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Faith Matters

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The Budget, and Giving, by Pastor Dan Lyman

You know that I seldom ask for more money to be given to the church, and I think Faith is a pretty generous congregation. So I do not worry about Faith's budget. But it seems prudent to put forward our financial needs at this time, so we do not fall behind.

When I accepted the call to Faith three and a half years ago, you all expressed a great desire to encourage the youth of the church to be active and stay active at Faith Lutheran Church. There was a plan to set aside money saved, about \$100,000, to call a Youth Ministry Director and make that dream a reality. In a few months we had found Bridget Valleskey and paid out, over three years, the funds that had been set aside. This fund had a special place in the budget for those 3 years.

The Council and I think that Bridget has done an excellent job with our youth and we would like to keep her in this position. It is difficult to attract and keep young people connected to our congregational life, but this a good chance for us.

Last year, the money set aside was fully used up, so this year we turned to put the Youth Ministry Director position into the regular budget. It is a large amount, but only 8.6% of our projected 2026 budget. So if everyone gave 8.6% more, we'd be fine, but that is a big jump, especially when we are in inflationary times and snow removal costed more than we expected, and things like that.

Naturally, we are being frugal about spending, hoping to repeat last year's actual spending of \$12,268 less than was budgeted. If we can do that, and raise a similar amount extra, we could take a tiny bite of our reserves and go forward easily. That would be a best case scenario. But, as I say, these are inflationary times.

I know that members of this congregation love Faith Lutheran Church. We want Faith to continue to be a strong presence in our community and we would hate to see it impaired by financial trouble. Please prayerfully consider giving more, to keep Faith Lutheran Church strong in the years to come.

June Stewardship—Quilts

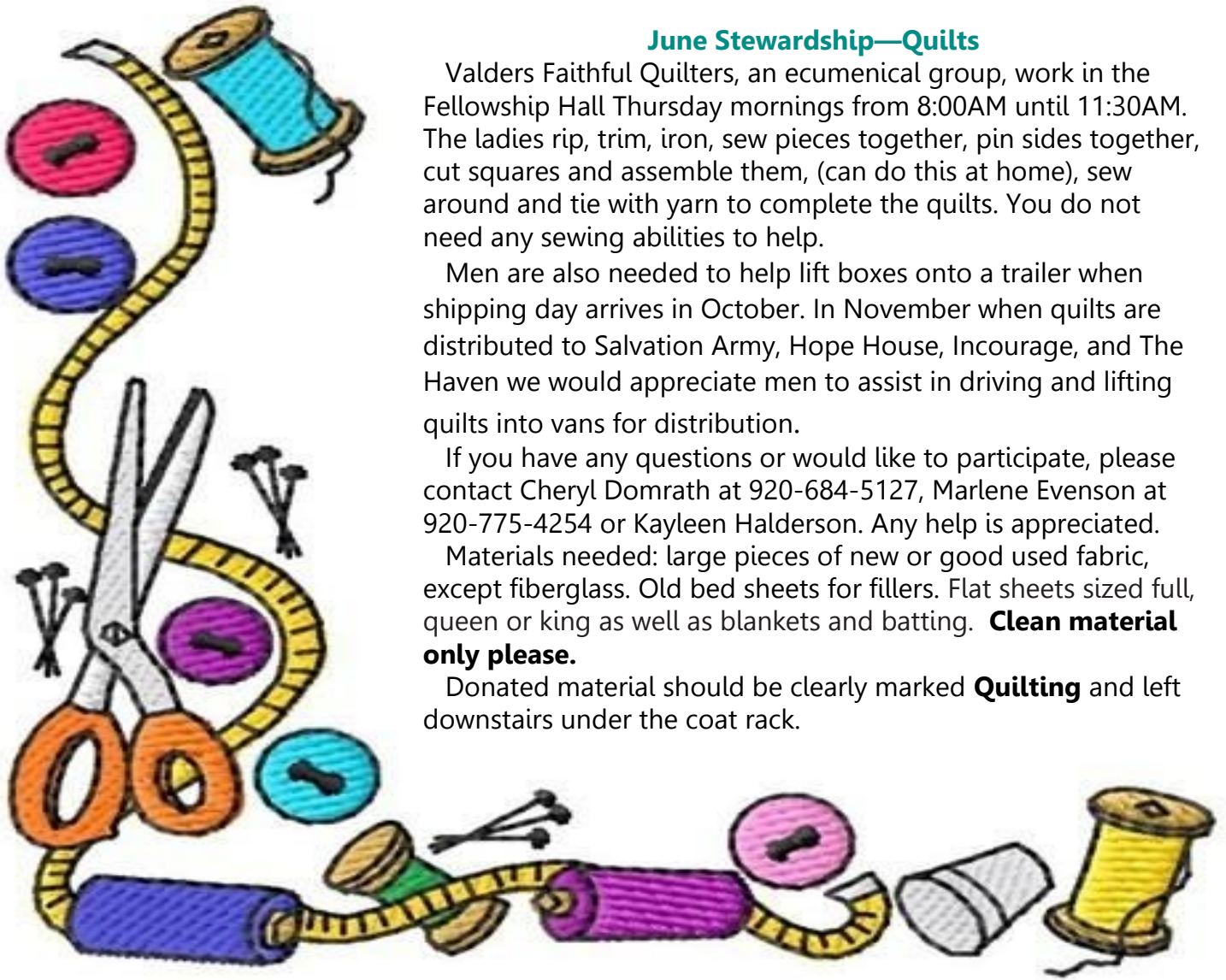
Valders Faithful Quilters, an ecumenical group, work in the Fellowship Hall Thursday mornings from 8:00AM until 11:30AM. The ladies rip, trim, iron, sew pieces together, pin sides together, cut squares and assemble them, (can do this at home), sew around and tie with yarn to complete the quilts. You do not need any sewing abilities to help.

