



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP TIMES

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

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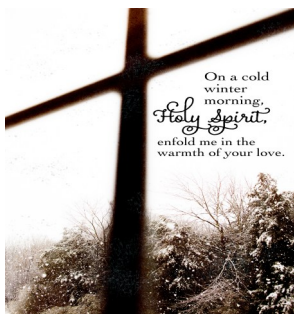
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Organists

FLC President: Larry Burzynski
FLC Vice Pres: Alan Gilbertson
FLC VP Elect: Julie Hartman
Secretary: Mary Thomsen
Treasurer: Robert Pautz



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Did You See?

I did not notice right away because I seldom come and go by the lower entrance, but pretty soon I saw it: the bench we placed for Pastor Onkka. It looks good there on the way to the playground set. And it is sturdy. It is made out of the very hard local limestone and it consists of two thick legs holding up a thick slab of stone. It ought to endure like Stonehenge.

On the top is carved the three-hand graphic like the one on our 1963 cornerstone. I did not know until someone who was present for the creation of that image told me about it, that the three hands are the actual hand prints of real people. I thought an artist drew them, but they said that these are the hands of the three presidents of the three congregations who came together to make Faith Lutheran Church and build our building together.

On one side of the bench is carved, "Beloved Pastor Robert Onkka." On the other side is a quote from the Gospel of John, chapter 10, "There shall be one flock, one shepherd." The quote points to the work Pastor Onkka did here in uniting 3 congregations into one congregation.

As I write this, the outdoor temperature is minus one, with a wind chill of something like "frostbite below zero." So we will probably choose a nice day around Easter to have a fun procession out to the side lawn to dedicate the bench. But it is a nice thing to add to our church property. Thanks to everyone who made it possible!

Pastor Dan



In the Life of Faith

Baby Care Kits

2 long or short sleeved gowns
(NO FEET)

No receiving blankets this year

- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood or include a baby hat
- 2 pair of socks
- 1 hand towel - DARK colors
- 3 bath sized bars of gentle soap (4 or 5 oz.)
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins
- 2 light weight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- Clothing size: 6-24 months, new or very 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.

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations Saturday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m. Join us. Many hands make light work.



Senior Christians

Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, January 20 at 9:00 a.m. at Riverview Restaurant in Kiel.

The Annual Budget and Election Meeting of Faith Lutheran Church will be Sunday, January 18 at 10:15 a.m. We encourage you to attend and vote on our 2026 budget and those being elected to board positions in the congregation. Snow Date: January 25.



The 2026 offering envelopes are available in the Gathering Space. We ask that you dispose of the previous years envelopes. You receive a new envelope number every year.



WHO ARE YOU?

"Who are you?" is a difficult question to answer.
But what if the answer was right in front of you this whole time?

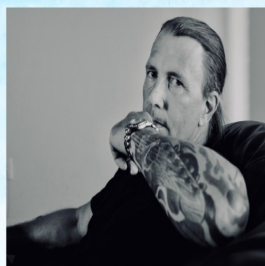
Come find the secret to who you really are.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2026 7PM

HOSTED BY FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, VALDERS

This is a free event!

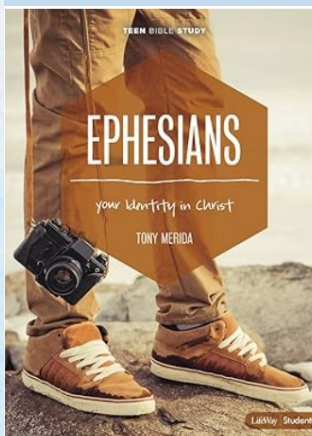
Kelly Meyer is an international transformational coach, speaker, and author. Find out more about him at:



PROJECT FIND YOUR FIRE
—EMPOWER + INSPIRE—

www.projectfindyourfire.com

Faith on Fire invites 7th grade students - Adults to join in a night with special guest Kelly Meyer. This will be a great addition to the young adult bible study beginning this month for our youth group. The event will take place following worship in the sanctuary. All denominations are welcome!!



