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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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Round 'em Up

It's an exciting time in the church year. September 12th is **"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday**. Our Mission Statement is, "Sharing God's Word, Showing God's Love, Serving God's World". This is a wonderful opportunity once a year to put that mission into action in our community. (More info is inside Faith Matters).

Sunday school starts September 19th with the theme "Round 'em Up for Jesus". Fellowship is putting on a **brunch after worship at 10:00**. Please sign up so we know how many to plan for. This is a great way to kick-off the year. **The children will head to class after they eat.** Then we will hear more about the exciting new plan for Sunday school.

Sunday school will be more like Vacation Bible School this year. There will be singing, craft time, games, and of course, a Bible story. Each week youth and adults will lead one of these areas. No major commitment is required. Each segment is 15 – 20 minutes. It will be fun, like VBS. And it doesn't have to be every week. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Youth Bulletin Board.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).

During worship September 19th we will do a **"Blessing of the Backpacks"**. Ask your neighbors, your grandkids, or whoever, to come join us as we kick off a new year. This is a time of year that people think about getting involved in a church, especially if they have Sunday school age children. Step out in faith and invite. We want to be a congregation that shares the blessings we have received.

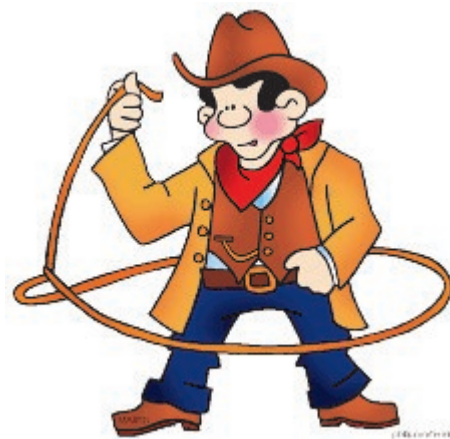
We will also hand out the **"Time & Talents"** sheet September 19th. "Many hands make light the work." Please think of how you can continue to help make Faith the church home and family it is. In this newsletter there are also other opportunities to serve. Take a look inside.

Serving Christ better together, Pastor Jim



Yeeeeee Haw!!!!

Sunday School is back!



Mark your calendars for Rally Sunday - September 19, 2021. The theme for Rally Sunday this year is **Round'em Up for Jesus**. Wear your favorite cowboy attire: boots, hats, bandanas, etc. will all add to the fun!

Our Sunday School students will be studying "The Life of Jesus" this year. Each week, kids will walk in Jesus' footsteps from his birth to his resurrection and ascension. Kids won't just learn about the historical Jesus - they will get to know him personally. They'll discover that Jesus is a real person - a real friend - who makes a difference in their lives today. We have many exciting events planned for Rally Sunday:

- 9:00 am Service - **Bible Presentation** to Sunday School students entering grade 3, grade 7 and preschool students who did not receive Bibles last year; also bring your backpack for **Blessing of the Backpacks!**
- 10:00 am- The congregation, families and Sunday School Students are invited to join us for a hearty breakfast! **Faith Lutheran Church in Valders will provide an egg skillet (in the big pan - just like they prepare at Breakfast on the Farm), sausages, fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls and milk/coffee.** There is no charge for the meal; we would like to bring everyone together to kick off a special Sunday School year. **Please RSVP for breakfast by signing up on the sheet by the Welcome Desk by September 8th.**
- 10:30 am - After everyone has a chance to chow down, we will start our **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL FORMAT**. Young buckaroos might recognize it as being very familiar to how Vacation Bible School works. Each week from 10:00-11:00 a.m. we will spend time reading from the Bible as a large group in Fellowship Hall, then we will break into small groups for rotations of playing games, making crafts, singing songs and watching videos to connect Jesus to our lives today.
- 10:45 am - Children will complete the 3 rotations today after the large group Bible reading. Parents and members of the congregation may remain in Fellowship Hall to learn more about how Sunday School will work this year OR watch rotations of classes. Adults can sign up for teaching a rotation of Sunday School if they would like.
- 11:30 am - Sunday School is dismissed for the day!

We are looking for our Adults and Confirmation Youth to guide kids on this exciting Sunday School journey!

- Sign up to lead the kids in areas YOU are comfortable - sharing a Bible story, leading a craft, singing a song or playing a game. Each week, 3-4 adult leaders and Confirmation Youth will lead one of these elements with 3 different groups (15 minutes per group) that rotate through a station. On Rally Sunday, adults will have the opportunity to peek into classrooms and see what the kids are doing and consider helping out at Sunday School.
- No major commitment required! We will have Sign Up Sheets available at Rally Sunday and on the bulletin board outside of the Youth office for the Sunday/s that work for YOUR schedule. You may sign up for as many or as few Sundays that you are available.
- All lesson plan ideas will be provided. You can pick up the lesson plan anytime so you can look it over and be ready for Sunday School.

