Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel to all people so they may know and trust in Jesus as their Savior for eternal life, grow in knowledge and faith, and show this faith in their daily lives.



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A newsletter for the family and friends of Faith Lutheran Church & School

## Summer Office Hours

#### **Church & School Offices**

Monday—Friday 9 am— 1 pm

Appointments outside of posted hours are available. Please contact the appropriate office to schedule an appointment.

**Church Office** (352)589-5433

**School Office** (352)589-5683



#### Weekly Worship Services

- Saturday Worship Service 5 pm
- Sunday Worship Service - 10 am

#### **Bible Classes**

Sunday: 8:45 amMonday: 10 amMonday: 7 pm Zoom

#### **Sunday School**

8:45 am (3 years through adult)

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## Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Everything Old is New Again! That's the theme for the summer! You are gonna see new rooms, new parking, new staff, and new opportunities for growth! So, while it's the same old ministry that has been chugging along for over 65 years, it also as these new wrinkles to it that will feel awesome as we get used to them and see the benefits of them!

We are adding two new teachers this year, Bob in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Sherree in Kindergarten, and whoever is our new PREK 3 teacher (as of the writing of this letter we still did not know), and Deb in a new position as church office administrative secretary, not a new face but a new position. So that will be awesome to see those new faces joyfully serving our wonderful children at school and patrons in church.

Next, we have fixed up the bathrooms in the school basement, reconfigured the front door to the school and the parking lot behind the Christian Life Center, and totally remodeled the social hall with knew flooring and configured it for multiuse with a youth emphasis. It will be much more accommodating for casual meetings and still serve our traditional use faithfully. These changes have been in the works for some time and now finally will be ready to go, having been completed over the summer.

Finally, we are working on a new bible fellowship group for our 18-30 age group that traditionally get less attention than they should. With some opportunity for fellowship, devotion, and activities geared toward

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## Prayer Page

## Those ill, hospitalized, suffering or recovering

William Phillips, Sharon Eslick, Ken Gough, Karen Barnes, Jack Maines, Dawn Beiner, Don Ellingson (brother of Dick Ellingson), Kenneth Gough (brother of Carolyn Gough, and Jack Maines.

# Those with extended illnesses, injuries or issues

Geoff, Neal Van Valkenburg's brother in law; Marian Barvinski, Janet Marcil's mother; Carolyn Rust, friend of Shanon Burke; Ken Wilkins; Rick Maines, Jack's brother; Jacky Rougeux; Bob Voss, Carol Shaw's cousin; Calvin Cheever (staff member grandchild); Dagny Robbins, Betty Robbins' mother; Craig Bierlein, Kim Bierlein's brother; Diane Hutchinson, Margaret Frame's daughter; Steel Dowling, friend of Carol English; Steve Heifner, Donna Pitoniak's son; Jaque Graves, friend of the Lannings; Georgiana Clapp, Dawn Beiner's aunt; Tina Fauble, friend of Jeff & Kim Lanning; Pam Breaky, Kim Lanning's sister; Carla Rule, friend of Jeff & Kim Lanning; Roger Thomson, grandson of Ellen Garvin; Pat Giles, Cindy Thomas' mother; Kay Shields, friend of Sally Townsend.

## Those battling cancer

Bill Phillips, Bill Anger, Sharon Anger's brother in law; Nate, friend of Cathy Shanahan; Rhoda, Courtney Campbell's friend; Amy Conrad, Karen Conrad's daughter in law; Tina Vershel, Carol Zillante's mother in law; Mary Ann Bougon, friend of the Van Valkenburgs; Jim Hartzel, friend of Van Valkenburgs; Jay Gillespie, son-in-law of the Teschendorfs; Betsy Farner, friend of Samantha Rimes; Nancy Chamberlain, Carol Shaw's niece; Paul French, friend of Carol Boswell; Kathy McCadden, Bob Knapp's sister; Ed Cavaliere, John Gordon, friend of the Maines'; Tyrone Purvis, nephew of the Bruggers; Jerry Barnes; Carissa Marky, Carol English's cousin; Joseph Shuster, Beth Lowell's dad; Donna Heilman, Deb Heilman's sister in law: Allen Knecht, Brenda Abrehamsen's brother; David Lowell, Ian Lowell's father; Alexander Farid, Corey & Dawn Beiner's son in law; Dana Brandon, Harolyn Maynard's cousin; Samuel Reith, Deb Heilman's cousin; Kathy Polzean, Robinson's granddaughter; Paul Voigtman, Jan Voigtman's father; Steve Gale, Mary Ann Strang's son-in-law; Dianne Gonya, Karla Auerback, friends of Dotty Weis; Tim Thompson, friend of Pam Smith; Will Camp, Jerry Barnes' brother in law; Monti Ladd, friend of the Hicks'; Dotty Weis's cousin; Patrick Taylor, Cindy Thomas' cousin; Rose Bierlein, Kim Bierlein's step-mother; Kandee Moser, Jeanine Ryan's niece.



