



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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Thanksgiving

I was with some church people and we were eating, as gatherings of church people often do. We offered prayer before dining and then, when the dessert came out, I joked that I felt like praying again because the sight of the delicious desserts had inspired new gratitude in me. When you feel grateful, it is important to express that gratitude. Sometimes we thank people. Other times, especially for more general circumstances, we thank God. When the harvest is plentiful or the family is healthy, or we have gathered with people we love, we thank God.

We are in the Thanksgiving season. I like Thanksgiving as a holiday. Thanksgiving does not have the gift-giving stresses of Christmas. Halloween has gotten to be a big holiday, but it has a less joyous character. Thanksgiving is a gem between the two. Thanksgiving has good food and plenty of it. Usually family has gathered and I like our family pretty well. Nobody has a feud or anything. In the old days the turkey white meat always came out dry, but grandma made plenty of good gravy so we were all happy. Now I am grateful for all the ways we have figured out how to keep it from drying out: frying it, smoking it, brining it. Grandma would get a huge turkey, but she would almost always worry that it would not be enough, so an unexpected ham would come out of the kitchen too. Happy memories.

As a pastor, I often participated in the community Thanksgiving Eve service. Thanksgiving is not an exclusively Christian holiday, just as thankfulness is not an exclusively Christian emotion. So every group in our small college town would come and share prayer and readings. The Muslims, the Jews, the Buddhists, the Roman Catholics, would get together with all the Protestants and share the readings and prayers of their traditions about giving thanks. It was beautiful.

May we all share our treasured traditions and thankful hearts in this blessed season.

Pastor Dan

All High School Students

COURAGE & RESILIENCE

Join us for an inspiring and empowering speaking event on Courage & Resilience. Theresa Falvey-Hunt, Life|Grief Coach, Yoga Studio Owner, will share her personal journey of overcoming challenges with faith, trust, and determination. She'll discuss facing ridicule, battling loss, and taking many leaps of faith. The event will explore the idea that resilience is innate and how it enables us to move forward, find ourselves, and discover new opportunities for growth.

Theresa will also touch on the role of spirituality in fostering courage and resilience, highlighting the importance of trust in God and leaning into divine timing. Attendees will leave feeling inspired and equipped with practical tools to embrace resilience in their own lives.

Join us as we explore the strength within us and how divine guidance can lead us to a life filled with courage and resilience.



Theresa Falvey-Hunt
Speaker

Nov. 15th 7:30pm-8:30pm

Faith Lutheran Church
255 Roosevelt Street, Valders, WI

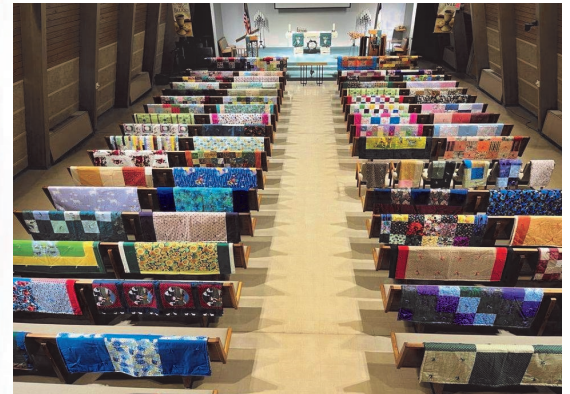
Join us for the
Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 21
at 6:15 p.m.

Please bring *pantry items listed on pg. 4* to worship to help provide for the needy in our area. Place them in the bins in the Gathering Space labeled Faith's Pantry.

There will be no Worship or Confirmation
Wednesday, November 22.



Senior Christians will meet
Tuesday, November 21 at
9:00 at Four Seasons.



QUILT SILENT AUCTION

The Valders Faithful Quilters wish to extend to you the opportunity to bid on quilts again this year. Bidding will start on Sunday, November 5 and conclude on Sunday, November 19 at 10:15 a.m. sharp.

The six quilts will be displayed on tables in the gathering space. We ask that bids increase by \$5.00 over the previous bidder. This is open to anyone even outside of Faith Lutheran's congregation. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of rolls of batting which will enable us to continue to make warm quilts.

