



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faith Matters

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WORSHIP TIMES

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Treasurer: Robert Pautz

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Vacation Bible School Begins!

Spring is now springing as I write this article. The last frost is just behind us, but a couple of weeks after you receive this newsletter, high summer will be here in the form of Vacation Bible School. The theme this year is the story of Joseph (and his coat of many colors) and his time in Egypt: "From Prison to Palace." We will learn about God's guidance, forgiveness, and faithfulness. And we will all have fun doing crafts, playing games, watching silly adults do silly skits, and, most of all, learning songs and learning the hand gestures to the songs. Of course we will have snacks also every day.

I have not looked ahead at the Egyptian-themed snacks, but I bet there is something pyramid-shaped and something wrapped like a mummy. They just seem like natural products of the theme.

We usually think of VBS as being for children, and it certainly is, but we often have an equal amount of teachers and teacher's helpers. For a group of 40 kids we will have 25 adults and 15 teens helping. And that is a lot of people! Why do so many people help? Because it is a lot of fun, and we can do a lot of good in the 4 days of VBS instruction and the Friday of celebration.

There are lots of people who have never gone to church. Their parents just never took them. They watched TV instead, or slept in on Sundays. But I have talked to many people who say that they DID go to Vacation Bible School. They know about Jesus from VBS. They know some hymns from VBS. They know the Bible stories from VBS. Why was I talking to them if they were not coming to my church? Because they had things come up later in their life that called for spiritual resources, and VBS had been a spiritual treasure in their lives, so they came looking for more treasure.

You can be a part of it, June 16-19, and at the family event June 20. Sign up your kids. Come volunteer!

Pastor Dan

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. Flat sheets sized full, queen or king as well as blankets and batting. **Clean material only please.**

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



Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, June 17 at 9:00 a.m. at Four Seasons in Manitowoc. All seniors are welcome to attend. Give Joy Madson a call at 920-758-3442 and she will reserve your seat.

Our Anniversary

We have started to celebrate our 175th Anniversary. First Lutheran, our sibling church born on the same day that we were in 1850, has held an Organ Recital and reception at First Lutheran. We are holding our first event on June 15th (Father's Day), during 9AM worship here at Faith.

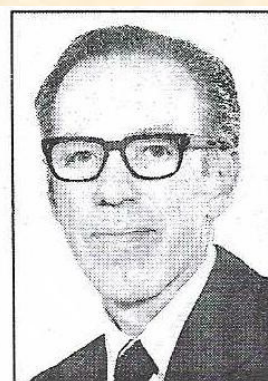
It just so happened that the Thompson family reunion was being held during the Father's Day weekend and several members of the Thompson family are ELCA pastors. A family member suggested that one of them preach to celebrate the family roots here at Faith. Conrad Thompson was particularly notable as a son of Faith Lutheran Church who went on to significant work in the national and international church. He was head of evangelism for the American Lutheran Church (the whole ALC denomination), and later the director of the radio show, "Lutheran Vespers," where he was also a frequent and popular speaker.

As I shared about the 175th Anniversary, they told me that Conrad Thompson's final sermon was for the 150th Anniversary here at Faith. So it seems entirely appropriate that his son, the Pastor Mervin Thompson be the preacher for the 175th. I hope that in 25 years we can get another Thompson to preach for the 200th!

In other news about our anniversary, I have started to receive recipes for our commemorative cookbook. Of course we would like to have any historic old-timey recipes. How you boil down your maple syrup perhaps, or your family's lefse recipe. But then we also want just good recipes to make tasty food. The sort of recipes future generations will prepare and say, "Dang! Our ancestors were good cooks!"

And we will put a copy of the cookbook in the time capsule we are preparing. The plan is to seal up the time capsule at the end of this year and open it in 25 years, for our bicentennial. And all the people in the photographs will be 25 years older. The baby I just baptized will be all grown up. The confirmation kids will be married with kids. They will marvel at the photos of the parking lot full of gas automobiles that just roll on tires instead of flying on antigravity panels. In the pictures of the congregation there will be no robot servants ready to fetch you a donut at the fellowship hour. We will say, "Ah things were so different in the old days!"