Faith on Fire Bible Study for our High School Youth Group and any interested college students begins Wednesday, January 7th. The young adults will walk through The book of Ephesians. "Your Identity in Christ". If you haven't yet registered please be sure to contact our YouthCoordinator valleskeyb@gmail.com.

February 4, 2026
7:15pm Fellowship Hall
FAITH ON FIRE
Meditation & Relaxation

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

*Come enjoy this free event.
Open to High School Students & Young adults*



Thank you to everyone at Faith and Wells Concrete who donated to our Inasmuch Sunday. Westen Schisel, Paden Hougen and Dexter Valleskey delivered a carload of gifts to both Lakeshore Foster Families & Friends as well as The Salvation Army.

Finances

Income - November 2025

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 27,880.00	\$ 21,366.83	\$ 259,335.50	\$ 235,035.17
Lent, Holiday Offerings	\$ 802.00	\$ 833.33	\$ 5,999.00	\$ 9,166.67
Loose Offerings	\$ 156.00	\$ 166.67	\$ 1,765.69	\$ 1,833.33
Other Income	\$ 150.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 2,051.00	\$ 1,925.00
General Fund Income	\$ 28,988.00	\$ 22,541.83	\$ 269,151.19	\$ 247,960.17

Operating Expenses - November 2025

Administrative/Office Expense	\$ 222.27	\$ 1,287.50	\$ 14,439.20	\$ 14,162.50
Benevolence	\$ 2,268.02	\$ 1,803.35	\$ 24,971.69	\$ 19,836.80
Board Expense (Total from all 7 Boards)	\$ 3,830.61	\$ 6,893.33	\$ 56,525.04	\$ 75,826.67
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 531.65	\$ -	\$ 531.65	\$ 531.65
Personnel Salaries/Benefits ¹	\$ 18,566.11	\$ 20,599.89	\$ 223,427.12	\$ 226,598.82
General Fund Expense	\$ 25,418.66	\$ 30,584.07	\$ 319,894.70	\$ 336,956.44

GENERAL FUND NET INCOME/LOSS

\$3,569.34

(\$8,042.24)

(\$50,743.51)

(\$88,996.27)

Year to Date General Fund Net Income: (\$50,768.51)

Epiphany Sunday – Christ, the Light to the Nations

On Sunday, January 6, we'll celebrate Epiphany, the day we remember that Jesus came to bring light and salvation to all people. Together, we'll give thanks for the hope His light brings to a world in need and pray that His love shines through us this year.



Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Funeral Bertha Kulnick

Membership

Baptized 823
Confirmed 560
Families 106

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
11/23	85	
11/25	41	
11/30	48	42
12/7	122	canceled due to weather

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

(Committee #1) January

Bev Torrison, Chair (Committee #2) February

Lectors

1/4 Joyce Sorenson
1/7 Carol Ulness
1/11 Judy Harris
1/14 Larry Burzynski
1/18 Stefanie Kaderabek
1/21 Kathy Mattern
1/25 Cambria Behnke
1/28 Jill Backus

Communion Servers

1/4 Earl Griffin
1/14 Larry Burzynski
1/18 Stefanie Kaderabek
1/28 Terry Haupt

Head Ushers

Matt Krogh and Paul Franz

Acolyte Schedule

1/4 Ethan Spindler
1/7 Westen Schisel
1/11 Garrett Jeske
1/14 Westen Schisel
1/18 Peytyn Peterson
1/21 Westen Schisel
1/25 Trevor Pinkerton
1/28 Westen Schisel

Greeters

1/4 Earl and Barb Griffin
1/7 Carter Kuenstler and Dexter Valleskey
1/11 Ron and Jo Jones
1/14 Carter Kuenstler
1/18 Richard and Linda Menza
1/21 Carter Kuenstler and Dexter Valleskey
1/25 John Robley
1/28 Carter Kuenstler

Ushers

1/4 Marcus Galien, Loren Ulness, Bob Wigen
1/11 Gary and Linda Heeler, John Robley
1/18 Steve & Ginny Schwoerer, Jim Ahrens
1/25 Ron and Kaye Jandrey, Dean Behnke