Hope to see y'all there!

“God’s Work. Our Hands.”

September 12th, 2021

There is still time to commit to this worthwhile family event. The morning will begin with worship at 9:00. Service opportunities will begin after worship and most will conclude by noon. A bag lunch will be provided. The Packers are scheduled for a 3:25 PM game, so no worries about that!

Commit to a time of giving to others by signing-up in the outer narthex, or by contacting Christine in the church office.

On-site service opportunities at Faith Lutheran Church include:

- **Exterior church grounds**—contact person: Lyle Roehrig
- **Tying fleece blankets**—contact person: Jenniffer Zutz
- **Packing kits for LWR (tentative)**—contact person: Terry Haupt
- **Chalk the Walk**—contact person: Chloe Cigler

Off-Site Service Opportunities in the Valders Community and Beyond Include:

- + **Highway Clean-Up**—contact person: Stacy Wilker
- + **Prayer Walk**—contact person: Pastor Jim Wilson

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 26 & 29. Please bring in new bars of gentle soap (Dove, Ivory) and place in the containers in the Gathering Space.



Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the Fork and Knife Restaurant.



Large print bulletins are available for those who have a hard time seeing the screen. You can find them on the table in the back of the narthex along with the announcement sheets also.

Finances

Income - July 2021

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 20,480.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 312.00			
General Fund Income	\$ 20,792.00	\$ 25,816.83	\$ 170,503.49	\$ 180,717.88
Dedicated Income	\$ 675.50		\$ 18,085.66	
Total Income	\$ 21,467.50		\$ 188,589.15	

Operating Expenses - July 2021

Benevolence	\$ 1,611.38			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 6,394.70			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 15,594.86			
General Fund Expense	\$ 23,600.94	\$ 25,485.48	\$ 160,225.96	\$ 187,486.67
Dedicated Expense	\$ 415.50		\$ 17,728.69	
Total Expenses	\$ 24,016.44		\$ 177,954.65	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$ 10,277.53

Capital Appeal

06/30/21	BANK FIRST NATIONAL LOAN BALANCE			\$19,300.50	
Payment Amount			\$1,000.00		
Additional payment			\$1,370.00		
Total JUNE Payment		\$2,306.87	Principle	63.13	Interest paid
07/31/21	BANK FIRST NATIONAL LOAN BALANCE			\$16,993.63	

Dear Members of Faith,

It is time to celebrate! Our capital loan is being paid off! The capital loan of \$600,000 was taken out October of 2012. So it is only fitting that we burn the loan papers in October. Please join us on October 24th for the celebration.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stephanie Mittnacht, Director of Stewardship

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Funeral Gorman Lex Jr.

Membership

Baptized 802
 Confirmed..... 591
 Families 109

Worship Attendance

Sunday		Wednesday
7/18	Worship— 104 Video— 83	30
7/25	Worship— 109 Video— 68	22
8/1	Worship— 71 Video— 70	24
8/8	Worship— 79 Video— 53	37

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

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

Lectors

9/1 Susan Christel
 9/5 Tiffany Jandrey
 9/8 Cheryl Duchow
 9/12 Erin Lenzner
 9/15 Julie Endries
 9/19 Brian Ulness
 9/22 Jill Backus
 9/26 Bob Wigen
 9/29 Kelly Meyer

Communion Servers

9/5 Kaye Jandrey
 9/15 Julie Endries
 9/19 Brian Ulness
 9/29 Judy Valleskey



Head Ushers

Glenn Otto and Tom Madson

Acolyte Schedule

9/5 Tristan Teuke
 9/12 Carter Valleskey
 9/19 Addison Spindler
 9/26 Carter Valleskey



Greeters

9/1 Judy Valleskey
 9/5 Mitchell Zutz
 9/8 Susan Christel
 9/12 Mitchell Zutz
 9/15 Tim and Julie Endries
 9/19 Whitney Ulness
 9/22 DJ Schisel
 9/26 Mitchell Zutz
 9/29 DJ Schisel

Ushers

9/5 Ron Jandrey and Ron Jones
 9/12 Mark Zutz
 9/19 Austin and Stetson McCulley
 9/26 Al Gilbertson

Sound Operator

9/5 Erin Lenzner and Hunter Spindler
 9/12 Lyle Roehrig
 9/19 Makenna Kaderabek and Loren Ulness
 9/26 Bill Riesterer

Video Operator & Live Stream

9/5 Bill Riesterer
 9/12 Mike Lenzner
 9/19 Jake Kaderabek
 9/26 Travis Schisel

Projection

9/1 Kai Meyer
 9/5 Erin Lenzner
 9/8 Kayla Hildebrandt
 9/12 Lyle Roehrig
 9/15 Otis Berge
 9/19 Ethan Ulness
 9/22 DJ Schisel
 9/26 Bill Riesterer
 9/29 DJ Schisel

Lay School of Ministry - Register now!

