



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faith Matters

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2024

WORSHIP TIMES

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

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Thinking About Deeper Things

Pastor Lyman

I was a hospice chaplain for 17 years. I was the person who went to talk to people who were about to die. It was not just Lutherans or Christians. Most of the people I went to see were "none of the above" about religion. They were people in our culture who had celebrated Christmas, but slept in on Easter. They believed in God in their own way, but did not think about death or "the meaning of life" much. Now they were going to die, and it was time to reflect upon such things.

They were not afraid. There were no "death bed conversions." The saying "There are no atheists in foxholes," did not turn out to be true. The nearness of death did not drive people to faith. Fear does not motivate people to faith in Jesus, and I am glad it does not.

I met with them and I told them what I believed about God and Jesus and the resurrection. God is real. Jesus is real. God's love is real. When we die we go be with Jesus. I told them Good News and they were glad to hear it and believe it. Since they believed nothing before, they did not have to start disbelieving their old faith system. Now they had a full and fulfilling faith system and they simply admitted it as their own. Sometimes it is just as simple as that.

Other times there are struggles. Everybody is different. We have had too many deaths of young people in our county. Automobile accidents. Suicide. It is hard. The hardest most difficult thing is outliving your children. It is not the way it ought to be.

I cannot make it alright. We who feel the grief know that nothing can make it "alright." And yet I say by faith that God can comfort that grief. God can mend a broken heart. In our grief we ask "How? How can God bring us joy again?" I do not know how God can do it, but I know God does it. I do not know how God raises the dead either, but I am sure God can do that too.

God can comfort us in all of our grief. And then we can share our journey, share it and share the comfort we ourselves have received. We have a great God. Amen.

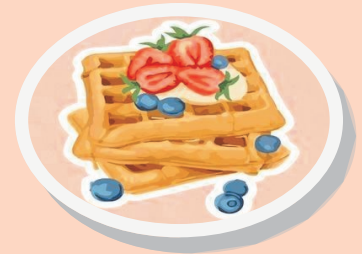


Ya'll ready for some chili? February 4 is Faith's chili cook-off! Ya'll will vote for your favorite soup and themed table. We will meet in fellowship hall from 10:15-11:30 am. All are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors!



LET'S GO SKATING!

Join us Sunday, February 4 from 1:30-3:00pm at the Manitowoc Ice Center. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2 for skate rental. All are invited! Meet at the rink.



Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, February 20 at 7 Angels in Chilton.

February and March Stewardship is Fabric Kits

One piece of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester).

Fabric should have no stains or holes and cut into pieces measuring:

2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric

3 yards of 44" wide fabric

4 yards of 36" wide fabric

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 across from the church office.

Faith on Fire is hosting a night with Kelly Meyer! Open to MS and HS students and parents! Please join us to discuss over your hidden powers. 🔥

THE HIDDEN POWER OF **I AM**

Unleash Your Inner Super Hero!

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7, 2024

7:15 PM- 8:30 PM

Hosted by Faith Lutheran Church

255 W Roosevelt St, Valders, WI

"I AM" are two of the most powerful words a person can speak, but they cannot be used alone. The hidden power to change your future lies in a single word.

Come unlock your inner Super Hero!
Discover powers that you never knew you had!

This is a free event!

