

****Fall Worship Schedule!****

SUNDAYS:

8 AM - Traditional Service

8:45 AM - Sunday School
(Age 3 - Grade 6)

New!! 8:45 AM - Youth Bible
Study (Grades 7-12)

New!! 9 AM - Adult Bible Class
("Family Vocation")

10:15 AM – Contemporary Srvc.
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays)

WEDNESDAYS:

6 PM - Blended Service

7 PM - Confirmation Class
(Communion on Wednesdays following
1st & 3rd Sundays)

Sermons available via:



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

****Prayer Requests****

Those in need of healing: **Gary & Linda Ahlen**; **Doug Benner** (cancer; son of Lloyd & Lorraine); **Becky Haltaufderheid** (friend of Pam Pfankuch); **Pastor Tim Jones** (cancer; former Pastor at Zion, CF); **Lori Rasmus** (friend of Brandie Anderson); **Chelsea Whelan** (cancer; granddaughter of Richard & Janice Wirth); **Dell Zimpel**. Those who mourn: The families of... **Michael Coate** (friend of Pat Saxon); **Dave Octamyer** (friend of Linda Downey); **Marie Hall** (friend of Linda Downey).

A Message from Pastor Dan:

***The Future of
Faith Lutheran Church***

Over the past several months the Vision/Clarity Team has been busy at work. We have formulated a congregational purpose statement that we will use to guide us as we seek to grow as a congregation over the next several years. The purpose statement reads: ***"We are a caring community of FAITH connecting people to Jesus and one another."***

The first half of this statement speaks of our identity as a congregation. We aspire to be ***a caring community of FAITH***. As the people of God, we are to care about one another in our congregation, and care for those outside our congregation as well. This is who our God has called us to be, as we seek to love others as God has first loved us in Christ. St. Paul writes: ***"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."*** (Galatians 6:1)

Then, as ***a caring community of FAITH*** our mission becomes ***connecting people to Jesus and one another***. God is working to transform us into a more caring congregation, so that we might better accomplish the work of ***connecting people to Jesus and one another***. When people outside the church view us as caring people, we hope they will be attracted to our church and become connected to Jesus and our members. St. John describes how Andrew connected his brother Peter to Jesus and to the rest of Jesus' disciples:

"Andrew first found his own brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, 'So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas' (which means Peter)." (John 1:41-2) From that time on, both Andrew and Peter became Jesus' followers.

Back in the fourth century A.D., Julian the Apostate, enemy of Christianity, was astonished by the rapid growth of the Christian Church. Therefore, he charged early Christians with seeking to obtain followers by bribing the sick and the needy, by caring for them with love and compassion. Julian grudgingly admitted: ***"These Christians give themselves to this kind of humanity. Now we see what it is that makes them such powerful enemies of our gods. It is the brotherly love that they manifest towards the stranger and the suffering and the poor."*** Such an example of Christian love was also the inspiration for the famous Christian song, "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love."

The early Christian Church was ***a caring community of faith***, and through their sincere love and care they ***connected people to Jesus and to other believers***. May we adopt the ancient practice of caring for people, as we seek to do our Lord's Kingdom work in our church and community. Jesus said: ***"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit."***



Minutes from Mission & Ministry Council Meeting

09.13.2021

****We are a caring community of FAITH connecting people to Jesus and one another.****

Mission Pillars

- Word & Sacrament
- Prayer
- Fellowship
- Service
- Witness

Opening Prayer: Pastor Dan read Scripture from Mark 10 and prayed.

Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2021 meeting: Motion made by Lyle Hackler to approve as submitted, seconded by Jack Halbleib, motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Motion made by Kathy Butak to approve as submitted, seconded by Lyle Hackler, motion carried.

Pastor's Report: All staff reviews have now been completed. We have two people interested in running a childcare during 10:15 AM services, which will hopefully be available soon. The office photocopier is not working well. Pastor has acquired demographics of the area from LCEF and will be utilizing this tool.

Congregational Harvest Dinner:

Members have been asking for this. Council feels this would be a great idea, possibly in early November; however open to members only. Will revisit date later due to COVID.

Endowment Fund: The Evangelism Team is in need of supplies; looking at possible financial assistance from the Endowment Fund.

Building Use Policy: Jack Halbleib handed out information and a possible fee schedule. Jack Halbleib made a motion to approve a policy section at this time only pending a couple of changes that will be made re: use of facilities or grounds and utilization of the Sanctuary, seconded

by Rachael Simmerman, motion carried. Rates to be established. Motion made by Pastor Dan to approve Sandy Lulloff for the open Council position, seconded by Theresina Girard-Schmidt, motion carried.

