



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

## FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

**May 2023**

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

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*Pastor Catie's Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm or by appointment*

*Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 10:00 am to 1:00 pm*

### FROM PASTOR CATIE

***“O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name; make known his deed among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him tell of all his wonderful works.” -Psalm 105:1-2 NRSVUE***

As I sit, enjoying the sun shining through my window, I find myself thinking of all the reasons we have to sing praises. The sunshine certainly has me shouting for joy! We also had a wonderful Lenten season, Holy Week, and our Easter season has gotten off to a wonderful start. Then there is the outstanding turnout that we had during our monthly Sunday school gatherings. There have been and continue to be wonderful works of God at Faith!

We have some upcoming events that I know will be reason for praise. This month we will celebrate the wonderful works that God has done in our graduate, Kallie Volk. On Sunday May 21 we will celebrate all the Kallie has achieved and bless her on her journey to college. There will also be time for us to hear about where the future is taking her.

This summer we will gather to learn about stewardship, worship in nature, and dedicate our new organ. We will also join with Trinity to provide Day Camp for the children of Faith. All of these events have me giving thanks and singing praises. God is up to some incredible things in our church community.

But the good news and wonderful works of God do not stop there! This month I encourage you to think about the fantastic things that God is doing in your life. Where have you seen God at work? What has you shouting for joy? May we take time to point out these wonderful works and to share them with one another.

Peace,  
 Pastor Catie

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was about a week ago that I was experiencing a rarity for me: a bad day. Or maybe I should characterize it more as a sad day for me. Now I work to try and have every day go well and not let things bother me. But I am like a lot of people with a prayer list that grows. It was early on a Thursday when I turned to daily devotion and read something that really shook me out of my mood. Like so often God sent me the right message at the very time I needed to hear it most. That particular message was from Psalm 16:11. “In your presence there is fullness of joy.” Now when I think back on this it isn’t so much that the devotional helped me that day with exactly the right message, but it was the next day when I turned to my devotions that I discovered that I had read the wrong day. I chuckled when I realized this ‘mistake’, but then it dawned on me how God had worked to have me read the verse that I really needed for that day. It’s a mystery that I enjoy. And the reminder for me was to make sure that I find joy in as many things as possible. So the verse helped me get back on track. With so much on our mind these days it is important to notice the beauty around us, the delight we experience when we see the happiness in a small child’s face, the words of a song, and those times that joy helps us slow down and stretch time to know that God is with us in every moment.

The Council has also been working to keep the revision of our Constitution on track. The Church Council has approved the changes made to the Constitution. It will now be sent to the committee of the Synod set up to look at constitutions as they are revised by congregations. They will look it over and suggest any additional changes we may want to make. Our committee will then go over those suggestions. Look for a final proposal to be ready for your eyes in the coming months prior to our Annual meeting. At that time we will need to approve the new constitution.

In fact it will need to be voted on twice in two different meetings to be officially adopted as our new constitution. The council is also forming an audit committee to fulfill the yearly requirement for an audit of our church finances. We are very fortunate to have skilled people willing to help keep our finances healthy and functional.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please bring them to the attention of a member of our Council.

Robin Peterson

### 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.faithlutheran-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!

## DAY CAMP

We are again partnering with Trinity Lutheran in Rhinelander for Summer Day Camp July 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. Check the bulletin board or ask Pastor Catie for more details. Come join the fun!

## BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Easter is not all we have to celebrate. We also rejoice at the gift of Pentecost; the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit is the gift which binds us as people of God. The Spirit calls us to faith, strengthens our faith, and renews our faith. Remembering our baptism is remembering the work of the Holy Spirit!

During the weeks ahead, remember the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. At the same time, remember others who have a baptismal anniversary this month.

8<sup>th</sup> – Jacque Deditz and Marshall Rawoens  
9<sup>th</sup> – Hunter St. Louis and Linda Fowles  
19<sup>th</sup> – Peyton Erikson  
24<sup>th</sup> – Hannah Peterson  
26<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Gilbertson and Kari Volk  
29<sup>th</sup> – Kallie Volk

## MONTHLY OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 2022	MONTH	YTD SEP – AUG.
INCOME	\$7,945	\$50,012
EXPENSES	\$7,679	\$44,410
NET	\$166	\$5,601

DECEMBER 2022	MONTH	YTD SEP – AUG
INCOME	\$15,028	\$65,040
EXPENSES	\$10,493	\$35,254
NET	\$4,543	\$29,785

## **\*\*THIS WILL BE PROVIDED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS**

Year: 2023  
Month: Feb  
# of Sun.: 4  
Average: 21

Year: 2023  
Month: Mar..  
# of Sun.: 4  
Average: 23

## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

### **THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT:**

Kyle Smith, Paul Kragh, Ollie DeMuth, Megan Schiller, Ann Woelfel, Duane and Colleen Bonack, Abby Swanson, Debbie Koslowski, Rick Gensler, Sr., Hailey Schultz, and Ruth Sammetinger

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

### **OUR CHURCH MINISTRIES**

Congregational Care  
Congregation Council  
Board of Worship Life (BOWL)  
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 CALENDAR**

**MAY 2023**

	<u>5/7/23</u>	<u>5/14/23</u>	<u>5/21/23</u>	<u>5/28/23</u>
Reader	<b>Phoebe Pettingell</b>	<b>Jan Lederhaus</b>	<b>Jan Harris</b>	<b>Robin Peterson</b>
Greeter	-		<b>Jan Harris</b>	-
Music	<b>Betty Roth</b>	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>	<b>Rhonda Buss</b>	<b>Darlene Cole</b>
Video-stream	<b>Dillon Ford</b>	<b>Dillon Ford</b>	<b>Dillon Ford</b>	<b>Dillon Ford</b>

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

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!**  
**SAVE THESE DATES FOR HIGHWAY CLEANUP!**  
**MAY 7 – MAY 14**

As of April 7, the State DOT allows us to resume the cleanup activity of Faith's Adopt-A-Highway section of Highway 45 from the church's entrance to North Big Lake Loop Road. Our dates are later this year and we're hoping the snow will be completely gone by then. With it melting, the trash along the highway becomes evident and waiting for us to pick up.

We need volunteers to be at least 11 years old. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and bring along gloves. We will provide clear trash bags and brightly colored safety vests. Please sign up for a section of the highway and complete your segment any time during the week of May 7 – May 14.

*Please put these dates on your calendar!*  
*Sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the entryway.*  
*Many hands make short work!*

**MAY 2023**

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	1	2	3 12:30 pm Quilting 5:15-7:15 pm Wed. Night Connect @ Trinity Lutheran	4	5 Office Closed	6
7 9:00 am Holy Communion	8 4:30 pm Council Meeting	9	10 12:30 pm Quilting 5:15-7:15 pm Wed. Night Connect @ Trinity Lutheran	11	12 Office Closed	13
14 9:00 am Holy Communion	15	16	17 12:30 pm Quilting 5:15-7:15 pm Wed. Night Connect @ Trinity Lutheran	18	19 Office Closed	20
21 9:00 am Holy Communion <i>Senior Sunday</i>	22	23	24 12:30 pm Quilting 5:15-7:15 pm Wed. Night Connect @ Trinity Lutheran	25	26 Office Closed	27
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## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **WEEKLY WORSHIP**

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am  
Holy Communion

## **STAFF**

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*Organist:* Rhonda Buss

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