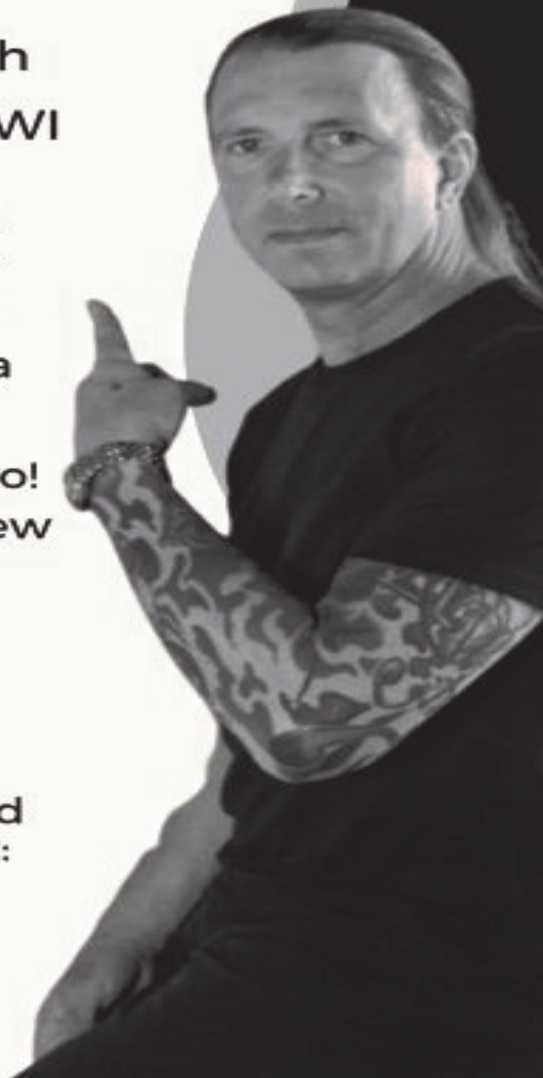
Registration not required.

Kelly Meyer is an international transformational coach, speaker, and author. Find out more about him at:

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Finances

<i>Income - December 2023</i>		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 38,141.30			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 7,263.75			
General Fund Income	\$ 45,405.05	\$ 25,883.00	\$ 319,804.49	\$ 310,596.00
Dedicated Income	\$ 1,375.66		\$ 48,451.16	
Total Income	\$ 46,780.71		\$ 368,255.65	
<i>Operating Expenses - December 2023</i>				
Benevolence	\$ 3,651.64			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 5,663.37			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 18,402.58			
General Fund Expense	\$ 27,717.59	\$ 27,954.66	\$ 307,526.38	\$ 334,117.77
Dedicated Expense	\$ 3,275.84		\$ 69,334.89	
Total Expenses	\$ 30,993.43		\$ 376,861.27	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income: \$12,278.11

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If you are interested in purchasing a new FLC Photo Directory, you may do so by filling out the form below and returning it to the church office. The cost is \$15.83. (Directory is \$15.00 + Brown County tax of 5.5%)

Number of directories ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Harmann Studios is still working on finalizing the directory, but you will be notified when they arrive.



# Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

## Pastoral Acts

Baptism ..... Ritta Rose Peterson  
 Funeral ..... Joan Schuh

## Membership

Baptized ..... 809  
 Confirmed..... 587  
 Famillies ..... 108

## Worship Attendance

|       | Sunday     | Wednesday                |
|-------|------------|--------------------------|
| 12/17 | 278        | 35                       |
| 12/24 | 98         |                          |
|       | 3:00 = 254 | 5:00 = 101    10:00 = 48 |
| 12/31 | 67         | 50                       |
| 1/7   | 107        | 47                       |
| 1/14  | 66         | 44                       |

## Altar Guild Servers

### Communion:

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

## Lectors

2/4 Sheryle Lyman  
 2/7 Kathy Mattern  
 2/11 Ron Jones  
 2/14 1:00 Don Domrath    6:15 Kaye Jandrey  
 2/18 Joan Pritzl  
 2/21 Erin Lenzner  
 2/25 Ava Ulness  
 2/28 Kerry Schnell

## Communion Servers

2/4 Earl Griffin  
 2/14 1:00 Cheryl Domrath    6:15 Kaye Jandrey  
 2/18 Joan Pritzl  
 2/28 Kerry Schnell

## Acolyte Schedule

2/4 Noah Boll  
 2/7 Phoebe Cigler  
 2/11 Liam Cline  
 2/14 6:15 Logan Bratt  
 2/18 JohnMarc Ergas  
 2/21 Phoebe Cigler  
 2/25 Jomarie Ergas  
 2/28 Logan Bratt

