



Faith Matters

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2020

F A I T H L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

How Should We Pray?

In Alexander Solzhenitsyn's *A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, Ivan endures all the horrors of a Soviet prison camp. One day he is praying with his eyes closed when a fellow prisoner notices him and says with ridicule, "Prayers won't help you get out of here any faster." Opening his eyes, Ivan answers, "I do not pray to get out of prison but to do the will of God."

That says a lot about how to pray. It is not so much about *asking* as it is looking to God as our guide and help for living. "Lord, show me the way. Give me the eyes to see and the strength to do your will." I think of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. He prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." The answer to that prayer was the courage and inner peace he had in the midst of the great trial he endured for our sake, and in obedience to the Father's will.

Prayer was very important to Luther. He prayed three hours or more a day. He taught: 1. The fewer the words, the better the prayer. 2. Pray as if everything depends on God, then work as if everything depends on you. 3. If I should neglect prayer but a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith. 4. When I cannot pray I always sing. (I like that. Sometimes when I don't feel like praying I grab my guitar and sing a worship song. It helps. It changes my heart. I also find that counting my blessings helps.)

Prayer is the breath of life for the body of Christ. It has been said, "When we rely upon organization, we get what organization can do; when we rely upon education, we get what education can do; when we rely on human effort, we get what human effort can do. Not that we should undervalue any of these things in their proper place, but when we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do."

As we journey through 2020 let us seek God's guidance and divine help. My prayer is, "Lord, help us to share your Word, show your love, and serve your world. Open our eyes to see the people around us whose lives you want us to touch. Give us courage to speak your truth in love, to share the hope and love we've found in You. And guide the leaders of Faith (including me) as we seek to live out the mission and ministry you've given us. Amen!"

Serving Christ better together,
Pastor Jim

WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS— 9:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAYS — 6:15 P.M.

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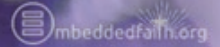
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LENT

A time to remember God



Ash Wednesday, February 26 begins our Lenten Season for six weeks. Lenten services will be at 4:00 and 6:15 pm, including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Soup and Sandwich Suppers will be held between services beginning March 4 in fellowship hall.



Mark your calendar for Faith's 3rd Annual Mardi Gras Event to be held Sunday, February 23rd in fellowship hall. There will be a chili lunch following the 9:00AM worship service along with several other Mardi Gras themed activities. The event is expected to conclude around 12:30. Invite your friends and neighbors! A free will offering will be collected to support Lutheran World Relief kit projects.



Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m. at Perkin's.



Junior High Youth Gathering

When: February 15 – 16

For: 6th-8th graders

**Where: Holiday Inn,
Manitowoc**

Cost: \$60.00 per person

Fee includes t-shirt,
Saturday themed dinner,
Sunday breakfast, all large
group activities, workshops,
service projects, and hotel
night life. (Hotel cost will be
covered by the Board of
Youth and Family)

**Theme: "God's Party –
Let's Celebrate"**

**Musical Talent: "Finding
Home"**

**Registration due Sunday,
January 26 to the church
office.**

Questions? Contact Bobbi Jo
Robley at 920-901-7406.

IN THE LIFE OF FAITH

CHANGE THE GAME

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$153 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday.

Every food donation goes to

Faith Lutheran's Pantry

our 2020 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Make a food donation in your favorite Super Bowl's team container.

February 2, 2020



Interested in attending Camp?

BYG (Building Youth Groups) for 3rd-6th graders is available March 27-29 at Imago Dei Village.

Registration is due to church office by February 23. Cost is \$110 for youth, \$45 for adult chaperone. Questions contact Bobbi Jo Robley at 920-901-7406. The "Building Youth Groups" Retreat engages campers and adult chaperones alike in fun activities, worship, Bible study, group building, crazy games, and more!

