



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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: "Fruitful Lives"

Dear Members of Faith,

In 2012, (ten years ago) a nationwide research study called *THE JESUS SURVEY* revealed some startling findings among American teenagers. After surveying teens from all different Christian denominations across the country, the author, Mike Nappa, comments on Lutheran teenagers: "Only 33% of Lutheran teens are certain about the Bible's reliability...leaving about 67% who are unsure. Only about 29% of Lutheran teens express a confident, consistent belief in Jesus as God...while 71% of Lutheran teens are unsure or unwilling to say Jesus is the only way to heaven."

How could this happen, when we, as Lutherans, place such great emphasis upon God's Word as the only source and norm of faith, and on Jesus as the only way to eternal life?

Jesus himself provides an answer, in parable form: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along *the path*... Other seeds fell on *rocky ground*... Other seeds fell among *thorns*... Other seeds fell on *good soil*..."

Jesus then interprets the story: "When anyone hears **the word** of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along *the path*. As for what was sown on *rocky ground*, this is the one who hears **the word** and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of **the word**, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among *thorns*, this is the one who hears **the word**, but the

cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke **the word**, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on *good soil*, this is the one who hears **the word** and understands it. He indeed bears fruit..." (*Matthew 13:3-6, 18-23*)

The common denominator in Jesus' parable is **the word** – **the Word of God**. Jesus teaches that there are many reasons why **the word** is unfruitful: the work of the devil, tribulation, persecution, the cares of the world, and the lure of riches. Then Jesus explains that it takes **the word** to be fruitful: the *good soil* is the person who "who hears **the word** and understands it. He/she indeed bears fruit."

Therefore, it becomes all-important for parents to hear **the word** of God regularly in daily devotions, weekly worship and Bible class, and then to demonstrate by their example to their children that **the Word** has a special place in their lives.

Take advantage of the new adult Bible classes available this fall at Faith, join us weekly in worship, and send your children to Sunday school, so that your lives will produce fruit for God's kingdom and your family life will be truly blessed.

~ Pastor Dan Wonderly

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**FALL WORSHIP:**  
**Beginning Sunday,**  
**September 11**  
**Sun @ 8 or 10:15 AM**  
**Wed @ 6 PM**  
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**FALL OFFICE HOURS:**  
**10 AM - 3 PM, Mon - Fri**  
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## **FALL BIBLE CLASSES**

**GALATIANS/EPHESIANS:** On Sunday mornings, beginning **9/18 @ 9:10 AM**, led by Pastor Dan, we will study these two letters of St. Paul and learn what important spiritual truths God shares with us today: topics concerning salvation by grace, living a holy life, supporting one another, church related issues, marriage, family vocation, spiritual warfare – to mention a few. Cost of the book **\$20**. Sign up in the Narthex!

**GRADES 7-12 BIBLE STUDY:** Beginning **9/18 @ 8:45 AM**, join Mrs. Sue Smith as we study "God Redeems His People."

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** will resume **9/22 @ 9:45 AM**, led by Pam Pfankuch. Meeting length is one hour, normally every Thursday during the school year. Four free lessons written by Donna Snow will be studied: 1) Joy During Trials, 2) Faith Tested, 3) Perseverance, and 4) Wisdom Sought. All are welcome. In fact, bring a friend! Call 715-723-7124 for more info.

**THE BOOK OF ACTS:** Thursday mornings, beginning **9/22 @ 11 AM**, led by Pastor Dan. Having studied the Gospel of our Savior previously, we now follow salvation history as God the Holy Spirit is poured out on the apostles and the work of the early church commences. We will cover Christian history from Christ's ascension into heaven until the Gospel reaches Rome. Cost of book **\$20**. Sign up in the Narthex!

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**LISTEN TO CHURCH!**  
**Dial 715-438-4100**

# MISSION & MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 08.08.2022

*"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:** Pastor Dan read from Hebrews 11, followed by prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Jerry Hallman to approve June minutes as submitted, seconded by Lyle Hackler; motion carried. (No July meeting as Pastor was on vacation.)

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Theresina reports everything from July 31<sup>st</sup> is reconciled. Balance in checking is \$57,986.74. Northwestern Bank raised their interest rates to 6.5% on our *line of credit loan* for emergencies. LCEF's rate is 3.62.

**Health Insurance:** Theresina presented an Employer Rate Notice from *Concordia* for 2023 Health Insurance rates. Motion by Alice Helgeson to keep the same healthcare plan in place that Pastor currently has, seconded by Bill Musser; motion carried. Motion made by Jack Halbleib to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted for June and July, seconded by Pastor Dan, motion carried. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Dan still has one week of vacation left which he may use this fall. Will find out the first week in October as to whether or not we will have a DEC this winter. Pastor is going to try to visit all the young families that are inactive starting this fall. Staff reviews will be done this fall for Amy Gumz and Jerry Hallman, Preschool reviews are in the middle of the fiscal year. **Covid Policy:** Jack Halbleib reports Chippewa County went from low to moderate risk. Jack recommends no changes in Covid protocol.

