

A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of:

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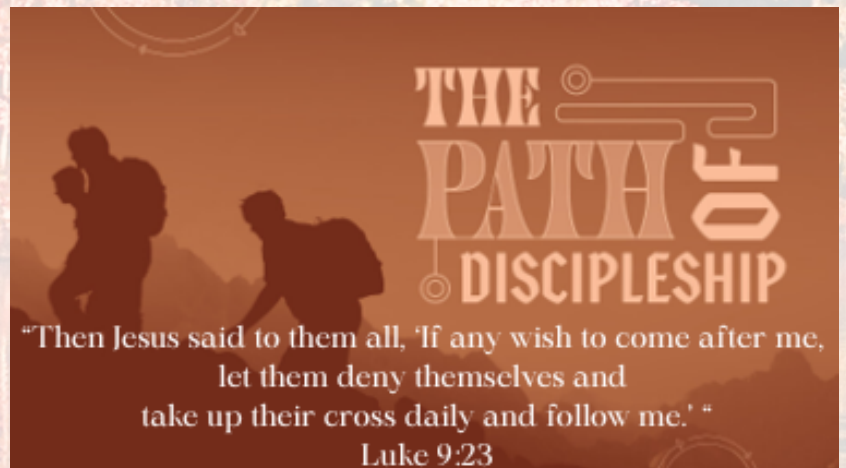


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Grace
& PEACE



From Pastor Bethany



As we began our worship theme, On the Road, in August we started out together on the Path of Discipleship. Throughout September and October our focus is on the Seven Marks of Discipleship, namely encourage, study, serve, invite, worship, pray and give. These are all ways we can choose to live out the love of Christ in the world. As I have prepared to preach on each of these themes, I have taken time to reflect on where I see these faith practices on display in our worshipping communities. There are already people among us who bear these marks in the ways they live and serve. Take time to notice who they are, observe their faithfulness and all the while become attuned to which marks you are practicing in your own faith life. Each of us is called daily to the discipleship cycle of laying down what keeps us from listening to God's call, picking up our cross and following Jesus. May it be evidently so as we continue on the road of faith together.

TRUNK OR TREAT



Come get a treat from Pastor Bethany and other community leaders at Trunk or Treat in
Downtown Durand
Saturday, October 31st 3:00-4:30 pm



Noisy Offering

Bring your loose change to worship!

Noisy Offerings taken during worship in September and October were donated to the Durand Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous donations!

Youth Group

Will gather weekly on
Wednesdays at Faith
from 6:30-8:00 pm



6th-8th Grade Confirmation Learning Night

Wednesday's October 7, 14, 21, 28
3:45pm-5:30pm
Faith Lutheran

All Saint's Day

Sunday, November 1st

During worship we will read names, light candles and show photos in memory of loved ones who have died.
 If you wish to have a loved one remembered by name, please submit their name and a digital photo of them by

Tuesday, October 27 to Lori at
rclcf.news@gmail.com

Sunday Supper Spotlight! October 25

3:30 Bingo 4:30 Supper
Faith Lutheran Church

If you wish to sponsor all or a portion of Sunday Supper, please contact Linda Talford or drop your donation in the offering plate. You can also support Sunday Supper through donating desserts, bingo prizes, a Grand Prize for the monthly drawing or attending the meal to offer hospitality to our neighbors.
 The monthly cost for Sunday Supper is \$300. We continue to depend on your generosity to keep this community outreach going.



Festival of Life, Health & Community

Please join us in welcoming our Latino neighbors and each other on

Thursday, October 29
4-7 pm at Rock Creek

- Enjoy a Mexican meal and music
- Get a flu or tetanus shot
- Test your hearing, vision or blood pressure (Medicare billing)
- Visit and learn about local community resources such as: Advent Health clinics & hospitals
- Chippewa Valley Free Clinic
- Thrivent
- Red House of Hope & more!
- Community Tree of Remembrance - participants write the first name of a loved one on a paper leaf and on opposite side a healthy commitment

