

A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of

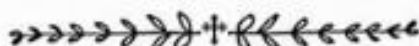
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Grace  
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Congregation  
Star Word  
★ 2025  
Share

*"So deeply do we care for you  
that we are determined to  
share with you not only the  
gospel of God but also our  
own selves, because you have  
become very dear to us."  
1 Thessalonians 2:8*

This year our congregations have a collective Star Word that chose us the week of Epiphany. Blindly selected from the pile of potential words "share" was given to us. Therefore, we are invited to spend the year exploring this word together, wondering what and how God might be leading us to share with one another and our larger communities. A quick brainstorm of this word during recent council meetings had us reflecting on how we are called to share the following: resources, awareness, differences, building space, assets, time, talents, ministry beyond our church walls, VBS, the Good News, funds, compassion, cross-generational wisdom, with the less fortunate, pains, sorrows, frustrations, joys, discernment and our pastor. This is quite a list from which to draw inspiration as we strive to follow Jesus, guided by our Star Word. How or what do you feel called to share out of the abundance God has entrusted to your care?



**Worship times switch February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Rock Creek 8:30AM Faith 10:30AM**



Here is the schedule beginning February 2:

Rock Creek

Worship 8:30AM

Fellowship 9:30AM

Sunday School 9:15AM

Faith

Fellowship 10AM

Worship 10:30AM

Sunday School 10:30AM



Last year Jessie Nunez, a mom in the Durand community, started up a Baby Toddler Closet at Faith to help families who needed clothing, diapers, wipes and hygiene items. It proved to fill a big need in the community! Jessie asked if there

would be a team of people from the congregations who would be willing to help out with sorting donations and staffing the open hours for the closet. Thanks to those who responded to the invitation: Cathy Asher, Margit Churness, Sue Dahl, Annette Huppert, Debi Hurlburt, Diane Knudsen, Linda Krienke and Linda Talford. With these volunteers in place the Baby Toddler Closet will continue to be housed at Faith. February will be spent prepping a more permanent space in the church basement and collecting donations. If you have gently used or new baby items please consider donating. (We cannot accept donations of car seats, high chairs, crib mattresses or toys) The closet will be ready to reopen on Monday March 3 with the goal of weekly hours Mondays 4-6PM, Thursdays 11AM-2PM and the last Sunday of every month to coincide with Sunday Supper. If you want to lend a helping hand during open hours or sorting donations, please let a team member know.



Faith will hold its annual meeting at 11:30AM on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The annual meeting is vital to the health and mission of our congregations. We will celebrate the past year of ministry and look ahead to another year of serving God and our neighbors. Please plan to attend either in person or via Zoom. Here is a Zoom link to the meeting if you are unable to attend in person:

<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/97985842810?pwd=v9bWhlP8g0yfM91yvJkKJfcPbguDqT.1>

## PRAYER PARTNERS

This cross-generational ministry is such a gift as kids and adults live out their faith lives together!



If you still need to snap a photo with your prayer partner the poster is at worship each Sunday. Take a photo and send it to Pastor Bethany for inclusion in the newsletter!

# Parent's Night Out!

Valentines Day  
Faith Lutheran Church - 1032 Prissel St. Durand

Drop your kids off for a night  
of movies, snacks, games,  
crafts, and more. All ages  
welcome!

6-10pm

Drop off starts at 5:30

To reserve your spot,  
Email Pastor Bethany Walker  
frclcpastor@gmail.com

Free-will  
donation for the Youth  
Group's 2025 Mission  
Trip, Destination  
Denver!



### Upcoming Youth Group Gatherings

Friday February 14 6PM Parent's Night Out followed by a Lock In at Faith

Wednesday February 26 7-8:30PM Youth Group at Faith



Rock Creek Dream Team will be hosting Soup Suppers on Wednesdays during Lent so you can enjoy a warm meal before worship. Watch the March newsletter for more details.

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Wednesday 

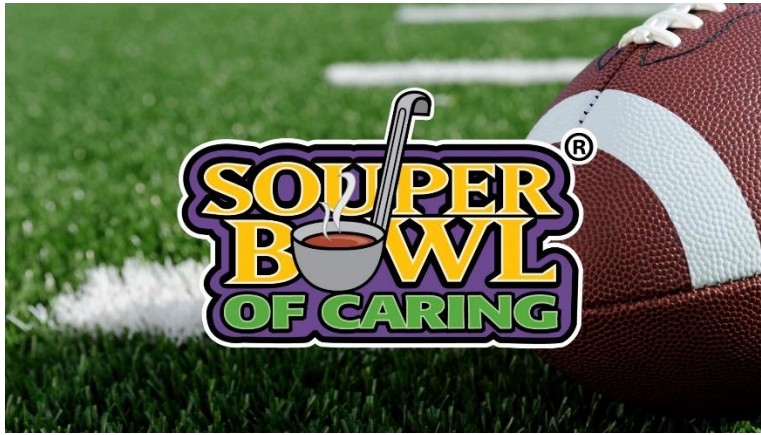
Worship with us on March 5 at 7PM at Faith



