



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faith Matters

SEPTEMBER
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WORSHIP TIMES

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

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An Unusual Year

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4

“We’ll get through this”, I’ve heard people say. We will. One commentator on the radio said, “I feel like saying to the year 2020 ‘If it’s okay with you I’ll just get out and walk.’” This has been a year of cancelations and adjustments to the way we do things. For many of us it’s learning to do things online. *Keep the faith!*

We are worshipping in the sanctuary with social distancing, masks, and hand sanitizing. And we will do “**God’s Work, Our Hands**” Sunday on September 13th. We *will* need to make adjustments to what and how we do it, but it will feel good to be serving the community and fellowshiping as we serve. Our Mission Statement is, “Sharing God’s Word, Showing God’s Love, Serving God’s World”. I hope those who feel comfortable participating will enjoy this opportunity. We know that for some staying home is a faithful option. Keep us in your prayers.

We have our **Rally Day for Sunday School September 20th**, it starts at 10:15 following worship. However, we will offer both in session Sunday School and at home Family Faith Kits for those who choose not to attend in person due to Covid-19. We will social distance, wear masks (as required), and practice hand sanitizing.

We also encourage you to fill out a new “**Time & Talent**” sheet this fall. “Many hands make light the work.” Please think of how you can continue to help make Faith the church home and family it is.

In the midst of a challenging year we continue to worship, pray, and walk with God. For many this year has been a dark valley, being separated from family and friends, and rightly concerned about the effect COVID 19 can have on our precious health. But in the midst of the valley may we also find the comfort of the Good Shepherd and the courage to press on, knowing that he cares for us, *ALWAYS!*

Serving Christ better together, Pastor Jim





FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK (TEMPORARILY)

- When: After service on Sunday, weather permitting
- Where: Under the portico on the upper level
- What: Coffee, lemonade, iced tea, water, individually wrapped and purchased snacks
- How: Folding chairs will be available and placed outside allowing for social distancing. Hand sanitizing available.
- Why: Allowing for socializing safely with our church family
We are always looking for volunteers to help.

Faith's "God's Work. Our Hands." event will take place on Sunday, September 13 following the 9:00 AM service. Due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions, activities for all ages are being planned that can be completed safely at church or at home. A bag lunch will be provided. Sign up opportunities will be available at church and on our website starting August 23. The website committee would be grateful for photos of Faith's members in action serving God's world. Submit photos to Christine at faith21@tds.net.

SOAP SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY

The 4th Sunday and Wednesday in September are designated as Soap Collection dates: September 20 & 23. Please bring in new bars of gentle soap (Dove, Ivory) and place in the containers in the Gathering Space.



Hey Kids! Help Wanted! God's Work. Our Hands.

- ★ Who: Children of all ages and their families
- ★ What: Chalk the Walk with positive messages and pictures for the **God's Work. Our Hands.** event at Faith Lutheran Church.
- ★ When: Sunday, September 13 following the 9:00 Service.
- ★ Why: Spread some joy on our community sidewalks and for our homebound friends!
- ★ How: Choose this activity (or see what other ways you can help the community) by checking out the Signup Sheets in the Gathering Space at Faith Lutheran or on the Faith Lutheran Website. This will allow us to ensure we have enough chalk for everyone who would like to help!

To make sure social distance guidelines are met, families will be assigned various areas where permission has been granted throughout the Valders community to add their special artwork.

Questions? Call or Text Chloe Cigler at 920-860-6864

Finances

Income - July 2020

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 22,338.04			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 300.00			
General Fund Income	\$ 22,638.04	\$ 24,983.50	\$ 177,252.69	\$ 174,884.50
Dedicated Income	\$ 620.00		\$ 5,136.00	
Total Income	\$ 23,258.04		\$ 182,388.69	

Operating Expenses - July 2020

Benevolence	\$ 1,836.39			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 6,341.56			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 12,754.75			
General Fund Expense	\$ 20,932.70	\$ 23,976.54	\$ 164,971.97	\$ 167,835.78
Dedicated Expense	\$ 440.00		\$ 4,877.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 21,372.70		\$ 169,848.97	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : **\$12,280.72**

Capital Appeal

06/30/2020	BANK FIRST NATIONAL LOAN BALANCE			\$100,700.49	
Payment Amount			\$ 1,250.00		
Additional payment			\$ 1,280.00		
Total JULY Payment		2203.78	Principle paid	326.22	Interest paid
7/31//2020	BANK FIRST NATIONAL LOAN BALANCE			\$98,496.71	

