



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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Some Assembly Required

I sit to write this article right after the Synod Assembly. It was a good assembly. We engaged in the basic functions of self-governance. We elected people for terms on committees. We approved the budget. We did not make a big deal about these things because we are used to them. But it is nice, especially around Independence Day, to remember that we are governing ourselves. Americans sort of expect to govern themselves, but there are whole denominations in this country that do not allow participatory democracy.

Roman Catholicism, for instance, is pretty much run by the hierarchy of bishops and cardinals. Protestants *ought* to be more democratic, but often fail to be. Even in Baptist denominations that profess "the equality of all believers," the clergy are usually allowed to make all the decisions. In Florida, lots of independent churches are essentially "owned" by the pastor who owns the building and whose income is identical to whatever is collected in offerings. There are democratic movements in many denominations agitating for more "power to the people" but power is released reluctantly.

Not so in our denomination. In the ELCA every nickel is given by the people and counted by the people and spent according to the people's budget—a budget created by the member's elected representatives and voted upon by the whole congregation. We all decide how much to send on to the ministry of the larger church and we elect laypeople to go decide how to spend it when it gets there.

The anti-democratic denominations scoff, "You can't vote on God's Truth." And we agree, but we know that people are sinners and need supervision. We know that those with power tend to abuse those without power. We all feel better about supporting a ministry when everything happens in the sunlight instead of behind closed doors.

And we also know that sometimes God speaks with the voice of the people. When the ministers of America were untroubled by slavery the abolitionists spoke up and changed the nation. When the all-male clergy were contentedly not worrying about women in society, the people (mostly women but some men) enlightened us. And now we have a handful of issues we are studying in the ELCA to determine what God's Truth might actually be about criminal justice or the environment or the proper place of capitalism. We know we can't determine God's Truth by a democratic vote, but we can admit that we don't have a monopoly on it. And in that humble stance we can still figure out the way forward by consulting, and praying, and agreeing together.

Pastor Dan



All high school seniors and families are invited to:

THE VALDERS AREA BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

at Faith

Sunday, June 2 at 12:30 p.m.

Together we will ask for guidance and blessings for our graduates. **Graduates need to be dressed in their cap and gown and in the Gathering Space by 12:15 P.M.**

June Stewardship—Quilts

Valders Faithful Quilters, an ecumenical group, work in the Fellowship Hall Thursday mornings from 8:00AM until 11:30AM. The ladies rip, trim, iron, sew pieces together, pin sides together, sew around and tie with yarn to complete the quilts. You do not need any sewing abilities to help. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Cheryl Domrath, Marlene Evenson or Kayleen Halderson. Any help is appreciated.

Materials needed: large pieces of new or good used fabric, except fiberglass. Old bed sheets for fillers. **Clean material only please.** Thread for machine sewing, white polyester (Wal-Mart works best). Bright colored yarn.

Donated material should be clearly marked **Quilting** and left downstairs under the coat rack.

The Rev. Carl and Marlene Peters were honored recently as Pastors Emeritus. Pastor Dan Lyman and Bill Riesterer join them. A red maple tree has been planted on the grounds in honor of them also.



Pastor Peters and Marlene would like to thank everyone for a terrific day and for being able to visit with so many friends.

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in making the Pastor Peters Day so memorable. God Bless you all!

— Board of Fellowship



Larry Burzynski recently attended a Passover Seder meal. The meal and service were wonderful, he said.



Thank you to our Sunday school students and assistants for bringing us special music on Mother's Day. It was wonderful hearing all your voices.



Congratulations to our recently confirmed students. Pictured: Gage Spindler with mentor Loren Ulness, Mollie Junk with mentor Jennifer Ott, Tristan Teuke with mentor Mike Zutz, Larry Burzynski, 9th grade confirmation leader and Pastor Dan Lyman.



Finances

Income - April 2024

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 20,249.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 409.40			
General Fund Income	\$ 20,658.40	\$ 23,757.25	\$ 97,479.59	\$ 95,029.00
Dedicated Income	\$ 1,967.22		\$ 12,838.69	
Total Income	\$ 22,625.62		\$ 110,318.28	

Operating Expenses - April 2024

Benevolence	\$ 1,580.65			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 323.23			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 16,664.95			
General Fund Expense	\$ 18,568.83	\$ 29,797.02	\$ 108,623.42	\$ 119,159.68
Dedicated Expense	\$ 400.00		\$ 2,019.75	
Total Expenses	\$ 18,968.83		\$ 110,643.17	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$(9,649.31)

