



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faith Matters

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WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS— 9:00 A.M.
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Patience and Green Tomatoes

Pastor Dan Lyman

As I write this article, my garden is filling up with green tomatoes. I see them, even hidden in the green foliage. One day they will be ready to pick and eat, but not for a while. And when the season finally comes, it will seem like they are blossoms one day and plump, red-ripe fruits the next. But they are not in that season yet. The season they are in now is the season of hanging there as green as grass for weeks.

So we wait. Gardeners need patience. To take a seed and plant it, is an act of faith. Faith and patience.

Around my house this summer we have taken a few short cuts in the garden, in the form of potted perennials that we can plant and they still bloom this summer. So they are doing what we want them to do right away. And, next year, being perennials, they will do it more and more and more. Daisies and black-eyed Susan multiplying in the sunshine, hostas filling the shady spots with their cool green beauty, the apple trees filling out. So your pastor spends his day off with a shovel in his hands. Shoveling and waiting for red tomatoes.

Tomatoes are part of why I love to garden. I also point to the Biblical passage in which the purpose of humanity is revealed. In Genesis 2:15, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." We are meant to be gardeners. But personally, it has been mostly tomatoes. (Adam must have walked around with a shovel in his hands waiting for tomatoes too.)

The sheer abundance of tomatoes that come in a good year is remarkable. We eat all we can hold just grazing in the garden, then fill a basket, and eat more, fresh or cooked each meal, and let them pile up until we can can them. It used to be a common complaint that store bought tomatoes were pale, tasteless things. They are better now. I admit it. But verily, verily, nothing compares to a real tomato from the garden.

As I write this I have similar patience/impatience for the good things coming at Faith: 2 more baptisms scheduled, riding on the Valders Days float, God's Work. Our Hands. 9/7, the Senior Dinner 9/10, a Gospel group coming to sing for us 9/14, and our big celebration of our 175th birthday in October. There are good things coming. Many blessings. I guess they will come in their own time.

AUGUST STEWARDSHIP ~ SCHOOL KITS

- (4)) 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper 8 x 10 1/2 No loose leaf paper.
- (1) centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- (1) pencil sharpener
- (5) unsharpened #2 pencils (no mechanical) No pre-sharpened pencils
- (1) box of 24 crayons
- (5) black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel or click pens)
- (1) blunt scissors No pointed please
- (1) 2 1/2" eraser (no smaller than 2 1/2")

Please buy only the items listed.

Place items in the stewardship cabinet near the church office labeled "school kits".



Do you have an hour to spare a week, every other week, or even monthly to spread God's Word?

The Board of Christian Education is in the process of planning this upcoming school year. We are looking for volunteers to fill various roles! No experience needed, all teacher/leader roles will have you partnering with members with experience.

Parents/ grandparents, please consider teaching Sunday School!

*Pre/K Sunday School teacher(s)/aid

*K-2nd & 3rd-4th co-teacher role

*5th-6th grade Sunday School teacher(s)

*Substitute teachers for Sunday School & Wednesday Confirmation class.

*We are also looking for young adults (college or recent graduates) who are interested in joining our Faith on Fire as part of our mentor/leader team for our HS students. Faith on Fire plans to meet 2 times/ month.

Please contact our youth coordinator valleskeyb@gmail.com

if you have any questions or are interested in joining our team!

CAMERA News

At several council meetings we have heard about the technical problems of our video streaming system. We have been fortunate so far to "patch" the problems in a timely way. At the last council meeting we voted to replace our current 10-year-old set of cameras and associated panels with a new set. The total cost of the upgrade will be \$18,250. If you would like to contribute to this improvement, please contribute for the "camera fund" by bringing in your donation to the church office or putting it in the offering plate. White envelopes are available in the pews for your use. If you watch the video at home, don't forget us with your contribution.



On August 17, we are having a short service (30 minutes) and then attending an ecumenical service at Union Park (behind First Lutheran Church) and picnic. Special preaching. Special music and good picnic food with at least 5 other congregations in Manitowoc! Mark your calendars.



Sunday
September 7



BACKPACK
BLESSING

Walk in kindness,
shine with courage,
go with God.

Ephesians 4:32

MARK
your
CALENDARS!



God's work. Our hands.



September 7
2025

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.