Lay School of Ministry: Equipping People for Christ's Mission

Lay School. It's a funny name, we know. But the term "lay" stands for laity from the Greek word for "people." Not everyone is called to pastoral leadership. But pastoral leadership is not the only kind of leadership that exists in the church. Through the baptized, the Holy Spirit is at work feeding, healing, teaching, restoring, and loving. That's what Christ's mission is all about.

The Holy Spirit equips and calls people to lead church councils, bible studies, Sunday school, and youth meetings. Some are called to serve on teams that plan for new pastors, engaging people in worship, sharing the mission of Jesus in community. Maybe God is calling you to deepen your sense of what faith is all about. If that's the case, lay school is for you.

Lay School is either a two year program with "Core Classes" that take you through the basics. OR, you can just learn one class at a time.

Fantastic classes are available to you and there is scholarship assistance ready if you are in need. Recent Christian History, deep dives into Old Testament texts and how we engage the bible, putting words to our faith through the practice of theology, taking time to consider what on earth is happening to and through the church these days... lay school has got you covered.

Chat with your pastor or email ecswlayschool@gmail.com if you would like to have more conversation or have any questions.

Now is the time to register before classes start on the weekend of September 17th and 18th.

Core Classes & Instructors

Old Testament - Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel, Wartburg Seminary

Liturgy and Life - Rev. Jenn Collins

Faith and spirituality - Rev. Cheryl Davis

Intro to Theology - Rev. Anne Edison Albright, Bishop

Continuing Ed Courses

Christianity in Contemporary America - Rev. Dr. Mark Granquist, Luther Seminary

"Experiencing God" How and where God meets us - Rev. John Meachen

Lutheranism 101: By Heart, Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism

Engaging Biblical Texts - Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel, Wartburg Seminary

The school meets monthly on Friday evenings and/or Saturday mornings in both Wausau and Appleton and offers courses to dive deeper in faith and knowledge of scripture and is a chance to worship, learn, and engage with people from all across our regional church.

News from the ESCW

Are You a B.A.G. Lady? (Blessed And Gifted)

Fall Retreat in the main lodge at Crossways - Imago Dei Village
W8160 Cloverleaf Lake Rd
Clintonville, WI 54929

Saturday, September 18, 2021
Registration begins at 8:00am
Fun filled program 8:45am-4:00pm

Retreat Leader – Reverend Judy Deckert. *She discovers extraordinary treasures in rosemaking, writing and exercising imagination as she tends to ordinary things in Kimberly.* If interested, please go to info@crosswayscamps.org or call the main office at 920-882-0023.



ELCA Youth Gathering Webinar

On Wednesday, September 8 at 7pm central, join Gathering director (Molly Beck Dean), Safety and Security team leader (Pastor Shawn Hannon) and medical manager (Rachel McConnell, RN) for a webinar all about Safety at the 2022 Gathering. They'll share what they are planning and open it up for Q&A at the end. Visit <http://ow.ly/ckCu50FRL2k> for more information.

Time to register for Addiction & Faith Conference

The Center of Addiction & Faith will hold its third Addiction & Faith Conference, October 7-9 in Bloomington, Minnesota, to give faith communities tools for responding to the addiction crisis. Registration is open for in-person and virtual attendance at www.addictionandfaithconference.com.

The center grew out of the Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy. The Rev. Ed Treat was an active Lutheran pastor in 2018, when he held the first Addiction & Faith Conference. The success encouraged him to leave parish ministry after 25 years and dedicate himself full-time to the Center of Addiction & Faith, which became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2020.



Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—July 19, 2021

Housekeeping Items: Thank you cards received from Hope House and Salvation Army. Ron spoke with Bobbi Jo Robley about doing a church directory. She will consider it and let Ron know.

New Business: Continuation after Pastor Jim's contract is up— for the first half of 2022, Pastor Jim would like to continue the same agreement, which would take us to the end of May. The church could then consider him a "supply pastor" if there is a need. Kelly Meyer could be an option for supply pastor services as well, if available. There are two candidates for our open pastoral position. Interviews will be conducted next week.

