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Faith Matters

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WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS— 9:00 A.M.
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
WEDNESDAYS — 6:15 P.M.
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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As a pastor, I am on the mailing list of all the church supply and Sunday School curriculum companies. And so there has not been one day in many years that I have not received a sales brochure or catalog from them in my mailbox. I often leaf through them to see if there is anything new. Once you buy your robe and altarware, your banners and candles, your audio equipment and video equipment, there really are not too many supplies you need. But seasonally (and for Vacation Bible School) you need a new thing. One of the companies pointed out that the hymn, "Amazing Grace," is 250 years old this year, and they created a Lenten emphasis for it.

I like "Amazing Grace." Its message of God's loving salvation for sinners is very Lutheran. I have known many people who list it as their favorite hymn, and we will even sing it at their funeral. So I bought the Lenten meditation books for our Lenten journey, and there will be an Amazing Grace bulletin insert. The theme of our Lenten Season will be "Amazing Grace." I will talk about it in my sermons.

I have started teaching "Amazing Grace" to our Sunday School kids. The kids can mostly understand it, "I once was lost but now am found; was blind but now I see." They understand that part. But I struggled to explain what a "wretch" is. I said it was someone who is "wrecked" like a wrecked car. But I know literal minded children will imagine physical wreckage, and only later understand spiritual damage.

It is a song that grows with you. I had a 102 year old church member who called it her favorite hymn, who would get tears in her eyes when we sang it in church. We all got tears in our eyes when she made a special effort to come to Vacation Bible School that year to teach it to the little children who had never heard it before. She told us she was proud to be the person starting them on perhaps a century of loving "Amazing Grace."

I invite you to come to a deeper understanding, a deeper relationship with God's amazing grace this lenten season!

Pastor Dan

PINE HAVEN MEN'S CHORUS
at Faith Sunday, February 12 for worship
Come and listen to the melodic voices of this chorus.

The Pine Haven Men's Chorus was organized in 1951 to supply financial help for the elderly residents residing in the Pine Haven Christian Home in Sheboygan Falls. The Chorus was formed by a quartet from each of the supporting churches of Sheboygan County. Later the Chorus was open to any men who love the Lord and enjoy singing His praises. The membership numbers 30, in addition to an organist, a pianist, and director, Glenn Moore. There is one charter member and many longtime, dedicated members. The Pine Haven Christian Home has grown immensely since 1950 and now encompasses three campuses. Two campuses are located in Sheboygan Falls and one in Oostburg. It is now called *Pine Haven Christian Communities*. The Chorus prepares a Christian concert each year to praise God and raise funds to provide a better Christian atmosphere for the residents, such as a chapel on the main campus, courtyards with landscaping, fountains and streams, signage in front of the main campus, remodeling of the employee lounge and the list goes on.

A free will offering will be taken this day and given to the Pine Haven Christian Home.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Pine Haven Men's Chorus is to glorify the Lord through song and testimony, and spread the word of salvation, while supporting the ministry of the Pine Haven Christian Communities.



Chili Cook-off

Sunday, February 19

after worship in the fellowship hall.

- Yup, you heard it...it's a cook-off! Individuals, families and all board and committee members are invited to participate. **Chili Judge, Pastor Lyman has made a rule to prevent his own mouth burns –that whoever brings the chili has to take the first bite.**
- Milk will be available. A free will offering will be taken and given to the homeless shelter in Manitowoc.
- Let's see and taste the many different types of chili on February 19th!



Thank you Peggy Madson for your 30+ years of dedicated organist service to our congregation. We wish you the best! Enjoy your retirement.



The Mixed Choir continues to meet each Sunday at 10:15 in the Music Room across from the Library. We encourage anyone who enjoys singing to join us. We try to keep the music simple and familiar so please consider partaking in this group. It's a good way to meet other members and to share your talents with our congregation. We plan to sing once a month until Memorial Day. Take time to get a cup of coffee and a snack and bring them with you. During Lent we plan on singing one song "with" the Sunday school children. This should be a fun experience for both groups.

Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, February 21 at 9:00 am at the Fork and Knife. Please let Joy Madson know if you are attending.

February Stewardship is Fabric Kits

Two pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Fabric should have no stains or holes and cut into pieces measuring:

2 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards of 60" wide fabric (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds. total) or

3 yards of 44" wide fabric (6 yds. total) or

4 yards of 36" wide fabric (8 yds. total)

2 spools of matching or neutral colored

general purpose thread (250–300 yards each)

Look for material on sale. Items donated should be marked fabric kits and placed inside the stewardship cabinet at the top of the stairs near the church office.

