



*A Monthly Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of*

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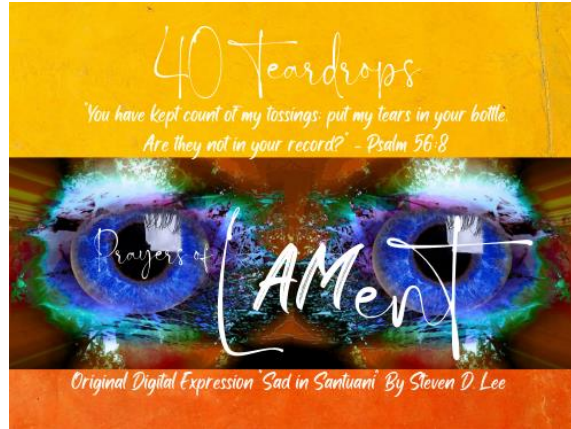
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*from Pastor Bethany*

We know all too well how quickly time flies by. Don't let Easter sneak up on you this year without intentionally living into the fullness of the Lenten season. Lent is a time to both lament and hope. Join us for Wednesday evening Lenten services, Sunday morning worship, Faith Formation activities and pray the daily prayers of lament along with the whole church community. Lament and Lent are not something to shy away from by rather something to lean into. Lament is not hopeless despair but rather a heartfelt prayer that turns us towards God. Let us lay it all at the foot of the cross this season and see what God can do with it in just 40 short days. May it be so in this faith community.

## LENT 2022



Join in the Sunday and Midweek worship services during Lent to experience the fullness of the Lenten season in community with others. Here is the schedule:

Ash Wednesday March 2 7PM Rock Creek

Wednesday March 9 7PM Faith

Wednesday March 16 7PM Rock Creek

Wednesday March 23 7PM Faith

Wednesday March 30 7PM Rock Creek

Wednesday April 6 7PM Faith

Holy Week:

Sunday April 10 Palm Sunday 8:30AM Rock Creek and 10:30AM Faith

Maundy Thursday April 14 7PM Faith

Good Friday April 15 7PM Rock Creek

Easter Sunday April 17 8:30AM Rock Creek and 10:30AM Faith

Let us reclaim the ancient, Biblical language of lament throughout Lent. Beginning on March 2<sup>nd</sup> you can pray along with prayers written by our worshipping community. Prayers will be shared daily on the church Facebook page or by calling the Rock Creek voicemail at 715-875-4571. Let us pray...with one another, for one another.

# Faith Formation Ministries



Upcoming FaithLift Confirmation learning nights and recharge will be held:

Wednesday, March 9 at Faith 5:30PM

Wednesday, March 23 at Faith 5:30PM

Friday, March 25-Saturday, March 26 Luther Park Recharge



The newly formed Sr High youth group served Sunday Supper together on February 27. They are now looking forward to attending the Luther Park Recharge on Friday, March 25-Saturday, March 26. They intend to choose one activity a month to enjoy together. If you know a senior high youth who would like to join contact Riane Hayden, Tanner Webb or Pastor Bethany.



Join Pastor Bethany for a half hour of conversation during four Sundays in Lent. This is a casual, come as you are time to gather after worship. We will look at a Psalm each week that focuses on our Lenten theme of lament. We will talk and pray. No prep is necessary, just your presence. Childcare will be provided.

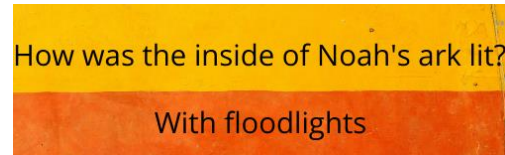
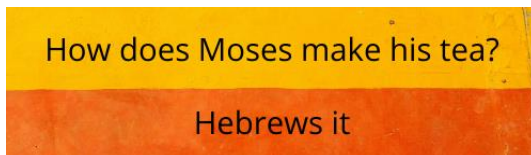
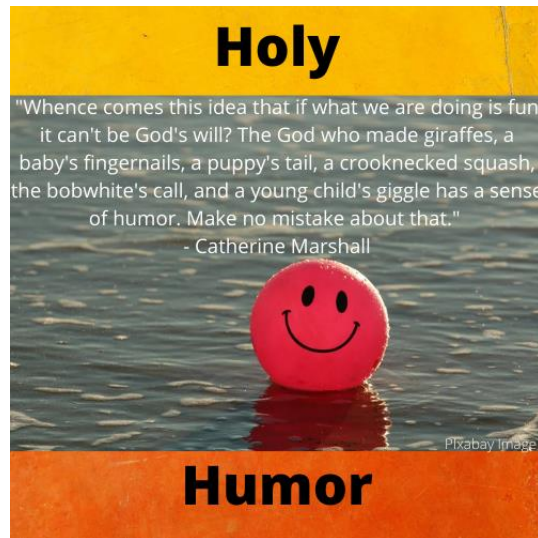


Thank you to everyone who donated canned soup on Super Bowl Sunday. We collected over 100 cans of soup! This will be donated to the Panther PTO to help stock the new food shelf for students who need a warm meal in the evenings or on weekends.



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Thank you,  
Jean & Tracy



Pastor Bethany will be taking time off March 14-20  
Midweek Lent worship will be led by Marissa Koller on March 16  
Sunday Worship will be led by Lay School Graduate LeAnne Carlson on March 20  
Pastor Care Coverage will be offered by Pastor Mike Vetsch 715-673-4991



Luther Park Bible Camp...



...Our Partnership with Holy Play

24 HOUR RECHARGE!

**GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE**

Pastor Bethany will be attending the Recharge March 25-26 with youth from our congregations. Any kids age 3<sup>rd</sup> grade -12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. The cost will be covered by the church. If your child wants to attend please let Pastor Bethany know by March 10 so we can register as a group.

