



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faith Matters

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WORSHIP TIMES

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

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Treasurer: Don Domrath

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What next for next year? We will all be living through a newsworthy year. It will be a leap year. So those born on February 29th will finally have another birthday. Let's all figure out something great to do with the extra day.

In 2024 the Summer Olympics will be held in Paris, France. I imagine it will be "Tres chic." Paris is a town just made for international events. There are thousands of restaurants and they are all good. Lots of things to see if you can't get in to see the Olympic events. And lots of sidewalk cafes where the locals can lament that the Paris Olympics are not as good as the last time Paris hosted the Olympics in 1924.

Of course it will also be an election year. With the polarization of our society, I am dreading how this will turn out. Let's all be respectful, forgiving, and Christian in the months ahead.

Here at Faith we look forward to a new year. We will elect new council members and officers. In my decades of ministry, I have discovered that the Lutheran Church ELCA is blessed with congregations full of really good people. Everybody who God draws into leadership seems to be just the right person. If you care about Faith Lutheran, you are qualified to lead in this community. And God will provide, in you or in somebody else in the room, just what we need. So when the nominating committee comes to you and asks you to serve, know that you have the skills to serve because God has put the most important skill in your heart -you care.

Pastor Dan



We will be taking down the Christmas decorations Saturday, January 6 at 9:00 a.m. Join us and give us a helping hand.

The Annual Budget and Election Meeting of Faith Lutheran Church will be Sunday, January 21 at 10:15 a.m. We encourage you to attend and vote on our 2024 budget and those being elected to board positions in the congregation. Snow Date: January 28.

Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, January 16 at 9:00 a.m. at 7 Angels in Chilton.

BABY CARE KITS

We sent out 7 baby kits to LWR in 2022. I would like to see if we can do 15 (if that's doable). So I will need:

- 30 long or short sleeved gowns (NO FEET)
Rummage sales, Good Will,
(online: gerberchildrenswear.com)
- 30 receiving blankets
- 15 jackets/sweaters/sweatshirts with/without hoods
- 15 hats (if jacket/sweater/sweatshirts have no hood)
- 30 pairs of socks
- 15 hand towels - DARK colors
- 30 bath size bars of gentle soap (5 oz.)
- 60 cloth diapers, flat fold
- 30 diaper pins (15 pairs)
- 30 light weight cotton t-shirts (no onsies)

Clothing size: 6-24 months, new or gently used - NO STAINS

Clearly mark items Baby Care and place inside the Stewardship Cabinet across from the church office. Thank you for your continued support.



Thank you to Wells for partnering with us and to all who brought in gifts on "inasmuch" Sunday. Lakeshore Foster Families and Friends and The Salvation Army were very grateful for the generous donations. They were distributed to children in need before Christmas!



The Salvation Army was overjoyed to receive quilts to keep people warm this winter. Faith's Faithful Quilters distributed 112 quilts to the Salvation Army this past year.





We prepared our hearts and minds for the coming of our Lord's birth during The Advent By Candlelight event Sunday, December 3.

Walk thru Bethlehem December 6 & 10



Finances

Income - November 2023

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 24,120.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 1,497.75			
General Fund Income	\$ 25,617.75	\$ 25,883.00	\$ 274,290.19	\$ 284,713.11
Dedicated Income	\$ 490.00		\$ 47,075.50	
Total Income	\$ 26,107.75		\$ 321,365.69	

Operating Expenses - November 2023

Benevolence	\$ 2,040.07			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 3,325.92			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 19,212.32			
General Fund Expense	\$ 24,578.31	\$ 27,954.66	\$ 279,781.92	\$ 306,274.54
Dedicated Expense	\$ 3,540.76		\$ 64,982.13	
Total Expenses	\$ 28,119.07		\$ 344,764.05	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income: \$(5,491.73)

INCOURAGE DONATIONS: Dishwasher detergent, dish detergent, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, cleaning supplies, disinfecting wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, food storage containers, kitchen towels & dish cloths, bath towels & wash rags, laundry baskets, AA & AAA batteries, shampoo, toothpaste, greeting cards, ladies clothes, peanut butter, infant, child & adult flu/allergy medicine, cough drops, lip balm, feminine products, body wash, diapers, pull-ups, wipes, diaper rash cream.

