



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Faith Matters

MAY 2024

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### WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS— 9:00 A.M.  
WEDNESDAYS — 6:15 P.M.

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### Apples

When I was a boy, fruits would have seasons. You would go to a grocery store and watermelons would not be in season until they were shipped up from Texas for the Fourth of July. Oranges would not be in season until they ripened in December in tropical California and Florida and the southern tip of Texas. Then they'd be shipped north to be put in our Christmas stockings.

Now they just grow all the fruits in Chile and other parts of the southern hemisphere and ship them promptly to us. Or they have figured out how to store them "just so," so they keep well for months.

The local fruit of my youth was apples. My grandparents had a small orchard. They never sold any apples, but everybody in the family would come and pick apples and take home a bushel or two or three to just munch on for October and November and December. I think the best food in the universe is a fresh, crisp, tangy Jonathan apple fresh from the tree. And even an apple that has grown old and a little mealy is still okay if it came from your own tree.

Some of my earliest memories were of sitting by the fireplace as the winter snow blew around outside, looking at my childhood picture books and eating an apple.

As a pastor, I have moved around to many places. In all of my homes I have planted an apple tree. I just couldn't help myself. A house ain't a home without an apple tree. Apple trees, as you probably know, do not produce much crop for a few years in their youth. So I have seldom eaten many apples from my trees.

I like to think that the next people in my houses appreciated the apple trees, but people are funny. They might object to them dropping the apples and having to clean up the mess. They might object to drawing deer into the yard, where they'd also eat their ornamental shrubbery.

The fruit in the garden of Eden is never called an apple in the Bible. We just added that later.

They ascribe a quote to Martin Luther that says, "Even if I knew the world was ending tomorrow, I would still plant an apple tree today. Planting an apple tree is a good deed. The end might be postponed. God is merciful. Or God might end the world but make something wonderful of that good deed and that apple tree." It has been quoted many times but nobody can find the place Luther wrote it, so it was probably from somebody's sermon, or maybe a Sunday School lesson. But I like the thought.

I am eating a pretty good Cosmic Crisp apple as I write this. And I am thinking of planting an apple tree or two at my home. Wish me luck and many apples! *Pastor Dan*

## Sunday School May 2024

Mark your calendars for our final 2 weeks of Sunday School... Sunday May 5th, class will begin at 10:15. Please drop your child off downstairs in their classrooms before heading up to our special service at 10:30am. The children will come up to service to sing a song for you and Pastor Peters, enjoy a Children's Sermon, and then they will be dismissed back to their classrooms where they will continue to practice their songs for Mother's Day Service and have a special snack/fun day! Class will end at 11:30 (or the conclusion of service).



Sunday May 12th (Mother's Day) the children will be singing 3 songs during the 9am service. Please drop your child off downstairs by 8:45am. After they are done, they will return to sit with you. Invite family and friends for this very special day!!! Please don't forget your change... during the offering time. The kids can help collect a "noisy offering" that will once again go toward the new risers that we bought this spring. They are just short of 1/2 paid for after the last noisy offering. Your generosity is appreciated!!



### May Stewardship — Personal Care Kits

- 1 light to medium weight bath towel (52 x 27) (dark colors)
  - 2 bath sized bars of soap (4-5oz.) any brand in original wrapping
  - 1 sturdy comb
  - 1 metal nail clipper
  - 1 adult size single toothbrush in original package
- Please place your items in the stewardship cabinet across from the church office.



Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the Fork and Knife.

**Vacation Bible School registration forms are available in the Gathering Space or on our website at [faithlutheranchurchvalders.org](http://faithlutheranchurchvalders.org).**



March council minutes will be approved at the May council meeting.





Confirmation students and mentors attended a Shabbat Service at Congregation Beth El in Sheboygan Saturday, April 13.



Celebrating their Confirmation on May 19 are Mollie Junk, Gage Spindler and Tristan Teuke.