October



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Faith Quilting 9am Toddler Closet open 9-1	2	3
4 Lay Led Worship	5 Rock Creek Quilting 9 am	6 RC Pop Up Pantry 1 pm Rock Creek Dartball 6-9pm Rock Creek Council Mtg. 6pm	7 FaithLift 3:45-5:30 Youth Group 6:30-8 pm	8 Faith Quilting 9am Toddler Closet Open 9-1	9	10
11 Fall Ministry Retreat	12 Dream Team Mtg 6:30 pm Faith Lutheran	13 Pastor Bethany at Fall Ministry Retreat	14 FaithLift 3:45-5:30 Youth Group 6:30-8 pm	15 Mission Trip Reg. Deadline. Pastor Bethany at Conf. Mtg. Bible Study Book of Ruth Faith Quilting 9am Toddler Closet Open 9-1	16	17
18 Faith Quilt Blessing	19	20 Rock Creek Dartball 6-9pm Deadline to submit photos for Animal Blessing	21 FaithLift 3:45-5:30 Youth Group 6:30-8 pm	22 All day Uff Da Dinner prep at Rock Creek Faith Quilting 9am Toddler Closet Open 9-1	23 All day Uff Da Dinner prep at Rock Creek	24 Uff Da Dinner 3-6:30 Rock Creek
25 Bible Presentation & Animal Blessing Sunday Supper Bingo 3:30 Supper 4:30	26	27 Deadline to submit photos for All Saint's Day	28 FaithLift 3:45-5:30 Youth Group 6:30-8 pm	29 Faith Quilting 9am Toddler Closet Open 9-1 Community Health Fair 4-7 Rock Creek	30	31 Halloween Trunk or Treat Downtown Durand 3-5 pm



Worship & Sunday School Faith Lutheran

8:30am Worship
& Sunday School
Rock Creek
10:30am Worship
& Sunday School

If you are interested in receiving
the newsletter through email
contact Lori at
Faith Lutheran 715-672-8107
or email rclcf.news@gmail.com



Christmas Poinsettias

It doesn't seem possible, but this time of year has rolled around again!
The poinsettias are used to adorn the sanctuary for
Christmas Eve service.

You are free to take your poinsettia home following the service to
enjoy with your families!

Watch for order forms in October at worship. Cost will be \$12.50.

Orders are due no later than November 1st.

Thank you!





Attention Bakers - Pies Needed

The Youth Group will be serving slices of pie for dessert at the **Uff Da Dinner in October** as a fundraiser for our 2027 Mission Trip.

We need donations of approximately 60 pies (8 slices each) either homemade or store bought. If you are willing to donate, please sign up at either congregation or send an email to:
Pastor Bethany at frclcpastor@gmail.com

Blessing of the Animals

"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestis animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark."

Genesis 9:9-10

On Sunday, October 25, we will be having a Blessing of the Animals during worship.

To include your pets in the blessing, send a digital photo of them and their names to

Lori at rclcf.news@gmail.com by Tuesday, October 20

These photos will be shown during worship at the time of the blessing. If your animal can be transported in a carrier or on a leash they are welcome to attend worship with you that day to receive a blessing.



Simply print, fill out and return

Radio Ministry is a vital part of our Outreach Ministry

Consider remembering an anniversary, birthday or other milestone.

A sponsorship form is below for you convenience.

It costs \$50 a week for the radio broadcast.

Thank you to those who have already sponsored!

Please send \$50 to Faith Lutheran Church and include the **DATE** you would like to sponsor and **WHO** it is in memory or honor of.
Open dates for sponsorship Nov. 8, 22, December 24

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



Uff Da Dinner Notes

Well, here it is October already! UFF DA!!! One can almost smell fall in the air but here at RCLC it is the smell of meatballs and rutabagas.

If you did not receive your letter with the tickets, please let someone on the Uff Da committee know so we can get your address on the mailing list. Included in the letter were tickets, a QR code to access the sign-up sheet for working. Again, this year we are asking to offset the cost of the meat that each family contributes \$30.00. If you are unable to bake, please contribute \$10 toward the bake sale. In the letter there is a portion to return with your payment so it will be easier to keep track so the donation for the meat and for the bake sale can be included in your giving statement at the end of the year.

Thursday October 22 is the big prep day when the meatballs get rolled and baked, gravy gets made and the building gets ready for Saturday's festivities. Many hands make light work, and we are very grateful for those taking the time to be at church to help. Even if you can only come for an hour or 2, it makes a difference. We start at noon and are done around 4:00.

Friday is a busy morning in the kitchen peeling potatoes and rutabagas, and those tasks are usually done by noon.

We are hoping to host a Rise to Hunger food packaging event at RCLC with proceeds from the silent auction. There will be more information on this in upcoming newsletters.

