



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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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: "Are You Following God's Wisdom?"

Dear Members of Faith,

In the beginning, **"God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness'"** (Genesis 1:26). In the second chapter of Genesis, we learn that God gave life to Adam and Eve, and, in their perfect state, they followed and trusted in God's wisdom. His wisdom was evident to them in His Word and in His creation. Life was very good.

Unfortunately, they sinned, and the perfect image that was given to humanity is now damaged. Original righteousness was lost when Adam and Eve ate of the fruit, so they no longer loved, feared, and trusted God. Because of their sin, which separated them from God, Adam and Eve now followed the world's wisdom. Their ungodly living led them from true wisdom to folly and from life to death. Without God, all lives end in sorrow and ruin.

As Christians, we are rescued from the domain of darkness that accompanies the world's wisdom (Colossians 1:13). Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are called and enabled to put off our old self so that the image of God in us can be renewed as we are made righteous and holy in God's sight (Ephesians 4:22-24). God's Word frequently reminds us of the foolishness of worldly wisdom. God's ways are far above the world's. **"The foolishness of God is wiser than men..."** (1 Corinthians 1:25). In His great wisdom, He sent His Son, Jesus, Wisdom Incarnate, into the world to become our sin on the cross. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have been reconciled to God. As forgiven and redeemed people, we understand how

much we are loved and how we hurt our heavenly Father, and ourselves, when we follow the false and foolish wisdom of the world.

We need wisdom to understand *who we are, what we are, and where we are going*. Godly wisdom that leads us to fear, love, and follow God is essential if we are to live life wisely. With God's wisdom, we know Whose we are. God through Isaiah said, **"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine"** (Isaiah 43:1). Without Godly wisdom, life becomes disjointed, lacking direction and purpose. Proverbs 4:11 promises, **"I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of righteousness."** With God's wisdom, we are able to live prudent lives that give God the glory He deserves.

May God help us all follow and trust His wisdom.

~ Pastor Dan Wonderly

## CONNECTING FAITH PRAYER FOR MAY:

Most Holy and loving God, now that we are experiencing nicer weather and all that it brings; send Your Holy Spirit to keep us focused on Your love for us through Your word in worship, Bible study, and daily prayers. Strengthen and instruct us to share Your Word with others so that they may know how much You love them by sending your son, Jesus, to save everyone of us. Also, our prayers continue for You to provide a Director of Christian Education in the way You seem best for us. In our Risen Savior's name, Amen.



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

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**\*\*\*SUMMER WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE BEGINNING  
MAY 28\*\*\***

**Suns @ 9 / 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**

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

**HEALING:** Patsy Bauer; Rick Denning; Sandy Doege; Jane Elwood; Dale Emberson (brother of Lois Kloss); Lisa Hackler; Roxanne Hallman; Chuck Hennen; Joanne Koeller (cousin of Kathy Turner); Riley Schmitt; Jean Volrath; Jacki & Nancy (friends of Pam Pfankuch); David Turany & Lisa Kummer (friends of Linda Ahlen).

**MOURNING:** The families of...Frank Barnes (Pastor Dan's brother-in-law); Stan Davidson; Jane Frank; Mark Hanson (friend of Kate Schumacher); Tami Koepf (Jean Volrath's sister-in-law); Paula (Thibedeau) Kvpil (friend of Theresina Girard-Schmidt); Janet Lea (mother of Pete); Dorothy Post (mother of Bev Normand); Bob Sessions (friend of Kate Schumacher).



# MISSION & MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 04.12.2023

*"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 Minutes:** Motion made by Lyle Hackler to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Dan Goosen; motion carried. **Approval of Treasurer's**

**Report:** Theresina reports everything is reconciled. She would like to move \$12,000 into savings or apply to the loan. Council recommended transferring into savings, especially with roof project coming up. Motion made by Pastor Dan to allow Theresina to transfer \$12,000 from checking into savings, seconded by Bill Musser; motion carried. Theresina spoke with Jerry Hallman and we've been getting charged for garbage service at the parsonage. Alice will look into this matter. Motion made by Pastor Dan to approve treasurer's report as submitted, seconded by Dan Goosen; motion carried. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Dan reports the Lenten services and dinners went very well. Becky and Craig Hoepner's daughter is getting married on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastor is unable to do this service, but the family would still like to use our church; Council felt this was fine. Pastor Dan will be gone the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> week of June. Also put in a request for personal time to visit his sister who he has not seen in years, which Council approved. Summer schedule starts Memorial weekend, May 28<sup>th</sup> when we change to one service at 9 AM and which runs through Labor Day. There are no changes to the Wednesday evening services. **Capital Campaign:** Alice Helgeson reports our balance is now at: \$123,55.00. **DCE:** Pastor Dan states it will now be next summer before we will have another opportunity for a DCE. Options are to possibly look at going with DCE Intern,

looking at job description and see if there's any interest as a part time position with any members at Faith, or if we are able to find someone with interest in this position, Pastor Dan is willing to train this individual.