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Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Membership

Baptized.....	815
Confirmed.....	590
Famillies	109

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
4/7	100	36
4/14	114	42
4/21	143	35
4/28	96	37
5/5	206	36
5/12	195	28

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

June **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*
 July..... **Marlene Evenson**, *Chair (Committee #1)*

Lectors

6/2	Stacy Wilker
6/5	Don Schreiner
6/9	Bob Wigen
6/12	Kerry Schnell
6/16	Jenniffer Zutz
6/19	Cheryl Duchow
6/23	Sheryle Lyman
6/26	Kathy Mattern
6/30	Lynn Merino

Communion Servers

6/2	Stacy Wilker
6/12	Kerry Schnell
6/16	Jenniffer Zutz

Acolyte Schedule

6/2	Cambria Behnke
6/5	Noah Boll
6/9	Ethan Spindler
6/12	Kolten Schisel
6/16	Logan Bratt
6/19	Audrey Sorenson
6/23	Liam Cline
6/26	Audrey Sorenson
6/30	Keagan Hougen

Head Usher Scott Reinertson

Greeters

6/2	Pat Christianson and Ralph Christianson
6/5	Emma Karstaedt
6/9	Bob and Julie Wigen
6/12	Tom and Jan Behnke
6/16	Julie Hartman
6/19	Emma Karstaedt
6/23	Wayne Huske
6/26	Joyce Sorenson
6/30	Ron and Jo Jones

Ushers

6/2	Steve Ahrens, Al Gilbertson, Brian Ulness
6/9	Dean and Rose Behnke Family
6/16	Ron and Kaye Jandrey
6/23	Richard and Linda Menza
6/30	Marcus Galien and Ethan Ulness

Sound Operator

6/2	Carter Lenzner
6/9	Erin Lenzner
6/16	Makenna Kaderabek
6/23	Loren Ulness
6/30	Terry Huske

Video Operator/Live Stream

6/2	Carter Lenzner
6/9	Michael Lenzner
6/16	Jake Kaderabek
6/23	Eric Thomsen
6/30	Bill Riesterer

Projection

6/2	Libby Olson
6/5	Mikaela Spindler and Susan Christel
6/9	Erin Lenzner
6/12	Mikaela Spindler and Kayla Hildebrandt
6/16	Makenna Kaderabek
6/19	Mikaela Spindler
6/23	Loren Ulness
6/26	John Schnell
6/30	Rod Merino and Terry Huske

Having Fun!

Thank you to Austin Ebert, Carter Lenzner, Lucas Spindler, Carter Valleskey and Addison Spindler for cleaning up US Hwy 151 recently. Nice job!



7th/8th grade Confirmation Students enjoy the Spring weather! Never too old to have some fun!



After a Faith interview and decorating their stoles for their big day, we wrapped up the Confirmation Mentor year with our 2nd annual Nerf & Nacho event... Mentors vs. Confirmands. Students take the win!!

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—March 18, 2024

Housekeeping Items: Reminder CLEAN UP date APRIL 20th 9:00 A.M. till Noon. A 9-yard Dumpster will be delivered to Faith on March 20th and plan to keep till after April 20th Clean-up Day. The cost is \$250.00 per dump. The dumpster is available for everything and will be placed next to the sidewalk on the lower parking lot. Sanctuary stained-glass window, donated by Don Johnson, looks great at night from the south with the new lighting installed. Thanks to Ken & Tony for installing the lighting for the window. Projection video is fuzzy of choir, students, etc. It may be helpful to adjust lights with a lift when one is available, but the current projector is getting older and has low pixels for the distance it is from the screen (99 feet)

Old Business: 2 Firesticks were installed for members unable to get to church to allow viewing of our services from home. Live Stream Congregation ambient mic is up and running again. This mic had been disconnected at some point and was no longer hooked up to our sound system. That resulted in not being able to hear the congregation's responses on our YouTube Livestream & getting a reverb sound instead. With this mic connected, the congregation goes directly to livestream and the sound is much better. Update and discussion on Pastor Peter's celebration: A planning group was organized including Marilyn Robley, Jennifer Ott, Julie Hartman, Joan Pritzl, & Mary Thomsen. Service time will be changed to 10:30 to accommodate a noon meal. A meal will be served at noon, catered by Meat's at about \$20 per person. The cost of the meal will be covered by Faith using Undesignated Memorial Funds. Faith's members attending will be asked to donate salads and desserts. Publicity will include an article in Faith Matters and a half-page ad run twice earlier in April in the Valders Journal. Joan will get the picture of Pastor and Marlene Peters to Mary to be used in the Valders Journal ad. Invitations will be sent out to people of special interest (Pastors and Interns who served with Pastor Peters, his Call Committee (if still living), former Council presidents, etc. Reservations are required for the meal and will be due by April 24th. Quilters have chosen a quilt to give to Pastor and Marlene as a gift. It was suggested to give an additional gift of meaning, other than money. A tree planted at Faith was suggested, with a plaque included to indicate the purpose of the tree was to honor Pastor Carl Peters for his many years of service to Faith Lutheran. Motions made and carried to move the time of service that day, May 5th, to 10:30 a.m. to accommodate the event, to take funds for meal from Undesignated Memorial Funds and to spend up to \$500 for a tree and placard in Pastor Peters' honor to be planted at Faith.

