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FLC Vice President: Larry Burzynski
FLC VP Elect: Alan Gilbertson
Secretary: Judy Harris
Treasurer: Robert Pautz

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It has been a joy and an honor to pastor this congregation for the previous year. A big highlight in 2024 was our celebration of Pastor Carl Peters and Marlene Peters as Pastors Emeritus of Faith Lutheran Church. It was a beautiful day, a worthy honor for them, and a lovely reunion for us all.

I attended the weeklong Confirmation camp with our young people this summer. They are good young adults, and they made progress on their spiritual journey while at camp. Imago Dei is a beautiful, blessed place.

I was pleased to find out that our Pantry is serving more people, about twice as many as last year. I think the need is about the same, but more people are hearing about it. We are getting the word out. Thanks to Sandy Halverson, John Thews, and all those who volunteer time and donations! I celebrate the success and growth of this ministry.

I always enjoy Vacation Bible School. Being "straight man" to the comedic stylings of Larry Burzynski is an experience I will forever treasure, but it is the kids that really warm your heart. We had excellent attendance and abundant volunteers. Thank you!

Bridget Valleskey began as our Youth Coordinator in February of 2023, and so she celebrated her one-year anniversary in 2024 and will soon celebrate 2 years. You will recall that we had set aside 3 years of salary from (mostly) undesignated funds. So those funds will be running out in a year, and we will have to decide how to proceed. I think Bridget is doing very well. It is a tough group to get involved and to keep involved. I would like to see us take this position into our regular budget. Please be praying about this.

It is possible that you did not notice some of the important things that our 2024 president, Bill Riesterer has accomplished during his term of office. The first (and perhaps most consequential) Herculean labor was the BIG CLEANUP! Whole cabinets and closets, thousands of square feet of our building have been emptied of broken junk and outdated paper. But you might not have noticed because it was mostly out of sight.

Bill cares about the quality of our services on streaming. He noticed that you could hear the pastor and lector speaking into the microphones, but you could not hear the congregational responses. So, he moved and adjusted a microphone to pick up the sound of the responses. (That's when the services sounded better, but we discovered no one was laughing at my jokes!). But you might not have noticed because it is a subtle thing.

Similarly, Bill was concerned about our projector aging and obtaining replacement bulbs, which led to a conversation about what to obtain next. We discovered that laser projectors, a newer technology, are available and so clear and sharp. We started the slow process to budget for one, but an anonymous donor offered to pay for it right now. So, it is in place and very good. Again, you might not have noticed because going from blurry to sharp, does not always get noticed.

I have enjoyed working with Bill, his love for the Church, and his "Can Do" attitude.

I look forward to 2025 with this dear, sweet congregation.

Pastor Daniel C. Lyman



Chili Cook-off Sunday, February 23

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. Let's see and taste the many different types of chili on February 23rd!

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)

If you only want to get 3 yards of 44" wide fabric that is fine, but include the 2 spools of thread also. Thank you.



Look for material on sale. Items donated should be marked fabric kits and placed inside the stewardship cabinet across from the church office.



Our Faith on Fire group recently spent a night at the What The Lock Escape Room in Manitowoc.

Lent begins March 5th with Ash Wednesday and what a perfect time to help re-stock Faith's Open Pantry! You're encouraged to take part in this very easy and rewarding event. Each week will be a different theme with items pertaining to the theme. Bring your bagged items and place them into the grocery carts located in the Gathering Space area. Thank you for your support of Faith's Pantry. – Sandy Halverson

March 5-12: *Let's get personal.* Shampoo for men and women, bar soap, body wash, body lotion, shaving cream and razors for men and women, deodorant, dental hygiene items, toilet paper, facial tissue and anything else personal.

March 12-19: *Spring cleaning time.* Assorted cleaning supplies, paper towels, sponges, toilet bowl cleaner/brush, window cleaner, bleach, furniture polish, baking soda, vinegar, shower cleaner, scrubbing powder, oven cleaner, laundry soap, dish soap, and any other cleaning items.

