

Showered with Blessings

Even though it's almost October, the warm temperatures and generous showers of rain continue to remind us of God's blessings and the bounty of our daily blessings.

Blessings are God's way of lovingly providing what we need—not what we want—in alignment with His will. For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure (Philippians 2:13).

Everything He gives us is good. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change (James 1:17).

Saint Paul reminds us of our overflowing blessings: The grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 1:14).

God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:8).

God's grace in Christ overflows for you and for me, and out of God's generosity, we are prompted—as was the Good Samaritan (Luke 10) - to help and bless those around us, including those who are not a part of our group of family or friends.

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any

affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of

other (Philippians 2:1-4).

John writes in his Gospel: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his

glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...And from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. (John 1:14, 16)

It is because of God's free-flowing agape love that we are able to love others, loving as we want to be loved. Loving not just in word but in our actions toward each other. That is how we are truly blessed and become a blessing to those around us.

Dear Father of our Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ, through studying your Word, help your Spirit grow in us each day. Use me to share the overflowing blessings of your grace, always looking for opportunities to help others on our journey. Amen.

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Sunday Morn Bible Study

Come Sunday mornings at 9am to this class entitled "Lutheranism 101". It examines Lutheran beliefs and heritage in a fresh way. If you are a lifelong Lutheran searching for more information or new to our church, this will help you understand what we believe. Led by Dick Walders.

Monday Aft Bible Class

Consider joining this group on Monday at 1pm as they study Women of the Bible. 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: He brews Led by Susan Cassellius.

Thursday Bible Class

Join our Thursday's at 9:30am for the study of Psalm 95:6-7 (Worship Facedown). Class will be held in the conference room here at church and is led by Pam Pfankuch.

Couples Group

Come join this fun group on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 6pm at the home of Todd & Jenn Dreger, 4522 156th St., Chippewa Falls. Biblically based, learn to love more deeply.

Women's Group

Meets the first Saturday of the month (October 6) at 9am at the 430AM Coffee Shop, 608 N. Bridge St., Chippewa Falls. Purchase a "Write the Word" Journal and come join us! Questions? Contact Hannah Kressin via email: hrkressin@gmail.com.

Minutes from Mission & Ministry Council

September 10, 2018
6:30 - 7:50 p.m.

Attending Disciples: Larry Bohl, Mark Erickson, Jack Halbleib, Randy Knapp, Bill Miller, Steve Missfeldt, Janell Newcomb, Bob Normand.

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

August Minutes: The August 20, 2018, minutes were reviewed. Jack Halbleib made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 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 through August 31, 2018. The summary report showed that there is a deficit of approximately \$16,081 as of the end of August. This large deficit continues to be an area of great concern. The offerings from members who attend on a regular basis have increased and this is very much appreciated. Discussion followed. Randy Knapp made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Bill Miller seconded the motion and it was approved on a voice vote.

Pastors Report: Pastor Yunghans was unable to attend the meeting this evening. Discussion followed regarding providing pastoral relief to Pastor Yunghans until a permanent pastor can be found. No pastors are available to provide this relief, but Reader's Theater could be pursued on some Wednesday evenings and there is the possibility of utilizing Dick Walders, as needed, on some Sunday mornings when communion is not being offered. These avenues will be explored.

Jack Halbleib, a representative of the Human Resource function of the Council, will continue with his follow-up on putting a contract together for Pastor Yunghans. This needs to be in place until our pastoral vacancy is filled.

Call Committee Update: Bill Miller, a member of the Call Committee, reported that they were looking at 2 possible pastoral candidates. One of the candidates is no longer being considered as he recently took a call at a new church and is no longer

available for consideration. Another pastoral candidate was interviewed; therefore, a Voter's Assembly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19 at 7 p.m. following service to consider a candidate to issue a call to. Congregational members are being urged to attend.

DFYM Position: Jack Halbleib has reached out to Valerie Brooks with questions and expressing the need to complete an exit interview. He has not heard back from her at this time, so he'll continue to pursue this matter.

Thanks and appreciation are given to Sue Smith and Kimberly Musser who have stepped forward to organize the Sunday School program this fall. Once a permanent pastor comes to our church, the Council will ask for his input on the Sunday School program. Thanks, again, for the time and talents that Sue and Kimberly are giving to the Sunday School program.

