



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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: "Participants in Jesus' Ongoing Work"

Dear Members of Faith,

God calls us to be His stewards (Genesis 1:28; 2:15), and we become faithful stewards when we understand and act upon our role as participants in God's plan to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). He wants us to be active, involved, and willing participants in His plan of salvation. He **"desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"** (1 Timothy 2:4). As participants with the Lord, we become His hands, feet, and mouth through whom He works. In the Great Commission, Jesus tells us that we are to **"go"** (Matthew 28:19). Our Lord's mission becomes our mission so we are to be more than spectators.

Our involvement in the Great Commission is motivated by the Holy Spirit Who takes from us our hearts of stone and gives us our hearts of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26). With these new hearts, we can begin to understand how much God loves us and all people. Through faith, we know that He sent His Son to suffer and die on the cross for our redemption, which prompts us to commit our time, talents, and money to His service. We live lives with a new perspective, meaning, and purpose. Because of God's saving activity, we willingly surrender our lives and become participants in Jesus' mission to share the life-saving Gospel with all people.

God's Word is clear that we are saved by grace through faith and not by works (Ephesians 2:8-9). However, our mission efforts and works are part of God's plan so they are important to Him. **"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that**

**we should walk in them"** (Ephesians 2:10). We are not saved by works but for works. As we participate in God's mission to seek and save the lost, we know that all of our works are merely responses to what God has already done for us.

By grace, Jesus has redeemed us, and we are a temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in us. We are not our own (1 Corinthians 6:20). He saved us for the purpose of being participants in His plan of salvation. He has gifted us so we can spend our lives serving and glorifying Him. We are not all called to be pastors nor are we all traveling to foreign mission fields as missionaries, but we are all called to serve God in some capacity. If we don't have a sense of mission, we are probably living for ourselves. In the words of the Apostle Paul, **"And He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised"** (2 Corinthians 5:15).

May God help us all be eager and willing participants in Jesus' ongoing work.

~ Pastor Dan Wonderly

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

**HEALING:** Marg Carothers; Stan Davidson; Linda Downey; Lisa Hackler; Chuck Henchen; Pastor Tim Jones; Joanne Koeller (cousin of Kathy Turner); Jacki & Nancy (friends of Pam Pfankuch); Brystal Vogels; Barb Wendt (Linda Downey's mom). **MOURNING:** The families of...Lorraine Dearth (grandmother of Tracie Dallas); Steve LaRue (Linda Downey's friend); Norma Miller (Bill's Aunt); Lauretta Nix (sister of Lloyd Benner); Morris Riley.



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**  
Suns @ 8 or 10:15 AM  
Weds @ 6 PM

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**LISTEN TO CHURCH:**  
Dial 715-438-4100

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

### CONNECTING FAITH FEBRUARY PRAYER:

Gracious God, thank you for a mild January to save on heating costs and safe conditions on getting about. Soon we will begin the Lenten season remembering the sacrifice You made by Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Praying that many will sacrifice their time for worship with You to strengthen their faith. Meanwhile, we are still praying patiently for a Director of Education (DCE) to accept a call to our congregation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### MEMORIALS Dec. 8 thru Jan. 15

*In Memory of: Given By*

**Sharon Braunberger:** M/M Lloyd Benner; M/M Jim Butak; Carla Kleinheinz; Lois Kloss; M/M Leland Spence; M/M Ron Tiry; M/M Richard Wirth.  
**Lorraine Dearth:** Dell Braunberger.  
**Lauretta Nix:** Dell Braunberger.

# MISSION & MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 01.18.2023

*"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 the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, followed by opening prayer. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Lyle Hackler to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Jerry Hallman; motion carried. **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Theresina states everything is balanced. She received a notice from *Church Mutual Insurance* regarding our coverage. Our former policy is being discontinued and they are offering a new "A-Series Package" with higher premiums. Lyle Hackler states he will make arrangements to meet with them to discuss new coverage options/rates. Motion made by Lyle Hackler to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Jack Halbleib; motion carried. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Dan talked with Elders and they felt they should pay laypersons who do the services when he is absent. Motion made by Pastor Dan to pay a 50% pastoral stipend, seconded by Rachael Simmerman; motion carried. **Covid Policy:** Jack Halbleib reports Chippewa County has no change in status. Just remember that flu season is upon us, so if you feel you want to wear a mask, then please go ahead. **Capital Campaign:** Alice Helgeson reports we currently have taken in \$105,132,00. All praise to our Heavenly Father! **DCE:** Pastor is going to make contacts tomorrow for an update on DEC search. **M&M Council Responsibilities:** ∅ Finance/Budget – Theresina Girard-Schmidt, Bob Normand: Council members have been working on the budget for some time and reviewed the final copy submitted by Bob Normand. Motion made by Jerry Hallman to approve the 2023 Budget as presented, seconded by Lyle Hackler; motion carried. The budget will now go before