March 19-26: *Time for comforting casseroles.* Assorted noodles, canned chicken, tuna, cream soups, soups, sauerkraut, veggies, pork n beans, Minute rice, crackers, boxed meals, instant potatoes.

March 26-April 2: *Rise 'n shine.* Coffee (instant), hot cocoa mixes, tea, oatmeal, pancake mixes, syrup, jam, jelly, peanut butter, honey, granola bars, Pop-tarts, nuts, raisins, canned fruit, juice boxes.

April 2-9: *Time to bake.* Bread flour, all-purpose flour, white, brown and powdered sugars, baking powder, baking soda, vanilla, spices, cake mixes, cookie mixes, dessert mixes, yeast, corn syrup, Pam spray, vegetable oil, shortening, assorted chocolate chips, canned frosting, cooking oil, evaporated/sweetened condensed. Milk, nuts, Jello, pudding and anything for baking.

April 9-16: *Miscellaneous items*, like gluten free items for gluten free people. Baby items such as shampoo, diaper cream, diapers of all sizes, pull-ups of all sizes, anything baby. Lunch box items, snack items, sweet treats, cookies, crackers, juice boxes, cheese and cracker packs.



Finances

Income - December 2024

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 33,007.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 16,560.36			
General Fund Income	\$ 49,567.36	\$ 23,757.25	\$ 317,812.76	\$ 285,087.07
Dedicated Income	\$ 12,495.47		\$ 22,845.04	
Total Income	\$ 62,062.83		\$ 340,657.80	

Operating Expenses - December 2024

Benevolence	\$ 4,006.15			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 9,718.06			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits ¹	\$ 19,227.07			
General Fund Expense	\$ 32,951.28	\$ 29,797.02	\$ 328,741.76	\$ 357,479.50
Dedicated Expense	\$ 5,564.57		\$ 28,281.44	
Total Expenses	\$ 38,515.85		\$ 357,023.20	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : ***\$(7,582.38)***



QR Code Giving: Just use your smart phone's QR Code Reader and scan this QR Code to begin your generosity giving! You can set it up to give your gift for a One-Time gift or you can set up a recurring gift (Every Week, Every Two Weeks, Twice a Month (1st & 15th), Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually). You can have your gift taken directly from your bank account or you can give with either your debit or credit card. You can pick the day you want your gift to be given. With this way of giving, you can also give to the General Offering, Church Property, World Hunger, and Lent/Holiday gifts. To view the different giving opportunities: When you first enter the app just scroll down to the line that says "View more giving opportunities" below the "Add to Basket" highlighted line.

Quilt Distribution in 2024

72 Hurricane Helene victims	1 Fire Family in county
26 Foster Care Program in Manitowoc County	15 Mission in Texas (Linda Menza)
126 Lutheran World Relief	24 Faith's Pantry
4 Congregation friends in our thoughts	14 Hope House
12 In Courage	3 The Haven
71 Salvation Army	7 purchased by quilters @ \$50 = \$350.00
14 purchased by congregation off pews @ \$75.00 = \$1050.00	
12 Silent Auction quilts \$875.00 + \$75.00 donation	
3 donation to Baby It's Cold Outside (homeless event 12/12/24)	
414 quilts distributed +5 in reserve for emergencies	
Money in sales in November = \$2,350.00	

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Funerals Thomas Behnke and Larry Jandrey

Membership

Baptized 820
Confirmed 556
Families 110

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
12/15	235	32
12/22	91	
12/24	3:00 = 207 5:00 = 147	10:00 = 30
12/25	76	
12/29	76	
1/5	97	40

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

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

Lectors

2/2 Cheryl Duchow
2/5 Dennis Luckow
2/9 Kaye Jandrey
2/12 Cambria Behnke
2/16 Joan Pritzl
2/19 Larry Burzynski
2/23 Don Schreiner
2/26 Susan Christel

