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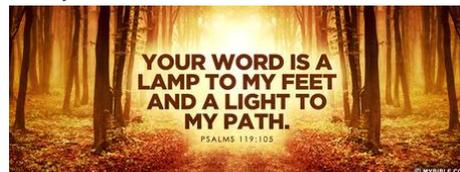
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*Grace*  
& PEACE  
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*from Pastor Bethany*



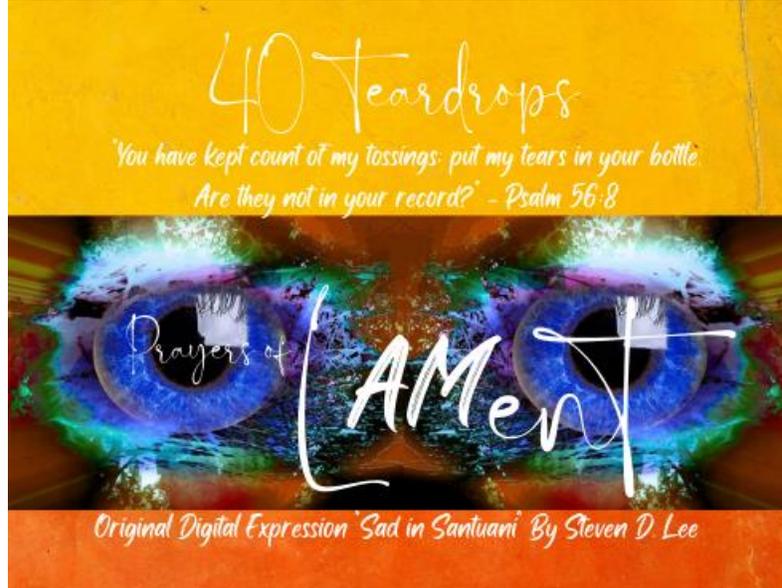
Wordle is all the rage right now. At last count over 3 million people globally visit the website each day to solve a daily word puzzle. Everyone who plays is guessing the same word. One article I read stated, "the game's popularity ultimately has to do with community." That sounds a lot like Christianity doesn't it? We are in relationship to God and to other people who all follow Jesus. Imagine if all the people who Wordle everyday also read a common part of scripture daily together. If you take time to Wordle you're already online so after the daily puzzle visit [www.bible.com/verse-of-the-day](http://www.bible.com/verse-of-the-day) to read a brief piece of scripture. Along with your daily Wordle you can also get a daily dose of the Word in community.



During the Lenten season we will reclaim the language of lament, remembering that when we cry out to God in our sorrow, grief and longing God promises to hold us fast through it all. Too often we minimize our hurt, we hide what breaks our hearts, we believe we can only show up to church when we are all put together. In reality the church is for those who are falling apart and need to be held by God and their faith community. Lament is biblically grounded in ancient practices that have been largely lost in our world. During Lent we will bring our wholeselves, broken and beautiful, to the cross and learn to lament to a God who listens and loves. Watch the March newsletter for the schedule of Wednesday evening Lenten worship services.



Ash Wednesday worship is on March 2 at 7PM at Rock Creek



The above digital artwork was inspired by the story of a Hindu monk named Santauni. He cried on behalf of the people in his village when they could not. Sometimes our emotional wells dry up, we have no tears left to cry, yet our pain and grief hang on. The Psalmist reminds us that God catches each of our tears in a bottle whether they are cried for ourselves or on behalf of others. During the season of Lent let us offer up prayers for one another, for the places we see pain and suffering in the world, asking God for hope and healing. There is much happening in the world for which we have not grieved; locally and globally, personally and communally. Lent is a season that invites us to name the despair we share with the God who suffered on the cross. In the same way our community has written Advent and Lenten devotions in the past couple of years this Lent you are invited to write a prayer of lament on behalf of the community. We will share one prayer a day during the 40 days of Lent. If you are willing to write a prayer please let Pastor Bethany know by February 20. She will equip you with scripture and some guiding questions to help you with the writing process. Let us pray...