### February Confirmation Schedule:

5th, 12th and 19th

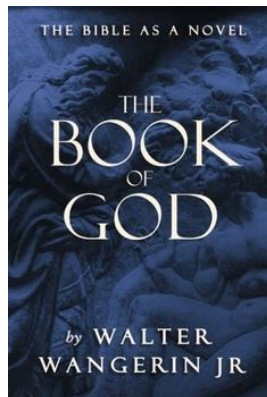
4-5:30PM at Faith



### Bring a can of soup to worship on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

Super Bowl Sunday is the Souper Bowl of Caring in congregations across the country. This year Faith and Rock Creek will have a healthy competition to see which congregation can collect the most cans of soup. All collected soup will be donated to the Rock Falls Pop Up Food Pantry and Durand Area Food Pantry

### A Recommended Read from Pastor Bethany



Engage with scripture in a brand new way through reading *The Book of God: The Bible as a Novel* by author and theologian Walter Wangerin Jr. This will introduce

you to an array of Biblical characters that bring the story of God's faithfulness to life in a way that pieces together both familiar and less familiar storylines from the Greatest Story Ever Told. I have two copies of this book in my personal library. If you would like to borrow one please let me know.



Pastor Bethany will be taking time off from Friday, February 21-Tuesday, February 25. Pastoral care coverage will be announced as the date draws closer. On Sunday, February 23 there will be lay led worship services at both congregations. If you are willing to help lead please let Pastor Bethany or a council member know.



**Share a meal, build community**

Grant dollars and sponsorships have kept the Sunday Supper Community Meal going strong for 12 years now! Thanks to Linda Talford for her tireless efforts in heading this up month after month. February's meal will find attendees enjoying meatballs donated by Rock Creek with delicious sides to compliment the main course. Please plan to join other community members for this fun time of bingo and food on Sunday, February 23 at Faith. Bingo at 3:30PM / Meal at 4:30PM



# ANNUAL MEETING

## Dairyland Conference

Both Faith and Rock Creek are part of the congregations that make up the Dairyland Conference within our synod. All are welcome to join area pastors and lay leaders for the annual meeting to be held on Thursday, February 20 at 7PM at Faith Lutheran in Durand.



**Luther Park Bible Camp**



**Our Partnership with Holy Play**

### Summer Camp

Registration is now open. Visit [lutherpark.org](http://lutherpark.org) to register. Early bird discount registration deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Bethany will be joining kids who attend camp the week of June 22-27. Campership dollars are available if needed.



Radio ministry is a vital part of our outreach ministry at Faith and Rock Creek.

It costs \$50/week for the radio broadcast. If you would like to sponsor, please place a check for \$50 made out to Faith Lutheran Church and this completed form in the offering plate. Include the date you would like to sponsor and who it is in memory or honor of. Consider remembering an anniversary, birthday, baptism, graduation or another milestone.

## RADIO SPONSORSHIP FORM

I would like to sponsor a Radio Broadcast (\$50/week)

Sunday to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_ check here if this date is flexible)

\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Place in offering plate or mail to:

Faith Lutheran Church 1032 Prissel St, Durand WI 54736

### Faith Lutheran December Financial Summary

	Dec. Actual	Dec. Budget		Dec. Ending Balance
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$31,437.27</b>			
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Offering	\$6,237.40	\$7,356.46		
Noisy Buckets	\$129.00	\$83.33		
Interest	\$2.70	\$1.66	Account	
Memorial Fund	\$1,020.00		Checking	\$31,936.37
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$170.00	\$41.66	Property Savings	\$1,043.59
Radio Broadcast	\$50.00	\$166.66	Memorial Savings	\$6,364.09
Sunday Supper	\$1,810.00		Total	\$39,344.05
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$9,419.10</b>	\$8,066.43		
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b>\$10,420.00</b>	\$7,949.74		
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$31,936.37</b>			

Thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at 715-672-4954 or 715-279-0413 and please leave me a message if needed or e-mail me at [gknoepke@mtdfwi.com](mailto:gknoepke@mtdfwi.com)

Sincerely,

Greg Knoepke

Faith Lutheran Treasurer