



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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A Big Celebration! By Pastor Dan Lyman

We are 175 years old! Oh we have deeper roots than that. Lutheranism is 500 years old. Christianity goes back about 2000 years. And our roots really go back to the foundations of Creation itself, to the time before Time. But Faith Lutheran Church is 175 years old. When, in 1850, our nation was still trying to avoid the Civil War, back when Nathaniel Hawthorne had just published "The Scarlet Letter," and Herman Melville was still writing "Moby Dick," some faithful Norwegian Lutherans got together and chartered a three point parish in Valders, Gjerpen, and Manitowoc.

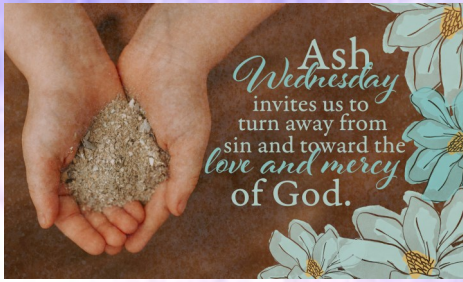
I was phoned by people, from First Lutheran, Manitowoc, organizing to celebrate our 175th anniversary, and I did not quite understand the details of it. I did not grasp our historical relationship with First Lutheran and one pastor in 3 locations. They told me it was explained pretty well on OUR website. I had read the whole website when I was first interviewing to be pastor at Faith. But I did not remember it 2 years later.

Our website explains, "On October 4, 1850, a meeting was held to adopt a basic constitution to form the Norwegian Congregation of Manitowoc and Vicinity, which included 3 districts, Manitowoc, Gjerpen, and Valders. On this day, a letter of call was prepared to their first pastor, Rev. Jacob A. Ottesen of Norway...[Twenty-one years later,] on April 3, 1871, the Manitowoc district requested "brotherly release" from the established 3-district congregation and went on to incorporate independently (becoming First Lutheran, Manitowoc)."

Later, Our Savior's Lutheran was started and our three congregations cooperated, together, but somewhat separate until we all merged during the ministry of Pastor Onkka, culminating in the completion of our building in 1963.

So there you have it. Our 3 merged churches, and our sister congregation, First Lutheran, all have the same birthday. On that day, October 4, 1850, Zachary Taylor was president of the United States, soon to be followed by Millard Fillmore. The Great Chicago fire was 20 years in the future. We were still pushing out Native Americans in the West. Railways and telegraphs were the brand new technology of the time. Edison was still a kid and would not invent anything for another 20 years.

Our friends at First Lutheran are planning some celebrations and have suggested we do some together. I am looking forward to it. We need to send some of our people to the party planning, so we need some volunteers! Let me know!



Ash Wednesday is March 5 with worship at 1:00 and 6:15 pm with Imposition of Ashes.

Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers begin Wednesday, March 12 at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. A sign up sheet for hosting the supper is available for your viewing in the Gathering Space.



Our Bishop has asked Faith Lutheran Church to host a gathering here in Valders, for Our Savior's Lutheran Church, our neighbor church in Denmark. WI. They have begun the process to leave the ELCA. The purpose of our gathering is to express our ongoing friendship person-to-person, speak truths in love, and to prayerfully uphold one another.

Please attend and bring the sort of snacks you like: cookies, cheeses, sliced fruit. We will have coffee here. We gather Saturday, March 8, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in the Gathering Space.

Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, March 18 at 9:00 am at Fork 'n Knife Restaurant in Manitowoc. All seniors are invited. Contact person is Joy Madson.



All members of the congregation and guests are invited to attend a pizza and game night on March 28th from 6-8pm in the gathering space. Pizza and drinks will be provided, however please bring a snack to share and your best board games! We are lookin forward to a fun evening full of fellowship with members of all ages. Please sign up via the link below or you may also contact Erin Lenzner at 920-901-7089 and/or emu_42@hotmail.com. Reservations are appreciated to determine how much pizza will be needed. We hope to see you at this event!

Faith Lutheran Scholarship Application

Name _____ Phone _____

Local Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

High School Attended _____ Year Graduated _____

Church Activities and Involvement _____

Community Service Activities _____

Job Experiences _____

Name (and address) of the college I plan to attend _____

Is this an ELCA sponsored college? Yes___ No___ Are you a full-time student? Yes___ No___

Program of studies you are pursuing _____

I have received _____ previous Faith Lutheran Church Scholarships in years _____

An autobiography MUST accompany this application describing your personal background, educational history, extracurricular activities, future educational plans including major and occupational interests and goals. If awarded a scholarship, indicate how you plan to use the money. Criteria used to determine scholarship recipients includes but not limited to: 1. Quality of application and essay 2. Current and past involvement activities 3. Current and past community service activities. Needless to say, the Christian Church was very important to the people who have made these monies available, and any scholarship awarded is intended to show the churches support for you and your education. Your autobiography should be presented as neatly as possible and preferably typed on an 8 ½ by 11 inch piece of paper with double spacing (please do not exceed two pages in length). Applicants are allowed to receive a total of four scholarships throughout your continuing education program.

