



A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of

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Grace
& PEACE
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*from Pastor Bethany*



It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. I maintain that it takes a church to raise a child of God. We blessed over 50 kids and teachers at the backpack blessing for back to school on August 21<sup>st</sup>. It was wonderful to see so many of our families return to worship for this milestone. As calendars begin to fill up for another school year, please be sure to observe the sabbath day through regular worship with your church family. We miss you when you are gone, we rejoice when you return, we need each other on this faith journey. May worship and church life once again become a regular part of our faith life as this new school year unfolds.

## Backpack Blessing!



May you let your light shine throughout this school year!  
Prayer partners: remember to pray for your student daily!



**All incoming 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders...Mark your calendars!!**

Confirmation Fall Learning Nights will begin with Parent/Student Meetings

### **Rock Creek Students:**

Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at Rock Creek 5:30-7PM

Family Potluck Meal / Info Meeting

### **Faith Students:**

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at Faith 5:30-7PM

Family Potluck Meal / Info Meeting

*Bring your family, a dish to pass and your calendar*

**Upcoming Learning nights will be held on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30PM**

September 21, October 5, October 19 Rock Creek students

September 28, October 12, October 26 Faith students



Many thanks to all who helped and donated to the door-to-door food drive.  
We collected 291 lbs of food that was all donated to the  
Durand Area Food Pantry!



It is time for another year of Sunday School to begin!  
Classes begin at: Faith August 28<sup>th</sup> and Rock Creek September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Classes will be held during worship at both congregations. Kids will begin worship  
in the sanctuary and be excused for Sunday School after the children's message.  
If your children or grandchildren plan to attend Sunday School please contact  
Tracy Rosemeyer at Faith or Jill Bauer at Rock Creek to get them registered. May  
God bless the learning of our children and the work of our teachers this year!



Luther Park Bible Camp...

...Our Partnership with Holy Play



It is never too early to mark your calendar for time away at Luther Park. Our 2023 week at camp will be held June 25-June 30. Make plans to join us!

## Community Halloween Costume Collection



FaithLift students are once again collecting new and gently used kid's Halloween costumes for a community costume give-away to be held at Faith Lutheran on October 15. If you have costumes to donate please bring them to either congregation or let Pastor Bethany know. Ask your family and friends to donate too. Shop thrift stores for costumes to donate. These costumes will all be given away free of charge to families in the community. Costumes can be expensive for families to purchase so we hope this give away will help children have a Happy Halloween while easing financial stress on parents. Also, it is a great way to practice stewardship as we reuse costumes. This 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event has become something the community looks forward to!



## A Dedication to Outreach in Our Community

September 11<sup>th</sup> worship will lift up the ELCA's God's Work Our Hands Day of Service. You will receive a special invitation that day to take part in the outreach. Come to worship to learn more and use your hands to do God's work for the sake of our community.



Mark your calendar. Spread the word. Bring a friend. Rock Creek will again be hosting the Uffda Dinner fall fundraiser. It will be back to its traditional format, indoors with no restrictions!

Date: October 29, 2022

Time: 3:00 - 6:30pm

Menu: Home Cooked Norwegian Meatballs with mashed potatoes and gravy, rutabaga, corn, dinner roll, coleslaw, & lefse

Cost: \$12 for adults, \$6 for children aged 5-12, children under 5 are free

There will also be a Bake Sale and Silent Auction. Please consider what you can donate. Lots of helping hands will be needed for this event! Contact Dave Coon with any questions. Kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes! Tickets available at the door.

Dust off Grandma's hat boxes, fluff the tulle and feathers  
And wear your finest hat.....

