



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faith Matters

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WORSHIP TIMES

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

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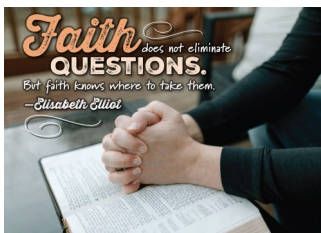
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Bible Study Restarts!

I was just looking at starting up my Bible Study class again after our summer break. We will restart on September 16th. We have read through and studied quite a bit of the Bible already, but new members of the class are welcome. We have read the history books up to the time Judea was conquered and carried off into slavery in Babylon. So that is where we will pick up.

It was at this time that the Jews lost the Hebrew language and they began to speak the language of the Babylonian Empire. The scholars of modern times call the language Aramaic, but in their own era they called it "Syrian" or "Chaldean."

Before the Babylonian conquest, the Jews were more focused on worship at the Temple, but after the Babylonians destroyed the Temple, they became "people of the book," who could worship God anywhere, and take their portable scriptures wherever they needed to go. It was at this time that they put the final edit on the Books of Moses and began gathering the official books that would become our Old Testament.

As they were figuring out what should be sacred scriptures, time was passing and more history was happening. In 332 BC, Alexander the Great conquered everybody worth conquering, and so all literate people began speaking and writing in Greek. The Jews found themselves with books they liked that had never been written in Hebrew. Some had been Aramaic and then translated into Greek. Others were simply composed and written down in Greek. But they wanted all their REALLY sacred scriptures to be in the sacred Hebrew language right from the start. So they set the Greek language books aside and only sanctified the Hebrew ones. But they kept the other ones. We still have them, but we keep them separate. Some Bibles print them in what is called the Apocrypha.

We will start with the books of the Apocrypha in our Bible Study since they come from the time of the Babylonian Exile and the Persian restoration. Interesting stuff.

As I said, all are welcome.

Pastor Dan



In the Life of Faith

Blessing of the Backpacks



Students bring your school bag to church with you for a special blessing during worship on Sunday, September 7 at 9am.

Faith on Fire will be starting again soon. Schedules will be arriving in the mail as well as on the Team Reach App. New students in grades 9-12 are welcome! Students if you haven't yet, please send your name and phone number to our Youth Coordinator and she will add you to our communication list. valleskeyb@gmail.com or text 920-905-5273.



Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, September 16 at 9:00 am at Fork 'n Knife in Manitowoc.



get ready for
**Sunday
School**

Sunday School begins
September 14 at 10:00 am.

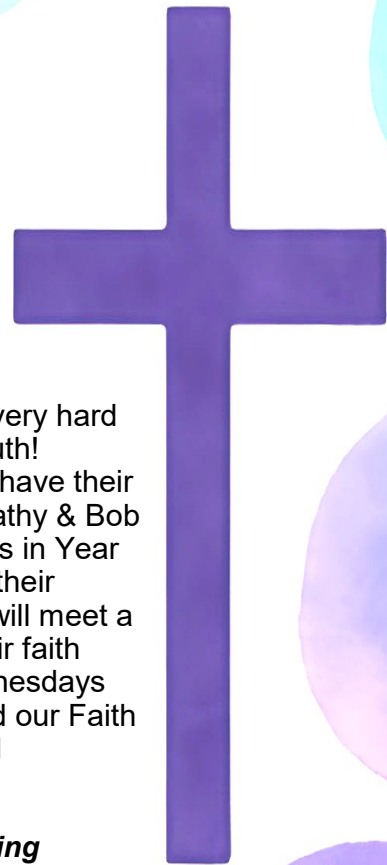
Bible distribution for 3k,
3rd and 7th grades is
Sunday September 14 at
the 9:00 am service.

Confirmation

**New this year... Confirmation Year 1, 2, & 3
will all meet every Wednesday night.**

The Confirmation teachers, as well as the BoCE has worked very hard to improve our Confirmation program for the benefit of our youth! Students in Year 1 & 2 of the program (aka grades 7 & 8) will have their classes as normal every Wednesday. Year 1 will meet with Kathy & Bob Mattern and Year 2 will meet with James Schuessler. Students in Year 3 (aka grade 9) will meet once a month as a large group with their Teacher Larry Burzynski and their Mentor. Mentor & Mentee will meet a 2nd night during the month to dive deeper into the lesson, their faith journey, & get to know each other better. On the other 2 Wednesdays during the month, 9th grade students will be required to attend our Faith on Fire Youth Group. Please watch the mail for calendars and registration forms!