## Head Ushers

Lee A. Evenson and Mark Zutz

## Greeters

2/4 Carter Kuentler  
 2/7 Logan Bratt  
 2/11 Carter Kuentler  
 2/14 1:00 Joyce Sorenson  
           6:15 Judy Valleskey  
 2/18 Carter Kuentler  
 2/21 Logan Bratt  
 2/25 Liam Cline  
 2/28 Bob Mattern

## Ushers

2/4 Gary and Linda Heeler, Bob Wigen  
 2/11 Brian and Tammy Brill  
 2/14 1:00 Delton and Cheryl Duchow  
           6:15 Ron Jandrey and Keith Lippert  
 2/18 Brian and Mary Thomsen, Brian Ulness  
 2/25 Steve and Ginny Schwoerer

## Sound Operator

2/4 Bill Riesterer  
 2/11 Mitchell Kaderabek  
 2/14 1:00 Bill Riesterer    6:15 Loren Ulness  
 2/18 Loren Ulness  
 2/25 Mitchell Kaderabek

## Video Operator/Live Stream

2/4 Bill Riesterer  
 2/11 Travis Schisel  
 2/14 1:00 Bill Riesterer  
 2/18 Jake Kaderabek  
 2/25 Eric Thomsen

## Projection

2/4 Whitney Ulness  
 2/7 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 2/11 DJ Schisel  
 2/14 1:00 Judy Harris    6:15 Susan Christel  
 2/18 Libby Olson  
 2/21 Zach Lenzner  
 2/25 Makenna Kaderabek  
 2/28 John Schnell

# Crossways Employment Opportunities

## JOIN OUR TEAM

### Engagement & Recruitment Specialist / Summer Site Director



Engagement



Leadership



Collaboration

#### Responsibilities:

- Engage camp prospects to meaningfully participate in the Crossways mission & ministry through program, employment and rental.
- Serve as the Imago Dei Village Summer Site Director.



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- Engage Your Faith

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# Meet Our New Organist

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Faith Lutheran,

Greetings! Since this opportunity of joining the music ministry at Faith arose, I have been attending services when my schedule allows me to, and I've also been listening in to the online services. First, I would just like to say thank you for already making me and my family feel so warmly welcomed. As a visitor, it's typically easy to feel like an "outcast" when visiting a new church... not at Faith.

A little about me...

Since the age of 14, I have been running the family farm. My grandfather was the farmer in our family. In 2014, the Lord took his eyesight from him, and sent me out to the fields and amongst the cattle. Farming is my passion. It's such a joy to see East River Beef Farms & Custom Harvesting, LLC grow and expand from year to year. I also work a third shift job off the farm at Arla Foods Production in Hollandtown as a machine operator.



I've been playing organ for church since the age of 13. My story is very unlike the structure of most organist's career. The Lord has decided to send me where he needed me. Within the last 11 years, I filled 9 vacancies at churches across the state that either extended a call for a Director of Parish Music, or installed a computerized program for the existing organ in the sanctuary. Within 9 vacancies, I directed choral choirs, and hand bell choirs. I also remain as the main organist at Saint Bartholomew Lutheran in Brillion, and have been for 10 years.

Along with music ministry inside the walls of the church, I also do ministry work outside of the church during my free time, which includes composing and arranging music, and recording "midi audios" for churches who don't currently have a live organist on the bench. I LOVE composing, and the music theory that comes with it. It's very much like a jigsaw puzzle to most. You have all the pieces, it's just putting it all together to form a beautiful picture. I have multiple pieces of music for organ, piano, and hand bells arranged and compiled. I am currently working on composing an organ series with multiple volumes that includes meditations, inspirations, and triumphant postludes. Like farming, it brings me joy to see my collection of compositions grow and prosper, and to hear stories of how my music is able to make a difference in other churches.