Hats Off To *Music*

Featuring lady's hats and music from the 1890's to the 1960's  
A tea luncheon to follow the program presented by  
Jeanne Anderson and Lynn McFadden  
Saturday, September 24, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.  
Rock Creek Lutheran Church

Please r.s.v.p. by September 16<sup>th</sup>  
Becky at 715-672-4325 or 715-875-4879

Handicapped accessible



**Most dates are still available from September – December. Please sponsor!**  
Radio ministry is a vital part of our outreach ministry. It costs \$50/week for the radio broadcast. Send \$50 to Faith Lutheran Church and include the date you would like to sponsor and who it is in memory or honor of. Consider remembering an anniversary, birthday or another milestone. Thanks to those who have already sponsored. A sponsorship form is below for your convenience. Simply print, fill out and return.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP FORM**

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

Worship Date to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Return with check made payable to:

Faith Lutheran Church, 1032 Prissel St Durand WI 54736



From the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Mission Endowment Committee  
Strengthening Ministry - Today, Tomorrow, Together

Matthew 13:32 : “It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” This passage beautifully illustrates an image of something so small growing into a vibrant network and support system. This, in many ways is symbolic of your Synod Endowment Fund. Since its planting in 2001, the Fund has continued to sprout new branches and has supported dozens of ministries by:

1. Encouraging whole life stewardship
2. Strengthening and resourcing the ministry of the synod and
3. Enhancing the ministry of the synod in addition to, and apart from, its yearly operating budget, with emphasis on, but not limited to:
  - o Strengthening congregational vitality
  - o Developing ministry for the next generation and
  - o Equipping and supporting new leaders through seminary debt assistance, training, and lay leader development

Since inception, the fund has grown to almost a half million dollars and has gifted over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. In the last five years, the Endowment Fund has made gifts to ministries totaling over \$200,000 with \$81,000 of that total given toward Seminary debt assistance. This year alone, the Endowment Fund gifted over \$47,000 to various congregations and ministries with almost \$20,000 of that total going to Seminary debt assistance. As you can

see, the Endowment Fund has been actively supporting ministries throughout the church by not only speaking of God's Love but putting that Love into action. At this year's April Synod Assembly, the Endowment Fund launched a two-year campaign to raise awareness of the Endowment Fund and to grow the Fund so that the work of the church and its ministries can continue to be supported and enriched. The theme for this campaign is: "Strengthening Ministry – Today, Tomorrow, Together." The goal over the next two years is to increase the endowment fund by \$125,000 and to generate future commitments of an additional \$150,000. The Endowment Fund is committed today and into the future to assist and support churches, ministries, and seminarians with their ministry journeys. Therefore, the Endowment Fund is asking for your partnership through a gift to help ministries of the church in their journey. Gifts may be cash or an optional future financial commitment. Whether you have much to give or a small amount to share, leaving a gift through the Today, Tomorrow, Together campaign will have long lasting impact. Together we are responding to the story of God's generosity in the world. The Endowment Fund is only able to do all this great work because of people just like you who chose to make a gift to the Synod Endowment Fund. Because of your generosity, incredible stories are unfolding, and lives are being touched. It is truly God's Work, Our Hands. For more information or to make a gift, please contact the Synod Office or visit the Synod Website at: <http://nswi.org/giving>

The image in Matthew 13:32 gives us a promise of new growth, strength, and support. We know that the church in ten years will look far different than it does today. We know that we need to do more to support those changes within ministries and prepare church leaders for the future. Because of your generosity, the smallest of seeds can become the strongest of trees. Thank you for your continued support of the Northwest Synod Mission Endowment Fund.

## Faith Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes | June 5, 2022 | 9-10 a.m.

**Members Present:** Tiffany Webb, Nate Walker, LeAnne. Carlson, Elissa Abramson, Kendra Weber, Linda Talford (Fundraising)

**Members Absent:** Pastor Bethany Walker, Greg Knoepke, Val Cataract

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order by at 9:05 a.m.

**VISION/MISSION STATEMENT** – Church Council recited the Vision/Mission Statement of the church

**DEVOTIONS** – Not shared.



**PASTOR'S REPORT** – See report sent by Pastor; report was shared and discussed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Motion to accept (T. Webb), Second (N. Walker); motion carried (unanimous)

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer's report not available. Greg will send ASAP. The congregation received a \$5,000 anonymous donation. Kendra will be drafting a letter to appeal to the congregation to consider increasing giving and moving to EFT giving.

