



Faith Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

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Working to spread the Gospel here and throughout the world.

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FROM PASTOR CATIE



“Jesus said, Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
-Matthew 19:14 NRSV

As we continue to work hard to include all in Christ's mission, I am excited to share that Faith has some new and exciting opportunities for youth and children. We will be having Sunday school after worship on the fourth Sunday of every month starting on October 23rd.

We have also been invited to join Trinity Lutheran in Rhinelander for their Wednesday Night Connect. Wednesday evenings include a free meal, large group

bible discovery, and small break out groups for all ages. Dinner starts at 5:15 and the evening wraps up around 7. I am thankful for this partnership with Trinity to offer more group opportunities for our youth and children.

Christ says to let the children come. Children bring a special energy and a unique understanding of God to worship and conversations. I am thrilled that there will be more ways for families at Faith to share and experience the joy of their children learning and growing in Christ. The kingdom of heaven belongs to all of us. May we continue to learn from one another and welcome all into the kingdom of God.

Peace,
Pastor Catie

From the President...

About a month ago at the place in the Sunday Service when Pastor Catie turned our attention to the prayers of the church, every petition that Sunday began with the word 'sustain.' This really stuck out to me particularly because that is the word used in Psalm 51:12 as the meaning and substitute for 'uphold' that I pray on a very regular basis. Growing up, the old red hymnal used Psalm 51: 10-12 as part of the liturgy (if you remember that hymnal). And as the new fiscal year begins and the new council begins the work of our congregation, we need your prayers to help 'sustain' us in the work of the church.

One of the tasks that the Council will be facing in the coming months will be a review of our Church Constitution. As we review this important document, the Council will be making any necessary changes to it that will bring it up to date as we follow guidelines from the Synod. I believe no review or changes have been made to our Constitution since this work was done in 2014. Whether we do this work as a committee, or discuss it as a whole Council, we will need your thoughtful prayers concerning this work.

We have so much to be thankful for in our congregation. And we thank those people again who have done so much for us during the past years and are now taking a step back from their work on the Council. And we welcome the newcomers to the Council as we continue the work necessary to 'sustain' our church.

Psalm 113 was used on a Sunday in September. It is such a good psalm for us to use and pray as a reminder to praise God in all things and to remember how blessed we are. But it also has that verse in there that reminds us that sometimes we find ourselves down in the dumps. That's when God picks us up, dusts us off, and lifts us up. I hope that you all are feeling thankful for our congregation and praise God for your blessings. And if you need it, God will pick you up and dust you off.

In future newsletters I will keep you informed as to the progress and decisions of the Council as we do the work of the congregation.

Sincerely,

Robin Peterson

Blessing of Animals

The Blessing of the Animals will take place Sunday, October 2nd at 1:00 pm in front of the church. Please keep pets on a leash or in a carrier. We hope to see you there with your furry friends!



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO FAITH FILM FESTIVAL 2022!!!



NYKOLODEON FUN HOUSE

692 BOLLAM ROAD

THREE LAKES, WI

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

5:00 PM – ???

ENJOY: HIGH-INTEREST MOVIES WITH THEATRE SEATING, SCREEN AND SOUND!

MOVIE DISCUSSION

GAMES: BILLIARDS, FOOSBALL, AIR HOCKEY AND ENGLISH DARTS

POTLUCK DINNERS, APPETIZERS AND DESSERT

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES

SIGN-UP LOCATED ON CHURCH NARTHEX WINDOWS

GOOD TIMES WILL BE HAD BY ALL !

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE !

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

~ Genesis 1:1

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

Have you ever ventured down the craft aisle of some do-it-yourself store? I remember being given a make your own sand art, make your own paint by number picture, and cross stitch kits with all the embroidery floss included. Maybe you graduated to the kits that brew your own beer or make your own birdhouse or nail together a raised garden bed.

I ordered a baker’s rack once that required assembly. It was very handy to have step by step instructions paired with pictures and arrows, connecting part a to part b. Sure, I put it together wrong a few times before I got it right, but it now stands correctly assembled.

It was easy to begin these projects because I had a guide, instructions, I knew what the finished product was supposed to look like. Beginning was easy because the end was clear.

We know something about beginnings. We begin new jobs, new school years, move into a new house or apartment, welcome a new child, initiate a new ministry. Even without a kit, we know what it is to “start from scratch” when there are no pieces to put together, no foundation already laid, no past to shape the future, no ready-made mix that only needs eggs to make the cake.

Certainly, God didn’t have much to work with “in the beginning.” God has a knack of how to make something from nothing. Such creative success takes a certain divine skill set. It is a God-only talent.

And yet, God shares God’s own creative genius with us. And that is a good thing. Because we as congregations, we as the church, are at the beginning again. We need the creative spirit that only God can give because there are a host of things that are unclear.

Do we have all the pieces we need? I say yes. I believe God provides the resources, the people, and the way forward for whatever God would have happen in and through your congregation.

Are we starting from scratch? Not really. There is recent and a collective memory of the way things used to be, not only pre-pandemic, but pre-eighties. Whether these expectations, or even hopes, will be a help or a hindrance to new efforts remains to be seen.

Do we have clear instructions? I say no. This is where we need the collective wisdom of the body of Christ listening intently to the Spirit and finding a way forward together. The goal is not to recreate the church of the past but to lean into the future church that is becoming. The Church is being transformed. Our job is to be faithful in this moment of history that will last years. Keeping the witness of Jesus of Nazareth as the lens through which all else is considered, we can't go far wrong.

