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The Uniqueness of Church

I am an introvert who has learned how to somewhat act like an extrovert. A lot of pastors are this way. For introverts, gatherings of people are stressful, but church, by its very nature <u>is</u> a gathering of people. So I am always appreciative when people are brave enough to come to a church they have never visited before.

They are brave, but if someone has entered the worship service, said the responses, read out the prayers, listened to the scriptures and the sermon, sung the congregational hymns, passed the peace, passed the plate, waited in line, received Holy Communion, and sung a couple more songs with us... well then you will be okay. All that time we have been together has let us relax a little. So I guess I am not surprised, when you shake hands with me at the back, that you feel fine about going and sitting down (with people!) to eat some cookies and milk (even chocolate milk!), or donuts and coffee. And have a nice conversation (with people!). Without much anxiety. It is fun.

Church is an unusual place. It is rare to be asked to sing anywhere in our society besides church. Usually at church we also have a real live musician performing. Only rarely does this happen elsewhere. Sporting events have the national anthem, but few spectators sing with the soloist. Some teams have a fight song that the fans sing, but it is only the one song. Come to church regularly and you will learn hundreds of tunes. If you go to a tavern with karaoke you might sing many songs with many people, but it seems like it takes alcohol encouragement to get people to do it. In church we simply sing praises to God, inspired by other spirits.

Faith Lutheran is unusually endowed with Art. Our stained glass is particularly notable, as is the architecture with our sweeping roof, and the distinctive bronze pieces by Owen Vernon Shaffer. Unique handmade art objects are not a part of my life anywhere but here at church.

It is rare for all ages and income levels to meet in today's society. But in our church we have a wide range of ages. Plenty of older people, middle aged, younger, right on down to children, even babes in arms. And all incomes.

In church we talk about history, about morality, about "What is the good life?" We wrestle with meanings for our life. We even hear about the shades of meaning in ancient Hebrew and Greek words to find enlightenment in God's words to us. Do we do that anywhere else?

Last week we received a new member and we asked "Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? ...the powers of this world that rebel against God? ...the ways of sin that draw you from God?" And the new member renounced them. Where else will such questions even come up? Not at the bank. Not at Pick & Save. Not at the hairdresser's.

Decades ago someone wrote about a human need. He said we humans need a "third place." Our first two places are our home and our workplace. We are one way at home and another way at work. He talked about a third place, like the bar in "Cheers" where you do not have your home responsibilities nor your work expectations, a place you can be yourself in a fuller way.

I feel that Faith can be a "third place" for each of us. A place to find ways to make life deeper and more meaningful. A place to experience art and music and "all that's best of tongue or pen." A place to be ourselves more fully. A place to learn how to stop conforming to the world and to live in God's Kingdom.

Have a good summer! Pastor Dan



Mini Golf and Ice Cream Event

Join us Friday, July 19 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Aquatic Center in Manitowoc. Cost is \$6.00 for 18 holes or \$8.00 for 36 holes. We plan on going to Cedar Crest to get ice cream after golfing.

If you need any

information, please contact Erin Lenzner at 920-901-7089. Meet at the Aquatic Center. All are Invited!

Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, July 16 at 9:00 am at Four Seasons. All seniors are welcome.



Contact Joy Madson if interested in attending.



Members of Faith on Fire enjoyed a night together by the fire recently. Pictured to the left and below are: Timber Schuler and Luke Evenson, Makenna Kaderabek, Mikaela Spindler, Libby Olson, Bailey Goehring and Valerie Valleskey, Faith on Fire helpers, Carter Valleskey, Lucas Spindler and Timber Schuler.





Finances

Income - May 2024		Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$ 25,386.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 456.00			
General Fund Income	\$ 25,842.00	\$ 23,757.25	\$ 123,321.59	\$ 118,786.25
Dedicated Income	\$ 1,150.19		\$ 4,451.09	
Total Income	\$ 26,992.19		\$ 127,772.68	
Operating Expenses - May 2024				
Benevolence	\$ 1,712.74			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 2,234.27			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits ¹	\$ 21,687.27			
General Fund Expense	\$ 25,634.28	\$ 29,797.02	\$ 134,257.70	\$ 148,949.60
Dedicated Expense	\$ 865.00		\$ 2,884.75	
Total Expenses	\$ 26,499.28		\$ 137,142.45	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income: \$(9,441.59)

Although the Youth Coordinator salary is included in current year expenses, which affects Net Income/Net Loss, it is not paid with current year income.

