



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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We are a caring community of FAITH connecting people to Jesus and to one another.

A message from our pastor, Rev. Dr. Daniel Wonderly:

Dear Members of Faith,

As Holy Week approaches this month, I invite you to simply meditate on one of the greatest Bible prophecies of all: **Isaiah 52:13-53:12**. It provides such amazing details of our Lord's great suffering for us, that it almost seems like Isaiah witnessed these events in person. Yet, amazingly, he recorded this prophecy - under inspiration of the Holy Spirit - over 600 years before these events.

¹³ "Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you- his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind- ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

¹ Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the

chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors."

The peace of the Lord be with you! ~ Pastor Dan Wonderly



WORSHIP TIMES

- 8 AM - Traditional Service
- 9 to 10 AM - Sunday School
- 9 to 10 AM - Youth Bible Study
- 9:15 AM - Bible Study (Adults)
- 10:15 AM - Contemporary Service

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 24
@ 8 or 10:15 AM

(No service Weds. March 27)

Maundy Thursday w/Communion
March 28 @ 6 PM

Good Friday, March 29 @ 2 PM
(Note new time!)**

Easter Sunday, March 31
@ 8 or 10:15 AM

PRAYER REQUESTS:

HEALING: Jim B.; Mark B.; Lynette E.; Lloyd G.; Nikeshia L. Jackie M. and her newborn twins Adison & Everett; Dale O.; Arlene P.; Randy S.; Sharon T.
MOURNING: The families of...Larry J.; Elaine M.; Peter P.; Randy S..

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OFFICE HOURS:
9 AM - 2 PM, Mon - Fri



GENERAL NEWS

Sign Up to Receive Text Messages from Faith Lutheran Church! Text the word **Join** plus your **email address** to: 715-255-1288.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale! Sunday, March 24. More info to come.

Church-wide Thrift Sale, Saturday, May 18. Start saving your gently-used items to donate toward this fundraiser. More info coming soon!

CONNECTING FAITH MARCH PRAYER:

Merciful Father, this season of Lent, we pause to reflect on our sinfulness and are reminded of how much You love us. You sent Your one and only Son to suffer and die for all of our sins. With guidance from Your Holy Spirit, empower us to live a Christian life pleasing to You, serving Faith Lutheran, our family, friends, and everyone we meet. In Jesus' name. Amen.

MEMORIALS (1/28 - 2/18)

In Memory of: Given By

(For Growth Fund unless noted otherwise)

Larry J.: Dell B.

Alice J.: M/M Lloyd B.

Elaine M.: Dell B.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 01.28.2024

Opening Prayer: Given by Pastor Dan.
Approval of minutes of January 29, 2023 meeting: Motion made by Jerry Hallman to accept minutes as submitted, seconded by Jean Pfankuch; motion carried. **Progress on 2023 Goals:** Finance: Theresina states we met the budget: Planned \$377,834.50 in expenses and was able to keep it at \$333,845.76 – savings of almost \$44,000.00 in expenses. We budgeted for \$365,925.00 in income, the church brought in \$424,695.93 – over by \$58,770.93. LCEF 18 month note which was opened on 12-19-23 for \$5,000 - made \$30.82 in interest. Human Resources: Completed search for Director of Youth & Family Ministries. We are so blessed to have Allison Vogels on board. Stewardship: Update on Capital Campaign Drive. As of January 21st, 2024, the Capital Campaign offerings were at \$178,492.48. Pledged goal was: \$310,000.00. We are at

approximately 58% of the goal 18 months into the campaign. The roof was completed and paid for out of the Capital pledges. Facilities: Complete costs/budgeting. Prioritize and schedule projects. Lyle Hackler states they've put a new roof on, heat tape, along with numerous other repairs to the church. Evangelism: Expand outreach to the community. We continue to get our name into the community. Rejoined the Chippewa Falls Mission Coalition which has banded area churches together to help each other support local nonprofits, individual church mission projects and more. Participated in "Soles for Souls" and became more involved with *Hope Village*. We are also looking for more opportunities to support our neighborhood grade school. Preschool: Meet enrollment plan for full classes. Rachel Simmerman reports they are working on filling fall classes, been going on field trips, boxed up Thanksgiving dinners, doing various projects. Youth: Continue Youth Group activities. Allison Vogels states she is SO passionate, SO blessed to be our Youth Leader. She is going to continue to plan on monthly events, has ideas in the works for Sunday School, lots of new ideas she's working on. **2024 Goals:** Finance: Theresina is keeping a watch on meeting the budget and staying on top of the Capital Campaign. Human Resources: Continue to review policies. Stewardship: Promote the 3 T's of Stewardship: Time, Talent and Treasures. Facilities: Plans are in place to sealcoat the parking lot estimated at \$14,000; facia painting estimated at \$3,000; replace windows in narthex due to leaking issues estimated at \$11,000 (just for the windows); replace doors on Woodward Avenue estimated at \$11,000; and lastly carpet the narthex and offices estimated at \$38,000. Pastor pointed out our church is worth 4 million dollars – we need to take care and manage it properly. Per Theresina, to date, \$101,000.00 has been spent from the Capital Campaign Funds. Evangelism: Theresina again mentioned how effective the new electronic sign outside has been and she encouraged folks to join the Evangelism Team. Preschool: Fill up fall classes. Youth: Bring the Easter Journey back this year. **Actions items:** Adopting the 2024 Budget: Jack Halbleib went through each category on the Budget, allowing for open discussion. Following questions from members, Jack Halbleib asked for a motion. Motion made by Pam Pfankuch to approve 2024 Budget as submitted, seconded by Rachel Simmerman; motion carried. Election of the Mission & Ministry Council

