



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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A message from our pastor, Rev. Dr. Daniel Wonderly: "What is Your Treasure?"

Dear Members of Faith,

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus spoke about two treasures (Matthew 6:19-20). We either seek **"treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal"** or **"treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."**

We are all treasure seekers because we either want to enjoy treasures on earth or treasures in heaven. Our choices, decisions, and actions are dictated by what we hold dear. What we treasure dictates how we think about ourselves and our relationships with others and most importantly, with God. So what is your treasure? What causes you to love the treasures or the things of this world or the treasure that God offers?

Later in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, **"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money"** (verse 24).

Jesus is telling us that either God or money will be our treasure and become the master in our hearts. We are told that we can't serve both God and money. In this verse, Jesus points out that money above everything else can keep our hearts from making Him our treasure. How then, can our hearts be set to treasure Jesus above all else?

Think of the parable Jesus once told: **"The kingdom of heaven is like**

treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." And recognize that we are the **"treasure"** in this story, and Jesus is the One, who **"sells all that he has and buys that field."**

Jesus treasured us so much that he gave away his life on the cross, in order to purchase our salvation at the price of his blood. That's how precious we are to our Lord, and this joyful knowledge transforms our hearts to treasure Jesus above all the treasures of the world. And Jesus is the only treasure that **"neither moth nor rust destroys!"** He is eternal life!

~ Pastor Dan Wonderly

PRAYER REQUESTS:

HEALING: Missy B.; Mark B.; Larry C.; Angela J.; John H.; Larry J.; Everett M.; Dale O.; Riley S.; Shari S.; Randy S.; Richard W. **MOURNING:** Mervin M; Brent S.

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

**OFFICE HOURS:
9 AM - 2 PM, Mon -Fri**



WORSHIP TIMES*

8 AM - Traditional Service
9:15 AM - Bible Study (Adults)
10:15 AM - Contemporary Service
6 PM - Blended Service (Weds.)

**Worship styles are subject to change based on availability of musicians*

SUMMER WORSHIP* SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 26!

**Suns @ 9 AM
Weds @ 6 PM**

**Worship styles are subject to change based on availability of musicians*

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: MAY 5

**GRIEF SUPPORT
GROUP STARTS
THURS. MAY 9 -
PLEASE RSVP**

**THRIFT SALE MAY 18
STARTING @ 8 AM**

**CAMPFIRE
SAT. MAY 18 @ 6:30 PM
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**PLANT EXCHANGE
TUES. MAY 21 @ 6 PM**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 04.17.2024

"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 Pastor Dan; motion carried. **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Theresina reports everything is balanced and quarterly statements went out. The Capital Campaign balance is: \$195,138.48. We have raised \$2,065.00 for the organ so far. Motion made by Pastor Dan to approve treasurer's report as submitted, seconded by Bill Musser; motion carried. **Request from Sharon Volrath:** Theresina Girard-Schmidt received a request from Sharon Volrath to give a glass communion set to Rev. Dustin Ridings at Zion Lutheran Church in Oconto WI. Motion made by Pastor Dan to gift this glass communion set to Zion Lutheran Church in Oconto, WI, seconded by Lyle Hackler; motion carried. **Pastor's Report:** Pastor is waiting to hear back from Pastor Pat Simmons to see if he can cover for him while he's on vacation; Jack Halbleib and Jerry Hallman will also cover. Confirmation went well this past Sunday and was well attended. Thank You to Theresina and Scott Schmidt delivered the pulpit to *Orphan Grain Train* on Tuesday, April 9th – thank you both for a wonderful outreach. **Faith Lutheran Youth Report (FLY):** Rachael Simmerman reports the Youth is hosting the Congregational Campfire on May 18th, and they went bowling 2 weeks ago. The last day for Sunday School is May 5th and they are looking at possibly changing the name, giving it a new face, and encouraging more involvement. VBS plans are possibly going with one day in June for ages 3 to grade 6. The Thrift sale is on Saturday, May 18th. If you have anything you'd like to donate

