

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faith Matters

November 2026

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Valders WI

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Faith means?

Christians use the word “faith” two different ways. Join Pastor Wheatley Sunday November 8 at 10:15 to explore the two definitions and implications for how we then understand salvation, baptism, communion, forgiveness, and how we read and understand the Bible.

Our Inspiration Choir and Sunday School students will join together in worship through song on Sunday, November 22, at 9:00 a.m. Come and raise your voices!



A Noisy Offering will be collected on Sunday, November 22, to help replenish our Sunday School supplies. Join us for worship and bring your loose change to support this important ministry!

The Holden Evening Prayer service will be used during Wednesday night Advent Services. The Holden Evening Prayer is a contemporary, meditative liturgical setting of evening prayer (Vespers) widely used in Lutheran and other Christian congregations.

- Created by Marty Haugen: The service was written in 1985–1986 by composer Marty Haugen while serving as musician-in-residence at Holden Village, a remote Lutheran retreat center in Washington State.
- Vespers '86: Originally titled "Vespers '86", it was created to help the community process grief and find spiritual grounding following the 1986 Challenger disaster.



Quilt Auction

Our Faithful Quilters have put their handiwork on the pews for all of us to enjoy. Quilts will be in the church until November 19. If you would like to purchase a quilt, it is \$100.00. You may pay by cash or check made out to Faith Lutheran Church - Quilters and give it to Cheryl Domrath, Marlene Evenson or the church office. Proceeds will be used to purchase fabric and batting.



DATE

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PRICE

\$100.00



PAYMENT

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SIZE

Quilt sizes are 60" x 80" and can be taken home right away.

Pantry Needs for Saturday, November 21

Cranberry sauce, canned soup, peanut butter, jelly, canned meals, canned or bagged tuna, gluten free items, personal care items such as shampoo and soaps, laundry soap and dish soap. Please place items in the bins at the information desk or in the bin downstairs by the pantry door.



Senior Christians

will meet Tuesday,
November 17 at 9:00 am at
Four Seasons Restaurant.



Help Decorate the Church for Christmas

Join us on Saturday, December 5, at 9:00 a.m. as we
decorate the Christmas trees and church to make it festive
for the holiday season.



Lefse making is scheduled for Friday, November 13, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and continuing until all orders are completed. Our goal is to finish all the orders in one day, knowing that everyone has busy schedules. The National Youth Gathering team would appreciate your help, whether you can volunteer for a few hours or the entire day. There are jobs for all ages, and even if you have never made lefse before, we can find a task for you.

We are also looking for individuals willing to lend lefse griddles. Please place them in the kitchen, labeled with your name, before November 13. Orders will be taken before and after church services, with the start date to be announced. Stay tuned for an announcement in the bulletin! The cost is \$15 per dozen. Purchased orders may be picked up on Sunday, November 15, or Wednesday, November 18.

Would you like to give a little extra? In addition to purchasing lefse, you are welcome to make an additional freewill donation to help support our students attending the National Youth Gathering this summer. Every order, helping hand, and extra gift makes a difference!



Financial Report							
<i>Income - September 2026</i>	<i>Month Actual</i>		<i>Budget</i>		<i>YTD Actual</i>		<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 16,684.00		\$ 21,998.75		\$ 197,477.00		\$ 197,988.75
Lent, Holiday Offerings	\$ -		\$ 833.33		\$ 4,693.00		\$ 7,500.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 130.46		\$ 166.67		\$ 1,023.73		\$ 1,500.00
Room Use - Utility Donations	\$ 270.00		\$ 166.67		\$ 1,585.25		\$ 1,500.00
Other Income	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
General Fund Income	\$ 17,084.46		\$ 23,173.75		\$ 204,778.98		\$ 208,563.75
<i>Operating Expenses - September 2026</i>							
Administrative/Office Expense	\$ 1,235.02		\$ 1,365.00		\$ 14,022.91		\$ 12,285.00
Benevolence	\$ 2,170.93		\$ 1,853.90		\$ 17,185.72		\$ 16,685.10
Board Expense (Total from all 7 Boards)	\$ 4,018.45		\$ 6,576.67		\$ 46,263.43		\$ 59,190.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 274.49		\$ -		\$ 274.49		\$ 274.49
Personnel Salaries/Benefits1	\$ 23,595.62		\$ 21,086.80		\$ 191,960.72		\$ 189,781.16
General Fund Expense	\$ 31,294.51		\$ 30,882.36		\$ 269,707.27		\$ 278,215.75
GENERAL FUND NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$14,210.05)				(\$64,928.29)		
			Year to Date General Fund Net Income :		(\$64,928.29)		
Income needed per week to meet our 2026 Budget					\$ 7,126.70		
Income needed per month to meet our 2026 Budget					\$ 30,882.36		



WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES



Baptisms Wesley Black, Archie Voss,
Tatem Klessig
Funeral Herb Krueger



MEMBERSHIP

Baptized 809 Confirmed 547
Families 94



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Sunday	Wednesday
9/20	132	36
9/27	71	34
10/4	94	31
10/11	116	42



ALTAR GUILD COMMUNION SERVERS

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



LECTORS

11/1 Ava Ulness
11/4 Kathy Mattern
11/8 Kaye Jandrey
11/11 Kerry Schnell
11/15 Walker Ulness
11/18 Lynn Burzynski
11/22 Joyce Sorenson
11/24 Jenniffer Zutz
11/29 Don Schreiner



COMMUNION SERVERS

11/1 Grace Sorenson & Earl Griffin
11/11 Kerry Schnell
11/15 Tammy Brill
11/24 Jenniffer Zutz & Al Gilbertson



HEAD USHER

Scott Reinertson



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

11/1 Dustin Eisenschink
11/4 Lauren Halverson
11/8 Dustin Eisenschink
11/11 Dustin Eisenschink
11/15 Eliza Wilker
11/18 Lauren Halverson
11/22 Walker Ulness
11/24 Lydia Kuenstler
11/29 Eliza Wilker

GREETERS

11/1 Marcus Galien
11/4 Peytyn Peterson
11/8 Ted Goman
11/11 Grace Sorenson
11/15 Earl and Barb Griffin
11/18 John and Kerry Schnell
11/22 Peytyn Peterson
11/24 Don and Deb Schreiner
11/29 Lydia Kuenstler



USHERS

11/1 Delton & Cheryl Duchow, Joan Pritzl
11/8 Al Gilbertson, Ron Jandrey, Brian Ulness
11/15 Jim Ahrens, Thomas & Kathy Muench
11/22 Mark and Angie Ulness, Marcus Galien
11/29 Earl and Barb Griffin, Loren Ulness



SOUND OPERATOR

11/1 Loren Ulness
11/8 Erin Lenzner
11/15 Loren Ulness
11/22 Loren Ulness
11/29 Stefanie Kaderabek



VIDEO OPERATOR/LIVE STREAM

11/1 Al Gilbertson
11/8 Michael Lenzner
11/15 Liam Cline
11/22 Eric Thomsen
11/29 Jake Kaderabek



PROJECTION

11/1 Loren Ulness
11/4 Dexter Valleskey
11/8 Michael Lenzner
11/11 Paden Hougén & John Schnell
11/15 Loren Ulness
11/18 Dexter Valleskey
11/22 Mollie Junk
11/24 Cindy Pederson
11/29 Stefanie Kaderabek



Faith Lutheran Church Membership

In case you didn't know...



Communion and Offering Records

When you attend worship, please use the yellow pew card to record that you received Holy Communion and hand it to one of the ushers. This is especially important on holidays, when accurate attendance records matter.

Please also record your offering. If you forget your envelope, white envelopes are available in the pews. Cash offerings are gratefully received, but without an envelope or other identifying information, we cannot record your contribution or provide credit for it.



Membership Classifications

The following excerpts are from the Faith Lutheran Church Constitution:

C8.02. Members shall be classified as follows:

Baptized members are those persons who have been received by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in this congregation, or, having been previously baptized in the name of the Triune God, have been received by certificate of transfer from other Lutheran congregations or by affirmation of faith.

Confirmed members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.

Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have commune in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation, as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by this constitution and its bylaws.



C8.05.02.

When members of this congregation have failed to commune and make a contribution of record with this congregation for the current or preceding year, they may be removed from the roll of membership upon the recommendation of the pastor(s) and by action of the Congregation Council. This action shall take place only after such members have been counseled about the matter by the pastor or his/her representative. This procedure shall take place only when there is a pastor under call to serve this congregation or with the approval of the bishop of the synod.



