



A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of

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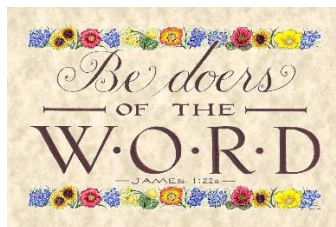


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from Pastor Bethany



As we welcome another Fall we do so just as our assigned lectionary readings focus on the book of James for five consecutive weeks. Preaching and teaching from James is a matter of conviction. James does not allow the listener to cheapen grace but instead spurs us on to put our faith into action. My preaching professor Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis recently said, "James reminds us that faith is not a noun but a verb." As you read this newsletter you will see ways to participate in the life of the congregation. May you hear James' words as invitation to put YOUR faith into action for the sake of the world.



This is a Backpack Blessing based on the Fruit of the Spirit that I wrote for our kids and teachers as they head back to the classroom. Feel free to share it with the students and teachers in your life:

God of the harvest, Cultivate in these children and teachers the fruit of your Spirit as they begin another school year. Fill them with love for learning and for their classmates and students. Make them ready to offer a wide welcome to all who are part of the school community. Fill them with joy on early mornings and long bus rides, during reading and recess, in arithmetic and art, in study and at play. Fill them with peace as they start new routines and transition out of summer's ease into school's demands. Remind them to pause throughout their day for deep breaths and whispered prayers. Fill them with patience as they practice new skills, share with others, stumble over unfamiliar words and learn from their mistakes. Fill them with kindness for the kids who are new to the community, who dress weird, who eat alone, who look different but desire genuine friendship. Teach them to make space for everyone at the table. Fill them with goodness as they make choices each day that speak to their character and integrity. May the things they do when no one is looking give you glory and make their parents proud. Fill them with faithfulness as they carry their baptismal promises with them into the classroom. Remind them of their identity as children of God, beloved and precious, even when the test scores are low and the homework is turned in late. Fill them with gentleness in the words they choose and the actions they take. Help them think before they speak so their words build up others around them. Fill them with self-control as they share space with others, as they make room for all learning styles. As they move about in learning and play may their bodies be an example of your care for all creation. We entrust these kids and teachers to your care, O Lord, at the start of this new school year. Keep them safe and ready to succeed in all the opportunities that await them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pastor Bethany Walker

August 11, 2021



It is time for another year of Sunday School to begin! Classes start on Sunday, September 12th at both Faith and Rock Creek. If your children or grandchildren plan to attend please contact Tracy Rosemeyer at Faith or Jill Bauer at Rock Creek to get them registered. May God bless the learning of our children and the work of our teachers this year!



Mark your calendars!!

Fall Learning Nights will begin with a Parent/Student Meeting on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30PM at Rock Creek for all incoming 6th-8th grade students from both congregations. If you know of any other kids in the community looking for a confirmation program please invite them to attend too!



A parent/student informational meeting about the National Youth Gathering will be held for all 9th – 12th graders on Wednesday, September 15th at 7:30PM at Rock Creek. Come learn more. Invite a friend!

Community Halloween Costume Collection



FaithLift students are once again collecting new and gently used kid's Halloween costumes for a community costume give-away to be held at Faith Lutheran on October 16. If you have costumes to donate please bring them to either congregation or let Pastor Bethany know. These costumes will be given away free of charge to families in the community. Costumes can be expensive for families to purchase so we hope this give away will help children have a Happy Halloween while easing financial stress on parents. Also, it is a great way to practice stewardship as we reuse costumes.

Kayak Float

Saturday, September 25 2PM Kayak Float on the Chippewa
We will put in at Straw Hill landing and take out at Meridean landing.
Bring a kayak or canoe, paddle, lifejacket and water bottle.
If you need to borrow a kayak let Pastor Bethany know.





