



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## Faith Matters

SEPTEMBER  
2023

### WORSHIP TIMES

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

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### Lots of Big Events!

We start with a brief lull, for Labor Day the office is closed, but then we have a jam-packed calendar. September 6th is the Senior Appreciation event especially for members over 75 years old. If you are younger than 75, you can still come and help appreciate.

Then September 10th, is "God's Work. Our Hands." where we have a list of service activities to do God's good in the world. There is an article about it in this newsletter also.

The following week, in worship September 17th, is the beginning of Sunday School, with Bibles given out and backpacks blessed.

And in the afternoon of the 17th, at 3PM, is Pastor Lyman's Installation Service. Our bishop will be here to do the honors, as will an assistant to the bishop, and many local clergy. The bishop will also be dedicating our new playground and our new shed. (And I am thinking of having her come bless my new house. It couldn't hurt). After the installation there will be a reception with sandwiches downstairs in the fellowship hall. You will not want to miss this event!

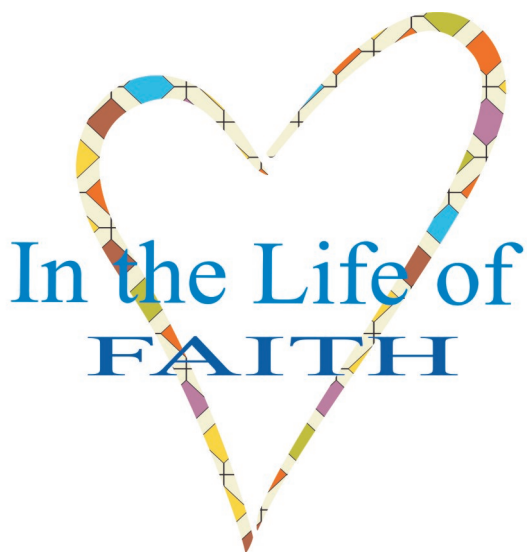
Two days later we start the adult Bible Study classes, September 19th, one class at 3PM and the other class at 6:30PM. There is still time to sign up. There is still room in each class. And they will continue weekly until we hit big holidays.

The final week of September is looking like it will be our usual level of busy. October is looking full, with another Visioning event 10/1 (more info on pg. 4), the First Communion Retreat 10/8 with First Communion to follow 10/15, and our new Health event on 10/14, but more about that later.

### You are cordially invited to the Installation

of  
Pastor Daniel C. Lyman  
as Pastor of  
Faith Lutheran Church  
255 Roosevelt Street  
Valders, Wisconsin  
at 3:00 PM  
September 17, 2023.

You and your guests are invited to the service of installation  
and to the reception meal afterward.



The Bell Choir will be starting up again in September with practice at 8:00am on Sundays, September 10<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>. We will then play for Pastor Dan's installation at 3:00pm on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in joining this group contact Bonnie Gordon, Sue Riesterer, or any member of the Bell Choir. All are welcome to join!

Attention all choir members and those that would like to join the choir this fall. The new name we have chosen for the choir is "Inspiration Choir", formally known as the Mixed Choir. Our first rehearsal will be September 10<sup>th</sup> (this was changed from the 17<sup>th</sup>). We will again rehearse in the Music Room across from the Library and this year we will be singing in the balcony. We will again try to meet each Sunday at 10:15. You are always welcomed to bring your coffee with you. Our goal will be to sing at one of the 9:00 services once a month.

Our first event will be Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> when we have been asked to sing at Pastor Dan's Installation Service at 3:00 P.M. We will rotate with the Bell Choir that day from the balcony. Please encourage others to join us this year and I understand if you cannot make every rehearsal. All are welcome and you don't have to audition. If you have questions, please give me a call at 920-905-9047. I am looking forward to another year of praising our Lord with songs.

— Don Domrath

**God's Work. Our Hands. is Sunday, September 10.** This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ - every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life - flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Your hands can help with the following: blanket making, yard work, LWR School Kits, Soup for the Souls, rock painting and Chalk the Walk for the kids. Please sign up on the sheets available in the Gathering Space. Please call the church office at 920-775-4141 if you would like a phone number of the following people below to contact them directly.

