

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



SUNDAYS:

(Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

8 AM - Traditional Worship

8:45 AM - Sunday School
(thru May 6)

9 AM - Adult Bible Class

10:15 AM - Contemporary Worship

WEDNESDAYS:

(Communion 1st and 3rd Wednesdays)

6 PM - Blended Worship

Sermons available via



Call 715-438-4100 at the time of
the worship service to listen live!

Prayer Requests:

Those in need of healing:

Juliane Ader (Pat & Harold Saxon's daughter; hip surgery)

Doug Benner (son of Lloyd & Lorraine)

Jenni Scheidler (brain tumor surgery on 4/21)

Bonita (Bonnie) Schimmel

Carol Strassman (cancer; sister of Joyce Davidson)

Chelsea Whelan (granddaughter of Richard & Janice Wirth)

Those who mourn: The families of..

Greg Juedes (brother of Mike)

Vivian Hanson

Betty Leander (friend to Braunbergers)

Mil Newman



A message from Pastor: "The Habit of Weekly Worship"

Psychologists claim that if a person follows the same repetitive routine for 21 consecutive days, that routine will become a behavior pattern or habit. And while there are many habits that are part of one's weekly routine, some habits are good, while others are bad.

For many here at Faith, the habit has been *not* to come to church for worship on account of the pandemic, and instead have observed worship by virtual means, or perhaps have neglected it altogether. Yet, while keeping a distance from public worship may have been necessary for a time for certain individuals, this is not an ideal way of worshiping our Lord. In fact, a virtual church is a contradiction in terms, since the word "church" in the Scriptures means "an assembly of people" who gather together in Christ. This cannot be achieved when one remains at home, separated from brothers and sisters in Christ.

The author to the Hebrews writes: ***"Let us be concerned about one another in order to promote love and good works, not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near."*** (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Having just observed Good Friday and Easter, we have celebrated the great love that God has for us, and all that He has done through our Savior Jesus to redeem us from the grave. And Jesus has promised that when ***the day draws near***, He will return in glory, raise the dead, and create all things new again for us. Truly our great God is worthy of our presence and our worship.

Moreover, regular attendance in worship is not just good for one's soul - it's also good for the body. A six-year study of elderly people conducted by Duke University, found that those who attended worship services once a week had a 28% lower risk of dying during the study, than people who attended less often. Numerous other studies have found similar results: weekly worship is good for both body and soul.

Therefore, let us once again develop the positive ***habit*** of gathering weekly in person for ***our worship meetings***, while ***encouraging each other*** to do the same. If you haven't seen some of your friends in worship for a while, give them a call and let them know that they are missed. Someone has written: ***"If we understood worship properly, we would quickly come to crave it as the high point of our life. For worship is the time when we most directly celebrate life's most profound meaning as a gift from God. And it is where we acknowledge, examine, enjoy and strengthen the realization that we all exist to be blessings to each other."***

The Psalmist writes: ***"I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD!"*** (Psalm 116:18-19)

~ In Christ, Rev. Dr. Daniel Wonderly

Minutes from Mission & Ministry Council Meeting—April 19, 2021

Opening Prayer: Pastor Dan read Hebrews 10:23-26. Pastor is concerned about low attendance, and is asking members to pray for others, and encouraging them to call those they haven't seen in church for a while. **Approval of Minutes** from 03/09/21 meeting: Motion made by Bill Musser to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Lyle Hackler; motion carried. **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Theresina states we did use the monies from the PPP Loan; to date we have \$23,055.00 left which has been moved into the savings account. She was questioning designated offerings for church loan, as she was unsure what to do with them. She felt that if members designate offerings towards the loan – then she would like to apply them to the loan and send out thank you cards to whoever donated them. Council thought this would be the proper thing to do. Motion made by Jack Halbleib to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded by Lyle Hackler; motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor states we have Confirmation this Sunday, portraits taken this Wednesday. We've been getting quite a few visitors, and do have a young couple joining the congregation.

Service Attendance, Masking, Social Distancing: After much discussion re: masks vs. no masks, motion was made by Jack Halbleib that the 10:15 a.m. Sunday Service will duplicate the 8:00 a.m. service wherein masks are optional in designated areas, second by Lyle Hackler; motion carried. This will

be effective beginning May 2nd so as to allow time to contact members of the congregation.

