



**Faith Lutheran Church**  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
 God's work. Our hands.

## FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

**August 2022**

*Working to spread the Gospel here and throughout the world.*

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### FROM PASTOR CATIE



***“Come, thou Fount of every blessing. Tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.”***

*Words by Robert Robinson*

Recently while reading through my devotional there was a day that referred to the hymn “Come, Thou Fount.” This got me thinking of all the blessings we have to be thankful for. This summer alone we have welcomed back members who reside temporarily in the south. We have worshiped outside on church grounds. The fourth of July pie and ice cream sale made a successful come back. And we’ve had many opportunities for fellowship with campfires, worship on the water, and monthly post-worship

fellowship. We have been very blessed, and these blessings deserve loudest praise!

This month a blessing that I look forward to is new member Sunday. Keep an eye out for more information about the new member Sunday in bulletins, MailChimp, and Facebook. We are excited to officially welcome new members of Faith and hope that you will be able to join us in this celebration as we sing songs of loudest praise to thank God for the work that is happening at Faith and in these new members.

This month may you also take time to reflect on the blessings in your personal life and give praise to God.

Peace,  
 Pastor Catie

## ***From the President...***

It has been an interesting several weeks at Faith! The gremlins (perhaps the devil himself!) have been working havoc on our equipment. We have had no phone line and no internet for weeks. Now we found out that two computers have been compromised, perhaps by a lightning strike, and there is something going on with the sound system. We hope that our insurance, after paying the deductible (\$1000), will cover some of the costs of repairs or replacement of all.

Thank you to Linda Swanson and Dillon Ford for working on the computer problems. We hope to have a resolution soon.

Thank you to Larry Roth for checking on the other possible electrical problems and for coordinating the installation of the new water heater - we do have hot water now!!

Many thanks to all of you that do the little things around here that are not noticed when they are done but are definitely noticed when left undone!

In spite of our problems, we can say with assurance that God is with us!

Gratefully,

Marge Anderson

***10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.***  
~*Psalm 51:10-12*



**Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,**

For two and a half years, my husband and I successfully avoided contracting COVID-19. We wore masks, stayed away from gatherings, quarantined after a suspected exposure, and basically did what we were supposed to do to avoid getting the virus. And we were successful...until this month. It started with a tickle in the throat, then came the fever and chills, then the difficult decision of whether to nap on the couch or sit in the chair or just go to bed. As of this writing, we have emerged from our COVID cave and are now back amongst the living...sort of. We are still moving slow. Processing thought or coming up with complete sentences is still a challenge. As many people who have had COVID-19 will tell you, a kind of fog settles in, like a congestion of the brain.

But enough of that. I write to share with you some wonderings about COVID-19 and the Church. It is no secret that people are tired, but until I contracted COVID, I hadn't really considered its physical toll and its impact on ministry. I believe we have all witnessed how

COVID-19 has impacted our spirits, our emotions, our sense of community, and a certain heightened anxiety about what all this means. But physically...no wonder volunteerism is at an historic low! When even brushing one's teeth or making supper expends all energy reserves, I can see why there's not much strength left to lead Vacation Bible School, take a turn for the Altar Guild, or sing in the choir. Such extra activity, at least for a time, is truly beyond one's physical capacity.

And yet, this too shall pass. Energy will return. Creativity and strength and the resolve to contribute will slowly but surely gain momentum in my body and spirit. And not just for me, but for us, and our efforts together as congregations and as a synod together. It seems to me that we are collectively in this space of healing, waiting for restoration and renewal. Whether or not you have had to deal with the physical impact of COVID-19, I think we are all painfully aware of a certain disease. People continue to be polarized concerning social and political issues. Some notice that in-person worship attendance or giving has not returned to pre-pandemic levels and we wonder what that means for the future of our church. We talk about wanting to move forward and yet long to be back where we were, which if we are honest, was still a place of decline and anxiety.