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At Noon on Sunday, September 12th Pastor Bethany and her family will be hosting a picnic at the parsonage to kick off God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. (This is before the 3:25PM Packer kickoff that day!) Bring a dish to pass, a beverage of your choice and a chair to sit in. Address is N1006 910th St, Mondovi. Grilled hotdogs and brats will be provided as well as plates, utensils and condiments. At the gathering you will be given ideas of service projects (baking cookies, collecting donations, writing cards, etc.) and sent home with a "God's work. Our hands" sign. You will be asked to snap a photo of your family serving together with the sign in the photo so we can celebrate our lives of faith in action as together we join our siblings in Christ across the ELCA in this service initiative for the sake of our neighbors.



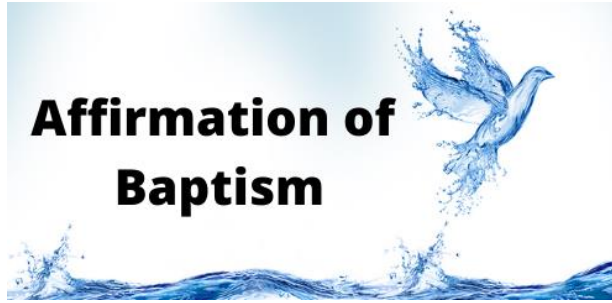
Join Pastor Bethany for a half hour of Bible study and conversation on Sunday mornings at Faith 7:45-8:15AM and Rock Creek 11:30-Noon. Bring your Bible. Hot coffee will be served as well as holy conversation as we spend some of the sabbath day steeped in scripture together.



September 19, 2021
Rock Creek
150th Anniversary
Celebration

Join Rock Creek in an anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 19th. Worship begins at 10:30AM with lunch to follow. Both dine in and take out meals will be available. Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson and many former Rock Creek pastors will join us for this special celebration. If you have any photos from Rock Creek ministry to include in a slideshow please submit them to Pastor Bethany by September 12. Purchase pre-sale anniversary meal tickets and/or commemorative dishtowels from Becky Richardson or Linda Harschlip.

Affirmation of Baptism



Brevin Humphrey will celebrate his confirmation on Sunday, September 12 at 8:30AM worship at Faith. May God bless him as his faith journey continues!

online WORSHIP

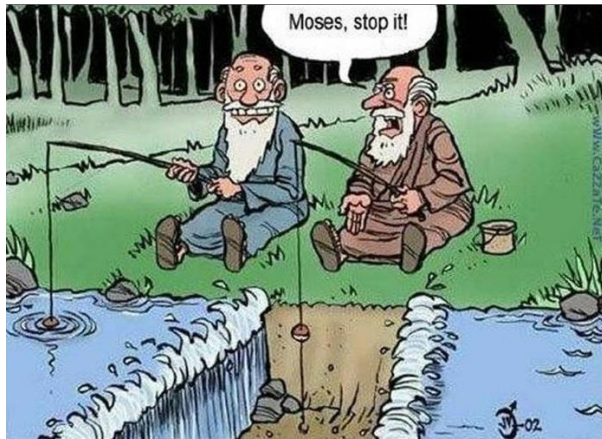
Thanks to a partnership with WRDN radio and Facebook Live, our Sunday online worship presence continues even with our buildings reopened. Listen every Sunday at 10:30AM on WRDN 1430AM or 107.3FM or watch on Facebook by visiting our page @faithandrockcreek



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Holy Humor

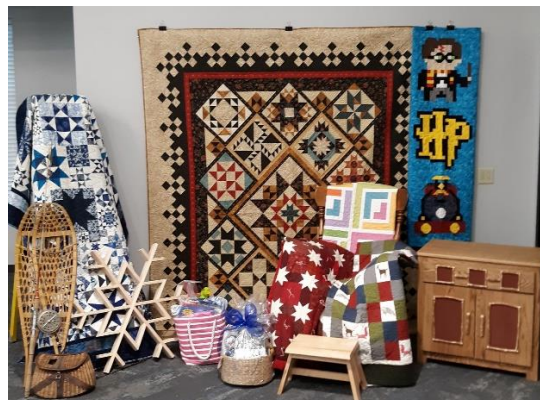
"Then our mouth
was
filled with
laughter,
and our tongue
with
shouts of joy!"
Psalm 126:2



Luther Park Bible Camp...