# Finances

## *Income - March 2024*

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 25,434.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 3,902.25			
<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 29,336.25</b>	<b>\$ 23,757.25</b>	<b>\$ 76,821.19</b>	<b>\$ 71,271.75</b>
Dedicated Income	\$ 1,254.32		\$ 2,525.90	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 30,590.57</b>		<b>\$ 79,347.09</b>	

## *Operating Expenses - March 2024*

Benevolence	\$ 2,346.89			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 2,678.22			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 20,321.65			
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$ 25,346.76</b>	<b>\$ 29,840.58</b>	<b>\$ 90,056.54</b>	<b>\$ 89,369.76</b>
Dedicated Expense	\$ 1,112.75		\$ 1,619.75	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 26,459.51</b>		<b>\$ 91,676.29</b>	

**Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$ (13,235.35)**



Thank you so much to everyone who helped with set up and execution of the Easter breakfast! We could not do this without your help and sincerely appreciate all of the helping hands. A special thank you goes out to Mark and Jen Zutz for donating syrup and to Brenda Goehring for some of the festive crafts used to decorate the tables. We are grateful for all of you!!



# Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

## Pastoral Acts

Baptisms.....Lainey Lynn Zutz,  
Colin Joseph Stalvey, Harley Rose Beckman  
Funerals ..... Brian Thomsen and Kenneth Bessert

## Membership

Baptized ..... 815  
Confirmed..... 587  
Famillies..... 109  
*Welcome to Faith Sarah Tienor. Sarah is one of our newest members.*

## Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
3/17	89	55
3/24	207	
3/28	Maundy Thursday 74	
3/29	Good Friday 105	
3/31	7:00 111 9:00 201	41
4/7	100	36

## Altar Guild Servers

### Communion:

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

## Lectors

5/1 Kaye Jandrey  
5/5 Stefanie Kaderabek  
5/8 Cambria Behnke  
5/12 Don Domrath  
5/15 Larry Burzynski  
5/19 Joan Pritzl  
5/22 Cambria Behnke  
5/26 Ron Jones  
5/29 Carol Ulness

## Communion Servers

5/1 Kaye Jandrey  
5/5 Stefanie Kaderabek  
5/15 Ariana Herrick  
5/19 Joan Pritzl  
5/29 Ariana Herrick



## Head Ushers

Matt Krogh and Paul Franz

## Acolyte Schedule

5/1 Phoebe Cigler  
5/5 Allison Goehring  
5/8 Ariana Herrick  
5/12 Carter Kuenstler  
5/15 John Marc Erjas  
5/19 Mitchell Kaderabek  
5/22 Ariana Herrick  
5/26 Zachary Lenzner  
5/29 Jomarie Erjas

## Greeters

5/1 Mary Thomsen  
5/5 Ariana Herrick  
5/8 Keagan Hougen  
5/12 Noah Boll  
5/15 Keagan Hougen  
5/19 Brenda Freiberg  
5/22 Keagan Hougen  
5/26 Lynda Pautz  
5/29 Keagan Hougen



## Ushers

5/5 Steve and Ginny Schwoerer, Bob Wigen  
5/12 Ron Jones, Wayne Huske, Lori Propson  
5/19 Thomas and Kathy Muench, John Robley  
5/26 Earl and Barb Griffin, Jim Ahrens

## Sound Operator

5/5 Loren Ulness  
5/12 Terry Huske  
5/19 Makenna Kaderabek  
5/26 Garrett Ulness

## Video Operator/Live Stream

5/5 Travis Schisel  
5/12 Eric Thomsen  
5/19 Jake Kaderabek  
5/26 Bill Riesterer



## Projection

5/1 John Schnell  
5/5 Kolten Schisel  
5/8 Kayla Hildebrandt  
5/12 Terry Huske  
5/15 Susan Christel  
5/19 Makenna Kaderabek  
5/22 Tristan Teuke  
5/26 Whitney Ulness  
5/29 John Schnell