Have you ever wondered why it takes so long to get the Faith Matters? Here's an explanation: Once it gets sent to LPI Publishing (expenses paid by advertisers) via email, then it takes up to 7 days (not including weekends) to get it printed and shipped to Faith. After office processing, it gets distributed via bulk mail through the Post Office. Valders Post Office only receives and sends out mail when the truck comes around 7:30 am daily. So, if the Faith Matters goes to the post office at noon on one day, it gets held until the next morning. Then if you live in areas with a 541 and 542 zip code it goes to Green Bay to sort and comes back to Valders and then is put in your box. If you live in a 530 zip code, etc., it goes to Minneapolis to get distributed. Bulk mail can be held from 3-5 days at the post office in Green Bay and Minneapolis before it gets to your home. Check out our website at faithlutheranchurchvalders.org to find the Faith Matters before you receive it in the mail or copies can by found at the Information Desk.



Faith's pantry is in need of the following items before July's open pantry: Tuna, canned meals, peas, canned potatoes, mixed veggies, brown beans (no green beans or corn please), soup (no chicken noodle), fruit (no fruit cocktail), tomato/spaghetti sauce, bagged noodles (no other noodles besides the bagged), boxed mashed potatoes, dressing, Hamburger Helper, cookies, snack items, granola bars, pop tarts, instant coffee, juice boxes, fruit cups, pudding cups, ice cream cones, ice pops, cleaning supplies, baggies, tin

foil, garbage bags, shampoo, laundry and dish soap. Items can be placed in the gathering space in the indicated bins marked Faith's Pantry at the information desk. Thank you. We are still collecting egg cartons but do not want the Styrofoam cartons. Also brown bags that are clean and free of dirt/bugs. Please don't bring items that have been opened or half used! We are not the garbage department. Thank you very much for your continued support!!! -- Sandy Halverson

¹ Council voted in December 2022 to set aside \$100,000 of Faith's checking account balance to fund the Youth Coordinator position. There is \$58,574.61 remaining of these funds.

Liturgical Roles - Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Marriage	Brenda Freiberg and Robert Pautz
Funeral	Walter Stenzel

Membership

Baptized	815
Confirmed	589
Families	108

Elijah Hoesterey, son of Sarah Tienor was taken into membership June 12. Welcome to Faith Elijah!

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
5/19	143	32
5/26	79	37
6/2	76	36
6-9	102	36

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

July	Marlene Evenson,	Chair	(Committee	#1)
August	Bev Torrison,	Chair	(Committee	#2)

Lectors

7/3	Carol Ulness
7/7	Judy Harris
7/10	Deb Schreiner
7/14	Ava Ulness
7/17	Dennis Luckow
7/21	Don Domrath
7/24	Susan Christel
7/28	Brian Ulness
7/31	Kaye Jandrey

Communion Servers

7/3	Judy Valleskey
7/7	Judy Harris
7/17	Terry Haupt
7/21	Earl Griffin
7/31	Kave Jandrey

Head Usher Lee A. Evenson

Acolyte Schedule

7/3	Phoebe Cigler
7/7	Landen Pinkerton
7/14	Zachary Lenzner
7/21	Mitchell Kaderabek
7/28	Allison Goehring

Greeters

7/3	Judy Valleskey
7/7	Ellen Polifka
7/10	Don and Deb Schreiner
7/14	Tom and Rae Madson
7/17	Dennis and Cathy Luckow
7/21	Earl and Barb Griffin
7/24	Delton and Cheryl Duchow
7/28	Brenda Pautz
7/31	Tom and Jan Behnke

Ushers

Mark and Angie Ulness Family
Tyler Madson, Bonnie Gordon, Joan Pritzl
Keith Lippert, Austin McCulley,
Stetson McCulley
Mark and Jenniffer Zutz Family

Sound Operator

7/7	Carter Lenzne
7/14	Erin Lenzner
7/21	Loren Ulness
7/28	Bill Riesterer

Video Operator/Live Stream

7/7	Carter Lenzner
7/14	Mike Lenzner
7/21	Jake Kaderabek
7/28	Bill Riesterer

Projection

7/3	John Schnell
7/7	Luke Evenson
7/10	Kayla Hildebrandt
7/14	Erin Lenzner
7/17	Zachary Lenzner
7/21	Mollie Junk

7/24 John Schnell7/28 Rod Merino7/31 Susan Christel

Jeffrey Johnson was taken into membership June 16. Welcome back to Faith Jeffrey!