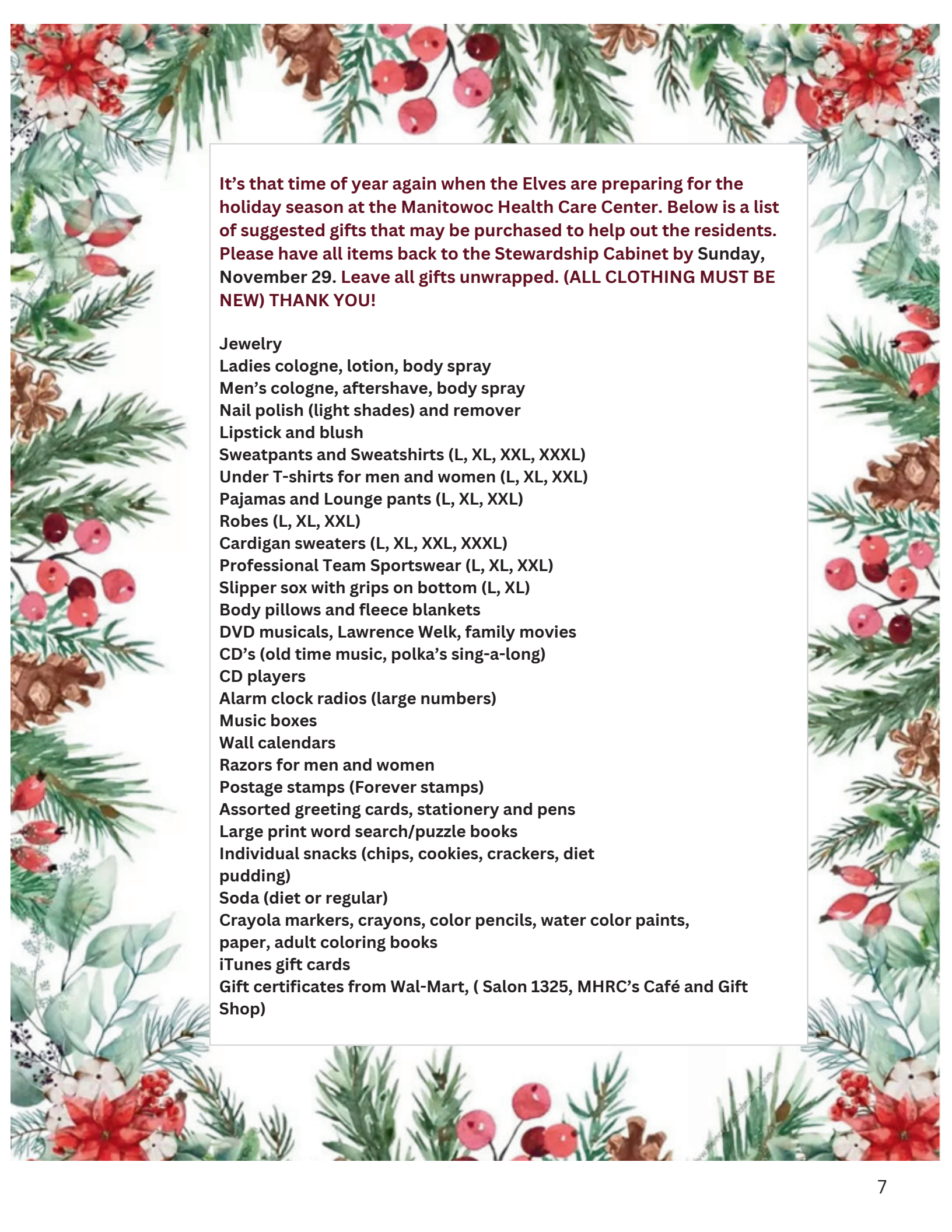
C8.05.03.

Inactive confirmed members who have not communed and made a contribution of record for the current or preceding year, but who desire to remain on the congregation roll, may do so per their request to either the pastor(s) or the Congregation Council.



C8.04.

It shall be the privilege of and duty of members of this congregation to:
Make regular use of the means of grace, both Word and Sacraments; Live a Christian life in accordance with the Word of God and the teachings of the Lutheran Church; and Support the work of this congregation, the synod, and the churchwide organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through contributions of their time, abilities, and financial support as biblical stewards.