****The BoCE would like to send out a BIG thank you to James Schuessler for his talent and time put into creating an amazing curriculum for us to use for years to come!!***



September Stewardship

Please bring in new bars of gentle soap (Dove, Ivory) and place in the containers in the Gathering Space.

Book Club

Book Club is starting up again. We will meet Thursday, September 18 at 6:00 pm at Over Time in Valders. We read a book once a month and gather to discuss it. All are invited to join us. Any questions, contact Stephanie Mittnacht at 920-652-8957.



Finances

Income - July 2025

		Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelope Offerings	\$ 30,013.00	\$ 21,366.83	\$ 163,984.50	\$ 149,567.83
Lent, Holiday Offerings	\$ -	\$ 833.33	\$ 5,197.00	\$ 5,833.33
Loose Offerings	\$ 109.75	\$ 166.67	\$ 1,252.30	\$ 1,166.67
Other Income	\$ 45.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,396.00	\$ 1,225.00
General Fund Income	\$ 30,167.75	\$ 22,541.83	\$ 171,829.80	\$ 157,792.83

Operating Expenses - July 2025

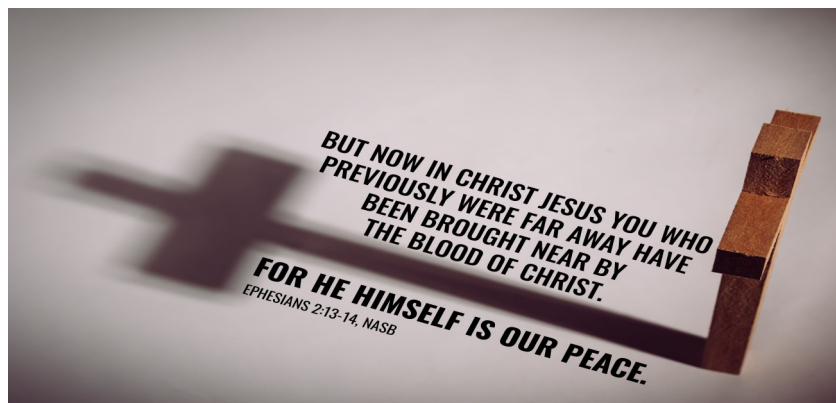
Administrative/Office Expense	\$ 962.30	\$ 1,287.50	\$ 10,916.77	\$ 9,012.50
Benevolence	\$ 2,437.79	\$ 1,803.35	\$ 17,365.06	\$ 12,623.42
Board Expense (Total from all 7 Boards)	\$ 2,474.70	\$ 6,893.33	\$ 42,564.10	\$ 48,253.33
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Personnel Salaries/Benefits ¹	\$ 19,709.93	\$ 20,599.89	\$ 142,949.20	\$ 144,199.25
General Fund Expense	\$ 25,584.72	\$ 30,584.07	\$ 213,795.13	\$ 214,088.50

GENERAL FUND NET INCOME/LOSS	\$4,583.03	(\$8,042.24)	(\$41,965.33)	(\$56,295.67)
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Year to Date General Fund Net Income: (\$41,965.33)

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 \$23,353.33.

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

Funeral Bill Riesterer

Membership

Baptized 821
Confirmed 564
Families 108

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
7/20	78	37
7/27	90	33
8/3	72	29
8/10	81	34

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

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

Lectors

9/7 Lynn Merino
9/10 Don Schreiner
9/14 Don Domrath
9/17 Kerry Schnell
9/21 Cambria Behnke
9/24 Jill Backus
9/28 Bob Wigen

Communion Servers

9/7 Al Gilbertson
9/17 Kerry Schnell
9/21 Brian Ulness

Head Ushers Glenn Otto & Tom Madson

Acolyte Schedule

9/7 Noah Boll
9/10 Allison Goehring
9/14 Mitchell Kaderabek
9/17 Carter Kuentler
9/21 Zachary Lenzner
9/24 Ethan Spindler
9/28 Mikaela Spindler

Greeters

9/7 Tyler Madson
9/10 Don and Deb Schreiner
9/14 Cheryl Domrath
9/17 Jan Behnke
9/21 Mardell Tienor
9/24 Delton and Cheryl Duchow
9/28 Bob and Julie Wigen

Ushers

9/7 Dean and Rose Behnke Family
9/14 Thomas and Kathy Muench
9/21 Al Gilbertson and Ron Jones
9/28 Ron and Kaye Jandrey

