

*A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of*

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*from Pastor Bethany*

The fruits of the Spirit are...



love, joy, peace, patience..."  
Galatians 5:22

The photos to the left are an illustration of just some of the things that bring me joy. You might recall that my Star Word from this year is "joy". This has been a fun word to unpack and bump up against since I received it on Epiphany. Galatians reminds us that joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit. Recently I came across the following statement in a devotion which has become a permission slip of sorts: \_\_\_\_\_ for no reason at all except joy! You can fill in the blank with anything that brings you joy. Dance for no reason at all except joy. Play a game for now reason at all except joy. Read for no reason at all except joy. I have this posted on my laptop so that everyday as I come to my work I can remember to take time to do something for no reason at all except joy. This discipline makes me a better human being. As summer begins my hope for you is that you can do the same. Reclaim a bit of your humanity by doing something simply for the joy of it. I wonder what would be in your joy photo collage?

## May was a celebratory month at Faith and Rock Creek!

On May 7<sup>th</sup> Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion were all celebrated! 10 children received First Communion, 5 young people affirmed their baptisms and 1 child was baptized. Thanks be to God!



On May 14<sup>th</sup> we blessed our high school graduates! Congratulations!



**Alayna Branter**



**Eli Biesterveld**



**Hailey Wallace**



**Hunter Katusky**



**Jesse Harm**

**The first ever Bike Blessing was a great kick-off to summer on May 21<sup>st</sup>**



**The Rock Creek Riders**



**The Faith Fleet**



**Luther Park Bible Camp...**

**...Our Partnership with Holy Play**

**Join Pastor Bethany at Luther Park!**

**Programs for grades 1-12 Sunday, June 25- Friday, June 30**

**Online Registration is still open at <http://lutherpark.org/>**



One of the items given out for the Bike Blessing was sidewalk chalk.  
Here are some fun activities to do with that:

## What Should I Draw?



## 10 Ideas...

1. A picture with at least 5 hearts
2. Your favorite Bible verse
3. Your favorite Bible story
4. A picture of what you think God looks like
5. Your favorite animal God created
6. Your favorite outside summer activity
7. Your name in block letters
8. A hopscotch game with one of the 10 commandments in each square
9. A place you would like to visit
10. A picture with a cross

***Join area churches  
for the 3rd annual***



***July 11-14, 2023***

***Register now***

Registration is now open for Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (grade completed)

Follow this link to register as a participant or volunteer

Register by July 1<sup>st</sup> to receive a free t-shirt

<https://www.catholictriparish.org/vbs.html>

The next planning team meeting is Wednesday, June 14 at 10AM at Holy Rosary

## Two Joint Worship Services Coming Up



Worship on Sunday, June 11 at 8:30AM will be held at Memorial Park in Durand. Pastor Bethany, Father Emmanuel (Catholic parishes) and Pastor Kim (UMC) will be co-leading this community worship service as part of Fun Fest. There will no worship in the sanctuaries this day so please bring a lawn chair and join us for outdoor community worship. This service will also be broadcast on Facebook and WRDN. Cinnamon rolls and coffee/juice will follow with proceeds going to Community VBS. Kids who attended VBS last summer are invited to wear their t-shirts and join us to sing some VBS songs.



The Faith and Rock Creek Dream Teams are teaming up with the Rinholen family to host a special joint worship service at R&R Barn on Sunday, July 2 at 9:30AM. There will be no worship in the sanctuaries this day so please plan to join us for this barn worship service followed by a light brunch. The address is 7802 130th Ave, Mondovi (near Rock Falls)

## Thanks to all who helped with Rock Creek's Adopt a Highway Clean Up in May



The Rock Creek Dream Team wants to help the congregation become a Gold Sponsor for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Rock Falls Fireworks display at Offutt Park. This is a great way to support a much anticipated event in our community. Envelopes with dollar amounts needed will be posted in the narthex during the month of June. Plan to fill one to help reach the \$250 goal.