I'm excited to be here at Faith. With hopping around from church to church for 11 years, I'm looking forward to finally finding the values of a church family, and the values of getting involved, as well as sharing my music and talent with you all. I'm looking forward to meeting new faces, and worshiping here at Faith!

In Christ, Devin J. Zahringer



# Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—December 18, 2023

Pastor's Report: Has been visiting shut-ins for their Christmas visits & hospitalized members & will continue this till all have been visited. Christmas pageant had great attendance – 279, which is the result of a successful Sunday School program. Lay Ministry is doing a recognition of those baptized in the past year on the second Sunday in January.

Old Business: Picture Directory – 147 family photos (some as individuals) and about 20 submitted photos. Pictures needed for Faith events. \$760 was made on the quilter's silent auction, which will be used for quilting supplies. \$262 was made on the Advent event, which was donated to In courage.

New Business: Baptismal Quilt - It was suggested to roll funds in the Baptismal Quilt fund into the Quilter's fund since the Quilters are paying for the supplies for the Baptismal quilts now. Motion made and carried. Library funds – Since the Library has been disbanded, these funds could be moved to another fund. Possible funds to move it to were discussed. A motion was made and carried to move the Library Memorial Funds into the Undesignated Memorial Funds. Hands on Mission, which is overseen by the Board of Evangelism, has been inactive in recent years. The only activity they have is Soup for Souls – a group gets together as needed to make soup for those in need, such as those who have been hospitalized, those who have incurred some type of loss, etc. Soup is also taken to people who are not members of Faith who are in need. It was decided to table this till February 2024 and mention it at the annual meeting for congregational awareness and suggestions.

Council representative reports:

**Stewardship** – *Stephanie Mittnacht*. Part of the cause for the deficit for 2023 is due to Pastor's moving expenses, which were not budgeted. Interest made on the CD that matured in September, was rolled over into the new CD. Another CD came due December 17<sup>th</sup> & was renewed (including interest) at a rate of 5.18%. When the budget is printed there will be some corrections: Salary for Youth Coordinator. Insurance for staff was based on an estimate, which came in \$2,000 lower than estimated.

**Evangelism** – *Julie Hartman*. Thank-you gifts for the Boards were handed out to take back to the boards at their next meeting.

**Lay Ministry** - *Joyce Sorenson*. Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> – no service.

**Fellowship** – *Marilyn Robley*. Thank you to all for the activities that create fellowship for our members.

**Property** – *Mark Tutz*. More information will be available on estimates for the various projects in time for annual meeting.

**Christian Education** – *Bridget Valleskey*. "In as Much Sunday" was a big success. Worked well partnering with Wells.

Bridget delivered gifts to Lakeshore Foster Families and Friends and Salvation Army. Reviewed Sunday School Calendar for Winter- Spring 2024. Classes resume January 7 and will run from 10:15-11am. Starting 15 minutes later allows teachers a little extra time to enjoy the service and commune with their families before needing to be in their classrooms to teach. Children's Christmas Program – December 17<sup>th</sup>. A Thrivent card was used to order snacks, green punch, Grinch ornaments, and Grinch cups for the Sunday School students for after program classroom parties. This card was also used to purchase props for the program. Costumes for the Children's Christmas Program were bought using the supplies budget under the Board of Christian Ed.

**Youth and Family Ministry** – *Gretchen Spindler*. 12 individuals came to sing for the Christmas caroling event at Manitowoc Health Care Center. It was very well received by the residents, and we would consider doing this again next year. Final plans were made for Kids Night Out on December 27<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held from 6-8pm for children ages 4-10. Ice-skating event planned for February 11th at the Manitowoc Ice Center from 1:30-3:00. Admission is \$5 per person and skate rental is \$2. Upcoming camp and BYG for 3rd-5th graders March 8-10th.

**Faith on Fire** – *Bridget Valleskey*. Upcoming events include the Synod Youth Gathering for high school students February 16-18. A summary of the November and December Faith on Fire events was provided including a speaker that came to talk to the group, the Cookie Walk had a profit of \$600 profit after expenses were paid.

