



A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of

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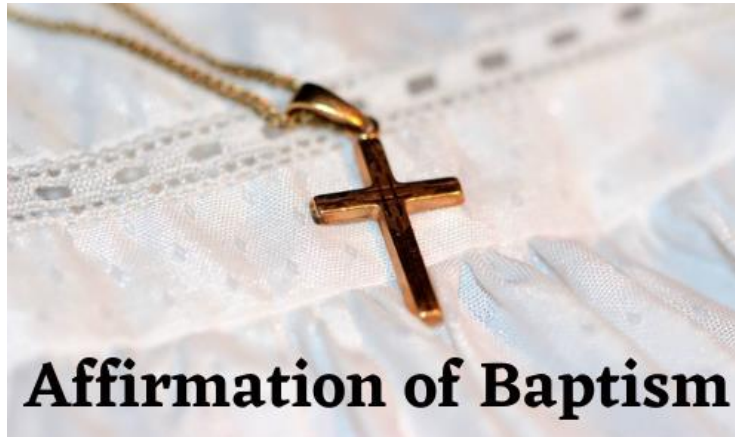
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& PEACE
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*from Pastor Bethany*



Nearly every Sunday in May has a special milestone to celebrate in our congregations. From baptism to confirmations, graduations and more we give thanks for the many milestones that God brings us to and through in the life of faith. Whatever you are celebrating this month may you pause to give thanks to God in the midst of the joy!



## **Affirmation of Baptism**

On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> four of our young people will celebrate their Confirmation. Join us for worship to encourage our confirmands as they affirm their baptism!

Faith – Lillian Walker

Rock Creek – Garrett Biesterveld, Skout Hayden and Felicity Wallace



## *First Communion*

Faith kids will be celebrating First Communion on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30AM worship. Kids of any age who are ready to begin receiving communion are invited to a First Communion Class following worship on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Bethany. There is no age requirement. God's gifts are for everyone! Please email Pastor Bethany if you plan to attend. The class will conclude by Noon.



On Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our graduating seniors during worship. If you have high school or college graduates who want to be included please contact Pastor Bethany and then invite them to join us for worship.

***Join area churches this  
summer for the 2nd annual***



***Mark your calendar now for  
July 12-15, 2022***

**Pastoral Coverage May 16-20 and 26-31**

Pastor Bethany will be out of state the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May as she attends the Festival of Homiletics for continuing education. If you have any pastoral care needs during that time please contact Pastor Mike Vetsch at 715-495-2034.

Pastor Bethany will be taking time off the last week of May over Memorial Day Weekend to celebrate her 21<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary with Nate. Pastoral coverage during that time will be announced as the date draws closer.

## In the Works...

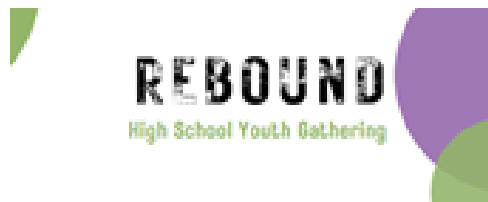
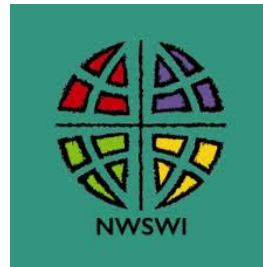


Pastor Bethany and Nate are excited to invite couples from the congregations to join us for a Couple's Retreat. During this planning phase we want to gauge interest. After we find out who wants to participate we will choose a date and get you more details. Let us know if you are interested. Whether you are engaged, married 5 years, 50 years or more join us!

Pastor Bethany is making plans to offer some Wednesday evening adult learning opportunities beginning in June. This will replace the Sunday morning Bible studies that are always too rushed. Modeled after the well-received mid-week Lenten services this time will include thoughtful readings and conversation with the opportunity to linger with our curiosity. Stay tuned for more details in June. Then join the conversation!



Learning nights have concluded for the 2021-2022 school year. This summer watch the calendar for ways to be involved in service and fellowship opportunities



Dates: July 25-27, 2022  
Location: UW River Falls  
Cost: \$275 Per Participant

This event will include participants from the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, the La Crosse Area Synod, and the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to travel to UW River Falls where we will encounter God together in new ways through creative ministry, challenging conversation, inspiring guest speakers, service learning projects in the Twin Cities and uplifting worship. Learn more on the synod website: <http://nswwi.org/rebound>  
Contact Pastor Bethany if you want to attend.



Luther Park Bible Camp...

...Our Partnership with Holy Play

Join Pastor Bethany at Luther Park!

Weeklong for grades 1-12 Sunday, June 26- Friday, July 1

Day Camp for grades K-3 June 21

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



The cost of camp should never prohibit a child from going. If you have financial need for any reason reach out to Pastor Bethany. Thanks to the church council's wise budgeting and the generosity of an anonymous donor there are plenty of funds available. Everyone who wants to attend camp can!