Ministry Support Team(s): Discussion was held on a Board of Elders vs. the Mission and Ministry Council. In the past, because of the structure/organization of the Board of Elders, there were numerous Boards. Pastor Plautz attended all of the Board meetings and was spending an immense amount of time doing this; therefore, the Board was eliminated and the Mission and Ministry Council was formed so that he could focus his efforts where they were needed and attend one meeting and report to them. "Teams" or "Committees" were formed as needed when various projects were undertaken. For the most part, this has worked out well.

Due to the pastoral vacancy, a majority of the responsibilities have fallen on the office manager, the DFYM, and the Mission and Ministry Council. When a permanent pastor fills the vacancy, his guidance will be sought on how he would like the church to function. In the absence of a permanent pastor, input and support will be sought from the congregation. A "fact sheet" or short presentation will be put together for this purpose. Ministry Support Teams could be used to support functions of the church such as Altar

Guild, Worship Assistance Teams, Technical Teams, Music, Hospitality, Acolyte, Paraments/Flowers/Banners.

Worship & Tech Support: Alice Helgeson, office manager, has requested the assistance of technical support persons who could assist when there are problems with the modem, laptop, etc., as well as volunteers who could set up the projector and sound system before and after services and run the slide show. If anyone is interested in assisting with this, please contact Alice or Bob Normand.

E-Giving: Five families are currently utilizing this service. It is hoped that more will do so. The costs and benefits of the service will be monitored.

Communion Request: A home bound member of Faith Lutheran Church who lives in Altoona has issued a request that Roy Borseth be allowed to give her communion at their home with wine that has been consecrated by the pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. After consulting with the pastor, the blessing has been given to do so. Jack Halbleib made a motion that communion be given to this member of Faith Lutheran Church under the auspices of Bethlehem Lutheran Church with consecrated wine from that church. The motion was seconded by Bill Miller and carried on a voice vote.

Mission & Ministry Council Responsibilities:

(Human Resources): Jack Halbleib will continue with his follow-up on putting a contract together for Pastor Yunghans. This needs to be in place until our pastoral vacancy is filled. He will also work on putting together a proper job description for a DFYM to define terms of employment. This is a work in progress and he will report back to the Council.

Randy Knapp, as Vice-President of the Council, is working on gathering a slate of candidates for open positions on the Council for elections that will be held in January.

Blessed be
the God
and Father
of our
Lord Jesus
Christ,
who has
blessed us
in Christ
with every
spiritual
blessing in
the
heavenly
places.

Ephesians 1:3

Congregational News

Worship Services

Join us for worship services on Wednesday's at 6pm (blended) and Sunday's at 7:45am (traditional) & 10:15am (contemporary).

Call Committee Update

The Congregational Voter's meeting took place after the service this past Wednesday evening. The Call Committee unanimously recommended Pastor Daniel Wonderly to the congregation. Those present voted to extend a call to him. He was contacted by phone and is willing to consider the call to FLC.

Please keep Pastor Wonderly, his family and his congregation in your prayers as he discerns God's will in the call now before him to serve as Senior Pastor at FLC.

We continue to trust God to fulfill His plan, in His timing to bring our next under shepherd into our midst! He is faithful!

As always, feel free to contact any Call Committee member with questions: Co-Chairs Bryan Vogels and Roberta Chittendon, Secretary Tracie Dallas, Council Rep Bill Miller, Call Committee Contact Person Pam Dietsche, Ron Tiry, Bill Musser, Dan Helgeson and Spiritual Advisor Dick Walters.



2019 Slate of Officers

Our Mission & Ministry Council is seeking candidates for the positions of V-President, Secretary and members-at-large. Could you make a difference in the council of this church? Prayerfully consider the possibility of serving our Lord in this manner. "I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." Romans 12:1 Please contact Randy Knapp, Council rep. at 715.726-1065 to have your name put on the ballot for our next annual voters meeting.

Roofing Fund

A new financial fund has been established to accommodate the much needed repair of our facilities flat roof. The bid is \$3,358. We ask your support of this effort as we seek to maintain the beautiful church our Lord has offered us. Pray for guidance in giving from God.