Having completed all business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2024 Devotions – Don Domrath

Recorded by Joan Pritzl



# Celebrating Your Birthday!

## FEBRUARY

2. Travis Schisel
3. Debra Linzmeier  
Craig Zutz  
Tristan Teuke
5. 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
14. Patricia Christianson  
Ronald Pederson  
Alisa Madson  
Brian Schnell
15. Jayme Hetland  
Paul Sorenson  
Ryan Wenzel
16. Garrett Jeske
17. Donald Christianson
18. Greg Wilker
19. Loren Ulness  
Michael Zutz
21. Richard Christianson  
Brenda Platten
22. Joan Griffin
23. Char Manke  
Kai Meyer
24. Erin Reinke
25. Eric Thomsen
26. Aubree Boll
27. Trenton O'Leary  
Gracelyn Mulhaney
28. LuAnn Helgeson  
Jesse Schwoerer
29. Alyssa Schwoerer

## MARCH

2. William Griffin  
Peter Steinberg  
Andrea Christel  
Ava Petska  
Wendy Kuenstler
3. Roger Reichardt
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                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                        |  |  | 1<br>8:00 Quilting<br>5:30 Jazzercise                                                                                  | 2                                                                 | 3                                                                                                                          |                                                                  |
| 4<br>8:00 Bell Choir<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Fellowship Hour<br>10:15 Sunday School, Inspiration Choir, Chili Dinner<br>1:30-3:00 Youth event at Manitowoc Ice Center | 5<br>5:30 Jazzercise<br>6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism                | 6<br>3:00 and 6:30 Bible Study                                                    | 7<br>9:00 Jazzercise<br>6:15 Worship with Praise Band<br>6:30 Board of Christian Ed.<br>7:15 Confirmation              | 8<br>8:00 Quilting<br>8:30 Secretary's Meeting<br>5:30 Jazzercise | 9                                                                                                                          | 10<br>9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study                              |
| 11<br>8:00 Bell Choir<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Fellowship Hour<br>10:15 Sunday School, Inspiration Choir                                                               | 12<br>5:30 Jazzercise                                                             | 13<br>3:00 and 6:30 Bible Study                                                   | 14<br>9:00 Jazzercise<br><b>1:00 and 6:15 Ash Wednesday Services</b><br>5:00 Board of Stewardship<br>7:15 Confirmation | 15<br>8:00 Quilting<br>5:30 Jazzercise                            | 16                                                                                                                         | 17<br>9:00 Open Pantry                                           |
| 18<br>8:00 Bell Choir<br>9:00 Worship—Baptism for Ritta Rose Peterson<br>10:00 Fellowship Hour<br>10:15 Sunday School, Inspiration Choir                               | 19<br>5:30 Jazzercise<br>6:30 Council                                             | 20<br>9:00 Senior Christians at 7 Angels<br>3:00 and 6:30 Bible Study             | 21<br>9:00 Jazzercise<br>5:00 Soup & Sandwich Supper<br>6:15 Worship with Praise Band<br>7:15 Confirmation             | 22<br>8:00 Quilting<br>5:30 Jazzercise                            | 23<br>Faith on Fire at Urban Air Trampoline Park                                                                           | 24<br>10:00 Altar Guild Meeting in Gathering Space (all invited) |
| 25<br>8:00 Bell Choir<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Fellowship Hour<br>10:15 Sunday School, Inspiration Choir                                                               | 26<br>5:30 Jazzercise                                                             | 27<br>3:00 and 6:30 Bible Study                                                   | 28<br>9:00 Jazzercise<br>5:00 Soup & Sandwich Supper<br>6:00 Card Making<br>6:15 Worship<br>7:15 Confirmation          | 29<br>8:00 Quilting<br>5:30 Jazzercise                            | <br><b>Soup &amp; Sandwich Supper</b> | Submitted to LPI 1/18.                                           |

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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