Finances

Income - June 2025

		Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$ 19,509.00	\$ 21,366.83	\$ 133,971.50	\$ 128,201.00
Lent, Holiday Offerings	\$ -	\$ 833.33	\$ 5,197.00	\$ 5,000.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 136.25	\$ 166.67	\$ 1,142.55	\$ 1,000.00
Other Income	\$ 120.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,351.00	\$ 1,050.00
General Fund Income	\$ 19,765.25	\$ 22,541.83	\$ 141,662.05	\$ 135,251.00

Operating Expenses - June 2025

Administrative/Office Expense	\$ 1,357.98	\$ 1,287.50	\$ 9,954.47	\$ 7,725.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,581.24	\$ 1,803.35	\$ 14,927.27	\$ 10,820.08
Board Expense (Total from all 7 Boards)	\$ 2,686.66	\$ 6,893.33	\$ 40,089.40	\$ 41,360.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Personnel Salaries/Benefits ¹	\$ 20,091.84	\$ 20,599.89	\$ 123,239.27	\$ 123,599.36
General Fund Expense	\$ 25,717.72	\$ 30,584.07	\$ 188,210.41	\$ 183,504.43

GENERAL FUND NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$5,952.47)	(\$8,042.24)	(\$46,548.36)	(\$48,253.43)
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Year to Date General Fund Net Income: (\$46,548.36)

¹ Council voted in December 2022 to set aside \$100,000 of Faith's checking account balance to fund the Youth Coordinator position. The balance remaining is \$25,759.85.

Although the Youth Coordinator salary is included in current year expenses, which affects Net Income/Net Loss, it is not paid with current year income.

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms
Rex William Valleskey and Molly May Miller

Membership

Baptized 821
Confirmed..... 565
Families 108

Welcome New Members: Rick, Carmen and Allison Pankratz and Ricki Valleskey.

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
6/15	101	37
6/22	67	39
6/29	80	25
7/6	72	37
7/13	91	24

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

August **Brenda Pautz**, *Chair (Committee #1)*
September..... **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*

Lectors

8/3 Stacy Wilker
8/6 Kathy Mattern
8/10 Joan Pritzl
8/13 Deb Schreiner
8/17 Brian Ulness
8/20 Cheryl Duchow
8/24 Jenniffer Zutz
8/27 Carol Ulness
8/31 Ava Ulness

Communion Servers

8/3 Stacy Wilker
8/20 Cheryl Duchow
8/24 Jenniffer Zutz

Head Usher ~ Scott Reinertson

Acolyte Schedule

8/3 Garrett Jeske
8/10 Eliza Wilker
8/17 Skyler Schuler
8/24 Peytyn Peterson

Greeters

8/3 Lynda Pautz
8/6 Noah Boll
8/10 Joan Pritzl
8/13 Noah Boll
8/17 John Robley
8/20 Don and Nancy Christianson
8/24 Mary Thomsen
8/27 Judy Valleskey
8/31 Mardell Tienor

Ushers

8/3 Joan Pritzl, Mary Thomsen, Wayne Huske
8/10 Richard Menza and Loren Ulness
8/17 Austin McCulley and Ethan Ulness
8/24 Marcus Galien, Stetson McCulley, Bob Wigen
8/31 Earl Griffin and Keith Lippert

Sound Operator

8/3 Erin Lenzner
8/10 Bill Riesterer
8/17 Garrett Ulness
8/24 Loren Ulness
8/31 Makenna Kaderabek

Video Operator/Live Stream

8/3 Carter Lenzner
8/10 Bill Riesterer
8/17 Michael Lenzner
8/24 Eric Thomsen
8/31 Jake Kaderabek

Projection

8/3 Erin Lenzner
8/6 John Schnell
8/10 Rod Merino
8/13 Cindy Pederson
8/17 Whitney Ulness
8/20 Kayla Hildebrandt
8/24 Loren Ulness
8/27 Susan Christel
8/31 Makenna Kaderabek



Faith Lutheran has apparel available. There are 2 options for logo wear to pick from with 18 different types of apparel with different color options. The Lakeshore Screen Printing Webstore is providing us with these options and can be found at <https://designersloungeco.com/product-category/faith-lutheran-church/>. Go to their website, find the link for Faith Lutheran and place your order. Orders will be completed as they receive them and can be picked up at church when they are complete. For more information, please talk with Julie Hartman or give her a call at 920-758-2317.



