

GOOD NEWS

You're Invited!



The Congregation of
Faith Lutheran Church
733 Woodward Avenue
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin
Cordially invites you to the
Retirement Service & Dinner
Reverend William C. Plautz
Senior Pastor
Sunday, July 30th, 2017
Farewell Celebration Service - 10:15am

Dinner promptly at 12noon
Avalon Hotel & Conference Center
1009 West Park Avenue
Chippewa Falls, WI

Avalon Hotel Reservations
715-723-2281 (Faith Lutheran block of rooms)

Please RSVP with envelope from narthex display or
call the church office 715.723.7754
Cost \$10/person; \$20/couple; \$25/family

Deadline is July 1st!

The Good Shepherd

by Laura Smith (an excerpt from "A City Without Walls")

There once was a flock
That was lost and afraid
It wandered around
Without direction for days

But the Lord looked down
With compassion from above
And sent a good shepherd
To lead them with love

The shepherd was kind
Loving and wise
And he cherished his whole flock
No matter the color or the size

Though the shepherd was quiet
Humble and meek
Every ear listened
Whenever he would speak

He showed them the way
To walk in the light
And he prayed every day
For God to give them true sight

He taught them about
The blood of the Lamb
And about the creator
The great I AM

They flourished and they grew
Through the knowledge they gained
About the Saviour from above
Who lived without blemish or stain

The flock was so thankful
To the Lord up above
For sending a wise leader
Who was so full of love

He lead them with
A strong and gentle good hand
And took the whole flock
Safely into God's Promised Land

A sincere note of thanks to Pastor Plautz for his
dedication & true love for our congregation.
~ Mission & Ministry Council



From our DYFM, Valerie Brooks

A Patriotic Prayer for Independence Day

Almighty God, How great is your love for us! As we near Independence Day, we ask that you would continue to bless our country with your wisdom, love, and compassion. Help us to be a people that looks to you for leadership and guidance. Bless our leaders in the schools, churches, communities, and those who lead our country. Bless the men and women who serve our country in the military – those overseas and those here in the States. We pray for their safety. We thank you for all of the blessings that you continue to bestow upon us daily, and pray that you would help us to continue to work towards lasting peace and harmony within our communities, our nation, and the world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

As we go in to July – and wonder where June went – there are a couple of events coming up that I wanted to share. On July 15th, the Faith Lutheran Youth (ages 9+) will be hosting a car wash from 9am-11am here at the church. The car wash is free, but we will accept donations for upcoming trips and activities. Any young adults in the congregation are invited to join Corey and I for game night at our house on July 23rd at 7pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided; come for a casual night of fun! We also have Vacation Bible

School: Camp Out starting July 31st. I will be putting out a donation list for supplies in the narthex – we appreciate all of your help in getting this event going. Our set up day for VBS this year will be July 29th from 9am-12pm as well, and we could also use help that day.

Coming up, we have our 2017 Confirmation retreat August 13th-15th. If you are a parent of a Confirmation student, please be sure to check your mailbox and emails for trip updates. We ask that the congregation pray for our Confirmands as we take this trip; it is always a wonderful time of peace and spiritual growth for them – and it's fun, too! I will also be planning a Purity Retreat for Saturday, September 30th, and would love some help. If you would be interested, please let me know. It would be great to have people from all walks of life there to bestow their wisdom on the youth of our congregation.

While there are some events going on here in July, I also wanted to congratulate Pastor Plautz on his retirement. I thank him for his dedication and service to the Lord and to this congregation. While I have only been here for a short time, he has shown me great leadership, wisdom, and patience. When I graduated from col-

lege it was with joy, but also with some fear. Fear of not knowing where God would lead me, and fear of failure. When God told us to come over here to Chippewa Falls, I wasn't sure what to think. It meant living with my parents, and it meant waiting for God to lead me to a church. I remember the first time Corey and I came here to Faith Lutheran to worship with my parents. I remember seeing a happy congregation that had a great love and respect for God and for the shepherd that God had placed in their church for decades to lead them, teach them, and disciple them. And I remember meeting pastor for time – the love of Jesus shining through him. It was this first time that I knew that Faith is a special place, and it's filled with great people who truly love and serve God. I don't look at Pastor's

retirement as a good-bye; I look at it as more of a, "See you later, brother." Because we will still see him and his wonderful family, and we will be able to share in the joys that they have as they continue through this next chapter in their lives.

Pastor, may God continue to bless you and your family, and may your years of retirement be full of peace and joy.

Valerie Brooks, DYFM



July Bible Studies

Monday Aft Bible Class

Consider joining this group on Monday at 1pm as they study God's Word. Leader: Sue Smith.

Tuesday Morn Study

Class meets Tuesday's at 6:30am. Bring your Bible and your appetite (cost of the meal is on your own). Topic: 1 Timothy. Led by Pastor Plautz.

Thursday Bible Class

It's movie time! Come Thursday, July 27 at 9:30am to a showing of Martin Luther. This is part one of a two-part series. Popcorn & beverage too!

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Grades 6-12

Wednesday night campfire throughout summer from 7-9pm at Corey & Valerie's home, 214 Howard St, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Sermon Series Topics

June 28—Holy Name Psalm 103:1
 July 9 — Power, Grace, Glory Mark 1:15
 July 16—Good/Grace Will John 6:39
 July 23 —Daily Bread Psalm 145:15-16
 July 30—Forgiven to Forgive 1 John 4:20-21



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Mission & Ministry Council

June 12, 2017
6:30 - 8:05 p.m.

Attending Disciples: Larry Bohl, Jack Halbleib, Randy Knapp, Ed Klotz, Bill Miller, Steve Missfeldt, Janell Newcomb, Bob Normand, Pastor Plautz, Dick Walders, Pastor Charles Yunghans.