Youth: Youth Group Leader needed, as well as 5th & 6th grade Sunday School teacher. Bob Normand said during large group meetings, people discussed, "What can we do to bring the Congregation together?" The last group gathering was 3 years ago with no one from Faith in attendance. The next Youth Gathering is July 2022 in Houston, TX. Registration is open until the end of this year, but we need a Youth Leader to make this happen. We do have funds in the Youth account.

Appreciation Fund: Jack Halbleib suggested having some cash on hand for purchase of "thank you" cards and small gift cards to use when Pastor and/or Amy feel it's appropriate. This would be financed through Council members and designated congregational donations. Council felt this would be great. Motion made by Jack Halbleib, seconded by Lyle Hackler; motion carried.

M&M Council Responsibilities:

Finance/Budget (Theresina Girard-Schmidt & Bob Normand): Addressed earlier this evening. Human Resources (Jack Halbleib): All staff evals have been completed. Jack will continue working on policies.

Stewardship/Time & Talents (Kathy Butak): No report. **Facilities** (Lyle Hackler): Donations have been received for the LED Lights in Sanctuary; lights ordered; waiting for install. Lyle wondered if we should look into a lawn mower (\$6K), which we will take up in January or February. We are in need of members willing to remove snow around the buildings. The steel is in for soffits.

Evangelism (Theresina Girard-

Schmidt) Working on purchasing travel mugs. **Pre-School/Christian Education/Sunday School** (Rachael Simmerman): 15 kids at Sunday School this past week, perhaps due to COVID. Preschool has 15 students in each classroom. **Ministry Support-Worship Assistance Team** (Bill Musser): Pastor Dan states they have been reaching out to folks who have not returned to services in person yet.

Other: None.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Dan.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kathy Butak

Next Meeting: October 11, 2021



****Faith Council Members****

Chairman: Bob Normand

Vice Chairman: Bill Musser

Treasurer: Theresina Girard-Schmidt

Secretary: Kathy Butak

Members at Large: Lyle Hackler, Jack Halbleib, Alice Helgeson, Sandy Lulloff, Rachael Simmerman, Pastor.

****Faith Personnel****

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel Wonderly

Administrative Assistant: Amy Gumz

Custodian & Grounds: Rick Denning

Preschool Director: Tresa Juedes

Preschool Teacher: Tracie Dallas

Servants: All members & attendees!

****Memorials (8/23 – 9/19)****

Lighting Project: M/M Ed Heidtke, M/M John Pederson, Anonymous, Lenore Glodowski, M/M Rich Wirth (in memory of Lorin Wirth), Sandy Larson. **Loan:** M/M John Pederson in memory of Beatrice Simonson (John's sister).

****General News****

The Evangelism Board will meet on Thursday, October 7 at 1 PM. Join us!!

The Fellowship Committee will meet on Thursday, October 14 at 1 PM. Join us!!

NWD Adult Gathering, October 12, Weston, WI. \$25/person. Register before 10/4. See brochure on bulletin board or visit nwdlcms.org

A new member class will start on **Thursday, October 21 at 6 PM.** Contact the office if you'd like to join.

Service Cancellation Policy: Notice of cancellation will be sent via email no later than 90 minutes before the service. For those without email access, Pastor Dan will send an automated phone call no later than 90 minutes before the service. **The number you will see on caller ID is 1-888-996-3623.**

****Student/Youth News****

Bible Presentation Days were Sept. 12 & 15! The following students received Bibles or Catechisms: Alex Anderson, Colton Ayres, Jack Bremness, Anna Dallas, Camden Dreger, Emily Ericksen, Nolan Mueller, Adisyn Ramis and Elizabeth Thompson.

New! Grades 7-12 Bible Study, Sundays at 8:45 AM. Mrs. Sue Smith will lead a discussion from the Concordia Curriculum "**Who Am I?**"

****Bible Classes/Studies****

New Sunday Adult Bible Class, 9 to 9:45 AM in the "Choir Room" (just off the library). Pastor Dan will lead this class called, "**Family Vocation.**" We will explore the burdens weighing on each family member; show how a biblical understanding can heal family dysfunction; and offer a paradigm for creating loving families in the midst of cultural pressures. Parents, bring your children to Sunday School and stay for this important Bible study regarding Christian family life. No cost, no book, no reading required! Just come!

**** Help Wanted!****

Seeking Adult Helpers for a Nursery during 10:15 AM services! Contact office.

Seeking part-time Director of Christian Education (DCE). Submit resume and references to office, or contact Pastor.

