

*A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of*

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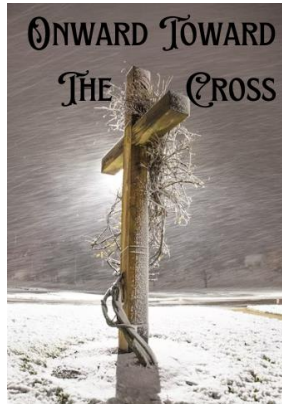
*Grace  
& PEACE*  
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*from Pastor Bethany*



Recently I was reminded how much creativity matters to our human flourishing. We are created beings, created by God who is always making things new. All of us, no matter our talents or interests, are creative in different ways. When we are worn out or restless, we need to take time to reconnect with our creative selves. For some that means picking up a paintbrush. For others it means putting pen to paper. Still others might head to the workshop or art studio or dance studio. The list goes on and so too does the need to keep creating something that has never before existed. Only you can do that in your own unique way. You are in Christ and in you there is a new creation. Take some time to imagine the possibilities when you allow the Spirit to move in you! Create something!

# Lent 2023



## **Midweek Joint Lenten Worship**

Join us for mid-week Lenten worship focusing on all the ways God calls us to live downward, upward, inward, outward and beyond as we move onward toward the cross throughout Lent. Stephanie Poeschel, a talented pianist and soloist in our community, will provide mid-week music for us. Our Lenten offering this year will be donated to Stephanie's family who is raising money for a service dog.

## **Joint Lenten Worship Schedule:**

March 1 7PM Rock Creek

March 8 7PM Faith

March 15 NO Worship – Spring Break

March 22 Faith

March 29 Rock Creek

## **A Look Ahead to Holy Week**

April 2 Palm Sunday Rock Creek 8:30AM Faith 10:30AM

April 6 Maundy Thursday 7PM Rock Creek

April 7 Good Friday 7PM Faith

Easter Sunday April 9 8:30AM Rock Creek 10:30AM Faith



### March Schedule:

- Wednesday March 1 Rock Creek Learning Night 5:30PM
- Wednesday March 8 Faith Learning Night 5:30PM
- Wednesday March 15 NO Learning Night – Spring Break
- Wednesday March 22 Faith Cross-Generational Night 5:30PM
- Wednesday March 29 Rock Creek Cross-Generational Night 5:30PM

## Uff Da Dinner Mission Dollar Distribution

The generosity of so many at the Uff Da Dinner last fall made it possible for Rock Creek to generously donate the mission dollars raised to the following causes:

### \$800 each

Durand Area Food Pantry  
Stepping Stones (Dunn Co. Food Pantry)

### \$750

The Family of Samantha Minks

### \$500 each

Pepin County Humane Society      Dunn County Humane Society  
Linda Talford-Sunday Supper      NW Synod of WI-Neighbor to Neighbor  
Family in need      Durand Arkansas School District (Overdue lunch accounts)

That's \$5350 donated to make a difference!



The newly formed Faith and Rock Creek Dream Teams have each made plans to host or support one activity per month for the remainder of 2023. The Holy Spirit was on the move at the initial meetings with support of Sunday Supper being the direction both Dream Teams decided to go in March:



**Faith – Sunday, March 26 3:30-5:30PM**

The Dream Team will partner with Sunday Supper to supply a bonus grand prize at the end of bingo. We are seeking prize donations from area businesses or individuals. You can be part of the community outreach too by donating a prize or by simply planning to attend Sunday Supper in order to welcome people into our space. Congregation members being present when others arrive is an important way we say to our guests, “we’ve been expecting you!”



**Rock Creek – Wednesday, March 29 5:30PM-7PM**

The Dream Team will host a Potluck / Bunco night with a mission twist. This will be a cross-generational event with all ages welcome. Everyone is invited to bring both a dish to pass for the potluck as well as a monetary donation to support Sunday Supper. The funds are beginning to run low on this self-sustaining ministry that is fully dependent on donations to keep it going. The Dream Team hopes to collect enough to host one monthly meal which is approximately \$250.