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 29. 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)

Celebrating Your Birthday

November

1. Sandra Lemberger
Judith Voss

2. Donald Gilbertson
Amber Meidl

3. Janice Behnke
Darlene Posey
Tanya Sorenson
Ella Zutz
Xander Erskine

4. Mollie Junk
Damon Erskine
Ryah Sabourin

5. Chelsea Reinertson
Halle Frank
Everett Wenzel

6. Anderia Frank

8. Julie Jeske
Myah Klessig

9. Jeanne Wenzel

10. Zayden Mitnacht

11. Tammy Brill

12. John Thews

13. John Robley
Jodi Goehring
James O'Leary
Rylan Kranz

14. Keith Johnson
Bennett McCulley

15. Richard Menza
James Ahrens

16. Travis Boll

17. Future Bast
Stacy Goman

18. Desirae Behnke

20. Michelle Bratt
Cassandra Tuesburg
Haisley Beckman

21. Odwyn Jandrey

22. Robert Linsmeier
Delilah Johnson

23. Thomas Voss

24. Roger Pingel
Kimberly Johnson
Aubree Haberman

25. Gladys Hansen
Luna Tan

26. Erin Schwoerer

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
JohnMarc Ergas

6. Quinten Robley
Jomarie Ergas

7. Landen Pinkerton
Harley Beckman

8. Elizabeth Robley
Bob Mattern

10. Marlene Evenson



Council Minutes -September 21, 2026

New Business

Portable phone—There was a request to have a phone available during services to allow people to reach someone in an emergency. Al noted that the phone outside the sanctuary could be programmed for the ushers to answer if needed. Concerns were voiced about the phone ringing during service and the possibility of the phone getting lost or left uncharged. A short discussion was also held about the livestreaming of services not always working. The issue of the portable phone was tabled, and more work will be put into making sure the livestream functions correctly. Ralph Christianson asked why a practice started by Pastor Dan Lyman of having an acolyte lead him in and out of services with a cross has not been continued. Pastor Diane said most pastors don't like to do that every week as a regular practice and will save it for special events. The Board of Lay Ministry will discuss the issue. Ralph also noted that the Pine Haven Men's Choir is on the calendar to sing at Faith on Sunday, April 4. Pastor Diane asked that someone show her how we do communion at the rail, and she would like to do walking communion with two lines to cut down on the time. She said she is impressed with the adult involvement in the confirmation program and to see the large number of kids on the Sunday when backpacks were blessed and Sunday School started. She also wants to know about doing a Bible study because people asked her about it. **Handrail near the altar**—Loren has purchased the railing and plans to get hardware to install it and stain to match. It will be a railing along the steps off the altar to the communion rail for safety. **Sunday, Oct. 4**—Pastor Kelly Meyer will preach that Sunday and do the service because Pastor Diane will be gone. He is ordained in a non-denominational church, and because the ELCA isn't aligned with that church for communion, communion will be held the following Sunday instead.

Treasurer's Report—Terry prepared her report and Joan went over it in her absence. It shows some one-time expenses to purchase yearly offering envelopes and the former pastor's pension paid through the end of the year.

Stewardship - Members discussed having a brunch with scrambled eggs and ham and then a potluck for other dishes. Joan said the board needs council approval of the event and a change in dates of the stewardship drive. For the Nov. 1 celebration event, the plan is to have a mission focus to help Zoey Zutz or the Rett Syndrome Foundation. The money will go toward a special swing that costs about \$3,000. Bridget added that the Bd of Christian Education contacted the family to say they wanted to raise money to add the swing to make the playground more inclusive. There was discussion of whether the stewardship drive should work in conjunction with the Board of Christian Education's mission or find another one. Pastor Diane suggested we could include Rett Syndrome as part of a wider mission and show this local family's journey with it. Sunday School and the congregation can both help.

Lay Ministry—Jennifer reported that a new Kyrie will be used, with Derek Luckow leading the congregation to get it started and Pastor Diane doing the verse part. Suggestions for hymns will be taken, and people can put them in the offering plates. Pastor has suggested having a Blue Christmas service, and the Lay Ministry board approves that idea. Pastor will arrange the service for people who have lost loved ones. Jim said he supports making it an ecumenical service with notice in local newspapers. Plans to look for additional pianists/organists are ongoing. Sue asked if we can have a video on some Sundays for music. Jennifer is researching getting a license to use YouTube videos on the livestream, with the cost based on attendance.