**(All camps are for grade just completed)**

**Day Camp (K-3)**– Day camp is a great way for the youngest camper to get their first camp experience. Campers can sign up by the day, up to four times in a week. Trained staff will lead age appropriate activities including Bible study, games, swimming, and much more. Day camp is provided Monday through Thursday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm with lunch and snacks provided. Friday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm with a large morning snack. **Cost: \$25/day**

**Discovery Camp (Grades 1-3)** – This camp is perfect for those campers who prefer a shorter week or for whom this may be their first overnight camp experience. All the fun and excitement of a full week is packed into a few days complete with s'mores and campfires! Check in is 3pm on Sunday or 9:30am Wednesday and check out is either Tuesday at 5:00pm or Friday at 12:00pm. **Cost: \$205.00**

**Seeker Camp (Grades 3-5)** – Seeker Camp is five days of absolute fun and craziness. Archery, canoeing, swimming, cooking out, crazy games, worship, songs, s'mores all make for a full and fantastic week. Seeker Campers will stay in the cabins and experience much of what makes Luther Park great. Join us for a wonderful week with many old and new friends! **Cost: \$425.00**

**Pathfinders (Grades 6-8)** – Campers stay in cabins and experience a wide variety of fun activities available at Luther Park including the High Ropes course and Disc Golf course. Along with swimming, games with your new and old friends, you will

get to experience amazing and creative Bible Studies, worships, campfires, and meaningful small group discussions. Pathfinders will experience a day long canoe trip on the chain of lakes surrounding Luther Park ending back at camp for an evening cook out and campout. This camp may compliment your church confirmation classes. **Cost: \$425.00**

**Night Owl at LPBC (Grades 7-9)** Do you like staying up late and sleeping in? Experience camp in a whole new way with a program full of nocturnal excitement. Night games and activities, including a night swim, star gazing, and cookouts make this a fun and creative camp experience. These campers will still enjoy favorite camp activities like paddling, challenge course, and more! Develop community and spiritual growth and enjoy the late night noise. **Cost: \$425.00**

**Art Camp (Grades 8-11)** – Art camp offers campers an exciting opportunity to explore their talents in art as we focus on topics such as pottery, painting, and drawing. In addition to traditional camp activities, campers will spend at least two activity blocks each day in this specialized program under the guide of a highly skilled instructor. An art gallery will be on display before Friday pickup for campers and parents to view before the final worship begins. **Cost: \$425.00**

**P.A.L.S.- Two week session: Limited space available for one week sessions (8-11)** – Partners Actively Learning and Serving. This program is a high school service and learning program where participants spend several hours each day serving and helping provide a welcoming atmosphere at camp. Projects may include: dish washing, cleaning, painting, grounds work, and assisting with leading games and activities. PALS will have the opportunity to take part in the wide variety of activities and worships. **Cost: \$160.00 2 week sessions, \$80.00 1 week sessions**

**C.I.T.- Two week session (Grades 9-11)** – The Counselor In Training program is for high school aged campers who have completed at least one full two week session of PALS and would like the opportunity to learn more about what a counselor does. CIT's will live in the cabin and be assigned to a counselor each week to shadow and learn from. They will assist the counselor in the daily schedule of camp life, activities, and worship. CIT's are mentored by an experienced counselor and leadership staff. Please inquire with the program director for one week session availability.

**Cost: \$160.00**



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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Faith Lutheran Church

1032 Prissel St Durand WI 54736



**Faith Lutheran Church**

**Council Meeting Minutes | February 9, 2022 | 6:30-7:30 pm.**

**Members Present: Pastor Bethany Walker, Tiffany Webb, Val Cataract, , Nate. Walker, LeAnne. Carlson,**

**Elissa Abramson (via phone for election of offers), Kendra Weber**

**Members Absent: Greg Knoepke**

**CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by L. Carlson at 6:30 p.m.**

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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS – A. Abramson was appointed as the new President and agreed to a one-year**

**term; T. Webb was appointment to the Vice President role, K. Weber agreed to serve as the secretary.**

**N. Walker motioned to approve, V. Cataract second, officers approved by all.**

**DEVOTIONS - Pastor Bethany shared a devotion with the council.**

**ASSIGNMENT OF COUNCIL TO COMMITTEES – tabled until next meeting. Pastor Bethany indicated that**

**she is hopeful that committee structure will be revisited (re-visioned) in the coming year. Council**

**members shared the names of congregation members who will be interested in continuing to serve in**

**certain capacities**

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

**☑ Pastor requested feedback and ideas for how to build up the bible study group at Faith.**

**SECRETARY’S REPORT – Motion to accept (T. Webb), Second (V. Cataract); motion carried (unanimous)**

**TREASURER’S REPORT – Was submitted in advance in the meeting. Motion to accept (T. Webb), Second**

**(N. Walker); Motion carried (unanimous).**

**BUILDING REPORT**

**Nate reported no major building issues; Nate provided an update on some of the challenges that are**

**being experienced with the audio quality of the WRDN broadcast. It was determined that we need to**

**work to identify what the problem is and identify possible solutions.**

**Richardson Electric is getting scheduled to come in to bring lights up to electrical up to code.**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Sunday School attendance varies; Jean and Tracy continue to do a wonderful job.**

## FUNDRAISING REPORT

T. Webb will be checking with the Swim Club about the Chicken Dinner; Val reported that Terry will do the chicken again (cost may go up based on supply chain issues).