Lay School Opportunity

ECSW Lay School.org Find us at





website ECSWLaySchostory ornal LaySchoolgECSW New Jennifer Hoffman

CSW Lay School Director 715,580-7378 The lay school exists to equip and challenge adults for their lives as heir churches and communities. hem for service and ministry in disciples of Christ, empowering

There is something for everyone

Synod of Wisconsin East Central

\$100.00 per class or 4 classes for \$300.00. Dates for 2024-2025 School Year Students purchase their own books.

Lay School of Ministry

Courses are on Friday evening and Saturday morning once a month.

September 20-21, 2024 November 15-16, 2024 December 13-14, 2024 February 14-15, 2025 October 18-19, 2024 January 17-18, 2025 March 14-15, 2025 April 11-12, 2025 May 9-10, 2025

Thursday, August 23 - Student Orientation 6:00 p.m. Virtual Only Additional Dates:

Friday, September 6 - Course Registration

Saturday, May 3 at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano - Celebration Service 10:00 a.m.

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Lay School Continued...

Core Classes

restament, a basic understanding of its socio Introduction to the New Testament-The historical background and an awareness of ove and excitement in the reading and study Gospel portrayals of Jesus, Students will use the cross and stewardship. The instructional method will encourage students to grow in proclaiming the Gospel to others. Students such as grace, justification, the theology of goals of this course are to gain a working how the New Testament came into being, The student will develop skills in reading will also explore key theological concepts hiblical texts while exploring the various the knowledge to grow in confidence in knowledge of the content of the New of the Bible.

Lutheran Confessions—It is now more than loes it mean to be Lutheran today? Is "being a congregation, and 3) be able to engage with community both as an individual and within utheran' still important or even relevant? ourse are for participant to 1) more clearly the Lutheran Confessions as a call and guide posted his 95 Theses. The purpose of this dass is to question and wrestle with what establish the why, what and how for their dentity, purpose and faith, 2) understand to actively live out faith in love of neighbor nstribute to other Christians, other faith world? Three desired outcomes from this live hundred years since Martin Luther raditions, and to the global and secular iow does Lutheran theology fit and/or worship, service and witness with fellow and as a shared action of the Christian Christians of other denominations and deeper passion and understanding in globally.

Church History—"We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church." Behind those few words from the ecumenical council that met at Nices in 325 C.E. lies a lot of history from the time of Jesus and the first apostles to the present day. This class will help students understand the basic story line from the Day of Pentecost to the global Church today, albeit from a 30,000-foot view.

Core classes cont'd

precisive moments that shaped the Church in problemed ways for generations to come will be highlighted in more depth. Students will learn the history of the church includes controversy, hereay, struggle, and abhorrent behavior as well as inspirational proclamation and teaching and exemplary witness and service. Through it all we will rejoice in God's faithfulness in Jesus Christ whose very Body is the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

Faith and Spirituality (Discover Spiritual Practices)—The longest journey can be from our heads to our heads; We may learn biblical facts and Christian doctrines with our heads but struggle to move them into our inner being where we can be loved and transformed by our Triune God. In a welcoming classroom environment, we'll combine Dr. Brame's text with Bible study, prayer, silence, and honest sharing. We'll experience the joy of Christian community as we learn together to articulate our faith and receive God's love for us as individuals and as a group.

Continuing Education Classes

The subject of Continuing Education courses often encompasses more timely events or dives deeper in to conversations that students are pondering. Completing the Core Program is not a prerequisite for Continuing Education classes. This year's courses are:

The Poetic and the Prophetic: A Quest through the Psalms and Revelation – Exploring the Book of Psalms alongside the Book of Revelation, together we will not only grow more familiar with these and other books of the Bible, but we will also let our careful reading of these ancient, ambiguous, and diverse texts be the diving board from which we leap into a better understanding of how scripture acts to lead us to wisdom rather than answers-and how that's great news!

