

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faith Matters

October 2026

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Valders WI

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Greetings, and thank you for your wonderful welcoming.

I am Pastor Diane Wheatley and began leading worship in August here at Faith Lutheran during your interim. You have been wonderfully welcoming, especially after my "flying" dramatic introduction August 9. It seems God has a sense of humor. A word about me: I am a retired ELCA pastor ordained in 1944. I served in Encinitas (San Diego) California; Campus Ministry at Gettsburg College 3 years and then Cornell and Ithaca Colleges town and gown ministry for five years; followed by 19 years as a solo pastor in Liverpool (Syracuse), New York in a church this size. I tried retiring in 2015, but served seven more years part-time in a small parish in Fulton, New York before retiring again in 2023. I moved to Kimberly, Wisconsin Christmas of 2024 to live my last lap near my daughter Susan and her husband George in Kaukauna.

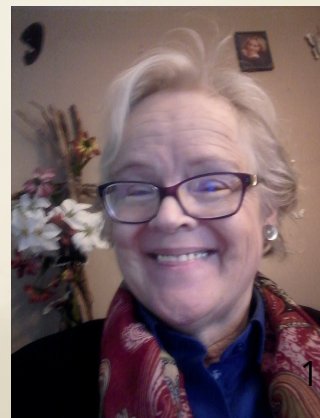
I love my family, the ocean (I am a California body surfer), education (I have a masters in Education, wrote High School Sunday School curriculum and taught across the US and Canada with Gospel Light Publications ten years), the Lord and His Church, music, and have been writing weekly "Grace Notes" for 2 secular newspapers in Upstate New York since January of 2017. "Grace Notes" is a collection of some of them along with art and poetry by myself and my daughter (available on Amazon and on my desk).

How long will I walk the road with the folks at Faith Lutheran? I have no idea. As long as that is what the Lord and we decide. What do I hope and pray for? That we will enjoy being the people of Christ together; that we will help each other live the grace that Christ is flowing through us; that we will make a difference in the lives of others and the world around us.

We have given Bibles to our youth. We have explored with energy as Sunday Church School as resumed. We have welcomed Confirmation students to another year as they journey into becoming young adults in their faith. We have shared two funerals. We will share two baptisms in October. We have a great team of leaders and servants, and together we make a difference.

As October focuses on our stewardship, keep in mind that Christ has equipped us to do all that Christ asks of us here and now. We are each important, and we each have something to give. It may be financial, or skills, or cookies, or listening, or phone calls, or a smile, or simply being here and walking with the person next to us as they serve. When we focus on stewardship, we are intentional about listening to what God says to us as individuals and to us as a community. In the Old Testament Saul was not God's "first plan" as king. However, God was willing to change the plan and make a line of kings from Saul's family if he would simply worship the Lord, obey, and follow the guidance God gave him. The question is not if we find the "best" plan, but rather, "How can we faithfully listen, follow, and serve our Lord as we live our faith and serve our Lord." Thank you again for your warm welcome. I look forward to our journey together.

Pastor Diane



THANK YOU

To all those who supported our Sunday School classroom updates by buying an item or two off our wishlist, we are very grateful for your generosity! The updated rooms look cozy and inviting. We appreciate you!

Faith on Fire is open to all High School students



Meetings: Devotional time followed by group activities will take place the 1st Wednesday of the month. Located in the Youth Room (downstairs) from 7:15 PM to 8:15 PM. Snacks and drinks are provided.

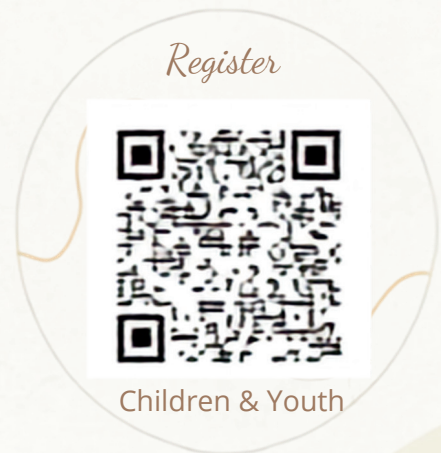
Communication: Main updates, outings, and event reminders are shared via the TeamReach app. Name of Group: Faith On Fire (Group Code): FaithOnFire).

Registration: To register for Youth Group, please use the QR code. All Youth Group, Confirmation, and Sunday School registrations are done through this QR code.

Join us: Wednesday, October 7th. 7:15pm- 8:15pm

Sunday, October 18
1st Communion Sunday
9am Service

~No Sunday School Classes~



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. ****ALL CLOTHING MUST HAVE TAGS ATTACHED****, maybe even gift receipts tapes taped to clothing that have no tags??

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.