## Are You Team Cat or Team Dog?

Throughout the month of June we will be collecting donations of dog and cat food. Bring a bag of food for your favorite animal. Let's see if we have more cat or dog people in our congregations. Can't choose? Bring a bag of both! At the end of the month all food will be donated to the Durand Food Pantry and the Pepin County Humane Society. Often people who visit the food pantry are looking to also feed their beloved pets and too often there is no pet food in stock. Let's help ensure that all of God's creatures can be well fed.



Help make our biggest fundraiser of the year a big success!

1. **Fill an envelope** at Faith with the designated money to help cover food costs
2. **Sign up to help** serve chicken dinners June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Park
3. **Share** the Facebook post to invite others
4. **Bring your family and friends** to eat a meal together

Saturday and Sunday 11AM-4PM

Questions? Contact Linda Talford at 715-495-0552

## Wear Faith on Your Sleeve

With the help of Steph Poeschel at the Shirt Shack, The Faith Dream Team has designed a t-shirt. If you wish to order one fill out this Google form

<https://forms.gle/paBXFv2Dc1MmpYdV7>

Payment is due when the shirt is picked up.

### FAITH LUTHERAN T-SHIRTS

**Kids Sizes**  
S- XL  
\$18

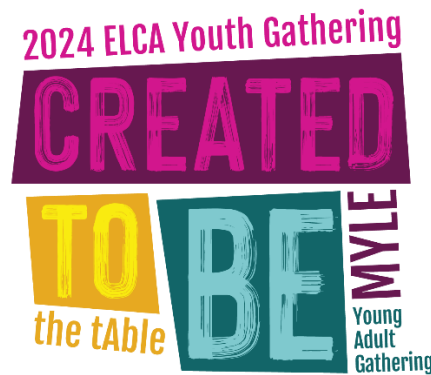
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**Adult Sizes**  
S- XL- \$20  
2XL/3XL- \$22

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Pastor Bethany is organizing a group of Senior High Youth and adult chaperones to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering. It will be held July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. Youth starting 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2023 are eligible to attend. Please reach out directly to Pastor Bethany to learn more about the cost and obligation. We need to have our group in place by September 1<sup>st</sup> to register at the reduced rate.



Radio ministry is a vital part of our outreach ministry. It costs \$50/week for the radio broadcast. Many summer 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.

#### **RADIO SPONSORSHIP FORM**

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

Worship Date to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_ Next open date

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

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

Return with check made payable to:

Faith Lutheran Church 1032 Prissel St Durand WI 54736



### Faith Lutheran March Financial Report

	Mar. Actual	Mar. Budget		
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$32,131.02</b>		Account	Mar. Ending Balance
<b><u>Income</u></b>			Checking	\$36,276.80
Offering	\$4,996.80	\$6,732.25	Property Savings	\$1,039.03
Noisy Buckets	\$103.20		Memorial Savings	\$4507.54
Interest	\$3.19	\$1.50	Total	\$41,823.37
Lent	\$355.57			
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$93.00	\$125.00		
Radio Broadcast	\$200.00	\$162.50		
Fundraisers	\$300.00	\$416.66		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,051.76</b>	\$7,532.13		
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,458.98</b>	\$7,532.13		
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$36,276.80</b>			
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$592.78</b>			
<b>Surplus/Deficit (Adjusted)</b>				

### Faith Lutheran April Financial Report

	Apr. Actual	Apr. Budget		
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$36,276.80</b>			
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Offering	\$6,613.80	\$6,732.25		
Noisy Buckets	\$118.60			
Interest	\$2.81	\$1.50		
Lent	\$130.00			
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$25.00	\$125.00		
Radio Broadcast	\$200.00	\$162.50		
			Account	Apr. Ending Balance
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,090.21</b>	\$7,532.13	Checking	\$30,098.95
			Property Savings	\$1,039.23
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,268.06</b>	\$7,532.13	Memorial Savings	\$4,508.41
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$30,098.95</b>		Total	\$35,646.59
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$1,291.74</b>			
<b>Surplus/Deficit (Adjusted)</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 Treasure