Finances

Income - December 2019

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 26,676.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 10,874.33			
General Fund Income	\$ 37,550.33	\$ 24,753.92	\$ 303,139.53	\$ 272,293.12
Dedicated Income	\$ 3,192.00		\$ 21,469.31	
Total Income	\$ 40,742.33		\$ 324,608.84	

Operating Expenses - December 2019

Benevolence	\$ 1,883.62			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 7,545.17			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 11,944.70			
General Fund Expense	\$ 21,373.49	\$ 22,538.01	\$ 233,024.96	\$ 270,456.19
Dedicated Expense	\$ 3,292.00		\$ 21,513.76	
Total Expenses	\$ 24,665.49		\$ 254,538.72	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : **\$70,114.57**

Capital Appeal

11/30/2019	BANK FIRST NATIONAL			\$118,757.96	
Payment Amount			\$ 1,000.00		
Additional payment			\$ 3,590.00		
Total Dec Payment		616.87	Principle paid	383.13	Interest
12/31/2019	BANK FIRST NATIONAL			\$114,551.09	

Several 2020 offering envelopes still remain in the Gathering Space. If you can secure yours or take the envelopes for a friend or relative, please do so. Thank you. (This will save the church over \$2.00 each in postage to mail them to the remaining members).

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Baptism Bennett Austin McCulley

Membership

Baptized 800
Confirmed..... 602
Famillies 117

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday	Total
12/15	204	71	275
12/22	110		110
12/24	3:00 = 328	5:30 = 105 10:00 = 35	468
12/25	90		90
12/29	74		74
1/5	109	54	163
1/12	82	57	139

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

February **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*
March..... **Marlene Evenson**, *Chair (Committee #1)*

Lectors

2/2 Jenniffer Zutz
2/5 Jill Backus
2/9 Judy Harris
2/12 Chase Wilker
2/16 Ron Jones
2/19 Julie Endries
2/23 Erin Lenzner
2/26 4:00 Cheryl Domrath 6:15 Rhys Wilker

Communion Servers

2/2 Joan Pritzl, Jenniffer Zutz, Joyce Sorenson
2/5 Otis Berge and Emily Schwoerer
2/9 Judy Harris and Kaye Jandrey
2/12 Otis Berge and Lauren O'Leary
2/16 Katie Thomsen and Tiffany Jandrey
2/19 Otis Berge and Lauren O'Leary
2/23 Brian and Tammy Brill
2/26 4:00 Cheryl Domrath
6:15 Lorin and Otis Berge, Kai Meyer

Head Usher Schedule- Sunday

Lee A. Evenson and Mark Zutz

Acolyte Schedule

2/2 Makenna Kaderabek
2/5 Kai Meyer
2/9 Mollie Junk
2/12 Kai Meyer
2/16 Mitchell Zutz
2/19 Maranda Simons
2/23 Timber Schuler
2/26 4:00 Timber Schuler 6:15 Maranda Simons

Greeters

2/2
2/5 Stacy and Rhys Wilker
2/9 Emily Schwoerer and Kelly Krogh
2/12 Emily Schwoerer and Cathy Luckow
2/16 Emily Schwoerer and Ron Jones
2/19 Rhys Wilker and Julie Endries
2/23 Bob and Julie Wigen
2/26 4:00 Tom and Janice Behnke
6:15 Emily Schwoerer and Romelle Rusch

Ushers

2/2 Gary and Linda Heeler and Brian Ulness
2/9 Brian and Mary Thomsen Family
2/16 Lyle and Arlene Roehrig, Bob Argall
2/23 Dennis and Bonnie Gordon, Tyler Madson
2/26 4:00 Arlene Roehrig and Larry Naidl
6:15 Guy and Judy Valleskey

Sound Operator Wednesday — Keith Schultz

2/2 Bill Riesterer
2/9 Lyle Roehrig
2/16 Jackie Shimek
2/23 Loren Ulness
2/26 4:00 Lyle Roehrig 6:15 Erin Lenzner

Video Operator Wednesday — Keith Schultz

2/2 Jake Kaderabek
2/9 Eric Thomsen
2/16 Libby Olson
2/23 Quinten Robley
2/26 4:00 Don Domrath

Projection

2/2 Libby Olson
2/5 Maranda Simons
2/9 Timber Schuler
2/12 Maranda Simons
2/16 Jason Robley
2/19 Emily Schwoerer
2/23 Luke Evenson
2/26 4:00 Lyle Roehrig 6:15 Carter Lenzner

Crossways Camp Opportunities

Family & GrandparentKid Camp Dates and Locations

FAMILY CAMP (Full Week)
Imago Dei Village
July 26- 31

GRANDPARENTKID CAMP
(4-Day)
Pine Lake Camp
August 2-5



FAMILY CAMP (Weekend)
Pine Lake Camp
June 26-28 | August 7-9

**GRANDPARENTKID +
FAMILY CAMP**
(4-Day)
Pine Lake Camp

Whether it's a multi-generational family group with grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, or a parent with their child, or grandparents and grandkids together, family camp with Crossways is an enriching experience for all! Our programming is all-inclusive: meals, lodging, and quality, Christ-centered activities for all ages led by top-notch staff. Enjoy theme dinners, kayak our beautiful lakes, explore nature, and create life-long family memories.