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Death..... Melissa Evenson

Membership

Baptized 796
 Confirmed..... 596
 Families 112

Worship Attendance

	Sunday		Wednesday
7/19	Worship—36	Video—56	24
7/26	Worship—38	Video—45	28
8/2	Worship—38	Video—65	18
8/9	Worship—50	Video—58	23
8/16	Worship—39	Video—64	28

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

September.. **Marlene Evenson**, *Chair (Committee #1)*
 October..... **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*

Lectors

9/2 Chase Wilker
 9/6 Judy Harris
 9/9 Julie Endries
 9/13 Ron Jones
 9/16 Matt Berge
 9/20 Jenniffer Zutz
 9/23 Kerry Schnell
 9/27 Connie Kimmes
 9/30 Carol Ulness

Projection

9/2 Kayla Hildebrandt
 9/6 Bill Riesterer
 9/9 Nate Bremer
 9/13 Libby Olson
 9/16 Otis Berge
 9/20 Mitchell Zutz
 9/23 Maranda Simons
 9/27 Jason Robley
 9/30 Kelly Meyer

Acolyte Schedule

9/13 Carter Valleskey
 9/20 Makenna Kaderabek
 9/27 Whitney Ulness

Head Usher Schedule- Sunday

Glenn Otto and Tom Madson

Greeters

9/2 Eric and Lana Nelson
 9/6 Ron Jones and Pat Christianson
 9/9 Tom and Jan Behnke
 9/13 Earl and Barb Griffin
 9/16 Kerry Schnell and Romelle Rusch
 9/20 Keith and Audrey Lippert
 9/23 Tim and Julie Endries
 9/27 Richard and Linda Menza
 9/30 Sherrie Pinkerton and Judy Valleskey

Ushers

9/6 Ron & Kaye Jandrey, Loren Ulness
 9/13 Steve Ahrens and Bob Wigen
 9/20 Tom and Kathy Muench
 9/27 Dennis and Bonnie Gordon

Sound Operator

9/2 Keith Schultz
 9/6 Bill Riesterer
 9/9 Keith Schultz
 9/13 Loren Ulness
 9/16 Shelia Kalies
 9/20 Erin & Carter Lenzner
 9/23 Kayla Hildebrandt
 9/27 Jackie Shimek
 9/30 Kai Meyer

Video Operator

9/2 Keith Schultz
 9/6 Eric Thomsen
 9/9 Keith Schultz
 9/16 Shelia Kalies
 9/23 Kayla Hildebrandt
 9/30 Kelly Meyer

ELCA Youth Gathering/Lay School begins



Update regarding the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering (July 22, 2020)

After much prayer and consideration, we have decided to postpone next summer's ELCA Youth Gathering to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis, with the two pre-events, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the tAble, scheduled for July 21-24, 2022.

We give thanks for your prayers and patience as we have worked through the details with our partners in Minneapolis and across the country. We hope that by postponing the Gathering for a year, individuals and congregations will feel more comfortable and prepared to attend the Gathering in 2022.

We will be updating our website and social media as more details become available.

We look forward to seeing you and experiencing the boundlessness of God in Minneapolis in 2022!

#ELCAYG2022

WHY WE LOVE LAY SCHOOL

I have asked that question to myself numerous times, the only answer I can come up with is the Lord led me to this chapter in my life. I have always cared deeply for people I know and don't know and wondered how I could help them. Which led me to serving shut ins communion. I have learned that listening, encouragement, and conversation go a long way with helping homebound to feel good about themselves. Which in turn I began to feel the pull to do more for the church family. Then the lay school bulletin came out and I prayed and talked it over with my Pastor and she thought it would be a good fit. So, lay school was it and am I ever proud, glad, and humbled that the difference I hope I can contribute to fellow Christians and may-be turn a few into Christians. The schooling is amazing and fulfilling to me... Jackie Bushar

ECSW Lay School of Ministry

Dates for School Year 2020—2021

September 11-12, 2020

October 16-17, 2020

November 20-21, 2020

December 11-12, 2020

January 15-16, 2021

February 12-13, 2021

March 19-20, 2021

April 16-17, 2021

May 7-8, 2021 (Celebration at 1:00 p.m. for Students completing 2 year program)

If you have questions, please contact Mary Neumann, Coordinator at 715-573-9516 or Jeanette Carlson, Registrar at 715-848-2108 or email ECSWLaySchool@gmail.com. Brochures can be found on the bulletin board by the church office for more information.