The decision of the Committee is final. Any questions concerning this Scholarship must be submitted in writing and mailed to Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Committee at 255 Roosevelt St, Valders, WI. 54245.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO CHURCH OFFICE

Signed _____ Date _____

Application deadline Sunday, April 6, 2025

Revised 2025

Finances

Income - January 2025

		Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$ 19,291.00	\$ 21,366.83	\$ 19,291.00	\$ 21,366.83
Lent, Holiday Offerings	\$ -	\$ 833.33	\$ -	\$ 833.33
Loose Offerings	\$ 75.30	\$ 166.67	\$ 75.30	\$ 166.67
Other Income	\$ 276.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 276.00	\$ 175.00
General Fund Income	\$ 19,642.30	\$ 22,541.83	\$ 19,642.30	\$ 22,541.83

Operating Expenses - January 2025

Administrative/Office Expense	\$ 1,382.26	\$ 1,287.50	\$ 1,382.26	\$ 1,287.50
Benevolence	\$ 1,551.84	\$ 1,803.35	\$ 1,551.84	\$ 1,803.35
Board Expense (Total from all 7 Boards)	\$ 21,338.29	\$ 6,893.33	\$ 21,338.29	\$ 6,893.33
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Personnel Salaries/Benefits ¹	\$ 20,320.22	\$ 20,599.89	\$ 20,320.22	\$ 20,599.89
General Fund Expense	\$ 44,592.61	\$ 30,584.07	\$ 44,592.61	\$ 30,584.07

GENERAL FUND NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$24,950.31)	(\$24,950.31)
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Year to Date General Fund Net Income : (\$24,950.31)

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 \$40,395.72

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.

A Note to Thrivent Financial Members

Thank you for your Choice Dollars you directed to FLC in 2024. Those funds were divided in three ways: 1/2 to the National Youth Convention, 1/4 to FLC Pantry, and 1/4 to Sunday Fellowship Hour. You can still direct any funds you have remaining from 2024 to FLC by March 31, 2025. After that date, any remaining funds will be directed by Thrivent to a charity of their choice. Any Choice Dollars donated to FLC in 2025 will go to the Community Ministry Fund under the Memorial Account.

It is easy to do. By phone: Call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice." Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars and a representative will help you. Online: Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. In the "Direct Choice Dollars" section on the right, click "Get started now" and follow the prompts. Everyone's Choice Dollars add up to help support the ministries of Faith Lutheran Church!

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Funerals Gloria Smith and Marge Klessig

Membership

Baptized 818
Confirmed..... 554
Families 108

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
1/12	109	39
1/19	103	36
1/26	77	46
2/2	87	40

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

March **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*
April **Marlene Evenson**, *Chair (Committee #1)*

Lectors

3/2 Brian Ulness
3/5 1:00 Larry Burzynski
6:15 Kaye Jandrey
3/9 Don Domrath
3/12 Cambria Behnke
3/16 Jenniffer Zutz
3/19 Carol Ulness
3/23 Deb Schreiner
3/26 Cambria Behnke
3/30 Ava Ulness

Communion Servers

3/2 Brian Ulness
3/5 1:00 Larry Burzynski 6:15 Kaye Jandrey
3/12 Theresa Haupt
3/16 Jenniffer Zutz

Head Usher Scott Reinertson

Acolyte Schedule

3/2 Eliza Wilker
3/5 6:15 Allison Goehring
3/9 Allison Goehring
3/12 Carter Kuenstler
3/16 Mitchell Kaderabek
3/19 Audrey Sorenson
3/23 Sage Trepasso
3/26 Grace Sorenson
3/30 Alexandra Trepasso

Greeters

3/2 Mardell Tienor
3/5 1:00 Tom and Kathy Muench
6:15 Keagan Hougen
3/9 Cheryl Domrath
3/12 Keagan Hougen
3/16 Bob and Julie Wigen
3/19 Keagan Hougen
3/23 Don and Deb Schreiner
3/26 Cambria Behnke
3/30 Joan Pritzl

Ushers

3/2 Delton and Cheryl Duchow, Lori Propson
3/5 1:00 Steve Ahrens and Al Gilbertson
6:15 Guy and Judy Valleskey
3/9 Ron and Kaye Jandrey, Bonnie Gordon
3/16 John Robley, Bob Wigen, Loren Ulness
3/23 Steve and Ginny Schwoerer, Marcus Galien
3/30 Richard Menza and Brian Ulness

