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One Hundred Seventy-Five Years!

Last Sunday, October 12th, we celebrated the chartering of our congregation 175 years ago. Think of all the thousands of people who have heard the word of God here, and come to faith in Jesus here. Think of the millions of prayers offered here and by the people of Faith Lutheran Church wherever they may be in the world.

At the celebration we had historical displays, thanks to the research of Al Gilbertson and the artistic talents of Judy Valleskey. I put a book of our history out, and immediately an attendee pointed to the page of congregation members who had gone into the Lutheran ministry. "That's my uncle!" she said. It was a full page of members who had gone into ordained ministry. Each pastor probably had 40 or 50 years in ministry at 4 or 5 different churches. So the unique "flavor" of our congregation has gone into the whole region, and through each of us, into the whole world. What a family connection!

I was fortunate enough to be the pastor of a congregation as they reached their 50th anniversary. The children of the charter members were now the pillars of the church. In our Sunday School we had a coffee can full of crayons. We had other bins full of crayons, but the coffee can held our oldest crayons. They were missing their wrappers and some had nearly been used up. I asserted that some of the crayons in that can were the remnants of the first crayons on the first Sunday School class 50 years before. And the children of the church had drawn Noah's ark and rainbows, manger scenes and herald angels, scenes of cross and resurrection. Those drawings went out to be posted on the refrigerators at home and at grandma's house and in their rooms: colorful signs of faith growing in young hearts. Those current pillars of the church had, as children, wielded those crayons and tasted them and drawn with them. Think of the acres of drawing from all of those crayons over all that time. Every object in the church building (and many in your homes) could tell a similar story of growing faith.

Of course the Crayola example would not work at a church 175 years old. Crayola crayons were not invented and sold until 1903. We had already celebrated our 50th anniversary by then!

The celebration at the Franciscan Center was very good. Good fellowship, good food, good preaching, and good singing. Our choir sang with the choir of First Lutheran and they sounded very good together!

175 years is a landmark. We are not done celebrating it yet. We will soon dedicate the bench memorializing Pastor Onkka which is in place near the playground. And it feels like this year's Lefse making on November 14th which is always a celebration of our Norwegian heritage, is a natural part of our anniversary celebrations. Share your ideas about how to celebrate some more!

Pastor Dan



Advent by Candlelight An Afternoon for Women

You are invited to attend an elegant, relaxing afternoon of candlelight and fellowship as the Women of Faith Lutheran present:

Advent by Candlelight Sunday, November 30, 2025

11:30 A.M. Punch and View Table Settings (note new time) 12:00 P.M.—1:00 p.m. light lunch and fellowship 1:00 P.M. — 2:00 p.m. program

Come and enjoy festive tables, punch, coffee and a light lunch. After fellowship we will prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, The Messiah, Our Savior through readings and music.

November 16th is the deadline to sign up.

Sign-up sheets are available in the gathering space for table hostesses and guests. You may also call the church office at 775-4141 to sign up.

We are looking forward to spending this time with you. A free will donation will be taken for Hope House of Manitowoc.



"An Evening with the Bishop"

Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting "An Evening with the Bishop", on November 19. Our Bishop, Reverend Anne Edison-Albright will be joining us for worship at 6:15 PM and a social after the service from 7:00–8:30 PM. During the social, Rev. Anne Edison-Albright will be sharing her faith journey, her position as our Bishop, and how the ELCA Church operates.

This program is designed to get to know the Bishop, learn about her position as our Bishop, and how the ELCA operates as a church. The event is open to all who would like to meet and learn about our Bishop, and ELCA organization. Confirmation classes and youth groups are strongly encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact James Schuessler by phone or email. James Schuessler

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The Reverend Anne Edison-Albright Bishop of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin—ELCA

The Rev. Anne Edison-Albright serves as bishop of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. She previously served as Director of College Ministries and College Pastor at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and as pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She earned a BA in English and a BA in journalism from Michigan State University; completed her MDiv at Yale Divinity School, and a year of Lutheran formation at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary).

Bishop Anne has been a regular writer and curriculum editor for Augsburg Fortress and Sparkhouse since 2008. Her current ministry has been enriched by experience teaching high school ESL and English; her time as a short term missionary in China and Slovakia; and a year of residency as a hospital chaplain. Growing up connected to the ELCA churchwide expression through her parents—Paul and Sue Edison-Swift, and their work in communication and IT for the churchwide organization—formed Bishop Anne's active faith and lived experience of the wide and radically inclusive Body of Christ.