LWML Fall Rally

The Women of Faith of FLC is hosting a fall rally event here at the church on Saturday, October 6 beginning at 8:30am with registration. Guest speaker is Tina Bernette on her missionary trip to Honduras. Cost is \$6 (includes lunch).

Donations Needed

In conjunction with this event, ladies will be collecting items to donate to the Eau Claire Apple Pregnancy Care Center. Needed are: diapers (all sizes-disposable), receiving blankets, crib sheets, toddler dishes, feeding spoons, baby clothing (sizes infant-4T). Submit to basket in the narthex by Sunday, October 7.

Sunday School

Sunday School classes are at 8:45am. It is the start of a new year in growing in God's word for our students grade N-grade 8. New to the program? Just come! Never too late to join in growing in God's kingdom.

Early Communion

If your family has a youth going into grades 5 or 6 interested in receiving early communion, please contact the church office. The purpose of the class is to ready our young disciples for the Rite of Communion. Early Communion classes has begun and the event for planned for November 4.

Confirmation

This class is for students entering grades 7 & 8 and runs throughout the school year—Wednesday's at 7pm. The confirmation curriculum will continue the support our congregation's nurture of our youth in their faith journey.

Women of Faith will meet Tuesday, October 16 at 6pm for a Bible devotion and their regular monthly meeting. Beverage & dessert will be provided. All ladies of FLC are invited to join in the fellowship.

You can now make a contribution to our church through a mobile app!

To get started, simply search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account. You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history. We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support.



Two member-at-large positions are open as the members have served two terms. The officer positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary are voted on yearly. If anyone is interested in serving on a Nominating Committee or putting their name on the slate of candidates to serve on the Council for any of the positions that will be open, please contact Randy.

(Facilities) Mark Erickson gave an update. After the heavy rains that we had, rain leaked into the Church in the bathroom as well as in the kitchen and classrooms. RTS Roofing, Inc. was

called to look at the roof and it was found that there are cracks where the rain water leaked into the Church. The leak in the bathroom is critical and needs to be fixed before winter. The leak in the kitchen and classrooms is not as critical and could be repaired at a later date. RTS Roofing, Inc. gave them a quote of \$3,538 to repair the leak above the bathroom and a quote of approximately \$9,000 to repair the leak affecting the kitchen and classrooms. Discussion followed. It was felt that the cracks above the bathroom needed to be repaired as soon as possible. Jack Halbleib made a motion to authorize

repair work as per the quote received from RTS Roofing, Inc., for repairs to the roof above the bathroom. Mark Erickson seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. If any members of the congregation would like to give a donation to this project, it would be welcomed.

After the storm, some braches by the parsonage and on the church ground were also cut. Thanks to those members who helped with this.

Other Business: There was no other business for discussion.

Date of Next Council Meeting: The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, October 8, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Janell Newcomb,
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October 2018

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

3-Camden Dreger, Lois Kloss
4-Lisa Hackler
5-Scott Dietsche
7-Karen Ericksen, Elaine Geissler, Drew Musser
9-Archer Kressin, Rachel Lenz, Hailynn Normand, Robert Normand
11-Jaylin Dubberke, Sandy Miller
13-Gertrude Gerber, Janell Newcomb
15-Ricky Ericksen, Jacob Thompson
16-Betty O'Mara
17-Dorothy Flint
18-Brecken Ford, Pamela Pfankuch, James Swoboda, Ron Tiry
19-Richard Rasmussen, Hunter Schaller, Robert Varwig, Jr.
20-Janet Langteau, Cass Short
21-Carrie Jaquish
22-Emily Schaefer
23-Nathan Loebertman
24-Zachary O'Connell

25-Caleb Engel
26-Judy Wing
27-Daniel Helgeson, Wendy Miller
28-Tyler Kern
29-James Gessner
30-Caleb Dallas
31-Clark Gessner

Happy Anniversary!

7-Bryon & Dawn Nesvacil
8-Richard & Kathleen turner
12-Todd & Jennifer Dreger
12-Terry & Carrie Jaquish
14-Don & Elaine Miller
18-Brad & Pam Dietsche
18-Gordon & Susan Roytek
19-Charlie & Sarah Wirtz
23-Scott & Missy Loebertman
24-John & Brenda Schaefer
25-Rodney & Cathie Chittendon