Sound Operator

3/2 Erin Lenzner
3/9 Loren Ulness
3/16 Makenna Kaderabek
3/23 Loren Ulness
3/30 Carter Lenzner

Video Operator/Live Stream

3/2 Bill Riesterer
3/9 Eric Thomsen
3/16 Mike Lenzner
3/23 Jake Kaderabek
3/30 Carter Lenzner

Projection

3/2 Zachary Lenzner
3/5 1:00 Bill Riesterer 6:15 Mikaela Spindler
3/9 Libby Olson
3/12 John Schnell
3/16 Stefanie Kaderabek
3/19 Mikaela Spindler
3/23 Judy Harris
3/26 Susan Christel
3/30 Luke Evenson



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Faith Lutheran Church

When: March 31, 2025

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk** Screenings.

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to **216-279-1607**

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.



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Located Inside of First Presbyterian Church

502 N 8th Street Manitoowoc, WI 54220

920.829.5820 manitowocwarmingshelter@gmail.com

www.manitowocwarmingshelter.org

2024/25 SEASON WISHLIST

As of January 1, 2025

We will publish an updated list in February which will include food items

Bus Token (Station, 915 S 11th Street)
\$25 Kwik Trip Gift Cards *grocery only*
\$10 Gift cards for drugstores

Travel size body wash
Travel size Shaving Cream
Travel Size Body spray
Travel Size Mouthwash
Travel Size Deodorant
Dental Floss

Women's briefs Small and Medium
Women's gloves Small/Medium
New tee shirts Men's L XL 2XL
New tee shirts Women's M L XL 2XL
Long underwear women's S M L XL
Long underwear men's M L XL 2XL

Small Notes Pads
Postage stamps

Snack-size resealable bags
Two Gallon-size resealable bags
Table Napkins

Fruit Lifesavers bulk or rolls
Ranch Salad Dressing
Ketchup
Tomato Soup
Mini-Candy Bars
Gallon jugs of Fruit Juice
Chewing Gum
Waffle Mix
Powdered Creamer

CASH DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

Please note "Warming Shelter"



Additional Items can be found at our Amazon Wish List

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2RAZSMBT64K5Q?ref=wl_share

Items may be dropped off Monday-Thursday 9-1:00 at First Presbyterian Church,
502 N 8th Street, Please use the parking lot door with the red awning

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—January 20, 2025

New Business

Handbell repairs: The Board of Lay Ministry requests the annual transfer of \$400 to the handbell account fund for the upkeep of the bells and their need for repair and/or maintenance. They also request permission to do repairs. A motion was made and carried to move \$400 from Undesignated Funds to the Bell Choir Account. Permission to repair the handbells was granted.

QR Code for California wildfires: There has been a request to add an option to our QR service for donation to the wildfires. It brought about discussion about whether it should encompass current issues, envelopes for such needs, of the opportunity for this already exists and it would be a duplication? The decision was made that Joan will just add the option onto our web page in case somebody wants to make that donation.

Funeral Policy Addition: The following statement will be added to our existing Funeral Policy: "All family slideshows, power point presentations and the like shall only be shown in the gathering space or fellowship hall, and not in sanctuary." Motion made and carried.

New phone system and fire alarm system? Bill gave us figures to examine and explained: For our fire alarm system, we are currently hooked up with TDS, via an analog telephone system. Recently we have been getting a lot of Com Alerts, which, when they're checked, are merely communication faults. When investigating, he found these alerts correlate with bad weather or TDS doing a software update. He also discovered other options. Therefore, he suggested for our fire alarm system we go off telephone lines and go to a cell-based system through internet; it would be more dependable and there is a cost for installation and monitoring, but in the end we would not need the extra phone line we now have, and TDS would update our outdated analog phone system, giving us 5 new phones with added features and a trainer would come here to show our people how to use the phones with the features. Without the other line the new phone system, with state-of-the-art equipment, would be \$35/month less than we pay now. Motion made and carried to take our fire alarm system off the phone and go with the cell-based system using the internet and to switch our phone system to the new system TDS is offering.

Lay Ministry – *Jennifer Ott*. BOLM wants to remove the words of communion songs from the screen since they are sometimes confusing to the projectionist, and not very many people sing the songs anyway. Ash Wednesday is March 5 with services at 1:00 pm and 6:15 pm. We will use the Holden Service. Jo Jones is stepping down from the board, therefore they're looking for one more member.