Thank you in advance for participating in this mission project.



Imagine the comfort that comes with a hug when someone is in a time of deepest need. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread the Quilting Ladies at Faith have reached out to those with some of the greatest needs in the world, not wrapping them in their arms, but wrapping them in the work of their hands through the making of quilts. We feel the warmth from the following ladies who have worked all year completing the task of making quilts. Now when you see Cheryl Domrath, Marlene Evenson, Kayleen Halderson (Coordinators), Gladys Hansen, Bev Hildebrandt, Linda Menza, Virginia Meyer, Jo Jones, Mardell Huske, Doreen Bessert, Judy Evenson, Ava Ulness, Ann DeMark, Janice Dill, Sharon Schuh, Teresa Pederson, Gladys Tienor and Carol Sickinger, extend to them a BIG THANK YOU for all they do to meet the needs of people they will never meet. These quilts will be distributed at Christmas to the Salvation Army, The Haven, Hope House, The Crossing, Faith's Pantry and In Courage.

Finances

Income - September 2023

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 20,815.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 428.54			
General Fund Income	\$ 21,243.54	\$ 25,883.00	\$ 221,178.63	\$ 232,947.09
Dedicated Income	\$ 1,259.38		\$ 31,717.62	
Total Income	\$ 22,502.92		\$ 252,896.25	

Operating Expenses - September 2023

Benevolence	\$ 1,869.31			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 3,859.00			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 15,915.59			
General Fund Expense	\$ 21,643.90	\$ 27,954.66	\$ 214,870.10	\$ 250,588.26
Dedicated Expense	\$ 4,805.22		\$ 44,597.53	
Total Expenses	\$ 26,449.12		\$ 259,467.63	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$6,308.53

The open pantry is in need of the following items only:

Regular size boxes instant mash potatoes
 Regular size boxes of minute rice
 Juice boxes
 Hot cocoa mixes
 Instant coffee
 Canned frosting
 Snack/candy items
 Snack /breakfast bars
 Pop tarts
 Cookies/cookie mixes
 Peaches (no fruit cocktail)
 Syrup

Men and women shavers and cream
 Laundry soap/dish soap
 Cleaning supplies
 Pull-up diapers size 3/4
 Wipes

Items can be placed in the bins in the Gathering Space labeled Faith's Pantry. Any help with these items is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Sandy Halverson

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms.... Emery Ann Ewen and Lenny Belle Klessig
 First Communion ~ Aubree Boll, Dustin Eisenschink
 Jr., Taylor Jeske, Jayden Khail, Lydia Kuentler,
 Anders Sorenson, Ava Wenzel and Bree Wenzel.
Welcome to God's Table

Membership

Baptized 810
 Confirmed..... 592
 Famillies 109

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
9/10	106	53
9/17	162	47
9/24	107	49
10/1	90	57
10/8	132	42

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

November... **Marlene Evenson**, *Chair (Committee #1)*
 December..... **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*

Lectors

11/5 Jenniffer Zutz
 11/8 Cambria Behnke
 11/12 Ava Ulness
 11/15 Deb Schreiner
 11/19 Ron Jones
 11/21 Cheryl Duchow
 11/26 Don Domrath
 11/29 Larry Burzynski

Communion Servers

11/5 Jenniffer Zutz
 11/15 Phoebe Cigler
 11/19 Ariana Herrick
 11/21 Cheryl Duchow
 11/29 Terry Haupt

Acolyte Schedule

11/5 John Marc Erjas
 11/8 Kolten Schisel
 11/12 Jomarie Erjas
 11/15 Keagan Hougen
 11/19 Audrey Sorenson
 11/21 Liam Cline
 11/26 Gage Spindler
 11/29 Allison Goehring

Head Usher—Scott Reinertson

Greeters

11/5 Ariana Herrick
 11/8 Logan Bratt
 11/12 Brian Ulness
 11/15 Cambria Behnke
 11/19 Brian and Mary Thomsen
 11/21 Logan Bratt
 11/26 John Robley
 11/29 Keagan Hougen

