

## The Word of God

by Pastor Dan

The word 'Christian' does not appear in the Gospels or on the lips of Jesus. Instead, Jesus called people to follow Him as 'disciples.' To be disciples, among other things, is to be students of Jesus' Word. Jesus said *"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* (John 8:31-32)

Jesus has called us as disciples to "continue in" His Word, in order to experience the transformation. And who doesn't want to experience a transformation from God, or to see Faith become

a church which is passionate about sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to His Word?



Therefore, studying the Word of God in various Bible classes is the best way for us as individuals, and also as a

congregation, to grow and to be faithful in our calling as disciples of our Lord.

I am excited to see that many Bible classes are already ongoing here at Faith, and I will be starting a couple classes of my own in March on 'The Gospel of Luke' and 'The Will of God.' Please consider joining one of these.

If there is one goal that I would set for Faith above all others, it would be to have all of our members

become active disciples in Bible study. Get people in the Word, and everything else in the church - from stewardship to service to missions - will be taken care of in the process.

People passionate about the Word of God will be passionate about everything God desires.

### 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. Class meets Feb. 4, then takes a break until March 4

### 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: Hebrews, Led by Susan Cassellius.

### Thursday Bible Class

Join our Thursday's at 10am for the study of "You Are Already Amazing". Class will be held in the conference room here at church and is led by Pam Pfankuch.

### Couples Group

Come join this fun group in February. Biblically based, learn to love more deeply as a married couple. Questions? Contact Lynn Musser.

### Women's Group

Meets the first Saturday of the month (February 2) at 9am at the Goldsmith Coffee House, 22 So. Prairie St., Chippewa Falls. Purchase a "Write the Word" Journal and come join us! Questions? Contact Hannah Kressin via email: hkrassin@gmail.com.

### Grief Support Group

Have you lost a loved one? This class is being offered on Thursday, February 21 at 6pm and is being formed to give ongoing support for those who grieve. Please call Pastor Dan at 715-723-7754 to reserve your spot today!



## Minutes from Mission & Ministry Council

January 14, 2019

6:30 - 7:40 p.m.

**Attending Disciples:** Mark Erickson, Jack Halbleib, Randy Knapp, Steve Missfeldt, Janell Newcomb, Bob Normand, Pastor Wonderly.

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

**Approval of December Minutes:** The December 10, 2018, minutes were reviewed. Jack Halbleib made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Steve Missfeldt seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Larry Bohl, Treasurer, was not present at the meeting, but made the checkbook register, summary report, and profit & loss year-to-date comparisons through December 31, 2018, available for the Council's review as well as a written explanation. The Council reviewed the available reports. It was noted that offerings were up in November and December and it was hoped that this trend continues. Monetary donations will be sought to defray expenses for moving costs for our new pastor. We are thankful for the gifts that God has bestowed upon us and will pray for continued support of our ministry. Randy Knapp made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mark Erickson seconded the motion and it was approved on a voice vote.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Wonderly made a motion to approve his membership to Faith Lutheran. Steve Missfeldt seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Church policies were reviewed regarding cancellation of services due to inclement weather. Pastor Wonderly said that he would like to start a Thursday night bible class and possibly a Sunday morning bible class in

February or March. Discussion centered around current and past Bible classes as well as areas of study. Discussion was also held regarding his normal routine, scheduling, services, and other areas affecting the normal activities of the church.

**Bid to Replace Failing Amplifier in Sound System:** One amplifier in the sound system is failing. A bid from Audio Architects was obtained in the amount of \$1,580.75 to remove the old amp. and install a new amp. and equalizer. After discussion, it was decided to keep the bid on file. It will be brought up for discussion when replacement becomes necessary.

**Annual Voter's Meeting:** The Annual Voter's Meeting will be held on January 27, 2019, immediately following second service. An agenda is available for the meeting. Items for consideration will be adopting the 2019 budget, nominations for LCMS President & Vice-President, nominations for Vice-President of the Great Lakes region, and election of Mission & Ministry Council Members. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting.

**2019 Budget:** Bob Normand updated the proposed 2019 budget with actual expenses and revenues through 12/31/2018. Bob explained where adjustments had been made since the last meeting due to the actual figures being available. The Council reviewed the proposed 2019 budget and discussion was held. Randy Knapp made a motion to approve the proposed 2019 budget with the recommended changes and that it be brought to the congregation at the Annual Voter's Meeting on January 27, 2019. Mark Erickson seconded the motion, the Motion carried on a voice vote.

### Mission & Ministry Council Responsibilities:

**(Finance/Budget):** Bob Normand and Larry Bohl will continue to implement and monitor the budget to ensure that we stay on track.

**(Human Resources):** Jack Halbleib, a representative of the Human Resource function of the Council, will continue with his follow-up on completing job descriptions and contracts for staff at the Church. He will meet with Pastor Wonderly to review potential future needs.

**(Stewardship/Time & Talents):** Randy Knapp would like to make it a goal of the church to do an annual stewardship drive each fall.

**(Facilities):** Mark Erickson said that parishioners worked hard to make sure the parsonage was ready for the arrival of Pastor and Sandy Wonderly. Repair of the roof over the kitchen area will need to be completed soon.

