple trees
Spiraling slowly, drifting down
Riding the gentle autumn breeze.

I watch a leaf begin its fall
Clothed in beauty as it dies
Caught suddenly by the playful breeze
It scrambles back into the skies.

It's glory just not ready yet
To lie in stillness on the ground,
It twirls and dances on invisible strings
Color in motion without a sound.

I watch as the ever-freshening breeze
Lifts it even higher into the air
Then sends it suddenly crashing down
To join the others huddled there.

So the colorful piles continue to grow
On the grass beneath the trees
Leaves of orange and red and gold
Waiting for the winter's freeze.



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8:00 A.M. Sunday Worship
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9:25 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Class
Faith Lutheran Church



10:30 A.M. Sunday Worship
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