



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: "In View of God's Mercy"

Dear Members of Faith,

Mercy is one of the attributes of God. God is not obligated to show mercy, but He chooses to do so in keeping with His nature. God shows mercy because God is *"merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness"* (Exodus 34:6). Because God is merciful, we do not receive our due penalty for our sins. God gives us underserved blessing after blessing.

Through faith, we understand how blessed we are that God is merciful toward us. So how should we respond to God's mercies expressed in Christ? The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans told them, and He tells us the following: *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—which is your spiritual act of worship"* (Romans 12:1 NIV).

In response to God's mercy, we respond with praise and thanksgiving. In the Old Testament, one of the ways that God's people honored and thanked God for His mercy and blessings was through animal sacrifices. Animals were ceremonially killed and presented to the Lord. Jesus' death on the Cross became the sacrifice that eliminated the ongoing need for animal sacrifices. As New Testament Christians, Paul is now asking the Romans and us to *"offer [our] bodies as living sacrifices."* Instead of bringing animals as substitutes for us, we offer ourselves. Through the Holy Spirit working in us, we are able and willing to respond to God's mercy by faithfully offering our lives and bodies through using our time, talent, and money in service to the

Lord. Paul calls this our *"spiritual act of worship."*

In the second verse in Romans 12, Paul is exhorting us, *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* Paul is telling us that *"in view of God's mercy"* we can and should stop following the ways of the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are changed and transformed into new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17) who are enabled to say "no" to the ways of the world and live according to God's will.

~ Pastor Dan Wonderly



NEW MEMBER CLASS: Pastor Dan is seeking to form a class for those who would like to become members, and/or relearn the basic teachings of our Lutheran faith. If you are interested, please contact the office: 715-723-7754.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

HEALING: Lorraine Benner; Marg Carothers; Sandy Doege; Mark Goosen (Dan's father); Lisa Hackler; Mary Lee Halbleib; Chuck Henchen; Henry Hurtgen (Pam Fisher's father); Martha Jaenke; Kent Kattesta (Lisa Hackler's father); Joanne Koeller (cousin of Kathy Turner); Barb Leland (friend of Linda Ahlen); Tony Mathwig; Shirley Mertes (Peggy Goosen's mother); Mark Newman; Hilda; Jacki & Nancy (friends of Pam Pfankuch); Paula (in hospice, friend of Dale & Jean Volrath); David Zimpel. **MOURNING:** The family of Lorraine Kasper.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Suns @ 8 or 10:15 AM

Weds @ 6 PM

LISTEN TO CHURCH:

Dial 715-438-4100

OFFICE HOURS:

9 AM - 2 PM, Mon -Fri

CONNECTING FAITH

MARCH PRAYER:

Thank you loving Father for another mild month. Many are anxious for spring but we need the snow to protect the plants and moisture in the spring for growth. We know, with faith, you will provide all of our needs. Strengthen our faith this Lenten season through worship, prayer, and daily study in Your Word. Give us patience as we await spring and continue to pray for a Director of Education for Faith Lutheran. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

MEMORIALS

Jan. 22 thru Feb. 19

In Memory of: Given By

Sharon Braunberger: Dell Braunberger & Family (Doors & Large Print Hymnals).

Morris Riley: M/M Lloyd Benner (Growth); Dell Braunberger (Doors); M/M Helgeson (Doors); Sandra Larson (Phone Ministry); M/M Richard Wirth (Growth).

Barb Glamann: Daughters of the American Revolution.

MISSION & MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 02.08.2023

"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: Given by Pastor Dan.

Approval of New Council Member: Motion made by Bill Musser to approve Dan Goosen to fill open position for Member at Large, seconded by Pastor Dan; motion carried. Welcome to Dan.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Jerry Hallman to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Bill Musser; motion carried. **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Theresina presented reports from December 31, 2022 and from January 31, 2023. Both have been reconciled and everything is balanced. She states electric bills have gone up significantly. Motion made by Lyle Hackler to approve Treasurer's report from December 31, 2022 as submitted, seconded by Dan Goosen; motion carried. Motion made by Lyle Hackler to approve January 31, 2023 Treasurer's report as submitted, seconded by Bill Musser; motion carried. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor states Sunday services will be different from Wednesdays during lent, so we encourage members to attend Wednesday nights as well. Fish Fry is February 22 and we are in need of help. The Fish Fry will be the "kick off" for Lenten meals and plans are to serve soup/salad subsequent weeks throughout the season. Council signed up for March 1st and Alice Helgeson has offered to spearhead this event. Lyle Hackler states the facilities will tentatively sign up for March 8th. Lenten Suppers will run from 5-6 PM and we encourage groups and/or families to coordinate subsequent weekly meals. Pastor states we are going to purchase large print hymnals. They will be placed on the organ for members to use as they enter and place back on the organ as they leave. Pastor