Piece Together Family Camp

**Celebrating Families with Children on the Autism Spectrum! at Imago Dei Village (Clintonville, WI)
June 28-July 1**

Worldwide, when people talk about what really matters to them, it's family. Having a child with autism doesn't change that, but it can make family time challenging and connection hard to come by. Children with autism and their families need a unique type of situation to feel physically and emotionally safe to connect, rejuvenate, and play together.

Join us for Piece Together, our four-day residential family camp program designed specially for families with children on the Autism spectrum!

Piece Together is meaningful and beneficial for **all members** of the family: Spectrum campers engage in developmentally and situationally appropriate and engaging activities designed to meet their needs. Parents are able to connect with other parents for sharing, support, and networking. Siblings find connection and community as they are affirmed and their experience is seen, heard, addressed, and honored.

Activities

Your family will have the opportunity to participate in all that camp has to offer! Mornings feature camp style worship and age-appropriate Bible studies, while afternoons offer swimming, boating, climbing our rock wall, biking, hiking, crafts, and nature activities!

Lodging & Meals

All families are housed in comfortable chalets or lodges at camp. All housing units have full private bathrooms, one double bed, and at least four bunk beds. Crossways provides nutritious and balanced meals during your stay. All meals are served family style with the entire camp gathered to share the blessings God has provided. While we are able to accommodate a variety of dietary needs, if we are unable to meet the dietary needs of your child/your family you are welcome to bring food along.

Staff

Our staff are specially trained to lead our program. Training includes instruction on the use of sensory rooms and risk management training specific to Imago Dei Village. **All families attending Piece Together will have at least two staff assigned to their family to help fulfill any needs the family has.** Our caring and community-oriented staff are here to be a resource to your family and to ensure a safe and fun time for all.

Crossways Camp Opportunities

Summer Program Schedule

	PIONEERS* GRADE 1-3	PATHFINDERS** GRADE 3-5	MAVERICKS GRADE 6-8	CONFIRMATION CAMP***	SETTLERS GRADE 9-12	LEADER-IN-TRAINING GRADE 10-12
WEEK 1: June 14-19				Imago Dei Village Pine Lake Camp Waypost		
WEEK 2: June 21-26				Imago Dei Village Pine Lake Camp		
WEEKEND 3: June 26-28	Family Camp Weekend At Pine Lake Camp					
WEEK 3: June 28-July 1	Piece Together 4-Day Camp at Imago Dei Village, GrandparentKid & Family 4-Day Camp at Pine Lake Camp					
WEEKEND 4: July 3-4	Sites Closed for the Holiday					
WEEK 5: July 5-10	Pine Lake Camp (A)	Pine Lake Camp (B & Week-long) Waypost	Pine Lake Camp Waypost	Imago Dei Village		
WEEK 6: July 12-17	Imago Dei Village (B) Pine Lake Camp (A/B)	Imago Dei Village (A & Week-long) Pine Lake Camp	Imago Dei Village Pine Lake Camp		Imago Dei Village Pine Lake Camp	Imago Dei Village Option 1: First Half Option 2: First Half
WEEK 7: July 19-24	Imago Dei Village (B) Pine Lake Camp (A/B) Waypost (A/B)	Imago Dei Village Pine Lake Camp Waypost	Imago Dei Village Pine Lake Camp Waypost		Imago Dei Village Pine Lake Camp	Imago Dei Village or Pine Lake Camp Option 1: Second Half
WEEK 8: July 26-31	Family Camp Week at Imago Dei Village					
	Pine Lake Camp (B)	Pine Lake Camp (A & Week-long)	Pine Lake Camp		Pine Lake Camp	Pine Lake Camp Option 2: Second Half
WEEK 9: August 2-5	GrandparentKid 4-Day Camp at Pine Lake Camp					
WEEKEND 9: August 7-9	Family Camp Weekend at Pine Lake Camp					

Programs available by grade completed. Additional information available at www.CrosswaysCamps.org/youth-camps

*Pioneer programs available in half week programs (A) Sunday-Tuesday or (B) Wednesday-Friday.