#### **BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee discussed the need for extra help with landscaping projects around the church. Need to consider starting over and putting down new mulch and low maintenance perennials.

*Technology/Sound Updates:* Nate is continuing to evaluate options and trying to get a feel for where we want to go with it and how much do we want to spend.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

VBS registration is open and Nate reports that is already 40+ kids registered.

#### **FUNDRAISING REPORT**

Linda Talford attended the meeting to discuss the plans for the Fun Fest Chicken Dinner next weekend.

#### **MUSIC & WORSHIP**

No updates shared.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Parking Lot – Continues to be an issue. Will need to arrange for compaction (needs = heat, water, pressure). Nate will reach out to James about the Fire Department providing the water. Tiffany is working with Dewy and Dillon for manpower and equipment.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Pastor Bethany was approached by the Mondovi church about assisting with administrative pastoral duties as they search for a new pastor. Bethany would like to assist in the short term if the church Councils are supportive. FL Council agreed to support and will inform the congregation.
- Meeting schedule modifications: Request to cancel July meeting based on availability; August meeting moved to Wednesday, August 17 @ 7a.m.

#### **ACTION ITEM:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** – T. Webb; Second N. Walker; Motion carried (unanimous)

Faith Lutheran June Financial Report

|                                   | June Actual        | June Budget       |                  |                     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Opening Balance</b>            | <b>\$12,361.19</b> |                   |                  |                     |
| <b><u>Income</u></b>              |                    |                   |                  |                     |
| Offering                          | \$9,198.75         | \$5,529.00        |                  |                     |
| Noisy Buckets                     | \$71.00            |                   |                  |                     |
| Interest                          | \$2.06             | \$1.00            | Account          | June Ending Balance |
| Fundraisers                       | 9738.00            | \$208.33          | Checking         | \$17,371.97         |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars           | \$10.00            | \$166.70          | Property Savings | \$1,037.84          |
| Radio Broadcast                   | \$50.00            | \$108.35          | Memorial Savings | \$8,850.31          |
| Luther Park Camper Fund           | \$0.00             |                   | Total            | \$27,260.12         |
| <b><u>Total Income</u></b>        | <b>\$19,069.81</b> | <b>\$6,013.40</b> |                  |                     |
|                                   |                    |                   |                  |                     |
| <b><u>Expenses</u></b>            | <b>\$14,109.03</b> | <b>\$6,071.95</b> |                  |                     |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>             | <b>\$17,371.97</b> |                   |                  |                     |
| <b>YTD Budget Surplus/Deficit</b> | <b>-\$2,104.04</b> |                   |                  |                     |

Faith Lutheran July Financial Report

|                                   | July Actual        | July Budget       |                  |                     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Opening Balance</b>            | <b>\$17,371.97</b> |                   |                  |                     |
| <b><u>Income</u></b>              |                    |                   |                  |                     |
| Offering                          | \$5,236.75         | \$5,529.00        |                  |                     |
| Noisy Buckets                     | \$57.01            |                   | Account          | July Ending Balance |
| Interest                          | \$2.06             | \$1.00            | Checking         | \$18,097.88         |
| VBS                               | \$200.00           |                   | Property Savings | \$1,037.97          |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars           | \$0.00             | \$166.70          | Memorial Savings | \$8,851.44          |
| Radio Broadcast                   | \$350.00           | \$108.35          | Total            | \$27,987.29         |
| Luther Park Camper Fund           | \$0.00             |                   |                  |                     |
| <b><u>Total Income</u></b>        | <b>\$5,845.82</b>  | <b>\$6,013.40</b> |                  |                     |
|                                   |                    |                   |                  |                     |
| <b><u>Expenses</u></b>            | <b>\$5,144.91</b>  | <b>\$6,071.95</b> |                  |                     |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>             | <b>\$18,097.88</b> |                   |                  |                     |
| <b>YTD Budget Surplus/Deficit</b> | <b>-\$1,403.13</b> |                   |                  |                     |

Thank you for 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