

## LIFELONG LEARNERS

“If you don’t have wisdom that goes with knowledge, you are only a walking encyclopedia,” wrote Jack Wellman, a Kansas pastor. “A book of knowledge is useless without the wisdom to know how to apply that knowledge. ...

Information without transformation leads only to frustration.”

Consider the many benefits of wisdom — and how you can use what you’ve acquired to serve God, your church and your community. To better fulfill your calling, what wisdom might you yet need to acquire?

As another school year begins, here’s a prayer for students of all ages: All-wise, all-knowing God, make us willing learners and seekers of your wisdom, not for the gain of knowledge for its own sake, but that we might handle every situation we face with the wisdom of Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

## BIBLE QUIZ

For years, King David showed special kindness to the son of King Saul’s son Jonathan, because David and Jonathan had been dear friends. Which of the following statements is not accurate?

- A. The name of King Saul’s grandson was Mephibosheth.
- B. He was lame in both feet.
- C. His feet had been injured when he was 5.
- D. He was injured while playing with his brothers.

Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-7, 21:7.)

## FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK...

My wife Theresa and myself are enjoying *worshipping, sharing ministry, and being part of* the Faith Lutheran Church family.

As your *interim pastor*, I will be with you from now and until a full-time minister is called. During this time, I will be participating in *congregational ministry programs, hospital visits, and the needs of the members of Faith Lutheran Family*. Instead of regular established office hours, I will *be available* for *visits and emergencies* by calling my cell number. Please feel free to *contact me* when there is a pastoral need.

My cell number is **704-756-5391**.

As we participate in God’s ministry together, may God’s Presence and abiding love guide us forward.

Pastor Don Safrit

# CHURCH CALENDAR

- 8/1-8/2** FLC Reserved (Lisa Overcash)  
**8/5** 5:00pm-9:00pm Assembly Room Reserved (LeaAnn Buckwell)  
**8/10** 9:00am Rally Day (Promotion Sunday)  
 10:30am Called Congregational Meeting  
 Blessing of the Backpacks (during Children's Message)  
 12:00pm Back to School Bash in Family Life Center  
**8/12** 12:00pm-10:00pm FLC Reserved (Tony Herrin)  
**8/16** 7:00pm Men of Faith: Kannapolis Cannon Ballers Game  
**8/23** Stuff the Truck for NALC Disaster Relief at Salem Lutheran Church  
**8/31** 9:30am Church Chat (Operation Christmas Child Packing Party)

## SUNDAYS – 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31

- 9:00am – Refreshments & Fellowship  
 9:30am – Sunday School  
 10:30am – Worship

## WiFFLe

**Dates:** Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings in FLC  
**Times:** 10:00am-11:00am



- 1 – Hannah Harvell  
 Brian Robertson  
 4 – Sheila Deese  
 7 – Mia Spinella  
 8 – John Bruce  
 9 – Jeff Barger  
 Sallie Herrin  
 Julianna Sheets  
 12 – Bob Rogers  
 Connor Bost  
 14 – Sally Drew  
 15 – Carrie Bolen  
 LeaAnn Buckwell  
 16 – Judy Hampton  
 17 – Andrew Bradshaw  
 18 – Tony Herrin  
 20 – Dwight Bradshaw  
 26 – Gary Smith

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Mike & Leslie Wright  
 1 – Tyler & Lela Brooks  
 1 – Don & Theresa Safrit  
 3 – Jake & Barbara Moose  
 5 – Tim & Becky Williams

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY (and August)!

**Our Packing Party to jump start Operation Christmas Child will be held during Church Chat on Sunday, August 31st at 9:30am.** You can support our efforts by collecting items or by making monetary donations through your offering designated for Social Ministry – Operation Christmas Child.

You may leave items for our packing party in the room off the narthex.

Operation Christmas Child also has an Amazon Storefront -

<https://www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild>.

We may have another packing party before the National Collection Week November 17-24. Families and individuals may still choose to pack their own shoeboxes. Feel free to Contact Barbara Moose with any questions.



*\*Please email or call the church office if your birthday/anniversary has been missed.*

# PUZZLE

## WHO AM I?

Did you know that some Old Testament books are named after prophets?  
Use the clues to figure out each prophet's name and write it on the lines.  
Then unscramble, use the circled letters to complete the sentence at the bottom.

1. I was called to preach to Nineveh, but I ran from God instead. My book is number 32 in the Bible.

I am \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. My book is number 37.

I am \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. My book is number 28.

I am \_\_\_\_\_.

4. My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises of comfort.

It is book 23.

I am \_\_\_\_\_.

5. I had dreams and visions. My book is number 27.

I am \_\_\_\_\_.

6. I was often in danger because of my prophecies. I angered officials.

My book is number 24.

I am \_\_\_\_\_.

7. I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. My book is number 30.

I am \_\_\_\_\_.

8. My book contains descriptions of strange visions. My book is number 26.

I am \_\_\_\_\_.

Prophets are \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers: Jonah; Haggai; Hosea; Isaiah; Daniel; Jeremiah; Amos; Ezekiel; Messengers.



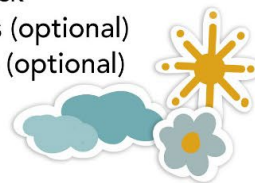
## SHINE FOR Jesus



This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

### What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)



### What you do:

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!

The Lord is my light  
and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

— Psalm 27:1, NIV



DATE	TOTAL OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
JUNE 29	\$3,755.00	54 Sunday School, 111 Worship
JULY 6	\$4,859.20	37 Sunday School, 83 Worship
JULY 13	\$6,967.00	48 Sunday School, 103 Worship
JULY 20	\$3,804.07	49 Sunday School, 94 Worship

## SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

	AUG 3	AUG 10	AUG 17	AUG 24	AUG 31
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sailor Shoaf	Mia Spinella, Sydney Alderman	Brooks Moody, Julianna Sheets	Caylee Sheets, Leila Roberts	Elsie Ball, Sailor Shoaf
<b>Audio/Broadcast Team</b>	David Alderman, Aaron Smith, Jeff Mills, Jeff Overcash, Caitlin Rimmer				
<b>Children's Church</b>	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Wendi Bradshaw	<i>Children take Communion</i>	Stephanie Petrea	Jennifer Alderman
<b>Children's Message</b>	Pastor Don	Lu Gamewell	Barbara Moose	<i>Faith Kids Sing</i>	Barbara Moose
<b>Church Sign</b>	Tim Williams				
<b>Communion Prep.</b>	Vicki Fink & Becky Williams				
<b>Fellowship Refreshments</b>	Trent & Crystal Bradshaw	Kenny & Meredyth Fisher	Chad & Jamie Sheets	John & Ann Bruce	<i>Church Chat</i>
<b>Lector</b>	CJ Moody	Meredyth Fisher	Jamie Sheets	Barbara Moose	Daisy Bost
<b>Nursery</b>	Meredyth Fisher, Lela Brooks	Amanda Meacham, Holly Moody	Carolyn Rogers, Crystal Bradshaw	Stephanie Barkley, Marisa Asbury	Jamie Sheets, Chris Earnhardt
<b>Offering Tellers</b>	Becky Cobb & Barbara Moose				
<b>Ushers</b>	Lane Bost, Trent Bradshaw, Ted Peeler, Joe Petrea				
<b>2025 Council Members</b>	Jeremy Alderman, Jeff Barger, Dwight Bradshaw, Randy Buckwell, Dallas Cobb, Chandra Fink, Donnie Gandy, Jake Moose, Laura Peeler				

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