

## “A new commandment I give you....”

by Valerie Brooks, DYFM

John 13:34 says, “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another.” I find it very poetic that Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine’s day this year. Many people will be out celebrating their relationships with loved ones, while others may be remembering loved ones who are now in eternal glory. Our Lenten devotion booklets for the season focus on God’s will in our lives, and not only what it meant to people like Abraham, Moses, and Mary, but also what it means for us in our lives today. Lenten booklets will be available for you in the church narthex beginning Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a Chili Cook-off event as a youth fundraiser and would like to invite you all to join us. The cook-off will take place immediately following the late service. If you’d be interested in entering your chili in to the cook-off, please sign up in the church narthex. Entrants are expected to supply and serve their chili from a crock pot (we will sup-

ply tasting supplies for you). The first place winner will receive a \$50 cash prize! Tickets will be for sale for this event prior to the 18<sup>th</sup> (see Valerie) at a price of \$5 each for adults and \$2 each for

children 17 and under. All proceeds from ticket sales go to help our youth and their upcoming trips. We hope you can make it, and thank you for supporting our youth here at Faith Lutheran!

Also on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am there will also be an informational meeting for all youth who are attending the 2017 Dells Youth Quake. We will be going over information that you need to know for the trip, signing a covenant, and going over questions

that the youth may have about the trip. If you haven’t registered but would still like to attend the Quake, **please attend this meeting**. There is still time to register before the trip in March.

Our Young Adult group will be meeting at 6pm on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Corey & Valerie’s house for game night. We’ll be doing burgers for dinner – please bring your own drinks & a side dish to pass.

Feel free to bring some fun games over too! Questions? Let Valerie or Corey know ahead of time.

Because we all really enjoy summer, I am going to be in the process of planning another family night here at the church in June, and I am in need of some volunteers to help me with the planning and implementation of this event. The dates this year are tentatively set for June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> beginning after Wednesday

evening’s church service and going through the early morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> (we’ll end with breakfast around 8am). If you would be interested in helping coordinate this event, please let me know as soon as possible.

Continuing to look towards summer, I would like to also encourage those who are interested in helping out with Vacation Bible School to please let me know. We have many opportunities available again including Kitchen Assistants, Crew Leaders, Room Leaders & Assistants, Musicians, and Technology Specialists. If any of these positions sound fun to you, please let me know as soon as possible. We have a very fun theme this year that is going to require a little bit of extra planning, but the children are going to have a blast! VBS dates for this year will be July 29<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-8pm each evening.



### Sunday Morn Bible Class

Come Sunday morning at 9am to the study of Lutheranism 101 led by Dick Walders.

### Monday Aft Bible Class

Consider joining this group on Monday at 1pm as they study Jesus feeding the five thousand: Matthew 14:13-21 from Donna Pyle’s “Overflowing Abundance” series. 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: 2 Titus. Led by Susan Cassellius.

### Wednesday Eve Bible Study

“You Lost Me” by David Kinman; which explores the topic of “Why Young Christians Are Leaving Church . . . and Rethinking Faith” Leader: Valerie Brooks. Wednesday’s at 7pm.

### Thursday Bible Class

Join our Thursday at 9:30am Bible class for the study entitled “Peter...from Fisherman to Fisher of Men” by author, Donna Pyle. Class is led by Pam Pfankuch.

### Couples Group

This group is taking a break until March. A marriage encounter retreat is planned for Feb. 16—18. Contact Lynn Musser for more info.

### LENT BEGINS FEB. 14

#### Weekly Lenten topics:

**Feb. 14** Come follow me...In Prayer To the Father.

**Feb. 21** Come follow me... To Hallow His Name

**Feb. 28** Come follow me.. In Prayer for the Kingdom

**March 7** Come follow me... In Prayer to do the Father’s Will

**March 14** Come follow me... In Prayer for the Bread of Life

**March 21** Come follow me.. In Prayer...and Know Forgiveness

## Mission & Ministry Council

January 8, 2018  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Attending Disciples:** Scott Bernette, Larry Bohl, Valerie Brooks, Jack Halbleib, Randy Knapp, Bill Miller, Janell Newcomb, Bob Normand.