The Transfigured Church: Reflessing faithful congregations for a new land – The Church and congregations have failen on hard times. Decining congregational membership coupled with failing attendance in worship raises authentic concerns for the Church's future. There is a great deal of uncertainty running through our congregations these days. Will there be a church for our children, grandchildren, and the communities where we live?

Extraordinary Care in Ordinary Times Pastoral Care has long been viewed as an entity of the church reserved solely for the clergy. Pastoral Care is really God's ministry that we, both Cergy and laity, have the humble privilege of participating in. This class will be exploring how the laity are called into this vocation of providing extraordinary care for a world that is seeking God's presence today.

Preaching Class — Preaching is an art so much more than a science. But like all and forms, there are techniques and disciplines to learn that not only make us better preachers, but hopefully more informed listeners. We will look at the component pieces of crafting a sermon as well as delivery, while also reflecting on what it means to preach as an act of faith.

Offering a variety of courses to meet your needs.

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—May 17, 2024

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported on the Synod Assembly, which he attended on May 17th and 18th. Pastor described the crisis in pastoral numbers in the ELCA church. He indicated that 5 years ago there were 330 students in seminary and in 2024 there were only 125. There are currently 700 openings for an ELCA pastor. To help deal with this situation, the ELCA began Synod Appointed Ministries, which provides training on pastoral duties for lay people who are willing to cover vacant pastoral positions. Our Synod staff members take turns delivering online sermons that may be used by churches during pastoral absences.

New Business: Building security/safety policy. The policy was updated with the following changes: The time members should no longer be in the building was changed from 8:00pm to 9:00pm. For safety's sake, it was changed from at least two *people* to two *adults*. Motion made and carried to adopt the Building Security/Safety Policy as prepared and amended. QR code for contributions: For donations, it was suggested to include a QR code in the bulletin to allow donations through a charge card or debit card, since many people no longer carry cash. The QR code could also be put on the website to be used for online donations. There was no opposition to the idea & Julie was asked to complete more research to determine what needs to be done to accomplish this. There was concern as to whether members using the QR code would receive credit for their donations.

<u>Lay Ministry</u> – Jennifer asked whether sanctuary lights could be dimmed to allow better screen viewing. Bill mentioned that could be done, but ushers would need to be responsible for that. Since projection was mentioned, Bill reported on options for a new projector. Contrast ratio is important in that it helps the image pop on the screen. The recommended projector has a contrast ratio of 2.5M/1 (800 luminous projector) at a cost of \$13,600. The throw (foot lamberts) of our projector is 99 feet, and the recommended projector works at a range of 80 – 100 feet. Live stream/video volunteers are down to 3 people. It was brought up that perhaps we should offer this as a paid position to try and get more interest. To help the Altar Guild prepare for communion, it was decided to have the first Sunday of each month be kneeling communion at the altar and have all other scheduled communions use the walk through method. An exception will be May 19 for Confirmation when there will be kneeling.

<u>Evangelism</u> – The Valders parade is on August 4th. Plan is to have a horse and wagon with people on it singing. Members interested in being on the wagon and singing should contact Julie Hartman.

<u>Property</u> – Parking lot estimates: \$19,900 for basic services, \$31,300 to include \$11,000 for additional repairs to specific areas. Window project in Fellowship Hall will include installation, but Mark will discuss all estimates received with the Building & Grounds Board before bringing an estimate to Council.

<u>Christian Education</u> – VBS – display will be put out for items that could be donated by members of Faith. Will be applying for at least one Thrivent gift card to cover various expenses. Planning a "Coins for Camp" fundraiser to purchase snowshoes for Crossway's Camp. Julie Endries is retiring, so a new Confirmation teacher is needed. Confirmation camp is planned for July 7th-12th for 7th and 8th grade students. They will be taking a bus to and from the camp.