Follow-up Contacts: Bryan Vogels states we need to make sure we contact everyone who has been sending e-mails re: mask issue to make them aware that we are reviewing their thoughts and taking action. **Sunday School:** Teachers will ask parents as they attend if they want to wear them or not; and leave it to their discretion. **Open Council Position:** Alice Helgeson is interested in this position. Motion made by Kathy Butak to accept Alice for this open position; seconded by Bill Musser; motion carried. This term is for one year.

M&M Council Responsibilities

Finance/Budget – Theresina Gerard-Schmidt, Bob Normand: Discussed earlier this evening.

Human Resources – Jack Halbleib states Amy is working out very well and is doing an awesome job!

Stewardship/Time & Talents – Kathy Butak – no report.

Facilities – Lyle Hackler: Talked to Dell Braunberger and he states monitors have been giving us issues and Dell states they need a cleaning. Ed Heidtke has a ladder tall enough and Randy Cassellius would be able to clean these filters. Lyle states we need to purchase a 12 foot step ladder to do facilities maintenance. Dell states we also need a cordless drill, estimate around \$125.00. Superior Sealer is going to look at our parking lot and fill in cracks weather permitting. Stump grinder removed 3 stumps, Clarence

Glamann paid for this. Mr. Sawyer Sturz and 12 youth from Chippewa County Job Center came and did a spring clean up on our grounds for GED credit. Terrence Klemish fixed 3 toilets. Ed Heidtke repaired the snow blower at no charge. Randy Casellius is working on Pastor's office lighting.

Evangelism – Theresina Gerard-Schmidt: Not meeting yet, so no report.

Pre School/Christian Education/ Sunday School – Rachael Simmerman: Sunday School is going well, they talked about the masks. Numbers have not been great; but that's normal this time of the year. Preschool has 20 students enrolled for the fall thus far. May 13 and 19 are the dates for the graduation ceremony with parents and grandparents only in attendance.

Ministry Support – Worship Assistance Team – Bill Musser, Bryan Vogels, Elders: Did not meet. **Youth** - Bryan Vogels: No report.

Other: Kathy Butak asked if it would be okay to have a puzzle checkout system in the Library. Roberta Chittendon and her son Mason gave a presentation for a project ("Faith's Garden") in which raised garden beds would be constructed and vegetables planted. Bryan Vogels felt this would be a great project for the youth to be involved with.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer
Respectfully submitted by: Kathy Butak

Next Meeting – **Monday, May 10**



****Capital Campaign News****

JOIN THE CONVERSATION! Faith Lutheran is prayerfully working on a Ministry Plan for our future. As congregational members, we need your participation! Through the next several months this process will involve you in prayer, participating on a planning team, participating in creative conversations, Bible studies, and ministry celebrations. **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE** for an initial creative conversation event on **Wednesday Evening, May 5th** – details below:

6 PM—Worship Service

6:45 PM—refreshments

7-8:30 PM—Creative Event

We are seeking input from our members as we hone in on our purpose and identity as a congregation. **We need you** to help us shape the future of our congregation, so bring your ideas, your faith, and your enthusiasm to this fun creative event being led by our consultants from LCEF! **Please RSVP by signing up on the sheets at church, or contact the church office. Childcare will also be provided!** Do not miss the opportunity to be a part of the process – it will surely be time well spent! ~ *Faith Clarity Team*

****Women of Faith/LWML****

Running To Lexington — Make plans to attend the 39th Biennial LWML Convention in Lexington, KY, June 24–27! See lwml.org or contact Pam Pfankuch for more information!

Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods and those that gave monetary donations for our Palm Sunday bake sale! **A total of \$395 was donated!** What a blessing!

We are **collecting used postage stamps and “Our Family” brand UPC codes.** Place in the bins in the former coat closet. Contact Pam Pfankuch or Marcia Goetl for more information.

****General News****

Confirmation! Congratulations to those who were confirmed in their faith on Sunday, April 25:

Aaron Chittendon

Lizzy Dallas

Alayna Dreger

Tye Osborn

Olivia Sedlacek

Please keep these students in your prayers as they grow in their faith with their Savior, Jesus Christ!