for this sale, please drop them off at church and we ask that you please mark prices on the items. Preschool went to Children's Museum this week with funds being donated for this trip and next they will be going to Irvine Park. Preschool Graduation is May 14th and 15th at 9:30 a.m. The Youth online Clothing Fundraiser is going along well – this is through *The Chippewa Store*. The Quillow project is on hold until next fall as volunteers are needed for this project. **Faith Lutheran Church Survey (FLC):** Bill Musser handed out the final copy for Council to review. They will be doing marketing first to give members a "heads up" that this survey will be coming out and would like to have this completed within 2 weeks after it's released. **Synod Capital Campaign – "Labor of Love":** Jack Halbleib reminded Council that this campaign starts in the fall. We are looking at doing a "free will" offering every 4th Sunday to support this effort. A notice will be in the Newsletter and on screens. **M&M Council Responsibilities:** Finance/Budget – Theresina Girard-Schmidt, Jack Halbleib: No further additions. Human Resources – Jack Halbleib: No report. Stewardship/Time & Talents – Kathy Butak: There are no openings left on the church directory photo schedule and approximately 10 families have submitted photos. We are in need of a handicapped walker. If anyone has one that they'd like to donate, please contact the church office. Facilities – Lyle Hackler: *Bartingale* came out and adjusted the Boiler program so alarms don't keep going off, costing \$240.00 to fix this. There's a hole above the kitchen in the roof cap and it was leaking through. *Balts Construction* looked at it and will replace it at no charge. Overhead Screen Projector: Pastor states a member has offered a \$500.00 donation for this project and feels we should move ahead as the current unit is running on borrowed time. All Council members were in agreement with plans to move forward with this project. Lyle Hackler states the facilities team is willing to be on the committee as they have already discussed this project and

are on top of things. To date, we have a total of \$1,200 committed so far for this project. Evangelism – Theresina Girard-Schmidt: The Lenten meals went well. From the donations that came in - \$791.00 went towards audio equipment, \$363.00 went to soup suppers income. Plans are to go ahead in May and June for Bible sticks. A food bank stand has already been built/donated and would be on our property. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this outreach, please contact the church office. 70th Anniversary Celebration will be celebrated on November 3rd and possibly have one service on that date with a big breakfast/brunch. They have also been working on Halloween with possible Sock Hop after Trunk or Treat. Harvest Dinner is canceled this year due to the 70th Anniversary celebration. Ministry Support – Elders Team – Bill Musser: Will be meeting in May. **Closing Prayer:** Given by Pastor Dan. **Respectfully submitted by:** Kathy Butak. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024

FAITH'S ELDERS:
Ron Tiry (8 AM); Randy Knapp (6 PM); Wally Smith & Bill Musser (10:15 AM).



PRE-K & PRESCHOOL
Enrollment for the 2024-2025 year is now open! Please contact our Director 715-415-0592 / faithcp733@gmail.com

MEMORIALS (3/24 - 4/21)
In Memory of: Given By
(For Growth Fund unless noted otherwise)
No Memorials given in this time frame.

ET CETERA
New Member Class: If you or someone you know would like to take a membership/discipleship class, please speak to Pastor Dan.

Grief Support Group! Thursday, May 9 and Thursday, May 23 @ 12:30 PM. Please RSVP to the church office.

GENERAL NEWS

CONNECTING FAITH SURVEY: Watch your mail (email or postal) for our Connecting Faith Survey! As we approach the third and final year of our Connecting Faith Campaign, we are checking in to assess your current connection to Faith, and how we can help strengthen that connection. Each member of your household is invited to respond. We pray that everyone will make this investment of time and thought as we seek to nurture the areas that connect our Faith family.

Church-wide Thrift Sale, Saturday, May 18 from 8 AM to 4 PM. Collecting gently used items now! Set up will begin the afternoon of May 16 and during the day May 17. Help is greatly appreciated! Please PRICE your items, if possible. Proceeds from this sale will be donated to Southview School's Lunch Account.

Church Campfire! All are invited! Saturday, May 18 from 6:30 to 8 PM on the grounds behind church. Sign up in the Narthex to donate S'mores ingredients. Bring a lawn chair and a friend for this fun time of fellowship. Outdoor games will be available to play.

2024 Membership Changes so far...

Gains: Donald III & Chelsea L. and their children, Brinley & Donald IV (adult confirmation & baptisms); Jane S. (adult confirmation).

Losses: Zachary V. (Transfer to St. John's West Bend, WI); Elaine M. (Death); Sharon V. (Transfer to Zion Lutheran, Oconto, WI).

Military Bible Stick Outreach! More than 180,000 men and women enter and leave military service every year, many of them unchurched. Thanks to you, they can receive the Word of God on a portable BibleStick. From May 1 to June 22, there is a \$1 Million Matching Campaign. Please make checks to Faith and indicate "Bible Stick" on the memo line. For more info: www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/what-w-e-do/military-biblestick



WOMEN OF FAITH/LWML

All women at Faith are members of Women of Faith (WOF) and are welcome to any and all meetings/Get-Togethers! Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month @ 6 PM April - December and @ 2 PM January - March.