Men are also needed to help lift boxes onto a trailer when shipping day arrives in October. In November when quilts are distributed to Salvation Army, Hope House, Incourage, and The Haven we would appreciate men to assist in driving and lifting quilts into vans for distribution.

If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Cheryl Domrath at 920-684-5127, Marlene Evenson at 920-775-4254 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.



NYG Cookout

June 22 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
1319 South Diane Street, Chilton
(Jim's House)

We are having our first community building day for the gathering group and leaders. We will be having a cookout and doing some faith and team building activities as we begin to prepare for the gathering. It is necessary for all youth to attend. Anyone needing a ride can request one from Bridget or Sherrie on the Team Reach APP, or call Jim at (920) 334-0073.



An adventure you'll fall for!

I hope to spot you here!



Place: Faith Lutheran Church Valders
Date: June 15—June 18
Time: 12:30 - 3:30 pm
Cost: \$20/student (\$40 max/family)
Ages: Entering 4K through 6th grade

New friends 🌿 Amazing experiments 🌿 Creative games
Super-fun snacks 🌿 Surprising adventures 🌿 Incredible music



VBS wrap-up on Thursday evening!
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT at Faith Lutheran Church. Movie begins at 7pm. Popcorn and water will be served. Bring your cozy blankets, pillow, stuffy, etc. Please use the top parking lot. The doors to the main entrance will open at 6:45pm.

Are you looking for a way to support Vacation Bible School?



Below is a list of some of the items that we will need. If you are able to make a donation, please place outside the Youth Coordinator's office no later than Sunday, June 7th. If you bring in something that needs refrigeration, please put in fridge in gathering space and mark "VBS". We appreciate all the support!

- Plastic tablecloths (green, dark and light blue, brown)
- Red, Yellow, & Orange tissue paper
- Tiki torches (6-8)
- Snack items: blue & green Jell-o, bags of cuties, sugar cookie dough, mini M&M's, chocolate and vanilla frosting, pull 'n peel red licorice,

Chex cereal, chocolate chips, banana chips, mini pretzel twists, nacho cheese, juice pouches, bottled water, Gatorade /soda or other special treats for our volunteers.



Finances

Income - April 2026

	Month Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$ 24,423.00	\$ 21,998.75	\$ 81,258.00	\$ 87,995.00
Lent, Holiday Offerings	\$ 885.00	\$ 833.33	\$ 4,693.00	\$ 3,333.33
Loose Offerings	\$ 341.82	\$ 166.67	\$ 589.97	\$ 666.67
Room Use - Utility Donations	\$ 345.00	\$ 166.67	\$ 610.25	\$ 666.67
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Fund Income	\$ 25,994.82	\$ 23,173.75	\$ 87,151.22	\$ 92,695.00

Operating Expenses - April 2026

Administrative/Office Expense	\$ 1,462.38	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 6,470.05	\$ 5,460.00
Benevolence	\$ 2,079.70	\$ 1,853.90	\$ 6,972.19	\$ 7,415.60
Board Expense (Total from all 7 Boards)	\$ 5,112.47	\$ 6,576.67	\$ 23,501.02	\$ 26,306.67
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Personnel Salaries/Benefits ¹	\$ 23,121.05	\$ 21,086.80	\$ 82,265.84	\$ 84,347.18
General Fund Expense	\$ 31,775.60	\$ 30,882.36	\$ 119,209.10	\$ 123,529.45

GENERAL FUND NET INCOME/LOSS

(\$5,780.78)

(\$32,057.88)

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : (\$5,780.78)

Income needed per week to meet our 2026 Budget \$ 7,126.70

Income needed per month to meet our 2026 Budget \$ 30,882.36



Thank you to all who have supported our National Youth Gathering candy bar and popcorn sales! We will restock with some new and old favorites in the fall.