#### **Others**

A prayer of protection for those serving our country: Dillon Tate (Bill Stone grandson), Cody Bandur (Dawn Beiner's cousin), Kyle Stark (Paul Stark's son – Our Savior, Orlando), Matthew Leech (Bill & Deb Leech's son), Terrance Demps II (Fritz's neighbor), Gage Lee (FLS Alum), Wesley Van Gotum (Lisa Miller Truitt's cousin), Anna Cruz (Pastor Gary Held's daughter), Douglas Jensen (FLS Alum), Jack Rotar (Jeremy Fritz's nephew), Jesse Thurman (Brian & Pat Brugger's grandson) and Gregory Gillinger.

Prayers for the Wasmund family, missionaries in Korea.

Please let the church office know of any changes in these lists.

#### **Anniversaries & Birthdays**

6/26 Florence Robinson, Joanne Williams

6/27 Joy Rusk

6/28 Jay Burke, Gage Lee

6/29 Dick Rosche, Cynthia Thomas

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## Financial Information

#### **Stewardship News**

Romans 8:18 – "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly applies to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed" we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

#### **Treasurer's Corner**

		YTD
Income	\$135,699.83	\$1,225,582.12
Expenses	\$261,820.17	\$1,184,434.75

Beginning Balance	\$625,712.87
Ending Balance	\$499,592.53

#### Summary

- 1. At the end of May there were no outstanding invoices.
- 2. We are 41.62% of the way through the budget year.
- 3. We have received 42.24% of our anticipated income for the year (the previous five year average received by this date is 41.75%).
- 4. We have expended 40.82% of our anticipated expenses for the year.
- 5. We have received \$41,147.37 more than our expenses this year.
- 6. MTH Budget Income:

2023 2022 \$30,972 \$37,540

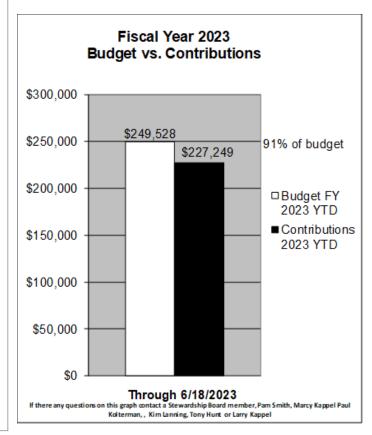
#### Gifts & Memorials

We appreciate these gifts and memorials. If we have neglected to acknowledge a gift or memorial that you have given, please contact the church office.

Your gifts and offerings are crucial for our congregation to fulfill God's calling in our community. We thank all those who have continued to give. We



have many ways for you to provide offering to your church during this time away from the campus. You can mail them to the church or make bill pay arrangements through your bank, but did you know that you can now make your tithes and offerings safely and securely online? Just go to <a href="mailto:bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving">bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving</a> to provide your offerings or gifts today!