Call to Order: Bob Normand called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Plautz led with the opening prayer.

May Minutes: The May 8, 2017, minutes were reviewed. Randy Knapp made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Steve Missfeldt seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Council reviewed the checkbook register, summary report, and profit & loss year-to-date comparisons for January through May 31, 2017. With the exception of April, the average monthly deficit is approximately \$4,300. The operating expenses continue to exceed the revenue. Concern was expressed as to how long we can continue in this deficit until we have to access the line of credit that is established at Northwestern Bank. Discussion followed. Jack Halbleib made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Bill Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Pastor's Report: Dick Walders will soon be completing his lay ministry at Concordia. As part of his internship at Faith Lutheran, Pastor Plautz hopes to have Dick start communion visits with some of the homebound parishioners. On Wednesday evening, June 14th, at 7 p.m. the Night of Praise will be held. Everyone is welcome to attend this hour of songs of praise. Following the Praise event, games and devotions are planned and smores will be made over a camp fire. Families are invit-

ed to camp out in the church yard that evening. New members were welcomed to the congregation last week during the Wednesday evening and Sunday services. Pastor and his family will be visiting Chris & Julie and their family in Houston, Texas, at the beginning of July.

Meeting with Pastor Charles Yunghans:

Pastor Chalres Yunghans was present at the Council Meeting. He is currently a member at Zion Lutheran in Chippewa Falls and served as the vacancy Pastor there. Discussion on services, bible studies, and other aspects of the church were discussed. Pastor Yunghans has graciously agreed to serve as our vacancy Pastor starting in August of 2017. Bob Normand will contact Pastor Rutter, our contact at NWD-LCMS for the call process, to let him know that we accept Pastor Yunghans as the vacancy Pastor.

Call Committee: A list of eighteen people who expressed interest to serve on the Call Committee was presented. After discussion, it was felt that the number needed to be narrowed down to nine to make the process more efficient. The list was reviewed and nine people were identified as perspective members for the Call Committee. Bob Normand will contact them to see if they are able to serve on the Committee. A motion was made by Jack Halbleib to establish a nine member Call Committee and to contact the perspective members who were identified about their willingness to serve. The motion was seconded by Ed Klotz. A motion and second to create the nine member Call Committee and contact the perspective members who were identified about their willingness to serve carried on a voice vote. Randy Knapp made a motion to appoint Valerie Brooks and Dick Walders as two ex officio members to serve on the Call Committee. Bill Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried

on a voice vote.

Update on Pastor's Retirement Celebration:

Details for Pastor's retirement celebration were reviewed. The Planning Committee has done a wonderful job planning the celebration that will be held on July 30th at the Avalon Hotel & Conference Center in Chippewa Falls.

Sound System (VGA Splitter and Wireless Microphones):

The quotes received from Audio Architects were reviewed for the purchase of two microphones and one VGA splitter. One other firm was contacted but no response was received. Prices were also compared to those found on some internet sites. The quotes from Audio Architects were in line with those prices. After review of the quotes, Ed Klotz made a motion to move forward with the purchase of two microphones and one VGA splitter. Bill Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Bob Normand will look into the possibility of making a request from the Endowment Fund for purchase of these items.

Facilities Team - Request for HVAC

Work to Start: The cost of work to be completed totals approximately \$17,000 if all of it were to be done. After discussion, it was determined that funds are not available at this time to complete the work. The current budget and giving are not meeting the needs of the church. The work will have to be delayed until the current operating budget needs are being met.

Date of Next Council Meeting:

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, July 10th, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Janell Newcomb,
Council Secretary

Patriotic Unity Service

We will be offering an all-congregational worship service on Wednesday, June 28 at 6pm. No worship will be offered July 2.

Women of Faith

It's time for our summer breakfast at Chippewa Family Restaurant, Chippewa Falls on Tuesday, July 18 at 8am. Join in the fellowship of Faith's ladies and a delicious breakfast. "Taste & see that the LORD is good." Psalm 34:8



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July's Newsletter

July's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

1-Eric Dubberke, Ethan Erickson
2-Michael Juedes, Marvin Schroeder, Rachel Simmerman
3-Emma Albert, Lois Nesvacil
4-Bertha Jaenke, Janet Urbas,
5-Cindy Carlson
6-Colton Bowe, Wyatt Bowe, Celeste Swoboda, Arlene Zumbrock
7-Stacey Hallman, Edward Solin, Madilyn Voight
9-Lloyd Benner, Jerry Hallman, Robert Schaller, Emery Schindler
10-Morris Riley
11-Sarah Sorensen
12-Emmilee Swoboda, Sutton Williams
15-Brooklyn Weiler
19-Arlene Pederson, Hallie Hoffmann
20-Sharon Braunberger, Anna

Varwig, Linda Isaacson
22-Richard Turner
25-Tracie Dallas, John Schaller
26-Susan Roder, Samantha Wirtz, Shirley Aamodt
27-Raya Bernette
28-Dave LeDuc
29-Brynn Wedemeyer
30-William Musser
31 Dale Andersen, Stan Davidson, Sandra Lulloff, Elizabeth Peloquin

Happy Anniversary!

4-Michael & Tresa Juedes
4-Doug & Jennifer Thompson
5-Wally & Patricia Smith
7-Al & Elaine Twerberg
9-Justin & Kimberly Musser
11-Leonard & Janet Langteau
11-Bryan & Allison Vogels
13-Bernie & Cheryl Wendt
23-George & Dorothy Flint
28-Robert & Julie Schaller
28-Jerome & Judy Wing