New Business: Records Retention Policy: Bill put together a Records Retention Policy from various sources he found and gave a copy to Bob, Jill and Christine. The purpose of this policy is so everyone knows how long to keep documents and came about due to the planned cleaning up process. Bob asked how long we should keep QuickBooks backups and it was decided to add this to the policy as written, stating that QuickBooks backups should be kept for five years. Motion made and carried to pass the Records Retention Policy with the amendment for Quick Books.

Council representative reports:

Treasurer – CDs coming due and Bob asked if we want to renew them. After discussion regarding funds needed for parking lot project, it was decided funds could be borrowed from the General Fund if needed before CD comes due and repaid to the General Fund with funds from the CD when it comes due next. This will allow Faith to get the best interest on these funds in the meantime. Motion made and carried to rollover the CDs with interest for 7 months and if money is needed for the parking lot project before it comes due, the funds needed would be borrowed from the General Fund checking account and reimbursed later when the CD comes due.

Fellowship – \$392 has been taken in from Soup and Sandwich with one week to go. People have enjoyed the fellowship, with about 35 people on average attending per week.

Property – The price for the bench for Pastor Onkka will be \$2,228 plus tax. Motion made and carried to order the bench using funds from the Undesignated Memorial Fund to be installed by members of the Property Board. Mark has received window prices and will bring it back to Council after receiving all the quotes. The Property Board will decide if they will install the windows themselves or have them professionally installed (question on whether self-installed will affect the warranty.) Mark indicated that it will likely be fall before they are installed.

Christian Education – Cleaned out the supply closet & cabinets in K/1st Grade classroom & relocated craft supplies to those cabinets. Moved Christmas program props from closet behind the stage to the old Sunday School office; so only thing for Sunday School still stored behind the stage are costumes

Youth and Family Ministry – High school and middle school event to Urban Air in Appleton on 2/23/24 was well attended & fun. Preparations are underway for the Easter Breakfast. Spring event will be a Timber Rattlers game for Friday, May 31, and a sign up sheet will be available in April.

Faith on Fire – 10 youth + 2 chaperones attended the Smash Art event held at CRusched in Manitowoc on March 13th – all had a great time & would consider doing this again. Upcoming events: monthly meeting/Bible study on April 3rd & Archery Night on April 17th at Maribel Sportsmen's Club

Other Comments: Pastor Dan shared that he appreciates the work of Council and our various boards after talking with other church pastors about issues they have. He is glad people here are paying attention to finances. Mark asked if we could list the percentage of attendance. He suggested having an usher challenge to boost attendance. Pastor Dan shared that he doesn't believe in cleaning the rolls, since doing so has the opportunity to cause hurt feelings. He feels that personal invitations are most likely to encourage attendance in church.

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer at 8:08 pm. Next Meeting – April 15, 2024 Devotions – Julie

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—April 15, 2024

Pastor's Report

Pastor Dan prepared a written report due taking vacation time during this meeting. Reported usual monthly attendance at Senior Christians brunch & taking communion to shut-ins. Reported several out-of-town hospital visits for a member and family of a member. Led worship and communion at Angelus on March 20th & will again on May 15th. Funeral planning visits, one full funeral service, and one private funeral visitation service. Provided attendance comparison for Holy Week services between 2023 & 2024; in 2024 there was an increase of 55 for Palm Sunday, increase of 6 for Maundy Thursday, decrease of 10 for Good Friday, increase of 15 for Easter Sunrise, & decrease of 7 for 9AM Easter.

Old Business

Daycare – Waiting for approval to waive fees – If fees are waived, they plan to move forward, if not, it will not be financially feasible. Pastor Peters Day - Gifts to be given include a maple tree with a plaque indicated in honor of Pastor Peters service to Faith. Church Property Policy - discussion on the need for this policy. **Motion made and carried to adopt the Church Property policy as proposed.**

Council representative reports

Evangelism – Talked about God's Work Our Hands coming up in September.

