

A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of

Faith Lutheran Church

1032 Prissel St

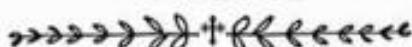
Durand WI 54736

715-672-8107

Pastor Bethany's Email:
frclcpastor@gmail.com



Grace
& PEACE



From Pastor Bethany

Rock Creek Lutheran Church

11101 810th St

Mondovi WI 54755

715-875-4571

Pastor Bethany's Cell:
402-520-5504

CONGREGATION STAR WORD 2026



REPRESENT

“Jesus said,
‘By this everyone will
know that you are my
disciples, if you have
love for one another.’ ”

John 13:35

The Star Word to guide our congregations' shared ministry throughout 2026 is “represent.” The church as a gathered group of Jesus followers has an important call...to love one another. Jesus said that people will know we follow him when we have love for one another. This love isn't just shared with those who gather in the pews on Sundays but it is also extended to everyone we encounter because we are challenged to see God's image in them. Here in the communities where Faith and Rock Creek reside we have the opportunity to represent Jesus in a way that helps others know his love for them and makes them feel welcome to explore in faith community with us. May we represent Jesus well in the coming year, holding fast to his concise commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. The way we act speaks volumes about who we believe Jesus is. May our actions speak good news into the world as we represent Jesus



January 25

If you have been worshipping at Faith or Rock Creek and feel like you have found your church home there, then it is time for you to be officially received as a ministry partner! On Sunday, January 25 we will be formally welcoming the newest people at both worship services. If you would like to be included please reach out to Pastor Bethany via text at 402-520-5504 or via email at frclcpastor@gmail.com



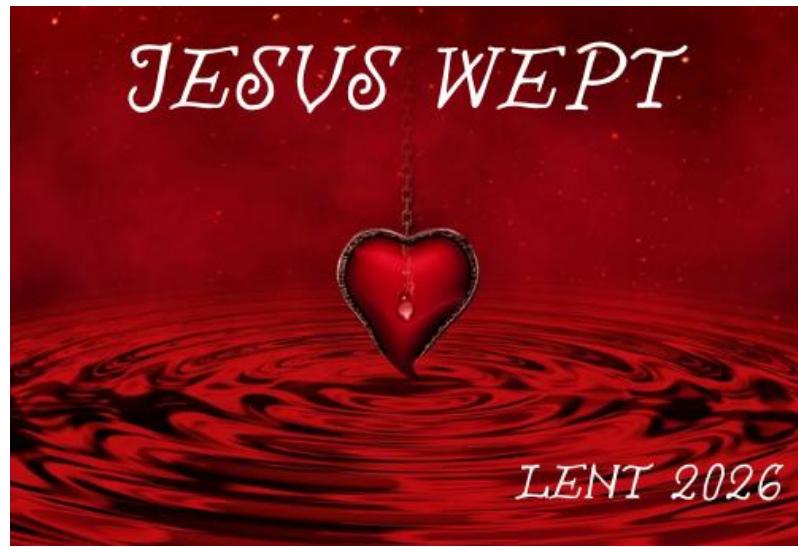
Rock Creek January 25 11:30AM

Faith February 1 11:30AM



Rock Creek will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, January 25 after the 10:30AM worship service. On Sunday, February 1 worship times will switch. On that day, Faith will hold its annual meeting after the 10:30AM service.

These annual meetings are vital to the health and mission of our congregations. We will celebrate the past year of ministry and look ahead to another year of serving God and our neighbors. Please plan to attend either in person or via Zoom. A Zoom link will be shared via email closer to the meeting. If you are willing to serve on church council please contact a current council member to be added to the nomination form. Beginning February 1, fellowship will be held at 10AM before worship at Faith



Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday joint worship service at Rock Creek on Wednesday, February 18 at 7PM. Each Wednesday in Lent, soup suppers will be served at Rock Creek at 6PM followed by mid-week services at 7PM. Our focus throughout the season will be on the theme Jesus Wept. Daily Lent prayers written by our Confirmation students and their AAA Adults will also be posted on Facebook. Here is the full Lenten schedule:

Soup Supper and Ash Wednesday	February 18	6PM	Rock Creek
Soup Supper and Service	February 25	6PM	Rock Creek
Soup Supper and Service	March 4	6PM	Rock Creek
Soup Supper and Service	March 11	6PM	Rock Creek
No Supper or Service	March 18	---Spring Break---	
Soup Supper and Service	March 25	6PM	Rock Creek



March 29 Palm Sunday 8:30AM Rock Creek 10:30AM Faith
April 2 Maundy Thursday 7PM Faith
April 3 Good Friday 7PM Rock Creek
April 5 Easter Sunday 8:30AM Rock Creek 10:30AM Faith



Our youth mission trip team is heading to Indianapolis in June to serve for a week with YouthWorks! Our team is formed and fundraising has begun. Read on for ways you can support this team as they represent our congregations this summer!