MANITOWOC HEALTH CARE CENTER DONATIONS: Wall calendars, individual snacks, sodas, note cards, word find/puzzle/crossword books, drawing paper, t-shirts, razors-men's/ladies, nail polish/remover, crayons, pens, markers, colored pencils, water color paints, blush, lipstick, 2 piece pajamas, sweatshirt tops/pants, fleece blankets, chap stick, hand wash/lotion, men's socks, adult coloring book, men's watch, ladies scarves, ladies dress pants, bath towel/wash cloth decoration set, slipper socks.

Thank you to everyone who made donations to make someone's day a brighter day! Terry Haupt

To all the wonderfully talented quilters,

Thank you so very much for the amazing quilts! They are absolutely beautiful! You are all so talented and generous. I am incredibly grateful you chose the Hopeful Hearts Club to receive and pass on this beautiful donation. Thank you again for your kindness. The kids at Hope House are going to be so happy when they see these quilts!

Merry Christmas—Lia Haile



Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

BaptismCharlie Terese Saunders
 Marriage Kiara Krogh and Tyler Miller
 FuneralDonald Tienor

Membership

Baptized810
 Confirmed.....590
 Famillies 109

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
11/19	99	Thanksgiving—66
11/26	79	57
12/3	138	34
12/10	153	57

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

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

Lectors

1/3 Don Schreiner
 1/7 Brian Ulness
 1/10 Cambria Behnke
 1/14 Don Domrath
 1/17 Julie Endries
 1/21 Jenniffer Zutz
 1/24 Cambria Behnke
 1/28 Kaye Jandrey
 1/31 Deb Schreiner

Communion Servers

1/3 Don Schreiner
 1/7 Brian Ulness
 1/17 Julie Endries
 1/21 Jenniffer Zutz
 1/31 Judy Valleskey



Acolyte Schedule

1/7 Audrey Sorenson
 1/10 Logan Bratt
 1/14 Audrey Sorenson
 1/17 Logan Bratt
 1/21 Jomarie Erjas
 1/24 Phoebe Cigler
 1/28 Mitchell Kaderabek
 1/31 Logan Bratt

Head Ushers..... Matt Krogh and Paul Franz

Greeters

1/3 Tom and Jan Behnke
 1/7 Noah Boll
 1/10 Keagan Hougen
 1/14 Noah Boll
 1/17 Keagan Hougen
 1/21 Carter Kuenstler
 1/24 Keagan Hougen
 1/28 Liam Cline
 1/31 Keagan Hougen



Ushers

1/7 Ron and Kaye Jandrey, Jim Ahrens
 1/14 Alan Gilbertson and Loren Ulness
 1/21 Austin and Stetson McCulley, Steve Ahrens
 1/28 Delton and Cheryl Duchow

Sound Operator

1/7 Makenna and Mitchell Kaderabek
 1/14 Bill Riesterer
 1/21 Loren Ulness and Mitchell Kaderabek
 1/28 Makenna Kaderabek

Projection

1/3 Kayla Hildebrandt
 1/7 Judy Harris and Liam Cline
 1/10 Susan Christel
 1/14 Bill Riesterer and Mikaela Spindler
 1/17 John Schnell and Liam Cline
 1/21 Gage Spindler
 1/24 Zachary Lenzner
 1/28 Stefanie Kaderabek
 1/31 John Schnell

Video Operator/Live Stream

1/7 Jake Kaderabek
 1/14 Eric Thomsen and Gage Spindler
 1/21 Mike Lenzner and Mikaela Spindler
 1/28 Carter Lenzner





Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up

All 4 Screenings for \$149

Carotid Artery Disease:

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD):

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.¹

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA):

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a life-threatening medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation :

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.²

We will be in your neighborhood soon : January 30, 2024

Faith Lutheran Church

Get your special Community Circle pricing!

Three ways to register and receive the special discount:

Call toll-free: 1-800-679-5191

Online: LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607

Scan here



Getting Screened is Simple!
Painless, non-invasive, keep your clothes on.