175TH ANNIVERSARY



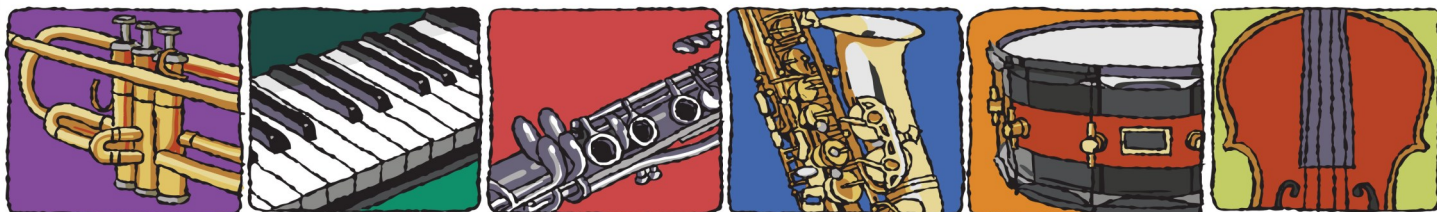
175TH ANNIVERSARY

Calling All Musicians



Calling All Musicians!

Do you play an instrument, or enjoy singing or ring bells? We want you to join Faith's music family! From percussionists to bassoonists and every instrument in between, we need you! Haven't pulled that flute out of the attic in ages? No worries, we can tailor duets or descants to your abilities and have so much fun doing it! Those who might be interested in contributing their talents, please see our organist, Devin Zahringer. He also can be reached by phone or text: (920) 973-5542 Seriously... has anyone ever heard an organ and percussion duet? (Spoiler alert). It's a new type of AMAZING!



The 12 disciples joined us for worship on Sunday June 29. Thank you to Don Domrath, Larry Burzynski, Geoff Valleskey, Libby Olson, all the disciples and especially Sue Riesterer for organizing the service.

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes— June 16, 2025

Pastor's Report: The bacculaureate service on the Valders High School graduation day on June 1 was well attended, with 30 graduates attending. He, Al and Bridget attended the Synod Assembly in Green Bay on June 7, and it was a positive day. Pastor noted that Pastor Mervin Thompson, son of Pastor Conrad Thompson, a son of the congregation, preached at Faith on Father's Day. He reflected on our church roots and Norwegian heritage. He left a copy of his sermon with Pastor Dan to file for information for future anniversary events. Vacation Bible School was successful, with 61 kids, 15 adults and 13 high school students involved. Pastor visited Al Gilbertson after his surgery. A memorial service was held for Eric Clayton Coble and William Ross Corace on June 4 at West Cemetery. Pastor gave plans for service coverage during his vacation June 25-July 2. Faith will have a float in the Valders parade on August 3. He suggested putting flyers with the warning signs of a stroke in the restrooms at church, as is done at First Lutheran. Tanyia will help find suitable flyers.

Old Business: Roof tiles have been fixed. Onkka Bench: Loren will call Valders Stone and Marble about the bench and figure out what decorative blocks to use as a pad. May add a path to the playground equipment. Joan suggested thinking of having another bench in the future for Pastor Peters when placing the bench. Time and Talent sheets: Joan asked board members to look over the sheet to see what needs updating.

New Business: Bill-DVR/Camera: A quick fix was done after a recent failure during a service and is working well, but it's impossible to know if/when it will fail again. The upgrade will leave the cameras in the same spots and have a larger swivel area. The quality of images will be significantly better with a sharper picture on screen. Bill noted that camera prices have risen drastically, and the company allows a shorter time for bid updates due to price hikes and tariffs. \$15,000 will be needed to replace all three cameras and the controller, however, to change the DVR and make everything compatible, another \$3,000 is needed. The advantage is all the equipment will be new. The current system is 16 years old. The upgrade work will eliminate 90% of wires in place and install new wiring. The board discussed whether to try to raise money before authorizing the purchase, but there is concern that prices could rise. Bob suggested cashing out a CD to get the funds now and place the money raised laser back into a CD. Motion to upgrade the system for about \$18,000 was made and carried. Motion to use accumulated interest from the most recent CD and Keil memorial fund money and then take the rest from the undesignated fund was made and carried. The new security cameras and new phone system are up and installed. Youth Fund CD: Motion to roll over was made and carried.

Council Representative Reports

Stewardship-Joan: Preparing for stewardship drive in October, with a three-week campaign divided into Time, Talent, and Treasure. Would like people to get up and speak about personal experiences in each category. The board is looking for council members to speak about the money aspect and to have people talk about how the church staff has affected them, as the largest part of the budget goes to personnel.

Lay Ministry-Jennifer: On August 17 there will be worship and a picnic at Union Park in Manitowoc at 10 a.m. The service on that day at Faith will be 30 minutes long and we will move Communion to the next weekend. No fellowship here that Sunday.

Evangelism-Julie: Working on parade plans and God's Work. Our Hands.

Fellowship-Marilyn: She thanked parents who bring their children to VBS and those who help. She also thanked those who bring treats for weekly fellowship.