**Endowment Fund:** Jack Halbleib reports he was contacted by a member who was wondering if the Endowment Fund could be used for sign purchase. The Endowment Fund monies come from family estates that are donated to the church. It is a separate entity from the church and has its own regulations. Council has authority and monitors this carefully. Page 1 of the bylaws are now available in the Narthex. A full copy can be requested from the church office. Bill Musser will draw up a more detailed explanation to educate members as to the rules and guidelines of the Endowment Fund. **Request for use of Fellowship Hall:** Jack Halbleib states we've received a request from the Narcotics Anonymous Group for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 12:00 to 2:30 p.m.. Motion needed to allow NA to use the Fellowship Hall on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12 to 2:30 and agree to waive the fee as part of our Outreach and Fellowship, as they already use our facility for their meetings. Motion made by Bill Musser to approve this event/date/time, seconded by Dan Goosen; motion carried. **M&M Council Responsibilities:** Ø Finance/Budget – Theresina Girard-Schmidt, Jack Halbleib: No report. Ø Human Resources – Jack Halbleib will review the job description that the Synod has for the DCE. Ø Stewardship/Time & Talents – Kathy Butak: No report. Ø Facilities – Lyle Hackler: Fellowship Hall: Lyle reports they are going to put outlets in the fellowship hall. Emery Schindler came and looked at this project and felt this would resolve the issue. Cost will be minimal and needs to be done. Sidewalks: Facilities team checked with the City, and the sidewalks out front are our responsibility. We are going to rent a grinder and grind down the trip hazards and there's also an area in the parking lot that needs to be ground down as well. Spring Clean-up Day: May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM, weather permitting. They

will wash windows, clean up the yard, etc. The Woodward Avenue Door project is turning out to be rather expensive. Current estimate is: \$25,000 - \$30,000. Potholes: Entrance from Wisconsin Street is full of potholes. Lyle states this is the city's responsibility and they are going to fix it; however, in the meantime, we will purchase asphalt bags and fill the holes in. Fencing by steps going down to the basement is going to be repaired. The Baptismal Font is cracked; Randy Cassellius is going to try and repair this. Ø Evangelism – Theresina Girard-Schmidt: Theresina states they met today. Rally Day is September 10<sup>th</sup>, and they are planning another Friends Sunday for September 24<sup>th</sup>. They are going to contact Pastor Mark about getting a neighborhood canvas done for VBS. Ø Pre School/Christian Education/Sunday School – Rachael Simmerman: Next week the school is taking a bus with both classes and parents to the Children's Museum. Both Tresa and Tracie are attending a conference at UW Stout next Friday. Graduation is set for May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School: Nothing new to report. Tresa received an Audit notice from the State for CCC Funds. They want to see utility bills for a 2-month period, 50% of utilities should be allocated to the Preschool. Jack will be meeting with the Preschool teachers to touch base on some items. Ø Ministry Support – Elders Team – Bill Musser: Bill reports the Elders discussed how great Easter attendance was. Ø Youth – Pastor Dan states they had plans for the end of March, however there was no participation. Other: Sign: Dan Goosen reports they met with SignArt on April 6<sup>th</sup> to view sign samples. Pastor Dan and Council felt going with a 3' X 7' sign with 10 mm resolution would be the best choice. The existing 20-amp power is sufficient for the proposed sign. Installation is approximately 8 weeks out as far as scheduling. Council would like to thank Dan Goosen for all his work on this project. **Closing Prayer:** Given by Pastor Dan. **Respectfully submitted by:** Kathy Butak. **Next Meeting:** May 10, 2023.

## GENERAL NEWS

**Faith Grounds Clean Up! May 13 @ 9 AM.** Raking, trimming, washing windows, etc. Bring gloves and tools. Food provided!

**New Member Class Starting Saturday, May 6 @ 11 AM:** If you are interested in attending, please contact the office.

**Membership Transfer:** David & Carolyn Ashlin transferred their membership to Zion Lutheran, Chippewa Falls.

**Easter Lilies were Given By the Following:** Lloyd & Lorraine Benner (2), in memory of their parents, their son Douglas, and Lloyd's sister, Lauretta Nix; Dan, Rachel & Grace Brion, in memory of their grandparents; Elaine Geissler & Pam Pfankuch, in memory of Arlene Zumbrock; Scott & Theresina Girard-Schmidt, in memory of Elaine Schmidt; Judy Hacker; Jerry Hallman; Rich & Mary Heitkamp (2), in memory of Jerry Heitkamp and Candi Ayres; Chuck & Sharon Henchen; Carla Kleinheinz, in memory of her friend, Rosa Blake; Jean & Walt Matchim, in memory of their cousin, Janice; Nate & Cass Musser Family (3), in memory of William Musser and Gladys Lancette; John & Arlene Pederson; Pat & Harold Saxon (2).