Upcoming FaithLift Confirmation learning nights and service projects will be held:  
Wednesday, February 2 at Rock Creek 5:30PM  
Wednesday, February 16 at Faith 5:30PM  
Sunday, February 27 at Faith 3:30PM Serve Sunday Supper



The newly formed Sr High youth group met for the first time on Sunday January 16 to make plans for the upcoming months. They hope to gather once a month for a variety of activities. Those who attended invite all Sr High Youth to take part in the following events:

Service Project: Sunday, February 27 Serve Sunday Supper at Faith 3:30-5:30PM

Retreat: Friday, March 25-Saturday, March 26 Recharge at Luther Park Bible Camp  
Registration details are below.

If you have questions about youth group contact Riane Hayden or Tanner Webb.

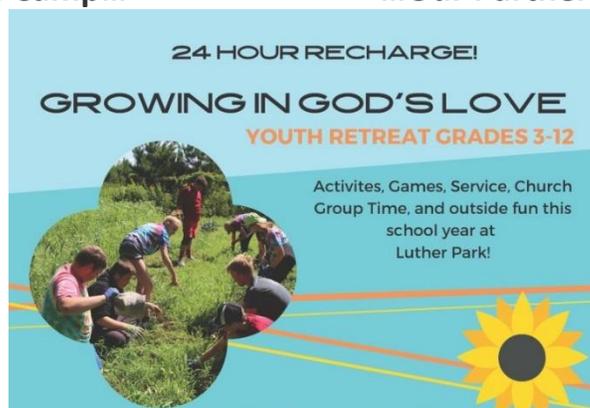


Help collect 100 cans of soup on Super Bowl Sunday! Bring some cans of soup for offering on Sunday, February 13. All cans will be donated to The Durand Panther PTO. They are seeking donations to start a food shelf at the high school for students who need an easy, warm meal after school or on the weekends. Let's help them stock the empty shelves with soup that can be heated and enjoyed.

Luther Park Bible Camp...



...Our Partnership with Holy Play



Pastor Bethany will be attending the Recharge March 25-26 with youth from our congregations. Any kids ages 3<sup>rd</sup> grade -12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. The cost will be covered by the church and a generous donor. If your child wants to attend please fill out the registration form below and return it to Pastor Bethany by March 1 so we can register as a group. If you are an adult who is willing to chaperone please contact Pastor Bethany.

# Recharge Registration

## FRIDAY

- 6:30 Registration
- 7:45 Campfire Worship
- 8:30 Snack
- 9:15 Church Time
- 10:30 Cabin Time
- 11:00 Lights out

## SATURDAY

- 7:45 Morning Devos
- 8:15 Breakfast
- 9:00 Service Projects
- 10:00 Activities / Free Time
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 All Camp Activity
- 2:00 Activities / Free Time / Canteen
- 3:30 All Camp Activity
- 4:30 Cabin Clean-up, Free Time
- 5:00 Supper
- 5:45 Closing Worship
- 6:30 Safe Travels

## REGISTRATION

Fill out this form or register online at [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org).

\*A health form must be completed prior to arrival. These are available for download on our website or part of online registration.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

Church / Group \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Cabinmate Request \_\_\_\_\_

I (parent/guardian) consent to use of any photograph or video of my child in the future of Luther Park Bible Camp publications, video or website photos.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

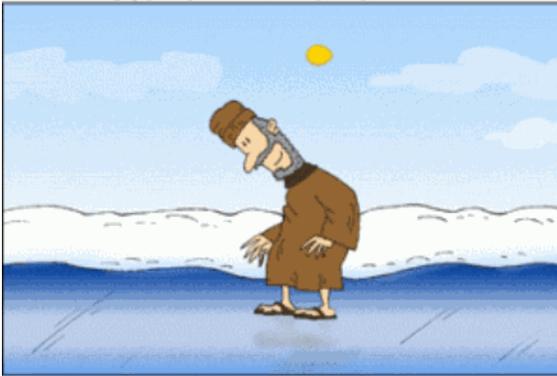
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# Holy Humor