**Pathfinder Programs available in half week (A) Sunday-Tuesday/(B) Wednesday-Friday or Week-long (Sunday-Friday) Session.

*** Talk with your Pastor or Youth Leader about this experience with your congregation.

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes— December 16, 2019

Pastor's Report: Returned time and talents sheets are being compiled so they can be used to determine interests and get people involved; still waiting for financial numbers to help determine congregational sustainability. Pastor has planned out most of the time he will be gone during 2020 and they will be covered.

***Council Discussion and Planning*:** Stewardship for All Seasons: Final count was 117 returned pledges (100 last yr.); \$233,000 pledged compared to \$119,000 last year.

Faith's Core Values – Discussion & Potential Approval: Joan gave us copies of the proposed draft for consideration. The point was brought up that the value labeled as Learning might be better thought of as biblical teaching. Joan explained some reasons and uses for having our core values written out- Who we are will be put out there for people to see. It can be used in our publications and various resources, on our web site, home screen, etc. Motion made and carried that our core values are written as with suggested changes made by Pastor Jim.

OLD BUSINESS*

Web Site Report: Logo had held it up but now it's moving along.

AV System Updates: Bill met with Kelly Meyer in balcony with the purpose of following up with him on what he had said when addressing the Council during our August meeting. Kelly gave Bill a review of what we have, and what we need, (on audio portion), the first need is to keep it simple; he has assured it will be simple, will work. Kelly did see a need for a 3rd audio mixer, \$1000-ea. He will put it together with one row of knobs; he would set it up inside so it could not be messed up. Our biggest problem is the tangle of wires in the storage area under the balcony floor. We should eliminate the pulpit mic and altar mic; as other mics we have are good, pastor would use the portable. Since we still need a person to be our key contact, Kelly will be that key contact; he will get his own help, but Kelly will be our contact. Once set up, it would be self-maintaining. We will need a WiFi booster, hooked up with ethernet, need to contact the phone company for that as it's supplied through them. Projection equipment is good, but we definitely NEED SPARE BULBS for the projector itself, to have on hand in case it suddenly goes out. Those should be procured. Other than that, we should not do anything till the new lighting is installed because it might change some things such as view brightness. DVD recorder needs replacing. Bill is confident in Kelly's proposal; suggests we give him go-ahead, maybe put a cap on it. Then later, address the concern of running a *video* as a different step, to use with sound from the system. To help oversee will be Bill, Quinten, and Jason. Motion was made and carried to give Kelly the okay to begin the update of the audio system, purchase audio mixers and install them with a cap of \$5000 from designated funds raised during our stewardship campaign of 2020. If more is needed Council would need to approve before going farther.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee Updates: Included inside our packet of information for tonight's meeting, the Nominating Committee has given us a proposed ballot with names for Faith's upcoming elections in January of 2020.

Set Annual Meeting Date – discuss preparations: Our annual meeting date, January 26th will be announced in a mailing 2 weeks prior to that date, with its agenda listed.

Stewardship – The new budget for 2020 was drawn up and included in our packet, broken down into the various boards and needs, and was discussed. It is not yet possible for the budget to include the anticipated position of the Youth Coordinator as no formal job description yet exists, and it would also necessitate going before the congregation to amend the budget for this salary. Also discussed was whether the portion of Benevolence that goes to the Synod was enough or needed to be increased. (At one time was 20%, and 10% for many years, listed on budget as part of Benevolence) The proposed new lighting will need Council approval. Motion was made and carried to increase *Benevolence Total* from 5% as in 2019 to 7% in 2020. Motion was made and carried to approve budget as prepared and discussed by Council members.

Lay Ministry – No changes, things for Christmas are set.

Evangelism – Lettering going up on Wednesday.

Property – Thursday at 6:30, (19th) they will have some sample LED light bulbs, and will try them out. They will produce bright white light. Fixture change will not be needed.

Adjourn: Having completed all business, a motion was made and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:32 pm.

Next meeting on January 20th, 2020 at 6:30. Devotions by Joyce Sorenson.

Judy Harris,
Secretary

Celebrating Your Birthday!