All remaining confirmation camp fees are due now. Thank you for your attention to this.

Thank You to Our Youth Volunteers

Thank you to the youth who support our video, livestream, and projection each week. Your dedication plays an important role in our weekly services, and we truly appreciate all you do.

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

BaptismGianna Rachelle Desamours
 Death..... Linda Gilbertson
 Confirmation
 Cambria Behnke, Allison Goehring, Mitchell
 Kaderabek, Carter Kuenstler, Zachary Lenzner,
 Ethan Spindler, and Mikaela Spindler.

Membership

Baptized 816
 Confirmed..... 557
 Families..... 109

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
4/19	115	48
4/26	159	54
5/3	99	41
5/10	200	35

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

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

Lectors

6/7 Judy Harris
 6/10 Dennis Luckow
 6/14 Cambria Behnke
 6/17 Larry Burzynski
 6/21 Joyce Sorenson
 6/24 Don Schreiner
 6/28 Don Domrath

Communion Servers

6/7 Judy Harris
 6/17 Larry Burzynski
 6/21 Al Gilbertson

Head Usher..... Scott Reinertson

Acolyte Schedule

6/7 Peytyn Peterson
 6/14 Trevor Pinkerton
 6/21 Skyler Schuler
 6/28 Eliza Wilker

Greeters

6/7 Pat Christianson
 6/10 Cathy Luckow
 6/14 Ralph Christianson
 6/17 Jill Backus
 6/21 Joyce Sorenson
 6/24 Kerry Schnell
 6/28 Cheryl Domrath

Ushers

6/7 Bob Wigen, Marcus Galien, Al Gilbertson
 6/14 Dean and Rose Behnke Family
 6/21 Jim Ahrens, Ron and Kaye Jandrey
 6/28 Thomas and Kathy Muench, Richard Menza

Sound Operator

6/7 Loren Ulness
 6/14 Loren Ulness
 6/21 Erin Lenzner
 6/28 Loren Ulness

Video Operator/Live Stream

6/7 Liam Cline
 6/14 Eric Thomsen
 6/21 Michael Lenzner
 6/28 Carter Lenzner

Projection

6/7 Loren Ulness
 6/10 Cindy Pederson
 6/14 Libby Olson
 6/17 Susan Christel
 6/21 Erin Lenzner
 6/24 John Schnell
 6/28 Whitney Ulness



Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers, love and support you gave me. During moments when I felt overwhelmed, your encouragement and prayers brought peace and strength to my life. Every message, kind word and every prayer meant more to me than you can imagine. I truly appreciate the time you took to check on me and lift me up. Your care and compassion has deeply touched my heart.
 With respect, LuAnn Helgeson

Congratulations to our 2026 Valdres High School Graduates: Peter Cigler, Makenna Kaderabek, Donald (DJ) Schisel, Addison Spindler, Sage Trepasso, Whitney Ulness and Carter Valleskey. Loving God, we thank you for these graduates and for the hard work, dedication, and perseverance that brought them to this joyful day. As they step into new opportunities and face new challenges, equip them with resilience, courage, and an unwavering faith.



Our 7th & 8th grade Confirmation classes wrapped up the year with a bit of relaxation and pizza! The next time they are all back together will be in July as they spend a week at Crossways Camp @ Imago Dei Village. This special week long Confirmation Camp is sure to grow a deeper faith in the hearts of our youth.



Our Sunday School children sang "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" on May 10. During the children's sermon they were reminded that they can also lean on other women in their lives, especially Moms. Another year in the books! Nerf & Nachos to celebrate an end to the Mentor Confirmation Year. The mentors fought hard but in the end the students won the battle!



"Catholic" in the Creeds

Among the treasures we have inherited from the long Christian tradition, are the Creeds: the Apostle's Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. They are very old statements of faith that occasionally, when we begin to go astray, they steer us back into the faith we have inherited.