If you want to only get 3 yards of material, get the 44" wide and include 1 spool of thread. Look for the cheaper bolts. Mark how much material you have. We can match the same color material to make up the 6 yards needed.

Finances

<i>Income - December 2022</i>		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 41,376.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 5,489.00			
General Fund Income	\$ 46,865.00	\$ 308,402.00	\$ 316,366.72	\$ 308,402.00
Dedicated Income	\$ 975.00		\$ 11,984.66	
Total Income	\$ 47,840.00		\$ 328,351.38	
 <i>Operating Expenses - December 2022</i>				
Benevolence	\$ 3,730.26			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 5,263.65			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 17,990.70			
General Fund Expense	\$ 26,984.61	\$ 307,175.39	\$ 226,374.39	\$ 307,155.39
Dedicated Expense	\$ 775.00		\$ 11,791.66	
Total Expenses	\$ 27,759.61		\$ 238,166.05	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income: \$89,992.33

We just want to extend a thank you to you for your willingness to adopt a family and/or provide toys for families in need this Christmas season. Truly it takes an army of generous people to help make Christmas a special time of year, especially for families struggling with daily necessities. We are humbled by folks like you who have made the sacrifice to help others. Thank you! May you have a blessed and merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. Blessings!

In Christ,
Lt. Jenny Moffitt
Corps Officer, Manitowoc Salvation Army

thank you

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

BaptismCaroline Grace Bratt
 Funerals Margaret Evenson, Norma Argall

Membership

Baptized.....807
 Confirmed.....584
 Famillies 100

Worship Attendance

	Sunday		Wednesday
12/18	217		28
12/24	3:00 = 182	5:00 = 93	10:00 = 38
12/25	76		
1/1	60		50
1/8	91		64
1/15	97		52

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

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

Lectors

2/5 Joan Pritzl
 2/8 Deb Schreiner
 2/12 Pine Haven Men's Chorus
 2/15 Julie Endries
 2/19 Stefanie Kaderabek
 2/22 4:00 Don Domrath 6:15 Don Schreiner
 2/26 Tiffany Jandrey

Communion Servers

2/5 Joan Pritzl
 2/15 Julie Endries
 2/19 Stefanie Kaderabek
 2/22 4:00 Cheryl Domrath
 6:15 Don Schreiner

Acolytes

2/5 Liam Cline
 2/8 Landen Pinkerton
 2/12 Tristan Teuke
 2/15 Keagan Hougen
 2/19 Audrey Sorenson
 2/22 4:00 Tristan Teuke 6:15 Keagan Hougen
 2/26 Mollie Junk

Head Ushers

Lee A. Evenson and Mark Zutz

Greeters

2/5 Julie Hartman
 2/8 Keagan Hougen
 2/12 Ron Jandrey
 2/15 Logan Bratt
 2/19 Ellen Polifka
 2/22 4:00 Cheryl Domrath 6:15 Logan Bratt
 2/26 Joan Pritzl

Ushers

2/5 Tyler Madson and Lori Propson
 2/12 Gary and Linda Heeler
 2/19 Ron Jones and Keith Lippert
 2/22 4:00 Cheryl Duchow and Larry Naidl
 6:15 Delton Duchow and Brian Ulness
 2/26 Jenniffer and Mitchell Zutz

Sound Operator

2/5 Loren Ulness
 2/8 Kayla Hildebrandt
 2/12 Loren Ulness
 2/15 Kayla Hildebrandt
 2/19 Makenna Kaderabek
 2/22 4:00 Bill Riesterer 6:15 Erin Lenzner
 2/26 Loren Ulness

Video Operator/Live Stream

2/5 Travis Schisel
 2/8 Kayla Hildebrandt
 2/12 Bill Riesterer
 2/15 Kayla Hildebrandt
 2/19 Jake Kaderabek
 2/22 6:15 Carter Lenzner
 2/26 Eric Thomsen

Projection

2/5 DJ Schisel
 2/8 Kayla Hildebrandt
 2/15 Susan Christel
 2/19 Makenna Kaderabek
 2/22 4:00 Bill Riesterer 6:15 Erin Lenzner
 2/26 Judy Harris

MANY RECEIVE QUILTS FROM VALDERS FAITHFUL QUILTERS

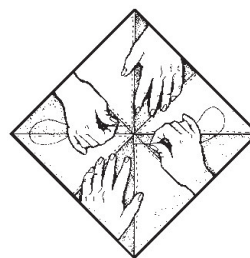
Even though quilters take a much needed break from Thanksgiving until January 5, they worked extremely hard making sure individuals in nursing homes, recovering in their own homes or those in need in our area received a warm quilt in which they would not only feel warm but also know they were being wrapped in the love of Faith Lutheran Church and its members. Below you will find how the quilts were distributed in 2022.