Sound Operator

9/7 Erin Lenzner
9/14 Loren Ulness
9/21 Loren Ulness
9/28 Makenna Kaderabek

Video Operator/Live Stream

9/7 Michael Lenzner
9/14 Carter Kuentler
9/21 Eric Thomsen
9/28 Jake Kaderabek

Projection

9/7 Zachary Lenzner
9/10 Cindy Pederson
9/14 Judy Harris
9/17 Kayla Hildebrandt
9/21 Loren Ulness
9/24 Susan Christel
9/28 Addison Spindler



Life Line Screening



**You're invited to a
Life Line Screening event!**

Where: Faith Lutheran Church
When: September 9, 2025

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These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

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.

A hymn titled "God's Work, Our Hands," written by Wayne Wold, was selected as the winning entry in the ELCA's "God's work. Our hands." Sunday hymn contest in 2019. More than 120 entries were submitted to be considered as a hymn for the ELCA's annual dedicated day of service. The selected hymn represents the official tagline of the ELCA and expresses how the people of this church live in service for the life of the world. We offer our thanks to all who submitted original compositions – the large number of entries gives witness to the enthusiasm that "God's work. Our hands." Sunday has inspired throughout this church and in our communities.

On this day we will come together to help others in our community. We have the following projects for you to choose from: washing church windows, LWR kit packing, Soup for the Souls, yard clean up, Random Acts of Kindness, fleece blankets, highway cleanup, any other projects? We will start right after service and conclude with a light lunch. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—July 21, 2025

Guest's Topic of discussion: Devin was present to speak about the organ and the future of music at Faith Lutheran. Sue Riesterer also was present. Devin said that the type of digital organ Faith has is known to fail eventually, noting that it is about 10 years old. He wants to be ready when we need to replace the organ, whenever that happens. He asked about starting an organ fund to save for the future purchase of a new organ. He suggested thinking about installing a pipe organ and presented some ideas and pictures from organ builders as examples of how it could fit in the sanctuary. The concept would be to put the organ pipes in the altar and suggested several ideas for raising funds, such as church carnivals, sponsorships of organ pipes and contests. He also said a pipe organ would be the centerpiece of the sanctuary and would last forever and could bring in a new community to Faith. He wants people to think it through for the future so the church is well prepared, although the need won't come for many years. Even without a pipe organ, he asked for a fund to be created for the eventual replacement and ongoing maintenance of the organ. In rough numbers: a new digital organ like the current one would cost about \$87,000 today. A pipe organ would cost \$600,000 to \$1 million, depending on options and models. Discussion followed. Pastor Dan noted it may be possible to buy an organ from a church that is closing and have it built to fit our space, and Devin agreed that is possible. Pastor suggested that the fund not be designated as only an organ fund so it could be used for other things if needed. Bob: Would need to raise \$30,000-\$50,000 a year for a new one, so maybe used is a better idea. Devin said the music ministry at Faith is going through changes to bring back the feeling of music, rather than just hearing it. Joan said maybe this is the challenge we need, and it should be done with congregational approval so we have money for an upgrade even if a pipe organ is not chosen. Sue noted she will be cutting back substantially from playing organ and that Devin is well qualified to be the main organist. Devin said it will be impossible to replace everything she does.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan noted the church had good coverage for worship during his vacation. He said Vacation Bible School had 61 children, assisted by 13 high school students, 15 adults and help from many members and friends. In the previous month, Rex William Valleskey was baptized, and his mother, Ricki Valleskey, also joined the congregation, along with her parents, Rick and Carmen Pankratz, and sister, Allison Pankratz. Molly May Miller was scheduled to be baptized on July 27. Pastor also led worship and communion at Angelus Senior Living on July 16, attended by Faith members Ron and Connie Torrison and seven other residents, and Sue Riesterer played the organ. He also visited Bob Argall at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King and is doing well.

Old Business: Onkka bench: Loren-Valders Stone and Marble estimates a September delivery date at the earliest. The board of church properties has the spot picked out and decided to use landscape blocks and not cement as a base. Bridget—Heart-a-Rama plans to give an AED to Faith soon.

New Business: Motion made and carried to rename the current organ fund as the Future Music Fund.

Council representative reports

Treasurer's Report: Bob-expenses are up but donations are about the same. Attendance averaged 141 weekly.

Stewardship: Joan-The board is looking for people willing to speak at services about time, talent and treasure over a three-week period. She will take names and contact those who express interest.