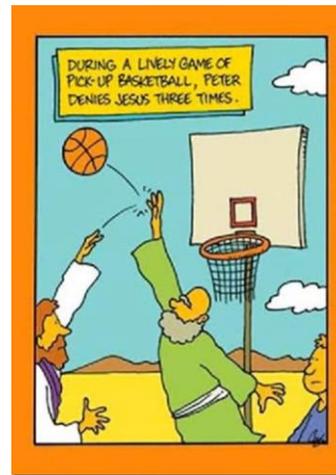
"Then our mouth  
was  
filled with  
laughter,  
and our tongue  
with  
shouts of joy!"  
Psalm 126:2



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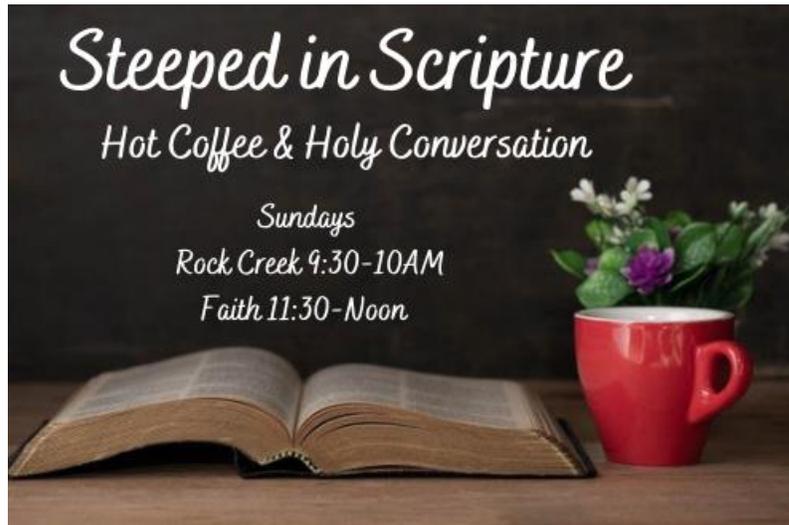


Thanks to Ondrej Paska (See Matthew 14:24-33) 01-04-2008  
PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH STRONGER IN THE WINTER



Vanessa Sedlmayr is collecting information and a photo about each church member at Faith to create a slideshow to play prior to worship. This will be a fun way to get to know each other better. Paper copies are in the narthex at Faith for people who prefer that format. Otherwise, here is a link to a Google form.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkWesySP6jIWRCUaiAZWiaIK - PG2X7SHN-yEq1h5x6YVnsw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkWesySP6jIWRCUaiAZWiaIK - PG2X7SHN-yEq1h5x6YVnsw/viewform?usp=sf_link)



Join Pastor Bethany for a weekly Bible study. We are working through the book *Opening the Book of Faith: Lutheran Insights for Bible Study*. During Lent we will switch to a study on the Psalms and Lamentations. Each weekly study is stand alone so no need to miss out on it all if you miss out on one week.

Come when you can!

### **Rock Creek Council Meeting Minutes—December 1, 2021.**

Steve called the meeting to order.

**Those present:** Steve Dahl, Becky Richardson, Carma Koller, Val Wagner, Sue Dahl, Dave Coon. Ashley Dorschner on zoom. **Absent:** Dustin Nelson, Riane Hayden, Jill Bauer,, Pastor Bethany Walker

**Pastor's Report**— Pastor Bethany sent devotion which Steve read. And Pastor Bethany sent pastor's report-reviewed.

**Secretary's Report**—reviewed November report. Motion by Becky to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue, motioned passed, all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report**— November report was reviewed. Funds from Uffda account have not been transferred. Profit from this year's Uff da dinner is approximately \$3800.00, \$3000 will go to mission. Carma motioned to approve treasurers report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Val, motioned passed, all in favor. Becky put next year's budget on the TV screen to review and up date. We reviewed the budget line by line with review and discussion. We will be in the negative with cost for water damage and flooring in the basement.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Education**— no report
- **Youth Group/Confirmation**—Pastor Bethany has met with families to try and form youth group.

