



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faith Matters

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WORSHIP TIMES

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Secretary: Mary Thomsen
Treasurer: Theresa Haupt



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The Things That

I mention far too often that I was a hospice chaplain for 17 years. But I mention it so often because illness, end-of-life, death, and grief,—the issues of hospice care, come to us all sooner or later. It was hard to deal with death every day for 17 years.

I remember, in particular, sitting at a table at Rotary Club. The guy across the table from me was an insurance salesman and he had sold insurance to hundreds of people in town. The guy on the other side of him was a lawyer and he had written the wills for hundreds of people in town. The lady across from him was a realtor and she had sold houses to hundreds of people in town. Everybody I knew was down at the cemetery, hundreds of people prayed for and comforted on the way to be with Jesus. When Rotary wanted to recruit new members I was no help at all.

I was, all through that time a pastor at a church also, so I had a normal ministry to help balance things. It also helped that I had, in the face of Death itself, the very best response: Jesus and the resurrection. I would talk to people who had avoided thinking much about death, but death was obviously on the way. Somewhere in that conversation I would share that Jesus knew them and loved them. I would share that I believed that we go to be with Jesus right after death. Like the thief on the cross, "Today you will be with me in Paradise." People wanted a miracle at the end of their life, a healing miracle to postpone death. But I would assure them that they had something better than a miracle, the resurrection.

As part of my Hospice duties I also led grief support groups. Every year we have about a dozen deaths at Faith. We could have filled a grief support group right away and kept it filled from Faith and the Valders community. But I needed a break from matters of death, so I did not offer such a group. I apologize to those who needed support in their grief. It has been a joy to baptize babies and officiate at weddings and just eat donuts and coffee with you. Now, I feel refreshed by the joys of normal life and feel like it is time to offer this ministry. Very soon I will announce the time for our new grief support group. It will, of course, be open to the community so be thinking of friends to encourage to attend. If you are grieving, please come. *Pastor Dan*

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The Herald
By Daniel C. Lyman

For more than seven years
I have been the herald who runs forward
who runs ahead of death
who runs ahead and calls out
“Fear not!”

Well do I know death.
I have heard the leaden stamp
of his heavy feet.
Often have his ebony wings brushed me
as we gather ‘round.

I have seen their cheek go pale
within his implacable grip.
But I rushed ahead first
and announced that
death is coming but
“Fear not!”

Death is not the master
but the servant.
Death serves the King of Love.
The universe was remade.
Love and death contended.

Love was victorious.
Fear not.
Fear not.
Fear not!

Death is not the master.
He grasps you firmly
only to take you to his Master,
The King Of Love, the Master of All,
my Master and your Master too.

Well do I know death
having been the terrier at his heels
many long years now.
“Fear Not!”

I bark to all who will listen.
Death knows me well now too.

And sometimes
as we gather ‘round,
he will nod to me.
And when he does
I tremble a little.
I confess that I do.
Still, I bark,
“Fear not!”

Easter Flower Order Form

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS March 11

This plant is (circle one)

In Special Thanksgiving or
In Memory In Honor of

Name(s) of Person(s) ordering:

I would like to order:

_____ **Lily**

Paid \$14.50 _____ Not Paid \$14.50 _____

_____ **Daffodil**

Paid \$13.00 _____ Not Paid \$13.00 _____

_____ **Tulip**

Paid \$13.00 _____ Not Paid \$13.00 _____

PLEASE INDICATE:

_____ I wish to donate my plant where needed.

_____ I will take my plant home by **Sunday, April 5.**

World Hunger

I would like to give money to World Hunger in lieu of a plant.

This is (circle one)

In Special Thanksgiving or In Memory In Honor of

Name(s) of Person(s) ordering:

Amount of money enclosed _____



In the Life of Faith

The Inspiration Choir will participate in the memorial service for Charley and Veryl Hein at Our Savior's Cemetery on Saturday, March 28 at 11:00 a.m. Choir members who previously sang under Veryl Hein are invited to join the choir for this event. Rehearsals are held on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the balcony and you may join us at any time. Familiar hymns will be sung.

Funeral Choir Services

Choir Availability: The Inspiration Choir is available to perform at funeral services. Their participation can provide comfort and a meaningful musical tribute during these occasions. **Requesting a Song:** If you would like a particular song to be sung by the choir at a funeral, please contact the office or Pastor Dan to make arrangements.



The Senior Christians group will be gathering on Tuesday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will take place at The Lighthouse Inn.

