



A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of

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from Pastor Bethany



As 2022 dawns I find myself thankful as I recall 2021 milestones. I give thanks for my seminary graduation and ordination. I give thanks for our first ever community unity VBS. I give thanks for our return to in person worship. I give thanks for my shared experience with campers at Luther Park. I give thanks for the cross-generational FaithLift Bible study. I give thanks for Steeped in Scripture Bible study participants and the list goes on. What do you thank God for as this year comes to a close? Take time to say a prayer of thanks for God's great faithfulness!



STAR WORD 2022

Your star word is...

Find out during Epiphany worship on Sunday, January 2nd.
Hold onto a word for a year. Live it, breathe it, discover it in your life.
Share it, write about it, make it your own.



The daily advent devotions were treasured by many last month. Thanks to all who contributed. For \$5 you can purchase a book of all the Advent devotions written by members of Faith and Rock Creek. Simply fill out the form below:

I would like to purchase an Advent Devotional Keepsake Book.

of books ____ @ \$5 each = ____

My name _____ My phone number _____

Enclose a check made payable to Faith Rock Creek Common Council and mail to the church parsonage:

Pastor Bethany Walker N1006 910th St, Mondovi WI 54755



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Faith will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, January 23, 2022 after the 10:30AM worship service. We will need four new council members for three year terms.

Rock Creek will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, January 30, 2022, after the 8:30AM worship service. We will need a deacon for a one-year term, a deacon for a two year term and two trustees for two year terms.

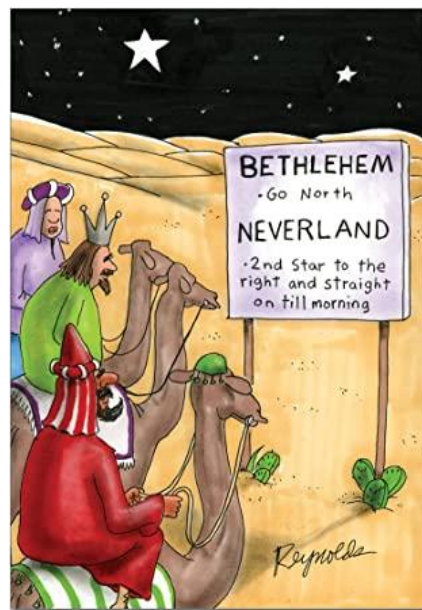
If you are willing to serve on council please contact a current council member to be added to the nomination form.



Upcoming FaithLift Confirmation learning nights will be held:
January 19 at Faith 5:30PM
February 2 at Rock Creek 5:30PM
February 16 at Faith 5:30PM

Holy Humor

"Then our mouth
was
filled with
laughter,
and our tongue
with
shouts of joy!"
Psalm 126:2



Reminder that on **Sunday January 2nd** worship times will switch for the two congregations. Rock Creek will worship at 8:30AM with Sunday School remaining at 9:30AM and Faith will worship at 10:30AM with Sunday School also at 10:30AM. Radio and Facebook worship will remain at 10:30AM.

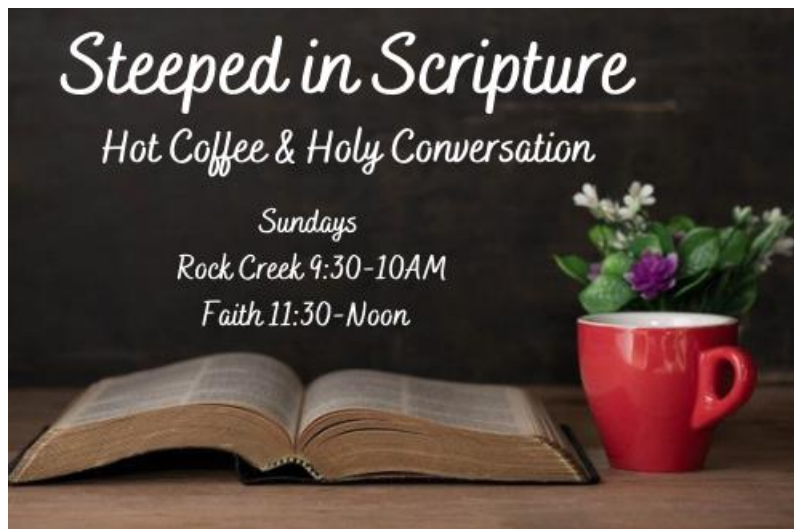


Vanessa Sedlmayr is collecting information and a photo about each church member at Faith to create a slideshow to play prior to worship. This will be a fun way to get to know each other better. Paper copies are in the narthex at Faith for people who prefer that format. Otherwise, here is a link to a Google form.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkWesySP6jIWRCUaiAZWiaIK - PG2X7SHN-yEq1h5x6YVnsw/viewform?usp=sf_link



