



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## Faith Matters

OCTOBER  
2025

### WORSHIP TIMES

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

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Treasurer: Robert Pautz



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## Come to the 175th Anniversary!

Plan to attend the 175<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary Celebration of the chartering of our congregation. October 12 at 3pm at The Franciscan Center. Come for the celebratory worship and the food but linger for the historical displays. "Is that you in the photograph? Or your parents? Or your grandparents?" Invite your relatives who live out of town! The more the merrier!

### A Success!

I was looking back over the various projects here at Faith Lutheran Church and I remembered a project that was completed soon after I arrived: the playground. The Onkka family, in honor of beloved Pastor Robert Onkka, gave a generous gift to Faith Lutheran. The church council, and many others, by common agreement decided to use the gift to purchase playground equipment. The decision well-matched our desire to support the children of Faith and our desire to publicly show our commitment to young people. What better way could we visibly show the world our commitment than by brightly colored playground equipment, noticeable from the highway?

Erin Lenzner was president of the congregation and took on the project. There are many factors to consider in such a proposal. There is the "fun" factor, what sorts of equipment are the most fun? What will be the most safe? What will be the most durable? What maintenance will be required? And then, unexpectedly, the choice of mulch under the swings and slides became the factor about which we discussed the most. We chose the mulch of chopped-up tires, and crossed our fingers and hoped for the best.

It is nearly three years later now, and we seem to have made all the right choices. The kids love it. Nobody has been hurt yet (thank God). It is as sturdy as can be. The people who mow around it have no complaints. It is an unqualified success. Unqualified successes do not "just happen," Erin made good choices and led the council to make good choices. Thank you, Erin! Every so often it is a nice thing to look around and celebrate our successes!

Pastor Dan Lyman



# A REFORMATION SERVICE OF **PIPES AND BELLS**



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**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
VALDERS, WI**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

**ORGANIST: DEVIN J. ZHRINGER  
CHOIR DIRECTOR: BONNIE GORDON**

At Faith Lutheran, music is never just background sound. It is the beating heart of our worship, the prayer that rises even when words fall short, the embrace of God's presence that you can feel deep within your soul. Our theme this year, "Music is meant to be felt, not just heard," captures this truth. Music is not simply performed—it is experienced. It stirs faith, strengthens hope, and lifts us into the presence of the One who gave us this precious gift.

Every hymn sung, every bell rung, every chord on the organ carries more than melody—it carries meaning. It tells the story of God's people, both here at Faith and throughout the generations, joining voices together to proclaim His love. And the beauty is, this ministry is for everyone. Whether you are a seasoned singer, a curious beginner, or someone who just loves to hum along, you are welcome. There is a place for you here. Each voice, each hand, each heart makes our ministry richer.

We also stand at the edge of a beautiful new chapter in our musical journey. Faith is working toward the dream of a new pipe organ—an instrument capable of filling our sanctuary with breathtaking sound and leading God's people in song for generations to come. The organ is often called the "king of instruments," and for good reason: it has the power to whisper gently in prayer and to thunder with joy in praise. This vision cannot be realized without the love and support of our congregation, and every contribution is a step closer to making that dream a reality.

At its core, music at Faith is not a performance. It is ministry. It is the living, breathing expression of our faith—a place where God's Spirit moves among us. When we sing, play, or listen, we don't just hear notes; we feel the presence of Christ. And that is a gift we are called to share, together. With Endless Praise! Devin J. Zahringer, Organist





Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, October 21 at 9:00 a.m. at 7 Angels in Chilton.



## OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP is InCourage

**GENERAL ITEMS:** dishwasher detergent, dish detergent, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, cleaning supplies, disinfecting wipes, bleach, mops, brooms, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, kitchen utensils, silverware, food storage containers, freezer bags, kitchen towels, dish cloths, bath towels, wash cloths, pillows, pillow cases, twin & full vinyl mattress covers, alarm clocks, laundry baskets, baby monitors, AA & AAA batteries, full size sheet sets.

