

**\*\* Worship Times \*\***

**SUNDAYS:**

8 AM - Traditional Service

8:45 AM - Sunday School & Bible Studies (Ages 3 – adult)

10:15 AM – Contemporary Srvc.  
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)

**WEDNESDAYS:**

6 PM - Blended Service

7 PM - Confirmation Class  
(Communion on Wednesdays following 1st & 3rd Sundays)

Sermons available via:



Call 715-438-4100 at the time of service to listen live!

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**\*\*Prayer Requests\*\***

**Those in need of healing:** Jim Hall; Becky Haltaufderheid; Pastor Tim Jones; Joann Koehler; Pat Mathwig; Elaine Miller; Pastor Mark Neumann; Lori Rasmus; Cheryl Schneider; Shari & Ruby Schumacher; Chelsea Whelan.

**Those who mourn:** The families of...Jane Barnes; Doug Benner; Michael Prueter; Cheryl Sneen; Peter Stoffel.



**A Message from Pastor Dan:**

**“BUILDING A FUTURE FOR FAITH”**

On **Sunday, December 12, at 11:30 AM**, we will have a **Special Voter Meeting** to approve our **Ministry Plan** for the next several years, which includes a **Capital Fundraising Campaign**. We hope to be able to raise sufficient funds to call of a Director of Christian Education (DCE) and to pay for additional building renovations.

There may be some that are hesitant about calling a DCE and spending money for this purpose, but unless we are able to reach the young families and children in our congregation and lead them into active worship and service within our church, what will the future of Faith look like?

Currently, about 10% of all LCMS congregations have shrunk to the point that they can no longer expect significant growth or hire a full-time pastor. Moreover, there are few if any children and young families in many of these churches to build for the future, and so the decline will likely continue. After all, many young families leave smaller churches for bigger churches that provide specific ministry for their needs.

We are fortunate to still have many children and young families in our congregation, so that we can and should be working to build our congregation for the future. Therefore, now is the critical time to invest in the future of our ministry by calling a full-time DCE to serve these young families and their needs. ***“Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Whoever welcomes this little child in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me welcomes the One who sent Me.’”*** (Luke 9:48)

And though the financial challenge is great, our Lord, and the blessings He provides are greater, and can easily enable us to meet the challenge and to better serve our young families. St. Paul writes: ***“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully... God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that...you may abound in every good work.”*** (2 Corinthians 9:6,8)

Please keep this matter in your prayers, and plan on attending the **Special Voter Meeting on 12/12 at 11:30 AM**.

In Christ, Rev. Dr. Daniel Wonderly



**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** Beginning on **Sunday, January 23, at 9 AM**, Pastor will be teaching this class for new prospects, and for those who desire a refresher course on our Lutheran teachings. No cost. Sign up in Narthex.

**GOSPEL OF MATTHEW BIBLE CLASS:** Beginning on **Thursday, January 27, at 11:30 AM** and at **7 PM via Zoom**, Pastor Dan will lead this class exploring the life and teachings of our Savior Jesus. There is no better way to prepare our hearts for the Lenten and Easter seasons than by learning about all that our Savior has done for us. Book is \$21. Please sign up in the Narthex.

**Minutes from Mission & Ministry Council Meeting**  
**11.08.2021**

***“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:** Pastor Dan read from Hebrews 10:25 and prayed.

**Approval of Minutes** from October 11, 2021 meeting: Motion made to approve minutes as submitted by Bill Musser, seconded by Sandy Lulloff, motion carried.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Theresina Girard-Schmidt states everything is balanced. She has been looking at the budget in preparation for next year. Checking has \$47,964.05 in the balance. Motion made by Jack Halbleib to approve Treasurer's report as submitted, second by Sandy Lulloff; motion carried. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Dan states letters will be going out this week to members regarding progress with the Vision/Clarity Team and the upcoming town hall meetings that will be held. We then addressed the salary for a Director of Christian Education. The Nursery is set to start this Sunday – 10:15 AM service only, ages infant to 4, in one of the Sunday School classrooms. Pastor then discussed the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Services. Council felt that services on Christmas Eve should be at 4 & 6 PM; Sunday, December 26 & January 2 will be a single service at 9 AM. December 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> are “friend days,” where members are encouraged to bring a friend to services. Next summer is the District

Convention. Pastor Dan made a motion to nominate Jeff Kazmierski from St. Matthew to be next Circuit Visitor, second by Lyle Hackler; motion carried.