Seeking Sunday School teacher for Grades 5 & 6, Youth Leader, and substitute teachers. Contact Sue Smith 715-944-7190 or the church office.

Worship Volunteers Needed! Variety of positions and service times; training provided; contact the office.

Snow Care Help at church Needed! Contact the office, or just show up when it snows! Snowblower provided.

Seeking men and women to help plan and organize a members-only Harvest Dinner, hopefully sometime in November. Contact Sharon Volrath (920-609-1955) or Theresina Girard-Schmidt (715-828-3143).



****Thank You's****

Thank You for helping with the recent Clothing Giveaway Day: Lloyd & Lorraine Benner; Dell Braunberger; Lynda Brummer; Randy & Susan Cassellius; Rick Denning; Dorothy Flint; Theresina Girard-Schmidt; Shirley Gormley, Char Graftstrom; Bea Grassnickle, Amy Gumz; Dan & Alice Helgeson; Carla Kleinheinz; Helen Krueger; Carol LaGrander; Sandy Lulloff; Bill, Lynn, Drew & Kendal Musser; Jean Pfankuch; Pam Pfankuch; Pat & Sue Smith; Wally & Patricia Smith; Sharon Tiry; Pastor & Sandy Wonderly; Lucille Yauch; Kwik Trip; Subway Subs; Thrivent Financial. Remaining items were donated to Bethesda Thrift Store (an LCMS Ministry) & Hope Bargain Center.

Thank you to Jack Halbleib for filling in for Pastor Dan on 9/15. We are blessed to have such devoted servants of Christ.

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

10 AM Thursday morning **Bible Study "Perseverance"** has resumed. For more details, contact Pam P. (715-723-7124). **LWML Fall Zone 9 Rally, October 16,** Zion Lutheran, Chippewa Falls. \$6/person. See flyer on bulletin board or contact Pam Pfankuch.

All Women are invited to attend Women of Faith on **Tuesday, October 19 at 6 PM** at church for a short Bible study, to discuss plans, fellowship, and of course, have a snack!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the **2021 GivingTuesday LWML campaign!** Because of you, over \$29K was given for mission work! Thank you for making this a "September to Remember"!

****Et Cetera****

A Celebration of Life for Ed & Betty Solin will be held on **Saturday, October 2** from 11 AM to 4 PM at the Lake Wissota Lions Pavilion, 5765 197th St.

Volunteer name tags are on a quilt in the entry way. Please take your name tag and keep it in your car, purse, etc. If you'd like a name tag, let Amy know.

Snowbirds! Please notify the office with your winter contact info.

Faith's Monthly Newsletter is distributed both digitally and in print. If you'd like to receive a particular version, please contact Amy.

Church Office Hours: 9:30-2:30, M-F

The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Chippewa County's mission is to advocate for and empower individuals with disabilities and adults over 60 to secure needed services or benefits in order to promote their dignity and independence. Call them at 715-726-7777. Deaf or hearing impaired individuals may dial 711.



**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

****October Birthdays****

- 3 – Camden Dreger; Lois Kloss
- 4 – Lisa Hackler
- 5 – Pastor Dan Wonderly
- 7 – Karen Ericksen; Elaine Geissler;
Drew Musser
- 9 – Rachel Lenz; Hailynn Normand;
Bob Normand; Lori Sorensen;
James Wilson
- 11 – Sandy Miller
- 12 – Tony Swoboda
- 13 – Janell Newcomb
- 15 – Lynda Brummer; Ricky Ericksen;
Jacob Thompson
- 16 – Betty O’Mara
- 17 – Dorothy Flint
- 18 – Brecken Ford; Pam Pfankuch;
James Swoboda; Ron Tiry
- 19 – Richard Rasmussen;
Robert Varwig
- 20 – Janet Langteau
- 22 – Emily Schaefer
- 24 – Zachary O’Connell
- 25 – Caleb Engel

- 26 – Judy Wing
- 27 – Dan Helgeson; Wendy Miller
- 28 – Tyler Kern
- 30 – Caleb Dallas

****October Anniversaries****

- 7 – Aaron & Laura O’Connell
- 8 – Dave & Sharon LeDuc;
Richard & Kathleen Turner
- 9 – Tracy & Michelle Haller
- 12 – Todd & Jennifer Dreger
- 13 – Tony & Debbie Swoboda
- 14 – Donald & Elaine Miller
- 18 – Brad & Pam Dietsche;
Gordon & Susan Roytek
- 19 – Charlie & Sarah Schultz Wirtz
- 24 – John & Brenda Schaefer
- 25 – Rodney & Cathie Chittendon