candidates: Chairman – Jack Halbleib; Vice-Chairman – Bill Musser; Secretary – Kathy Butak; Treasurer – Theresina Girard-Schmidt. Members At Large – Rachael Simmerman, Lyle Hackler, and one **Opening.** We have an opening for "Member at Large" as Alice Helgeson has decided not to run again. This is a 2-year term and if anyone is interested in filling this; please contact Bill Musser, Pastor Dan, or any council member. Motion made by Katie Schumacher to approve candidates for Election of the Mission & Ministry Council candidates as submitted, seconded by Lyle Hackler; motion carried. "LABOR OF LOVE" Capital Campaign: Jack Halbleib reports this is a synod-wide Million Dollar Campaign to help reduce the education debt of North WI District Professional Church workers and starts in June of this year. Pastor Dan states there's such a shortage of DCE's as we've just found out during our search and such an important campaign to support. Pastor Dan made a motion that we make this as a goal and support this campaign moving forward, seconded by Pam Pfankuch; motion carried. Jack Halbleib states once this has been published in the *Newsletter* and *The Messenger*, then recommended organizing a committee be formed as part of this motion. Discuss Organ Repairs: Bill Musser presented a report regarding the organ repairs. Some repairs have already been done. Both organists present at this meeting felt that repairing our current organ is the best choice as organ music adds so much to the church service. Pastor Dan felt perhaps we should put this on hold for now. Walter Matchim asked what would happen if we did nothing and Joan Neumann stated that it won't last 10 years. Discussion followed and Jack Halbleib felt that the Council should take this under advisement, look for someone to head this up. Pastor felt that perhaps some families would be interested in paying for this. We value the organ and want to do the right thing, so for now we will pray on it, further discuss it and address it again. **Closing Prayer:** Sang "Doxology." **Respectfully submitted by:** Kathy Butak.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 02.14.2024

"We are a caring community of FAITH connecting people to Jesus and to one another." **Our Mission Pillars include:** Word & Sacrament; Prayer; Fellowship; Service; Witness.

Opening Prayer: Given by Pastor Dan.
Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Jerry

Hallman to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Lyle Hackler; motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Theresina reports Bob Normand closed out the youth accounts at RCU and transferred to Northwestern Bank. Motion made by Lyle Hackler to approve Treasurer's report as submitted, seconded by Dan Goosen; motion carried. Theresina reports our new Connecting Faith balance is: \$183,899.84.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan has been talking to Allison about Camp Luther. Pastor states Allison is doing a great job, has many plans with the youth and is putting out a great newsletter.

Organ: Jack Halbleib reports at the voter's meeting there was some sentiment to repair the organ. Perhaps we could get the word out, form a committee, do fundraising, etc. Theresina Girard-Schmidt states that there's nearly \$1,000 already designated in the funds towards the organ. Jack Halbleib recommended that we let the congregation know that an organ fund has been established and to notify the members wishing to donate to this project may do so by special offering, fundraising, or other efforts. Goal is: \$30,000.00. Motion made by Theresina Girard-Schmidt to move forward with organ repairs via designated offerings, fundraising, or other efforts, seconded by Jerry Hallman; motion carried. Council believes it's important for this congregation to pursue the renovation and ongoing maintenance.

Building Use Requests: Jack Halbleib reports that we've received two Building use requests, one from Tracie D. for Friday, February 23rd from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a Birthday Party. Motion made by Pastor Dan to allow Tracie D. to use the facility on February 23rd, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., second by Dan Goosen; motion carried. The second request is from Barbara M. for her 90th Birthday Party on Saturday, March 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., use of the kitchen as well. Del B. has offered to come in and open and close the facility. Motion made by Kathy Butak to allow Barbara M. to use the facility on March 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., second by Rachael Simmerman; motion carried.