**Capital Campaign:** Alice Helgeson reports that originally the goal was at \$310,00 however as it stands to date, the goal has gone up to \$330,000. Numbers that have come in match and everything is going well. Phase II of the campaign is to connect with members and ask them to pray for a DCE. Plans

are to establish a DCE Committee, Rachel Simmerman is willing to serve on this committee, and is recruiting Sunday School and Preschool staff as well as younger parents. **M&M Council Responsibilities:** ∅ Finance/Budget – Theresina Girard-Schmidt, Bob Normand: Discussed earlier, see above. ∅ Human Resources – Jack Halbleib: Discussed reviews earlier, annual reviews are set. ∅ Stewardship/Time & Talents – Kathy Butak: No report. ∅ Facilities – Lyle Hackler: Lyle reports everything is almost done in the parsonage, new window is in, bathroom is done, carpet needs to be cleaned – has a quote from Carpet King for \$547.00 as well as a couple other quotes. The roofing company never returns calls, Kevin Balts has verbally submitted a bid for \$130,000.00. Updated estimate from RTS came in at \$111,885.00. Biggest issue is getting the rubber. Mauray Roofing from Marshfield is going to look at our roof as well. Parking lot is good for a couple of years. Sanctuary flooring will be sealed next Thursday & Friday, a new light has been installed by the Preschool entrance. ∅ Evangelism – Theresina Girard-Schmidt: Evangelism and Fellowship met and are doing a potluck for Rally Day with a bouncy house. On Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Fall Harvest Dinner and plans are to enter into a couple of parades that will be held in Chippewa – one this fall and one in December. Pastor has a couple of folks interested in working with the Youth. ∅ Pre School/Christian Education/Sunday School – Rachael Simmerman: Rachael reports the new contracts have been established. Tresa felt that they both need more hours; Tracie is currently working 17 hours per week, Tresa felt it necessary to increase an hour per week. Motion made by Jack Halbleib to increase Tracie's hours from 17 to 18 hours per week with a pay increase, seconded by Bill Musser; motion carried. Tresa's hours will also be increased. Preschool enrollment is almost full for this fall. VBS is smaller this year, but hopeful that DCE will help moving forward and possibly canvas the neighborhood next year. Pastor also suggested placing a banner on the front

lawn. ∅ Ministry Support – Elders Team – Bill Musser: Will be meeting in September, date/time will be posted in the Newsletter when this has been determined. ∅ Youth – As noted above, Pastor has a couple of folks interested in working with the youth. **Other: Eternal Candle:** Jerry Hallman reports that he's been contacted regarding the Eternal Candle. In 1975, Ellen Houts donated this in memory of her husband, Del. Two of the daughters state they want it. Bob Normand will contact the family, and report back to Council. **Constant Contact Texting:** The software program Amy uses to send some emails is now offering a *texting program* for \$10 per month. Motion made by Kathy Butak to enroll in this program, seconded by Pastor Dan; motion carried. **Property Line:** Bill Musser states the only neighbor that signs a sheet regarding property lines is the Chippewa Manor as we allow them to use our property but they are aware that this property belongs to Faith. The neighbor on the north side of the lot parks his vehicle on our lot, he doesn't ask permission; Bob Normand will check with our insurance company regarding proper protocol. The neighbors on the back side of our property use our land for such things as a fire pit, garden trimmings, grill scraps, etc. Will need to get names and addresses and send them a letter. Area must be maintained and free of trash. Facilities will now be meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:30. Jerry Hallman was concerned with key issues, Council felt he should have a master key. **Fall Service Schedule:** On September 11<sup>th</sup> the Sunday services will return to two services: 8 a.m. and 10:15, Sunday School will resume the following week, September 18, at 8:45. **As part of the Rally Day Celebration we will have a potluck dinner following the late service, as well as fun and games for the children.** Wednesday evening services will remain as is, with Council meeting the second Wednesday of each month following service. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday 09/14/2022. **Submitted by:** Kathy Butak.



## YOUTH

**BIBLE PRESENTATION DAYS!** During services on 9/18 (or 9/21), children in kindergarten and 3rd grade will be given a Bible. Children in grade 5 will be given Luther's Small Catechism. Please contact the office by 9/15 if you have a child in these grades to confirm which service you will be attending. Thank you!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY** is being rescheduled for Sunday, September 18, due to a shortage of Sunday school teachers and helpers. (If you have the gift for teaching children, please prayerfully consider joining our staff.) During the 10:15 service, the children will be singing and reading the lessons.

**Grades 7-12 Bible Study:** Beginning **9/18 @ 8:45 AM**, join Mrs. Sue Smith as they study "God Redeems His People."

**POTLUCK!** Following the late service on **9/18**, we will have a Picnic Potluck. BBQ's, hot dogs, and beverages provided. Please bring a dish or a dessert to share. Games and fun for the whole family!

**Confirmation starts 9/21 @ 7 PM!** For students in 7th & 8th grade. Please contact the office for more information.

**Four Students from Faith** attended Camp Luther in August: Mason Chittendon, Evan Ericksen, Drew Musser and Kendal Musser!