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## Milestones In July

#### **Anniversaries**

- 7/04 Tim & Beth Leech7/05 Ozzie & Ana Mallo
- 7/06 Rev. Marc & Marcy Kappel
- 7/07 Cindy & Richard Hahn
- 7/16 Jeff & Megan Knittel
- 7/17 Shane & Keri Blanton (30 years), Tom & Debbie Ziebart (41 years)
- 7/18 Jacob & Lindsay Crouch
- 7/19 Susan & James Ashcraft
- 7/21 Bill & Deb Leech, Ryan & Joy Rusk
- 7/23 Brian & Lynn Alexander (45 years), Jeremy & Anne Fritz
- 7/27 Earl & Lynn Rogers, Michael Siefert & Myra Meints

#### **Birthdays**

- 7/01 Collin Burke, Brandon Blanton
- 7/02 Micah Kappel
- 7/03 Jacob Dietrich, Jarred Klemann
- 7/05 Tina Clancy, Amanda Richard
- 7/06 Norman Wagner
- 7/07 Hayden Guyer
- 7/08 Raeghen Fickett, Noah Wheat
- 7/09 Bonnie Whicher
- 7/10 Samuel Eslick
- 7/12 McKenzie Richard
- 7/14 Braeden Barnes, Alison Funderburk, Ned Giffey, Phil Richards
- 7/15 Nicole Fretwell, Fred Shaw
- 7/16 Adrienne Davis, Jennifer Gebhardt, Delaney Thompson
- 7/17 Elodie Kolterman, Michael Neas
- 7/18 Jasmine Barker, Camden Fritz, Rodney Van Doren
- 7/19 Braxton Marrazzo
- 7/21 Jude Knittel
- 7/23 Helen Justice, Logan Mallo, Pauline Wasmund, William Tormey
- 7/25 Judy Rosche, James Shaw, Dick Weis
- 7/26 Ken Peeler, Joe Spallone
- 7/27 Ethan Johnson



7/29 Judy Grasse, Hazel Prince

7/30 Jacob Albright

We wish God's blessings on all of our members who are celebrating anniversaries and birthdays in the month of June. July 2023 Page 5

## **Food Safety: Avoiding Food Poisoning**

About 1 in 6 Americans will develop a case of food poisoning this year. Food poisoning is caused by a variety of bacteria, viruses, and parasites. People at special risk include children under 5 years and people over 65 years, pregnant women, and people with immune disorders or those receiving immunosuppressant treatments (like some cancer chemotherapies). There are several approaches to fending off food poisonings.

#### Wash hands, utensils, and surfaces often

Germs that can make you sick can survive in many places around your kitchen, including in/on your food, hands, utensils, cutting boards, and countertops. Make sure your hands, cooking utensils, and countertops are clean. Wash your hands for 20 seconds with plain soap and water before, during, and after preparing food; rinse then dry hands with a clean towel. Encourage children and adults to wash their hands before eating as well. Wash your pans, utensils, plates, bowls, cutting boards and countertops with hot, soapy water. Dry with clean towels. Using dishwasher cycles with hot water and drying temperatures is a great way to disinfect cooking implements.

Rinse fruits and vegetables under running water (no soap, bleach or produce-washing products are necessary). Use a clean vegetable brush on firm fruits and vegetables, like melon or squash. Dry produce on paper towels or clean cloths. *DO NOT wash eggs, fish, poultry, or meat* – washing these foods can spread harmful germs on your countertops.

#### Keep produce, raw flour, uncooked eggs, seafood, poultry and meat separate

Keep raw ingredients separate from each other, in your shopping cart and refrigerator – use plastic bags to separate these items. Keep eggs in their original carton in the main part of your refrigerator (not the door). Use separate cutting boards and plates for produce, meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs. Surprisingly, flour that has not been cooked can also be contaminated with harmful bacteria, such as E. Coli and Salmonella: another great reason NOT to eat raw cookie or cake dough!

Also use separate plates and utensils for cooked and raw foods. Don't reuse an unwashed plate for cooked meat that was also used to hold raw meat. Use hot, soapy water to thoroughly wash plates, utensils, and cutting boards that touched raw meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, or flour.

#### Cook foods to the correct temperature

Use a food thermometer to be sure your food is cooked to a safe temperature. Insert the thermometer in the thickest part of the food (not touching bone, fat, or gristle). Ensure the item cooked reaches the minimum temperature as suggested (see <a href="www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/safe-minimum-internal-temperatures">www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/safe-minimum-internal-temperatures</a>). Keep hot foods at 140°F or more using slow cookers or warming trays.