"Equipping Laity for Christ's Mission"

President's Comments

Two little words often not said enough are THANK YOU!

A few months ago, when the Covid 19 dilemma all started, I wrote about my concerns as we travel these uncharted waters. In that report I asked for the congregation's continued support as we were all attempting to continue our services. We had to shut down the church services and moved rapidly toward getting our service on line. Accomplished.

At that time we knew we would have unknown and un-budgeted expenses, which we did have. Our concerns were centered on the ability to pay these expenses.

This is where the two words "**THANK YOU**" now apply. **YOU**, the congregation hung in there and continue to stay on track financially, and so, the THANK YOU applies to all of you. Please continue your support as we get slowly back to being fully back.

Another huge THANK YOU goes to Pastor Jim. When Pastor Jim came to us, as our interim Pastor, I bet he never believed he would become a household T.V. star, and yet only because of his countless number of extra hours, effort and without fail, delivered each Sunday and Wednesday services right to all of our homes. "**THANK YOU**" Pastor Jim.

The professional taping, editing, producing and uploading of the videos to Facebook and You Tube were all done behind the scenes with again countless hours of time and effort, which still is going on by someone who also needs to be thanked, Kelly Meyer. Kelly, "**THANK YOU**".

I know there are all of you who have helped us during this time and it is not my intention to slight you or not recognize you too, but felt this was appropriate to thank Pastor Jim and Kelly individually. Remember, I started out by thanking the entire congregation.

In our gathering space, there is a huge sun with the words "He's Alive" on. Well I am here to tell each of you, Faith Lutheran Church is alive too, with more to come. Please continue to support your church.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Riesterer

Dear Ladies of Faith Lutheran,

I so appreciate the good beef barley soup you made and for your continued thoughts and prayers. The soup was very tasty and gave me a day off from making lunch.

Faith Lutheran is special to me as I was confirmed and married at Gjerpen.

Thanks again,
Jan (Ruh) Burkart



Hello -

We recently received a piano from your church. Thank you so much for your generosity, we greatly appreciate this gift! We have played the piano everyday since receiving it.

Thank you!
Megan Muench and Jonah Salm

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes— July 22, 2020

PASTOR'S REPORT

Re-opening has gone well and boards are beginning to meet. Communion is first and third Sunday and Wednesday according to Lay Ministry. Phone call visits and e-mails are being done but no in person visits. Attended Zoom meetings regarding interim pastors. Conducted funeral for Dale Bergene in Manitowoc. Attended Boards of Lay Ministry, Christian Ed., and Stewardship meetings, Will be on vacation August 9 (Kelly Meyer speaker) and November 8 at Vie de Cristo Retreat.

OLD BUSINESS: Bill presented the name of Mike Zutz as a candidate for the position of Vice-President Elect to the Council. Motion made and carried to nominate Mike Zutz as Vice President Elect to the Faith Lutheran Church Council.

NEW BUSINESS: Flags - motion made and carried to have The Christian and American Flags be placed in the front of the church permanently, but not next to the altar. Communion Resuming - The Lay Ministry Committee recommended to the council that Communion will be the first and third Sundays and Wednesdays beginning August first from then on. Communion was further discussed and pastor will distribute it using gloves and a mask. Organ Music During services the organ music will be used for the opening hymns and can be sung using the words on the screen. Organ music will also be during the Prelude and Postlude parts of the service.

Council Representative Reports

Stewardship: Commitment Sunday would be in November and Time and Talent sheets would be out in September and updated by Christine.

Lay Ministry: The board is still looking for mixed choir directors as well as getting in touch with the previous Bell Choir director.

Evangelism: Did not meet in July but will have material about God's Work. Our Hands. in the Faith Matters. Julie will place a link on the website for the families to view VBS for their children to participate.

Fellowship: Did not meet because they are not serving coffee or treats. Members are being encouraged to help make masks for LWR and directions will be available on the information desk. Quilts will not be sent out this year because of Covid-19 but will be stored until next year. They are continuing to make quilts each Thursday and half of the time will make masks. Permission was granted for quilters to display quilts in October on the pews as long as they are left in place for 72 hours before the next service.