Upcoming Youth Group Gatherings

Wednesdays January 7 - February 11 at Faith 7PM

Saturday February 14 1PM – 9PM Parent's Night Out Event

Wednesday February 18 – Wednesday March 25 at Rock Creek 7:45PM

No gathering March 18 due to Spring Break



Get your hand on a Palm Sundae!

On Palm Sunday, March 29 youth will be serving up ice cream sundaes. These will be enjoyed with decorative spoons made by the youth group. Choose a spoon, make a donation to youth group and enjoy a sweet treat!



COST:
FREEWILL DONATION
TO SUPPORT THE
INDY 2026
YOUTH
MISSION TRIP

Parent's Night Out

Babysitting Event - Valentine's Day Edition

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 1PM-9PM
INFANTS - 5TH GRADE

Faith Lutheran Church 1032 Prissel St, Durand

- Bring your kids to enjoy a fun time with Sr High youth / join us all day or just a couple hours
- Snacks will be Served / Bring a packed supper
- Games, Crafts, Legos, + More
- RSVP to Pr Bethany at frclcpastor@gmail.com

Rent A Youth

COST:
FREEWILL DONATION
TO SUPPORT THE
INDY 2026
YOUTH
MISSION TRIP



TO REQUEST
YOUTH HELP
CONTACT
PASTOR
BETHANY
402-520-5504
FRCLCPASTOR@
GMAIL.COM

Mission Trip youth are ready to lend a helping hand! If you have yard work, house work, things to paint or any other project we are here to help!



**December saw the Dream Team caroling and
Season of Service youth caroling, tying quilts and
crafting at The Homeplace!**



FaithLift Confirmation Schedule:
4-5:30PM at Faith on Wednesdays
January - AAA Adults
February 11-March 25 Small Groups
April 15-29 and May 6-20 Spring Into Service
No Classes February 4 or March 18
Confirmation Sunday May 3



Help spread the word to any families with little ones. Faith Lutheran has a full Baby/Toddler Closet with items to distribute free of charge to any families in need of clothes, diapers, wipes, blankets or bottles. There are no income requirements and no personal information collected. The closet is open every Thursday from 10AM-1PM and the last Sunday of every month from 3:30-5:30PM.

Northwest Synod of WI



Walking Together 2026

Walking Together is an annual event intended to assist with resource sharing, best practices in ministry, new initiatives, and collaboration. This year we will explore the theme "Church Without Walls" Register online at nswi.org

March 21, 2026
8:30 - 4:00
Bethany Lutheran - Rice Lake
\$25 per participant



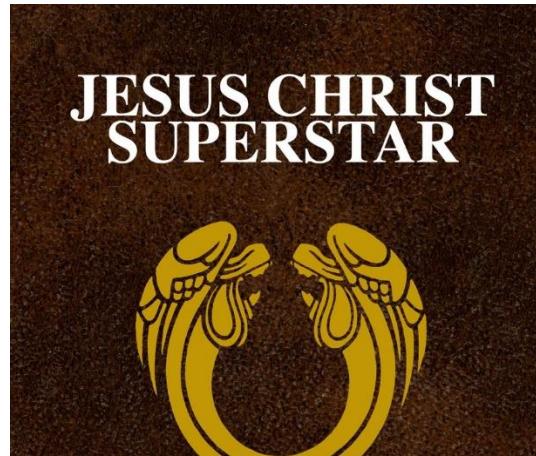
**Luther Park Bible Camp
Summer Camp**

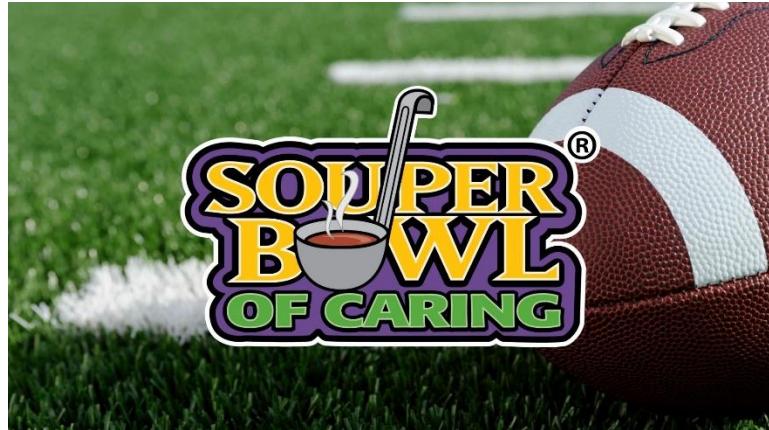
Our Partnership with Holy Play

Registration is now open. Visit lutherpark.org to register. Pastor Bethany will be joining kids who attend camp the week of June 14-19. Campership dollars are available if needed.

