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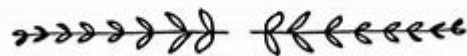
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Grace
& PEACE



from Pastor Bethany

Teach these commandments
to your children
and talk about them
when you are at home
or out for a walk;
at bedtime
and the first thing
in the morning.
Tie them on your finger;
wear them on your forehead
and write them
on the doorposts
of your house.

from DEUTERONOMY 6:7-9

This scripture from Deuteronomy provides the foundation for my approach to faith formation ministry. Grounded in a 5-4-3 model I learned during my time in youth ministry, I am reminded that there are 5 basic faith principles which lead us to 4 key faith practices including Caring Conversations, Devotions, Service and Rituals/Traditions. These are best experienced cross-generationally when kids and youth are in relationship to Triple A adults who are authentic, available and affirming. When empowered by the Holy Spirit, this approach to faith formation raises kids in a faith that lasts. It is my goal to teach you more about this model of faith formation ministry over the coming months and invite you into the practice of it for the sake of helping the next generation come to know and love Jesus Christ.



October Schedule:

Wednesday, October 5 Rock Creek Learning Night 5:30PM-6:30PM

Wednesday, October 12 Faith Learning Night 4:30PM-5:30PM

Friday, October 14 1-4PM Costume Giveaway Set Up

Saturday, October 15 10AM-2PM Costume Giveaway

Wednesday, October 19 Rock Creek Cross-Generational Gathering
5:30PM-7:30PM

Wednesday, October 26 Faith Cross-Generational Gathering 5:30PM-7:30PM

Join Us for Cross-Generational Gatherings!

Everyone is invited to be part of a potluck/game night with our confirmation students in October. Rock Creek on October 19 and Faith on October 26. We will eat at 5:30PM. Games will begin at 6PM. Bring a dish to pass. Join in the faith-filled fun! Faith is best formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through building personal and trusted relationships. If we want Christian youth and children, we need Christian adults who practice faith with them. Come pray and play with the kids in our midst at Faith and Rock Creek.

Come get a treat from Pastor Bethany and many other community leaders at...



Community Halloween Costume Giveaway



Where: Faith Lutheran Church
1032 Prissel St., Durand

When: Saturday, October 15 10AM-2PM

Who: Anyone who wants to pick out a
FREE costume is welcome!

200+ costumes to choose from

Questions? Call 715-672-8107

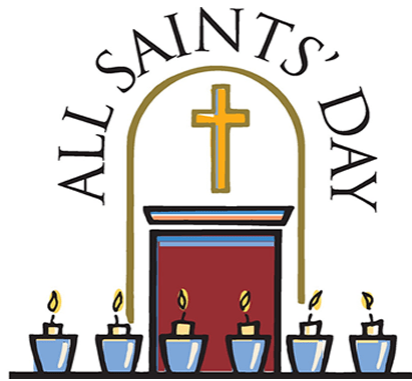
Halloween Costume Collection

FaithLift students are once again collecting new and gently used kid's Halloween costumes for a community costume give-away. If you have costumes to donate please bring them to either congregation before October 12. If you wish to make a monetary donation let Pastor Bethany know. These costumes will 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 helps children have a Happy Halloween while easing financial stress on parents. It is also a great way to practice stewardship as we reuse costumes. We also need clothes racks to use to display costumes. Let Pastor Bethany know if you have one.

Candy for a Cause



Bring a full-size candy bar to worship on Sunday October 9 to help fill our pumpkin buckets. The first 50 kids who attend the costume giveaway will receive a bucket of treats along with an invite to join us for Sunday School and VBS.



All Saint's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 6th. During worship we will read names, light candles and show photos in memory of loved ones who have died. If you wish to have a loved one remembered by name please submit their name and a digital photo of them by Wednesday, November 3rd to Pastor Bethany at frclcpastor@gmail.com or by text 402-520-5504.



Radio ministry is a vital part of our outreach ministry. It costs \$50/week for the radio broadcast. Most November - December dates are still available for sponsorship. 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 in the offering plate or by mail

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



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.



At our Backpack Blessing, students chose adult prayer partners. It is time to celebrate those relationships with some Prayer Partner School Photos. While kids are saying "cheese" for school photos our kids and their prayer partners are invited to say "Jesus" for a photo op on Sunday, October 2. Find your prayer partner, come to the photo booth following worship and capture the moment! Remember to keep praying daily for your student!



Faith members, plan to stay after worship on Sunday, October 9 to help with some fall clean up projects around your church. These will be done both indoors and outdoors. Help care for the building and grounds that God has entrusted to our care ahead of the winter months.