*Exterior church grounds*

contact person: Mark Zutz

*Tying fleece blankets*

contact person: Jenniffer Zutz

*Packing kits for LWR*

contact person: Terry Haupt

*Rock Painting*

contact person: Brenda Freiberg

*Soup for the Souls*

contact person: Marilyn Robley

*Chalk the Walk*

contact person: Bridget Valleskey

Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m. at The Lighthouse Inn.

**Sign up at the Information Desk for Pastor Dan's Installation Service and luncheon Sunday, September 17 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Bible Study classes led by Pastor Dan will be starting September 19. You may choose from 3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Please sign up at the Information Desk for the time you prefer.**



# Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 17

@ 9:00 a.m.

We would like to invite students of all ages and educators to bring their school bags to church to have them blessed and ask for God's

guidance during the school year! During 9:00 a.m. worship, the church will say a prayer of guidance, wisdom, and protection over you as you start a new school year. Please join us!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF**

All children 3K to Grade 6 are invited to attend Sunday school starting Sunday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. Come meet your teachers and your classroom friends. It is going to be a fun year!

7th and 8th grade Confirmation classes will begin Wednesday, September 20 from 7:15-8:15 p.m.


9th grade Confirmation Orientation and Get to Know You Session will be Sunday, September 24 from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Larry Burzynski looks forward to meeting you!



**Confirmation CLASSES**

JOIN THE



Save the Date! 

You are a Beacon of Hope whose kindness saves lives, including those with cancer or sickle cell disease. These fighters and their families are counting on you. You are invited to donate at Faith's blood drive:

**October 23 from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Make an appointment: [https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/260240](https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/260240).

Every donation is needed to meet the high demand from hospitals in your community. People like you can make a difference.

Calling all 10th, 11th and 12th grade young adults to be a part of something **BIG!** Your **New Youth Group** is on the rise! Outings such as axe throwing, golf, escape room, fishing and skating are a few of the events suggested by your peers. You will have opportunities to serve your community and those around you while growing deeper roots in faith. This will be **your** group with the guidance of a few mentors.

**Gather your friends and join us Wednesday, September 20 from 7:15-8:30 p.m.**

**Win door prizes for bringing friends and partake in a church wide Scavenger Hunt.**

**Your new youth room hangout will be stocked with a coffee and hot cocoa bar, snacks and video games.**

Mark your calendar for an OPEN HOUSE just for you!

# Finances

## *Income - July 2023*

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 28,061.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 221.00			
<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 28,282.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,883.00</b>	<b>\$ 183,281.09</b>	<b>\$ 181,181.07</b>
Dedicated Income	\$ 3,353.00		\$ 26,834.24	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 31,635.00</b>		<b>\$ 210,115.33</b>	

## *Operating Expenses - July 2023*

Benevolence	\$ 2,262.56			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 5,147.70			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 17,314.54			
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$ 24,724.80</b>	<b>\$ 27,954.66</b>	<b>\$ 170,108.49</b>	<b>\$ 194,901.98</b>
Dedicated Expense	\$ 5,492.90		\$ 34,749.57	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 30,217.70</b>		<b>\$ 204,858.06</b>	

**Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$13,172.60**

### **A Second Visioning Event October 1!**

We had a “future planning” event a few months ago. People really shared what they liked and what they were passionate about here at Faith. But not everyone attended and there was a desire for more discussion about our common vision for Faith. So we will have a second event October 1st, right after church, during the Fellowship hour.

Last time we pretty much listened to what people wanted to share, and it validated the happy things we have done here. This time we will think and pray about things other churches do that might be a good fit for us. Things that would be new to Faith Lutheran Church. Things that would inspire us to rise to new challenges. Come and see.

Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

The decision of Faith to use the Robert Onkka financial gift to purchase playground equipment resonates in the hearts of the Onkka family. It was an unexpected and wonderful surprise and direction to go.

I would like to thank the church for keeping my sister Susan and myself informed of your decision, the thank you card as well as the picture of the playground.

— John Onkka

*just  
WANTED  
to say  
THANK  
YOU*

Thank you so much for the free will gift from Faith Lutheran Church. We were happy and blessed to be able to lift up our Lord in praise, even though it did not go as we planned. It went as God planned. We would be happy to worship with you again if you so desire.