Ushers

11/5 Delton and Cheryl Duchow
 11/12 Earl and Barb Griffin and Keith Lippert
 11/19 Brian and Mary Thomsen
 11/21 Wayne Huske and Tyler Madson
 11/26 Ron Jones and Lori Propson

Sound Operator

11/5 Loren Ulness and Mikaela Spindler
 11/8 Tristan Teuke and Kayla Hildebrandt
 11/12 Mikaela Spindler and Makenna Kaderabek
 11/15 Tristan Teuke and Kayla Hildebrandt
 11/19 Loren Ulness
 11/21 Ariana Herrick and Terry Huske
 11/26 Erin Lenzner
 11/29 Tristan Teuke

Video Operator/Live Stream

11/5 Carter Lenzner
 11/8 Kayla Hildebrandt
 11/12 Jake and Mitchell Kaderabek
 11/15 Ariana Herrick
 11/19 Eric Thomsen
 11/21 Bill Riesterer
 11/26 Mike Lenzner
 11/29 Ariana Herrick and Susan Christel

Projection

11/5 Gage Spindler
 11/8 Ariana Herrick and Kayla Hildebrandt
 11/12 Gage Spindler
 11/15 Zach Lenzner
 11/19 Judy Harris
 11/21 Terry Huske
 11/26 Erin Lenzner
 11/29 Zach Lenzner

THERE IS
always
 SOMETHING TO BE
thankful for

Faith Lutheran Church is again sponsoring the “Sharing Tree” and as in past years, this giving opportunity will be a Fall project. The tree is located in the Gathering Space. On the tree are tags that represent gift items for two families. A spending suggestion for each tag is \$20.00. All gifts need to be returned to church unwrapped no later than Wednesday, November 29th. Your support in the past has been tremendous. I am confident these families will see God’s love made real through your generosity. Any questions can be directed to Julie Endries at 920-973-9881.

Faith Lutheran Photography Dates with Harmann Studios

Wednesday	November 29 th	1:00pm – 8:00pm	<i>Please allow for up to an hour from your check in time to be photographed and view your portraits – Thank you!</i>
Thursday	November 30 th	1:00pm – 8:00pm	
Friday	December 1st	11:00am – 6:00pm	
Saturday	December 2nd	9:00am – 3:00pm	

4 Ways to Schedule Your Photo Session:

1. Go to the home page of Faith Lutheran's website at: www.faithlutheranchurchvalders.org
- a. Under Announcements click on



**Directory Photo
Scheduling
(Read More)**



- b. On next page click on **here** at end of last line.
2. Scan the QR Code to the right to reach online scheduling:
3. In person at Faith in the Gathering Space by the Harmann sign-up table after services
4. Call Joan Pritzl at (920) 905-9791

Directions for Online Scheduling:

1. Click on **"Book Check in Time"** under Start Here
Next screen is **"Select # of Heads Photo'd"** - Click on the appropriate **"Select"** button (on the right) to indicate the number of people that will be in your session.
2. Next screen is **"Select Date and Time"** - Available times for each date are listed in the columns under each date. Select and click on the **Time** you would like under your preferred day.
3. Please fill out the **Customer Details** completely. There are side notes for the names if your household doesn't all share the same last name.
4. After clicking **"Finalize Check In Time"** you will receive a "Confirmation" email if email was correctly shared. You will also receive a "Reminder" email 2 days before your session.
5. While scheduling, you will be able to "opt in" to receive a text reminder of your session 1 day before your session. Please enter your mobile phone # to receive this reminder text.

Thank you for scheduling!

- ◆ All members who schedule and attend a photo session will receive a free 5x7 or 8x10 photo.
- ◆ If members purchase photos (regardless of cost) they will receive a free directory.
- ◆ Directories will be \$15 for a soft cover or \$25 for a hard cover if no photo order is placed.
- ◆ You may include a pet in your photo session if you desire.
- ◆ More information regarding picture sizes and costs, etc. is available in the Gathering Space at Faith on the Harmann table near the cornerstone. Feel free to take one of the flyers.
- ◆ For more information, please call Joan Pritzl at (920) 905-9791.
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to act as host during the photo session days. Sign-up sheet is located on the Harmann table.