Plant Exchange! Tuesday, May 21 @ 6 PM. Bring some plants that you'd like to share, and maybe take home a different variety or two! (You don't have to bring plants in order to take some!) Contact Patricia S. or Pam P. for more info.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY! LWML NWD 40th Biennial Convention in Appleton, June 13-15. See details in the Narthex or contact Pam P.

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



May 5 is the last day of Sunday School! Families: join us for this special day of devotion, craft and a fruit and yogurt parfait bar from 9-10 AM. Kids will also be singing during the 10:15 AM service.

May 19 is Graduate Recognition Day! According to church records, the following members will be graduating from High School this year: **Makenna G., Tye O., and Morgan W.** We will honor these students during the **10:15 AM** service.

Monday, June 24 is "VBS in a Day" from 9 AM to 1 PM for kids ages 3-6th grade in the fall. Join us for our Olympic theme of "Running the Race and Keeping the Faith!" Bible lesson, crafts, games, snack, and light lunch will be provided. More details to come.

The following youth confirmed their faith in Christ on Sunday, April 14: **Jack B., Mason C., Katelynn H., Kendal M., Carson R., and James W.** Please pray for these youth and their families as they continue their relationship and devotion to our Savior and the church.

ONEFEST Tickets - Group Discount! Held on the Country Fest grounds in Cadott August 2-4, discounts for 10 or more people are available. Headliners include Jeremy Camp, TobyMac, Anne Wilson and more! If interested, contact Lynn M. or Allison. Visit <https://www.one-fest.com/> for more.

Allison has her thinking cap on, so **stay tuned this summer** for updates on a Sunday School name change this fall!

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to everyone who came and/or gave gifts or brought food for our "Baby Shower" Dinner for Apple Pregnancy Center on 4/16.

Thanks to **Scott & Theresina S.** for delivering our former pulpit to Orphan Grain Train in Westfield, WI. Visit ogt.org for more info.

Ladies of Faith Lutheran: I just want to thank you all for the beautiful flowers you gave me for my 90th birthday party. It was a nice party and everyone had a good time. Thank you again, Barb M.

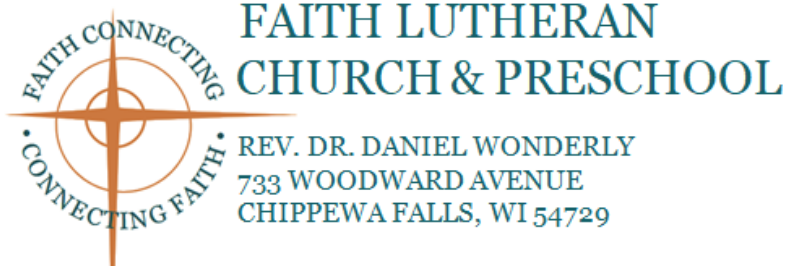
A huge THANK YOU to **Dell B., Jim B.** and **Walt M.** for building our new "Media Booth" located near the organ.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated or purchased baked items for the Palm Sunday and Election Day bake sales. The total earned was \$577.80.

Thank you for all the cards and prayers during my recent illness. I appreciated it so much! ~Sharon T.

CONNECTING FAITH MAY PRAYER:

Merciful Father, thank you so much for the abundant rain we needed. Your creation is starting to burst forth in beauty. As we look forward to enjoying this May, have Your Holy Spirit guide us to remember you in worship and staying in Your Word. Bless us as we share Your love with one another in everything we do. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

MAY BIRTHDAYS



5 - Bonnie S.
6 - Peggy G.
7 - Linda A.
8 - Susan C.
10 - Kendal M.
11 - Brenda B.; Nate H.
12 - Ardis B.(90!); Jarrod E.; Shari S.;
Patricia S.
15 - Kamryn G.; Mary Lee H.
16 - Paula K.; Olivia S.
17 - Mason N.
18 - Sophia A.
22 - Mike N.
24 - Dave O.
25 - Andrea S.
27 - Barb E.
28 - Michelle H.; Steven J.; Dawsyn L.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES



3 - Emery & Janice S.
9 - Steven & Barbara M.
14 - Susan & Allen K.
17 - Joe & Lennie G.
21 - Tiege & Andrea D.
24 - Bryon & Amy P.
25 - Bob & Sandy L.
26 - Rick & Karen E.

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please notify the church office.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 - "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted..."

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; Gigi Koenig; Rachael Simmerman; Pastor Wonderly.

Are you receiving this newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service? Do you come to church regularly and can pick up a copy in person, thus saving the cost of a stamp? If so, let Amy know!