All Sr High youth from both congregations are invited to Rock Creek on Sunday, January 16 at 12:30PM for pizza, dessert and conversation about youth group opportunities. What will the future hold? Local service projects, mission trips, retreats? Come be part of the planning and make youth group the experience you need to grow in your faith. If you have questions contact Riane Hayden, Olivia Strand or Tanner Webb.



Join Pastor Bethany for a weekly Bible study beginning Sunday, January 9th.



Luther Park Bible Camp...

...Our Partnership with Holy Play



Think warmer weather and check out the summer schedule for Luther Park Bible Camp. Pastor Bethany will be joining campers from Faith and Rock Creek for a week of camp June 26-July 1, 2022. There is a discount if you register early!

<http://lutherpark.org/summer-camp>



Radio ministry is a vital part of our outreach ministry. It costs \$50/week for the radio broadcast. All dates for 2022 are available. 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 _____

Return with check made payable to:

Faith Lutheran Church 1032 Prissel St, Durand WI 54736

Rock Creek Council Meeting Minutes—November 10, 2021 Those present: Steve Dahl, Becky Richardson, Carma Koller, Val Wagner, Sue Dahl, Riane Hayden, Pastor Bethany Walker. **Absent:** Dustin Nelson, Cindi Coon, Dave Coon, Jill Bauer, Ashley Dorschner. Steve called the meeting to order.

Pastor's Report— (Pastor Bethany opened joint council at 7 with devotion and gave pastor's report) see attached pastor's reports. 2000 people were reached through ministry by RCLC in October.

Secretary's Report—reviewed October report. Motion by Becky to approve, 2nd by Sue, motioned passed, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report— October report was reviewed. Offering from the anniversary celebration to Fort McCoy resettlement Fund has multiple lines from Amazon.

Money to be moved from Uffda Funds to general checking account has not been done. Funds from this year's Uffda dinner have not been entered. Carma motioned to approve treasurers report, 2nd by Sue, motioned passed, all in favor.

Committee Reports

- **Education**— Pastor Bethany reported Sunday School will have Christmas program 12/19/21. Attendance for Sunday School varies.
- **Youth Group/Confirmation**—Pastor Bethany reported she will meet with 4 families to try and form youth group.

Old Business

- **Church building- Monitors-** Electric for outside sign is done. Outlets inside will be installed soon. Also need LED light in elevator shaft-Becky has talked to Richardson Electric.
- **Exterior Sign**— Done.
- **Back door-** Al will do once the elevator project is done.
- **Parsonage repairs:** Garage service door needs to be replaced. Stain deck. Bathroom remodel—Steve suggested asking RCLC members and Faith members for donation for the project. Okayed for Steve to ask Faith at Joint council meeting tonight. Old desk at parsonage – Bethany will post on facebook and donate money back to RCLC.
- **Covid Update**—no changes- will still recommend masks for congregation but not require.

New Business

- **Council resignation:** Steve read letter of resignation from Cindi Coon. Discussion on covid and reaching out to Cindi. Becky motioned to accept resignation, 2nd by Val, and motion passed. Discussion on role of Deacon. Riane reported idea to have confirmation students help with serving communion. There are 8 confirmation students. A great way to get confirmation students to be engaged in service, especially if they do not like to do the readings. Pastor Bethany and Riane will come up with plan/letter to confirmation students and their parents. Deacon will still need to be available at service to guide students, at least initially.

Also discussed council positions open next year. Will need a deacon for one year to finish Cindi's position. Ashley (deacon), Val and Dustin (trustees) are up for election.

