



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: "Hit the Road"

Dear Members of Faith,

On the day of the Resurrection, two friends were walking along the road to Emmaus. They didn't know, however, that it was Resurrection Day. That's why they were walking along with downcast faces. Then along comes Jesus, who asks: **"What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?"**

Then one of them, slightly annoyed, asks Jesus, **"Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"**

Jesus responds: **"O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"** Then Jesus patiently explains the prophecies of Scripture, and how they have been fulfilled by him over the past several years.

Finally, as they eat together, Jesus takes bread, gives thanks, breaks it, and gives it to them. Immediately, their eyes are opened. And without a doubt their mouths were probably hanging open as well, the moment Jesus disappeared from their sight – from their physical sight, but not from their hearts and minds. Amazed and excited, the once forlorn disciples return to Jerusalem with a new message: **"The Lord has risen indeed!"** (Luke 24:34).

We have our opportunities, too, to explain Scripture to the downcast, the bewildered, and the confused. We can come alongside our friends on their "road to Emmaus" and ask what's going

on in their lives. And like Jesus, we can remind them of the hope found in the Scriptures. In addition, we can invite them to church where they might have their spiritual eyes opened, see Jesus as their loving Savior, and have their hearts **"burn within [them]"** (Luke 24:32).

~ Pastor Dan Wonderly

PRAYER REQUESTS:

HEALING: Joe A.; Mark B.; Lynnette E.; Martha J.; Carol L.; Everett M.; Dale O.; Arlene P.; Randy S.; Richard W.; Dale V.

MOURNING: The families of...Robert B. Ardella M. Angie M., Marilyn T.; Peggy W.

LISTEN TO CHURCH:

Dial 715-438-4100

OFFICE HOURS:

9 AM - 2 PM, Mon -Fri

CONNECTING FAITH APRIL PRAYER:

Gracious Father, we rejoice in the gift of Your Son who died and rose paying the penalty for our sins. Give us strength and courage through Your Holy Spirit to share Your gifts of love and forgiveness with everyone so they may have the joy of eternal salvation with You. In the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior. Amen.



WORSHIP TIMES

8 AM - Traditional Service

9 to 10 AM - Sunday School

9 to 10 AM - Youth Bible Study

9:15 AM - Bible Study (Adults)

10:15 AM - Contemporary Service

VOTING DAY BAKE SALE, TUES. APRIL 2

GRADES 7-12 BOWLING & PIZZA! SUN. APRIL 7 @ 11:30 AM, OJIBWAY GOLF & BOWL

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL & PICS WEDS. APRIL 10 @ 7 PM

GRADES 4-5 DEVO, GAMES & SNACK THURS. APRIL 11, 4:30 to 6 PM

CONFIRMATION APRIL 14 @ 10:15 AM

"BABY SHOWER" w/DINNER & SPEAKER TUES. APRIL 16 @ 6 PM

SPRING CLEAN UP SAT. APRIL 20 @ 9 AM

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 03.13.2024

"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 Pastor Dan to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Dan Goosen; motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Theresina reports checking is a little low due to time of year, everything is reconciled. On the Financial report, Memorial monies that have been designated will indicate as such and those that are undesignated funds, we will ask the donor if they want it to go towards a particular item. Motion made by Jerry Hallman to approve treasurer's report as submitted, seconded by Lyle Hackler; motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation is on April 14th with 6 students being confirmed this year. Confirmation has been going well and students are currently working on their essays. Pastor will possibly be taking 3 weeks of vacation in June.

Capital Campaign: Theresina reports our new balance is: \$189,604.48. \$150,000.00 was designated for roof and carpeting, with \$101,594.84 of that having been spent.

Faith Lutheran Youth Report: Camp Luther: There are no girls attending this year. There may be a couple of males and if so, we will need a male chaperone. Next summer is the National Youth Gathering in July.

Faith Lutheran Church Survey: Jack went through a congregational survey that is being considered focusing on areas of: *Worship Service, Church Family, Serving, and Youth & Family* in search of possible changes and/or opinions on the survey before it goes out. Pastor Dan and Jack will talk to Allison Vogels and the Evangelism Team as they expand on the original survey that was drawn up and Council had some possible changes.

