

Jesus is...Our Righteousness

Jeremiah 23:6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

There is nothing that feels better than a crisp, clean set of clothes. I've been trying to take up running this summer. After I come in from a three mile run, my shirt is gross! It's smelly and drenched with sweat. It feels so good, after I've showered, to put on a shirt that is dry and clean.

We have all made our *spiritual* clothes sweaty, dirty and gross. Our unkind words and self-centered thoughts are like mud caked on our spiritual shirts. God is not going to let us into his house (heaven) wearing those kind of clothes!

But there is nothing that feels better than a crisp, clean set of clothes! Jesus lived a completely righteous life. His spiritual clothes were never stained with a single sin. And then he said to you, "Change shirts with me." He put on your shirt that was stained with sin, and in exchange he gave you his crisp, clean shirt. That's what the Bible means when it says, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corin-thians 5:21).

Jesus was wearing our sinful clothes when he suffered and died on the cross. In exchange, he gave us his sinless clothes. Now,

when God looks at us, he does not see dirty, sinful clothes. Instead, he sees the crisp, clean clothes of Jesus.

The Bible puts it this way: "He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness" (Isaiah 61:10).

We haven't lived a perfect life, but Jesus has. And he lets that perfect life count for us. He is "The LORD *Our* Righteousness," (Jeremiah 23:6). Because Jesus' perfect life (his righteousness) counts for us, that means that we can get into heaven!

So the next time you finish some strenuous activity, remember with joy that Jesus put on your grimy, sinful clothes. And when you open your dresser and find a neatly folded shirt, remember that Jesus has put a fresh, clean shirt on you. You are clothed in his perfect righteousness, and there is nothing that feels better than a crisp, clean set of clothes!



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| Richard Poore | 7/1 |
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| Tyler Reinheimer | 7/5 |
| Doris Henley | 7/5 |
| Bill Kimes | 7/8 |
| Kaylee Hicks | 7/10 |
| Ed Tomita | 7/19 |
| Anita Enevold | 7/23 |
| Betty Kimes | 7/26 |
| Lynn Hermanson | 7/26 |
| Matthew Orta | 7/26 |
| Kathy Grabowski | 7/26 |
| Morgan Eichbrecht | 7/30 |

Worship

Summer Schedule

19 Minute Bible Study for all ages continues studying the Epistle of James Worship service remains at 10 am on Sundays.

We extended our Divine Call to Pastor Kent Holz from Beautiful Savior in Clarksville, TN. Pastor Holz has asked we keep him and his family in our prayers as he deliberate this call.

July Anniversaries

| Earl and Anita Enevold | 7/2 |
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| Jake and Angy Stover | 7/3 |
| Cynthia and Joey Vincent | 7/4 |
| Brigitte and John Wells | 7/6 |
| Debbie and Jerry Fangel | 7/9 |
| April and Jim Wiedeman | 7/17 |
| Dann and Kay Reynolds | 7/26 |

Note: Please let Tina know if an error has occurred in the newsletter.

"We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard!" (Acts 4:20)



Here is our Twitter address: *FaithLutheranKy*

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Here is our name for the Facebook home page: Faith Lutheran Church, Radcliff, Kentucky While we continue to seek a full time Pastor, the Reverend Roger Zehms will provide spiritual guidance and is available to assist you. Please give him a call at 270.352.4545 or 414.378.1925

EDUCATION

Foundations of our Faith

Video's for classes are now on the web site, www.faithinradcliff.org in the top menu:

"Foundations of our Faith"

Study guides can be downloaded and printed, or you view them in another window.

Member Highlight Brian, Renae, Cody, and Ashley Todd



Q: How and where did you meet? Brian and I actually met on the internet in a chat room on February 11th, 1997. Brian then came to meet me in person on February 13th at Martin Luther College (he was in Minne-apolis).

Q: When and where were you married? We were married on August 14th, 1999 in Gillette, Wyoming.

Q: Tell us about your children: We have two children. Cody is 12, is in the 7th grade, and plays football. Ashley is 9 (going on 16), is in the 4th grade, and loves doing gymnastics.

Q: What is your home state? Brian is from Minnesota (go Vikings!!!) and I am from Wyoming (go Broncos!!!)

Q: What are your occupations? Brian and I both work for WL Plastics in Elizabethtown, which makes highdensity polyethylene pipe. Brian is the Production Manager and I am the Office Administrator (payroll, HR, accounts payable, accounts receivable...). One day I hope to get back to teaching.

Q: What are your individual hobbies? Brian loves to play golf, so he plays whenever he has a chance. I love to read....when there is time. Cody and Ashley love to play games...on their tablets, on the Wii, outside with friends.

Q: What does your family enjoy doing together? We love going on trips together to visit relatives. Our family vacations/reunions are a lot of fun!

Q: Do you have a favorite sports team? There are a few "favorite" sports teams in our house. Brian and I have always liked the Vikings and the Broncos. And Brian cheers for any Minnesota team. Now that Cody is getting older he is deciding his own favorites - which one is definitely the UK Wildcats!