Sound Operator

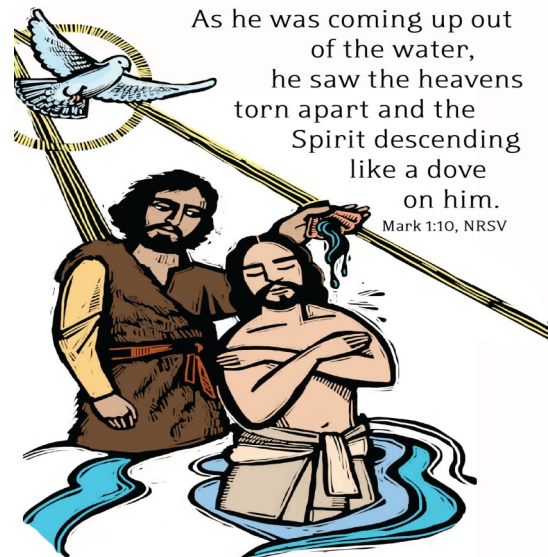
1/4 Garrett Ulness
1/11 Loren Ulness
1/18 Makenna Kaderabek
1/25 Loren Ulness

Video Operator/Live Stream

1/4 Jake Kaderabek
1/11 Eric Thomsen
1/18 Michael Lenzner
1/25 Liam Cline

Projection

1/4 Libby Olson
1/7 Susan Christel
1/11 Mollie Junk
1/14 Paden Hougen and John Schnell
1/18 Makenna Kaderabek
1/21 Paden Hougen and Cindy Pederson
1/25 Loren Ulness
1/28 Kayla Hildebrandt



Faith Lutheran has apparel available. There are 2 options for logo wear to pick from with 18 different types of apparel with different color options. The Lakeshore Screen Printing Webstore is providing us with these options and can be found at <https://designersloungeco.com/product-category/faith-lutheran-church/>. Go to their website, find the link for Faith Lutheran and place your order. Orders will be completed as they receive them and can be picked up at church when they are complete. For more information, please talk with Julie Hartman or give her a call at 920-758-2317.



175TH ANNIVERSARY



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Welcome Rose Behnke

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS TO THE MANITOWOC HEALTH CARE CENTER

Ladies cologne, lotion, body spray
Men's cologne, aftershave
Nail polish and remover
Lipstick, blush
Sweatpants
Undershirts
Pajama/lounge pants
Slipper socks, slippers
Fleece blankets
Wall calendars
Disposable razors - men/women, shaving cream
Assorted greeting cards, pens, letter openers, note paper
Large print word search/puzzle books
Adult coloring books
Crayons, color pencils, water color paints, drawing paper, markers
Pocket prayer
Ladies jewelry
Regular/diet soda
Individual snacks
Thank you to everyone who donated to the Manistowoc Health Care Center. You will have brightened Christmas for many!



We welcome Rose Behnke as our new custodian. Roses' hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. We look forward to many years with you Rose.

A huge thank you to Ken O'Leary for his many years in this position at Faith. From what was supposed to be a 6 week job, turned into a 7 year adventure and ministry. We will miss you. Enjoy your retirement!

Dear Friends of Faith Lutheran

Thank you for inviting us to share our music ministry with you on a snowy Sunday morning. The church was decorated so beautifully.

Thank You also for the love offering and a wonderful time of fellowship after the service. Blessings as you continue to share the message of hope and encouragement through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We sure enjoyed worshipping with you and look forward to when we can serve you again.

**Voices of Peace
Bud, Carolyn, Ruth**



Faith Lutheran Church Minutes— November 17 2025

Pastor's Report-Pastor Dan noted that he attended the funeral service for Pastor Carl Peters on Nov. 14 and officiated at his graveside service at Gjerpen Cemetery on Nov. 15. He also visited Don Johnson in the hospital. Mabel Saunders was baptized on Nov. 11 and Stetson Fochs on Nov. 16. He listed events he attended in the past month, including the Senior Christians Breakfast on Oct. 21, a Synod educational event in Wausau on Nov. 6 and the annual Altar Guild meeting on Nov. 8. He also assisted in lefse making. Pastor also taught the 7th grade confirmation students about the Sacraments on Nov. 12.