¹ <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease/about-peripheral-artery-disease-pad>

No single screening can detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

² <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/atrial-fibrillation>

Screening results are provided to you in about 14 days. We direct all participants with abnormal results to take the report to their physician. Appropriate modification of risk factors (including high blood pressure, smoking, heart disease, diabetes and poor diet) is also necessary for cardiovascular disease prevention. Our screenings cannot detect all forms of stroke risk or cardiovascular disease. All tests are for screening purposes only. You should consult with your personal physician regarding your screening results. Price does not include any applicable review fees. Insurance Note: Life Line Screening does not participate in the Medicare program and the cost of our screening services is not covered or reimbursable by Medicare. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims nor provide referrals to any physician's group or hospital. If you are unable to attend the screening for any reason whatsoever, we will issue a gift card for the full amount to be used by you, or anyone you choose, for future screening services.

Quilt Distribution Summary for 2023

Lutheran World Relief	158
Texas Mission (Elma Castro)	25
Texas Port Isabelle Mission (Linda Menza)	21
Manitowoc County Foster Care	13
St. Mary's/St. Michael's Prayer Partners	4
Salvation Army	110
Hope House	9
The Crossing	8
InCourage	12
Faith's Pantry	11
Valders School District (Jen Zutz)	4
Faith's Prayer Partners	8
Homeless in Manitowoc County	5
Quilts sold during Silent Auction	11 \$760
Quilts stored for emergency use	11
Total Quilts made in 2023	410

The Valders Faithful Quilters wish to thank you for your many donations of fabric as well as monetary donations. These quilters are an Ecumenical Group who come from several churches in the area. They meet on most Thursdays from 8-11:30 am. You are most welcome to join us in the lower level of Fellowship Hall at Faith. Included are: Doreen Bessert, Ann DeMark, Janice Dill, Judy Evenson, Beverly Hildebrandt, Mardell Huske, Joice Jones, Linda Menza, Teresa Pederson, Sharon Schuh, Gladys Tienor, Ava Ulness, Carol Sickinger, Romelle Rusch, Elaine Springer, Cheryl Lieffring, Kayleen Halderson, Marlene Evenson, and Cheryl Domrath. We do not quilt after Thanksgiving and resume the first Thursday in the New Year. We also take a month's vacation in August. If you can tie a knot, sew a seam, pin 3 pieces together, rip, iron and laugh you are most welcome. We are a wonderful support team. COME WHEN YOU CAN. ALL ARE WELCOME.



We had a group of carolers share their voices on Friday evening at the Manitowoc Health Care Center and we were lucky enough to run into a few familiar faces while we were there.



Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—November 20, 2023

New Business: 2024 Proposed Budget Approval: 82 pledges returned for \$213,000 – last year there were 96 pledges returned. \$23,000 was added for the usual members who do not turn in a pledge card. Proposed income was lower for 2024 due to less pledges submitted, pledges being lowered from last year, & losing some higher giving members. Confirmation Camp was increased since we have 18 students going to camp in 2024. Concerns were voiced since the budget has a \$44,583.05 deficit, yet we have a surplus in our checking account from prior fiscal years. Stephanie shared a budget is a best guess scenario, not to be expected to turn out exactly as written. She would expect a net loss within certain months since some expenses run heavy in certain months, and income runs light in certain months. However, when looking at the year as a whole, income has been running reasonably close to what was budgeted & expenditures are often under budget. Motion made and carried to approve the budget as proposed. Annual Election and Budget Meeting date: Motion made and carried to hold the annual meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2024, with a snow date of Sunday, January 28, 2024. Recommendation to hire Devin J. Zahringer as part time organist. Devin's resume was made available to the Council. He is a brilliant organist with extensive experience and has written an organist's book. He is currently committed to playing for a church till January. He will play one Wednesday and one Sunday each month beginning in January. Motion made and carried to hire Devin Zahringer as a part-time organist for Faith. Pastor Emeritus for Pastor Carl Peters: Pastor Dan recommended we give a special honor to Pastor Carl Peters as "Pastor Emeritus of Faith Lutheran Church" due to his long term of service as our Pastor. A special celebration to honor him would be held sometime in 2024. Motion made and carried to honor Pastor Carl Peters as "Pastor Emeritus of Faith Lutheran Church." This would need to be voted on and approved at the annual meeting.