# CREATED TO BE

We **celebrate our campers** for who they are Created to Be! Your camper will be a known and valued member of our community, where their individual gifts have a place to shine. Whether your camper has joyfully attended camp before or is bravely arriving for their first camp experience, **we are so very glad to have them.**

Our **exceptional summer staff** are well trained and eager to serve each camper in their care. These young adults bring their diverse experiences and unique skills to create a team that offers connection, enthusiasm, role modeling, and accompaniment. They are listeners and problem solvers and **we can't wait for you to meet them.**

**We work to offer an expansive welcome** to our campers through intentional acts of training, preparation, and development. As we continue that journey, we are available for conversations and questions. Our programming is rooted in the open and welcoming theology of the ELCA Lutheran Church. Many participants attend from different faith traditions or no tradition at all. All are welcome, no matter their faith affiliation. Our staff are trained to facilitate open conversation rather than instruction.

Summer Camp is our joy and **we believe wholeheartedly that it is what the world needs.** We hope you will join us!

## - The Crossways Staff

### Youth Camp

Youth Camp programs are designed to build community, develop leadership, strengthen skills or try new ones, and offer a space for campers to thrive! The program schedule offers so much variety that campers really find their place. Campers stay overnight in cabins with peers and a staff cabin leader.

Confirmation Camp offers a program and partnership alongside congregations, as an extension of the faith formation program. Contact your congregational leader for details about participating!





# Family Camp

Family Programs bring together all ages for the ultimate shared experience! The Crossways team will provide engaging programming and exceptional hospitality for you and your loved ones to grow and connect with each other. The welcoming environment sets the stage for you to model your faith values for the next generation. Families, defined by you, lodge together in private spaces.



# Specialty Camps

## Mini Artisans

We are created to create! Our Mini Artisans will gather around different creative platforms to express and explore. Learn from experts and enthusiasts while we try something new together.

## Onsite Day Camp

Campers will enjoy authentic, faith-filled experiences alongside a variety of camp activities, including time at the lake, active games, curious nature exploration, and creative arts and crafts.

## Self Determination Camp

Young Adults (18-40) with intellectual or developmental disabilities, gather together in an authentic, faith-filled environment. They grow in their connection to each other and the greater church, and return home with a renewed enthusiasm and new skills to share their personal faith.

## Camp Jr

Tots bring their grown ups to camp for a one day experience that includes all of the highlights of summer camp.





# Rates & Scholarships



Our best way to make camp accessible for the most camper families is through flexible program fees we call Tier Pricing. All campers enjoy the same outstanding camp experience and programming, regardless of the tier selected and regardless of any other scholarship or financial assistance. No camper will be turned away for financial reasons.

## Full Week Programs (Saplings, Timbers, Foresters):

- Tier 1: \$650 (the full cost of camp)
- Tier 2: \$585 (includes a 10% scholarship)
- Tier 3: \$520 (includes a 20% scholarship)

## Partial Week Programs:

- Onsite Day Camp: \$250
- Sprouts, 1/2 Week Saplings: \$285
- Mini Artisans: \$450
- Self Determination: \$450

## Full Week Family Programs:

- Adult (18+): \$535
- Youth (12-17): \$510
- Child (3-11): \$455
- Child (0-2): Free
- Family Camp Family Max: \$2100

## Partial Week Family Programs:

- Adult (18+): \$260
- Youth (12-17): \$225
- Child (3-11): \$175
- Child (0-2): Free
- Family Camp Family Max: \$1250
- Additional fee for Evergreen Retreat Center Lodging.



## FULL & PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Additional scholarships are available to all families by request. Visit [CrosswaysCamps.org/scholarship](http://CrosswaysCamps.org/scholarship) to complete a simple application or contact us at [info@crosswayscamps.org](mailto:info@crosswayscamps.org) for additional information.