<u>Youth and Family Ministry</u> – Highway clean-up was completed on 4/27. Kids Night Out planned for 5/22 was cancelled since no children signed up to attend the event. VBS scheduled 6/17/24 - 6/20/24, looking for volunteers to help that week. July 19th - a summer family event is planned with mini golf at the Manitowoc Aquatic Center from 6-7:30, followed by ice cream at Cedar Crest.

<u>Faith on Fire</u> – Highway cleanup on May 8th followed by dinner at OT in Valders. Archery event was held on 4/17 at Maribel. May 29th - newly confirmed members are welcomed to our regular meeting which will include a campfire and outdoor games.

<u>Endowment Committee</u> - Treasurer's & Secretary's reports will be provided to the church office after each Endowment Committee meeting. This month's reports were made available to Council.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next Meeting: June 17, 2024. Devotions – Joan Pritzl. Recorded by Joan Pritzl

Celebrating Your Birthday!

JULY

- 1. Tiffany Jandrey
- 2. Gloria Smith
- 3. Ruth Torrison
 Mary Thomsen
 Emily Schwoerer
- 4. Rand Harris
 Gloria Scharenbroch
 Rylee Endries
- 5. Barbara Griffin Jeffrey Ahrens Anders Sorenson Lauren Halverson
- 6. Mark McCulley Makenzie Simon
- 7. Mark Zutz
 Dorene Schneider
 Ashley Reinertson
 McKenzie Ott
 Kinsley Wittmus
- 8. Sharon Naidl Lee A. Evenson Tammy Karstaedt Michelle Schwoerer
- 10. Taylor Wittmus Katherine Thomsen

- 11. Dean Behnke Nathan Wenzel
- 12. Dianne Hougen
 Donald Schreiner
 Robert Pinkerton
- 13. Keith Lippert Judy Rusch
- 14. Joy Madson Lori Propson Chloe Cigler
- 15. Paul Franz Tommy Spindler
- 16. Theresa Haupt Westen Schisel
- 17. Bree Wenzel Addyson Johnson
- 18. Jesse Duchow Mike Shimek William Riesterer
- 19. Ava Ulness Joshua Duchow Paden Hougen

- 20. Eric Nelson Jared Zutz Isaac Petska Tyler Miller
- 21. Ariana Herrick
- 22. Susan Christel
- 24. Richard Lodel Mardell Tienor
- 25. Ben Stalvey
- 26. Macy McDonald
- 27. Brian Ulness
 Cheyenne Saunders
 Trevor Wittmus
 Luke Evenson
 Michelle Koehler
 Alyse Fuller
- 28. Tyler Madson Samantha Hammel
- 29. James Schuh
- 30. Dane Ott

31. Rolyn Jorgenson
Nancy Christianson
Kerry Schnell
Brynlee Meidl

AUGUST

- 2. Cathleen Luckow Matthew Berge Caleb Boll
- 3. Donald Sebo Maelyn Miller
- 4. Stephanie Mittnacht Callie Wenzel
- 5. Myrna Lippert Aubrey Hill Hadley Beckman
- 6. Tammy Meyer Taylor Zucchi
- 7. Thomas Madson Scott Zucchi Mary Reichardt
- 8. Guy Valleskey Hunter Spindler Carver McCulley
- 9. Mark Ulness Hunter Griffin
- 10. Kylee Tuschel Cheryl Domrath Matthew Brill Kylee Griffin Edyn Peterson





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:00 Women's Bible Study		9:00 Jazzercise	Office and Church Closed		
	5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism		6:15 Worship	The July		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	9:00 Women's Bible Study		9:00 Jazzercise	8:00 Quilting	2:15 return from	9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
2:30 leave for Confirmation Camp Pastor Dan at camp this week	5:30 Jazzercise		6:00 Board of Youth Ministry 6:15 Worship	5:30 Jazzercise	Confirmation Camp	2:00 Russell Reinertson Memorial Service at West
14 0:00 Warahin	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 Worship Baptism for Everett Alan Wenzel 10:00 Fellowship Hour Wenzel Family in fellowship hall after service	9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Board of Stewardship 5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Council	9:00 Senior Christians at Four Seasons	9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship	8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	6:00 Mini Golf and Ice Cream event	9:00 Open Pantry
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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