Council representative reports:

Evangelism – Sharing tree items need to be returned by November 29th. All tags were taken, and a third family's needs were requested from the Salvation Army. The additional tags were also taken. Advent resource handouts were ordered and are here. The October 15th Opportunity Day did not result in many members signing up for service opportunities. Christmas postcards with holiday service schedule will be sent to inactive members. Advent by Candlelight 2023 has been planned and will be held on Sunday, December 3rd. Entertainment will be a flute choir and donations will be taken for InCourage. 55 people signed up so far. Christmas cards for service members will be made available for church members to sign. May revisit this for Easter. A chili dinner is planned for February 4th, with sign up in January. Any member/friends may sign up to have a table & we encourage youth and families.

Lay Ministry - Lauren (Pritzl) Kristoff will cover the 10:00 Christmas Eve service on piano. Advent sing-along will be held prior to Sunday Advent services & carol leaders are scheduled. The 5th Sunday Sing-along and potluck went very well. About 50 attended the potluck. The Community Health Day was very educational, and discussion was held on expanding to include other topics and possible CPR Certification. Baptismal recognition will be held on "Baptism of our Lord" Sunday on January 14, 2024, for all members baptized in the last year. This would be similar to the All-Saints Day recognition. Baptismal quilts are now being made by Linda Menza and Tammy Brill. Lay Sacramentarian volunteers are needed to take communion to homebound and nursing home members. Passing of the Peace - alternatives to shaking hands will be encouraged during flu season. Bell Maintenance - \$400 will be taken from Undesignated Memorial Funds and put into the fund for Hand Bell maintenance.

Property - Gathering proposals for new windows and flooring in Fellowship Hall.

Christian Education – Teachers indicated that the bubblers need to be replaced.

Youth and Family Ministry – 90 dozen lefse were made with 64 dozen pre-ordered. Costs above and beyond the Thrivent gift card were \$63. Funds earned will be split with 50% going to Faith on Fire and 50% to the Board of Youth and Family accounts. Stacy and Eliza Wilker and Landon Pinkerton attended the Junior High Blast at camp the weekend of Nov. 3-5. Fun was had by all. Walk Thru Bethlehem will take place December 6 and 10th. Décor will be minimal and only 7-8 volunteers will be needed. Christmas caroling will take place December 15th at 6:00. Participants should meet at Manitowoc Health and Rehab, and we will return back to church for pizza and snacks after. Kids Night Out Event on December 27th from 6-8. Activities will include cookie decorating, a snowman building competition, crafts, and a movie.

Faith on Fire - A speaker will be here on November 15. Pizza/game night event is planned for November 29th. A cookie walk is planned for December 10th. Journey to Bethlehem escape room event at church on December 13th.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next Meeting: December 18, 2023 at 5:00 instead of 6:30. Devotions – Joan

Recorded by Joan Pritzl

Celebrating Your Birthday!