Communion Servers

2/2 Cheryl Duchow
2/12 Judy Valleskey
2/16 Joan Pritzl
2/26 Susan Christel

Head Ushers Lee A. Evenson and Mark Zutz

Acolyte Schedule

2/2 Keegan Hougen
2/5 Grace Sorenson
2/9 Eliza Wilker
2/12 Landen Pinkerton
2/16 Ariana Herrick
2/19 Sage Trepasso
2/23 Alexandra Trepasso
2/26 Phoebe Cigler

Greeters

2/2 Ralph Christianson and Branda Pautz
2/5 Cambria Behnke
2/9 Grace Sorenson
2/12 Michael Zutz
2/16 Paul and Jill Franz
2/19 Dennis and Cathy Luckow
2/23 Tom and Rae Madson
2/26 Cambria Behnke

Ushers

2/2 Don and Deb Schreiner, Steve Ahrens
2/9 Mark and Angie Ulness
2/16 Alan Gilbertson, Tom and Kathy Muench
2/23 Jim Ahrens, Keith Lippert, Tyler Madson

Sound Operator

2/2 Loren Ulness
2/9 Loren Ulness
2/16 Lucas Spindler
2/23 Makenna Kaderabek

Video Operator/Live Stream

2/2 Eric Thomsen
2/9 Mike Lenzner
2/16 Jake Kaderabek
2/23 Carter Lenzner

Projection

2/2 Molly Junk
2/5 Mikaela Spindler
2/9 Ethan Ulness
2/12 Mikaela Spindler
2/16 Addison Spindler
2/19 Mikaela Spindler
2/23 Makenna Kaderabek
2/26 Mikaela Spindler



Save the Date

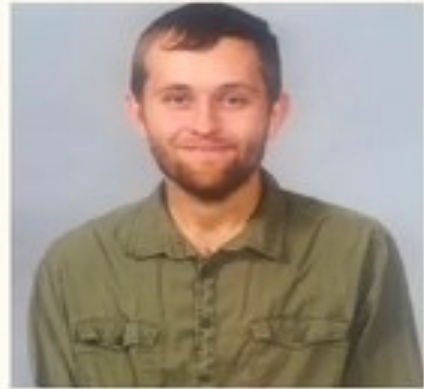
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DOWNTOWN ORGAN RECITALS

Featuring Guest Organist: Devin J. Zahringer

JULY 8TH, 2025 ~ 12:15PM
222 6TH AVENUE SW
ROCHESTER MN, 55902

Devin Zahringer is a regular organist at Faith Lutheran Church of Valders, Wisconsin. Within his career of music, Devin is well known for his unique style and optimistic rhythm for organ music. Devin is a composer that is seen to use robust movements; incorporating creative styles of, bluegrass, gospel, jazz, African American spirituals, etc. Join us on July 8th to enjoy this one of a kind composer and organist of North Eastern Wisconsin. Refreshments to follow.
Public Invited - Free-will Offering



Faith on Fire

OPEN DOOR COUNSELING PRESENTS

FAITH YOGA CLASS

JOIN WENDY HUTTERER, LICENSED PRACTICING
COUNSELOR AND CERTIFIED YOGA INSTRUCTOR FOR
A FAITH YOGA CLASS.

QUIET THE MIND, OPEN THE HEART, AND CONNECT
WITH GOD TO FEEL HIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND
ACCEPTANCE

7-8PM
FEBRUARY 5TH



High School Students!

Join us for this spiritual journey!
Meet in the fellowship hall.
Bring a yoga mat or soft blanket.
No yoga experience needed!

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—December 16, 2024

Old Business: Projector ~ It is here, is installed and looks great. It has a different remote, so the old one is stored (in case of need). All our old cables were used during installation, to make any switch-out easy if we suddenly must use a different projector, such as our old one. It was noted that the service from Northern was great!

New Business: The Annual Election & Budget Meeting is set for January 19, with a back-up snow date of January 26. Coffee will be on carts brought into sanctuary. Nominations have been secured for all the committees; Loren Ulness has agreed to head the properties committee. Pastor mentioned that 6 months ago he went to Crossways Camp and found that Chase Wilker is doing an exemplary job as a counselor. His salary totals \$3500 for the summer, and he wonders if our church would subsidize his salary. He has requested the congregation for donations to pay for that. A motion was made and carried to mention at the annual meeting making a special collection by adding it to QR options.