We will use the gift to update our sound equipment. Thanks again.

The Redeemed II Quartet



# Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

## Pastoral Acts

Marriage ..... Hailee Jacobs and Dayton Goehring

## Membership

Baptized ..... 812  
 Confirmed..... 595  
 Families ..... 111

## Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
7/16	75	34
7/23	82	36
7/30	63	43
8/6	82	24

## Altar Guild Servers

### Communion:

September..... **Bev Torrison, Chair (Committee #2)**  
 October ..... **Marlene Evenson, Chair (Committee #1)**

## Lectors

9/3 Brian Ulness  
 9/6 Don Schreiner  
 9/10 Bob Wigen  
 9/13 Susan Christel  
 9/17 Ron Jones  
 9/20 Deb Schreiner  
 9/24 Don Domrath  
 9/27 Larry Burzynski

## Communion Servers

9/3 Brian Ulness  
 9/13 Susan Christel  
 9/17 Earl Griffin  
 9/27 Judy Valleskey



## Acolyte Schedule

9/3 Kolten Schisel  
 9/10 Arianna Herrick  
 9/17 Logan Bratt  
 9/24 Cambria Behnke

## Head Ushers

Glenn Otto and Tom Madson

## Greeters

9/3 Clarissa and Garrett Ulness  
 9/6 Don Schreiner  
 9/10 Bob and Julie Wigen  
 9/13 Tim and Julie Endries  
 9/17 Earl and Barb Griffin  
 9/20 Aric Olson  
 9/24 Cheryl Domrath  
 9/27 Judy Valleskey

## Ushers & Greeters



## Ushers

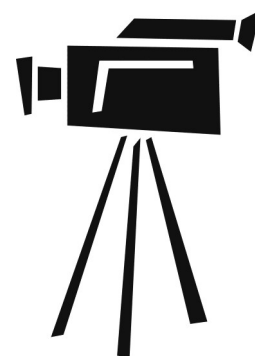
9/3 Dennis and Bonnie Gordon, Joan Pritzl  
 9/10 Jim Ahrens and Al Gilbertson  
 9/17 Thomas and Kathy Muench, John Robley  
 9/24 Mark and Angie Ulness Family

## Sound Operator

9/3 Loren Ulness  
 9/6 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 9/10 Lucas Spindler  
 9/13 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 9/17 Erin Lenzner  
 9/20 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 9/24 Bill Riesterer  
 9/27 Kayla Hildebrandt

## Video Operator/Live Stream

9/3 Travis Schisel  
 9/6 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 9/10 Mike Lenzner  
 9/13 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 9/17 Carter Lenzner  
 9/20 John Schnell  
 9/24 Bill Riesterer  
 9/27 Kayla Hildebrandt



## Projection

9/3 DJ Schisel  
 9/6 Susan Christel  
 9/10 Addison Spindler  
 9/13 John Schnell  
 9/17 Erin Lenzner  
 9/20 Kerry Schnell  
 9/24 Mollie Junk  
 9/27 Susan Christel

# COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR @ FAITH

## Faith Lutheran Church Community Health Fair (Fellowship Hall) Saturday, October 14 8:30-12:00

Join us for a Health Fair on October 14. Everyone is invited to attend.

Valders Ambulance/Fire Department Paramedics will be present to offer training on the following:

1. Learn the difference between a heart attack and stroke along with symptoms, etc.
2. What to do when someone is experiencing symptoms of a heart attack or stroke.
3. What is CPR and when is it indicated.
4. Demonstration of CPR and practice time if warranted.
5. What is an AED? When is it needed? Where is it found at Faith Lutheran?
6. What info is needed when calling 911?
7. Is there any information that is helpful for ambulance personnel when they arrive?

Discussion on: Oxygen usage, blood pressure cuff and stethoscope and where is found at Faith.

Blood pressures will be taken in the community room following training.

REMINDER: This is a training session, not a certification in CPR.

Please call the church office at 920-775-4141 by October 6 to sign up.

What a great experience offered at Faith, let's make it successful. All in the spirit in the skills you may need in an emergency.

