

A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of

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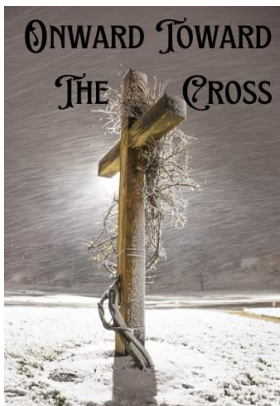
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Grace
& PEACE
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*from Pastor Bethany*



“He will establish and uphold his kingdom with justice and with righteousness from this time ONWARD and forevermore.  
Isaiah 9:7

A few months back I was listening to Kate Bowler’s podcast, Everything Happens. As a professor at Duke University, she excuses her students at the end of class with an enthusiastic “onward!” This one word got me thinking of how our faith journey is so often related to words that end in -ward. A “ward” is defined as a person that has been placed under the protection or care of a guardian. As beloved and baptized people, we are like wards of God. God protects us. God cares for us. Throughout our mid-week Lenten journey this year we will be guided by different -ward words and authors who have written on them. From onward to inward to forward and beyond our focus will be on the direction we are going as we are led and held by God.



**Worship times switch February 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rock Creek 8:30AM Faith 10:30AM**



**Rock Creek January 29 10:30AM**

**Faith February 5 10:30AM**

Rock Creek will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, January 29 at 11:30AM.

Faith will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, February 5 at 11:30AM.

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

ministry. Some important decisions around budget and stewardship will be

discussed as we look at the possibility of providing full benefits for Pastor

Bethany. Please plan to attend either in person or via Zoom. Here is a Zoom link

to the meetings if you are unable to attend in person:

Meeting ID 972 8353 3530 Passcode **346912**

<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/97283533530?pwd=U0JiN1N5eTU2VDZQcGpXUnIXRUV2QT09>

If you are willing to serve on church council please contact a current council member to be added to the nomination form.



Sheri, Child of God January 1

## Baptisms Abound! New Year...New Life!



Jack, Child of God January 8



### February Schedule:

Wednesday February 1 Rock Creek Learning Night 5:30PM

Wednesday February 8 Faith Learning Night 5:30PM

Wednesday February 15 Cross-Generational Gathering Rock Creek 5:30PM

Wednesday February 22 Cross-Generational Gathering Faith 5:30PM

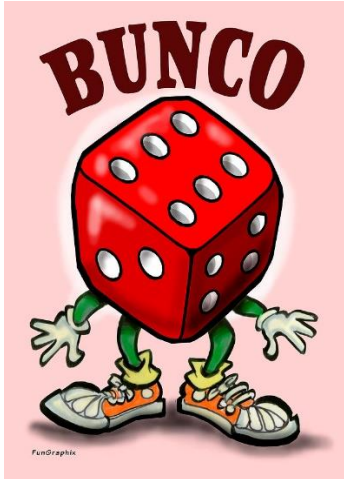


Do you want to be part of putting mission into motion at church in the coming year? Dream Teams are being formed at both Faith and Rock Creek. Join us for the first meeting to learn more. Rock Creek Dream Team will meet on Wednesday, February 15 7PM and Faith Dream Team will meet on Monday February 20 6:30PM.



2023 Upcoming Events for our youth. Mark your calendars now!

|                   |                                         |                                   |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| February 11       | 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade  | Christ Jam Gathering in Rice Lake |
| March 24-March 25 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Recharge at Luther Park           |
| June 25-30        | 1 <sup>st</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Luther Park Camp Week             |
| July 11-14        | Pre-K-6 <sup>th</sup> Grade             | Community VBS                     |
| July 24-27        | 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Journey Gathering in River Falls  |



## **GAME NIGHT**

**Prizes enjoyed by the winners in January!**

Bunco is back!

Wednesday February 15 Rock Creek 5:30PM

Wednesday February 22 Faith 5:30PM

We will begin with a potluck. Bring a dish to pass.

There will be prizes and plenty of laughs. Invite a friend to game night!