...Our Partnership with Holy Play

Luther Park extends a heartfelt thank you to all the donors, purchasers and volunteers that helped with the Heart for Luther Park Art and Quilt Auction on August 8. Over \$36,000 was raised for this amazing ministry!





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LAST CALL

This is the last call for any photos for the anniversary video. Please get your photo to Pastor Bethany no later than September 10th. Please have your name on the back of the photo so they can be returned. If it is easier, you can also e-mail them to her.



On Sunday September 19, Rock creek will be celebrating 150+ anniversary. The day starts out with morning worship at 10:30 with several former pastors, interns, interims, and special guests. Following worship catered dinner served. Take outs will be available. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6.50 for ages 12 and under.

Reservations are required for the dinner.

There will be several displays to see how life at Rock Creek has evolved to what it is today, as well as a video. Commemorative white dish towels are for sale

Rock Creek Lutheran Financials

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| Opening Balance July 1, 2021 | \$ 11,978.23 |
| Total Deposits | \$ 5,594.80 |
| Funds transferred to Business Investment acct. | \$ 640.00 |
| Funds transferred from Business Investment acct. | \$ - |
| Total Expenses | \$ 7,571.61 |
| Balance as of July 31, 2021 | \$ 9,361.42 |

TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Checking | \$ 9,361.42 |
| Good Samaritan Account | \$ 500.00 |
| Money Market Checking | \$ 31,575.72 |
| TOTAL | \$ 41,437.14 |

Rock Creek Council Meeting Minutes—July 7, 2021

Those present: Steve Dahl, Becky Richardson, Carma Koller, Cindi Coon, Dave Coon, Val Wagner, Sue Dahl, Pastor Bethany Walker. **Absent:** Dustin Nelson, Jill Bauer, Ashley Dorschner, Riane Hayden

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Pastor's Report—reviewed, see attached.

- Confirmation is July 18, 2021. Confirmands have 137 guests. Discussed Covid restrictions. Estimate the church holds 160 with overflow. Motion in Old Business.

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

Treasurer's Report— June report was reviewed. The big expense is the exterior sign, paid by memorial money. Motion by Carma to approve, 2nd by Val, motioned passed, all in favor.

Committee Reports

- **Education**— VBS planning is underway
- **Youth Group/Confirmation**—Pastor reports youth have been absent lately. If the youth want to attend the Youth Rally in Minneapolis next year, need to do fund raiser. She will reach out to individuals for leadership as a general invite did not result in a volunteer.
- **Dream Team**—No report.

Old Business

- **Church building-**
- **Monitors-** both working. Front one is too high. Dave has talked to Hurlburts about changing vent location, to allow changing monitor position, and it would mean changing the whole wall. Moving monitor to below vent may work, it would be 10 ½ ft from the floor. Support being made. Once we have permanent location, outlets will be installed.

- **Speakers**—Dave is still looking at ideas.
- **Exterior Sign**—Becky has ordered. Dave will put together a plan and then Val will be able to order stone. Anticipated delivery of sign beginning to mid August.
- **Chimes**—Becky purchased 18 songs for \$7.99.
- **Back door**- no further progress. Al Johnson has given quote, \$2000.00 for steel door.
- **Parsonage repairs:** Garage service door needs to be replaced. Stain deck. Remove rotten clothesline posts. Bathroom remodel—Steve has talked to Pat Wayne and he recommended removing the second set of step, up to the kitchen. He had two options for remodel, with turning old steps in to pantry for kitchen. Discussion on remodel with all in favor of removing steps. Recommended Steve set up committee to come up with a remodel recommendation, with Pastor Bethany involved in the committed.
- Steve talked about asking members to use their talents for projects. Bathroom remodel is an example of using our church members talents. Recommend asking Bob Froystad to be on committee.
- **Covid Update**—Discussion on adjusting in person worship guidelines. Motion made by Becky and seconded by Dave, to remove restrictions including social distancing and masks. Encourage hand sanitation and mask if you feel uncomfortable in crowds. Motion passed.