Lutheran World Relief shipped in September	158 quilts
The Manitowoc Salvation Army	97 quilts
Faith's Pantry	12 quilts
The Crossing	16 quilts
Hope House	10 quilts
In Courage	10 quilts
Faith's Congregation	18 quilts
Missions at Port Isabell and South Padre Island by 2 members Elma and Linda who travel each year to help at the Mission School	45 quilts
On Reserve for Emergencies at Faith	10 quilts
Silent Auction	<u>8 quilts</u>
Total	384 quilts

Thank you to those who supplied us with clean used sheets, fabric, mattress pads, and financial support.

We quilt on Thursday mornings from 8-11:30 with a coffee break at 9:30. You are most welcome to attend if you wish to tie quilts, pin around the quilt, rip seams on sheets, iron or sew seams. Maybe you are homebound? You could still help by washing sheets (that come from resale shops), rip or iron at home...all these tasks would help make our job go even faster. Men are also invited to come and help.

In November we deliver these quilts to the various non-profit organizations in the county as well as members. So you can see there are opportunities for you to be involved, and share in this worthwhile mission project.



Greetings from Crossways!

As we reflect back on 2022 and begin to look ahead at 2023, we wanted to inform you of the important work of the Crossways Board of Directors as we manage through the transition of Executive Director.



After thoughtful discussion and consideration, along with consultation with the leadership at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, we have determined our best approach is to bring on a seasoned and experienced Interim Executive Director to work with the board and lead the organization through the process of preparing for our next long-term leader.

As a result, the Board has unanimously voted to hire Scott Merrow as Interim Executive Director of Crossways Camping Ministries, effective December 1, 2022. Scott has spent more than thirty years working in the camp and conference center profession and non-profit organizations. His experience includes working with boards, staff and stakeholders as an agile, forward-thinking leader that builds strong, thriving, financially fit organizations that continually seeks to use resources efficiently to produce maximum outcomes and impact. Scott started his career in camping at Calumet Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in New Hampshire and has worked with organizations with varied missions including youth and family ministries, disability programs, juvenile justice, and community centers in underserved neighborhoods.

Scott lives in New Hampshire and will make visits to Wisconsin monthly in addition to working remotely. The board is confident in this arrangement and has agreed with Scott on a detailed outline of the tasks that it is asking Scott to accomplish during his time with us. Among this work is developing the board to create a mission and vision for a sustainable and impactful ministry. Scott will also focus on staff development, stakeholder outreach, and will serve as a resource for industry best practices. Now is a great time for the board to be in consultation with someone as adept at helping non-profit ministries evolve as Scott.

Scott will be with us through June 2023 by which time the board is anticipating being in the process of calling a permanent executive director. During this time of transition, The Board is committed to ensuring having the right person be in place at the right time. While Summer 2023 is a good goal, the timeline remains flexible.

If you would like to get in touch with Scott to welcome him or just to say 'hello,' he can be best reached at Scott@CrosswaysCamps.org

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—December 19, 2022

Housekeeping Items

Use of Pastor Onkka's Memorial money: Erin looked into the possibility of getting both a nativity and also some playground equipment; she reports: We would need no extra insurance; it's already covered by our liability insurance. Prices are all over, ranging from \$2,000-\$30,000. We need more detailed information regarding what is available, what prices they will give us, what type of each, in order to decide the best way to use this money. The Board of Evangelism had been looking into the outdoor nativity sculpture. The prices on outdoor sculptures seem to be wide-ranging as well, depending upon how elaborate you want to go.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Proposed Budget: A fairly large deficit was found to be in the original budget proposed for 2023. The board looked closely at each line item to determine if figures were realistic and should be left as is or could be trimmed.