It's that time of year again when the Elves are preparing for the holiday season at the Manitowoc Health Care Center.

Below is a list of suggested gifts that may be purchased to help out the residents. Please have all items back to the Stewardship Cabinet by Sunday, November 26, 2023. Leave all gifts unwrapped. (ALL CLOTHING MUST BE NEW) THANK YOU!

Jewelry

Ladies cologne, lotion, body spray

Men's cologne, aftershave, body spray

Nail polish (light shades) and remover

Lipstick and blush

Sweatpants and Sweatshirts (L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

Under T-shirts for men and women (L, XL, XXL)

Pajamas and Lounge pants (L, XL, XXL)

Robes (L, XL, XXL)

Cardigan sweaters (L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

Professional Team Sportswear (L, XL, XXL)

Slipper sox with grips on bottom (L, XL)

Body pillows and fleece blankets

DVD musicals, Lawrence Welk, family movies

CD's (old time music, polka's sing-a-long)

CD players

Alarm clock radios (large numbers)

Music boxes

Wall calendars

Razors for men and women

Postage stamps (Forever stamps)

Assorted greeting cards, stationery and pens

Large print word search/puzzle books

Individual snacks (chips, cookies, crackers, diet pudding)

Soda (diet or regular)

Crayola markers, crayons, color pencils, water color paints, paper, adult coloring books

iTunes gift cards

Gift certificates from Wal-Mart, Salon 1325, MHRC's Café and Gift Shop

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes— September 18, 2023

Pastor's Report: Peggy Madson's funeral – also visited her son Andrew. Made hospital and communion visits. Baptism for Kinsley Wittmus and met to plan 2 additional baptisms. Salm/Hoepfner wedding. Senior Appreciation lunch. Attended several board meetings. Installation event – Pastor shared he was deeply moved and thankful for the efforts made. Visioning event will be held in the Gathering Space following service on October 1st. Pizza will be served following the event.

Old Business ~ Installation Expense: A motion was made and carried that installation expenses, not covered by the Thrivent gift card, be paid out of Undesignated Memorial funds. Financial Policy Guidelines ~ The Stewardship Committee met with Christine and Jill to discuss concerns regarding the new Financial Policies. It was decided that a few of the items needed to be reworded or changed. Don handed out the financial policy as updated and a form available in the office to request reimbursement or approve expenses. Changes made from original approved financial statements. Bookkeeper will still be signing checks. Bookkeeper will complete reconciliation & provide a report to Treasurer. Board chairpersons need to approve bills before going to Jill for recording and payment. Council members should review the updated Financial Statements/Guidelines in preparation for a vote at next Council meeting. Comment – bills & expenses needing approval must include sufficient detail, including item(s) description, purpose, and item(s) cost. Church Directory: Photoshoot dates will be November 29th -December 2nd, which received 8 votes out of 12. Contract was signed by Joan Pritzl following Council approval. We need to decide if we will allow members to have pictures taken with their pets and if we do, if pictures with pets may be put in the directory.

New Business: Organist position: We need to advertise to fill our open organist position - ideas of where to advertise were discussed. Piano players may also be considered. Bridget Valleskey requested a credit card to cover Sunday School or youth event expenses, so she does not need to pay for them with personal funds. Motion made and carried to provide Bridget with a credit card with a credit limit of \$1,000. Quilters would like to hold a silent auction of several quilts from November 5th through November 19th. Motion made and carried to hold a silent auction in November to raise funds for quilting supplies.

Lay Ministry - Opportunity Day – October 15th in Gathering Space – A representative from each of Faith's volunteer positions/boards will be available to answer questions and explain what they do. Each board should have a volunteer present to talk about their activities

Evangelism – God's Work Our Hands went well. Christmas Wreath will be put up on outside of church again this Advent/Christmas season.