**There is a designated "Quiet Room"** just off the Sanctuary for you to take your young ones during worship.

**"Busy Bags"** for kids to use are located in the Narthex & Quiet Room.

**The Sunday School "Jesus Jug" is back!** Have your children bring their offerings (coins or bills!) to worship, when they will be presented at the front of church.



### WOMEN OF FAITH/LWML

Contact: Pam Pfankuch, 715-723-7124  
ppfankuch53@gmail.com

**ALL WOMEN OF FAITH LUTHERAN** are invited to attend our group meeting on **September 20 @ 6 PM** to discuss upcoming plans, a short Bible study, reports on the LWML Convention and mission trip. Refreshments will be served. Questions? See Pam.

## GENERAL NEWS

**A Prayer Chain** is being formed! If interested and/or any suggestions, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call/ text Sue Smith (715-944-7190) or Pam Pfankuch (715-723-7124).

**New Member Class:** Pastor Dan is interested in beginning a new, 5-week membership class. If you are interested in this class, please contact the office.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers while Jean & Pam Pfankuch went on their Orphan Grain Train mission trip to IA and NE.

Thanks to the congregation for donating \$120 to Orphan Grain Train to use for shipping of food and clothing to Ukraine. Over \$5,000 total was collected from the people who traveled on the bus for this outreach!

Thank you to all for the calls, cards, prayers and flowers while Barb was hospitalized and in the nursing home. Thank you as well for the cards and memorials when she passed. Clarence Glamann & family

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

(Please give requests in writing to Pastor prior to service) **FOR HEALING:** Aubrey Bohl; Stan Davidson; Roxanne Hallman; Jeremy Jaenke; Larry Johnson;

Kent Kattestad (Lisa Hackler's father); Joanne Koeller (cousin of Kathy Turner); Randy Larson (coworker of Kate Schumacher); Lila Powell; Ron Tiry.

## ET CETERA

**FYI: Scam Texts and Emails** have been circulating using Pastor Dan's name. DO NOT respond to these texts or emails, as they are NOT from him!

**Please remember Faith's Home Bound & Shut-In Members in your prayers:**

Jane Elwood, Martha & Warren Jaenke, Lorraine Kasper, Nellie Kilcher, Mary Kuhn, Dorothy Post, Lila Powell, and Ruby & Shari Schumacher.

**Did you know?** In the "old coat closet" (opposite the Sanctuary) **we collect the following:**

- Eyeglasses
- Old Portals of Prayer
- Family Fare product UPC barcodes (see Marcia Goettl)
- Canceled stamps (see Pam Pfankuch)
- Fabric donations for quilts (see Lucille Yauch)

**NEW Puzzles in the Puzzle Library!!!**

Located in the Church Library. Check out based on the "honor system."

## MEMORIALS (7/17 - 8/14)

- **Barb Glamann:** M/M George Flint, M/M Dell Braunbergerr, Lois Kloss, Lucile Yauch, Clarence Glamann & family, M/M Lloyd Benner, M/M Dan Helgeson, Carla Kleinheinz (Women of Faith)
- **Tim Larson:** M/M Harold Aamodt (front door replacement)
- **Jan Langteau:** M/M Lloyd Benner (growth fund)

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**RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED**

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

6 - Banks & Brooks Nordling; Gail Roder  
8 - Adalynn Mercer  
11 - Aubrie Voigt  
12 - Liz Anderson; Jase Dallas; Julie Schaller  
13 - Donald Miller  
14 - Helen Krueger; Jeanette Riley  
16 - Brandon Engel  
18 - Nellie Kilcher  
19 - Sara Hasart  
20 - Luke Erickson  
21 - Adelyn Dreger; Jack Halbleib; Lila Powell; Katie Schumacher  
22 - Lorraine Kasper; Elizabeth Thompson; Tristan Varwig  
23 - Cheryl Wendt  
24 - Shirley Felmlee; Lakyn Tetzlaff  
25 - Andrea Druckrey  
26 - Sara Andersen  
27 - Angela Bowe; Michael Schaller  
28 - Patricia Mathwig  
29 - Mark Newman  
30 - Warren Jaenke

## **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

9 - David & Lyn Ashlin; Stan & Joyce Davidson  
11 - Christopher & Roberta Chittendon  
12 - Gary & Linda Ahlen  
13 - Ron & Sharon Tiry  
17 - Larry & Linda Bohl; Jim & Kathy Butak  
18 - Lyle & Lisa Hackler  
19 - Myron & Char Grafstrom  
20 - Morris & Jeanette Riley; Robert & Anna Varwig  
25 - Nate & Cassandra Musser  
26 - Harold & Pat Saxon  
27 - John & Cindy Carlson; Terrence & Alisha Klemish  
29 - Brian & Turi McIlquham  
30 - Ann & Peter Hauptmann; Randy & Rhonda Larson

**Have you had a change** in your address, phone, email, etc.? If so, please contact the church office.

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

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