

A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of

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*Grace
& PEACE*
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*From Pastor Bethany*

# Rock Creek Lutheran Church

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"Through Jesus we have obtained access  
to this grace in which we stand



and we boast in our hope of sharing  
the glory of God."  
Romans 5:2

## Sharing is Caring!

This is a phrase often taught to children who are learning to play well with one another, but it ages well as we strive to live in a peaceful faith community together. I was reminded of this phrase as I started preparing for our May preaching theme "Share." You may recall that "Share" is our congregations' Star Word for this year as well. Throughout the month of May, anytime we gather, you will be invited to share your answers to the following questions so that I might have the opportunity to listen and learn from those whom I serve alongside:

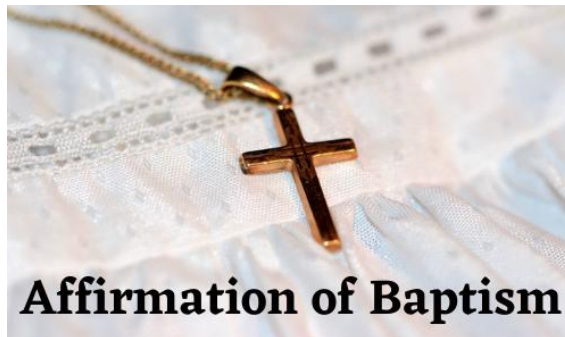
- 1) What keeps you up at night?
- 2) What makes it most challenging to be a Jesus follower today?
- 3) What support do you need from pastor or your faith community to keep loving God and your neighbor?
- 4) What is giving you hope right now?

# A Month of Celebrations!

May 4



Young people ready to begin receiving the bread and cup at Faith will celebrate their First Communion at worship.



Come celebrate on May 4<sup>th</sup> at worship with our Rock Creek Confirmands; Ajay Gruber, Cameron Fregine, Kaleb Biesterveld and Wyatt Fedie; as they affirm their baptisms and commit to continue growing in their faith in Jesus Christ.

God's blessings to these confirmands who affirmed their baptisms on April 6 at  
Faith: Addy Rosemeyer, Rylee Weber, Brynnley Holden, Wyatt Sedlmayr,  
Sawyer Krisik and Brandon Knoepke



**May 11**



On Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our graduating seniors during worship.  
Come and pray a blessing over them as they reach this important crossroad and  
take the next step in their lives.

**May 18**

**Bike Blessing and New Member Sunday**



Kick off summer with a special Bike Blessing on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Bring your bicycle, tricycle, scooter or skateboard. Ride with Pastor Bethany to worship. We will meet at 8AM at Diane Nolan's house (N856 810<sup>th</sup> St) to ride to Rock Creek and 10AM at Caddie Woodlawn to ride to Faith. You will receive a special gift to put on your wheeled ride. Kick off summer with God's blessings! Riders of all ages are encouraged to join us. We will also receive new members that day at both congregations!

## May 26

### Joint Worship Service at Faith

On Memorial Day weekend we will be having ONE lay led worship service at 10:30AM at Faith. There will be NO worship service held that day at Rock Creek.





Our mission trip team has grown to 13 as we are preparing to serve in Denver July 12-18! Mission team members include: Addysen Weber, Brynnley Holden, Caitlyn Ebsen, Gracie King, Kendra Weber, Lillian Walker, Maria Walker, Pastor Bethany Walker, Paityn Glaus, Rylee Weber, Skout Hayden, Sophie Johnson and Trinity Smithers. Please hold the team in prayer as they prepare to represent our congregations in service to both God and neighbor. Also, watch for ways to help us reach our fundraising goal. Thanks for all your generosity thus far.

May 21 6:30PM Parent/Student Meeting at Faith  
for all mission trip team members



## Photo Wall

Both Faith and Rock Creek continue to collect photos for the photos walls at the entrance of the sanctuaries. If you haven't already done so, please submit a photo of your family so you can be included in this welcoming space.