So where does that leave us? In truth, I believe we are still where we have always been, invited to participate in what God is doing in the world. I remind you and myself of what intellectually we already know, but perhaps emotionally and spiritually are challenged to own, that our Church, and your church, belong to God. And the body of Christ that you are a part of lives and breathes because God would have it be so. We rely on God to put in us a new and right spirit. We rely on the Holy Spirit to show us the way, to energize our efforts, and focus our mission to further the work of Christ.

In these days of healing and discernment, as we wait for renewal and even joy, I know that momentum is building. Congregations are considering their next steps, new plans for ministry are being made, people are emerging from isolation hungry for community and meaningful spiritual connection. As the Body of

Christ in the world, we have something of value to offer. Whether your congregation provides an opportunity for deeper engagement or simply gives permission to be still and receive a word of hope and healing, the Church, your church, is meant to be a blessing.

May God bless you with the joy of salvation and sustain you with a willing spirit.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

# “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

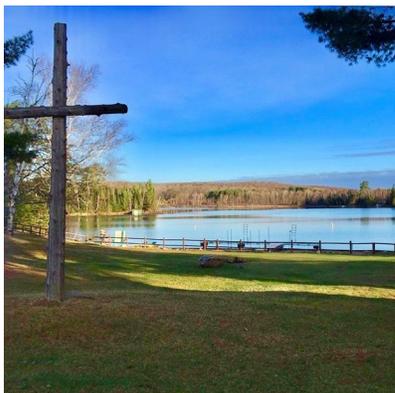


**Sept. 11**  
**2022**

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is Sunday, September 11, 2022.

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.



## Women's Fall Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Be renewed at the "Celebration of Women" retreat **September 16-18, 2022**. There will be opportunities to have fun, connect with other women and a chance to disconnect from everyday life. Reflect on your faith with Bible studies, nature walks, and spirit-filled worship services. Rejoice with song, laughter and merriment of all kinds! [Check out the flyer for more details!](#)



## HOLE-IN-ONE

Win \$35,000 toward  
the purchase of a  
vehicle from Marthaler  
Chevrolet of Minocqua!

Thursday, August 11,  
2022

### Trout Lake Golf Club

3800 US Hwy 51 N ~ Arbor Vitae

(ten miles north of Minocqua)

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Four-Person  
Scramble

9:00 am Shotgun Start

Registration begins at 8:00 am

Entry fee: \$70/person or \$260 for a  
four-person team

Includes:

- 18 Holes of Golf
- Gas-Powered Cart
- Range balls for warm-up
- One free drink ticket
- Lots of prizes
- Box lunch

Also available: 50/50 raffle, Mulligans and a beautiful,  
unique selection of Raffle Baskets. To enter a team or for  
sponsorship information:

Sister Mary Ellen Green 715-385-3750 x 4 or

Mike Osborne/Trout Lake Golf Club 715-385-2189

**MARYWOOD FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER**

11195 Marywood Cove ~ Arbor Vitae

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### FACEBOOK

It's true! Faith Lutheran Church now has a Facebook page. "Like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/faith3lakes/> and watch the page for updates about what's happening in the life of our faith community.



### LIVE STREAMING

Did you know that when you're away, you can watch the entire service as it's delivered LIVE on Sunday morning? You can! Simply go to our church's website (<https://www.faihlutheran-threelakes.org/>) and click "Click here to watch live streaming during worship (Sundays at 9:00 am)" right on the front page. Just put in a name and hit "Enter Live Service". Streaming will start which usually happens around 8:55, 9:00 am, give or take a few minutes, so if nothing is happening yet when you start watching, just

wait a few minutes. You can also watch a recording of many of our services on our

website. Simply go to our church website, and click "Click here to view recordings of worship" to watch any past services. It's that easy!

### QUILTING

Quilting is back in session! Please join us every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the lower level of the church. No experience necessary!

### ONLINE GIVING

You can support our mission easier than ever with our donation platform! You can visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHQE/home> and contribute securely online. Thank you for your continued support!

### BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is offered following Sunday church services EVERY Sunday! All are invited and welcome to attend! No bible required! Please join us for some lively discussions!

## BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH



As the summer sun continues to warm us and the rains bring life to the Northwoods, we enjoy the many gifts God has granted us.

The greatest of God's gifts is the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. In baptism, God join us to the death of Christ so that we may look forward to our resurrection with him!

Take time to remember your baptism every day. Let us keep in prayer those members and friends of Faith who celebrate their baptismal birthday this month.

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phyllis Frish and Karla Anderson
- 16<sup>th</sup> Troy Schroeder
- 27<sup>th</sup> Taylor Madl

Also remember: Melissa Madl, MaryEllyn Williams, Michael Huml, Sonia Dionne and Sue Harris

### MONTHLY OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Year: 2022  
 Month: June  
 Number of Sundays: attendance unavailable due to technology issues

JUNE 2022	MONTH	YTD Sep. - Aug.
Income	\$4,857	\$68,286
Restricted	\$2,014	\$12,130
Expenses	\$9,888	\$78,999
Net	- \$4,195	- \$5,891

\*\*\* This will be provided on a quarterly basis



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT:** Kyle Smith, Paul Kragh, Monte and Dora James, Ollie DeMuth, Megan Schiller, Ann Woelfel, Duane and Colleen Bonack, and Debbie Koslowski

**Our armed forces including:** David Bredesen, Kaley Ebann, Jamie Madl, Charlie and Will Starke, Nicole Young, Emily Fink, Jared Benter and Scott Williams

**ALL THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS AND WORRIED ABOUT MANY THINGS**

### **Our Church Ministries:**

Congregational Care  
Congregation Council  
Board of Worship Life  
Board of Outreach  
Board of Trustees  
Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center

### **Our partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ including:**

St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church  
Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church  
Union Congregational Church  
Grace Lutheran Church

### **Our synod, the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA, and its congregations.**

**Our companion synod, the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and its congregations.**



## STEWARDSHIP CALENDARS



### July 2022

	7/3/22	7/10/22	7/17/22	7/24/22	7/31/22
Assisting Minister	-	-	-	-	-
Lay Reader	<b>Jan Harris</b>	<b>Robin Peterson</b>	<b>Gretchen Dobbins</b>	<b>Phoebe Pettingell</b>	<b>Jan Lederhaus</b>
Altar Guild	-	-	-	-	-
Greeters	<b>Jan Harris</b>	<b>Bredesens</b>	<b>Linda Fowles</b>	<b>Bredesens</b>	<b>Bredesens</b>
Music	<b>Jane Crosson</b>	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>	<b>Jane Crosson</b>	<b>Jane Crosson</b>
Video-streaming	<b>Linda Swanson</b>	<b>Dillon Ford</b>	<b>Linda Swanson</b>	<b>Dillon Ford</b>	<b>Linda Swanson</b>

*\* If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement, then notify the church office. \**

### August 2022

	8/7/22	8/14/22	8/21/22	8/28/22
Assisting Minister	-	-	-	-
Lay Reader	<b>Tom Bredesen</b>	<b>Miriam Bredesen</b>	<b>Jan Harris</b>	<b>Robin Peterson</b>
Altar Guild	-	-	-	-
Greeters	<b>Linda Fowles</b>	<b>Bredesens</b>	<b>Jan Harris</b>	<b>Bredesens</b>
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## August 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 <b>12:30 pm</b> Quilting	4	5	6
7 <b>9:00 am</b> Holy Communion	8	9	10 <b>12:30 pm</b> Quilting	11	12 Office Closed	13
14 <b>9:00 am</b> Holy Communion	15	16 1:00 pm Council Meeting	17 <b>12:30 pm</b> Quilting	18	19 Office Closed	20
21 <b>9:00 am</b> Holy Communion	22	23	24 <b>12:30 pm</b> Quilting	25	26 Office Closed	27
28 <b>9:00 am</b> Holy Communion	29	30	31 <b>12:30 pm</b> Quilting			