500 years ago, the Roman Catholic Church had lost its way and had become less a church and more a business. Reformers had tried to correct these errors. First was a man named John Wycliff, then a man named Jan Hus, then our own Martin Luther. The first one they ignored, Hus they burned at the stake, but Martin Luther was protected by the German princes, so he survived to attempt a reform of the Church. Luther never wanted to divide the Church, just correct and cleanse it. But the business side of the church cast him out.

Lutheranism was pretty successful and the need for reform in the Roman Catholic Church became more obvious. So, a reform was instituted in Roman Catholicism that got named the "Counter-Reformation." And they did a lot to become less of a business and more of a Church. But there was still a lot of animosity between Lutherans and Roman Catholics.

As recently as 100 years ago a Lutheran and a Roman Catholic would be ostracized from their families if they married. There was a Protestant side of town and a Roman Catholic side of town. There was a lot of hate by Lutherans toward Roman Catholics, and it was returned in kind.

But in the 20th century, relations began to thaw. Lutherans had become so prejudiced toward Roman Catholics that we rewrote the Creeds to reflect our hatreds. We changed the word we inherited from the Greek word "catholic" which became the Latin word "catholic," and then the English word, "catholic," we changed the Creed to say "Christian," just so we would not have to say the word "catholic," the name of our enemy. Within living memory, we reflected upon this and began to reclaim this perfectly good word (that means "universal").

In the old red hymnal, published in 1958, we kept the word "Christian," but put a footnote on the page indicating that (even in 1958) we knew better. The footnote says, "'The Holy catholic Church,' the original and generally accepted text." And then the LBW green book just says "catholic," as does the newer ELW red book.

Relations between Protestants and Roman Catholics were getting better after WWII, but they got much better after Vatican 2 in the mid-1960s. Almost everything they did at Vatican 2 was straight out of Luther's reforms. It was very validating. There were, of course, conservative Roman Catholics who objected to Vatican 2 (and warmer relations with Protestants), just as there were conservative Lutherans who wanted to keep hating Roman Catholics. But the time has come to set aside this old hatred and this remnant of our mutual prejudice. So, from now on we will be confessing our faith with the words of the Creeds in their "original and generally accepted text."

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—April 20, 2026

Guest's Topic of Discussion: Devin Zahinger-Music Events/Plans: Devin said he would like to have a Christmas music recital with more than just organ music. All would be welcome. There was a suggestion to have a meal that day, too. It was agreed that this is a good opportunity to reach out to the greater community and bring new people in. Devin also proposed having monthly sing-alongs with hymns. He suggested providing a form for people to request hymns to be sung during the prelude, offertory or postlude. Songs could be dedicated in memory of someone. The council discussed putting the request form in the pew racks so people could place it in the offering plate and placing them in pocket folders on a wall where people can find. Motion made and carried to go ahead with the recital, planned for Dec. 13, 2026, at 2 p.m., followed by fellowship with food or a meal; and also to take hymn requests and do monthly sing-alongs.

Pastor's Report: Funerals were held for Charley and Veryl Hein on March 28 and Mary Siewert on April 4. Haisley Ren Beckman was baptized on April 19. Pastor visited and communed with Jim Reinertson, Marilyn Robley and Don Johnson. He also listed recent events and attendance. He also noted that a representative of Lutheran World Relief visited Faith and they discussed having her come to speak or provide a video describing what they do. They need more personal care kits. Crossways Camp asked if we want to sponsor someone again this year. That wasn't in the budget last year, so we would need to take money out of the undesignated fund or take up an offering. Last year, we supported Chase Wilker, who was on staff. Motion made and carried to have a special offering for Crossways Camp: Pastor noted that the Valdres Lions Club supports the Miracle League as a team sponsor. They also have sponsorships for fence banners. He suggested we could be a sponsor in the future. Will list the matter on the next council agenda.

Housekeeping Items: A 7-month CD is due for renewal on 4-18-26. It is at \$11,415.56 and we have 10 days to cash it out or it will automatically renew. Could cash it out early without losing the principal. Motion made and carried to roll it over at the 7-month special rate.

New Business: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 477 of St. Nazianz has asked to have members hand out poppies for Memorial Day in honor of veterans on May 17 outside the church, before and after the service. They will stand outside or come inside if the weather is bad. Donations will be accepted but not expected. Motion made and carried to allow the Auxiliary members to attend and hand out poppies. Motion made and carried to add Sue Riesterer as chairman of the Fellowship Board. Synod Assembly: Pastor is registered to attend. Devin and Bridget will go as well. Review of Faith's Dedicated Funds—Joan presented a list of funds and the names of people who have access and a donation form that we could make available. These funds are not from the general fund and are set aside for a specific purpose from money donated or given to the specific fund.