Youth & Family Ministry-Tanyia: They received only four responses to a survey about family events.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:40 p.m. Next Meeting – July 21, 2025
Devotions: Pastor Dan

Submitted by: Mary Thomsen, secretary

Celebrating Your Birthday!

AUGUST

2. Cathleen Luckow
Matthew Berge
Caleb Boll
3. Maelyn Miller
4. Stephanie Mittnacht
Callie Wenzel
5. Myrna Lippert
Aubrey Hill
Hadley Beckman
6. Tammy Meyer
Taylor Zucchi
7. Thomas Madson
Scott Zucchi
Mary Reichardt
Reggie Kranz
8. Guy Valleskey
Hunter Spindler
Carver McCulley
9. Mark Ulness
Hunter Griffin
10. Cheryl Domrath
Kylee Tuschel
Matthew Brill
Kylee Griffin
Edyn Peterson

11. Gloria Giese
James Jandrey
Courtney Platten
Janice Pingel
12. Talon Meyer
13. Jeffrey Wittmus
Julie Hartman
Levi Wenzel
14. Tara Rutherford
Hunter Popp
15. Lauren Pritzl
Bridget Valleskey
16. Julie Endries
Bailey Koehler
17. Steven Tracy
19. Abigail Beckman
Kari Schisel
Carter Kuenstler
20. Greg Evenson

21. Lilliona Loucks
22. Caroline Alfson
Carol Zutz
Nicole Zucchi
Gary Exner
Alan Gilbertson
23. Daniel Pederson
24. Sage Peterson
25. Ronald Torrison
Jill Backus
Charlotte Stalvey
26. Braeden McCulley
27. Craig Klessig
28. Samantha Duchow
29. Ronald Jones
Matthew Jones
Isabel Gordon
31. Emily Kasbaum
Daniel Griepentrog

SEPTEMBER

1. Jeanette Schuessler
Ann Jeske
2. Karen Voss
3. Gary Heeler
4. Chad Junk
5. Cynthia Kwasny
Caleb Madson
6. Kenneth Popp
Ethan Halverson
7. Mitchell Kaderabek
8. Earl Griffin
9. Lee W. Evenson
Terry Huske
Larry Burzynski
Zachary Lenzner
10. Autumn Robley





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Holy Communion 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Board of Evangelism	5	6 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship	7 8:00 Quilting	8	9 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
10 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	11 9:00 Women's Bible Study	12	13 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship	14 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting	15 Newsletter info due	16 9:00 Open Pantry
17 9:00 Worship (30 minute service)	18 9:00 Women's Bible Study 2:00-6:00 Blood Drive 5:30 Board of Stewardship 6:30 Council	19 9:00 Senior Christians at Riverview Restaurant in Kiel	20 9:00 Jazzercise Holy Communion 6:15 Worship	21 8:00 Quilting	22	23 10:00 Visitation 11:00 Nancy Lyman Memorial Service
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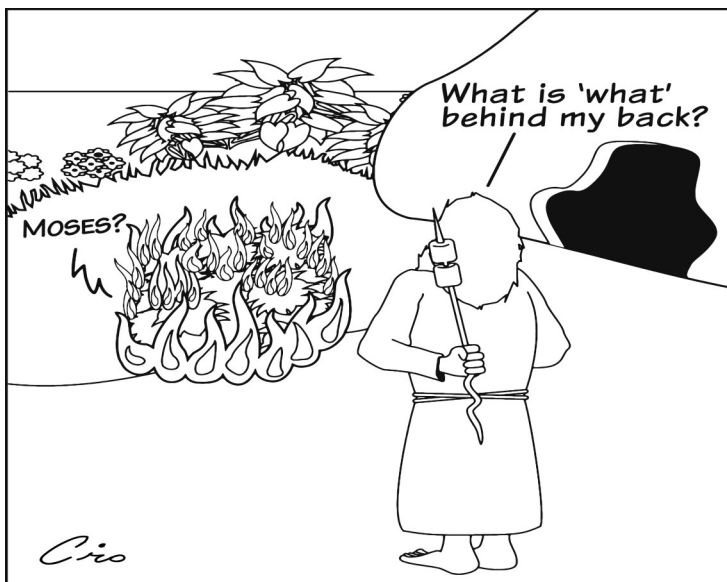
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STANDARD (A)



Alcoholics Anonymous

Meets at 6:00 p.m. Mondays

St. Gregory's School, 212 Church Street, St. Nazianz

Al Anon

Meets at 7:00 p.m. Mondays

404 S. 29th Street, Manitowoc

and

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

443 Manhattan Street, Chilton