**NEW CLOTHING FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN:** socks, underwear, sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts in all sizes, mittens/gloves, hats & scarves. *Clothing must have tags on them or gift receipts attached.*

**PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:** infant, child & adult cold, flu & allergy medicine, cough drops, lip balm, feminine products, lotion, face wash/body wash, baby bottles, sippy cups, bottle brushes, teething toys, diapers & pull-ups (size 2, 4, 5 & 6), wipes, diaper rash cream, combs, brushes, hair dryers.

**FOOD:** non-perishable food items.

**GIFT CARDS:** gas, groceries, local stores, movie rentals, calling cards. Any gift cards or cash can be left in the church office for pick up.

Anything purchased for the center should be clearly marked InCourage and placed inside the stewardship cabinet near the church office. Any gift cards or money can be brought to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

— Terry Haupt



We would like to thank everyone who donated money or items to support our confirmation project during the week of VBS. We were able to deliver several supplies, as well as tie blankets, to Hope House in Manitowoc and also sent a check for \$165 to Operation Kid to Kid. This program, through World Vision, provides warm clothing and blankets to families in North America who may not otherwise be able to afford them. A \$5 donation can provide up to \$70 in new clothing and blankets through the partnerships this organization has in place, so the \$165 sent will be equivalent to over \$2000 to bless those in need. We are so fortunate to be part of such a generous congregation!

Sincerely,  
Ethan Spindler and Zachary Lenzner



(Photo taken from Hope House monthly newsletter)



# Finances

## Income - August 2025

		<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 22,049.00	\$ 21,366.83	\$ 186,033.50	\$ 170,934.67
Lent, Holiday Offerings	\$ -	\$ 833.33	\$ 5,197.00	\$ 6,666.67
Loose Offerings	\$ 157.76	\$ 166.67	\$ 1,410.06	\$ 1,333.33
Other Income	<u>\$ 230.00</u>	<u>\$ 175.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,626.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,400.00</u>
<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 22,436.76</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 22,541.83</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 194,266.56</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 180,334.67</u></b>

## Operating Expenses - August 2025

Administrative/Office Expense	\$ 1,089.75	\$ 1,287.50	\$ 12,006.52	\$ 10,300.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,666.88	\$ 1,803.35	\$ 19,031.94	\$ 14,426.77
Board Expense (Total from all 7 Boards)	\$ 2,402.26	\$ 6,893.33	\$ 44,966.36	\$ 55,146.67
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Personnel Salaries/Benefits <sup>1</sup>	<u>\$ 20,251.13</u>	<u>\$ 20,599.89</u>	<u>\$ 163,200.33</u>	<u>\$ 164,799.14</u>
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b><u>\$ 25,410.02</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 30,584.07</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 239,205.15</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 244,672.57</u></b>

<b>GENERAL FUND NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>(\$2,973.26)</b>	<b>(\$8,042.24)</b>	<b>(\$44,938.59)</b>	<b>(\$64,337.91)</b>
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**Year to Date General Fund Net Income: (\$44,938.59)**

<sup>1</sup> 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 \$20,946.81

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

Baptism ..... Forrest John Newberg  
 Funeral ..... Jan Reinertson

## Membership

Baptized ..... 822  
 Confirmed ..... 564  
 Families ..... 109  
 Welcome Logan Newberg to Faith. Logan was taken into membership Sunday, September 7.

## Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
8/17	46	31
8/24	107	34
8/31	66	37
9/7	142	47

## Altar Guild Servers

### Communion:

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

## Lectors

10/5 Judy Harris  
 10/8 Kathy Mattern  
 10/12 Kaye Jandrey  
 10/15 Larry Burzynski  
 10/19 Stefanie Kaderabek  
 10/22 Dennis Luckow  
 10/26 Don Schreiner  
 10/29 Cambria Behnke

## Communion Servers

10/5 Judy Harris  
 10/15 Larry Burzynski  
 10/19 Stefanie Kaderabek  
 10/29 Judy Valleskey

**Head Ushers** ..... Lee A. Evenson and Paul Franz

## Acolyte Schedule

10/5 Peytyn Peterson  
 10/8 Westen Schisel  
 10/12 Eliza Wilker  
 10/15 Westen Schisel  
 10/19 Mitchell Kaderabek  
 10/22 Westen Schisel  
 10/26 Eliza Wilker  
 10/29 Westen Schisel