#### Chill and freeze

Bacteria that cause food poisoning multiply more rapidly between 40°F and 140°F. Make sure your refrigerator temperature is set at 40°F (or below) and your freezer to 0°F (or below). Perishable foods must be refrigerated at 2 hours. If the environmental temperature is above 90°F (like in a hot car or at a picnic), refrigerate it at 1 hour. Always thaw or marinate foods in the refrigerator. Freeze perishable foods if they will not be used within their "use by" dates; remember freezing does not kill germs but it should keep the food safe until it's cooked. Clear out your refrigerator *at least* once a week to dispose of foods and leftovers that may no longer be safe. See <a href="www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/cold-food-storage-charts">www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/cold-food-storage-charts</a> for advice on how long to keep different foods. *If in doubt, throw it out!* 

Jan Voigtman PhD, RN

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## Pastor's Letter (cont'd)

this age group's interest we hope to be a welcoming environment for an age group that is significantly challenged in this age of virtual reality.

So, enjoy your summer away if you are far, and we'll see the rest of y'all this summer that are here, and remember Everything Old is New Again!

Pastor Kappel

## Stephen Ministry



Do You Know Someone Who Is Hurting?

If you know someone—perhaps a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative—who is going through a difficult time, there's a wonderful way you can help them receive the care and support they need. Tell them about Stephen Ministry! Our Stephen Ministers have received 50 hours of training to provide highquality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males,

and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: *Neal & Barbara Van Valkenburg*. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

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## Outreach Outlook for July

Growing Deep and Growing Wide...

As a family of believers at Faith, we intentionally grow deeper in God's Word in order to be a blessing to others in their times of trials, tests, and joy. We then grow wide by bringing others outside the Faith family to the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Growing Deep BYOBBB (Bring Your Own Brown Bag and Bible)

Second and Fourth Saturday of the month from 10 am to 1 pm **Future Topics** 

Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> -- "Discernment" w/ Pastor Moore

Saturday, July 22 – LCMS Convention Bible Study, "We Preach Christ Crucified" Part 1

Saturday, August 12 – LCMS Convention Bible Study, "We Preach Christ Crucified" Part 2 Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Participant's Topic Choice – Practical use of the Lutheran Study Bible to explore issues that matter to you!

Growing Wide Young People's Group -- "For Life in Christ". New weekly Bible study beginning Thursday, July 6th @ 6pm.

Initial study is the Gospel of Mark.

This is ideal for your unchurched young friend that has questions about the Bible, church culture, and Jesus. Please plan to attend and bring that unchurched friend that may be looking for answers to questions no one has been willing to answer before.

Study is lead by Pastor Moore, a former Coast Guard Officer, Computer Programmer and 24 year veteran in the Holy Ministry as a pastor and several years in lay leadership before that will bring his wealth of knowledge to this engaging opportunity for our young members and future members.

Family Friendly Fifth Sunday Festivals –Invite your friends, family, neighbors, to share in the joy we have when we worship together!

July 30<sup>th</sup> Family Friendly Worship lakeside in the Pavilion with

Touch a Truck. Vehicles from Eustis Police & Fire Departments, and Municipal Services; Lake County Sheriff's Office, and other interesting pieces of equipment that serve our communities.

Picnic games.

Recognition of participants in our Summer Camps, and VBS programs.

Special food surprises.

December 31st Family Friendly New Year's Worship at Ferran Park followed by a

"New Year's Party" with special live entertainment

"Happy New Year" celebration at noon.

No fireworks (it is a daytime celebration) but plenty of other family friendly fun and activities.

Widow/Widower's Group meets the third Sunday of every month after worship.

Watch for a list of upcoming activities and service opportunities both within the Faith Family and reaching out into the community.