Dan submitted information from a *Chippewa County Community Video Project*. There is no cost associated with the meeting itself, however there is a cost to be involved in the program. Council felt this would be a great idea to at least look into, as it might be a great *outreach* to members of the community. **Capital Campaign:** Alice Helgeson reports we are at \$111,00.00. **DCE:** Pastor states near the end of March we will know if we are getting a DCE. **Request for facility use:** Jack Halbleib received a request to use the facility from Tracie Dallas on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 12 to 4 p.m., as she's a member, there would be no charge. Motion made by Alice Helgeson to allow Tracie Dallas to use the facilities on Feb. 26th from 12 to 4, seconded by Jerry Hallman; motion carried. **Etc.:** Jack states now that we have a new member on board, he wanted to verify if Wednesday nights were still okay for Council to meet, everyone was fine with this. **M&M Council Responsibilities** ∅ Finance/Budget – Theresina Girard-Schmidt, Jack Halbleib: Motion made by Bill Musser to approve Jack Halbleib as Council representative to sign on signature card or any other paperwork if necessary on the bank account, seconded by Jerry Hallman; motion carried. ∅ Human Resources: No report. ∅ Evangelism – Theresina Girard-Schmidt: No report. ∅ Stewardship/Time & Talents: No report. ∅ Facilities: Doors: Lyle reports the initial quote for the door on Woodward Avenue was \$10,500. However, the quote didn't include the window to the left. Also, the doors in the quote were only 7 ft. tall and the contractor suggested going all the way to the ceiling. The Facilities Team is waiting on a new quote. Lights: Lights have been installed on the carport and paid for by Nate & Cass Musser. Woodward Avenue Sign: Jerry Hallman reports that the north half of the sign out front has been shut off because it doesn't work. Replacement sign estimate is \$22,865. We will need a committee to meet with *Signart* and make a final decision. We can save the top part and replace the lower part as an option. To repair one side is approximately \$1,300, however Council felt that due to age, parts are hard to get, that the best option would be to go with a new sign. *Signart* takes care of everything, replacing the sign, disposal of existing sign, obtaining permits, following size guidelines set forth by the City, etc. Alice states *Signart* also takes care of the computer end as well and they are great to work with. A notice will be published in the *Bulletin* in search of members to be on the "sign committee", which Pastor Dan and Dan Goosen have already volunteered for. Dan Goosen states he will be council representative and will take lead on this project. Motion made by Bill Musser to meet with *Signart* to discuss replacement plans for sign on Woodward Avenue, seconded by Pastor Dan; motion carried. Jerry Hallman reports we have a new cab for the snow blower, donated by Randy Cassellius. ∅ Pre School/Christian Education/Sunday School – Rachael Simmerman: Jack Halbleib states Preschool is filling up well. ∅ Evangelism: Theresina states they met, discussed Fish dinner, Friend Day, how to improve and build on our relationship with Southview School, and invite more of the groups to their Saturday functions. Council felt Preschool families should be invited to more church events, possibly post signs on the Preschool entrance – which Council agreed to. ∅ Ministry Support – Elders Team – Bill Musser: Bill Musser states they are still tracking attendance. Pastor states that the letters that went out before Christmas – some members have since returned to service attendance in person. ∅ Youth – Pastor states they are going roller skating February 26. Other: Installation of Council of Members/introduce Elders: Installment of Officers: Jack Halbleib suggested having a formal installment of Council Members during a Service. Installment of Council Members will be Sunday, February 12 at the 10:15 service. Elders: List of members who serve as Elders will be posed in the *Messenger*. **Closing Prayer:** Given by Pastor Dan. **Respectfully submitted by:** Kathy Butak. **Next Meeting:** March 8, 2023.