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

**December Minutes:** The December 11, 2017, minutes were reviewed. Scott Bernette made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Randy Knapp 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 December 31, 2017. The summary report showed that the operating expenses of the church are currently being met. Provided that no unexpected expenses are incurred and members continue to pray about their giving and support the church by continuing to give an additional 8% (8 cents for every dollar) with each offering to the church, we should start to make progress toward standing on a solid financial foundation once again so that funds can be maintained to pay for future repairs/maintenance and support our new pastor when we are blessed with his presence. Bill Miller made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Scott Bernette seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**2018 Budget:** An updated 2018 draft budget was reviewed and discussion followed. Jack Halbleib made a motion to approve the 2018 budget with the recommended changes and that it be brought to the congregation at the Annual Voter's Meeting on January 14th, 2018. Randy Knapp seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**Pastor/DFYM Reports:** Pastor Yunghans was unable to attend the meeting this evening. Valerie Brooks presented some information to the Council on fire alarms in the classrooms that need to be replaced. She will contact the City of Chippewa Falls

Fire Inspector as they are the authority who have jurisdiction to see how replacement of these fire alarms needs to be carried out. She also reported that the Advent Reader's Theater went well in November and December and will be continued during the Lenten season.

**Christmas Eve Service Attendance:** It was reported that 112 people attended the 9 a.m. service and 250 people attended the 4 p.m.

**Call Committee Update:** Bill Miller, a member of the Call Committee, said that they interviewed some pastoral candidates. One of the candidates was interviewed via Skype. The Call Committee has selected a candidate that they would like to submit to the voters to accept a call for Senior Pastor. Scott Bernette made a motion to schedule a meeting for the purpose of issuing a call to a candidate for Senior Pastor for Wednesday, January 24th at 7 p.m. Larry Bohl seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**Annual Voter's Meeting - Sunday, January 14th at 9:00 a.m.:** All members are encouraged to attend the Annual Voter's Meeting. Informational packets can be found in the Narthex.

**Church Safety & Security Seminar:** The Chippewa Valley Bible Church sent an invitation to the Council stating that a Church Safety & Security Seminar will be held on Saturday, January 20th, 2018 from 9 a.m.-Noon. Members from the Chippewa Falls Police Department, the Eau Claire Sheriff Department, and Mayo Clinic Health System will be there to give presentations.

**Mission and Ministry Council Responsibilities:** The responsibilities of the Mission and Ministry Council were reviewed.

**Other Business:** Our church is currently a charter organization for a Boy Scout Troop. Pastor Plautz had origi-

nally signed the paperwork and served as the main contact for the charter organization. The Troop currently uses the Church to hold their meetings. A request was received from the Boy Scout Troop to renew sponsorship of their Troop by completing the paperwork and having a person sign as the "main contact" for the charter organization (Faith Lutheran). Jack Halbleib looked further into this matter and reported that Randy Cassellius has agreed to serve in this capacity for the Boy Scout Troop.

Scott Bernette reported that Clarence Glamann, a member of the Facilities Team, had contacted him regarding an issue with a sink in the parsonage that had caused some problems during the cold weather that we recently had. Bohl & Proulx Plumbing was called to fix the problem so that no further damage was done.

Alice Helgeson, office manager, has inquired about having a lock box installed at the church so that in emergency situations the key would be available. This will be looked into further.

**Date of Next Council Meeting:** The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, February 12th, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

**The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.**

**Respectfully Submitted by Janell Newcomb, Council Secretary**

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Love the Lord  
your God with  
all your heart  
and with all  
your soul and  
with all your  
mind and with  
all your  
strength.

Mark 12:30

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## Congregational News

### Call Committee Update

Exciting news! Rev. Dr. Kevin Tiaden has consented to considering a call as Senior Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church. This means call papers have been mailed and Rev. Dr. Tiaden is in the process of prayerfully considering this endeavor. Please pray for Rev. Tiaden, his family and his congregation of Berea Lutheran in Richfield, MN. Questions? Please contact a call committee member: Pam Dietsche, Bill Miller, Kimberly Musser, Tracie Dallas, Ronald Tiry, Bryan Vogels; co-chairmans, Pam Johnson & Roberta Chittendon; and secretary, Karen Prenzlou. We praise God for his wisdom and guidance.

### Agnes Table

Come serve a meal to the less fortunate of the Chippewa Valley on Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 3-8pm. A sign-up for volunteers and cake/bar donations is available from the narthex.

### Ash Wednesday

#### Lent season begins February 14.

The purpose of Lent is for the preparation of the believer through prayer, self-reflection and devotion for the journey of Christ's death & resurrection. Worship will be offered on Wednesday's at 6pm with the reader's theater format. The theme is "Come Follow Me In Prayer". Lenten resources are also available for self-reflection & devotion.