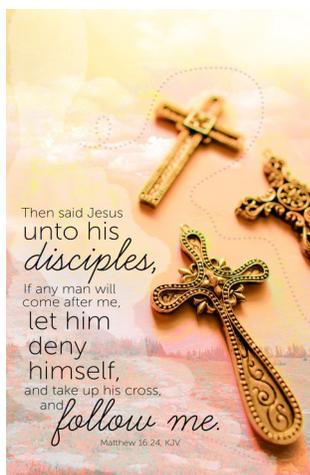
Easter Meal Kit Service Project

Garrett Jeske and Trevor Pinkerton are currently organizing their confirmation service project. Their goal is to assemble 18 meal kits for Easter, which will be distributed to families during the March food pantry event. These families have been regularly receiving assistance from the church food pantry. To make these meal kits as helpful as possible, Garrett and Trevor are inviting the congregation to contribute by donating additional items.

Requested Items for Meal Kits

- ⇒ Breakfast cereal
- ⇒ Peanut butter
- ⇒ Jellies
- ⇒ Pancake mix
- ⇒ Oatmeal cups or packets

In addition to these food items, gift cards to Meijer or Festival Foods are also greatly appreciated. If you wish to donate a gift card, please place it in an envelope labeled with Garrett and Trevor's names and "Service Project," and leave it in the church office. Gift cards will be used to purchase any remaining items needed for the meal kits.



Opportunities to Serve During Holy Week

Volunteers Needed for Good Friday and Easter Sunrise Service

The Board of Lay Ministry is seeking volunteers to assist with the veiling and unveiling of the cross during the Good Friday and Easter Sunrise Service. No prior experience is required, as training will be provided for all participants. If you are interested in helping with these meaningful services, please sign up at the

welcome desk. For any questions or further information, contact Jennifer Ott at 920-973-5365.

Missing Men's Winter Jacket

A men's black winter jacket has been missing since Sunday, December 14. Please check your home to see if you might have accidentally taken it. The jacket contains a pair of keys in the pocket. If you find it, kindly return it to the church or contact Sandy Lemberger at 920-901-0294, or call the church office at 920-775-4141.

Found Bluish Men's Jacket

A bluish men's jacket has been at the church since December. If this belongs to you, please come to the church to claim it.



Finances

Income - January 2026

		Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$ 17,763.00	\$ 21,998.75	\$ 17,863.00	\$ 21,998.75
Lent, Holiday Offerings	\$ -	\$ 833.33	\$ -	\$ 833.33
Loose Offerings	\$ 83.00	\$ 166.67	\$ 83.00	\$ 166.67
Room Use - Utility Donations	\$ 175.25	\$ 166.67	\$ 175.25	\$ 166.67
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Fund Income	\$ 18,021.25	\$ 23,173.75	\$ 18,121.25	\$ 23,173.75

Operating Expenses - January 2026

Administrative/Office Expense	\$ 1,154.43	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 1,154.43	\$ 1,365.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,427.93	\$ 1,622.16	\$ 1,427.93	\$ 1,622.16
Board Expense (Total from all 7 Boards)	\$ 5,306.04	\$ 6,576.67	\$ 5,306.04	\$ 6,576.67
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Personnel Salaries/Benefits ¹	\$ 18,159.13	\$ 21,086.80	\$ 18,159.13	\$ 21,086.80
General Fund Expense	\$ 26,047.53	\$ 30,650.63	\$ 26,047.53	\$ 30,650.63

GENERAL FUND NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$8,026.28)	(\$7,926.28)
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Year to Date General Fund Net Income: (\$8,026.28)

A Note to Thrivent Financial Members

Thank you for your Choice Dollars that you directed to FLC in 2025. Those funds went to the Community Ministry Fund under the Memorial Account. You can still direct any funds you have remaining from 2025 to FLC by March 31, 2026. After that date, any remaining funds will be directed by Thrivent to the charity of their choice.

Any Choice Dollars donated in 2026 will be divided between the Faith on Fire NYG/ Mission Trip Fund and the Property Fund.

It is easy to do. By phone: Call Thrivent at [800-847-4836](tel: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

Baptism Delilah Amy Sue Johnson

Membership

Baptized 817
 Confirmed..... 552
 Families..... 102

On Sunday, February 22, Faith's congregation had the pleasure of welcoming Emily Skattebo as a new member. We look forward to supporting Emily in her faith journey and celebrating her presence among us.