Fellowship: Marilyn-The board is planning a senior appreciation and quilters appreciation day on September 10. She asked that it be noted in the bulletin that there will be no fellowship time on August 17 and encouraged people to attend the multi-church event in Manitowoc that day.

Church Properties: Loren-They are looking for ideas for projects for God's work. Our hands. such as cleaning up bushes and trees. He noted that cleaning the exterior stones on the church is difficult to avoid ruining them and he will check into the cost of having it done professionally. He also acknowledged a notice from WPS about energy costs increasing on budget billing.

Christian Education: Bridget-They will stay with the same Sunday School curriculum. She said the board has been discussing ways to share information with the Board of Youth and Family and invited that board to come to the education board meetings quarterly. She noted that Jim Schuessler will mentor her to prepare for the ELCA National Youth Gathering for the next two years for fund raising, planning etc. Next gathering is in 2027 in Minnesota.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:38 p.m. Next Meeting – August 18, 2025, Devotions: Mary
Submitted by Mary Thomsen, secretary

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
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
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

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. Jill Meyer-Lippert
Stefanie Kaderabek
7. Harper Frank
9. Gail McCulley
Trevor Griffin
Judith Tracy
10. Evan Brick
Delton Duchow

September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Office Closed 	2	3 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 6:30 Board of Christian Ed meeting	4 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	5	6
7 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship Baptism—Forrest John Newberg <i>Blessing of Backpacks</i> 10:00 Fellowship Hour ~ <i>God's work. Our hands.</i> <i>Grandparents Day</i>	8 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Boards of Lay Ministry and Evangelism	9 8:00-5:00 Lifeline Screening in fellowship hall	10 9:00 Jazzercise 11:00 Senior Appreciation Service and Luncheon 6:15 Worship 7:00 Parent & student Confirmation Meeting	11 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	12	13 9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
14 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship ~ <i>Bible distribution</i> 10:00 Fellowship Hour, Sunday School 10:15 Inspiration Choir	15 <i>Newsletter info due</i> 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise 5:30 Board of Stewardship 6:30 Council	16 9:00 Senior Christians at Fork 'n Knife 3:00 & 6:00 Bible Study 6:00 Card Making	17 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:00 Faith on Fire 7:15 Confirmation	18 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	19	20 9:00 Open Pantry
21 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour, Sunday School 10:15 Inspiration Choir	22 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Jazzercise	23 3:00 & 6:00 Bible Study	24 9:00 Jazzercise 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	25 8:00 Quilting 5:30 Jazzercise	26	27 
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Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.
Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks
below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

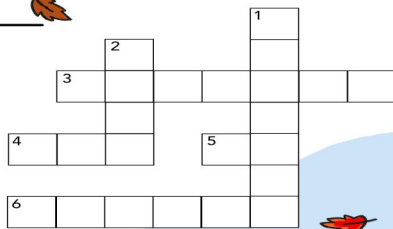
WORDS:
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,
YIELDS, US, LAND

ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

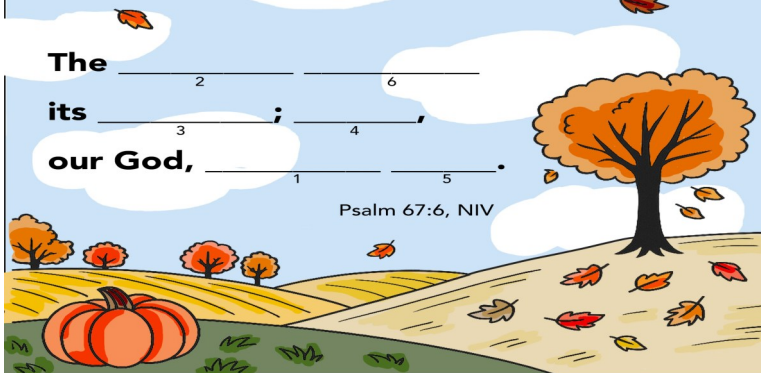
DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.



The _____ 2 _____ 6
its _____ 3 ; _____ 4
our God, _____ 1 _____ 5

Psalm 67:6, NIV



Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV

Alcoholics Anonymous
Meets at 6:00 p.m. Mondays
St. Gregory's School, 212 Church Street, St. Nazianz

Al Anon
Meets at 7:00 p.m. Mondays
404 S. 29th Street, Manitowoc
and
Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.
443 Manhattan Street, Chilton