Evangelism—Ted reported that they had a bake sale and raised enough money to buy a quantity of pens with Faith's name on them. The board also discussed having a reminder in the bulletin and in Faith Matters about how to remain an active member.

Fellowship—Sue said the group will keep serving coffee and treats every Sunday using the funds from donations. They will begin working on Maundy Thursday plans after Christmas.

Church Properties—Loren has replaced the toilet in the disabled stall in the downstairs women's bathroom. He found a high-rise toilet seat with handrails at a medical supply store at a cost of about \$100. A motion was made and carried to buy the seat and install it. A stained-glass window on the lower level was found to be shattered on the outer layer. Loren cleaned it up and will contact Ellermann Glass to get a price, and we need to check with insurance on the deductible.

Christian Education—Bridget said they have been preparing for Sunday School, which has 56 students registered in 3K through 6th grade. There are 18 students in confirmation. The count is up from last year.

Youth & Family Ministry—Faith on Fire youth group starts Oct. 7.

Personnel Committee—Julie gave a reminder to clean up after any functions and take out the garbage. Jim noted that the personnel committee has asked Pastor Diane to be Faith's supply pastor through the end of the year and would like to add teaching to her duties. Pastor Diane said she will monitor snow conditions and come when it is safe to drive; however, she will have prepared sermons left at church in case she can't get here due to weather. She agrees with the request to stay as supply pastor through the rest of the year. The council agreed to pay for up to 10 visits to have Pastor Diane work with youth or adult Bible study. In another matter, the health insurance premium for Christine is going up 15%, and she would like to keep the same package. A motion was made and approved to keep Christine's benefits at the same level as in the past.

Security—We discussed doing background checks on adults accompanying youths on overnight events, and Pastor Nate at the Synod office will be consulted for guidance.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:38 p.m. Next Meeting – October 19, 2026. Devotions by: Jim

--Submitted by Mary Thomsen, secretary



Turn clocks back
November 1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:15 Brunch & Inspiration Choir <i>All Saints' Day</i>	2 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Bd. of Evangelism	3 2:00-6:30 Blood Drive in fellowship hall 	4 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation & Faith on Fire	5 8:00 Quilting	6	7
8 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	9 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:00 Board of Lay Ministry	10 Newsletter info due	11 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship with Holy Communion 7:15 Confirmation <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12 8:00 Quilting	13 8:00 Lefse Making	14 9:00 2 nd Saturday Bible Study
15 Holy Communion 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	16 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Council	17 9:00 Senior Christians at Four Seasons	18 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	19 8:00 Quilting	20	21 9:00 Open Pantry
22 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	23 9:00 Women's Bible Study	24 6:15 Thanksgiving Worship with Holy Communion Bring a non perishable food item to worship for Faith's Pantry	25 9:00 Jazzercise NO Worship or Confirmation	26 <i>Office Closed</i> *HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY* 	27 	28
29 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	30 9:00 Women's Bible Study					

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Bridget Valleskey, Youth Coordinator
Email: valleskeyb@gmail.com
Jill Wittmus, Bookkeeper
Rose Behnke, Custodian
Tony Schad, Custodian & Lawn Cutter
Sue Riesterer, Whitney Schamburek,
Devin Zahringer, Organists

FLC President: Alan Gilbertson
FLC Vice Pres: Julie Hartman
FLC VP Elect: James Schuessler
Secretary: Mary Thomsen
Treasurer: Theresa Haupt

HOPE HAS A PULSE & IT BEATS IN YOU

Faith Lutheran Church - Valders Blood Drive

WHEN & WHERE

**Tues, November 3
2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Faith Lutheran Church
255 Roosevelt St. Fellowship Hall
Valders

PROMOTION

Support your school. Get the shirt!
Donate, then visit BigTen.org/Abbott
to submit your donation and claim a
T-shirt of the Big Ten school of your
choice. Ages 18+. While supplies last.

Donate blood, and enjoy one Texas
Roadhouse free appetizer coupon,
while supplies last.



Schedule your appointment
Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome!

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Blood Center of Wisconsin