Are we clear on what the finished product will be? Maybe a little, but not really. The Church, capital C, is timeless. God will always call people to faith in Christ. The Spirit will always gather believers together. The Bible will always be treasured and provide an inspiring word to proclaim Christ. But what the Church looks like, how it sounds, where it gathers, the liturgy, traditions, music, language, rhythms, might all be reshaped and reformed. The wind of God is sweeping over the face of the Church. We may not be a formless void, but our shape is being re-formed, slowly but surely, and yet certainly faster than anyone is comfortable with.

As Congregations are investing energy into new or resurrected ministry efforts, we are beginning again in a new set of circumstances. It feels both familiar and foreign. It is both exciting and overwhelming, hopeful, and anxious.

I pray God's blessings upon your efforts. You're not creating something from nothing, but I think it can feel like that.

God is with you, inspiring, energizing, and speaking the Word Christ into any darkness, saying, "Let there be...Church!"

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- For congregations participating in Faithful Innovations beginning September 24.
- For places of warfare.
- For UP Wild, a creative and collaborative ministry to be church outdoors.
- For those choosing to run and serve as elected officials.
- For young people struggling with their mental health.

Faith's Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up Time!!!

Do you have a few hours you could volunteer to help with highway clean-up? It's time again for Faith Lutheran's Adopt-A-Highway October 2nd - 9th.

You can sign up, get supplies, and pick or be assigned an area to work on. Then any convenient time, and weather permitting, during the first week of October, clean up your highway segment. Contact us and we can pick up the bags or drop them off at the end of the church driveway.

- *Garbage bags and safety vests will be provided*
- *Wear sturdy shoes or boots, and gloves*
- *Bring your enthusiasm, strong backs, and any helper over age 11*
- *We need about eight individuals or groups to complete a section of Highway 45 south of town to North Big Lake Loop Rd. on both sides of the highway*
- *Sign-up sheet with highway segments available in Narthex, along with bags and safety vests*

If you have any questions, contact Diane or Greg Kliss at 715-321-0606.

This worthwhile contribution helps to keep our Northwoods beautiful and shows Faith's involvement in the community.





Mindfulness Meditation^
Oct 3 - 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Kathy Carlson



Watercolor Painting^
Oct 3-5, 9am - 3pm
Karen Kappell
(ONE SPOT LEFT)



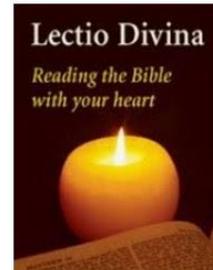
Being Shaped and Softened by
Suffering^*
Oct 11 - 9:30am - 11:00*
1:30-3:30^
Pat Pintens



Prayer Practice:
Centering Prayer^
Oct 12 - 4:30pm - 6:00
Grant Van Lishout



Prayer Practice:
Examien^
Oct 13 - 4:30pm - 6:00
Grant Van Lishout



Prayer Practice:
Lectio Divina^
Oct 14 - 4:30 - 6:00
Grant Van Lishout



The Path of Resilience^*
Oct 25 - 1:00pm - 3:00^
6:00pm - 8:00pm*
Pat Pintens

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



Autumn is here! The sound of crunching leaves underfoot is common.

The fallen leaves remind us of the summer that now is in the past. The life which is gone, as the cold of winter approaches.

The waters of baptism also remind us of life – of the life that is past, present, and future! The life we share in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

During October, listen to water...from the tap, the shower, the lake, the falling rain. Be reminded of the new life you share in Christ.

Remember also members and friends of Faith who celebrate baptismal anniversaries this month:

- 5th Sis Tenges
- 6th Pierson Rawoens
- 9th Jenna Erikson and Lily Medeiros-Harris
- 15th Tom Bredesen
- 19th Connie Lyons
- 23rd Willow Schroeder
- 24th Doe Muench
- 26th Logan Erikson
- 27th Monte James

Also remember: Tom Muench, Rick Gensler Sr., Kristen Anderson, Duane Bonack, Larry Roth, and Rhonda Buss

MONTHLY OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

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

JUNE 2022	MONTH	YTD Sep. - Aug.
Income	\$6,871	\$78,326
Expenses	\$9,888	\$77,202
Net	- \$3,017	\$1,123

JULY 2022	MONTH	YTD Sep. - Aug.
Income	\$5,570	\$84,376
Expenses	\$7,064	\$86,801
Net	- \$1,493	-\$2,425

*** 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, Debbie Koslowski, and Abby Swanson

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

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

September 2022

	9/4/22	9/11/22	9/18/22	9/25/22
Lay Reader	Gretchen Dobbins	Phoebe Pettingell	Jan Lederhaus	Jan Harris
Greeters	-	Linda Fowles	Linda Fowles	Jan Harris
Music	Jane Crosson	Darlene Cole	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss
Video-streaming	Dillon Ford	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson

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

October 2022

	10/2/22	10/9/22	10/16/22	10/23/22	10/30/22
Lay Reader	Robin Peterson	Gretchen Dobbins	Phoebe Pettingell	Jan Lederhaus	Jan Harris
Greeters	-	-	-	-	Jan Harris
Music	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss
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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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2 9:00 am Holy Communion	3	4	5 12:30 pm Quilting	6	7 Office Closed	8
9 9:00 am Holy Communion	10	11 1:00 pm Council Meeting	12 12:30 pm Quilting	13	14 Office Closed	15
16 9:00 am Holy Communion	17	18	19 12:30 pm Quilting	20	21 Office Closed	22
23 9:00 am Holy Communion	24	25	26 12:30 pm Quilting	27	28 Office Closed	29
30 9:00 am Holy Communion	31					

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WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am
Holy Communion

STAFF

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Pastor: Reverend Catie Ford
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Organist: Rhonda Buss

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