**Youth in Christ coming to our congregations Sunday, March 13!**



For over thirty years, the Youth in Christ group from United Lutheran Church in Prairie Farm has created an original worship service to share their faith. The 2022 theme is I Believe in God...and Myself. They will lead both of our worship services on Sunday March 13. We look forward to welcoming them and worshipping with them!

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There is a sign-up/order form in the narthex at both churches to purchase Easter Lilies to adorn the sanctuaries on Easter morning. Cost is \$10.00 each. Deadline to order is March 20<sup>th</sup> to guarantee availability. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra Weber at 715-495-5620 at FLC or Becky Richardson at 715-875-4879

### **Rock Creek Council Meeting Minutes—February 2, 2022.**

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:00. Pastor Bethany led devotions.

**Those present:** Steve Dahl, Becky Richardson, Carma Koller, Sue Dahl, Dave Coon, Jill Bauer, Orlin Berg, Bob Froystad, Nikki Bauer, Diane Nolan, and Pastor Bethany Walker. **Absent:** Riane Hayden

**Pastor’s Report.** Pastor Bethany reviewed pastor’s report. She plans on having a small monthly communion worship service for the homebound members in Eau Claire, in Eau Claire at Orv and Lenora’s community room. National Youth Gathering has been canceled, therefore our synod has planned a regional gathering call Rebound week of July 25. Bethany and Nate are leading a marriage retreat in February. They will see if there is interest for RCLC and Faith members for a futures retreat.

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

**Treasurer's Report**— January's report was reviewed. Orlin motioned to approve treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue, motioned passed, all in favor.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Education**— Jill reported Sunday School had great attendance last Sunday. She is planning on having he kids make Valentines to send to out. Pastor Bethany reported VBS leadership had a meeting and everyone involved last year attended. It will be held July 11-14, 2022 at Lima.
- **Youth Group/Confirmation**—Pastor Bethany had a meeting January 16 with 6 youth. They are going to try and meet one time a month. February they will serve Sunday supper and March 25-26 they will attend Luther Park Recharge camp.

### **Old Business**

- **Back door-** postponed.
- **Parsonage repairs:** Garage service door needs to be replaced. Stain deck. Bathroom remodel—postponed for future project.

### **New Business**

- **Parsonage plumbing service calls-**Premiere Plumbing was call to change the house water filter as the cover was replaced too tight. They also were called as the drain field was alarming. There was a clogged filter in the pump of the drain field. They now know how to fix this. Steve asked to be shown so church members are aware of how to fix.
- **Installation of council:** February 13. This will also be a day to bring a can of soup for the school food pantry.
- **Elevator-** Elevator has arrived. Al is working on the shaft this week.
- **Annual meeting review:** Pastor Bethany suggested delaying the change of worship time to allow Rock Creek to have the late service time in January for the meeting. This would allow her to attend the whole meeting. Maybe have lunch after meeting. Try to make the meeting a celebration of all that is done in our community through the year. Need to re-discuss this at the May Joint council meeting which will be at RCLC.
- **Sunday school room repairs:** Steve, Dick and Bob will start wall repairs tomorrow. Painting will need to be done after that, Bob will try and use his sprayer. Discussed the need to move items stored in the one classroom for painting and then for floor installation. May need shelving units and bins to organize what is left in the "storage" classroom. Becky has looked into pads to place on legs of chairs and tables to protect flooring. Installation of flooring will happen second week of March.



- **Bell repair:** Steve reported one bell did not work. Dan Wollum climbed the bell tower and found a bolt was broke. He replaced it.
- **Ceiling fan:** One of the fans does not work. Steve has replaced the switch before and it may need to be replace again. May want to have electrician look at it.
- **COVID UPDate:** Keep doing what we are doing. Face mask recommended, required for those distributing communion.
- **Retreat date:** Discussed dates for council retreat to discuss long range plans and vision and reorganize with committees. Set date for February 13, 1230-4:00. Starting with lunch at Steve Dahls home.

**Next Meeting** We will have the retreat for a second meeting in February and multiple people are not available for meetings in March. Lent also starts in March. We will plan our next meeting for **4/3/22** after Sunday service.

Motion to adjourn made by Becky, closed with Lord’s Prayer

Carma Koller, RCLC council secretary

**Rock Creek Treasurer’s Report January 2022**

Opening Balance January 1, 2022	\$ 19,084.37		
Total Deposits	\$ 9,650.60	<b>TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS</b>	
Funds transferred to Business Investment acct.	\$ 1,468.00	Checking	\$ 24,651.18
Funds transferred from Business Investment acct.	\$ 2,772.00	Good Samaritan Account	\$ 500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 5,387.79	Money Market Checking	\$ 9,562.46
Balance as of January 31, 2022	\$ <b>24,651.18</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 34,713.64</b>

\$17,750 is funds for the lift still in the checking account.

Actual funds in general checking account \$6,901.18

**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

## Faith Lutheran January Financial Report

	Jan Actual	Jan Budget		
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$18,474.01</b>			
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Offering	\$5,287.60	\$5,529.00	Account	Jan. Ending Balance
Noisy Buckets	\$33.50		Checking	\$18,926.73
Interest	\$1.61	\$1.00	Property Savings	\$1,037.20
Memorial Fund	\$20.00		Memorial Savings	\$9,796.43
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$28.00	\$166.70	Total	\$29,760.36
Radio Broadcast	\$700.00	\$108.35		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,070.71</b>	<b>\$6,013.40</b>		
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b>\$5,617.99</b>	<b>\$6,071.95</b>		
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$18,926.73</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