NEW BUSINESS

Youth Coordinator proposal: Since we currently have had no good candidates for our youth coordinator position and we have \$200,000 in our checkbook, we could take \$100,000 out for focus toward getting a youth coordinator? Perhaps to pay this person \$30,000 for 3 years, that maybe with an increased salary we would have better luck in attracting a knowledgeable and responsible person to take on the position. The congregation has already approved the hiring of a youth director, so the main question would be how to set it up. It would go into a separate line outside the general fund, specifically labeled, and a time limit placed on it. If no one is found in the allotted time, the money would return to the general fund. The Council agreed to do this. A motion was made and carried to set up a separate account of \$100,000 from the general fund, but outside of it, for the purpose of seeking a Youth Coordinator. This will be for one year, to be reviewed after that period as to whether it is fulfilling the purpose or should be put back.

Council Representative Reports

Lay Ministry – *Joyce Sorenson*

They will be getting rid of the extra keyboard. The extra piano has been tuned, will be advertised. There will be two stations for communion at the 3:00 and 5:00 pm services on Christmas Eve.

Fellowship – *Cheryl Domrath*

They served during Walk through Bethlehem- punch was served, a large number of people came for the children's program.

Christian Education – *Gretchen Spindler*

In As Much Sunday was December 4th. The toys received were donated to lakeshore foster families and friends.

Youth and Family Ministry – *Erin Lenzner*

The lefse making was done, and all of it done in 1 day. Walk through Bethlehem, went okay, though attendance seemed a little low (25 people total between Sunday and Wednesday) for all the work done. Some people did come from other churches.

Personnel Committee – *Mike Zutz*

End of year meetings held with Ken & Christine.

Adjourn

Having completed all business, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:27 pm.

Next meeting on January 16, 2023 at 6:30. Devotions by (yet to be determined).

Judy Harris, Secretary

Celebrating Your Birthday!

FEBRUARY

2. Travis Schisel
3. Debra Linzmeier
Craig Zutz
Tristan Teuke
5. Gregory Saueressig
Garrett Ulness
6. Marcus Galien
7. Virginia Schwoerer
8. Lawrence Naidl
Eli Nelson
9. Maribel Christianson
Raiden Sabourin
10. Cynthia Pederson
Stephanie McCulley
11. Linda Menza
Tyne Peterson
12. Sawyer Wenzel
13. Rick Evenson
14. Patricia Christianson
Ronald Pederson
Alisa Madson
Brian Schnell
15. Jayme Hetland
Paul Sorenson
Ryan Wenzel

MARCH

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
Jeremy Peterson
Gretchen Spindler
10. Jake Kaderabek





February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Holy Communion 2/5 2/15 2/19 2/22 4:00 & 6:15</p>			<p>1 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation</p>	<p>2 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise</p>	3	4
<p>5 8:00 Boards of Christian Ed & Youth 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, fellowship hour 10:15 Mixed Choir</p>	<p>6 5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Board of Lay Ministry</p>	<p>7 6:00 Board of Evangelism</p>	<p>8 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation</p>	<p>9 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary Meeting 5:30 Jazzercise</p>	10	<p>11 9:00 Second Saturday Bible Study</p>
<p>12 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship with Pine Haven Men's Chorus 10:00 Sunday school, fellowship hour 10:15 9th gr. Confirmation & Mixed Choir</p>	<p>13 5:30 Jazzercise</p>	<p>14 </p>	<p>15 Newsletter info due 9:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Card Making 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation</p>	<p>16 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise</p>	17	<p>18 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry</p>
<p>19 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, fellowship hour 10:15 Mixed Choir Chili Cook Off</p>	<p>20 5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Council</p>	<p>21 9:00 Senior Christians at Fork and Knife</p>	<p>22 9:00 Jazzercise 4:00 & 6:15 Ash Wednesday Services</p>	<p>23 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise</p>	24	25
<p>26 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, fellowship hour 10:15 Mixed Choir</p>	<p>27 5:30 Jazzercise</p>	<p>28 6:30 Lions Club</p>			<p>"BY THE SWEAT OF YOUR BROW YOU WILL EAT YOUR FOOD UNTIL YOU RETURN TO THE GROUND, SINCE FROM IT YOU WERE TAKEN; FOR DUST YOU ARE AND TO DUST YOU WILL RETURN."</p>  <p>GENESIS 3:19, NIV</p>	

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It's registration season – we are ready to see you!



In addition to all your favorite experiences, this year we are adding:

- **Mission Camp**, a week for campers and congregations that may not be able to organize a traditional mission trip experience.
- **Onsite Day Camp**, a week for younger campers to experience camp without staying away from home overnight.
- **Wilderness Backpacking Trip**, a week to get far out into the wilderness of the Porcupine Mountains with experienced leaders.

We know it seems early to talk about next summer, but the best way to make sure you can come during your first-choice week is to sign up early!