



A message from Pastor Dan:

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

God has appointed a time for everything under heaven, as He seeks to accomplish His saving will among us. God appointed a time to send us our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose coming this Christmas season we continue to celebrate into the new year. Moreover, God has appointed a time to bring the light of Christ's saving glory to all the world, so that all people might know the Savior Jesus, and His salvation.

Now in order to make known God's saving glory, we have been called by the Gospel and have become the people of God, to be a light to all the world. And in order for the light of our congregation to shine all the more brightly within our local community of Chippewa Falls, our Vision Team continues planning for the future, building on what has been done over the past year or two.

Presently, we are working to clarify the mission and ministry of our congregation, and you can help us. We are asking you to consider writing a review for Faith Lutheran Church. In few sentences, write about a particular aspect of our ministry that has touched your life in a personal way. This might be the type of review one would post on Google or Facebook, but for us it is simply an exercise we are using to fine tune our identity statement.

Also, please consider including your name with the review, in case we might wish to speak with you, but you can also do this anonymously. When you are finished, you may place it in my mailbox at church, or email it to me at danwonderly@yahoo.com.

May the Lord richly bless you and your family in the new year!

Pastor Dan

PASTOR'S WINTER BIBLE CLASS:

You probably have questions about the Christian faith that you are afraid to ask, such as: How does a "relationship" with God really work? How can I communicate with a God who is invisible? Why don't I feel the presence of God that others seem to experience? Fortunately, best-selling author Philip Yancey has dared to ask these questions about the Christian faith. In this powerful volume Yancey will explain how your doubts and questions about the Christian life can be a means of *Reaching for the Invisible God*. This book is a wonderful guide for those who love God and are looking for more than pat answers to life's imponderables. The class will meet on **Wednesday mornings at 11 AM**, beginning on **January 20**, and **Thursday evenings at 7 PM** beginning on **January 21** (This Thursday evening class will be a zoom class only). Please sign up in the narthex. Book cost is \$13 and checks can be made to Faith.



SUNDAYS:

8 AM - Traditional Worship
8:45 AM - Sunday School
(ages 3 through Grade 6)
9 AM - Adult Bible Class
10:15 AM - Contemporary Worship
(Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

WEDNESDAYS:

6 PM - Blended Worship
(Communion 1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
7 PM - Confirmation Class

Sermons available via



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

NEW! A Weekly Lutheran (LCMS) TV Program will debut on Eau Claire TV Station Fox 48 on Sunday, January 3, 2021, at 10 AM. It is called "Main Street Living" (mainstreetliving.com), and will air every Sunday throughout the year.



Prayers

Those in need of healing: Stan Davidson; David Johnson (son of Lyle Johnson); Greg Juedes (brother of Mike Juedes); Rosemary Plautz; Lila Powell; Harold Smith; Al Twerberg; Chelsea Whelan; Heather Wirth.
Those who mourn: The families of Lynn Bednar; David Hoehn (Garnet Mathwig's uncle); Laverne Johnson; Dorothy Sanders.

Minutes from Mission & Ministry Council - December 14, 2020

Opening Prayer: Pastor Dan.

Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2020 meeting: Motion by Bill Musser to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Pastor Dan; motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Jack Halbleib to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted, seconded Lyle Hackler; motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan states he's going on vacation for a couple of weeks right after Christmas and return on January 8th. Pastor Ron Mueller will be covering a couple of services and Jerry Hallman as well. Attendance History: Sept. 117 per Sunday; Oct. 108 per Sunday; November 98 per Sunday. Pastor Dan wanted to thank Sue and entire Sunday School staff as they did a great job with the Children's Program.