Anything purchased for the center should be clearly marked Incourage and placed inside the stewardship cabinet at the top of the stairs near the church office. Any gift cards or cash can be left in the office.

Thank you for your continued support.
Terry Haupt

Green Chairs Available for Purchase

Three green chairs are available for purchase for \$25 each. They are in the music room on the upper level. Proceeds will support painting and updates for the Sunday School classrooms. To purchase, bring payment to the church office. For questions, contact Christine, Bridget, or Julie Hartman.



Senior Christians will meet Tuesday,
October 20 at 9:00 am at 7 Angels in
Chilton.

Financial Report

<i>Income - August 2026</i>	<i>Month Actual</i>		<i>Budget</i>		<i>YTD Actual</i>		<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 22,117.00		\$ 21,998.75		\$ 180,793.00		\$ 175,990.00
Lent, Holiday Offerings	\$ -		\$ 833.33		\$ 4,693.00		\$ 6,666.67
Loose Offerings	\$ 77.50		\$ 166.67		\$ 893.27		\$ 1,333.33
Room Use - Utility Donations	\$ 170.00		\$ 166.67		\$ 1,315.25		\$ 1,333.33
Other Income	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
General Fund Income	\$ 22,364.50		\$ 23,173.75		\$ 187,694.52		\$ 185,390.00
<i>Operating Expenses - August 2026</i>							
Administrative/Office Expense	\$ 746.30		\$ 1,365.00		\$ 12,787.89		\$ 10,920.00
Benevolence	\$ 1,789.19		\$ 1,853.90		\$ 15,014.79		\$ 14,831.20
Board Expense (Total from all 7 Boards)	\$ 6,869.47		\$ 6,576.67		\$ 42,244.98		\$ 52,613.33
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 23,890.33		\$ 21,086.80		\$ 168,365.10		\$ 168,694.37
General Fund Expense	\$ 33,295.29		\$ 30,882.36		\$ 238,412.76		\$ 247,058.90
GENERAL FUND NET INCOME/LOSS	(\$10,930.79)				(\$50,718.24)		
Year to Date General Fund Net Income :							(\$50,718.24)
Income needed per week to meet our 2026 Budget					\$ 7,126.70		
Income needed per month to meet our 2026 Budget					\$ 30,882.36		4



WORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES



FUNERALS

Jill Backus, Ginger Linsmeier, Esther Halverson



MEMBERSHIP

Baptized 807 Confirmed 548
Families 95



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Sunday	Wednesday
8/16	82	31
8/23	85	32
8/30	73	28
9/6	65	32
9/13	106	65



ALTAR GUILD COMMUNION SERVERS

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



LECTORS

10/4 Joan Pritzl
10/7 Cheryl Duchow
10/11 Don Domrath
10/14 Susan Christel
10/18 Stacy Wilker
10/21 Larry Burzynski
10/25 Lynn Merino
10/28 Dennis Luckow



COMMUNION SERVERS

10/14 Susan Christel
10/18 Stacy Wilker
10/28 Theresa Haupt



HEAD USHERS

Lee A. Evenson and Paul Franz



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

10/4 Garrett Jeske	10/21 Lauren Halverson
10/7 Peytyn Peterson	10/25 Paden Hougen
10/11 Trevor Pinkerton	10/28 Sage Peterson
10/14 Skyler Schuler	
10/18 Eliza Wilker	

GREETERS

10/4 Brian and Tammy Brill
10/7 Don & Nancy Christianson
10/11 Ralph Christianson
10/14 Delton & Cheryl Duchow
10/18 Cheryl Domrath
10/21 David and Theresa Haupt
10/25 Marlene Evenson
10/28 Dennis & Cathy Luckow



USHERS

10/4 John Robley, Steve & Ginny Schwoerer
10/11 Don & Deb Schreiner, Lori Propson
10/18 Keith Lippert, Rod Merino, Mary Thomsen
10/25 Brian & Tammy Brill, Richard Menza



SOUND OPERATOR

10/4 Loren Ulness
10/11 Loren Ulness
10/18 Loren Ulness
10/25 Stefanie Kaderabek



VIDEO OPERATOR/LIVE STREAM

10/4 Michael Lenzner
10/11 Liam Cline
10/18 Eric Thomsen
10/25 Jake Kaderabek



PROJECTION

10/4 Mollie Junk
10/7 Dexter Valleskey
10/11 Loren Ulness
10/14 Dexter Valleskey
10/18 Judy Harris
10/21 Dexter Valleskey
10/25 Stefanie Kaderabek
10/28 Dexter Valleskey

Synod Youth Service Project Day

Saturday, October 3, 2026

8:30 AM ~ 11:00 AM

Feeding America
2911 West Evergreen Drive
Appleton, Wisconsin, 54913

All synod youth are invited to join us for an upcoming Feeding America event. We look forward to gathering together for this time of service and community.

