A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of

Faith Lutheran Church

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Rock Creek Lutheran Church

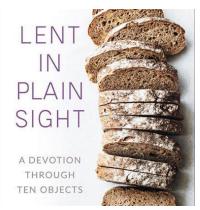
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from Pastor Bethany



March 6th will mark 5 years for me serving alongside the people of Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches. What a journey it has been to be your SAM, then intern and now your pastor. Most of what the Holy Spirit does in ministry is mysterious and immeasurable. We plant faith seeds and trust God to do the growing. However, in looking back on church records I found that in my time serving with all of you I have been humbled to bear witness to 52 First Communions, 34 Funerals, 42 Baptisms and 29 Confirmations. How is that even possible but by the grace of God? It continues to be my great joy to serve at this time, in these places with each of you as together we love God and others in the name of Jesus.

Lent 2024





Our Lenten journey continues throughout the month of March as we reflect on God's presence in everyday, ordinary objects. Join us for the conversation at mid-week worship.

March 6 6:30PM Rock Creek March 13 6:30PM Faith March 20 6:30PM Rock Creek

Engage the daily devotions written by our FaithLift Confirmation students and their AAA adults. These are posted daily on Facebook and recorded on voicemail at 715-875-4571.



March 24 Palm Sunday 8:30AM Rock Creek 10:30AM Faith March 28 Maundy Thursday 7PM Faith March 29 Good Friday 7PM Rock Creek



March 31 Easter Sunday 8:30AM Rock Creek 10:30AM Faith

Welcome Wesley, Child of God!









Thanks to all who donated soup to benefit the local food pantries!

Rock Creek: 79 cans Faith: 52 cans

Total: 131 cans of soup!



Ten members of the youth group and three adult chaperones are making plans to represent Faith and Rock Creek at a YouthWorks Mission trip this summer! We will be traveling to Benton Harbor, Michigan July 28-August 3. Stay tuned for ways that you can help support this team of young people as they prepare to serve!

Upcoming Youth Group Gatherings

Wednesday March 6 7:15PM at Rock Creek Wednesday March 20 7:15PM at Rock Creek

Meals for our Youth Group Needed

If you are willing to prepare a meal for our youth group one Wednesday please let Pastor Bethany know. Most of the kids come after a full day of school and activities so a meal to share is a warm welcome and a good way to fuel their faith! Plan to serve 12. Thanks to Ron and Linda Krienke and Becky and Erin Richardson for the meals that have been served so far.



Spoon Up Support

On Palm Sunday, March 24 the Youth Group will be serving up delicious Palm Sundaes after worship! For a freewill donation you can choose a hand decorated spoon (crafted by the youth) to enjoy eating your dessert with. Donations collected will support the Youth Mission Trip.



Stepping Stones (the organization that runs the Pop Up Pantry in Rock Falls) is seeking raffle and auction donations for their annual fundraiser on April 6. If you have something to donate contact Stepping Stones at 715-235-2920 by March 27.



March Schedule:

Wednesday March 6 Faith 4PM Rock Creek 5:30PM Wednesday March 20 Faith 4PM Rock Creek 5:30PM

Our FaithLift kids served on Wednesday February 21 at St Vincent De Paul Thrift Store. It was a great opportunity to do God's Work with Our Hands!





Come join the choir for rehearsal on March 13 6PM at Faith





Sunday Supper will take a break in March so families can celebrate Easter but we will be back to serving in April! The monthly cost for Sunday Supper is approximately \$300. If you wish to sponsor all or a portion of a Sunday Supper please contact Linda Talford or drop your donation in the offering plate. You can also support Sunday Supper through donating bingo prizes, donating a grand prize for the monthly drawing or attending the meal to offer hospitality to our neighbors. We continue to depend on your generosity to keep this community outreach going.



Rock Creek Dream Team invites you to an afternoon out. Join us at Club 10 to enjoy bowling and pizza on Sunday, March 3 at 4PM. The cost is \$2/game and \$2/ for shoe rental. Food will be menu prices. Sign up by February 24 at Rock Creek to attend. Contact Val Wagner or Ashley Urness to RSVP

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. Just like last year all of the work of grilling and serving is being done by our church. Everyone is being asked to step up to help one again meet or exceed our fundraising goal of \$5,000.

Here are the ways you can help in upcoming months:

March - Join the planning team

April - Donate money or food to offset costs

May – Sign up to help set up/serve/clean up the meal during Fun Fest
June – Serve at Fun Fest June 8-9

Pepin County



Dairy Breakfast

The Koller family is hosting the Pepin County Dairy Breakfast on Saturday June 8. They are asking for Rock Creek people to help work the breakfast (clearing tables, serving line, etc). There are two shifts needing 8 people each (6:15-9AM and 9-11:30AM). In return the church will receive \$400. If you are able to help contact Becky Richardson.



Radio ministry is a vital part of our outreach ministry at Faith and Rock Creek. It costs \$50/week for the radio broadcast. Most dates from April – December are still open. 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 or mail it to the address below. 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 Broad	dcast (\$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:	



Summer Camp

Registration is now open. Visit lutherpark.org to register. Pastor Bethany will be joining kids for the week who attend camp June 23-28.

Recharge

Pastor Bethany will be attending the Recharge at Luther Park March 15-16 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 5th 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!