## Old Business

- **Church building- Monitors**- Electric for outside sign is done. Outlets inside will be installed soon. Also need LED light in elevator shaft to be on 24/7. Also need land line phone in elevator. WWT will install once the elevator is installed.
- **Exterior Sign**— Dedication of the sign will be 12/12/21. Discussed message on sign for that day.
- **Back door**- postponed.
- **Parsonage repairs**: Garage service door needs to be replaced. Stain deck. Bathroom remodel—postponed for future project.
- **Covid Update**—no changes. We may have larger crowd for the Christmas program and for Christmas Eve. Discussion on social distancing. Becky will bring her lap top and run Face Book live on the TV in the over flow, if it is needed, to allow more space and social distancing.

## New Business

- **Elevator**- Elevator has been ordered and is being made.
- **Water Issues: -- Rain Gutters**- done. **Tree/Branch**—done and Roger Rinholen moved all the wood
- **Congregational meeting December 5, 2021.**  
Need approval of **New flooring for basement.** At last meeting, council recommended doing the whole basement (Dining room \$8100.00, Kitchen \$2160.00, Sunday school area \$9159.00.) Carma made motion to purchase new flooring for the entire basement to lock in current price. Install once funds are available for installation, pending congregational approval. Dave seconded and motion passed. The Women's group will pay for kitchen. Val is still willing to organize painting. Steve reported he will ask Bob Froystad and Dick Dahl to help with paneling repairs.  
**Need to vote on distribution of mission gifts.** \$3000 from Uff da Dinner plus money donated for mission which is >\$1800. Discussed options including family at Faith, Pepin Co Food pantry, Dunn Co Food Pantry, Trinity Equestrian Center, Habitat for Humanity. Will open it up for ideas from the congregation. Will ask Pastor if she can make a page with the list, for the television screen, and maybe even add to it during the meeting to help with communication.  
**Sharing info on Parsonage Bathroom repairs/remodel.**  
**Rock Creek Dish Towels are still available**-nice stocking stuffer. Overview of **next year's budget** with cost of the water damage clean up and new floor. Will need donations or self funding accounts.  
**Ballot openings for Council.**  
**Dave will lead the congregational meeting.**
- **Annual meeting:** January 30, 2022 after service. We will need a deacon for one year to fill Cindi's position, a deacon for 2 year term and two trustees for 2 year terms. Steve will run as president, Becky will run as treasurer, Carma will run for secretary and Sue will run for WELCA. We need to confirm Jill for Sunday School (confirmed after the meeting).

- **Endowment fund:** Carma brought up asking Jeremy Untz, with Edward Jones, about an endowment Fund. Jeremy would be willing to attend council meeting and educate council on how an endowment fund can be set up and used. We have had one in the past but it was not contributed to, so it was dissolved. It may be worth thinking about for the future of the church.
- **Paschal Candle:** the Candle may need to be replaced soon. They are expensive at about \$250.00. We may want to look into Oil Paschal shell which would not need to be replaced but it is more expensive at >\$500.00 and stand \$990.00. Continue to look into it and maybe use Memorial money.