the congregation at the Voter's Meeting on January 29, 2023, for final approval. ∅ Human Resources – Jack Halbleib: Jack introduced new member Dan Goosen, who has agreed to fill an open position on the Council. Dan has previously served in this capacity at his previous church and is excited to join the Council at Faith. ∅ Stewardship/Time & Talents – Kathy Butak: No report. ∅ Facilities – Lyle Hackler: Jerry Hallman had information on a new phone service from TSI. Pastor Dan states if voice messages could also be sent to his email, then perhaps we could stay with the current system. Lyle Hackler states H&R Electric came out and looked at lights on the car port. They gave us a proposal for 4 LED Lamps with photocell to control canopy lights. Estimate is \$1,400.00 for the package. Council felt this was a safety issue as well as possibly deter anyone from breaking in and will move forward with this project. New roof is in the plans for 2023, which will happen sometime this summer. Front doors on Woodward Avenue need to be replaced and funds are available for replacement. Boilers are fixed again; new water pump was installed. We need "No Parking" signs on the Woodward Entrance as neighbors have been parking here and it interferes with plowing. We were informed that signs need to be placed both on Woodward Avenue & Wisconsin Street and need to state: *Faith Lutheran Parking only*. The digital portion of our sign on Woodward Avenue is only half lit. SignArt looked at it but fears because the sign is so old, parts might not be available. The Endowment Fund will be contacted to cover this outreach expense. ∅ Evangelism – Theresina Girard-Schmidt: Pastor states they met and are having a "Friendship Worship" during both Sunday services on March 26 and on Wednesday, March 29. ∅ Pre School/Christian Education/Sunday School – Rachael Simmerman: Nothing new with Sunday School, tie blankets are done and will go to kids in Foster Care. Preschool registration has started for next year. ∅ Ministry Support – Elders Team – Bill Musser: Elders are

monitoring attendance and when members have been away for some time; they will reach out to them to see if they are okay as we want to stay connected with them. ∅ Youth – Pastor states they are supposed to meet on 1/22 with Christ Lutheran Church and a couple of other parishes; however so far, no responses have come in from the youth or their parents. **Closing Prayer:** Given by Pastor Dan. **Respectfully submitted by:** Kathy Butak. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

## SERVANTS NEEDED!

Faith Lutheran Church is in need of the following servants during worship:

**Altar Guild:** All service times.

**Greeters:** 8 AM & 6 PM.

**Nursery Helpers:** 10:15 AM.

**Screens:** All service times.

**Ushers:** All service times.

**Worship Assistants:** 10:15 & 6 PM.

If you, or someone you know could help, please contact Amy in the office. Some positions could be done by teens or together as a family.

## ET CETERA

**A PRAYER CHAIN** has been formed! Call or text Pam Pfankuch @ 715-723-7124.

## SAVE YOUR USED PORTALS OF PRAYER!

Please place them in the marked box in the coat room off the Narthex. The Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls and Klein Hall are accepting these. Questions? Contact Pam Pfankuch.

**Inclement Weather (Service Cancellation) Policy:** Notice sent via email and/or phone call no later than 90 min. before service.

**2023 Flower Chart** now available on the bulletin board. \$30 bouquet is yours to take home after display.

**An LCMS Worship Service** (called "Main Street Living") is shown on TV on Sundays at 10:30 AM on Spectrum Channel 190 or on Antenna TV channel 48.2.



## GENERAL NEWS

**99.9 The Family Help for the Homeless Annual Hygiene Drive! February 12 - March 5.** Keep an eye out for the collection boxes. For more info, visit <https://www.thefamily.net/help-for-the-homeless/help-for-the-homeless-official/>

**PRESENTATION OF HOPE VILLAGE** by Michael Cohoon on **February 14 at 2 PM** in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! Refreshments provided by Faith Lutheran Women of Faith.

**GRIEF GROUP:** New group starting on **Wednesday, February 15, at 2 PM.** With Pastor's leading, we will explore Scripture relating to loss and sorrow, and spend time sharing our hurts with one another. If you plan to attend, please let Amy know.

**LENTEN SERVICES** begin on **Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 6 PM.** The Wednesdays during Lent will focus on a special sermon series based on St. Matthew's Gospel Passion account (sermons different from those on Sunday mornings during Lent). These Lenten services **will be preceded by a Supper at 5 PM**, beginning with a Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday. **Seeking Ministry Groups and/or Families to coordinate weekly suppers.** (Sign up in the Narthex!) We hope that our Sunday worshippers will join us for these special Wednesday services, as we all prepare our hearts for Holy Week and our Savior's passion.

**FRIENDSHIP WORSHIP DAY:** The week of March 26, members are asked to bring a friend to worship either on Sunday (26<sup>th</sup>) or Wednesday (29<sup>th</sup>). More details forthcoming in the next Newsletter.