Under the direction of Rock Creek member Ron Krienke, the musical Jesus Christ Superstar will be performed in the round at Eau Claire Children's Theater's Oxford Theatre March 26th-29th and April 2nd-4th. This will be a fundraiser for three deserving local nonprofits. The

Community Table, Jonah Justice and The Eau Claire Children's Theater. Because of the generosity of a local individual, David Markquart (Ron's former employer and friend), who is covering all of the production expenses, ALL proceeds from the ticket sales will be shared with the three nonprofits. \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for youth. Jesus Christ Superstar is a rock musical which tells the story of the last six days of Jesus' life through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. Reserve your tickets online at ECCT.org or sign up at church to reserve a ticket to go with a group from Faith and Rock Creek on Sunday March 29th or Saturday April 4th.





Bring a can of soup to worship on Sunday, February 8th

Super Bowl Sunday is the Souper Bowl of Caring in congregations across the country. This year Faith and Rock Creek will have a healthy competition to see which congregation can collect the most cans of soup. All collected soup will be donated to the Rock Falls Pop Up Food Pantry and Durand Area Food Pantry



Pastor Bethany will be taking time off from Thursday February 5 -Tuesday, February 10 and Monday, March 16-Tuesday, March 24. Pastoral care coverage will be announced as the dates draw closer. On Sundays, February 8 and March 22 there will be joint lay led worship services at Faith at 10:30AM.



Share a meal, build community

On the last Sunday of each month all are welcome for a fun time of bingo and food at Faith Lutheran. Bingo at 3:30PM / Meal at 4:30PM. Thanks to our

January sponsors Bob and Jane Schauls, Wickstrom Family and Butch and Debi Hurlburt. Upcoming Sunday Suppers will be held on January 25, February 22 and March 29.



Both Faith and Rock Creek are part of the congregations that make up the Dairyland Conference within our synod. All are welcome to join area pastors and lay leaders for the annual meeting to be held on Thursday, February 19 7PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pepin.



Luther Park Bible Camp



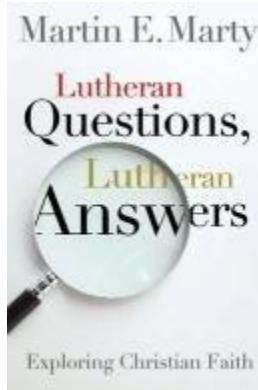
Our Partnership with Holy Play

Annual Meeting

Faith and Rock Creek can each send 3 voting delegates to Luther Park's annual meeting on Saturday, February 7. It begins at 10AM followed by lunch. If you are willing to attend contact Pastor Bethany by February 1st at frclcpastor@gmail.com to get registered.

Summer Camp

Registration is now open. Visit lutherpark.org to register. Early bird discount registration deadline is March 1st. Pastor Bethany will be joining kids who attend camp the week of June 22-27. Campership dollars are available if needed.



A Recommended Read

“We need a place to stand to view the world. So, in Christian faith we bring strengths of our particular witness, experience, location and inventiveness, offering it to others in exchange for what they bring and offer” Martin E. Marty

This quote is in the introduction to the book *Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers*. It sets a humble stage from which the author answers a number of theological questions from a Lutheran perspective. Several years ago a handful of people in our congregations did a book study together on this book. It proved to foster deep, meaningful conversation around what it means to be a Lutheran Christian today. I highly recommend this book as a starting point for understanding what is uniquely Lutheran or as a refresher on what it means to claim the Lutheran faith expression.

Congregation Photo Boards

We need a photo of you and your family for the We Are Faith and We Are Rock Creek Photo Boards

BRING A PHOTO: Simply bring a photo to worship with you. Include family names on the photos and place it on the photo board in the church narthex

EMAIL: Send it via email to Ashley Urness at alurness@gmail.com (for Rock Creek)

to Debi Hurlburt at debstyle14@gmail.com (for Faith)

In the email include how you would like your name(s) printed on the photo.

TAKE A PHOTO AT WORSHIP: Erin Richardson at Rock Creek and Debi Hurlburt at Faith are willing to take a photo of you any Sunday and get it printed.

Please plan to be included in this photographic piece of hospitality!

Thanks to all who have already sponsored a radio broadcast for 2026. These are upcoming dates that still need sponsors:

March 22, April 12 and 19 and all Sundays June-September

It costs \$50/week for the radio broadcast. If you would like to sponsor, please place a check for \$50 made out to Faith Lutheran Church and this completed form in the offering plate.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP FORM

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

Sunday to sponsor _____ (check here if this date is flexible)

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Place in offering plate or mail to:

Faith Lutheran Church 1032 Prissel St, Durand WI 54736

- Scan the Venmo QR code (also found on the pews at Faith). Please include the church name, Radio Sponsorship information in your payment notes



Faith LutheranChurch

@FaithLutheranChurch



venmo

Scan this code to pay