The Edison-Albright Family—Anne, Sean, Walter and Sally—live in Appleton and are members of Christ the King in Combined Locks and Christus in Greenville. The Edison-Albrights love Star Trek, Star Wars, baking and gardening together, and sharing their favorite new music and podcasts.

Join us for an Altar Guild Meeting Saturday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m. Meet in the Gathering Space. Bring your concerns, wishes, needs as we look forward to the Christmas season.



Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, November 18 at 9:00 a.m. at Four Seasons in Manitowoc. Faith on Fire will hold an event for all High School students on Wednesday, November 5th from 7:15-8:30pm in the Youth Room. Kids should bring a dish to pass! There will be a fun and competitive game of Friendly Feud. Come and spend an evening with your friends at Faith Lutheran.



Finances

Income - September 2025		Budget	Y	TD Actual	Y	TD Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$ 22,930.00	\$ 21,366.83	\$	208,963.50	\$	192,301.50
Lent, Holiday Offerings	\$ -	\$ 833.33	\$	5,197.00	\$	7,500.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 99.88	\$ 166.67	\$	1,509.94	\$	1,500.00
Other Income	\$ 145.00	\$ 175.00	\$	1,771.00	\$	1,575.00
General Fund Income	\$ 23,174.88	\$ 22,541.83	\$	217,441.44	\$	202,876.50
Operating Expenses - September 2025						
Administrative/Office Expense	\$ 806.03	\$ 1,287.50	\$	12,812.55	\$	11,587.50
Benevolence	\$ 1,853.97	\$ 1,803.35	\$	20,885.91	\$	16,230.11
Board Expense (Total from all 7 Boards)	\$ 3,120.74	\$ 6,893.33	\$	48,087.10	\$	62,040.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 521.02	\$ -	\$	521.02	\$	521.02
Personnel Salaries/Benefits ¹	\$ 18,527.11	\$ 20,599.89	\$	181,727.44	\$	185,399.03
General Fund Expense	\$ 24,828.87	\$ 30,584.07	\$	264,034.02	\$	275,777.67
GENERAL FUND NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$1,653.99)	(\$8,042.24)		(\$46,592.58)		(\$72,901.17)

Year to Date General Fund Net Income: (\$46,592.58)

It is that time of year again and we are in the planning stage for our annual **lefse** fundraiser. **The event is scheduled for Friday, November 14th starting at 8:00 am with end time to be determined.** Last year we were able to

complete all orders in one day, which is our goal, as we know everyone has busy schedules. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work" and that could not be more true! The Board of Youth and Family would love your help with this event, whether it be for a few hours or all day. There are jobs for all ages and even if you have never made lefse before, we can find a job for you. It has truly become an intergenerational event and there is great fellowship that takes place. A light lunch and dinner (if needed) will be provided. Please watch for a sign up in the outer narthex. We are also looking for individuals willing to lend lefse griddles to our cause. We hope to see you there! We will be taking orders for the lefse before and after church services on November 2nd and 5th. Cost will be \$15 per dozen. Those who purchase can then plan to pick up their orders on November 16th or 19th.



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 \$17,533.55.

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.

Liturgical Roles - Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms... Jack Scott Miller, Kohen Michael Goehring

Membership

Baptized	824
Confirmed	
Families	

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
9/14	147	41
9/21	118	84
9/28	69	47
10/5	95	41
10/12	112	35

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

November...... Brenda Pautz, Chair (Committee #1) December..... Bev Torrison, Chair (Committee #2)

Lectors

11/2	Joan Pritzl
11/5	Susan Christel
11/9	Lynn Merino
11/12	Larry Burzynski
11/16	Stacy Wilker
11/19	Jill Backus
11/23	Don Domrath
11/25	Jenniffer Zutz
11/30	Ava Ulness

Communion Servers

11/2	Joan Pritzl
11/12	Larry Burzynski
11/16	Stacy Wilker
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Head Usher Scott Reinertson

Acolyte Schedule

11/2	Walker Ulness
11/5	Westen Schisel
11/9	Noah Boll
11/12	Dexter Valleskey
11/16	Walker Ulness
11/19	Westen Schisel
11/23	Allison Goehring
11/25	Westen Schisel