## Envelopes are up and donations are needed!



**Grilled chicken + Helping Hands = Faith's biggest fundraiser of the year!**

Plans for Faith's FunFest Chicken Tent Fundraiser are underway once again. Everyone at Faith is being asked to step up to help reach our fundraising goal for ministry while also serving the community. Here are the ways you can help:

Donate money in one of the envelopes at Faith to offset costs

Sign up to help set up/serve/clean up the meal during Fun Fest June 7-8

Come to Fun Fest and purchase a chicken dinner to enjoy

### ***5th Annual***



***July 8-11, 2025***

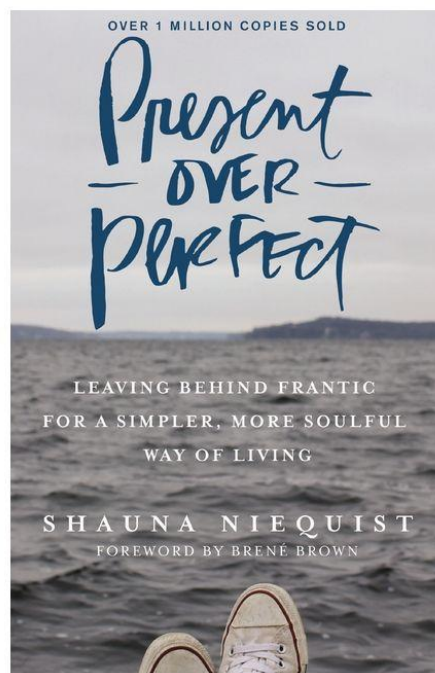
***Register now!***

Online registration is now open for Community VBS! Those who have completed 4K-5<sup>th</sup> grades can register for VBS. 6<sup>th</sup> grade-adults are needed as helpers! Here is the link to register as a student or a helper. Both students and helpers need to register. Do so by July 1<sup>st</sup> to guarantee a free t-shirt.

2025 VBS Registration Form [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfg75-jqltkHb5Ts08 - AuHCSpzo5u7D5SE3bbebRIJGiNtNA/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfg75-jqltkHb5Ts08-AuHCSpzo5u7D5SE3bbebRIJGiNtNA/viewform?usp=pp_url)

2025 Volunteer Form [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUCi87XqCPPqMNYf7nToJF-AZi\\_NBWV0rfNAE7--emmnWWIA/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUCi87XqCPPqMNYf7nToJF-AZi_NBWV0rfNAE7--emmnWWIA/viewform?usp=pp_url)

### **A Recommended Read from Pastor Bethany**



This is one of the books I poured over during my reading retreat last year. It offers a faith-focused, fresh perspective on permission giving, grace-filled kind of living.

Author Shauna Niequist shares with great vulnerability and insight her own journey from frantic, margin-less living to a simpler, calmer way of being in the world. If it feels like you don't have time to slow down to read a book this is the book you should make time to read.



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Pastor Bethany will be attending the Festival of Homiletics Preaching Conference in Atlanta GA May 12-15 and then taking time off May 24-26. If you have a pastoral care need during those times please contact Pastor Mara Ahles-Iverson at 563-370-8808. On Sunday, May 25 there will be one lay led 10:30AM Joint Worship Service at Faith.



Thanks to all who have already sponsored a radio broadcast for 2025. These are the remaining open dates: July 6                      Nov 23, 30  
Aug 3, 10, 24, 31    Dec 7, 28  
Sept 7

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.

#### **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 March Financial Summary

|                               | Mar. Actual               | Mar. Budget |                  |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b><i>Opening Balance</i></b> | <b><i>\$39,925.59</i></b> |             |                  |                     |
| <b><i>Income</i></b>          |                           |             |                  |                     |
| Offering                      | \$12,619.40               | \$7,326.00  |                  |                     |
| Noisy Buckets                 | \$157.38                  | \$100.00    |                  |                     |
| Interest                      | \$3.76                    | \$3.00      |                  |                     |
| Misc.                         | \$75.00                   | \$33.00     |                  |                     |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars       | \$96.00                   | \$66.00     | Account          | Mar. Ending Balance |
| Radio Broadcast               | \$350.00                  | \$200.00    | Checking         | \$51,036.29         |
| Sunday Supper                 | \$65.00                   | \$166.00    | Property Savings | \$1,044.23          |
| Youth Group                   | \$994.11                  |             | Memorial Savings | \$6,368.01          |
| <b><i>Total Income</i></b>    | <b><i>\$14,360.65</i></b> | \$8,160.00  | Sunday Suppers   | \$5,927.01          |
|                               |                           |             | Total            | \$64,375.54         |
| <b><i>Expenses</i></b>        | <b><i>\$3,249.95</i></b>  | \$9,192.00  |                  |                     |
| <b><i>Ending Balance</i></b>  | <b><i>\$51,036.29</i></b> |             |                  |                     |
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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