Christian Education – Alisa Madson has agreed to serve as Director for the Board of Christian Education. Sunday School had 45 students attend the first week. Rally Sunday Bible distribution - 18 Bibles were given out to 4K, 3rd grade, & 7th grade students. Communion Retreat – October 8th. First Communion Sunday – October 15th – cake will be served following the service. Motion made & carried to approve Alisa Madson as the new Director of the Board of Christian Education.

Stewardship – Budgets should be submitted by the October Council meeting. Erin reported that Faith received \$2,000 from the estate of Pastor Robert Esse, a son of this congregation.

Property – Working on gathering estimates for parking lot. Replace Fellowship Hall carpeting with carpet tiles – 1st estimate was \$28,000. Kitchen floor replacement estimate-\$5,500. Window replacements for some rooms also.

Fellowship – Pastor Dan's Installation – served 109. Potluck brunch on 5th Sundays will be served in the Gathering Space – first one will be October 29th

Youth and Family Ministry – 14 people attended highway cleanup.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer Next Meeting: October 16, 2023

Devotions – Joyce

Recorded by Joan Pritzl

Celebrating Your Birthday!

NOVEMBER

1. Sandra Lemberger
Judith Voss
2. Donald Gilbertson
Amber Meidl
3. Janice Behnke
Darlene Posey
Tanyia Sorenson
Ella Zutz
Xander Erskine
4. Mollie Junk
Damon Erskine
Ryah Sabourin
5. Chelsea Reinertson
Halle Frank
6. Anderia Frank
8. Julie Jeske
Myah Klessig
9. Jeanne Wenzel
11. Tammy Brill
12. John Thews
13. John Robley
Jodi Goehring
James O'Leary
14. Keith Johnson
Bennett McCulley
15. Richard Menza
James Ahrens
16. Travis Boll
17. Future Bast
18. Desirae Behnke
20. Michelle Bratt
Cassandra Zutz
22. Robert Linsmeier
23. Thomas Voss
24. Roger Pingel
Kimberly Johnson
Aubree Haberman
25. Gladys Hansen
Luna Tan
26. Erin Schwoerer
Janet Reinertson
27. Dennis Gordon
Henry Bubolz
Bjorn Kalies
29. Abbey Zutz
Paisley Loucks
30. Gary Olson

DECEMBER

1. Colton Meidl
3. Carter Lenzner
5. Dayton Goehring
John Ergas
6. Quinten Robley
Jomarie Ergas
7. Carol Nelson
Landen Pinkerton
8. Elizabeth Robley
Bob Mattern
10. Marlene Evenson



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 6:30 Bd. of Christian Ed. 7:15 Confirmation	2 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	3 Junior High Blast at Imago Dei Village Office Closed	4 Junior High Blast at Imago Dei Village
5 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, fellowship hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir Quilt Auction Daylight Saving Time	6 5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	7	8 9:00 Jazzercise 5:00 Bd. of Stewardship 6:15 Worship with Praise Band 7:15 Confirmation	9 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 5:30 Jazzercise	10 8:00 Lefse Making Office Closed 	11 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
12 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, fellowship hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir, 9th grade confirmation, Bd. of Youth Ministry Quilt Auction	13 5:30 Jazzercise	14	15 Newsletter info due 9:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Card Making 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation 7:30-8:30 Theresa Falvey-Hunt presentation	16 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	17 Office Closed	18 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry
19 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, fellowship hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir, Quilt Auction ends	20 5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Council	21 9:00 Senior Christians at Four Seasons 6:15 Thanksgiving Service 	22 9:00 Jazzercise NO Worship or Confirmation	23 Office Closed 	24 Office Closed	25
26 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, fellowship hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	27 5:30 Jazzercise	28	29 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	30 	Special Christmas hours this year: December 24—9:00 a.m., 3:00, 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. December 25—No Service	

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Mark Zutz and Paul Franz practice CPR at the Health Fair October 14. Attendants were also taught how to use Faith's AED device which is located in the back of the narthex. Thank you to Chris and Dennis from the Valders Department for coming to train us. A big thank you to Sue Riesterer for organizing this event. It was very informative.

Our new stained glass sanctuary window in loving memory of Delores Johnson donated by Don Johnson and family.