## Greeters

10/5 Mary Thomsen  
 10/8 Cambria Behnke  
 10/12 Bob and Julie Wigen  
 10/15 Paden Hougen and Dexter Valleskey  
 10/19 Lynda Pautz  
 10/22 Cambria Behnke  
 10/26 Don and Deb Schreiner  
 10/29 Paden Hougen and Dexter Valleskey

## Ushers

10/5 Steve & Ginny Schwoerer, Tyler Madson  
 10/12 Brian and Tammy Brill, Lori Propson  
 10/19 Thomas and Kathy Muench, John Robley  
 10/26 Wayne Huske, Joan Pritzl, Brian Ulness

## Sound Operator

10/5 Loren Ulness  
 10/12 Loren Ulness  
 10/19 Loren Ulness  
 10/26 Loren Ulness

## Projection

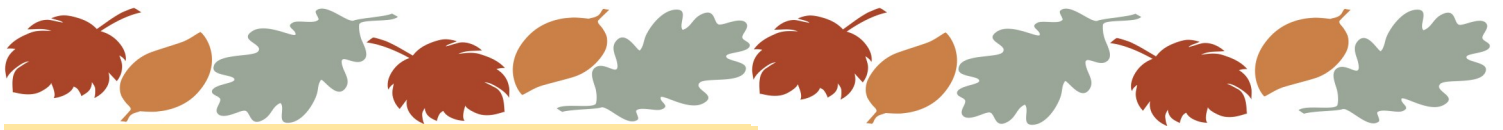
10/5 Mollie Junk  
 10/8 Mikaela Spindler  
 10/12 Loren Ulness  
 10/15 Cindy Pederson and Trevor Pinkerton  
 10/19 Rod Merino  
 10/22 Mikaela Spindler  
 10/26 Zachary Lenzner  
 10/29 Trevor Pinkerton

## Video Operator/Live Stream

10/5 Travis Schisel  
 10/12 Travis Schisel  
 10/19 Travis Schisel  
 10/26 Michael Lenzner

JESUS  
 LOVES YOU—  
*and so do we!*





God's work. Our hands. Sunday, September 7  
Thank you to everyone that helped with this event. Your time and dedication to Faith and our community is appreciated.



Thank you to all who came to the  
Senior Appreciation Day event and all  
those who helped in any way to  
make it a wonderful day.





# Upcoming Youth Events



Faith on Fire will spend a fun evening at Otto's Pumpkin Patch on Wednesday, October 1st. The teams will build a scarecrow to be taken back to Faith Lutheran Church, where they will be on display and all the members of Faith Lutheran can vote on their favorite! We will attend the Service together, and those who wish to can carpool to Ottos. (Students are also welcome to meet us at Otto's at 7:15.) This event is expected to conclude by 9:00 p.m.



Saturday, October 18th (rain date Oct. 25). Faith on Fire will get their spook on at the Haunted Golf Cart Rides at Hickory Hills Golf Course in Chilton. High School students must pre-register by Wednesday, October 1st. Our reservation time will be posted on Team Reach when it gets closer! We will meet up for ice cream that night as well!



Our 4th-grade students will be having a Communion Retreat on Sunday, October 5th! Due to bread baking and chalice making, this event will run over our normal Sunday School hour. 4th graders will need to be picked up at 11:30 on this day! Students must register for this event to ensure we have enough chalices available! Please let your child's teacher or our Youth Coordinator know if your 4th grader will be attending this special event!

First Communion Sunday will be celebrated for the 4th-grade students on Sunday, October 19th. These students will not have class that day so that they may celebrate with family and friends. Before heading out after service, we encourage families to join in fellowship, as there will be a cake in their honor!



Attention students in Grades 7-11: There will be no Confirmation class on Wednesday, October 15th. We ask all interested students and parents in these grades to attend our first National Youth Gathering Meeting. Find out what makes this event so special and how your child can take part in this incredible event, June 28- July 2, 2027.