**Covid Policy Review:** After much discussion, an agreement was reached and Pastor Dan made a motion that the mask policy be left as a “personal preference” and members may be seated wherever they would like, seconded by Rachael Simmerman; motion carried.

**VisionPath and Ministry Planning Campaign:** Special Voter's Meeting December 12 following 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

**Nominating Committee for Council Positions:** Bill Musser states he has a few calls to make yet.

**2022 Budget:** Bob Normand has been working on the Budget and reviewed with Council members this evening.

**M&M Council Responsibilities: Finance/Budget** (Theresina Girard-Schmidt & Bob Normand): Discussed earlier. **Human Resources** (Jack Halbleib): No report.

**Stewardship/Time & Talents** (Kathy Butak): No report. **Facilities** (Lyle Hackler): Facilities Team met this week and Lyle presented a list of items that need to be addressed over the next 3 years, including: Replace roof on office and classroom area; aluminum fascia; carpet in Narthex; reseal parking lot; replace back door and west door; carpet fellowship hall; new lights on canopy entry door; replace tile in entryway; electric on downspouts; lawn mower. The thermostat was off recently in the parsonage, but a new thermostat was installed today. The Facilities Board will meet the first Wednesday of each month. Lyle states they are planning on a spring and fall cleanup moving forward. Pastor Dan feels the parsonage needs to be painted and re-carpeted. **Preschool/Christian Education/Sunday School** (Rachael Simmerman): Nate Musser has

volunteered to teach the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class. December 12<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday School Christmas Program.

**Ministry Support – Worship**

**Assistance Team** (Bill Musser): Pastor states they have met, still reaching out to the inactive members.

**Youth** (Pastor Dan): We have 3 kids interested in the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston in July. The Youth Bowling event went great this past Friday with over 20 in attendance.

**Closing Prayer:** Lord's Prayer.

**Submitted by:** Kathy Butak.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, 12/13/2021

**\*\*Faith Council Members\*\***

**Chairman:** Bob Normand

**Vice Chairman:** Bill Musser

**Treasurer:** Theresina Girard-Schmidt

**Secretary:** Kathy Butak

**Members at Large:** Lyle Hackler, Jack Halbleib, Alice Helgeson, Sandy Lulloff, Rachael Simmerman, Pastor.

**\*\*Et Cetera\*\***

**Service Cancellation Policy:** Notice of cancellation will be sent via email no later than 90 minutes before the service. For those without email access, Pastor Dan will send an automated phone call no later than 90 minutes before the service. **The number you will see on caller ID is 1-888-996-3623.**

**Now accepting nominations for the Mission & Ministry Council**, including all four officer positions and three at large positions. If you are interested contact Bill Musser (715-944-6499) or any Councilperson.

**Nursery for children ages infant to 4:** Thanks to adult volunteers, we are offering an adult-staffed Nursery (in one of our Sunday School Rooms) during the 10:15 AM Sunday services.



**\*\*General News\*\***

**11/08/21 Church Council COVID**

**Policy Review:** After much discussion, an agreement was reached, and a motion made that our mask policy be “personal preference.” Members may sit wherever they would like. Motion seconded; motion carried. Please note: Council will continue to review and update the policy dependent on the changing environment.

**Christmas Poinsettias!** If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary, please sign up in the Narthex by 12/12. Cost is \$9 for a 6” plant and you may take the plant(s) home with you after Christmas. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and indicate “poinsettia” on the memo line.



**Faith’s Christmas Bazaar** Saturday, December 4 from 9 AM to 12 PM. Featuring baked goods, especially Christmas cookies, a white elephant table, homemade noodles, crafts and more! Sign up in the Narthex to bring needed donations and/or to help. Items need to be at church by noon on 12/3. Contact Pam Pfankuch (715-723-7124) for more details!

Please bring a friend or two with you to church for **“Friend Day” 12/12 & 12/15!**

**Christmas Eve Worship** with Candlelight and Communion will be held on Friday, **December 24 at 4 PM and 6 PM**.

**Have you thought about being part of the music in church** but the time commitment is holding you back? If you sing or play an instrument and would like to do a song or maybe one church service, contact Bill (715-944-6499) or Kate (715-828-8622).

**Want to learn something new, meet new people, or just help out?** There are a variety of ways YOU can get involved! Contact the office for more.