New Business

Discussion was held on setting a date for the annual meeting, which needs to be a Sunday in January. A motion was made and carried to set the meeting for Jan. 18, 2026, with Jan. 25 as a snow day, if needed. Budget discussion: Joan provided budget worksheets with information from each of the boards. Discussion was held about ways to decrease expenses: One idea was to see if we could get lower insurance costs because the cost has gone up substantially. Other minor changes were mentioned. It is possible that the costs for some youth activities could be paid for using undesignated funds. The possibility of holding fundraisers was again discussed. Members stressed that we want to avoid drawing down the checking account or cashing in CDs. A question was raised about whether the donations from the chili dinner should go to the church instead of an outside cause. Pastor Dan suggested doing events to bring in money to help support the youth coordinator position, as the program is still growing. A discussion was held about the lefse making event and other activities and who will run it as the leaders step down. Getting more help from parents of the youth involved was mentioned, and making the ministry into a family or intergenerational ministry was discussed in order to get more people involved. The idea is to get more people involved and to have more leaders of the activities because everyone has busy schedules and people get burned out.

Council Representative Reports

Treasurer's Report: Larry presented the report and noted that attendance and collection numbers are up.

Lay Ministry: Jennifer gave a list of upcoming events, including Nov. 30, when Voices of Peace will sing, which is the First Sunday of Advent. Future First Communion services will include having families come forward and have reserved seating. Families will be invited to light candles at the All Saints service and we will move communion from that date. Someone again asked about the use of "catholic" vs "Christian" in the creed, and Pastor Dan noted he will answer any questions people have about why we use "catholic." It was noted that we put \$400 every year aside for bell maintenance. A motion was made and carried to move \$400 from undesignated fund for that purpose.

Evangelism: Julie: Sharing Tree went well this year. Advent by Candlelight is set for November 30.

Fellowship: Marilyn: The third Sunday in December will be the children's Christmas program and a bake sale by Faith on Fire. Fellowship will serve coffee.

Youth & Family Ministry: The program needs money to pay for the Trivia Night for the confirmation and high school youth. The cost is \$10 per participant for up to 30 participants who might come. Bridget has no more money in the confirmation fund. Pastor said the money will be available to cover the cost. In As Much Sunday/Wednesday will be on December 3 and 7 and the gifts will go to the Salvation Army and Lakeshore Foster Families. Have budgeted money to pay 20% toward confirmation camp costs per camper.

Miscellaneous: The church was given a new table for the back of church by Jan Reinertson's family. There was a brief discussion about how to get new members active in church life. Pastor talks to them and they receive a time and talent sheet. It was suggested we consider a new member integration committee.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting – December 15, 2025/Devotions by Joan

–Submitted by: Mary Thomsen, council secretary

Celebrating Your Birthday!

JANUARY

1. Bryce Goman
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 Hougén
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
Beau Fuller
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
Olivia Glaeser
25. Jody Koehler
Jacob Halverson
28. Audrey Lippert
Stetson Fochs
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
Emmy Newberg
6. Marcus Galien
7. Virginia Schwoerer
8. Lawrence Naidl
Eli Nelson
9. Maribel Christianson
Raiden Sabourin
10. Cynthia Pederson
Rod Merino
Stephanie McCulley



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Office Closed 	2	3
4 Holy Communion 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	5 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	6 3:00 Bible Study <i>Epiphany</i>	7 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation and Faith on Fire	8 8:00 Quilting	9	10 9:00 Christmas decoration take down 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
11 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School and Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	12 9:00 Women's Bible Study	13 3:00 Bible Study	14 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	15 8:00 Quilting	16	17 9:00 Open Pantry
18 Holy Communion 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School and Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir 10:15 Annual Budget and Election Meeting	19 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Board of Stewardship 6:30 Council	20 9:00 Senior Christians at Riverview Restaurant in Kiel 3:00 Bible Study	21 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation and Faith on Fire	22 8:00 Quilting	23	24
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443 Manhattan Street, Chilton