### Fish Fry

Come enjoy fellowship and a fantastic fish & french fry supper prepared by our famous fishermen of Faith Lutheran on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 5pm.

Bring a dish to pass, beverage and eating utensils will be provided. A free-will offering will be gathered to benefit a family in need here at church.



**Our annual Chili Cook-off** will be Sunday, Feb. 18 following second service (11:30am)—we invite you all to join us! Whether you are interested in

entering your chili in the cook-off, or just want to judge the delicious entries...this event is for you! Entrants are expected to supply and serve their "famous" chili from a crock pot (we will provide the tasting supplies). The first place winner receives a \$50 cash prize. Cost to sample chili is \$5/adult and \$2/kids (17 & under). Join in the fun, spice up the month of February with some good eats and a fun time in fellowship.

### Women of Faith

Ladies will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 2pm to assemble the homeless care packages for the less fortunate in Eau Claire & Chippewa Counties. A regular business meeting and devotion will follow the assembly of the kits.

### Mission Trip

A mission trip to Detroit, MI is planned for this summer. It's going to be July 14-19, 2018 and the cost is \$300/person. The trip is co-sponsored through "Camp Restore"; check them out on their website. They restore communities; whether it be family dwellings,

churches, and schools, or work on a wide range of community projects with partner nonprofits. You can attend individually, with a friend, or as a family. It's a great way to serve our Lord and grow by serving. Contact Valerie for more information.

### Homeless Hygiene Kits

Thank you to all who donated items for this cause. Your support of this effort.

### "Red" Bag Food Drive

Many thanks to all for your generous support of the food pantry drive through the use of FLC's recyclable bags. Please continue to donate to cause as you are able.

### 2018-19 Faith Christian Pre-K and Preschool Registration

has begun! We are accepting enrollment applications for the upcoming fall program for children ages 3-5 years old. Check it out online [faithlutherancf.org](http://faithlutherancf.org) or call the church office for further details.

**LOVE** is patient  
is kind  
it does not envy  
it does not boast  
it is not proud  
it is not rude  
it is not self seeking  
it is not easily angered  
it keeps no record of wrongs  
*never fails*



## YOUTH HAPPENINGS

### Sunday School

Classes are offered on Sunday's at 8:45am, beginning with music in the fellowship hall. Children ages N-grade 6 will grow in God's word, and build relationships with fellow students.

### Confirmation

This class is for students entering grades 7 & 8 and runs throughout the school year Wednesday's at 7pm and is designed to nurture our youth in their a faith journey.

### Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY)

Join this group Sunday mornings at 9am in the youth room as grades 6-12 grow and build unity in Christ.

### Young Adult Event

If you are age 18-35; this group is for you! Come to Corey & Valerie's house for game night on Feb. 18 at 6pm. There will be burgers (bring your own dish to pass) and bring your favorite board game to play. Call Valerie if questions.

### Scrip for Sale

Purchase gift cards from area businesses with proceeds benefitting the youth program here at FLC. Scrip is available from the church office.

### Youth Quake Gathering

It's time to sign-up for the youth gathering in Minneapolis, MN—March 16-18. Contact Valerie for more details.

### LCMS National Gathering

Youth and adults across the synod will come together on July 11-15, 2019 for this event centered on the theme—"Real. Present. God." *Psalm 46*. This is only a year and a half from now! Please contact Valerie in the church office if you are interested in attending.



## February 2018

### 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
- 10-Justin Jaquish, Paul Wucherpfennig
- 12-Sawyer Nesvacil
- 13-James Isaacson, Avery Moldenhauer
- 16-Carrie Andersen, Bernard Wendt
- 17-Kyro Hasart
- 18-Skylar Anderson
- 19-Iris Johnson, Michele Langhough
- 20-Braedyn Arroyo, Elias Bernette, Julie Engel, Ken Schimmel, Alyssa Swartz
- 21-Andon Doro, Dennis Schroeder
- 22-Sarah Atchley, Mya Bremness

- 23-Alex Dietze, Brayden Moldenhauer
- 24-Geneva Emanuel, Donna Moldenhauer, James Peterson, Amelia Volrath
- 26-Laura Atchley, Annabel Dallas, Jessica Hardwick, Casey Schewe
- 27-Emily Ericksen, Lyle Johnson, James Schaller, William 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
- 28-Mil & Bernita Newman