Screen Helpers Needed for the 10:15 AM and 6 PM services. Training will be provided. Please contact Amy if you are interested in volunteering.

Dennis & Diane Schroeder have transferred their membership to Faith Lutheran Church in Appleton.

Calling All Greeters! If you are interested in serving as a Greeter, please let Amy know which service.

Seeking donations for Faith’s new Garden project, either the items themselves or cash! Seeking: A **12 foot ladder; cordless drill and cedar wood.** Bring items to church or designate with your cash donation what the money is for.

GivePlus Mobile Giving: Download the app, search for Faith Lutheran Church (Chippewa Falls) and donate!

Religious Greeting Cards are available for purchase in the church library for only 75 cents each!

Pastor Dan is available for **private communion.** Please contact him at 715-723-7754 or 715-514-4191 or email danwonderly@yahoo.com

***Memorials (Mar 21—Apr 11)***

Ada Shilts (sister of Lois Kloss) - Lois Kloss (Sunday School).

Helen Arntzen (mother of Susan Cassellius) - M/M Dell Braunberger (Altar Guild), M/M Ed Heidtke.

Rev. Dr. John Glamann (cousin of Clarence Glamann) & **Amy Larson** - M/M Clarence Glamann (Women of Faith).

Milford Newman - M/M Del Braunberger (Altar Guild); M/M John Pederson (Loan); M/M Dan Helgeson (Loan).

****Thank You’s****

Thank you to Pastor Dan, Ron & Sharon Tiry, Dell & Sharon Braunberger and everyone else who helped change paraments and decorate our sanctuary for Holy Week/Easter during my absence. I really appreciate the help! Sincerely, Susan Cassellius

With thanks and appreciation for the cards and memorials received in memory of my sister, Ada Shilts. The memorials have been given to Faith’s Lutheran’s Sunday School Fund. God bless, Lois Kloss & Family

Pastor Dan would like to thank everyone for their prayers. His condition has improved.

Thank you to Dell Braunberger for his continued work with the new smoke detectors; **Clarence & Barb Glamann** for paying for recent tree stump grinding/removal on our property; **Ed Heidtke** for repairing our snow blower free of charge; **Terrence Klemish** for fixing some things in our restrooms, and **Sawyer Sturz** and his team at Workforce Resource for doing a Spring Cleaning on our grounds! The Faith council and Facility Team appreciates your time and talents!

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Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

**Return Service
Requested**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2—George Flint
4—Todd Dreger
5—Bonita (Bonnie) Schimmel
7—Linda Ahlen
8—Susan Cassellius
9—Elleana Hasart
10—Kendal Musser
11—Brenda Beaudette; Nathaniel Hoepner
12—Shari Schumacher; Patricia Smith
14—Talley Halvorson; Tarrin Halvorson
15—Kamryn Glamann; Mary Lee Halbleib
16—Paula Kohlbeck; Olivia Sedlacek
17—Mason Newman
18—Sophia Albert; Bea Grassnickle
22—Michael Newman
23—Liza Schafer
25—Andrea Strand

MAY BIRTHDAYS Cont'd.

26—William Mueller
27—Barb Erickson
28—Michelle Haller; Steven Jake; Dawsyn Lenz

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

3—Emery & Janice Schindler
5—Dale & Jolene Andersen
9—Steven & Barbara Missfeldt
14—Allen & Susan Kern
17—Joe & Lennie Glodowski
21—Tiege & Andrea Druckrey
24—Bryon & Amy Petz
25—Robert & Sandra Lulloff
26—Ricky & Karen Ericksen

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2021 Faith Lutheran Church Mission & Ministry (Council)

Members:

Chairman: Bob Normand
Vice Chairman: Bill Musser

Treasurer: Theresina Girard-Schmidt

Secretary: Kathy Butak

Members at Large: Lyle Hackler, Jack Halbleib, Rachael Simmerman, Bryan Vogels & Pastor Wonderly

****Faith exists so that each disciple will KNOW Jesus, GROW in His Word, and SHARE His love with others.****

Church Office Hours:

9:30 AM—2:30 PM, M-F
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