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GENERAL NEWS

LENTEN SERVICES continue on Wednesdays at 6 PM through the month of March! A special sermon series based on St. Matthew's Gospel Passion account will be given. The sermons on Wednesdays will be different from those on Sunday mornings, so we hope that our Sunday worshippers will join us for these special Wednesday services, too, as we all prepare our hearts for Holy Week and our Savior's passion.

Lenten Suppers @ 5 PM: Thanks to the following for spearheading these suppers! Please join us!

March 1: Council Members

March 8: Facilities Team

March 15: Women of Faith

March 22: Sunday School Families

March 29: Wisconsin Raptors 4-H Club

Order your Easter Lily Now! Due to supply chain issues, this year's orders are **due March 2** (Easter is April 9). Sign up in the Library or contact the office!

GRIEF GROUP "B": New! We have had so much interest in our new Grief Group, that we have added a second session in order to keep the groups small. If you have recently lost a loved one, please consider joining us on **Friday, March 3, at 12 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. (*Grief Group "A" is closed to new members.*)

Annual Hygiene Drive through March 5. See box near the church office for more.

FRIENDSHIP WORSHIP: The week of March 26, bring a friend to worship with you, either on Sunday (26th) or Wednesday (29th). **Youth, please bring a friend or two to Sunday School!**

YOUTH



Save the Date! **2023 Confirmation is Sunday, April 30 @ 10:15 AM.**



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.



WOMEN OF FAITH & LWML

Contacts: President Patricia (Pat) Smith
715-577-7290,

wpsmith620@charter.net

OR: Pam Pfankuch, 715-723-7124

ppfankuch53@gmail.com

Women of Faith will be hosting the Lenten supper **March 15**. If you would like to help, please contact Marcia Goettl (715-723-7454). Free will offering will go to Hope Village, Chippewa Falls.

Monthly Get Together! Ladies please join us on **Tuesday, March 21 @ 2 PM.** Patricia Smith will lead a discussion on the "significance of the 40 days of lent." Refreshments provided, bring a friend!

Reminder: Direct your **Thrivent Choice Dollars** before March 31!

Palm Sunday Bake & Craft Sale April 2
Asking members of the congregation to donate baked goods and crafts. All proceeds will go to Hope Village of Chippewa Falls. Sponsored by Women of Faith.

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. Contact Pam Pfankuch for more information and/or a ride!

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Randy Cassellius for donating and helping to install a new cab/windshield for the church snowblower!

Thank you to Nate & Cassandra Musser for covering the cost of the new LED Lights in the carport/canopy area!

Dear Members of Faith: Our family thanks you for the beautiful poinsettia present at our mother's memorial service. As a Christmas plant, it reminds us of why we celebrate Christmas - Christ is born to be mom's Savior and ours. Christ Jesus bless your ministry. ~The family of Dorothy Plautz

Please help us thank **Bob Normand** for being Faith Lutheran Church's Council President for the last SEVEN years! Thanks, Bob, for all of your hard work which led us to where we are today! You have been a blessing to the staff and Congregation of Faith.

ET CETERA

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

SAVE YOUR OLD 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.





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**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- 1 - Kathy Butak
- 3 - Dick Walders
- 5 - Astley Fisher
- 7 - Rebecca Hoepner
- 9 - Sandy Doege
- 10 - Jody Wennerberg
- 11 - Millie Huth
- 12 - Mark Cassellius
- 13 - Rick Denning; Barb Melby; Isaac Ramis
- 16 - Harold Aamodt; Hayden Musser
- 18 - Esther Musser
- 20 - Cathie Chittendon
- 21 - Harold Saxon
- 22 - Brad Dietsche
- 23 - Bob Lulloff
- 24 - Jean Pfankuch
- 26 - Ruby Schumacher
- 27 - Barbara Missfeldt
- 28 - Randy Cassellius
- 29 - Ken Schaller
- 30 - Sue Roytek
- 31 - Rhonda Goettl; Rhonda Larson; Joel Moldenhauer

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- 7 - Astley & Pam Fisher
- 11 - Ron & Barb Krueger
- 15 - Craig & Rebecca Hoepner
- 18 - Dale & Jean Volrath

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

FAITH'S 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; Alice Helgeson; Rachael Simmerman; Pastor Wonderly.

FAITH'S ELDERS:

Randy Knapp; Bill Musser; Wally Smith; Ron Tiry.

*****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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