Property: The windows will be replaced in Pastor and Christine's office because of difficulty closing them. The mirror in the vanity area of the women's bathroom downstairs will be taken down so the access panel can be looked at to fix the plumbing leak.

Personnel: Recommended that the youth person would work 20 hours with a salary based on qualifications and not to exceed the budgeted amount. The job will be posted on the synod site as well as Marion College, Lakeland and Universities in the Green Bay area.

Call Committee: The committee virtually interviewed a candidate. They did not go forward with a second interview.

Having completed all business, a motion was made and carried with the meeting adjourning with the Lord's Prayer at 7:55pm.

Next Meeting on August 17 with all individual Board members invited for moving forward discussion.

Respectfully submitted by,
Cheryl Domrath in the absence of Judy Harris

Celebrating Your Birthday!

SEPTEMBER

1. Ann Jeske
Benjamin Davison
Jeanette Schuessler
2. Karen Voss
3. Gary Heeler
4. Chad Junk
5. Cynthia Kwasny
Caleb Madson
6. Kenneth Popp
Ethan Halverson
7. Mitchell Kaderabek
Julian Pope
8. Earl Griffin
9. Lee W. Evenson
Terry Huske
Kamali Williams
Zachary Lenzner
Laurance Burzynski
10. Autumn Robley
11. Mitchell Zutz
Stephanie Leiteritz
12. Delores Johnson
13. Timber Schuler
14. Corrine Torrison
Suzanne Riesterer
Samuel Gordon
15. Darlene Colbo
18. Judy Evenson
Kristin Pederson
Geoffrey Valleskey
20. Joyce Sorenson
Makenna Kaderabek
21. Herbert Krueger Sr.
Jackie Shimek
Lynn Burzynski
22. Roger Sorenson
23. Travis Goehring
Michiela Schwoerer

OCTOBER

1. Judy Jorgenson
Hannah Evenson
2. Michael Goehring
3. Skyler Schuler
Kevin Schultz
4. Linda Berge
Myranda Manke
Connor McDonald
5. Caroline Berge
Michael Propson
6. Jill Meyer-Lippert
Stefanie Kaderabek
Lisa Otto
7. Darcie Bauknecht
Addysyn Blanke
Harper Frank
9. Gail McCulley
Trevor Griffin
Judith Tracy
10. Evan Brick
Delton Duchow
24. Harry Kwasny Jr.
25. Linda Hoefner
26. Marlene Kohlmann
Tricia Olson
Carolyn Coble
Jill Pope
Taylor Jeske
27. Chad Frank
28. Shelia Kalies
Peter Cigler
29. Theodore Jeske Jr.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF</p>		1 6:00 Board of Evangelism	2 5:00 Hands on Mission 6:15 Worship	3 8:00 Quilting 5-7 Jazzercise	4	5 8-9 Jazzercise
6 9:00 Worship 10:15 Fellowship Hour	7 Church and Office Closed <p>LABOR DAY</p>	8	9 6:15 Worship	10 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 5-7 Jazzercise	11	12 8-9 Jazzercise 9:00 2nd Sat. Bible Study
13 9:00 Worship 10:15 Fellowship Hour <p><i>God's Work Our Hands</i></p>	14 5:00 Board of Lay Ministry 5-7 Jazzercise 6:00 Tel. W.	15 Newsletter info due	16 5:00 Board of Fellowship 6:00 Card Making Club in Community Room 6:15 Worship	17 8:00 Quilting 5-7 Jazzercise	18	19 8-9 Jazzercise 9-10 Open Pantry
20 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour <i>Pre-K, 3rd & 7th grades receive Holy Bibles at worship</i> Soap Sunday	21 5-7 Jazzercise 6:00 Tel. W. 6:30 Council	22	23 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation Soap Wednesday	24 8:00 Quilting 5-7 Jazzercise	25	26 8-9 Jazzercise
27 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour	28 5-7 Jazzercise 6:00 Tel. W.	29	30 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation			

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Through the teaching, support, sacrifice, worship and commitment of the church, utterly ordinary people are enabled to do some rather extraordinary, even heroic acts, not on the basis of their own gifts and abilities, but rather by having a community capable of sustaining Christian virtue. The church enables us to be better people than we could have been if left to our own devices.

—Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon, *Resident Aliens*