11/30 Carter Kuenstler

Greeters

11/2	Sage Peterson
11/5	Thomas and Kathy Muench
11/9	John Robley
11/12	Noah Boll
11/16	Arianna Herrick
11/19	Noah Boll
11/23	Walker Ulness
11/25	Noah Boll
11/30	Sage Peterson

Ushers

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11/2	Don and Deb Schreiner, Jim Ahrens
11/9	Mark and Angie Ulness
11/16	Dean and Rose Behnke Family
11/23	Austin & Stetson McCulley, Ethan Ulness
11/25	Delton and Cheryl Duchow
11/30	Bonnie Gordon, Mary Thomsen, Richard Menza

Sound Operator

11/2	Makenna Kaderabek
11/9	Loren Ulness
11/16	Loren Ulness
11/23	Loren Ulness
11/30	Erin Lenzner

Video Operator/Live Stream

11/2	Jake Kaderabek
11/9	Eric Thomsen
11/16	Liam Cline
11/23	Carter Kuenstler
11/30	Michael Lenzner

Projection

11/2	Stefanie Kaderabek
11/5	Kayla Hildebrandt
11/9	Ethan Ulness
11/12	Susan Christel
11/16	Loren Ulness
11/19	John Schnell
11/23	Whitney Ulness
11/25	Cindy Pederson
11/30	Zachary Lenzner

Congratulations Isaac Boll, Harper Frank, Baylee Goman, Qwynn Jandrey and Sawyer Wenzel on your First Communion Sunday, October 19. Welcome to the Lord's table.



Taking Music Ministry to the Next Level

by Devin J. Zahringer, Parish Organist

This past month, I had the opportunity to attend a sacred music workshop in Milwaukee alongside many other church musicians and leaders. It was an incredible gathering of people united by one purpose...to glorify God through music and to strengthen the role of sacred song in worship.

Throughout the workshop, I was reminded that music is not just an art form, it's a vessel of the Holy Spirit. Music has a way of reaching into the deepest parts of our hearts, sometimes where words cannot. I experienced that firsthand when we sang a special rendition combining "Down to the River to Pray" with "When the People of the Lord Start A Prayin'."

The lyrics of that song echoed through the sanctuary:

**"Oh Lord, listen to your children prayin'.
Oh Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Oh Lord, listen to your children prayin'.

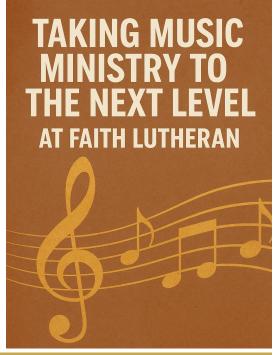
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!
Something's gonna happen, like the world has never known,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.
A door's gonna swing open, and the walls come a-tumblin' down,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray!"**

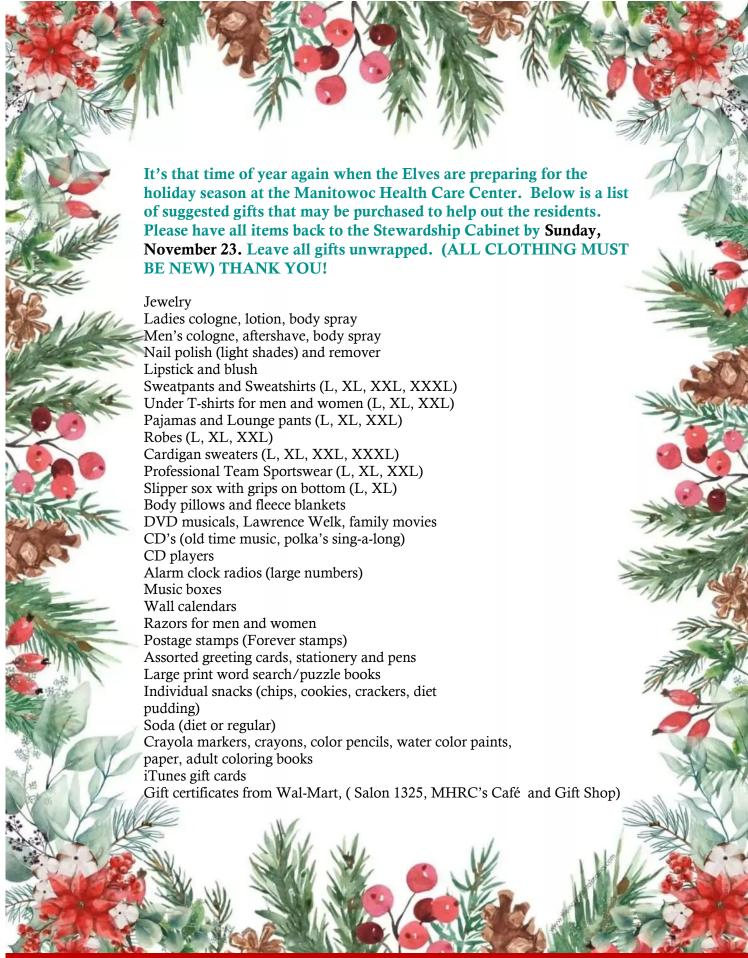
In that moment, I was so moved that I couldn't even get the words out. The beauty and the truth of those lyrics, intertwined with the powerful harmony of voices and the power of the organ pipes, all praising Christ together, brought me to tears. I wept not only because of the music itself, but because it reminded me of my own sinfulness...and even more so, of the overwhelming grace of God that redeems it.