New Business

- **Installation of Pastor Bethany:** July 11, 2021. Lunch will be served after 1030 service at RCLC. 30 people have RSVP to Becky.
- **Anniversary Celebration-** Becky is waiting for people to submit pictures. Then, she is looking for a volunteer to create power point. Bethany offered to help with power point.
- **Septic-** church and parsonage—Steve called Pleasant Valley for church.
- **Committees**—restructuring council/committees-number, names and functions. This would be discussed at a Council Retreat
- **Quilters:** cleaning out Friendship room. 3 boxes of felt will be donated to Faith for making pet beds. There are still more small chairs than are needed. Sue will talk to Jill and then sell the extras.
- **General questions:** Becky asked about the extra shelves that are not needed in library-Carma will remove.
There are pictures of the artist Lund laying in overflow area- Val will hang pictures with info about the artist.
Becky asked Val if the curtain at the end of the hall in the basement be replaced with a blind, recommended just removing the curtain. Becky also recommended replacing curtains in Sunday school rooms. Val will look into blinds.
Jeannie Anderson had asked to present her book at the Anniversary party. She is now asking to present her book on August 29 afternoon with refreshments. She will donate some proceeds to the church.
The family of Kathy Larson is planning a visitation on August 20 and funeral on August 21.
Dave reported the Ufda Dinner will be October 30.

Next Meeting August 4, 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Carma , 2nd by Becky, motion passed, all in favor

Carma Koller, RCLC council secretary

Faith Council Meeting Minutes—07/14/2021

Present: Le Anne, Elissa, Pastor, Nate, Darrin, Greg and Linda. Val joined for a few minutes via Zoom

Meeting called to Order 06:35

Mission/Vision statement read.

Pastor's Report—Pastor Bethany finished and Graduated Seminary, Installation service will be in July date is TBD.

VBS meeting monthly. Scheduled for July 12-15

Secretary's report—reviewed; attached; All Approved.

Treasurer's report—reviewed; attached; All Approved

Committee Reports

- **Education-**

- Summer VBS going well

- **Property-**

- Nate will contact and coordinate with James S and Jonah to get the TV/s working.
- Waiting on updates on electrical panel and parking lot

- **Fundraising-**

- We will not have a booth at Blues on the Chippewa. Not enough help. Pastor asked Val to inquire about making it into a VBS fund raiser next year.
- TailGate Chicken dinner in the Fall- tabled.

Worship & Music-

Need to make sure readers at Faith read the responses in psalm for radio. Switching to white grape juice to eliminate confusion between wine and juice. Checking on camera options for service broadcast. Volume seems to a problem with broadcast.

Old Business:

- I am getting log in to help with updates. Pastor will start sending the updates she wants.

New Business-

- 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.
- Suicide Walk has asked to use the lower level of the church Sept 10-11

Next Meeting: Joint Meeting pm August 11, 2021, at 6:30

Motion made by Linda T. adjourn, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:07

Notes taken by Elissa Abramson in Tiffany Webb Absence

Faith Lutheran July Financial Report

| | July Actual | July Budget |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Opening Balance</i> | <i>\$21,018.94</i> | |
| <i>Income</i> | | |
| Offering | \$4,711.07 | \$5,116.90 |
| Noisy Buckets | \$41.00 | |
| Interest | \$1.99 | \$1.00 |
| Fundraisers | \$300.00 | \$250.00 |
| Radio Broadcast | \$250.00 | \$100.00 |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars | \$6.00 | \$208.34 |
| <i>Total Income</i> | <i>\$5,310.06</i> | <i>\$5,317.90</i> |
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| <i>Expenses</i> | <i>\$4,682.19</i> | <i>\$6,297.81</i> |
| <i>Ending Balance</i> | <i>\$21,915.00</i> | |

| Account | July Ending Balance |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Checking | \$21,915.00 |
| Property Savings | \$1,036.41 |
| Memorial Savings | \$3,011.96 |
| Total | \$25,963.37 |

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

