



The **EPISTLES OF FAITH**

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Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM; Friday - Closed

**Church Council Chair:** Sue Moseman

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**Worship:** 10:30 a.m.

***You are invited - Bring a friend!***

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**A Story from Pastor Wes:**

An Acrobat, A Wheelbarrow, and a Challenge of Faith

Can you imagine a tightrope stretched over a quarter of a mile and spanning the breadth of Niagara Falls? The thundering sound of the pounding water drowning out all other sounds as you watch a man step onto the rope and walk across!

This stunning feat made Charles Blondin famous in the summer of 1859. He walked 160 feet above the falls several times back and forth between Canada and the United States as huge crowds on both sides looked on with shock and awe. Once he crossed in a sack, once on stilts, another time on a bicycle, and once he even carried a stove and cooked an omelet!

On July 15, Blondin walked backward across the tightrope to Canada and returned pushing a wheelbarrow.

The Blondin story is told that it was after pushing a wheelbarrow across while blindfolded that Blondin asked for some audience participation. The crowds had watched and "Ooooohed" and "Aaaaahed!" He had proven that he could do it; of that, there was no doubt. But now he was asking for a volunteer to get into the wheelbarrow and take a ride across the Falls with him!

It is said that he asked his audience, "Do you believe I can carry a person across in this wheelbarrow?" Of course the crowd shouted that yes, they believed!

It was then that Blondin posed the question - "Who will get in the wheelbarrow?'

Of course...none did.

(Later in August of 1859, his manager, Harry Colcord, did ride on Blondin's back across the Falls.)

The story of Charles Blondin paints a real-life picture of what faith actually is. The crowd had watched his daring feats. They said they believed, but their actions proved they truly didn't.

It's one thing for us to say we believe in God. It's true faith though when we believe God and put our faith and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Don't worry, Jesus has carried many across to Heaven's gates. He can be trusted!

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The Church Office will be closed

on Thursday, July 4th

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 July

 7. Lisa Sharon-Hix

 14. Barb Payant

 21. Sharon Schroepfer

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August Epistle

articles are due

Thursday,

July 18th.

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 Thank you to the movers, the

 cookers, the pie bakers, the servers and anyone else that helped in any way with the brat/hamburger & pie sale that was held at Lakeside Pharmacy in May.

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11. Bill Beutler

 11. Patti Hilger

 12. Tanner Fuchs

 13. Susan Black

 13. Lynn Fermanich



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27. Tom & Mary Fuchs

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(Members and Special Friends of the Church) Alma Albrecht; Tom McKinnon; Diane Montour; Ashley Wurtinger

(Family/friends of members) Pete Ballas; Chris Carlson; Donna Carlson; John & Jonelle Gregg; Ed Hilger; Bob Mackiewicz; Lolly Olsen; Jeff Reissmann; and Marguerite Wurtinger.

We pray for our military, especially Kassandra Derlein; Ben Glawoki; Padraic Kelly and William Ryan Kelly for their protection and safe return, as well as healing for those who have been injured and are recovering.

We pray for the people suffering from the tragedies of war and for the people recovering from any natural disasters.