## **Ash Wednesday Worship**



February 22 at 7PM at Faith



Most of us have at least one cherished cross in our homes. Those crosses have a story to tell. Who gave the cross to you? When did you receive it? What was happening in your life during that time? Throughout Lent you are invited to share your Cross Story. These stories will serve as our daily Lenten devotions. Please let Pastor Bethany know if you have a story to share. We need to collect 40 stories. Then, write the story in 250 words or less. Email your story and a photo of your cross to Pastor Bethany at [frclcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:frclcpastor@gmail.com)



Super Bowl Sunday is Souper Bowl of Caring across the ELCA. Congregations around the country are encouraged to support their local food pantries. Help Faith and Rock Creek collect 100 cans of soup. Bring a can or two to worship on Sunday, February 12. All soup collected will be donated to The Durand Area Food Pantry and The Haven at Durand High School. Even if the Packers didn't make the playoffs, we can still make a difference on Souper Bowl Sunday! Luther Park Bible Camp... ...Our Partnership with Holy Play

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Pastor Bethany will be attending the Recharge at Luther Park March 24-25 with youth from our congregations. Any kids ages 3rd grade - 12th grade are invited to attend. Half the cost will be covered by the church (\$40) and half the cost (\$40) by the participants. If your child wants to attend please let Pastor Bethany know by March 1 so we can register as a group. If you are an adult who is willing to chaperone, please contact Pastor Bethany. This is a fantastic way to introduce your kids to camp for the first time or for returning campers to go back to a place they love!



Easter Lily available at both congregations. Cost is \$10.00 and orders are due March 5th.



Radio ministry is a vital part of our outreach ministry at Faith and Rock Creek. 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. Include the date you would like to sponsor and who it is in memory or honor of. Consider remembering an anniversary, birthday, baptism, graduation or another milestone.

### **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

## Faith Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes | November 9, 2022 | 6-7 p.m.

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

**Members Absent:** Greg Knoepke

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

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

**DEVOTIONS** – Will be done at Joint Meeting

**PASTOR’S REPORT** – Pastor’s report was sent in advanced and discussed

**SECRETARY’S REPORT** – Secretary’s report was sent via email and it was discussed. Motion to accept (Carlson), Second (Webb); motion carried (unanimous).

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Treasurer’s report was sent via email and it was discussed. Budget discussion will occur at the December meeting. Motion to accept (Carlson), Second (Webb); motion carried (unanimous).

**BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**



**Technology/Sound Updates** – Progress is being made. Waiting to be scheduled for install.

**Building & Grounds** – Plunkett’s have been successful in keeping the rodent issue at bay.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Sunday school is going well. Confirmation is high energy and going well.

**FUNDRAISING REPORT** - No updates at this time. Council is considering a mid-winter fundraiser as well as a long range fundraising plan for 2023.

**MUSIC** –

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

Faith Lutheran December Financial Report

|                            | Dec Actual         | Dec Budget |                  |                     |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Opening Balance</b>     | <b>\$16,299.11</b> |            |                  |                     |
| <b><u>Income</u></b>       |                    |            |                  |                     |
| Offering                   | \$6,762.80         | \$5,529.00 |                  |                     |
| Noisy Buckets              | \$193.50           |            |                  |                     |
| Interest                   | \$1.68             | \$1.00     | Account          | Dec. Ending Balance |
| Misc.                      | \$2,000.00         |            | Checking         | \$19,664.21         |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars    | \$12.00            | \$166.66   | Property Savings | \$1,038.62          |
| Radio Broadcast            | \$200.00           | \$108.35   | Memorial Savings | \$9,057.07          |
|                            |                    |            | Total            | \$29,759.90         |
| <b><u>Total Income</u></b> | \$9,169.98         | \$6,013.40 |                  |                     |
|                            |                    |            |                  |                     |
| <b><u>Expenses</u></b>     | <b>\$5,804.88</b>  | \$6,071.95 |                  |                     |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>      | <b>\$16,299.11</b> |            |                  |                     |
| <b>YTD Budget</b>          | <b>\$163.20</b>    |            |                  |                     |
| <b>Surplus/Deficit</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 Treasurer