**Next Meeting 1/5/22** at 7:00.

Motion to adjourn made by Becky

Carma Koller, RCLC council secretary

Rock Creek December 2021 Financials Checking account

|                                                  |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Opening Balance December 1, 2021                 | \$ 20,343.08        |
| Total Deposits                                   | \$ 7,112.30         |
| Funds transferred to Business Investment acct.   | \$ 50.00            |
| Funds transferred from Business Investment acct. | \$ 21,921.48        |
| Total Expenses                                   | \$ 30,242.49        |
| Balance as of December 31, 2021                  | \$ <b>19,084.37</b> |

**TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS**

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Checking               | \$ 19,084.37        |
| Good Samaritan Account | \$ 500.00           |
| Money Market Checking  | \$ 10,865.11        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>\$ 30,449.48</b> |

NOTE: The Balance in the Checking account reflects the remainder of the donation for the new lift(elevator) in the amount of \$17,750.

Faith Lutheran December Financial Report

|                        | Dec Actual         | Dec Budget |                  |                     |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Opening Balance</b> | <b>\$20,783.94</b> |            | Account          | Dec. Ending Balance |
| <b>Income</b>          |                    |            | Checking         | \$18,474.01         |
| Offering               | \$4,588.00         | \$5,339.80 | Property Savings | \$1,037.06          |
| Noisy Buckets          | \$48.26            |            | Memorial Savings | \$9,795.19          |
| Interest               | \$1.79             | \$1.00     | Total            | \$29,306.26         |
| Memorial Fund          | \$535.00           |            |                  |                     |
|                        |                    |            |                  |                     |
| Radio Broadcast        | \$50.00            | \$100.00   |                  |                     |
|                        |                    |            |                  |                     |
| <b>Total Income</b>    | \$5,223.05         | \$5,899.13 |                  |                     |
|                        |                    |            |                  |                     |
| <b>Expenses</b>        | <b>\$6,997.98</b>  | \$5,899.13 |                  |                     |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>  | <b>\$18,474.01</b> |            |                  |                     |

Thank you for continued support! A reminder there are many ways to give! In Church, mail, online on our website, or through our ACH form. 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

**Faith Council Meeting Minutes—12-08-2021**

Present: Elissa A, Linda T, Tiffany W., Val C. Darrin H, LeAnne C. Treasurer  
Greg K.

Meeting called to Order 6:34

Mission/Vision statement read.

**Le Anne Carlson lead Devotions in Pastor Bethany absence**

**Pastor's Report**— Reviewed

**Secretary's report**—reviewed; attached; Motion to approve by Alissa; second by Darrin; all approved

**Treasurer's report**—reviewed; Motion to approve by Val C.; second by Nate W. all approved

**Committee Reports**

- **Music and Worship-**
- Ushers and readers are needed
- Communion help and set up

- **Education-**
  - Sunday School Program scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Property-**
  - Electrical Panel- completed added 8 outlets to soundbar, outlet added for TV on the Right side of sanctuary.
  - Carpet squares are pulling up, Linda T met with Carpet City installers on November 29. Per the arrangements carpet tiles taped down vs glued down.  
Two options for repair is to have all the tiles reglued down under warranty. Need to verify the Warranty terms and verify written warranty documents. Linda T contacted Diane Knudsen to see about obtaining written information.
- **Fundraising- no** updates at meeting time

#### **Old Business-**

- **All future of after school is on hold until January 2022** Alex Boob and Ally Bignell have asked to use the basement for after school day care. They are waiting to hear back from the state for a license then the church would have to be inspected. Tentative agreement is \$400 per month donation. Pastor is checking with our insurance to make sure we are covered by renters' insurance. Alex and Ally hope to open on the first day of school.
- Church Directory- thoughts and interest, Church would pay for a picture for the wall- tabled for now
- Cleaning out flower beds and yard clean up as been addressed and will be readdressed after the snow has melted.

#### **New Business-**

- Council members going off in January 2020  
LeAnne Carlson, Darrin Hartung, Linda Telford, and Tiffany Webb

#### **Next Meeting: Joint Meeting Wednesday January 12, 2021**

Motion made by Elissa. adjourn, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:48

Secretary- Tiffany Webb Faith Council Meeting