Q: What do you like best about Faith Lutheran Church? There are a lot of things we like about Faith. The key is that this church is based in scripture, it doesn't deviate away from the Word of God. This is also a family - we are a part of this wonderful group of people who looks to the Lord for guidance. And the people at the church are just amazing! We have always felt very welcome.



FOUR QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE JOINING A CHURCH

We want people to join our church! That's a given. But why should people join a church? Why should they join OUR church? Christian author Brian Croft suggests four questions to keep in mind. What do you think of his suggestions? What did you think about before you joined THIS church? Can we do more so people will WANT to join our church?

Here are the questions Brian Croft raises:

First, is this a church where my family will be regularly fed by the Word? This is not only a matter of faithfulness to the Word, but it's also a matter of exposition – is the church teaching through the books of the Bible regularly?

Second, is this a church where I am convinced the care of my soul will be a priority? Along with biblical teaching, does the leadership of the church care for the souls of individual members?

Third, is this a church where my family will experience meaningful Christian fellowship and accountability? Figuring this out will take spending time and investing in building relationships, so expectations here should be realistic.

Finally, is this a church where I can serve God's people and use my gifts for its benefit? There are some needs in the church that you can fulfill by showing up and being committed. There are others that will require your specific gifting. (Don't assume you're aware of all the needs just by observation – ask where your gifts can be put to good use.)

Pastor Zehms

Church Council

Here is some info from this past weeks District Convention.:

First of all, President Rutschow is still our District President, with Joel Lyrer, Jon Kolander, and Billy Carter serving as our two vice presidents and secretary.

Second, Pastor Jansen was elected to continue to serve as Circuit Pastor for the Eastern Circuit of the Chicago Conference.

ALHS online - There is an online set of courses to supplement Area Lutheran High School education. Classes are about \$250 each. It may be a nice resource for parents who home school. The website is ALHSO.org

We have had (nearly) a full Church Council for the first time in this congregations history. However, we have Committee Chairmen with no committee's! As the next step in growing the congregation and its lay leadership we would like to establish a true Fellowship and Property Committee with at least two other individuals besides the Chairman. This gives the Chairman help in managing his respective responsibilities, it also gets other people involved in the decisions being made and hopefully develops future leadership as well. Women can be committee members and are encouraged to volunteer! Once the Committee's are established there will be committee meetings possibly monthly or quarterly depending on need. Once we have a full time Pastor again, we are looking to build our Stewardship and Outreach Committee's as well. Those committee's will need a lot of Pastoral guidance. If you are interested please see Jake Stover, Cam Ford (Fellowship) or Michael Rowlette (Property) for more information.



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| Sundays: 10 11:30am 191 Study for all Communion S | Minute Bible ages | 1 | 2 10 am Women's Bible Study | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 10 am Women's Bible Study | 10 | 11 | 12 |
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STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

Thank you for your service to our Lord! A friendly reminder: if you are unable to perform your duties as usher, please find someone to take your place.



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Pray for the members of our church family on the day their name is listed.

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| 6 <u>Ushers</u> : Brien Grace, Ed To- mita, Christian Stover, Dwayne Campbell <u>Counters:</u> Michael Rowlette, Betty Kimes <u>Attendance:</u> Valerie Erne <u>Organist:</u> Louise Skinner | 7 Roger Lynn Herman- son | 8 Jeremy Nicole Kaylee Piper Hicks | 9 Pat Lynne Hogan | 10 Kathi Hunter | 11 Jason Mary Natalie Allison Carley Johnson | 12 Paul Megan Henry Timothy Kassebaum |
| 13 <u>Ushers</u> : Richard Fullen, Bill Kimes, Ben Emerson, Shawn Campbell <u>Counters: _</u> Brien Grace, Earl Enevold <u>Attendance:</u> Earl Enevold <u>Organist: </u> Louise Skinner | 14 Bill Sherry Alexandra Kiefer Hunter Erin Jensen | 15 William Betty Kimes | 16 Wilma Lee | 17 Malcolm Erika Malcolm A Scarlet Matzdorff William Castellano | 18 Cecil Maus | 19 Gerlinde Frank McCarty |
| 20 <u>Ushers:</u> Richard Elliott, Ben Milward, Dann Reynolds, Paul Kassebaum <u>Counters:</u> Ben Emerson, Deb- bie Fangel <u>Attendance:</u> Valerie Erne <u>Organist:</u> Lynne Hogan | 21 Samantha Tyler McGuire | 22 Scott Tina Ben Milward | 23 Dean Katy Kristen Dayton Moreland | 24 Rosetta Mullins | 25 Chris Miriam Isaac Isabella Brian Nichols Martel Milana Smith | 26 Virgil Sandra Teri Oakes |
| 27 <u>Ushers:</u> Jamie Rogers, Rob Strickland, Cameron Ford, Ste- ve Reinheimer <u>Counters:</u> Michael Rowlette, Betty Kimes <u>Attendance:</u> Earl Enevold <u>Organist:</u> Lynne Hogan | 28 Carlos Dawn Joshua Hannah Matthew Orta | 29 Josh Anna Ayden Parker | 30 Richard Poore Julie Dvorak | 31 Chris Renee Chris Jr Reinheimer | | |