**(Evangelism):** Opportunities for new bible study will be created.

**(Pre-School):** Make it a goal to meet the enrollment plan for full classes.

**(Ministry Support):** To continue or expand the worship assistance/Elders Team.

**Other Business:** There was no other business at this time.

### Date of Next Council Meeting:

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janell Newcomb, Council Secretary

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Mark 12:30

## 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).

### Pastor's Thursday Night Bible Class

**"The Will of God as a Way of Life: How to Make Every Decision with Peace and Confidence"**

"God has a plan for your life," but what does that mean in practical terms? How do you know God's will for important life decisions, like who to marry, what job to take, and what church to join? How can you be free if God has a perfect plan for you? Does suffering mean you're off track? How exactly does God speak?

In this Bible Class, we will explore these questions and offer a biblically based approach that is truly liberating. No matter what decisions you've already made, he points out that it's still possible to live out God's perfect will—even if you think you've married the wrong person, chosen the wrong career, or landed in some kind of serious trouble. Cost of the book is \$10. Sign up on the table in the narthex by Wednesday, February 24. Class begins on Thursday, March 7, at 7:00pm.

### Pastor's Sunday Morning Bible Class

**"The Gospel of Luke"**

Beginning on Sunday's in March, Pastor Dan will be teaching a course on the Gospel of Luke, based on readings from a Lutheran commentary. Bible students will do small readings before class and then discuss the content of the Gospel together in class. The tentative date to begin in Sunday, March 3, at 9:00am. The cost of the book will be \$16-18, depending on the size of the class. Please sign up on the table in the narthex by Wednesday, February 24.

### Sunday School

Sunday School classes are at 8:45am. 2019—It's another year in growing in God's word for our students grade N-grade 6. It's never too late to join in growing in the word of God's kingdom.

### 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.

### Theme & Message Change

One of the changes Pastor Wonderly will be implementing is to have the Wednesday service's theme and message follow the Sunday service. Thus, the theme & message of February 3 will be preached on February 6 and forth-going. Please make a note of this change in your personal worship planning schedule.

### February Sermon Themes:

3- "Love is As Love Does" 1 Cor. 12:31-13:13  
10—"Fishing for People" Luke 5:1-11  
17—"The Road Less Traveled" Luke 6:17-26  
24—"Be Merciful, As Your Father Is Merciful" Luke 6:27-38

### Sunday School & Confirmation

Sunday school classes (Nursery—grade 6) begin at 8:45am. It's the start of an exciting new year and new adventures in growing in our Lord. Confirmation classes are Wednesday's at 7pm (grades 7 & 8).

### Moving Expense Fund Drive

We are seeking monetary donations to defray expenses for moving costs for our new pastor. The final bill was \$12,566; of which to date \$4,909 has been raised. Please consider helping afford this expense of your church.

### ID Sign Fund

The sign is fixed but the final cost is unfortunately more than anticipated at a cost of \$4200 (to date \$250 raised). Your support of this outreach ministry is appreciated.

### Kwik Trip Milk Moola

The collection of Milk Moola caps and bag tops is being discontinued by the Kwik Trip Corporation. The final date to submit caps and bag tops is March 31. Please make a note of this change.

**FYI—Lent begins March 6.** More information on services & theme will be forthcoming.

### Please note:

**Pastor Dan & Sandy Wonderly's phone:**  
715-861-3315

### Pastor Dan's email:

dwonderly@faithlutherancf.org

### Pastor Dan & Sandy Wonderly's address:

735 Woodward Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729



Dear Faith Family,

We are blessed to be here! We know that relocating us came at great expense for the members of Faith and we want you to know how much it was appreciated!

Thank you for the warm welcome and all the help we received when we arrived at FLC! We were amazed by the number of people who volunteered, then time to help us unload. The welcome basket waiting for us in the parsonage was a wonderful surprise and greatly appreciated. The installation service and dinner was wonderful.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it a special day for us! We feel very blessed to be part of the Faith family and we look forward to getting to know you and serving along side you for many years to come! ~Pastor Dan & Sandy

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JOHN 3:16





## February 2019

### February Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### Happy Birthday!

1-Cheryl Brock, Shelby Loebertman, Steven Missfeldt  
2-Judith Hacker,  
3-Christa Borck, Sharon LeDuc, Charlie Wirtz  
4-George Brock, Larry Schaller  
5-Rosemary Horgen, Scott Loebertman  
7-Justin Jaquish  
12-Sawyer Nesvacil  
13-Avery Moldenhauer  
16-Carrie Andersen, Bernie Wendt  
17-Kyro Hasart  
18-Skylar Anderson  
19-Michele Langhough  
20-Julie Engel, Ken Schimmel  
21-Andon Doro, Dennis Schroeder  
22-Sarah Atchley, Mya Bremness

23-Alex Dietze, Brayden Moldenhauer  
24-Geneva Emanuel, Donna Moldenhauer, James Peterson, Adisyn Ramis  
26-Annabel Dallas, Jessica Hardwick, Casey Schewe  
27-Emily Ericksen, James Schaller, Milah Schrieber  
28-Crystal Moore

#### Happy Anniversary!

12-Jack & Mary Lee Halbleib  
14-Richard & Betty O'Mara  
16-Julius & Millie Huth  
18-BJ & Darlene Prickett  
24-Patrick & Susan Smith  
25-Brad & Teri Goulet  
26-Ed & Kathy Heidtke



"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8