# It was a fun night at miniature golf August 11!





## Faith Lutheran Church Minutes— July 17, 2023

**Pastor Dan:** Purchased Crossways Bible Study, which has a cost for participants. Tuesday afternoon seems to be a good time, with the time determined by preference indicated by those who sign up. Holy Conversations – Informational booklet from our Synod regarding planning for the future. The ELCA is one half the size it was 40 years ago when the merger occurred to form the ELCA. Other denominations may have had an even larger decline. The largest religious group in America are those called the “nones” that have no religious affiliation. The Holy Conversations include discernment of real current situation of congregation and options available, including transformation, partnership, intentional vitality process, sale of building, lay leadership, shared ministry, merger. Pastor Dan indicated that Faith Lutheran is in good shape, compared to other congregations. He is happy to be performing baptisms and weddings, which indicate a future for this congregation. Faith has deep roots, which will help it survive in today’s world. Pastor Dan reviewed the document, asking some of the questions of the Council. Conversations would begin with Council & then go to the congregation. Sue Riesterer gave a temple talk regarding taking piano & guitar lessons at Faith for members of our community. So far, we do not have the 4 people interested in lessons required to make this possible.

**Old Business:** The rubber mulch was installed & cost less than thought \$2,385 + edging & landscaping (\$450.70.) Shed fund has \$5,306 & the slab has been poured.

**New Business:** Church Directory donation – A member of the congregation has provided a donation towards a new Church Directory. Julie Hartman reported on her research to find a church pictorial directory provider. Harmann Studios – Traditional directory service that provides photography services. No cost for directory since cost is covered by the members who order pictures. Color Craft (LifeWay) – Uses photos submitted by members and charges \$25 + shipping per directory. Will also take photos for additional charge & provides an active mobile online directory. Joan Pritzl offered to further research directory providers and oversee the project.

**Financial Policy Guidelines:** Stewardship Committee reviewed the guidelines. Since we now have a Treasurer position, guidelines needed to be reviewed to determine what duties would be completed by the Treasurer, council may review what was provided and give suggestions or thoughts. A finalized copy will be up for discussion at the August Council meeting.

**Youth Group plans:** High School students (10, 11, 12<sup>th</sup> grade). Redecorating the Youth Room. Will include a Bible Study in their meetings. The youth in this group have come up with ideas & will be choosing a new name soon.

**Fund Raisers:** Confusion was expressed as to which account is currently receiving the profit from the Easter Breakfast and Lefse. Is it going to the Luther League or some other youth account? Stephanie explained that funds in the Luther League account are for post confirmed student activities & the Youth & Family account is for pre-confirmation youth activities. NYG is next year in July. There may be an opportunity for youth from Faith to travel on a bus with other local congregations.

**Stewardship** – In August we will start planning the stewardship drive for this fall.

**Evangelism** – Taking part in the parade with the theme “Fishing for People” for 60 years – Pastor Dan’s truck towing a boat with people in the boat “pretending” to fish for people. God’s Work. Our Hands. is being planned.

**Lay Ministry** - Quartet from Pine Haven will be here.

**Fellowship** – September 6 will be the Senior Appreciation Luncheon for those 75 years and over, staff, quilters, and past pastors & interims will be invited.

**Property** – Concrete pad was poured for the shed. Braun Building Center has given a reduction in the price.

**Christian Education** – Larry and Bridget. Two people have stepped forward to teach Sunday school and 2 to 4 more are needed. Need to determine spaces for the classrooms. Bridget reported on the 2023/24 curriculum that has been chosen. Requested replacement of the chalkboards with whiteboards. Memorization of catechism sections will be included in the curriculum. It was requested that the Youth Report be prepared in written form & turned into Christine & copies sent out to Council. Confirmation classes will be held during Lent in 2024.