Start thinking about your message to the future that you would like to put in the time capsule. Select a few good recipes and bring them in. And plan to come to worship on June 15th.



Conrad Thompson
Ordained 1945

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. The store will be open for 6 months. Orders will be completed as they receive them and can be picked up at church when they are complete. If you do not have internet access and would like to purchase apparel, Al Gilbertson will be here on Sundays to help you. For more information, please talk with Julie Hartman or give her a call at 920-758-2317.



175TH ANNIVERSARY



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Finances

Income - April 2025

		Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$ 23,883.00	\$ 21,366.83	\$ 89,898.50	\$ 85,467.33
Lent, Holiday Offerings	\$ 2,326.00	\$ 833.33	\$ 5,197.00	\$ 3,333.33
Loose Offerings	\$ 416.00	\$ 166.67	\$ 806.30	\$ 666.67
Other Income	\$ 130.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 991.00	\$ 700.00
General Fund Income	\$ 26,755.00	\$ 22,541.83	\$ 96,892.80	\$ 90,167.33

Operating Expenses - April 2025

Administrative/Office Expense	\$ 1,226.81	\$ 1,287.50	\$ 5,481.76	\$ 5,150.00
Benevolence	\$ 2,129.42	\$ 1,803.35	\$ 7,733.37	\$ 7,213.38
Board Expense (Total from all 7 Boards)	\$ 6,399.59	\$ 6,893.33	\$ 35,289.01	\$ 6,893.33
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Personnel Salaries/Benefits ¹	\$ 23,140.64	\$ 20,599.89	\$ 83,759.77	\$ 82,399.57
General Fund Expense	\$ 32,896.46	\$ 30,584.07	\$ 132,263.91	\$ 101,656.29

GENERAL FUND NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$6,141.46)	(\$8,042.24)	(\$35,371.11)	(\$11,488.95)
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Year to Date General Fund Net Income: (\$35,371.11)

¹ Council voted in December 2022 to set aside \$100,000 of Faith's checking account balance to fund the Youth Coordinator position. The balance remaining is \$29,566.20

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.

Faith's Open Pantry needs the following items before June 21. Items include: regular size boxes of cereal, can peaches, pears, pineapple, mandarin oranges, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce, paste, stewed, diced and whole tomatoes, a variety of soups (NO CHICKEN NOODLE), brown beans (NO OTHER BEANS EXCEPT BROWN BEANS), spaghetti, boxed meals, Minute rice, Jello, pudding, tuna, stuffing, granola bars, cake and brownie mixes, can frosting, sugar, powder sugar, salad dressing, cookie mixes. Please put items in the Gathering Space drawers or place outside of the pantry door downstairs.



FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Baptism Olivia Lynn Glaeser
 Funeral Donald Sebo

Membership

Baptized 817
 Confirmed 552
 Families 105

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
4/6	108	59
4/13	202	No Worship
4/17 = 64	4/18 = 95	
4/20	318	36
4/27	96	41
5/4	103	35
5/11	172	35

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

June **Brenda Pautz**, *Chair (Committee #1)*
 July **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*

Lectors

6/1 Ava Ulness
 6/4 Kathy Mattern
 6/8 Lynn Merino
 6/11 Larry Burzynski
 6/15 Cambria Behnke
 6/18 Carol Ulness
 6/22 Don Domrath
 6/25 Don Schreiner
 6/29 Erin Lenzner

Communion Servers

6/1 Brian Ulness
 6/11 Larry Burzynski
 6/15 Al Gilbertson

Head Usher Scott Reinertson

Acolyte Schedule

6/1 Garrett Jeske
 6/8 Eliza Wilker
 6/15 Noah Boll
 6/22 Ethan Spindler
 6/29 Mikaela Spindler

Greeters

6/1 Marlene Evenson
 6/4 Cambria Behnke
 6/8 Marcus Galien
 6/11 Thomas and Kathy Muench
 6/15 Earl and Barb Griffin
 6/18 Cambria Behnke
 6/22 Mitchell Kaderabek
 6/25 John and Kerry Schnell
 6/29 Wayne Huske