Pastor's report: 2 home visits, 3 office visits, phone calls and emails. Attended BOLM, Evangelism, Stewardship, Youth & Ed, Council and Senior breakfast meetings. Attended confirmation camp from July 11-16 and also helped lead VBS.

Stewardship—"Blessed by Generosity" will be theme of our stewardship drive starting October 24th. Would also like this to be "mortgage burning day." At the end of June, less than \$20,00 left on mortgage. Motion made to pay off capital appeal loan in October. Motion carried. Cake and ice cream or a celebration of some kind is being planned for after church on that day.

Lay Ministry-Adding the bulletin back was discussed, as it is felt words are difficult to view on the power point. We are saving money by not printing them, but a simplified version could be considered which may be cheaper. Could also consider enlarging the font on the power point or dimming the lights.

Evangelism- There is question as to whether there is a value or need for staffing the welcome desk. 15 minutes before and after the service is being considered. Evangelism will discuss this further and pursue.

Fellowship- "Round Em' Up for Jesus" will be the theme for Rally Sunday. A luncheon meal was discussed. Parker Johns, Brian's Smoke House are possible options for catering the event. There is money available for funding this. Would want people to make reservations. Meal after VBS went very well. Served 125 people Subway sandwiches and everything was very smooth. Cost was covered by a Thrivent card plus an additional \$150 for a total of about \$400. Youth to begin assisting with serving coffee/juice after services.

Church Properties-New railing along the north entrance. There is a leak in the fellowship hall which is due to condensation. This will be taken care of, but is not a major or urgent concern at this time.

Christian Education-67 kids at VBS, 13 youth helpers and 12 adults. \$892.43 was raised by Lucas and Addison Spindler for a charity that provides wigs for kids with cancer. A new curriculum will be used for Sunday School which will be more like VBS. Teachers will not have to commit to every Sunday but would be more of a rotating schedule. Rally Sunday theme will be "Round Em' Up for Jesus" as noted above, with hope to introduce the new Sunday School curriculum/format to kids and families. Policies for Church Mutual will be finalized at the next Christian Ed/Board of Youth meeting.

Youth & Family Ministry-Youth will be going to the Ulness cottage Thursday and Friday this week. Thursday is for 1st-6th grade and Friday 7th-12th.

Personnel Committee- There are 2 candidates for the call committee to interview. Interviews scheduled for next week-one via Zoom and one in person. Call Committee members are: Brian Ulness, Julie Hartman, Ron Jones, Bob Argall, Sue Riesterer, Joan Pritzl, Quinten Robley

Endowment-A donation was made to Lori Krueger.

Open discussion- Policy for renting the Fellowship Hall was discussed, as with the Valdres Community Center flooding, more people may approach the church to use our facility. Is there a policy in place or do we need to develop one? If there is no policy, the council will look to develop one.

Motion made to the adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting – August 16, 2021 Devotions – Cheryl Domrath

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
Mark Spindler
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
Steve Kuenstler
22. Roger Sorenson
23. Travis Goehring
Michiela Miller

OCTOBER

1. Harry Kwasny Jr.
1. Linda Hoefner
2. Marlene Kohlmann
Tricia Olson
Carolyn Coble
Jill Pope
Taylor Jeske
27. Chad Frank
Kelly Meyer
28. Shelia Kalies
Peter Cigler
29. Theodore Jeske Jr.
Courtney Fahley
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
Harper Frank
9. Gail McCulley
Trevor Griffin
Judith Tracy
10. Evan Brick
Delton Duchow





September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>"God's work. Our hands." Sunday</p>    <p>Sept. 12 2021</p>			<p>1</p> <p>5:00 Hands on Mission 6:15 Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office and Church Closed</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>5:00 Board of Lay Ministry 6:00 Board of Evangelism</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 6:00 Jazzercise</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:00 Boards. of Christian Ed and Youth 9:00 Worship <i>Baptism</i>—Everett Jacob Madson 10:00 God's Work. Our Hands. 10:00 Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 Televised Worship 6:00 Jazzercise</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter info due to office</p> <p>6:15 Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00-10:00 Open Pantry</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Rally Sunday 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, Sunday School, Board of Fellowship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 Televised Worship 6:00 Jazzercise</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 Senior Christians at Fork and Knife Restaurant</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:15 Worship 7:00 7 & 8 gr. Confirmation Orientation Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p><i>Soap Sunday</i> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour, Sunday School 10:15 9th grade Confirmation</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 Televised Worship 6:00 Jazzercise</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Soap Wednesday</i> 6:15 Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 Confirmation</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise</p>	 <p>Grandparents DAY September 19</p>	

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A Prayer for Our Students

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start a new year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. I pray they would have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they don't have to face it alone.

In Jesus' name, amen.



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