## Faith Lutheran Church Minutes— August 18 2025

**Housekeeping Items:** Larry--He is the new contact for security issues, along with anyone else who needs to know whom to contact in the event of a security issue. Many things that Bill used to do have to be taken care of by somebody else. Bridget noted that Valders Fire Chief Chris Dallas will check the AEDs every six months during fire extinguisher checks and will install the new AED at church once we get a box for it. Motion made and carried to buy a box for the new AED. The north doors had a problem with shutting properly. Loren worked with the door company and fixed the issue, which was caused by having two sweeps on the bottom. We will need new sweeps for winter for energy/temperature reasons. Main doors also would not shut properly and he worked on the top latch and fixed it.

**New Business:** We need to have money in the budget for the youth coordinator salary, so all boards are asked to be mindful of that. A question arose about which posts need approval before being put on the church's Facebook page. Pastor said he will take responsibility to approve posts. Motion made and carried that church events can be posted without approval, but other posts should go to Pastor and then the council, if needed. People are being trained to do things that Bill did, such as videos for the screen. Loren, Al and Larry met with Carter Lenzner about doing DVDs for funerals and Al will fill in for funerals in that role. Discussion was held about the need to have more than one person understand processes and technology so there is not another situation like this if someone is no longer able to fulfill duties for any reason. Julie suggested having a written explanation of duties in case something happens to the person who normally does a task. Pastor wants everyone on council to learn about the new cameras. Motion made and carried to require that a minimum of two people attend any training, with documentation and/or video done, too.

### **Council representative reports:**

**Treasurer's Report**—through July, average weekly offerings are \$6,036, down \$581 from last year. Year to date offerings are \$171,830, down more than \$7,000. Total expenses are up more than \$20,000. Joan noted that the Fellowship expenses are up because of a change in how the money from donations is handled. The money is now placed in the former memorial account and at the end of year, that money will be used to pay expenses, rather than using the money donated in the dish every single time something is purchased. Report also noted that attendance is also down.

**Stewardship**—Joan: Time and talent sheets can be handed in if boards have them done. Stewardship drive will be done the first three weeks of October on Sundays and Wednesdays with the theme of "Time, Talents, Treasure." They are still looking for people to speak about how they use their time, talents and treasures for God's purposes and why it's important and how they would hope to use it. God gives us the gifts, how do we use it for his purposes?

**Lay Ministry**—Jennifer—Pine Haven Choir is schedule to be here March 29, but that's Palm Sunday, when the Sunday school children normally sing. Bridget noted the Board of Christian Education doesn't want to move the children's singing day. Pastor suggested we should contact Pine Haven to change date. The list of people available to do the livestreaming is down to three and more are needed. Loren said it doesn't pay to train new people until the new cameras come, but we should get more people. It was recommended last year to hire someone to do the camera work, but Bill didn't want that and the council didn't vote for it. But it is something to think about. Loren suggested putting notices in the bulletin and Faith Matters noting that volunteers are needed. Jennifer was given a suggestion to have Sue Riesterer share her talent on a local TV channel, which brought up the topic of doing something to recognize her after more than 50 years as organist.

**Evangelism:** Julie—They made it through the parade successfully. God's Work, Our Hands is set for Sept. 7. Projects are listed in the gathering space and bulletin. Lunch will be sloppy joes and hot dogs.

**Fellowship:** Marilyn—They are preparing to help with God's Work, Our Hands and will make Soup for the Souls. People should take the soup along when visiting people who are homebound. They are working on plans for a senior and quilts appreciation day and will be able to use a Thrivent card that was received.

**Church Properties:** The Onkka bench is still not started, with the date now probably in mid-September. The group may make the block foundation in the next few weeks.

**Christian Education**—Alyssa: The Sunday school teachers are set. Confirmation is set only on Wednesdays this year. Blessing of the Backpacks will be done on Sept. 7. She asked about running background checks on volunteers. Pastor feels we should do that. Larry agreed to work on that.