## MUSIC & WORSHIP

Pastor shared the worship schedule for Lenten services

## OLD BUSINESS

☐ Fridge – Replacement fridge needs to be secured; Pastor Bethany will make an announcement at worship; T. Webb will stop by Building Hope to see if they have anything to consider for purchase.

## NEW BUSINESS

- ☐ Pastor Grace is leaving Durand after 8 years of service to the community.
- ☐ Pastor Bethany would like to schedule a council instillation date
- ☐ Pastor Bethany would like to schedule a council retreat
- ☐ March meeting rescheduled to Thursday, March 10 due to Lenten services.

## ACTION ITEM:

- ☐ Pastor Bethany will send a Doodle poll to members to access availability of members.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN - V. Cataract; Second N. Walker; Motion carried (unanimous)**

## Faith Lutheran March Financial Report

|                                   | Mar Actual         | Mar Budget        |                  |                     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Opening Balance</b>            | <b>\$16,610.35</b> |                   |                  |                     |
| <b>Income</b>                     |                    |                   | Account          | Mar. Ending Balance |
| Offering                          | \$4,658.35         | \$5,529.00        | Checking         | \$15,586.72         |
| Noisy Buckets                     | \$35.24            |                   | Property Savings | \$1,037.45          |
| Interest                          | \$1.46             | \$1.00            | Memorial Savings | \$9,868.81          |
| Lent                              | \$38.00            |                   | Total            | \$26,495.98         |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars           | \$900.00           | \$166.70          |                  |                     |
| Radio Broadcast                   | \$150.00           | \$108.35          |                  |                     |
|                                   |                    |                   |                  |                     |
| <b>Total Income</b>               | <b>\$5,783.05</b>  | <b>\$6,013.40</b> |                  |                     |
|                                   |                    |                   |                  |                     |
| <b>Expenses</b>                   | <b>\$6,806.68</b>  | <b>\$6,071.95</b> |                  |                     |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>             | <b>\$15,586.72</b> |                   |                  |                     |
| <b>YTD Budget Surplus/Deficit</b> | <b>-\$2,817.29</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. As we get closer to the summer months, our online or ACH giving is a great way to give even though you may not be able to attend church or if your church and you forget the checkbook, even in the summer as we get busy going to the park or going up north to the cabin, the church continues to have expenses like utilities, insurance, cleaning, and yes the pastor still has to eat too. These two ways to give are a great way to solve the problem. As a continuation of being transparent with the church financials I have added a YTD Budget row to show if we are ahead or behind budget YTD. 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

Rock Creek

| <b>FEBRUARY OFFERING</b>                | Regular    | Loose              | TOTAL      |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Mail-in, drop-off offering              | \$2,510.00 | \$10.00            | \$2,520.00 |
| Direct Deposits                         | \$1,728.20 |                    | \$1,728.20 |
| Mail-in, drop-off offering              | \$4,238.20 | \$10.00            | \$4,248.20 |
| Opening Balance February 1, 2022        |            | \$24,651.18        |            |
| Total Deposits                          |            | \$4,863.60         |            |
| Funds transferred to Bus. Invest. acct. |            | \$600.00           |            |
|                                         |            |                    |            |
| added voided transaction from 6/2021    |            | \$70.60            |            |
| Total Expenses                          |            | \$12,494.74        |            |
| Balance as of February 28, 2022         |            | <b>\$16,490.64</b> |            |

Rock Creek March Financials

| <b>OFFERING</b>            | <b>Regular</b> | <b>Loose</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Mail-in, drop-off offering | \$4,450.00     | \$25.00      | \$ 4,475.00  |
| Direct Deposits            | \$ 1,707.00    |              | \$ 1,707.00  |
| Lenten Offering            | \$ 341.00      |              | \$ 341.00    |
| Mail-in, drop-off offering | \$ 6,498.00    | \$ 25.00     | \$ 6,523.00  |

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|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Opening Balance March 1, 2022                    | 16,490.64          |
| Total Deposits                                   | \$ 9,529.57        |
| Funds transferred to Business Investment acct.   | \$ 50.00           |
| Funds transferred to Common Council              | \$ 1,000.00        |
| Funds transferred from Business Investment acct. | \$ -               |
| Add voided check                                 | \$ 176.00          |
| Total Expenses                                   | \$ 15,499.32       |
| Balance as of March 31, 2022                     | <b>\$ 9,646.89</b> |