M&M Council Responsibilities ∅
Finance/Budget – Theresina
Girard-Schmidt, Jack Halbleib: See

Above report. ∅ Human Resources – Jack Halbleib: No report. ∅ Stewardship/Time & Talents – Kathy Butak: Church Directory: Allison Vogels, Jean & Walt Matchim, and Kathy Butak have been scheduling appointments at all 3 services. Pulpit: Kathy Butak reports she had been contacted by a church in Oklahoma regarding the pulpit but they haven't pursued it further, probably due to distance. Will request that *The Lutheran Witness* print it in the April issue as well. ∅ Facilities – Lyle Hackler: Three families at Faith have donated their time and cost for the media booth project and have been diligently working on it. Hopefully it will be installed soon. We have \$800 raised for organ repairs/maintenance so far. Signs will go up to remind members that if they'd like to donate to this cause they may do so. We have been having issues with the screen on the right side and the facilities team has been discussing this. The equipment is outdated, parts are either hard to obtain or unobtainable, and needs to be addressed. We are considering going with a couple of 85" High-Definition TV monitors. Pastor Dan would also like a back wall TV monitor placed near the organ or media booth, and this TV has already been donated. The clarity will be much better on a High-Definition TV versus utilizing screens. *Audio Architects* are supposed to come next week and look at the current projection system in the meantime to see if something can be done. Lyle reports Post Glass took a couple of leaking windows out of the Narthex to get sizing, quote was \$13,260, however uncertain if this was for frosted windows or clear glass. If frosted are more expensive than clear, then we will go with clear glass. This expense falls under the roofing budget from the Campaign. The "In" sign on the Woodward Avenue entrance will be moved as when driving south it blocks the view of the new LED sign. April 20th is clean-up day starting at 9 AM. We will have hot dogs, chips, etc. Rain date is May 4. Plans are to also clean out the flower area around the LED sign with the Youth Group taking care of replanting. ∅ Evangelism – Theresina

Girard-Schmidt: Theresina reports they met today, will be putting out both coffee cups and tumblers at the greeter table. Easter Journey is Saturday, March 23rd at 11 AM. They are working on a clothing fundraiser. Youth will be having a Thrift Sale on May 18th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with funds going to Southview School Lunch Account. ∅ Pre School/Christian Education/Sunday School – Rachael Simmerman: Jerry Hallman reports May 14 and 15th is Preschool Graduation. Field Trips are planned and enrollment is filling up for next year. ∅ Ministry Support – Elders Team – Bill Musser: No Report. **Other:** Council Staffing Guidelines-Jack Halbleib handed out an updated protocol. *Labor of Love Campaign*: "A question will be developed to put into the Congregation Survey to explain the *Labor of Love Capital Campaign* that the NW Wisconsin Synod has developed and seek input into if and how we as a congregation can support this effort. It may contain some options that members can choose from." **Closing Prayer:** Given by Pastor Dan. **Respectfully submitted by:** Kathy Butak. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 10, 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, Mrs. Tresa Juedes, at 715-415-0592 or faithcp733@gmail.com for more information or to enroll!

MEMORIALS (2/25 - 3/17)

In Memory of: Given By

(For Growth Fund unless noted otherwise)

Sharon B.: Media booth, given by Dell B. & Family

Elaine M.: Dell B.



GENERAL NEWS

Sign Up to Receive Text Messages from Faith Lutheran Church! Text the word **Join** plus your **email address** to: 715-255-1288. *Messages will be no more than THREE per month.*

Spring Clean Up Day! Saturday, April 20, beginning at **9 AM**. Bring any tools you may have (rakes, shovels, etc.). Light lunch will be provided. The more people we have, the merrier it will be! (In case of rain or cold, the make-up day will be May 4). More info coming soon!

Church Directory Photos: April 25, 26 & 27. Slots are filling fast. See the flyers in the Narthex, posters around church, the table in the entryway, or call Amy to sign up now!

Church-wide Thrift Sale, Saturday, May 18 from 8 AM to 4 PM. Start saving your gently-used items to donate toward this fundraiser. Please **PRICE** your items, if possible. If you can help out with set up or the actual sale, please contact Allison. Proceeds from this sale will be donated to Southview Elementary School's Lunch Account.