**If you are able to help clear snow from entryways and sidewalks**, call Lyle Hackler at 715-456-7610.

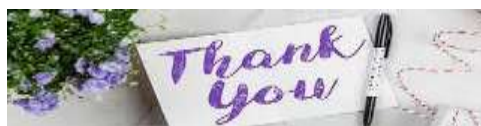
**\*\*Student/Youth News\*\***

**The Sunday School Christmas Program** will be on Sunday, 12/12, during the 10:15 AM Service.



**Seeking substitute Sunday School teachers.** No experience required, just a LOVE of Jesus!

**Congratulations** to the following 5th and 6th graders who have completed their early communion training class: Alex Anderson, Jack Bremness, Carson Ramis, & Elizabeth Thompson.



**\*\*Thank You’s\*\***

A sincere note of thanks to all who donated food items or monetary donations for the **Thanksgiving Care Boxes**. We are very pleased to have donated 30 boxes to families in need.

Special thanks to the **Faithful Stitchers** group for making 100 pairs of mittens and 100 hats for area children. Items will be donated to the Spirit of Christmas.

**A new kitchen freezer** has arrived and been installed in the church kitchen! Thank you to Memorial Donations from the families of John Glamann and Joan Schaller for the purchase. Thank you to Scott Schmidt for researching, delivering, installing and removal of the old freezer.

**\*\*Women of Faith/LWML\*\***

**POTLUCK CHRISTMAS PARTY** for ALL women of Faith Lutheran, Tuesday December 21 at 6pm. Bring a dish to pass. Beverages and utensils provided. Let us share the Christmas Spirit with one another! Optional bring an item for the food pantry. Questions: contact Barb Glamann or Pam Pfankuch

**\*\*New Members\*\***

**Mrs. Esther Musser** was received as a new member to Faith, via transfer from Peace Luther in Park Falls, WI.



**Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Peggy Goosen** have been received as new members to Faith via transfer from Good Shepherd Lutheran in Sheboygan.

**\*\*Memorials (10/31–11/14)\*\***

**Doug Benner** - Lucile Yauch (Loan), M/M Dell Braunberger (Altar Guild), M/M George Flint (Lighting), M/M Rich Wirth

**Harold Hanson** - M/M Rich Wirth (Lighting)

**Thanksgiving Boxes** - Lyle Johnson, M/M Robert Bernhardt



**\*\*December Birthdays\*\***

2 – Dane Kries; Jerry Sorensen  
3 – Marjie Buckner; Jordan Simmerman  
5 – Zachary Voigt  
6 – Judy Drivas; Carol LaGrandier  
8 – Emily O’Connell; Lila Scheidler; Jennifer Tumm  
9 – Nichel Andersen  
12 – Raylynn Lenz; April Peters; Cole Schindler  
13 – Tresa Juedes  
14 – Beverly Goettl; Camryn Ramis; Carson Ramis  
15 – Scott Swoboda; Bryan Vogels  
16 – Garnet Mathwig  
19 – Aaron Chittendon; Cassandra Musser; Shirley Schroeder  
20 – Andrea Borck; Nancy Krebs  
21 – Clarence Glamann; Adam Kern  
22 – Kelsey Hackler; Sharon Volrath

23 – Caryn Ericksen; Barbara Glamann; Haylee Musser  
28 – Otto Bowe; Ryan Dallas; Cindy Schroeder  
29 – Lorraine Benner; Shirley Gormley  
30 – Bill Borck; Laura O’Connell  
31 – Janice Wirth

**\*December Anniversaries\***

7 – Clarence & Barbara Glamann  
26 – Jack & Sandy Bornsen  
30 – Ron & Pam Pfankuch  
31 – Jerry & Roxanne Hallman

**Faith’s Monthly Newsletter** is distributed both digitally and in print. If you’d like to receive a particular version, please contact the church office.

**Church Office Hours:** 9:30-2:30, M-F

**\*\*Et Cetera\*\***

**Check out Faith’s new “Welcome Center”!** Located in the entryway (from the parking lot), across from the church office! As visitors arrive, Greeters will ask them to sign our guest book and receive a welcome gift! Thank you to the Evangelism Committee for all their hard work in creating this!

**The 2022 Flower Chart sign up** is now available on the News Bulletin Board (first hallway from parking lot entrance). Flowers are \$30 per bouquet and can be given in honor or in memory of loved ones or special occasions. Flowers will be displayed on Sunday and the following Wednesday, and are then yours to take home and enjoy. Please make checks payable to Women of Faith.