Blessed to serve the Faith Lutheran Family as Christian Outreach Associate

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## Stewardship News—July

#### Go ... Sell All You Have?

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, "You know the commandments." And he replied, "All these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, "No!" But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, every-thing we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn't excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism

into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to sup-port and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What's more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

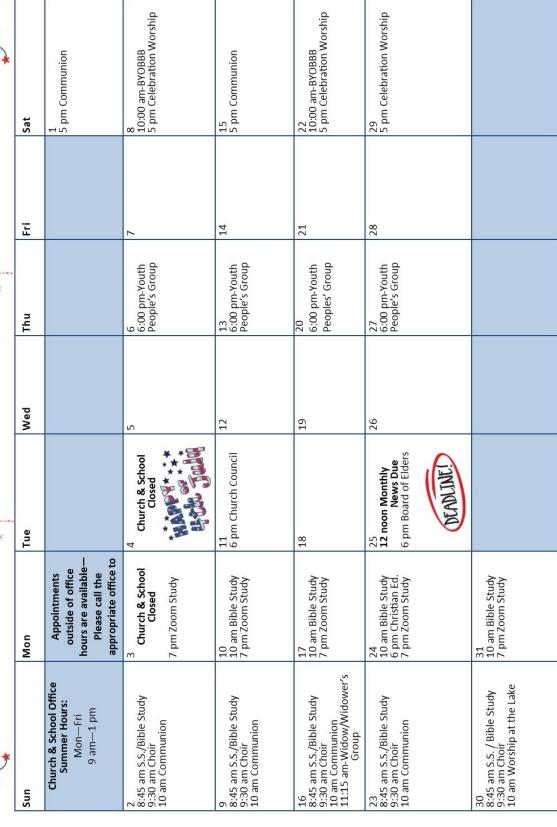
Don't let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

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## Weekly Volunteer Schedule for July 2023

Date	Time	Acolyte	Lector	Communion Assistants	
07/01	5 PM	Christian Menard	Adrienne Davis	Neal Van Valkenburg	
07/02	10 AM	TBA	Rev. Marc Spaeth	John Singelsether	
07/08	5 PM	Gregory Jones	Dotty Weis	-	
07/09	10 AM	Dominic Herrick	Michael Siefert	Michael Repass	
07/15	5 PM	TBA	Theresa Barnes	Neal Van Valkenburg	
07/16	10 AM	Lillian Jones	Kim Neas	Tim Leech	
07/22	5 PM	Henry Prince	Mike Yurk	-	
07/23	10 AM	Dominic Herrick	Doug Allen	Neal VanValkenburg	
07/29	5 PM	Ethan Lowell	Deb Heilman	_	
07/30	10 AM	Lorelei Leech	TBA	-	
<u>Ushers</u>	Team #2 (Conrad Schmidt — Captain)				

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### **Bulletin Board**



# This Week at Faith 06/26 — 07/02/2023

Mon. 10:00 am Bible study

7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study

Tues. 6:00 pm Elders

Sat. 5:00 pm Worship w/communion

Sun. 8:45 am Bible Study

9:30 am Parish Adult Choir Practice

10:00 am Worship w/communion

Attend a Bible Class – Small Group Bible Study is where you can meet friends that become family as you learn and grow together in your faith in Christ. We have groups for every age in your family.

**Bible Study / Sunday School 8:45 – 9:30 AM**Pre-K – Kindergarten – CLC Youth Room

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades – CLC 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades – CLC 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom

5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade – CLC 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom

Adult – *Life by His Word: Angels & Demons*– Social Hall

Monday Morning Bible Study – 10:00 AM Adult – Ezekiel – Social Hall

**Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study – 7:00 PM** Adult – *Longer Look at the Lessons* 

#### **DAILY READINGS**

June 25: Prov. 31:10–31; John 21:1–25; 26: Joshua 1:1–18; Acts 8:1–25; 27: Joshua 2:1–24; Acts 8:26–40; 28: Joshua 3:1–17; Acts 9:1–22; 29: Joshua 4:1–24; Acts 9:23–43; 30: Joshua 5:1–6:5; Acts 10:1–17; July 1: Joshua 6:6–27; Acts 10:18–33.

## **Helpful Links**



Stay connected and nurtured in your faith! Keep in touch with these resources:

Church Facebook www.facebook.com/FaithEustis

YouTube Channel <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAMFrWEHjWWGjzKqZq">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAMFrWEHjWWGjzKqZq</a> Z1Jw

Pastor Kappel's Sermons <a href="https://anchor.fm/marc86">https://anchor.fm/marc86</a>

On-line Giving bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving



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