FEBRUARY

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| 2. | Travis Schisel | 16. | David Jeske
Garrett Jeske |
| 3. | Debra Linzmeier
Craig Zutz
Tristan Teuke | 17. | Donald Christianson |
| 5. | Gregory Saueressig
Garrett Ulness | 18. | Greg Wilker |
| 6. | Marcus Galien | 19. | Loren Ulness
Michael Zutz |
| 7. | Virginia Schwoerer | 21. | Richard Christianson
Brenda Platten |
| 8. | Lawrence Naidl
Eli Nelson | 22. | Joan Griffin |
| 10. | Cynthia Pederson
Stephanie McCulley | 23. | Char Manke |
| 11. | Linda Menza | 24. | Erin Reinke |
| 12. | Sawyer Wenzel | 25. | Eric Thomsen |
| 13. | Rick Evenson | 26. | Aubree Boll |
| 14. | Patricia Christianson
Ronald Pederson
Alisa Madson
Brian Schnell | 27. | Trenton O'Leary
Gracelyn Mulhaney |
| 15. | Jayne Hetland
Paul Sorenson
Ryan Wenzel | 28. | LuAnn Helgeson
Jesse Schwoerer |
| | | 29. | Alyssa Schwoerer |

MARCH

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| 2. | William Griffin
Peter Steinberg
Andrea Christel
Ava Petska
Wendy Kuenstler |
| 3. | Roger Reichardt |
| 5. | James Sousek |
| 6. | Gerald Petska |
| 7. | Roger Larson
Gregg Valleskey
Angie Ulness |
| 8. | Stephen Kalies
Katherine Bubolz |
| 10. | Eugene Hein
Jake Kaderabek |





The greatest of these



IS LOVE. 1 Corinthians 13:13

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:00-9:00 Jazzercise
2 9:00 Worship <i>Installation of Council</i> 10:15 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour	3 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Tel. Worship 6:30 Board of Lay Ministry	4 6:00 Board of Evangelism	5 6:15 Worship <i>Installation of Council</i> 7:15 Confirmation	6 8:00 Quilting 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise	7	8 8:00-9:00 Jazzercise 9:00 2nd Sat. Bible Study 3:00-8:00 Scout Blue & Gold Banquet in fellowship hall
9 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour	10 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Tel. Worship	11	12 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	13 8:00 Quilting & Secretary's Mtg. 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise	14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 8:00-9:00 Jazzercise Newsletter info due
16 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour	17 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise 5:30 Board of Youth and Family 6:00 Tel. Worship 6:30 Council  No mail	18 9:00 Senior Christians at Perkins	19 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	20 8:00 Quilting 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise	21	22 8:00-9:00 Jazzercise
23 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour, MARDI GRAS in fellowship hall 	24 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Tel. Worship	25	26 4:00 and 6:15 Services 	27 8:00 Quilting 5:00-7:00 Jazzercise	28	29 8:00-9:00 Jazzercise 

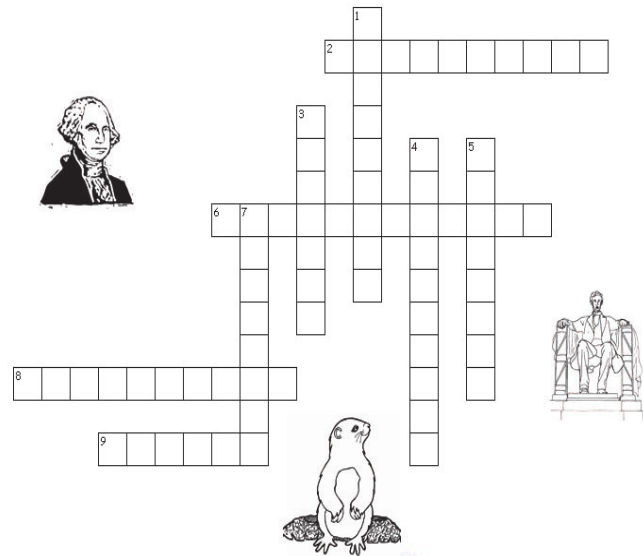
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FEBRUARY	LOVE	VALENTINE



Across

- 2. _____ Day - A Holiday Celebrating Our Leaders
- 6. February is _____ Month (2 words)
- 8. The Sweetest Day
- 9. February's Season

Down

- 1. February 2 is _____ Day
- 3. President Abraham _____
- 4. Our first President (last name)
- 5. February is the _____ month
- 7. Happens every 4 years (2 words)