Annual Meeting – January 24, 2021, Agenda, Nominees for Council

Positions: Chairperson – Bob Normand; Vice Chairman – Bill Musser; Secretary – Kathy Butak; Treasurer - _____; At Large (2) – Lyle Hackler, Alice Helgeson. Bob Normand will send the agenda out to everyone for this upcoming meeting as it needs to go out soon. This will include suggestions for any other nominees, still looking for help with Treasurer; and any responses need to be submitted by the 22nd of December. Larry Bohl states there is a balance on the loan that we didn't use, a little over \$9,000.00 and he felt that it would be a great time to discuss what to do with this balance at the Annual Meeting. Bob states he will add this to the agenda. Bob Normand is going to be out of town that weekend, Bill Musser is going to run the meeting. Jack Halbleib wondered if this meeting could be done utilizing Zoom or phone call. Bob states he has

a Zoom License and this allows 4-500 people to attend via Zoom and he could set the call up if someone is willing to set up the equipment. Jack states this would be a nice option to offer and Bob states he can set up a co-host and set it up. Bryan Vogels asked if we could use the microphone for folks to listen on the phone if they prefer that option. Pastor states he can have his laptop in the sanctuary and people can contact him if they have questions. Everyone felt this would be a good idea.

2021 Budget: Bob Normand presented 2021 Budget, which has been difficult with the Covid, all the numbers are skewed. He left the budget as it if were a normal year, (Pre-Covid) went the same as 2020 due to the unknowns with the Pandemic. If we find that at some point we need to make adjustments, then we will do so at that time. Council members felt comfortable with the budget after a few changes were made, hopefully in the spring attendance will improve. Final numbers will go out at the end of the year. Motion by Lyle Hacker to approve 2021 Budget with changes made that were discussed this evening, second by Bill Musser; motion carried. Bob Normand will get the budget out.

Outside Work Position: Bob Normand asked if we've heard anything from anyone. Randy Cassellius, Del Braunberger, and Jack Halbleib have all volunteered to take care of this. In the long run, Jack states we might want to look at an outside source.

M&M Council Responsibilities

Finance/Budget – Larry Bohl, Bob Normand: Addressed earlier this evening.

Human Resources – Jack Halbleib, Elders: Previously covered.

Stewardship/Time & Talents – Kathy Butak received a letter via e-mail from

Lifetouch stating due to the tremendous continued and unforeseen impact of Covid-19 on their business, Lifetouch Church Photography has permanently stopped the Church portion of their operations.

Facilities – Mark Erickson: Guys worked on water heater that was leaking, it now has a shut off valve. The smoke alarms are all in, however a couple of them aren't working and they are still working on this. Del Braunberger states there is an orange light in the parsonage living room; if this is on, this means the furnace is not working. If anyone see's it's on, please let one of the facilities guys know on. Defibrillator: Replaced batteries and new pads as that was beeping. Ice Issues: There has been ice forming on the down spouts – they placed heat tape on them, they will monitor it, and hopefully this will be resolved. Bob Normand wanted to thank Mark Erickson for all his time serving on the facilities board.

Evangelism - No report.

Pre School/Christian Education/ Sunday School – Tresa Juedes: Sunday School Christmas Program was this weekend. It was wonderful and thank you to the teachers and all who helped. They are off the next two weekends. Check out Faith's Facebook page for some Christmas cheer from the Preschool & Pre-K.

Ministry Support – Worship

Assistance Team – Bill Musser, Bryan Vogels: Pastor states they met last week and made phone calls to those who have not been in attendance. The main focus was to just be in touch with everyone and let them know we've been thinking about them.