Council representative reports:

Treasurer

Bob Pautz noted that average weekly donations are down a tad. It appears there is a gap in the financial report with total income down a tad and total expenses up, but this is due to the way the Youth Coordinator salary is calculated.

Lay Ministry

Jennifer Ott. December 29- The service will be Lessons and Carol. January 11- Christmas decorations will be taken down. January 12- will be the Baptism of our Lord service.

Stewardship

Joan Pritzl. Joan passed out to board directors their board budgets to look over. There is a deficit in the overall budget for next year, but it probably won't be as high as the number indicates because of estimates and the pattern of giving. This year's expected expenses were high, but they were not as high as it had appeared it could be from last year's presented budget. The parking lot was a large expense this year. The projector, curio, table & chairs were all donated gifts, as well as the new stained-glass window. Thrivent funds— the board is recommending it be put into the Community Ministry fund, and divided up from there when it is all received. They are making a couple changes to line items to simplify and clarify the budget report. Property funds will go into the Memorial fund because those can be more easily moved and designated for specific expense; the same goes for fellowship and organ funds. This will all be done for clarification. A motion was made and carried to put incoming Thrivent funds into the community ministry for now, and to discuss placement later.

Evangelism

Julie Hartman. They will have an ad of Christmas services in the Valders Journal. The Chili Cook-off will be on February 23, 2025.

Fellowship

Marilyn Robley. There were two funerals; they served 92 people for the first funeral, and 125 for the second. Note that catering costs are paid by family. For Sunday fellowship, we will be needing more donations. They have been spending \$25-\$30/Sunday depending on what and how much is bought in.

Christian Education

Alisa Madson (May be reported by Larry &/or Bridget)

The Christmas program took place Sunday, December 15th, welcoming a "special visitor". It was well attended.

Endowment Committee

They met but did not send a report.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer Next Meeting: January 20, 2025 Devotions –

Recorded by Judy Harris

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
Rod Merino
Stephanie McCulley
11. Linda Menza
Tyne Peterson
12. Sawyer Wenzel
13. Jeffrey Evenson
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
Jameson Hetland
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
9. Sarah Tienor
10. Jake Kaderabek



February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School and Inspiration Choir	3 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	4 3:00 and 6:00 Bible Study	5 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:00 Confirmation 7:00-8:00 Faith on Fire	6 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	7	8 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
9 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School, Inspiration Choir, 9th grade confirmation	10 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise	11 3:00 and 6:00 Bible Study	12 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:00 Confirmation	13 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 5:30 Jazzercise	14 	15 9:00 Open Pantry Newsletter info due
16 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School and Inspiration Choir	17 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise 5:30 Board of Stewardship 6:30 Council	18 9:00 Senior Christians at Four Seasons 3:00 and 6:00 Bible Study	19 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:00 Confirmation	20 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	21	22
23 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School, Inspiration Choir and Chili Cookoff	24 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise	25 3:00 and 6:00 Bible Study	26 9:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Board of Christian Education 6:15 Worship 7:00 Confirmation	27 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	28	

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Dear Friends of Faith,
Thank you for your participation in the recent fundraiser, "Baby, It's Cold Outside," to benefit the Manitowoc Warming Shelter. Whether you offered a handmade quilt to be raffled from your quilting group, baked and donated some brownies to be sold at the bake sale, rehearsed numerous times and then sang at the concert, or organized and transported the baked goods to the event, you were a part of making the day a great success! In case you hadn't heard, the event resulted in \$6,200.00 in donations! Let's hope that soon we can find a new "home" for the shelter, and that next year it will be able to serve all the guests that come knocking at the door seeking safety and warmth on our cold winter nights. In the meantime, if you would like to make an individual donation, you may do so via their website manitowocwarmingshelter.org or mail to: Manitowoc Warming Shelter, 502 N 8th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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