Council representative reports:

Treasurer's Report—Terry presented a written report showing income in March of \$22,077.90 and expenses of \$29,864.01, for a net loss of \$7,836.11.

Stewardship—Joan asked if we wish to begin doing fundraisers to help with the church's finances. Ideas include: a raffle calendar, similar to the successful one produced each year at St. Mary's Church in Clarks Mills. We need ideas that do not require a lot of labor, so having a big meal would not be desirable. Other ideas discussed to bring in more people and raise funds: raffles or raffle baskets; a carnival; trunk or treat; bonfire; bringing in speakers and charging to attend. It was stressed that we need to have volunteers help and cannot always depend on the same few people, but we need to find a way to get more money in. Pastor suggested that a Living Nativity could draw in people, noting his preference for events, rather than games of chance. It was also suggested that we put a notice in the bulletin and Faith Matters to show people how much money we are losing and mention that we are looking for ideas for fundraisers. Motion made and carried to approve fundraisers if needed to bring in funds.

Lay Ministry—The board discussed re-enacting the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday on the stage downstairs and will explore that idea.

Fellowship—Sue was given clarification on how the money that's collected during Sunday fellowship hour can be used.

Church Properties—Church cleanup was planned for April 25.

Christian Education—VBS planning is underway and plans were discussed for decorating for the event.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:44. Next Meeting – May 18 Devotions: Sue
-Submitted by Mary Thomsen, secretary

Celebrating Your Birthday!

JUNE

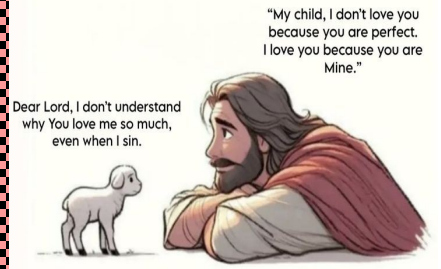
1. James Schuessler
2. Kevin Madson
Baylor Fochs
3. Glenn Otto
Don Domrath
4. John Thompson
Stacy Wilker
Logan Bratt
5. John Polifka
Audrey Sorenson
Camden Duchow
6. Virginia Meyer
Rebecca Schultz
Shawnae Galien
7. Andrew Schnell
9. Conrad Evenson
Wanda Neumeyer
Dylan Conrad
Kyle Conrad
10. Jill Franz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

13. Caroline Bratt
Addison Voss
Ricki Valleskey
14. Rose Behnke
Legend Bast
16. Megan Kadow
Dustin Eisenschink
Jr.
17. Kyle Christianson
Jasmine Koehler
Gabriella Platten
Tina Wenzel
18. Bradley Fahley
Callie Olson
Bryce Madson
19. Elijah Platten
21. Mathew Krogh
Deborah Goehring
22. Julie Wigen
Allison Pankratz
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
Forrest Newberg
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 Women's Bible Study	2	3 9:00 Jazzercise 11:30 Memorial Service for Carolyn Peterson Coble at Valders West 6:15 Worship	4 <i>Synod Assembly</i> 8:00 Quilting	5 <i>Synod Assembly</i>	6 <i>Synod Assembly</i>
7 Holy Communion 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	8 9:00 Women's Bible Study	9	10 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship	11 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting	12	13 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
14 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	15 9:00 Women's Bible Study 12:30-4:00 VBS 5:30 Board of Stewardship 6:30 Council	16 9:00 Senior Christians at Fork 'n Knife 12:30-4:00 VBS	17 9:00 Jazzercise 12:30-4:00 VBS 6:15 Worship with Holy Communion	18 8:00 Quilting 12:30-4:00 VBS 7:00 Family Movie Night	19 	20 9:00 Open Pantry
21 Holy Communion 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour 	22 9:00 Women's Bible Study 2:00-4:00 NYG Cookout at the Schuessler's	23	24 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship	25 8:00 Quilting	26	27
28 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	29 9:00 Women's Bible Study	30	 <p><i>Blessings to every father figure.</i> Your leadership shapes lives and strengthens faith.</p>			

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amen	forever	glory	power
thine	evil	deliver	temptation
lead	trespasses	forgive	bread
daily	heaven	earth	kingdom
name	hallowed	Father	

Alcoholics Anonymous
Meets at 6:00 p.m. Mondays
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