- **Uff Da Dinner** Becky reported after expenses, net \$3681.99. Bake sale \$736.50 for the women's account. We need to have congregational meeting first Sunday in December to decide Mission money disbursement. Meeting needs to be posted.
- **Retreat**-Plan for next year with new council. Plan for after Easter.
- **Elevator- Elevator** has been ordered and is being made.
- **Water Issues: --Rusty hot water** –Carma talked to Jessi Weiss. Rust is a harmless bacterium. He does not recommend draining hot water tank but does recommend running more water. He would recommend a water treatment system to eliminate the rust. We currently have a Gibson neutralizer system. **Rain Gutters-** done
- **--New flooring for basement:** Val presented recommendation from Tommy Carpet LLC, out of Wabasha. Epox was \$10.00/sq foot and not recommended due to slipper on entry/ decline to dining hall and “cold”. He recommended Gravity Tile, \$6.50/sq foot, made for basements with possible moisture problems. He has the product at the warehouse. We agreed on a stone looking tile. Dining room \$8100.00, Kitchen \$2160.00, Sunday school area \$9159.00. Recommended Val let him know we would be voting for approval the first weekend in December. Becky suggested the Women's group pay for kitchen. Val reported the Sunday school rooms and end of hall need paneling and painting. She is willing to organize painting. Steve reported he could stay home a little more and ask Bob Froystad and Dick Dahl to help with paneling repairs. Recommended Val get paint to match the tile, paint color either down stairs kitchen or over flow area color.
- **Tree-** tree is down. Roger Rinholen will remove wood.

Next Meeting no meeting time was discussed. Per discussion with Steve, will meet 12/1/21 at 7:00. Motion to adjourn made by Riane at 7:04 pm. Carma Koller, RCLC council secretary

Faith Council Meeting Minutes—11/10/2021

Present: Elissa A, Pastor Bethany, Linda T, Tiffany W., Val C. Darrin H, LeAnne C.
Treasurer Greg K.

Meeting called to Order 6:29

Mission/Vision statement read.

Pastor Bethany lead Devotions

Pastor's Report— Reviewed

Secretary's report—reviewed; attached; Motion to approve by Linda T; second by Elissa; all approved

Treasurer's report—reviewed; Motion to approve by Elissa A; second by Linda T all approved

Committee Reports

- **Music and Worship-**
- Ushers and readers are needed
- Communion help and set up
- **Education-** No updates at this meeting time
- **Property-**
 - Electrical Panel- Scheduled for December 1,2021
 - TV sound needs to be reviewed with Pete and need to get back TV mounted.
 - Fall Cleanup Day, a list will be posted for volunteers to assist with and mark when completed. – Linda T will be following up on a list
 - Carpet squares are pulling up, Elissa will call Carpet City to have them come out and look at.
- **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

New Business-

- Council members going off in January 2020

LeAnne Carlson, Darrin Hartung, Linda Telford, and Tiffany Webb

- Copier still not getting invoices, but the automatic payment is still being taken. Tiffany W. got a screen shot of the meter reading for this month and share at next meeting.
- Upstairs bathroom- tiles are peeling- this will be added to the Fall Clean up list.
- Funeral Policy- Pastor Bethany will review the current policy and bring update to next meeting.

Next Meeting: Joint Meeting Wednesday December 8, 2021

Motion made by Elissa. adjourn, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:45

Secretary- Tiffany Webb Faith Council Meeting

Faith Lutheran November Financial Report

	Nov Actual	Nov Budget	Account	Nov. Ending Balance
<i>Opening Balance</i>	<i>\$21,365.16</i>		Checking	\$20,783.94
<i>Income</i>			Property Savings	\$1,036.93
Offering	\$4,711.98	\$5,339.80	Memorial Savings	\$9,089.02
Noisy Buckets	\$58.40		Total	\$30,909.89
Interest	\$1.83	\$1.00		
Memorial Fund	\$65.00			
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$3.00	\$2,500.00		
Radio Broadcast	\$300.00	\$100.00		
<i>Total Income</i>	\$5,140.21	\$5,899.13		
<i>Expenses</i>	<i>\$5,596.43</i>	\$5,899.13		
<i>Ending Balance</i>	<i>\$20,783.94</i>			

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

Sincerely,

Greg Knoepke

Faith Lutheran Treasurer