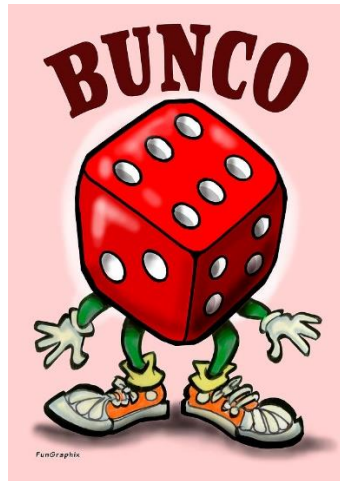
**2023 Upcoming Events for our youth. Mark your calendars now!**

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| 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 |

## Christ Jam 2023



On Saturday, February 11 Paula Biesterveld and three of our youth joined others from across the synod at Bethany Lutheran Church, Rice Lake for the Middle School Youth Gathering Christ Jam. Lillian Walker serves on the Synod Youth Board who helped plan the event. Kaleb Biesterveld and Maria Walker attended as participants enthusiastically representing Faith and Rock Creek!



### CROSS-GENERATIONAL GAME NIGHT AT FAITH

Since February game night was snowed out we will try again on  
Wednesday, March 22

5:30PM-6PM Potluck. Bring a dish to pass.

6PM-7PM Bunco

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





Food donations from both the Advent Food Drive and the Souper Bowl of Caring were taken to the Durand Food Pantry. The total weight donated was 168lbs of food! In addition some of the food was also taken by our youth to the Christ Jam Synod Youth Gathering to be donated to area food pantries and hygiene products collected were given to The Haven at Durand MS/HS. Thank you for your generosity. It makes a difference for our neighbors near and far.

## Help Needed!



**Grilled chicken + Helping Hands = Faith's biggest fundraiser of the year!**  
Faith's Chicken Tent Fundraiser is an all hands on deck event this year. To reduce costs we are not hiring out someone to grill chicken. To maximize income we are not partnering with another organization to help run the chicken tent. Everyone at Faith is being asked to step up to help reach the goal of raising \$5,000 for our ministry during Fun Fest Weekend.

Here are the ways you can help in upcoming months:

March - Join the planning team - Contact Linda Talford

April - Donate money or food to offset costs

May – Sign up to help set up/serve/clean up the meal during Fun Fest June 10-11



A few kids have recently expressed interest in receiving their First Communion. Please let Pastor Bethany know if your child wants to be part of the next First Communion class and celebration. We will choose a date in early Spring that works for everyone. It is always a good time to begin receiving communion!



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



Luther Park Bible Camp...

...Our Partnership with Holy Play

**Jesus Meets Us**  
In our ever moving and changing lives there is one thing that remains consistent, Christ. The compassion of the cross meets us where we are at in every moment of the day. As Christians, Christ is at the very center of our lives.

**Recharge Dates:**

Luther Park  
Luther Woods  
Bible Camp

**Jesus Meets Us  
Recharge  
2022-2023**

Pastor Bethany will be attending the Recharge at Luther Park March 24-25 with youth from our congregations. Any kids ages 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12 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!



Pastor Bethany will be taking time off March 15-21  
Sunday Worship March 19 will be led by Grace Olson  
Pastoral Care Coverage will be offered by Pastor Mike Vetsch 715-673-4991



**Add to Calendar:**

Wednesday March 1 5:30PM FaithLift Learning Night at Rock Creek  
7PM Lenten Worship at Rock Creek

Sunday March 5 8:30AM Worship and Sunday School at Rock Creek  
9:30AM Rock Creek Council Meeting  
10:30AM Worship and Sunday School at Faith  
11:30AM Faith Council Meeting

Monday March 6-Tuesday March 7 Pastor Bethany to Continuing Education in LaCrosse

Tuesday March 7 1PM Pop Up Pantry Rock Falls

Wednesday March 8 5:30PM FaithLift Learning Night at Faith  
7PM Lenten Worship at Faith

Saturday March 11 8:30AM-4:30PM Walking Together Synod Event Bethany Lutheran Rice Lake

Sunday March 12 8:30AM Worship and Sunday School at Rock Creek  
10:30AM Worship and Sunday School at Faith

Tuesday March 14 6:30PM Dream Team Meeting at Rock Creek

Wednesday March 15 NO Activities Spring Break

Wednesday March 15-Tuesday March 21 – Pastor Bethany Time Off

Sunday March 19 8:30AM Worship and Sunday School at Rock Creek  
10:30AM Worship and Sunday School at Faith

Wednesday March 22 5:30PM Cross-generational Game Night / Potluck at Faith  
7PM Lenten Worship at Faith

Sunday March 26 Sandberg Baptism at Rock Creek  
8:30AM Worship and Sunday School at Rock Creek  
10:30AM Worship and Sunday School at Faith  
3:30PM Sunday Supper at Faith

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