If you have any questions,
please contact

Becky Richardson

at 715-875-4879

715-672-4325

or e-mail

richardsonbeckyj@gmail.com.



Scan the QR code to
sign up to help

Saturday, October 24th
Uff Da Dinner!

Many openings available!



UFF DA DINNER

Featuring Traditional Norwegian Meatballs & Lefse

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Serving 3:00 - 6:30pm

DINE IN | TAKE OUT
BAKE SALE | SILENT AUCTION

Pie Available by the Slice
Sponsored by the Youth Group

Adults 13 & up: \$12 | Kids 5-12: \$6 | 4 & Under: Free
Tickets available at the door or in advance

ROCK CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH
N1101 810th Street, Rock Falls, WI
Directions: West of Rock Falls on Highway 85 to North 810th Street

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

All 8th – 12th graders are invited to be part of the 2027 Mission Trip!



Niagara Falls 2027

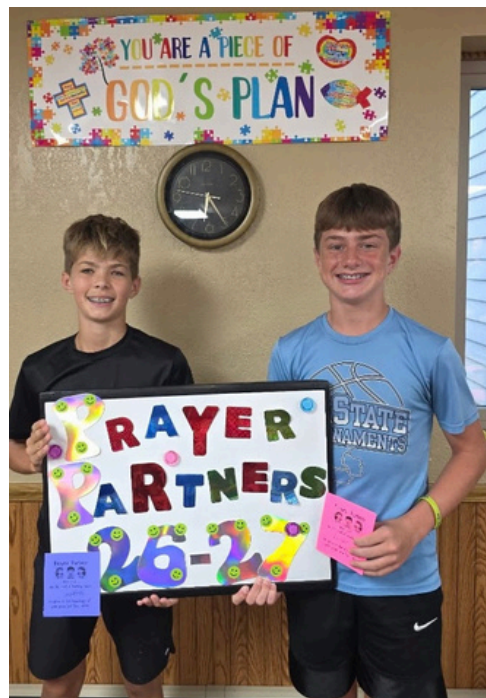
**We will serve in Niagara Falls
from June 19-25, 2027**

Registration fee is non-refundable \$200.
The remainder of the cost will be fundraised.

**Fill out the Google Registration Form
by October 15 if you plan to attend:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPPM2iN3uFsOPgHL4T5bZNaOWJtpC5SWTJU2ThhBlbzQ5Tvw/viewform>

Our Prayer Partners



Financial Notes from Greg Knoepke

Faith Lutheran August 2026 Financial Summary

	Aug. Actual	Aug. Budget
Opening Balance	\$33,030.04	
Income		
Offering	\$6,622.08	\$7,815.54
Noisy Buckets	\$73.32	\$108.00
Interest	\$2.70	\$3.00
Misc.	\$20.00	\$50.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars		\$42.00
Radio Broadcast	\$100.00	\$217.00
Total Income	\$6,818.10	\$8,160.00
Expenses	\$7,026.57	\$9,192.00
Ending Balance	\$28,084.16	

Account	Aug. Ending Balance
Checking	\$28,084.16
Dream Team	\$20,589.82
Youth Group	\$6,396.89
Property Savings	\$4,535.13
Memorial Savings	\$6,396.89
Sunday Suppers	\$1,298.57
Total	\$67,747.29

Common Council July 2026 Financial Summary

	July Actual	YTD Actual
Opening Balance	\$17,173.27	
Income		
Faith Deposits	\$11,980.00	\$42,380.00
Rock Creek Deposits	\$5,926.00	\$41,695.00
Total Deposits	\$17,906.00	\$84,075.00
Expenses		
Pastoral Base Pay	\$5,566.26	\$38,639.36
FICA	\$600.84	\$4,181.03
Benefits	\$845.47	\$5,883.37
Shared Expenses	\$2,807.54	\$19,740.83
Insurance	\$42.26	\$294.10
Faith Insurance	\$359.33	\$2,515.31
Rock Creek Insurance	\$297.00	\$2,079.00
Faithlift		\$362.06
VBS/Youth	\$1,510.00	\$2,079.00
Campership		\$300.00
Scholarships	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
Joint Church Secretary		\$575.00
Total Expenses	\$14,028.70	\$80,822.12
Ending Balance	\$21,050.57	

SO VERY
thankful

INCREDIBLY
grateful

UNBELIEVABLY
blessed

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@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Greg Knoepke

Faith Lutheran / RCFL Common Council Treasurer

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