Imago Dei Village  
Clintonville, WI



Pine Lake Camp  
Waupaca, WI



Waypost  
Hatley, WI



**CROSSWAYSCAMPS.ORG**

[info@crosswayscamps.org](mailto:info@crosswayscamps.org)  
(715) 258-3813



# Celebrating Your Birthday!

## MAY

- Joan Pritzl  
Emma Karstaedt
- Terra Peterson  
Austin McCulley  
Donald Schisel  
Nicole Spindler
- Kim Tan  
Stacy Olm  
Eric Haupt  
Walker Ulness  
Dominic Hernandez
- Lori Bruckner  
Rachel Robley
- Ella Hammel  
Brenda Johnson  
Jared Petska  
Benjamin Kalies
- Lexie Evenson  
Peter Scharenbroch
- Richard Schaeuble
- Daniel Esser  
Timothy Brick
- Mardell Huske  
Marilyn Robley  
Robert Voss
- Erik Gordon
- Leonard Reinertson  
David Linzmeier
- Pam Brick  
Brenda Olson  
Wylder Fochs
- Jennifer Junk  
Sandy Halverson
- Vicki Wetenkamp  
Ellen Polifka  
Jennifer Ott  
Michael Wenzel  
Charlie Saunders
- Bertha Kulnick  
Romelle Rusch  
James Pederson  
Thomas Rutherford  
Joshua Olson  
Patrick Mulhaney
- Ty Lippert
- Everett Galien
- Doris Olson  
Colten Fuller
- Kenneth O'Leary  
Aliza Sabourin  
Judy Valleskey
- Scott Reinertson
- Thomas Behnke  
Jill Wittmus  
Noah Boll

## JUNE




- James Schuessler
- Kevin Madson  
Baylor Fochs
- Glenn Otto  
Don Domrath
- John Thompson  
Stacy Wilker  
Logan Bratt
- John Polifka  
Audrey Sorenson  
Camden Duchow
- Virginia Meyer  
Rebecca Schultz  
Shawnae Galien
- Andrew Schnell
- Conrad Evenson  
Wanda Neumeyer  
Dylan Conrad  
Kyle Conrad
- Jill Franz  
Mikaela Spindler  
Mary Siewert
- Ashlin Hill
- Bryant Schwoerer
- Tim Endries
- Brian Olson  
Isaac Boll
- Bev Hildebrandt  
Lucille Rutherford  
Matthew Sorenson  
John Schnell  
Carter Valleskey
- Trevor McCulley  
Daniel Whitehouse  
Kace Goehring  
Amber Kwasny







Faith's picture directories will be coming May 20-27. You will be notified when they are available for pick up.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:00 Jazzercise  6:15 Worship 6:30 Board of Christian Ed. 7:15 Confirmation	2 8:00 Quilting  5:30 Jazzercise	3	4  9:00 Set up for Pastor Peters Celebration
5 8:00 Bell Choir 10:15 Sunday School, 9th grade confirmation <b>10:30 Worship (note time change)</b> <b>Pastor Peters celebration</b>	6  5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Board of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	7  2:00-6:00 Blood Drive 3:00 & 6:00 Bible Study	8 9:00 Jazzercise  6:00 Card Making 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	9 8:00 Quilting  5:30 Jazzercise	10	11  9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
12 9:00 Worship— Sunday school kids sing 10:00 Fellowship Hour 	13  5:30 Jazzercise	14  3:00 & 6:00 Bible Study	15 9:00 Jazzercise  6:15 Worship  Newsletter info due	16 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting  5:30 Jazzercise	17	18  9:00-10:00 Open Pantry
19 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour 	20 5:30 Board of Stewardship, Jazzercise 6:30 Council	21 9:00 Senior Christians at Fork and Knife Restaurant  3:00 & 6:00 Bible Study	22 9:00 Jazzercise  6:15 Worship	23 8:00 Quilting  5:30 Jazzercise	24	25
26 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	27 Office closed 	28  3:00 & 6:00 Bible Study	29 9:00 Jazzercise  6:15 Worship	30 8:00 Quilting  5:30 Jazzercise	31  VBS registration forms due	



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We celebrated Pastor  
Dan's birthday April 14  
during fellowship hour.

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