Church Campfire! All are invited! Saturday, May 18 from 6:30 to 8 PM on the grounds behind church. Watch for a sign up to donate S'mores ingredients. Bring a lawn chair, a friend, and connect with one another!

2024 Easter Lilies were given by the following: Lloyd & Lorraine B., in memory of their parents, and their son, Doug; Dan & Rachel B., in memory of their parents; Randy & Susan C., in memory of Susan's mother, Helen A.; Brandie E., in memory of her sister, Candi A.; Geneva E., in memory of her husband, John E.; Elaine G. & Pam P., in memory of their sister and mother, Arlene Z.; Lyle & Lisa H., in memory of their fathers George H. & Kent K.; Carla K., in honor of Ilene Z.; Steve & Lois R.; Dale & Jean V.

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS



Sunday, April 7, bowling and pizza for 7-12th graders! The plan is to meet at Ojibwa Golf & Bowl after the second service for a couple of games and pizza.

Confirmation Dress Rehearsal Wednesday, April 10 @ 7 PM, with pictures and cupcake reception for immediate family members. A shirt with collar, dress pants and dress shoes are recommended for males. Dress clothing and dress shoes are recommended for females. No jeans or tennis shoes. Payment for rental of gowns, corsage and photographer is \$40. Please make checks out to Faith Lutheran Church.

Thursday, April 11 from 4:30 to 6 PM, youth group devotion, games, and a snack for **4-6th graders** in the youth room at Faith.

Confirmation Day is Sunday, April 14 @ 10:15 AM. The following youth from Faith will be confirming their faith in their Savior, Jesus Christ: Jack B., Mason C., Katelyn H., Kendal M., Carson R., and James W.

ET CETERA

Volunteer Needed! Orphan Grain Train in Westfield, WI, is interested in our old pulpit, if we can deliver it. They are only open on Tuesdays and are located 30 minutes south of Stevens Point. If able to help in this outreach, please contact Pastor, Jack Halbleib, or Kathy Butak.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: If you or someone you know would like to take a membership/discipleship class in order to become a member, or just to review our Lutheran teachings, please speak to Pastor Dan.

Remember our Homebound members in your thoughts & prayers! Millie H., Warren & Martha J., Nellie K., Barbara M., Esther M., Harold O., Ruby & Shari S., and Ilene Z.

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.

Election Day Bake & Craft Sale, Tuesday, April 2, beginning at 7 AM. Sponsored by Women of Faith. Proceeds to benefit area nonprofits.

April 6 Spring Retreat at Camp Luther. (Reservations now closed.)

Everyone is welcome to attend the Women of Faith/LWML monthly get together on **Tuesday, April 16 @ 6 PM**. A "Baby Shower" for Apple Pregnancy Center will be held with a dinner and speaker. Please bring a wrapped gift (any baby-related item). More details to be announced soon.

2024 LWML NWD Zone 9 Spring Rally at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 1915 Hogeboom Ave, Eau Claire, on **Saturday, April 27**, beginning at 8:30 AM. \$6 includes registration and lunch! Guest speakers: Alaska Mission for Christ.

Helen K. has accepted the secretary position for Women of Faith. Thanks, Helen, for your service!

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

Thank you to all Women of Faith for your time, talents and support! **Any questions please contact** Patricia S. or Pam P.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 1 - Gigi K.
- 2 - Jerry W.
- 3 - Mark K.; Brenda O.
- 4 - Lennie G.
- 6 - Dale V.
- 8 - Gary A.; Ryan L.
- 12 - Richard O.
- 16 - Lincoln S.
- 18 - Katelyn H.
- 19 - Dell B.
- 20 - Shirley L.; Randy L.
- 21 - Grace B.; Randy K.
- 25 - John P.
- 28 - Bev N.; Nate S.
- 30 - Pat S.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



- 7 - Chris & Dana A.
- 8 - Ken & Bonnie S.
- 15 - Steve & Lois R.
- 21 - Rick & Peggy D.
- 30 - Scott & Celeste S.

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

Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

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!