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
1/11	103	21
1/18	88	28
1/25	71	42
2/1	84	43

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

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

Lectors

3/1 Judy Harris
 3/4 Larry Burzynski
 3/8 Ava Ulness
 3/11 Carol Ulness
 3/15 Jenniffer Zutz
 3/18 Kathy Mattern
 3/22 Don Domrath
 3/25 Cambria Behnke
 3/29 Joyce Sorenson

Communion Servers

3/1 Judy Harris
 3/15 Jenniffer Zutz

Head Usher Scott Reinertson

Acolyte Schedule

3/1 Noah Boll
 3/4 Westen Schisel
 3/8 Allison Goehring
 3/11 Westen Schisel
 3/15 Mitchell Kaderabek
 3/18 Westen Schisel
 3/22 Carter Kuenstler
 3/25 Dexter Valleskey
 3/29 Zachary Lenzner



Greeters

3/1 David and Debra Linzmeier
 3/4 Dexter Valleskey
 3/8 Mary Thomsen
 3/11 Dexter Valleskey
 3/15 Grace Sorenson
 3/18 Peytyn Peterson
 3/22 Grace Sorenson
 3/25 Jan Behnke
 3/29 Peytyn Peterson

Ushers

3/1 Don & Deb Schreiner, Joan Pritzl
 3/8 Al Gilbertson and Lori Propson
 3/15 Keith Lippert, John Robley, Wayne Huske
 3/22 Earl & Barb Griffin, Rod Merino
 3/29 Marcus Galien, Loren Ulness, Bob Wigen

Sound Operator

3/1 Stefanie Kaderabek
 3/8 Loren Ulness
 3/15 Erin Lenzner
 3/22 Loren Ulness
 3/29 Makenna Kaderabek

Projection

3/1 Stefanie Kaderabek
 3/4 Susan Christel
 3/8 Loren Ulness
 3/11 John Schnell
 3/15 Zachary Lenzner
 3/18 Dexter Valleskey and Kayla Hildebrandt
 3/22 Loren Ulness
 3/25 Cindy Pederson
 3/29 Ethan Ulness

Video Operator/Live Stream

3/1 Jake Kaderabek
 3/8 Eric Thomsen
 3/15 Michael Lenzner
 3/22 Liam Cline
 3/29 Jake Kaderabek

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed chili and desserts for our "Souper Bowl" event. Your generosity played a vital role in making the occasion a success. It was well attended, and we are pleased to share that we raised \$279 for our food pantry. We had a small amount of leftover chili, which was donated to Soup for the Souls. We are truly humbled by your support and are grateful for each and every one of you.

Valentine's Day Fun!



Wendy Hutterer from Open Door Counseling: Healing is on the Other Side is such a blessing! Wendy came to Faith Lutheran and spent meaningful time with some of our youth. Our kids don't often get the chance to quiet their minds and busy bodies. They may not realize it, but these experiences are what they need. If you haven't tried her Faith Yoga class yet, it is highly recommended!

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

Paper copies can be dropped off in the office OR emailed to faith21@tds.net

Signed _____ Date _____

Application deadline Sunday, April 5, 2026

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—January 19, 2026

Guest's Topic of Discussion—John and Earl came to discuss questions addressed at the annual meeting about the Endowment Committee. They noted they were looking for clarification on benevolence and giving, so the committee doesn't duplicate what the council is doing. Larry noted that the council doesn't typically know what the committee is doing because it has not been standard practice for a member to attend council meetings. There was a discussion about how to define "Local" as stated in the constitution in regard to beneficiaries of donations. Our congregation has people mainly from Manitowoc, Calumet and Sheboygan counties. Earl noted that the audit committee wants to know if the money should go through the Endowment Committee or the council. "Community" as stated in the bylaws, can mean many things, including the community of Christian believers. There have been donations to the victims of the California fires, for example, and Thrivent matched those dollars. Audit committee feels it should go through the council and not the Endowment Committee. They asked for clarification and wondered why some donations are doubled up by coming from both the committee and the council. There was discussion about how some of the donations were handled in recent years and that communication could be improved by having someone from the Endowment Committee attend the council meetings, although the committee does meet infrequently and often handles requests by email, rather than meeting in person. There was a question about what the community fund is for and about using it, rather than taking from the church budget. There was a general agreement that it would be helpful for the council to know what the committee is doing and that the Endowment Committee should handle local funding requests, while wider causes could be handled by the council (general or special funds).