Food and Fellowship at Faith

Beginning on Sunday, October 2nd, Faith will be starting up snacks, juice and coffee fellowship following worship. The church council will have a sign up sheet in the narthex for people to take turns providing light snacks and making coffee. Stick around after worship for a delicious snack and caring conversation.



"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

Genesis 9:9-10

On Sunday, October 16 we will be having a Blessing of the Animals during worship. To include your pets in the blessing send a digital photo of them and their names to Pastor Bethany via text 402-520-5504 or email to frclcpastor@gmail.com by Wednesday, October 12. These photos will be shown during worship at the time of the blessing. If your animal can be transported in a cage or on a leash they are welcome to attend worship with you that day. This is one Sunday where worship is for the birds!

Pause to pray for ministries with which we partner in the sharing of the Gospel:



We give thanks for those who lead in these places for the sake of our neighbors

Faith Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes | August 17, 2022 | 7-8 p.m.

Members Present: Tiffany Webb, Greg Knoepke, Nate Walker, LeAnne. Carlson, Elissa Abramson, Kendra Weber, Pastor Bethany Walker

Members Absent: Val Cataract

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Elissa at 6:55 p.m.

VISION/MISSON STATEMENT – Church Council recited the Vision/Mission Statement of the church.

DEVOTIONS – Pastor Bethany shared devotions with the council; council members shared times when they felt their cup was full (or running over).

PASTOR'S REPORT – See report sent by Pastor; report was shared and discussed. The Council revisited the idea of having a Council retreat this fall. Elissa will connect with key stakeholders to evaluate dates

that might work for a retreat and fall cleaning day. Pastor Bethany provided an update on her interim role with Central Lutheran in Mondovi. It is looking likely that her contract will end in mid-September.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Motion to accept (Carlson), Second (Webb); motion carried (unanimous)

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer's report was sent via email. The congregation received a \$5,000 anonymous donation in June. FunFest Chicken dinner netted approximately \$2,600 after expenses and giving the Swim Club their cut. Val requested approval to get Linda Talford a check card.

Kendra will be drafting a letter to appeal to the congregation to consider increasing giving and moving to EFT giving.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Motion to accept (Carlson), Second (Webb); motion carried (unanimous)

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Technology/Sound Updates: Nate shared the information he received from Audio Architects to replace Pastor Bethany's lapel mic (immediate need); cost would be around \$1,700. Additional needs were discussed for the extra (nice to have stuff); hard wired mic, third TV, all in for everything would be around \$25,000. Priorities were discussed and Council will discuss with families who have earmarked dollars for this purpose for a blessing to move forward with the highest priorities.

Recommendation to move forward with the first two steps was approved by Council.

Building & Grounds: A couple of trees appear to have some disease and may need to be taken care of in the coming months. Nate will continue to monitor and provide updates in future meetings.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Pastor Bethany reports that Tracy Rosemeyer and Jean Hermann will lead the Sunday School this year.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Profits from the chicken dinner fundraiser were reported in the Treasurer's report. Discussion about a more strategic, work distributed fundraising plan was mentioned. Pastor Bethany indicated that that would be a good topic for the Council retreat.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Worship assistant sign-up is still a challenge. We will consider new ways of getting signed up and will start passing the clip board.

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. Tiffany will continue to work to coordinate with Dewy.
- 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 @ 7p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nate suggested looking at ways to partner with the local meat processors to help fill and unmet need of meat at the local food pantry.

ACTION ITEM:

MOTION TO ADJOURN – Carlson; Second-Webb; Motion carried (unanimous)

Faith Lutheran August Financial Report

	Aug Actual	Aug Budget		
<i>Opening Balance</i>	<i>\$18,097.88</i>			
<i>Income</i>				
Offering	\$4,863.35	\$5,529.00	Account	Aug Ending Balance
Noisy Buckets	\$55.50		Checking	\$18,621.04
Interest	\$1.90	\$1.00	Property Savings	\$1,038.10
VBS	407.68		Memorial Savings	\$8,852.57
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$23.00	\$166.70	Total	\$28,511.71
Radio Broadcast	\$150.00	\$108.35		
Misc.	\$100.00			
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$5,601.43</i>	<i>\$6,013.40</i>		
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>\$5,078.27</i>	<i>\$6,071.95</i>		
<i>Ending Balance</i>	<i>\$18,621.04</i>			
<i>YTD Budget</i>	<i>-\$879.97</i>			
<i>Surplus/Deficit</i>				

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

Sincerely,

Greg Knoepke

Faith Lutheran Treasurer