## YOUTH

The following **youth confirmed their faith in Christ** on Sunday, April 30: Sophia Albert, Caleb Dallas, Evan Ericksen, MaKenna Glamann, Drew Musser and Lincoln Sedlacek. Please pray for these youth and their families as they continue their relationship and devotion to our Savior and the church.

**Faith Christian Preschool and Pre-K** spots for the 2023-2024 school year are still available! For more information or to register, call 715-415-0592 or email [Faihtcp733@gmail.com](mailto:Faihtcp733@gmail.com).

According to church records, the following members will be **graduating from High School** this year: Emma Albert, Lillian Schaefer & Aubrie Voigt. Congratulations!

## MEMORIALS

### March 26 thru April 16

*In Memory of:* Given By

**Frank Barnes:** Dell Braunberger (Growth).

**Sharon Braunberger:** M/M Patrick Smith (Growth).

**Ruth Clark:** Dell Braunberger (Altar Guild).

**Stan Davidson:** Dell Braunberger (Growth); Mary Jo Gunderson (Growth); Lois Kloss (Growth); M/M Dick Turner (Loan); M/M Richard Wirth (Door).

**Margret Bateman Gullickson:** Dell Braunberger (Growth).

**Bernice Hanson:** Shirley Henke & Family (Door).

**Dorothy Post:** Dell Braunberger (Altar Guild).

## WOMEN OF FAITH/LWML

**THE PLANT EXCHANGE IS BACK!** Ladies, bring perennials and tips to share or exchange with one another on **May 16 @ 6 PM**. Refreshments and fellowship provided. Bring a friend!

**NEEDED: Plastic ice cream pails,** preferably gallon size. Women of Faith use these for funerals, etc. Please leave in the church kitchen. Thank you!

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).

## THANK YOU'S

Brad and I would like to give many heartfelt thanks to our church family for all the wonderful expressions of concern and well wishes during his recent surgeries. He is on the road to recovery and looking forward to good results from his procedures. God's blessings to everyone. Teri & Brad Goulet

Thank you to all of our church family for their prayers, Pastor Dan for the visits to the Veterans Home, and to the ladies in the kitchen who prepared lunch for the funeral. ~Family of Dorothy Post

Pastor would like to thank everyone for their sympathy cards. Your love and support in my time of loss means so much! ~ Pastor

Pastor Dan & Sandy would like to thank everyone for the Easter cards and gifts. God bless you!

THANK YOU for turning in your used Portals of Prayer booklets. They were donated to the Chippewa Falls Veterans Home and Klein Hall. Please continue to save and place them in the coat closet in the narthex.

Thank you for helping! The Family Radio's 2023 **Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive** topped \$665,000 worth of donations this spring. The most ever! 101 crisis programs in 19 communities have each received nearly a year's worth of supplies! Thank you again!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated items to the Palm Sunday Bake & Craft Sale. A total of \$397 was collected to donate to Hope Village of Chippewa Falls!

Thank you to all our church family for all the prayers and cards sent to Stan in the past 3½ years, and to Pastor Dan for all his prayers and trips to the hospital for Stan. Also, to the ladies in the kitchen who prepared the lunch for Stan's funeral. Thank you, and God's blessings to all. ~ The family of Stan Davidson

## ET CETERA

**Prayer Chain:** Call/text Pam @ 715-723-7124.

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

**Keep our homebound members in your prayers:** Jane Elwood; Irene Foster; Millie Huth; Martha & Warren Jaenke; Nellie Kilcher; Esther Musser; Harold Ovesen; Ruby & Shari Schumacher.







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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### MAY BIRTHDAYS



2 - George Flint  
5 - Bonnie Schimmel  
6 - Peggy Goosen  
7 - Linda Ahlen  
8 - Susan Cassellius  
9 - Elleana Hasart  
10 - Kendal Musser  
11 - Brenda Beaudette; Nate Hoepner  
12 - Jarrod Eich; Shari Schumacher;  
Patricia Smith  
14 - Talley & Tarrin Halvorson  
15 - Kamryn Glamann; Mary Lee Halbleib  
16 - Paula Kohlbeck; Olivia Sedlacek  
17 - Mason Newman  
18 - Sophia Albert  
22 - Michael Newman  
25 - Andrea Strand  
27 - Barb Erickson  
28 - Michelle Haller; Steven Jake;  
Dawsyn Lenz

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES



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

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

### OFFICE HOURS:

9 AM - 2 PM , Mon - Fri.

### FAITH'S ELDERS:

Randy Knapp (6 PM); Bill Musser (10:15 AM); Wally Smith (10:15 AM); Ron Tiry (8 AM).

### 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.

***\*\*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!\*\****