## YOUTH



**Grades 7-12 Roller Skating!** Sunday, **February 26, from 2 to 4 PM** at High Roller Skating Center, 3120 Melby St, Eau Claire. Admission: \$8. Skate rental: \$3. Please RSVP to the church office by February 24.

## PRE-K & PRESCHOOL

**Faith Christian Preschool and Pre K** Registration for the 2023-2024 school year has begun! For more information or to register, call 715-415-0592 or email [Faithcp733@gmail.com](mailto:Faithcp733@gmail.com).

## WOMEN OF FAITH & LWML

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**LADIES GETAWAY** at Camp Luther, Three Lakes, WI, **April 14-15!** Details in the LWML NWD Mission Tidings in Narthex or see page 10 of the winter newsletter at [nwdlwml.org](http://nwdlwml.org). Contact Pam Pfankuch for more information and/or a ride!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Ladies enjoy Christian fellowship and Bible study with ladies of the Eau Claire, Thorp and Chippewa Falls congregations at Faith, **April 29.** Registration at 8:30 with breakfast snacks and ending at noon with lunch for the **Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) North Wisconsin District (NWD) Zone 9 Spring Rally!**

This June we will "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations" at the **LWML Convention in Milwaukee.** Thank you for volunteering your hands to work for Him and your feet to go on His errands! See [www.lwml-swd.org/events/other](http://www.lwml-swd.org/events/other) or contact [allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com](mailto:allisonlwmlmke23@gmail.com).

**LWML Mission Goal Reached!** Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We are filled with gratitude and joy as we announce that God has worked through your generosity and stewardship to surpass our goal of \$2,150,000! Each time you give to LWML Mission Grants, you are directly pouring God's mercy and message into the lives of others. Thank you for coming alongside LWML as together we proclaim Christ, support missions, equip women and serve others! [www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants)



## THANK YOU'S

We extend our sincere thanks for having a **Gift Giving Tree** at your organization. During the 2022 Christmas season, through your generosity, we were able to serve 532 families and 1,409 children throughout Chippewa County. Direct assistance was provided to these families with donated gifts of new toys, games, quilts, blankets, clothing and gift packages. Thank you!!

**THANK YOU** to everyone that donated towards the Election Bake Sale and/or Christmas Bazaar in 2022. The Women of Faith voted to donate a total of \$1,200 towards various non-profit organizations: AbleLight (formerly known as Bethesda), AMVETS DISTRICT 8 (Klein Hall), Camp Luther, Concordia Seminary (St Louis), Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne), Apple Pregnancy Care Center, Bolton Refuge House, Family Support Center, The Salvation Army, Peace Lutheran Campus Center at UW Stevens Point, Open Door Clinic, and Vicar Dustin Ridings (son of Sharon Volrath).

## LENT QUESTION

**Do Lutherans have to give up something for Lent as some other denominations require?**

**ANSWER:** From the perspective of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, "giving something up for Lent" is entirely a matter of Christian freedom. It would be wrong, from our perspective, for the church to make some sort of "law" requiring its members to "give something up for Lent," since the Scriptures themselves do not require this.

If, on the other hand, a Christian wants to give something up for Lent as a way of remembering and personalizing the great sacrifice that Christ made on the cross for our sins, then that Christian is certainly free to do so — as long as he or she does not "judge" or "look down on" other Christians who do not choose to do this. For more info, visit: <https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/worship-and-congregational-life>



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**RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 1 - Steven Missfeldt; Clare Mueller
- 2 - Judith Hacker
- 3 - Sharon LeDuc; Charlie Wirtz
- 4 - Larry Schaller
- 9 - Nolan Mueller
- 10 - Chuck Henchen
- 13 - Avery Moldenhauer
- 16 - Bernie Wendt
- 17 - Kyro Hasart
- 18 - Skylar Anderson
- 19 - Roy Brummer; Iris Johnson; Michele Langhough
- 20 - Julie Engel; Ken Schimmel
- 22 - Mya Bremness
- 23 - Brayden Moldenhauer
- 24 - Geneva Emanuel; Donna Moldenhauer; Adisyn Ramis
- 25 - Bow Klemish
- 26 - Annabel Dallas
- 27 - Emily Ericksen; Lyle Johnson; James Schaller; William Schaller
- 28 - Crystal Moore; Marc Oliver

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



- 12 - Jack & Mary Lee Halbleib
- 14 - Ron & Helen Krueger; Richard & Betty O'Mara
- 24 - Pat & Sue Smith
- 25 - Brad & Teri Goulet
- 26 - Ed & Kathy Heidtke

**If your birthday or anniversary is not listed** (or is listed incorrectly), please notify the church office.

***\*\*Please don't just throw me away! We don't want to waste a penny. If you'd prefer to receive a DIGITAL newsletter, or be removed from our list, please let us know. Otherwise, open & enjoy!\*\****

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