If something as simple as music can move a sinner's soul in such a way, just imagine how great and powerful our God truly is. That's what makes music ministry so vital. It's not about performance or perfection, it's about connection! It's about creating space for the Spirit to move through sound, silence, and song.

As we continue to grow our music ministry here at Faith, my prayer is that each note we play and every word we sing brings us closer to Christ, and that others might experience the same awe, grace, and renewal that music so powerfully brings.

And so, I invite you (yes, you) to be part of this beautiful ministry. Whether you've sung in choirs your whole life or have only ever hummed in the pews, there's a place for you in our choirs and musical groups. We have open arms because we are one big family, joined together in faith and in song. Come, lift your voice, share your gifts, and let's continue to make a joyful noise to the Lord!





Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—September 15, 2025

Pastor's Report: There have been no funerals in past month. Janet Reinertson died on the morning of the meeting and funeral plans were pending. Forrest John Newburg was baptized on Sept. 7, and his father, Logan, took the opportunity to also join Faith Lutheran Church. Stetson James Fochs was scheduled to be baptized on Oct. 5 and more baptisms were being planned. Pastor visited several members at various care centers and brought them communion: Ron and Connie Torrison, Virginia Meyer, Jerry Hoefner, Bertha Kulnick, Esther Halverson, Larry and Sharon Naidl and Jim and Jan Reinertson.

Housekeeping Items: The Green Bay Conference of the East Central Synod is now asking for dues based on \$1 per congregation member. Larry asked what Faith receives for its membership in the conference, which is made up of area churches. Pastor said he is unsure what the conference will do with the money. The council discussed its need to know about such things ahead for budgeting purposes. Bob will look over the budget for possible money to support the request. 564 confirmed members.

Old Business: Camera Fund: All needed funds have been raised for the new projection system, which is more than \$18,000, including memorials for Bill Riesterer. Time and Talent sheets are ready to go out.

New Business: Bob Pautz will be leaving and he is currently Christine's backup for making PowerPoints for worship services. We need to find more volunteers. Ken O'Leary is retiring as custodian effective Dec. 31, 2025. We will need to find a replacement. The camera equipment will be installed the last week of September and Larry will work with the company to set up a training program for people who volunteer. The first Wednesday in October will not have a livestream. AED: Larry asked about a refresher course for people to learn to use the AEDs in the church. He wants people trained to avoid any liability. Pastor said he would ask Valders Ambulance to teach people about using both AEDs as they are different. We would like to do it after Sunday and Wednesday services one week. Confirmation Plans-Larry noted that he, Jim Schuessler and Bridget have been working on a new confirmation curriculum since January. The information for 9th grade is kept in a binder with needed forms and lessons stored in a box and available to anyone who needs it. Anyone who wants to look at it can ask to see it. Work on the 7th and 8th grade curriculum is nearly done. Motion made and carried to thank Jim Schuessler and his team for his work on the confirmation program.