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Youth - Bryan Vogels: Nothing going on right now with Christmas just around the corner. Pastor wonders if we should should put this on hold till the Pandemic is over. Council agreed; therefore Youth Group will be on hold till spring or when the Pandemic cases lower.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Dan

Respectfully submitted by:

Kathy Butak

Next Meeting – January 11, 2021



**MEMORIALS & SPECIAL
OFFERINGS**

(November 22—December 13)

Marv Schroeder: M/M Garnet Mathwig (loan), M/M Dale Ojibway

Ed & Betty Solin: Linda Ahlen, M/M George Flint (phone ministry), M/M Garnet Mathwig (loan), M/M Brad Goulet, M/M Dale Ojibway, Carla Kleinheinz (altar guild)

Gene Moldenhauer (preschool): M/M Lloyd Benner, M/M Dan Helgeson, M/M Bill Musser, M/M John Pederson, M/M Steve Raether, M/M Dale Ojibway, M/M Pat Smith, M/M Dale Ojibway, M/M Brad Goulet, Carla Kleinheinz, M/M Garnet Mathwig (loan) and many family & friends.

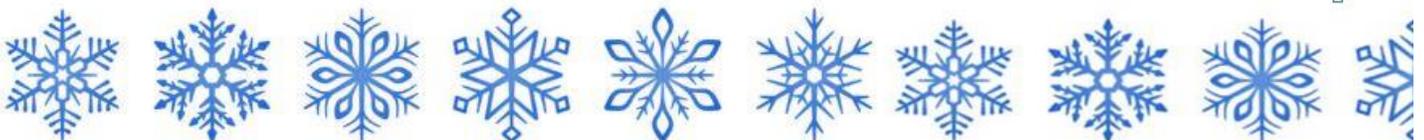
Harold Hanson: M/M Rich Wirth (phone ministry)

Gas Cards: Sandra Larson, Brandie Anderson

****NOTICE OF ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING****

**Sunday, January 24, 2021, immediately following
10:15 AM Service**

- 1. Approval of minutes of January 26, 2020 meeting**
(Motion needed)
- 2. Progress on 2020 Goals**
 - * Finance—Implement, Monitor, Meet Budget
 - * Vision Committee—5 year Vision Plan
 - * Stewardship—Capital Campaign Drive
 - * Facilities—Completed remodeling projects
 - * Evangelism—Expand outreach to the community
 - * Preschool—Meet enrollment plan for full classes
 - * Youth—Reboot the Youth Group
- 3. 2021 Goals**
 - * Finance—Implement, Monitor, Meet Budget
 - * Human Resources—Continue search for DCE
 - * Stewardship—Complete Identity and Purpose statements. Complete Capital Campaign Drive.
 - * Facilities—Determine future improvements and costs/ budgeting to complete
 - * Evangelism—Expand outreach to the community
 - * Preschool—Meet enrollment plan for full classes
 - * Youth—Restart the Youth Group
- 4. Actions items**
 - * Adopting the 2021 Budget
 - * Election of Mission & Ministry Council Candidates:
 - Chairman: Bob Normand
 - Vice-Chairman: Bill Musser
 - Secretary: Kathy Butak
 - Treasurer: Theresina Gerard-Schmidt
 - Members-At-Large: Lyle Hackler, Alice Helgeson, Rachael Simmerman
 - * Remodeling Loan Balance— Determine utilization of remaining funds.
- 5. Closing prayer**



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This is another way you can stay “in touch” with what’s happening here at church!



Christmas Poinsettias! Thank you to the following individuals for purchasing a poinsettia(s) this year:

- Lloyd & Lorraine Benner (2), in memory of their parents.
- Mary Heitkamp, in memory of Candi Ayres.
- Arlene Pederson.
- Elaine Geissler & Pam Pfankuch, in memory of Arlene Zumbrock.
- Carla Kleinheinz, in honor of Geneva Emanuel.
- Steve & Lois Raether.
- Dick & Kathy Turner, in memory of Pam Turner Shakal.
- Linda Ahlen & Paula Kohlbeck (2), in memory of Florence & Walter Marquardt and Ben Marquardt.
- Jack & Mary Lee Halbleib.
- Randy & Susan Cassellius, in memory of Susan's brother, Mark Arntzen.

NEW BIBLE STUDY starting January 14! Please join us at church at 10:30 AM to study "Perseverance" by Donna Snow (Pyle) about praying through life's challenges based on the book of Nehemiah. If interested, please contact Pam Pfankuch (715-723-7124 or ppfankuch53@gmail.com).