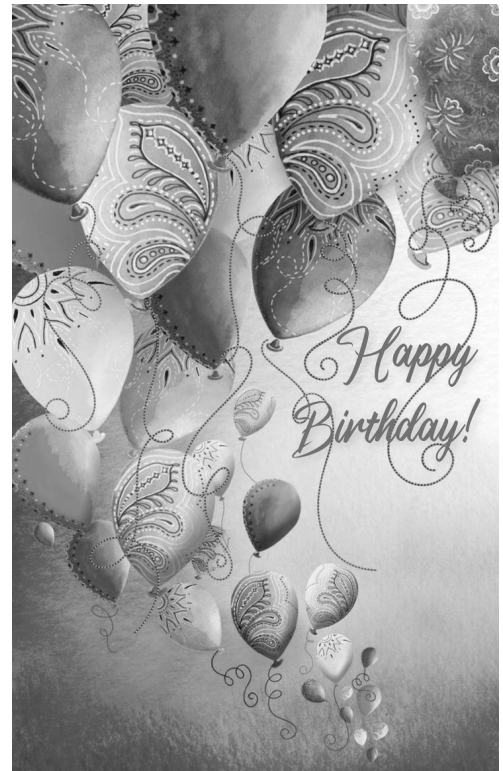
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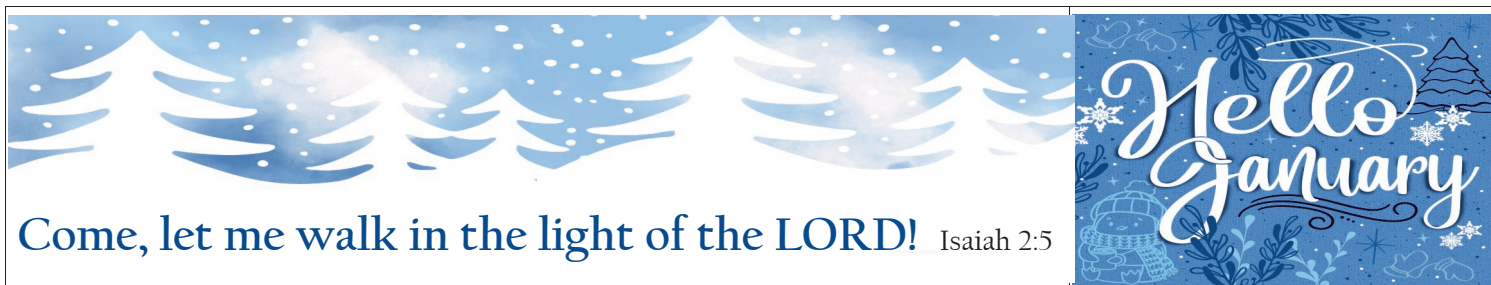
1. Breckin Franz
2. Marcus Simon
3. Esther Halverson
4. Wayne Huske
Jo Jones
5. Jennifer Kiel
7. Ginger Linsmeier
Addison Pinkerton
8. Elma Castro
Abigail Reinke
Tannor Wittmus
Marann Schmidt
9. Susan Jeske
Shannon Jorgenson
Lenka Hougen
11. Phoebe Cigler
Casen Ott
12. Justin Kalies
13. Paige Neumeyer
Ethan Spindler

14. Roy Sebo
Kayla Hildebrandt
Ann Reinke
Mya Bast
16. Janelle Schisel
17. Kathy Muench
Lucas Spindler
18. Dick Halverson
19. Ric Schultz
20. Randy Neumeyer
Chase Wilker
Nicolle Behnke
21. Libby Olson
22. Marilyn Schad
Jeffrey Evenson
Sue Pederson
24. Kenneth Evenson
Rae Madson
25. Jody Koehler
Jacob Halverson
28. Audrey Lippert
29. Aaron Robley
Collins Duchow
30. Liam Cline
Tammy Esser
31. Kiara Miller

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
Raideen Sabourin
10. Cynthia Pederson
Stephanie McCulley





Come, let me walk in the light of the LORD! Isaiah 2:5

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Office Closed 	2 3:00 & 6:30 Bible Study	3 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 6:30 Board Christian Ed. 7:15 Confirmation Parent Meeting	4 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	5	6 9:00 Take down Christmas decorations
7 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship with Baptism Recognition 10:00 Fellowship hour 10:15 Sunday school	8 5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	9 3:00 & 6:30 Bible Study	10 9:00 Jazzercise 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship with Praise Band 7:15 Confirmation	11 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 5:30 Jazzercise	12	13 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
14 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship hour 10:15 9th grade confirmation, Sunday school	15 Newsletter info due 5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Council	16 9:00 Senior Christians at 7 Angels in Chilton 3:00 & 6:30 Bible Study	17 9:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Card Making 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	18 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	19	20 9:00 Open Pantry
21 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship hour 10:15 Annual Election and Budget Meeting, Sunday school	22 5:30 Jazzercise	23 3:00 & 6:30 Bible Study	24 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship with Praise Band 7:15 Confirmation	25 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	26	27
28 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship hour 10:15 Sunday school	29 5:30 Jazzercise	30 8:00-5:30 Lifeline Screening in Fellowship Hall 3:00 & 6:30 Bible Study	31 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation			

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