New Business

Thrivent Choice for 2026: The total of \$3,907 has to be allocated and the council must decide where it will go. Motion was made to split the 2026 funds equally between the property fund and the National Youth Gathering for the group going from Faith in 2027 as seed money. Motion made and carried.

Pastor Dan wishes to start a grief support group on Wednesday mornings. Would need \$495 to start it. Motion was made to take the money out of undesignated memorial funds. Motion made and carried.

Christine's monitor needs replacement at a cost of about \$400, and a motion was made to pay that cost and replace the monitor. Motion made and carried.

Council representative reports

Treasurer's Report: With no treasurer yet in place, no oral report was given.

Stewardship-Joan: Discussed Thrivent funds. Some CDs are coming due this week and approval is needed to renew: \$50,000 general fund and NYG fund CD of approximately \$10,000. Motion was made to renew at the current rate (11-month CDs). Motion made and carried.

Lay Ministry-Pastor: Christmas season went well. We won't shake hands during flu season when sharing the peace and we do have facemasks if people want them.

Evangelism-Julie: They are working on the Souper Bowl chili luncheon and may do postcards for inactive members for Easter.

Fellowship-Larry: Soup and Sandwich suppers begin Feb. 25 from 5-6 p.m. and the signup sheet will go up in early February.

Church Properties-Loren: We had a furnace problem repaired that he estimates will cost \$1,500.

Christian Education—Alyssa: The board would like another set of risers to use when children sing and would like a noisy offering on Palm Sunday. Loren suggested putting a notice in the bulletin the week before with the target cost stated. Motion was made and carried to allow the noisy offering. VBS is June 15-18 with a family movie night on June 18. Rain Forest Falls is the theme.

Personnel Committee— We have several openings on the council and committees. Larry feels the same people keep getting asked and are burned out. Need younger people. The fellowship committee has asked to send in committee reports instead of coming to council meetings.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8 p.m.

Next Meeting –Feb. 16, 2026—Devotions by Joan

Larry thanks everyone for helping and working with him the past year as president.

–Submitted by: Mary Thomsen, secretary

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
Bethany Kranz
10. Jake Kaderabek
11. Linda Gilbertson
Baylee Goman
12. Ava Hammel
Waylynn Christianson
Lois Reinertson
13. Steven Schwoerer
Cameron Tuschel
14. Otis Berge

18. 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. Deb Schreiner
Carter Schwoerer
31. Aric Olson
Jason Robley

April

1. Kami Bahr
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
Remi Popp
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 Holy Communion 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School and Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	2 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	3 3:00 Bible Study	4 9:00 Jazzercise 5:00 Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation and Faith on Fire	5 8:00 Quilting	6	7
8 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School and Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir 	9 9:00 Women's Bible Study	10 Newsletter info due 3:00 Bible Study	11 9:00 Jazzercise 5:00 Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	12 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary Meeting	13	14 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
15 Holy Communion 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School and Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	16 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Board of Stewardship 6:30 Council	17 9:00 Senior Christians at the Lighthouse Inn 3:00 Bible Study 6:30 Card Making	18 9:00 Jazzercise 5:00 Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation and Faith on Fire	19 8:00 Quilting 6:00 Book Club	20	21 9:00—10:00 Open Pantry
22 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School and Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	23 9:00 Women's Bible Study	24 3:00 Bible Study	25 9:00 Jazzercise 5:00 Soup & Sandwich Supper 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	26 8:00 Quilting	27	28 11:00 Memorial Service for Charley and Veryl Hein at Our Saviors Cemetery (all invited)
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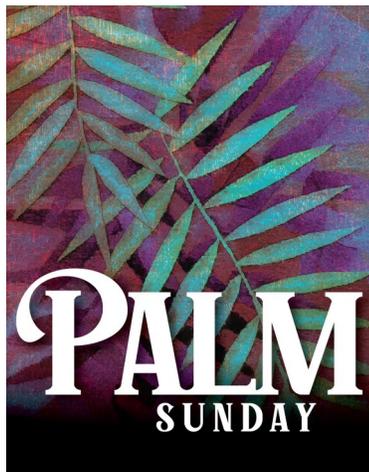
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Noisy Offering for Sunday

School Risers: The Noisy Offering collected on Palm Sunday will go toward paying for a third set of risers for the Sunday school students. We invite everyone to bring their coins to worship for this special collection. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.



Sunday School Students Singing: On Palm Sunday, the Sunday school students will present special music by singing during the worship service.

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