Faith's monthly **Grief Support Group** will be meeting on **Thursday, January 28**, at 1 PM, here at church. If you cannot make it in person, call **715-438-4100** to listen!

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

2021 Offering Envelopes are now available on tables in the Library area. Alphabetical by last name. Please let the office know if you did not receive envelopes but would like to have them.

GivePlus Mobile Giving: Download the app, search for Faith Lutheran Church and donate! You can also now donate to LWML through GivePlus.

Women of Faith will be meeting in the afternoons through the winter months (January—March) at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

The 2021 Flower Chart is now available on the News Bulletin Board (first hallway from parking lot entrance). Flowers are \$30/week and checks should be made to Women of Faith. Flowers will be displayed both the Wednesday prior and the Sunday you sign up for. After Sunday services, you may take flowers home!

Would you like to crochet or knit items for area children in need? If so, please contact Peggy Denning at 715-214-7794.

Religious greeting cards are available for purchase in the church library for only 75 cents each! Thank you to **Marcia Goettl** for purchasing and stocking these cards. Profits are used to purchase more cards, which are then sent to members by **Alisha Klemish** and **Patricia Smith**, our new "Sunshine Ladies."

THANK YOU!
thank you!

Thank You to Ardis Bernhardt for making and donating mittens! 18 pairs went to the Faith Preschool children as part of their Christmas gift. The others were given to the Chippewa County Foster program. This donation was greatly appreciated by all parties!

Thank You to everyone for their prayers, calls, and cards during Sharon's recent surgery and hospital stay. ~Del & Sharon Braunberger

The Faith Preschool Children would like to thank "**Grandma**" **Pat Saxon** for her donation of homemade pillow cases.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, phone calls and gifts that Marv received during his battle with cancer. Also, Pastor Wonderly for his prayers and visits with Marv. It meant so much to Marv and his family. Thanks again to the family at Faith. ~ The family of Marv Schroeder (Shirley, Cindy, and Roxie and her family).

Thank You to those who have donated toward Gas Cards for the needy in our community. If you feel led to help, simply indicate "Gas Cards" with your monetary donation.

Thank You to everyone who helped decorate our sanctuary for Christmas.

Spirit of Christmas (SOC) Thank You! Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's SOC. This organization was formed in 1988 at the request of the Chippewa Falls Clergy Association who saw a real need in the community and sought to coordinate the Christmas-time efforts of individual churches to aid less fortunate families in Chippewa County.

Thank You to everyone for their prayers, cards and calls after my recent surgery. ~Al Twerberg

Thank You to Del Braunberger, Randy Cassellius and Jack Halbleib for volunteering to take care of the snow on our grounds this winter.

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**Return Service
Requested**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1—Margaret Carothers &
Dorothy Post
2—Stephanie Fedie
3—Ben Simmerman
5—Carter Varwig & Jean Volrath
7—Alice Helgeson
9—Bradley Korn
11—Connie Butterfield
12—Pam Fisher
14—Kathy Heidtke
21—Marcia Goettl
22—Neil Cassellius, Ann
Hauptmann, Pam Johnson &
Ilene Zien
23—Ed Heidtke
24—Carma Barnard
25—Debra Bowe & Pam Dietsche

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS Cont'd...

26—Andrew Engel & Barbara
Krueger
27—Rodney Chittendon & Evan
Ericksen
28—Kaylyn Palomar
29—Lynn Musser
30—Bridget Ericksen

***FAITH EXISTS SO THAT
EACH DISCIPLE WILL
KNOW JESUS,
GROW IN HIS WORD, AND
SHARE HIS LOVE WITH
OTHERS.***



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

9—James & Shirley LaRose
10—Dell & Sharon Braunberger
20—Bill & Sandy Miller
22—Warren & Martha Jaenke

***CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM, M-F***

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