Ushers

6/1 Marcus Galien, Loren Ulness, Bob Wigen
 6/8 Earl and Barb Griffin, Keith Lippert
 6/15 Wayne Huske, Ron Jones, Dean Behnke
 6/22 Thomas and Kathy Muench, Al Gilbertson
 6/29 Ron and Kaye Jandrey

Sound Operator

6/1 Loren Ulness
 6/8 Bill Riesterer
 6/15 Makenna Kaderabek
 6/22 Lucas Spindler
 6/29 Carter Lenzner

Video Operator/Live Stream

6/1 Eric Thomsen
 6/8 Bill Riesterer
 6/15 Jake Kaderabek
 6/22 Carter Kuentler
 6/29 Carter Lenzner

Projection

6/1 Loren Ulness
 6/4 Cindy Pederson
 6/8 Rod Merino
 6/11 Kayla Hildebrandt
 6/15 Makenna Kaderabek
 6/18 Susan Christel
 6/22 Addison Spindler
 6/25 John Schnell
 6/29 Luke Evenson





CROSSWAYS

CAMPING MINISTRIES



At Crossways Camps, **faith comes alive through relationships**. Campers don't return home transformed because of the s'mores or the lake (though that helps!)—they're changed because of the people who believe in them, walk alongside them, and show them what God's love looks like.

Those people? Our **summer staff**—35 young adults who are preparing to pour themselves into this ministry. They'll lead worship, tell Bible stories, comfort homesick campers, and laugh until their sides hurt.

And their presence will change lives—including their own. It takes **\$330 to support one week of staff leadership**. With 35 staff serving for 11 weeks, that's a total of **\$120,000** we need to raise—and **we can't do it without you**.

Your gift is more than a paycheck. It's a **ministry multiplier**—supporting our staff *and* making camp more affordable for families. You're helping build the next generation of faithful leaders.

Here's what your gift can do:

- **\$55** – Fuel one full day of ministry for a summer staffer
- **\$165** – Support a staff leader serving our youngest campers for a half week
- **\$330** – Provide a week of leadership, laughter, and impact
- **\$3,630** – Sponsor one full summer for a young adult

Camp starts in just a few weeks. **Will you help us welcome these young leaders with the support they need?**

Donate now, with our secure online portal or mail a check written to *Crossways Camping Ministries*, W8160 Cloverleaf Lake Rd, Clintonville WI 54929. Crossways is a 501(c)3 organization, and your gift is tax-deductible.

A generous donor has offered a **\$5,000 match** to invest in our Crossways Summer Staff. That means your gift, whether it's \$55 or \$330, will go twice as far *right now*. Our staff are starting to pack their bags. And your gift today helps ensure they'll arrive to a community that's ready for them with the resources, support, and encouragement they deserve. If you've been waiting for the right moment to give, this is it! **Let's make sure we don't leave a single dollar of that \$5,000 on the table.** Let's send a clear message to these young leaders: we see you and we believe in you!

Congratulations to our recently confirmed students: Logan Bratt—mentor Al Gilbertson, Phoebe Cigler—mentor Mary Thomsen, Liam Cline—mentor Paul Franz, Ariana Herrick—mentor Kelly Krogh, Keagan Hougen—mentor Jill Franz, Landen Pinkerton—mentor Tricia Olson, Kolten Schisel—mentor Tom Madson, Audrey Sorenson—mentor Stacy Wilker, Alexandra Trepasso—mentor Lori Propson, Sage Trepasso Jr.—mentor Jim Schuessler.



*May the Holy Spirit
light your way, so
that your FAITH
and LOVE grow
stronger every day.*



Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—April 21, 2025

Housekeeping Item

It was reported that the dishwasher was fixed.

Old Business

Video streaming issues: Bill reported that we have new LED lights that are brighter so he will be monitoring to see how that affects the video quality of the livestream. Cameras are old and they don't close as they should so we are getting overexposure. We are getting to the point of having to do something with the cameras, due to their age. May do it in stages so we don't have one big expense at one time. As this is done, they will remove old wiring that has been left in place. We will work on adjusting what we have now to start. Bill has been working with Northern Lights, which is doing a great job. Currently have four cameras, including one showing the projection screen at all times. The wiring is in but new security cameras are not in yet.