M&M Council Responsibilities ∅ Finance/Budget – Theresina Girard-Schmidt, Jack Halbleib: No further report. ∅ Human Resources – Jack Halbleib - No report. ∅ Stewardship/Time & Talents – Kathy Butak: Kathy reports that Jim has talked to the neighbor on the corner to see if he would allow the facilities team to trim the tree branches on Woodward Avenue side of his

property and he declined. Kathy has also been in contact with *The Lutheran Witness* regarding the old pulpit to see if there's a congregation that is in need of one and it will be published in the March issue. Lastly, we want to remind members that the white tables in the fellowship hall are not to be removed from church property. ∅ Facilities – Lyle Hackler: Lyle had a sample from *Post Glass* of replacement windows for the Narthex as the windows are leaking and need to be addressed before the new carpet is installed. Walter Matchim got an estimate which is just for the windows, remove and install new windows of \$11,000. *Post Glass* works with a carpenter that can replace the wood as well, estimate to come. Lyle signed the paperwork to have the parking lot done. ∅ Evangelism – Theresina Girard-Schmidt: Theresina reports they are looking at March 23 for bringing back *The Easter Journey*, Allison Vogels is working on putting this together and looking for volunteers. May 18th we're looking at having the Youth do a thrift/bake sale, which will also be an outreach to the public. Proceeds will go to one of the church projects we have ongoing. May 12th is the last day of Sunday School and Mother's Day, so not planning on doing anything large; maybe an ice cream social with crafts. Allison Vogels is talking about doing a T-shirt fundraiser with *Faith Lutheran* printed on them. Bible sticks for the military will also be looked into once again. ∅ Pre School/Christian Education/Sunday School – Rachael Simmerman: Rachael reports Preschool has 14 kids registered so far. Planning an upcoming trip in April to the Children Museum, paid for by a church member. Grades 4-6 will have a pizza party this Sunday and next weekend Grades 7-12 will have a pizza party. ∅ Ministry Support – Elders Team – Bill Musser: No report. **Other:** *Labor of Love* – Jack Halbleib suggested that we can find some volunteers to start a steering committee for this campaign to see what the plans would be and he's willing to put together a draft and get the word out. We would need at least 3 people to spearhead this and get a feel for how the congregation would like to support this. Pastor Dan has previously stated this is an important event to support. *The Lutheran Hour* – this is a national church program broadcast on *WAXX Radio* and they have also reached out to us as they are looking for sponsors. Jack Halbleib felt perhaps we can make members aware of this if they'd like to support this, perhaps do a "free will" offering occasionally for both of these

fundraisers. **Missions:** Lyle Hackler was inquiring about supporting missions, wondering why we don't support missions as he feels we should and Pastor Dan agreed. Council will address this at budget time. **Closing Prayer:** Given by Pastor Dan. **Respectfully submitted by:** Kathy Butak. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024



FAITH'S ELDERS:

Ron Tiry (8 AM); Randy Knapp (6 PM); Wally Smith & Bill Musser (10:15 AM).

PRE-K & PRESCHOOL

Enrollment for THE 2024-2025 year is now open! Please contact our Director, Mrs. Tresa Juedes, at 715-415-0592 or faithcp733@gmail.com for more information or to enroll!

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Sunday School Info/Reminders:

- Join us **March 6** as the **youth and families host the Lenten supper** that night.
- **Easter Journey March 23** with practice March 20 at 7 PM. Sign up in the Narthex!
- **NO Sunday School March 10** for spring break or **March 31** for Easter.
- Join us for Holy week services!

WOMEN OF FAITH/LWML

ALL WOMEN OF FAITH are invited to attend our monthly get together on **Tuesday, March 19 @ 2 PM**. Thank you to all Women of Faith for your time, talents and support! **Any questions please contact** Patricia S. or Pam P.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

1) Spring Retreat at Camp Luther, Three Lakes, WI, April 5-6 sponsored by LWML NWD. 2) LWML NWD 40th Biennial Convention in Appleton, June 13-15. See details in the Narthex or contact Pam P.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- 1 - Kathy B.
- 3 - Dick W.
- 5 - Astley F.
- 7 - Becky H.
- 9 - Sandy D.
- 10 - Jody W.
- 11 - Millie H. (98!)
- 12 - Mark C.
- 13 - Rick D.; Barbara M. (90!); Isaac R.
- 14 - Jim C.
- 16 - Harold A. (90!); Hayden M.
- 18 - Esther M. (91!)
- 20 - Cathie C.
- 21 - Harold S.
- 22 - Brad D.

- 23 - Bob L.
- 24 - Jean P.
- 26 - Ruby S.
- 27 - Barbara M.
- 28 - Randy C.
- 29 - Ken S.
- 30 - Sue R.
- 31 - Rhonda G.; Rhonda L.; Joel M.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- 7 - Astley & Pam F.
- 11 - Ron & Barb K.
- 15 - Craig & Becky H.
- 18 - Dale & Jean V.

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please notify the church office.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chairman: Jack Halbleib

Vice-Chairman: Bill Musser

Treasurer: Theresina Girard-Schmidt

Secretary: Kathy Butak

Members At Large: Dan Goosen; Lyle Hackler; Jerry Hallman; **OPEN**

POSITION; Rachael Simmerman; Pastor Wonderly.

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