Stewardship – *Joan Pritzl*. Changes are being made to the financial statement- changing Memorial funds to Designated funds, so the statement will be labeled Designated Funds and Undesignated Funds. They want to put a cap on member Benevolence fund for the special needs of members; (i.e. if someone has a fire, they might need a motel for the night). This will be checked as it may already be in the Constitution.

Evangelism – *Julie Hartman*. Chili cook-off will be Sunday February 23, 2025, from 10:00 to 12:00. Sign-up sheet will go up the first week in February. No coffee after the service will be needed for that day. They will be looking for an additional member since Julie will be taking over Vice-President Elect. They have not yet found anyone to take over Julie's position of board director.

Fellowship – *Marilyn Robley*. Fellowship will participate in the chili-cook off. Thanks to the members going off the Council. On Tuesday March 11th they will serve when the Pastors Green Bay Conference meets at Faith. They will have a simple menu; Pastor Dan says there are usually about 20 when it's in Green Bay, and to take the money from his account. Soup and Sandwich will be held from March 12th- April 9th

Property – *Mark Zutz*. Ken and Tony will be finishing trim, they'll paint around it and will decide about the details when they finish the fellowship hall. Mark will be talking things over with Loren to bring him up to speed as he takes over Mark's position.

Christian Education – *Alisa Madson (May be reported by Larry &/or Bridget)*. Backpacking is coming up. Children will sing April 13 and for Mother's Day. June 16-19th will have Egypt- Prisons to Palace as VBS.

Youth and Family Ministry – *Gretchen Spindler*. Tanyia Sorenson will take over this position.

Faith on Fire – *Bridget Valleskey*. Recently they had a Walk, 12 people participated. On the 5th of Feb, they will do "Faith and Yoga"; the leader will talk about the faith connection with Yoga.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next Meeting: February 17, 2025 Recorded by Judy Harris.

Celebrating Your Birthday!

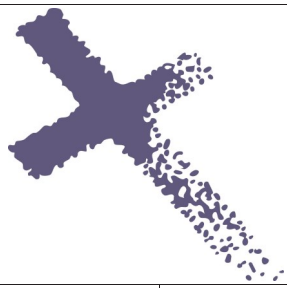
March

2. Ava Petska
William Griffin
Peter Steinberg
Andrea Christel
Wendy Kuenstler
3. Roger Reichardt
6. Gerald Petska
7. Angie Ulness
Gregg Valleskey
Roger Larson
8. Stephen Kalies
Katherine Bubolz
Gretchen Spindler
Jeremy Peterson
9. Sarah Tienor
10. Jake Kaderabek
11. Linda Gilbertson
Baylee Goman
12. Ava Hammel
Waylynn Christianson
Lois Reinertson
13. Steven Schwoerer
Cameron Tuschel
14. Otis Berge

18. Kim Junk
Mike Siewert
20. Valerie Valleskey
Cheyenne Propson
21. James Goehring
22. Terry Evenson
23. Sherrie Pinkerton
Eliza Wilker
Allison Goehring
Lainey Zutz
24. Lydia Kuenstler
Ryan Valleskey
25. Kolten Schisel
Ritta Peterson
26. Dennis Hougen
27. Bailey Goehring
Colt Zutz
28. Robert Argall
Trevor Pinkerton
30. Debbra Schreiner
Carter Schwoerer
31. Aric Olson
Jason Robley

April

1. Kami Christianson
2. John Schiesl
3. Jean Madson
Caynen Klessig
Shane Rusch
Brady Glaeser
4. Ethan Fahley
5. Dennis Karstaedt
Jayden Khail
Aislinn Galien
6. Carol A. Zutz
Paul Schmidt
Tyler Wetenkamp
7. Keith Schultz
8. Colt Christianson
Megan Simon
9. Dennis Luckow
Kelly Krogh
10. Chase Reinertson
Lucas Reinertson



March



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School and Inspiration Choir	3 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	4 3:00 and 6:00 Bible Study	5 1:00 and 6:15 Ash Wednesday worship 	6 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	7	8 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study 1:30-3:30 Our Savior's meeting with the Synod
9 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School and Inspiration Choir, 9th grade Confirmation	10 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise	11 9-12 Pastor's Conference at Faith 3:00 and 6:00 Bible Study	12  5:00 Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:15 Worship 7:00 Confirmation	13 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 5:30 Jazzercise	14	15 9:00 Open Pantry Newsletter info due
16 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School and Inspiration Choir	17 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Board of Stewardship and Jazzercise 6:30 Council	18 9:00 Senior Christians at Fork 'n Knife 3:00 and 6:00 Bible Study	19  5:00 Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:15 Worship 7:00 Confirmation	20 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	21	22
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30 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School and Inspiration Choir	31 8-5 Lifeline Screening in fellowship hall 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise					

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