Council representative reports

Treasurer's Report-Bob: Through August, average weekly offerings this year are \$5,714, down from \$5,785 last year, or \$81 per week. Year-to-date offerings are \$194,267, down \$2,752 from \$197,019 at this point last year. Contributions are up for the month of August, \$4,467 this year to \$3,528 last year. Average weekly attendance is 143, compared to 161 last year.

Pastor Dan noted that we need \$2,000 to pay for Faith's portion of the 175th anniversary celebration for the original church. The money will be taken from the general fund and we will roll over a CD that is coming due. (For the celebration of the 175th, on Oct. 12, Faith will send the 3 church models and antique crosses and a processional cross for the event. We want to have a historical display about the church. Also considering poster displays of key moments in congregation's history.)

Lay Ministry—Jennifer: New hand chimes for bell choir will be bought with money from the bell choir account. Kids can use them if they want when they sing.

Evangelism—Julie: God's Work, Our Hands was successful with many people helping. They are now working on Advent By Candlelight, set for Sunday, Nov. 30.

Fellowship—Marilyn: Thanks go out to donors for Fellowship treats. They served 42 people at the Senior Appreciation lunch.

Christian Education-Alyssa/Bridget-About 40 students are enrolled in Sunday school. The first Wednesday night confirmation session for 9th grade went well with everyone attending. Parents of 9th grade parents received a letter about the changes that have been made. Bibles were distributed to six seventh graders, nine third graders, five 3K students and two students new to 4K.

Youth & Family Ministry—Bridget: Faith on Fire was set to begin on Wednesday, Sept. 17. Worship service planned with a bonfire and beanbag competition afterward. On Nov. 1, they will do a scarecrow-making competition at Otto's and have the congregation vote on them. On Oct. 15 there will be parent/student meeting about the National Youth Gathering for 7th-11th graders, which will be June 28-July 2, 2027, in Minneapolis. Haunted Golf Cart Rides are planned on Sat. Oct. 18.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:45 p.m. Next Meeting – October 20, 2025 –Devotions by Joan --Submitted by Mary Thomsen, secretary

Celebrating Your Birthday!







SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Communion 8:00 Bell Choir	3	4	5	6	7	1
9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	3:00 Bible Study	9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation and Faith on Fire	8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise		8 9:00 Altar Guild Meeting in Gathering Space 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
9 8:00 Bell Choir	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 Worship Baptisms—Remi Lee Popp and Mabel Ralph	9:00 Women's Bible Study		9:00 Jazzercise	8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting	8:00 Lefse Making	9:00 Open Pantry
Saunders 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	5:30 Jazzercise	3:00 Bible Study Veterans Day: * Thank You for Your Service!	6:15 Worship with Holy Communion 7:15 Confirmation	5:30 Jazzercise		Newsletter info due
16 Communion 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday	9:00 Women's Bible Study	18 9:00 Senior Christians at Four Seasons	19 9:00 Jazzercise 9:00-4:00 Synod Staff at Faith	20 8:00 Quilting	21	22
School, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	5:30 Jazzercise 5:30 Board of Stewardship 6:30 Council	2-6 Blood Drive 3:00 Bible Study 6:30 Card Making	6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation and Faith on Fire	5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Book Club		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School,	9:00 Women's Bible Study	3:00 Bible Study	9:00 Jazzercise	Office closed	Office closed	9:00 Christmas Decorating
Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	5:30 Jazzercise	6:15 Thanksgiving Worship with Holy Communion	NO Worship or Confirmation	DAY OF Thanks		
30 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir 11:30 Advent by Candlelight	ADVENT					

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CHURCH CUSTODIAL POSITION

Faith Lutheran Church is looking to fill the custodial position presently held by Ken O'Leary since 2019. This is a part time position of approximately twelve hours per week. Hours are somewhat flexible as long as certain critical tasks are completed. Tasks to be performed are typical housekeeping actions such as vacuuming, mopping, dusting, sanitizing rest rooms and other church facilities. Also required is setting up and taking down of tables and chairs, etc. for various events. In addition, minor repairs, managing supply levels as well as setting up and taking down of items in the church sanctuary for funerals, weddings, and other events. The ability to use a step ladder is a necessity in order to perform some tasks. Prior experience is helpful but not required. Training will be available.

If you are interested in lending your time and talents in this manner, please contact Al Gilbertson @ 920-810-4439 for more information.

Note: Ken is planning to be "retired" by the end of December.