**Youth and Family Ministry** – Mini-golf and ice cream social is being planned.

Meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Recorded by Joan Pritzl



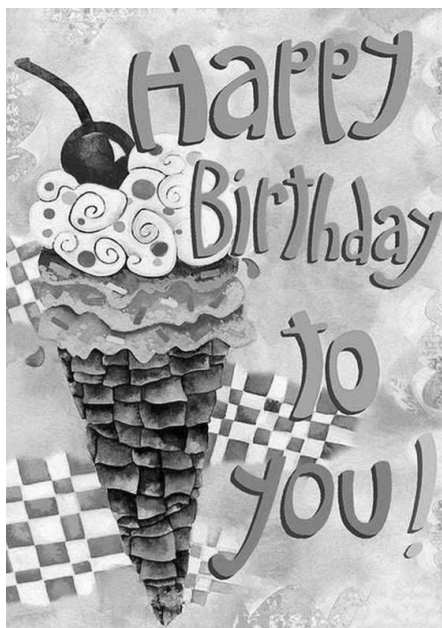
# Celebrating Your Birthday!

## SEPTEMBER

1. Ann Jeske  
Jeanette Schuessler
2. Karen Voss
3. Gary Heeler
4. Chad Junk
5. Cynthia Kwasny  
Caleb Madson
6. Kenneth Popp  
Ethan Halverson
7. Mitchell Kaderabek
8. Earl Griffin
9. Lee W. Evenson  
Terry Huske  
Zachary Lenzner  
Laurance Burzynski
10. Autumn Robley
11. Mitchell Zutz  
Stephanie Leiteritz  
Mark Spindler
13. Timber Schuler
14. Corrine Torrison  
Suzanne Riesterer  
Samuel Gordon
15. Darlene Colbo
18. Judy Evenson  
Kristin Pederson  
Geoffrey Valleskey
20. Joyce Sorenson  
Makenna Kaderabek
21. Herbert Krueger Sr.  
Jackie Shimek  
Lynn Burzynski  
Steve Kuenstler
22. Roger Sorenson
23. Travis Goehring  
Michiela Miller

## OCTOBER

24. Harry Kwasny Jr.
25. Linda Hoefner
26. Marlene Kohlmann  
Tricia Olson  
Carolyn Coble  
Taylor Jeske  
Kathy Mattern
27. Chad Frank  
Kelly Meyer
28. Shelia Kalies  
Peter Cigler
29. Theodore Jeske Jr.  
Courtney Fahley
1. Judy Jorgenson  
Hannah Evenson
2. Michael Goehring
3. Skyler Schuler  
Kevin Schultz  
Jessica Stalvey
4. Linda Berge  
Myranda Manke  
Connor McDonald
5. Caroline Berge  
Michael Propson
6. Jill Meyer-Lippert  
Stefanie Kaderabek  
Lisa Otto
7. Harper Frank
9. Gail McCulley  
Trevor Griffin  
Judith Tracy
10. Evan Brick  
Delton Duchow





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>RALLY DAY</b></p>	<p><b>BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS</b></p>	<p>Presentation of Bibles</p>			1	2
<p>3 9:00 Worship Baptism ~ Kinsley Annmarie Wittmus 10:00 Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>4 Office Closed</p> <p><b>LABOR DAY</b></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9:00 Jazzercise 11:00 Appreciation Service and luncheon 6:15 Worship 6:30 Board of Christian Ed.</p>	<p>7 8:00 Quilting</p> <p>5:30 Jazzercise</p>	<p>8 Lifeline Screening in fellowship hall</p>	<p>9 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study</p>
<p>10 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour, God's work. Our Hands. event 10:15 Inspiration Choir <b>Grandparents Day</b></p>	<p>11 5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship</p>	<p>14 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting</p> <p>5:30 Jazzercise</p>	<p>15 Newsletter info due</p>	<p>16 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry</p>
<p>17 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship with Blessing of Backpacks, Bible Presentation 10:00 Fellowship Hour, Sunday School 10:15 Inspiration Choir <b>3:00 Pastor Dan's Installation Service</b></p>	<p>18 5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Council</p>	<p>19 9:00 Senior Christians at The Lighthouse Inn</p> <p>3:00 &amp; 6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>20 6:15 Worship 7:15-8:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>21 8:00 Quilting</p> <p>5:30 Jazzercise</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship hour, Sunday school 10:15 Inspiration Choir</p>	<p>25 5:30 Jazzercise</p>	<p>26 3:00 &amp; 6:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>27 6:15 Worship</p>	<p>28 8:00 Quilting</p> <p>5:30 Jazzercise</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

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