For further details or to RSVP, please contact Christine Lopponow.
christusyouth@christuschurch.org

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, the largest hunger-relief organization in the state, operates food banks in Milwaukee and Appleton, serving 35 counties in Wisconsin. In collaboration with our member food pantries, we distribute healthy, nutritious food to individuals experiencing hunger. Furthermore, we are developing innovative solutions to enhance community health, address the fundamental causes of hunger, and advocate for the populations we serve.



PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
Saturday, October 3, 2026
8am to 530pm

A fundraiser for
Hope House of Manitowoc County

8:00-10:00am (Men's Doubles 3.5-4.0)
10:30am-12:30pm (Mixed Doubles 3.5-4.0)
1:00-3:00pm (Women's Doubles 3.5-4.0)
3:30pm-5:30pm (Mixed Doubles 3.0-3.49)

1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals given for each division

RAFFLE BASKETS
SWAG ITEMS FOR SALE
COMPLIMENTARY FOOD & WATER FOR PLAYERS
FRANKLIN X40 BALLS

The Pickleball CONNECTION
Location:
1455 N Rapids Rd
Manitowoc, WI

PICKLEBALL CONNECTION REGISTRATION
Registration is required

PRE-PAY ONLINE
Pay through Hope House or pay at event

Questions? Contact Alex:
adaffner5@gmail.com 920-242-2193



Dear members of Faith Lutheran,

Jesus invites us to go on a journey—a journey we call discipleship. As faithful disciples, we strive to become more like Jesus through the disciplines of study, worship, prayer, service, and generosity.

Jesus sent His disciples on a mission: to spread the Gospel, teach others to obey His commands, baptize new believers, live by example, and demonstrate the Kingdom of God through acts of healing and ministry. When Jesus spoke to His disciples, He was also speaking to us. As they were sent, so are we.

God has done—and continues to do—remarkable things through us and with us. Through our congregation, lives are touched, needs are met, faith is nurtured, and positive change is made in our community and beyond. Your prayers, participation, and generosity are essential as we seek to move further along the pathway of discipleship.

This year, our Stewardship Drive theme, “Journey to Generosity,” gets to the heart of what it means to live faithfully as disciples of Jesus. God is working through us and through the things we do to bring about positive change in the world. Every time we give, our gift becomes ministry and mission.

On Wednesday, October 7, and Sunday, October 11, we will begin our Journey to Generosity as we provide temple talks on both existing and new missions planned for Faith Lutheran Church.

When the early church gathered, they did so with glad and generous hearts. We desire that same spirit of joy, gratitude, and true community to be present among us.

Please keep our congregation in your prayers as we move together toward discerning what gifts we will make in the coming year. And please mark your calendars now for Commitment Day—Wednesday, October 28, or Sunday, November 1—when we will offer our intentions for the coming year.

Please join us as we celebrate together following the church service on Sunday, November 1. A brunch is planned, featuring scrambled eggs and ham, along with a potluck of sides and desserts.

Together, let us continue our Journey to Generosity—giving with grateful hearts, serving with joyful spirits, and sharing God’s love with our community and our world.

Grace and peace,
Board of Stewardship

Celebrating Your Birthday

October

1. Judy Jorgenson
Hannah Evenson
2. Michael Goehring
3. Skyler Schuler
Kevin Schultz
Ted Goman
Jessica Stalvey
4. Linda Berge
Myranda Manke
Connor McDonald
5. Caroline Berge
Michael Propson
6. Stefanie Kaderabek
Jill Lippert
7. Harper Frank
9. Gail McCulley
Trevor Griffin
Judith Tracy
10. Evan Brick
Delton Duchow
11. Taylor Pederson
12. Brian Brill
13. Ronald Jandrey
Beth Popp
Mary Evenson
Charles Lippert
Gail Olm
15. Morgan Simon
17. Ralph Christianson
Kaye Jandrey

18. Whitney Ulness
Doreen Bessert
Brittany McCulley
Deacon Conrad
19. Robert Pederson
21. Roger Manke
Lorin Berge
Phillip Steinberg
Zoey Zutz
Everett Madson
22. Michael Jeske
Grace Sorenson
23. Lynda Pautz
Carol Ulness
Roxanne Bubolz
Connie Kimmes
Dexter Valleskey
24. Erin Lenzner
Elaine Zutz
Sonja Gilbertson
25. Trevor Schwoerer
Stetson McCulley
26. Bobbi Jo Robley
27. Thomas Muench
Reegan Kaderabek
Lynn Schuler
29. Kristie Evenson
Anthony Zucchi
Michael Hougen
Amy Reinertson
31. Nakula Tan