**Youth & Family Ministry:** Tanya: Lefse making and Easter Breakfast prep are scheduled. They have discussed difficulties in planning events and will be meeting quarterly with the Board of Christian Education to work together more. They just need more volunteers to do everything as it's hard for the few people on the board to do more.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting – September 15, 2025 --Submitted by Mary Thomsen, secretary



# Celebrating Your Birthday!

## OCTOBER

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|--|--|---|
| 1. Judy Jorgenson<br>Hannah Evenson                                | 13. Ronald Jandrey<br>Beth Popp<br>Mary Evenson<br>Charles Lippert<br>Gail Olm         | 25. Trevor Schwoerer<br>Stetson McCulley  |
| 2. Michael Goehring  | 15. Morgan Simon   | 26. Bobbi Jo Robley   |
| 3. Skyler Schuler<br>Kevin Schultz<br>Ted Goman<br>Jessica Stalvey | 17. Ralph Christianson<br>Kaye Jandrey   | 27. Thomas Muench<br>Reegan Kaderabek<br>Lynn Schuler                               |
| 4. Linda Berge<br>Myranda Manke<br>Connor McDonald                 | 18. Whitney Ulness<br>Doreen Bessert<br>Brittany McCulley<br>Deacon Conrad             | 29. Kristie Evenson<br>Anthony Zucchi<br>Michael Hougen<br>Amy Reinertson           |
| 5. Caroline Berge<br>Michael Propson                               | 19. Robert Pederson  | 31. Nakula Tan  |
| 6. Stefanie Kaderabek<br>Jill Lippert                              | 21. Roger Manke<br>Lorin Berge<br>Phillip Steinberg<br>Zoey Zutz<br>Everett Madson     | <h2>NOVEMBER</h2>   |
| 7. Harper Frank  | 22. Michael Jeske<br>Grace Sorenson<br>Brenda Pautz                                    | 1. Sandra Lemberger<br>Judith Voss  |
| 9. Gail McCulley<br>Trevor Griffin<br>Judith Tracy                 | 23. Lynda Pautz<br>Carol Ulness<br>Roxanne Bubolz<br>Connie Kimmes<br>Dexter Valleskey | 2. Amber Meidl<br>Donald Gilbertson   |
| 10. Evan Brick<br>Delton Duchow                                    | 24. Erin Lenzner<br>Elaine Zutz<br>Sonja Gilbertson                                    | 3. Ella Zutz<br>Darlene Posey<br>Janice Behnke<br>Tanyia Sorenson<br>Xander Erskine |
| 11. Taylor Pederson  |  | 4. Mollie Junk<br>Damon Erskine<br>Ryah Sabourin                                    |
| 12. Brian Brill  |  | 5. Chelsea Reinertson<br>Halle Frank<br>Everett Wenzel                              |
|  |  | 6. Anderia Frank  |
|  |  | 8. Julie Jeske  |
|  |  | Myah Klessig  |
|  |  | 9. Jeanne Wenzel  |



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:00 Jazzercise  6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation and Faith on Fire	2 8:00 Quilting  5:30 Jazzercise	3	4
5 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship Baptism –Stetson James Fochs 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	6 9:00 Women's Bible Study  5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	7  3:00 Bible Study 6:30 Card Maing	8 9:00 Jazzercise  6:15 Worship 6:30 Board of Christian Education 7:15 Confirmation	9 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting  5:30 Jazzercise	10	11 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
12 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship Baptism-Jack Scott Miller 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir <i>Clergy Appreciation Day</i>	13 9:00 Women's Bible Study  5:30 Jazzercise  <i>No Mail—Columbus Day</i>	14  3:00 Bible Study	15 9:00 Jazzercise  6:15 Worship 7:15 National Youth Gathering meeting (grades 7-11)	16 8:00 Quilting  5:30 Jazzercise	17 	18 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry  Faith on Fire at Haunted Golf Cart Rides at Hickory Hills Golf Course
19 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship Baptism—Kohen Michael Goehring <b>First Communion</b> 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	20 9:00 Women's Bible Study  5:30 Jazzercise 5:30 Board of Stewardship 6:30 Council	21 9:00 Senior Christians at 7 Angels in Chilton  3:00 Bible Study	22 9:00 Jazzercise  6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	23 8:00 Quilting  5:30 Jazzercise	24	25
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