Fellowship – Funds brought in from Soup & Sandwich totaled \$484.75, which were given to The Haven & Warming Shelter. There was \$27.67 remaining from the Thrivent gift card for Soup & Sandwich expenses – food items were purchased with those funds and taken to the Warming Shelter. Pastor Peters event: Set up will be on Saturday May 4th beginning at 9:00 – Marilyn asked for help from Council or from funeral set-up committee to set up tables and chairs.

Property – Asphalt Company will be sending a bid soon. Window bids are coming in – some are quite competitive.

Christian Education – Noisy offerings brought in \$314.69, which was used to purchase the new risers that allow all students to be seen when they sing in front of church. Singing 3 songs on Mother's Day & hoping to prepare a slide show of members with their mother. Volunteers needed for VBS - 6/17 – 6/20. Larry took Confirmation students & several adults to the synagogue in Sheboygan on Saturday, April 8th. Three students have prepared for Confirmation, Tristan Teuke, Molly Junk and Gage Spindler. Final requirements to be completed by/on Wednesday, April 24th, include Confirmation Faith statements due, Confirmation stoles will be made, and Confirmation interviews will be held. Confirmation will be May 19th. Mentors are needed for 9th grade students, especially since the next couple years there will be larger classes. Meet for one hour on Sunday morning once a month. Be available for student questions if they arise. Motion made and approved to accept Tristan Teuke, Molly Junk, & Gage Spindler for Confirmation pending approval by Pastor Dan and Bridget Valleskey related to completion of final requirements.

Youth and Family Ministry – Served over 100 people at Easter Breakfast – compared to 70 to 80 last year.

Discussed having a Kid's Night Out going to a Timber Rattler's game in May & another on May 22nd with outdoor games & snacks.

Faith on Fire: April 28th – Hwy cleanup after service on Hwy J. May 8 – Regular meeting with Bible Study. May 29 – Campfire night with new Confirmed members

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting:

May 20, 2024

Devotions – Jennifer Ott

Recorded by Joan Pritzl

Celebrating Your Birthday!

JUNE

1. James Schuessler
2. Kevin Madson
Baylor Fochs
3. Glenn Otto
Don Domrath
4. John Thompson
Stacy Wilker
Logan Bratt
5. John Polifka
Audrey Sorenson
Camden Duchow
6. Virginia Meyer
Rebecca Schultz
Shawnae Galien
7. Andrew Schnell
9. Conrad Evenson
Wanda Neumeyer
Dylan Conrad
Kyle Conrad
10. Jill Franz
Mikaela Spindler
Mary Siewert
11. Linda Heeler
Christine Olson
Nolan Peterson
12. Doug Meyer
13. Caroline Bratt
14. Rose Behnke
Legend Bast

16. Megan Valleskey
Dustin Eisenschink Jr.
17. Kyle Christianson
Jasmine Koehler
Gabriella Platten
Tina Wenzel
18. Bradley Fahley
Callie Olson
Bryce Madson
20. Elijah Platten
21. Mathew Krogh
Deborah Goehring
22. Julie Wigen
23. Debby Otto
24. Ronald Zutz
25. Peytyn Peterson
26. Tiana Schisel
30. Lenny Klessig

JULY

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



JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Baccalaureate WORSHIP SERVICE</p>						1
2 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour 12:30 Baccalaureate Service	3 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	4 3:00 & 6:00 Bible Study	5 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship with Praise Team 6:30 Board of Christian Ed	6 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 5:30 Jazzercise	7	8 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
9 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	10 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise	11 3:00 & 6:00 Bible Study	12 9:00 Jazzercise 3:00 Brenda Freiberg and Bob Pautz Wedding 6:15 Worship	13 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	14	15 9-10 Open Pantry Newsletter info due
16 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour 	17 9:00 Women's Bible Study 12:30-4:00 VBS 5:30 Board of Stewardship 6:30 Council	18 9:00 Senior Christians 12:30-4:00 VBS	19 12:30-4:00 VBS 6:15 Worship with Praise Team	20 12:30-4:00 VBS	21 8:00 VBS Family Campfire and Movie Night 	22
23 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	24 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise	25 3:00 & 6:00 Bible Study (tentative)	26 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship	27 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	28	29
30 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour						

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September 11 at 11:00 am.
More info to follow.**

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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