November

1. Sandra Lemberger
Judith Voss
2. Amber Meidl
Donald Gilbertson
3. Ella Zutz
Darlene Posey
Janice Behnke
Tanyia Sorenson
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

Council Minutes - August 17, 2026

Guest's Topic of Discussion-Rev. Nate Gauerke

Pastor Nate spoke at length to help the council understand the process of transition that Faith is undergoing since the departure of Pastor Dan Lyman. In the discussion about calling a new pastor, he cautioned that it will take as long as it needs and we should allow the Lord to lead us and guide us. We need to remind people that we need to be positive and work together. Pastor Diane Wheatley is helping now and may be able to help throughout the transition. He gave members of the council printed information on the transition process, including how to develop a ministry site profile and call committee. Pastor Nate will be our main contact with the synod. He also addressed the financial matters involved, which are detailed in the handout. He did note that there are not many candidates looking for a pastor position right now. He suggested that having things ready by the spring would be helpful. We also discussed Faith Lutheran's history of pastor turnover and the difficulty in finding someone who wants to serve a church in a small community. Pastor Nate said that seven years is now considered a long call and there is a shift being seen to congregation-led ministry, supported by a pastor, instead of the other way around.

New Business

Funeral Committee Meal Policy—the Lakeshore Family Funeral Homes has said that a lot of churches are moving away from having funeral meals at the church. The committee would like to have it stated that we will continue to offer them. It was noted that training needs to be done for younger people to take over.

Supply pastor pay—There was a misunderstanding about Pastor Wheatley's pay. Pastor Nate said he feels the Synod guidelines are enough and we are being fair. We will need to see what she accepts.

Council representative reports

- a. Treasurer's Report: Terry provided a printed report. Income for July was \$16,974, with expenses of \$27,991.80 for a loss of \$11,017.80. The general fund total is \$126,912.36. Attendance averaged 12% for the month.
- b. Stewardship: The board discussed the drive for the year, which will promote helping others in need and introduce a new mission.
- c. Lay Ministry: The board talked about how we want services to look. Sue is working on plans for the Maundy Thursday service. The praise band will play at that event. Sue asked about taking congregational hymn requests, and that will be discussed at the next meeting.
- d. Evangelism—The Valders parade went well. Nobody from the board is available for God's Work, Our Hands Day this year.
- e. Fellowship: The group plans to meet on God's Work, Our Hands Day to make Soup for Souls. The pie and ice cream social at the Valders picnic had a good response, with a suggestion made to put up more posters around the park to alert people of the sale inside the Community Center. They sold all the pie and gave \$1,245 in proceeds to the pantry. They planned to serve a cake for Sandy Lemberger on the following Sunday to recognize her for going on an Honor Flight.
- g. Christian Education: They are revamping the room and have a QR code to allow people to donate.
- h. Personnel Committee—Julie noted that she wants to do job reviews with employees soon.
- i. Security—A window near the upper lot entrance was left open, and a door that wasn't closing right needed attention.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9 p.m

Next Meeting – September 21; Devotions: Sue

--Submitted by Mary Thomsen, secretary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Prayer List and Chain Requests Before we add someone to our prayer list or prayer chain, we must have that person's permission to share their name and request. Please confirm that permission has been granted before submitting a request. Thank you.				1 8:00 Quilting	2	3
4 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship NO Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour, First Communion Retreat, Sunday school 10:15 Inspiration Choir	5 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	6	7 9:00 Jazzercise 5:15 Endowment Committee 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation & Faith on Fire	8 8:00 Quilting	9	10 9:00 2 nd Sat. Bible Study Newsletter info due to office
11 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship ~ Baptism of Evenson baby 10:00 Fellowship Hour, Sunday school 10:15 Inspiration Choir	12 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 Board of Stewardship <i>Columbus Day ~ No mail</i>	13	14 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship with Holy Communion 7:15 Confirmation	15 8:00 Quilting	16	17 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry
18 Holy Communion 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship ~ Baptism of Archie Lee Voss 10:00 Fellowship Hour - NO Sunday school 10:15 Inspiration Choir	19 9:00 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Council 6:30 Card Making	20 9:00 Senior Christians at 7 Angels in Chilton	21 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	22 8:00 Quilting	23	24
25 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship ~ Baptism of Tatem Robert Klessig 10:00 Sunday school and Fellowship Hour 10:15 Inspiration Choir	26 9:00 Women's Bible Study	27	28 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	29 8:00 Quilting	30	31

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Jill Wittmus, Bookkeeper

Rose Behnke, Custodian

Tony Schad, Custodian & Lawn Cutter

Sue Riesterer, Whitney Schamburek,

Devin Zahringer, Organists

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FLC VP Elect: James Schuessler

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