Synod Assembly: We still need one more person to attend synod assembly: Bridget agreed to attend.

Logo wear items: Julie said the logo items will be available soon with 18 options and two logos to choose from. Orders will be by internet and Larry and Julie will help pick up orders. Church does not handle money with this ordering system.

AED update: Bridget contacted Heart-a-Rama and they will get back to her after the May fundraiser. They have put Faith on the list to get an AED if they raise enough money.

A short update was given about the 175th anniversary at First Lutheran that Faith has been asked to be a part of.

New Business

The council wants to thank the brass choir for the music at Easter.

Council representative reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bob presented his printed report. Donations are up over last year at this time.

Lay Ministry: Jennifer: One more person is needed to help with livestreaming as one currently on the list will be leaving for college in the fall. There has been positive feedback on the improvements in the projection screen display at worship services. Thanks to Christine for her work on this each week. Two Ash Wednesday services will be held again next year. Attendance this year was 29 at the early and 55 at the late service and 202 were at the Palm Sunday service. The Holden liturgy was well received and it may be used again for Advent and occasional Sundays. Some people have requested more contemporary songs in weekly worship services and Pastor Dan will try to work some into his planning. Also, plans are being made for a video for Memorial Day and the Baccalaureate service for Valders graduates on June 1

Evangelism: Julie: The committee discussed the Valders parade on August 7 and considered projects for God's Work, Our Hands Day on September 7.

Fellowship: Marilyn: A big thanks to everyone who helped with the Lenten soup and sandwich nights and the Easter breakfast, both of which showed awesome fellowship. The committee also thanks the anonymous donor who helped pay for a new coffee pot. Marilyn concluded with a thought as the NFL draft was approaching in Green Bay: "Jesus is choosing us to be his disciples."

Church Properties: Loren: The organ is having an issue with vibration and will be looked at. He asked for details about the concrete pad needed for the Onkka bench, but the information was not yet available. Loren also noted that he attempted to clean the mildew off the exterior wall of the church, but chlorine didn't work and he will try another solution.

Christian Education: Bridget: Chase Wilker and another person from Crossways Camps taught Sunday school children some songs and will be here again when the children sing on Mother's Day. She said a cake has been ordered for Confirmation Sunday on May 18. The registration table is set up for Vacation Bible School and they are looking for more volunteers for VBS.

Youth & Family Ministry: The Easter Breakfast went well.

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting – May 19, 2025. Devotions: Marilyn

Submitted by Mary Thomsen, secretary

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
Addison Voss
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
3. 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

HELLO
JUNE!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour 12:30 Baccalaureate Service 	2 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	3	4 9:00 Jazzercise 11:30 Corace & Coble Memorial Service at Valders West 6:15 Worship	5 8:00 Quilting	6	7 Synod Assembly
8 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour VBS set up in fellowship hall	9 9:00 Women's Bible Study	10 6:00 Card Making	11 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship	12 8:30 Secretary's Meeting	13	14 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
15 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour Newsletter info due 	16 9:00 Women's Bible Study 12:30-3:30 VBS 5:30 Board of Stewardship 6:30 Council	17 9:00 Senior Christians at Four Seasons in Manitowoc 12:30-3:30 VBS	18 9:00 Jazzercise (upstairs) 12:30-3:30 VBS 6:15 Worship	19 12:30-3:30 VBS	20 6:30-8:00 VBS Family Night at Manitowoc Aquatic Center	21 9:00 Open Pantry
22 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	23 9:00 Women's Bible Study	24	25 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship	26 8:00 Quilting	27	28
29 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	30 9:00 Women's Bible Study		ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY 			

Sunday, June 1 Faith will be celebrating Pastor Dan's 40th year of ordination. Congratulations and blessings on your continued ministry.

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Find and circle each word.



Alcoholics Anonymous
Meets at 6:00 p.m. Mondays
St. Gregory's School, 212 Church Street, St. Nazianz

Al Anon
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404 S. 29th Street, Manitowoc
and
Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.
443 Manhattan Street, Chilton