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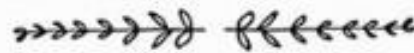
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& PEACE



*from Pastor Bethany*

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Never have I ever...until now! As a lifelong learner I want to spend some of 2024 learning how to do and trying things I have never done before. 24 of them! Anytime we venture to learn something new it is an act of faith as we allow ourselves to be vulnerable, trust someone to teach us and set aside our area of expertise in order to hone a new skill and broaden our understanding. So, here is the start of my to-learn list for 2024: play pickleball, drive a tractor, eat lutefisk (talk about an act of faith), paint a barn quilt, make lefse, use a cricut, snowshoe and play 500. Now I need some willing teachers and maybe a few others who want to learn along with me. God is surely doing a new thing among us and what better way to recognize that than to try something new! Do you have a skill you think I would like to learn? Something you love to teach? Invite me to be your student! Let's learn together. Watch future newsletters for photo evidence of the learning that happens as we lean into the new year together!



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

**Rock Creek January 28 11:30AM**

**Faith February 4 11:30AM**

Rock Creek will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2024 after the 10:30AM worship service. On Sunday, February 4 worship times will switch. So that day, Faith will hold its annual meeting after the 10:30AM service.

These annual meetings are vital to the health and mission of our congregations. We will celebrate the past year of ministry and look ahead to another year of serving God and our neighbors. Please plan to attend either in person or via

Zoom. Here is a Zoom link to the meetings of you are unable to attend in person:

Meeting ID 917 4879 8024

Security Passcode 457679

<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/91748798024?pwd=aG52N2M0Vms0M2xjUDZtcEZUVE1SQTO9>

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



**Worship times will switch at the start of February**

Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM worship Faith

10:30AM worship Rock Creek followed by annual meeting

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30AM worship Rock Creek

10:30AM worship Faith followed by annual meeting

Beginning February 4, fellowship will be held at 10AM before worship at Faith



What ministry is God leading us to do together in 2024? Discover it at the Ministry Fair on Sunday, January 21st at Faith and on Sunday, January 28th at Rock Creek. You will have an opportunity to sign up for a variety of ministry events, experiences, committees, etc. This will guide our energy and talents in the coming year!

### Children's Christmas Programs



Thanks to the faithful teachers who work with our Sunday School students: Tracy Rosemeyer, Trista Heit, Paula Biesterveld, Donna Johnson and Jill Bauer





Thanks to the generosity of those who donated to and attended the Uff Da Dinner, Rock Creek was able to give \$300 to each of the following causes: Shriner's Hospital, Hope Gospel, Menomonie Foster Closet, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Malawi Companion Synod, Synod Endowment Fund, Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry, Lutheran World Relief, Sunday Supper, Durand Swimming Pool, Hurlburt's Haven, Pepin County Humane Society, Dunn County Humane Society, Arkansaw Fur Fish & Games, Rock Falls Sportsman Club, Durand Youth Fishing Contest, Stepping Stones of Dunn County, Durand Area Food Pantry, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Rock Falls Fire Department

We need YOUR voice!  
Join the choir for rehearsals on:  
January 10 6pm @ Faith  
January 24 6pm @ Faith  
Feb. 7 6:30pm @ Rock Creek





## Sunday Supper Spotlight

### **Upcoming Sunday Supper Sponsors...Thank you for your generosity!**

Thanks to the following sponsors for their support of upcoming Sunday Suppers:

December - Abramson Families

January – Rock Creek Lutheran Church

February and March - St Mary's PCCW

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. We continue to depend on your generosity to keep this community outreach going. Join us on December 31<sup>st</sup> for a special New Year's Eve Sunday Supper from 3:30-5:30PM at Faith Lutheran.



### **January Schedule Learning Nights:**

January 3 - January 17 - January 31 Faith 4PM Rock Creek 5:30PM

Reminder for your AAA adult to join you for these classes!

### **Feed My People Service Night**





8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders from Faith and Rock Creek!

Join Pastor Bethany for a special gathering on Wednesday, January 24 at 7PM at Faith. There will be dessert to share and we will learn more about a service trip to Feed My People, a summer 2024 Mission Trip opportunity and more! Bring a parent along and any friends who want to join you.



### **Star Word Sunday and Crèche Display**

Epiphany is on Sunday, January 7. We will celebrate with a display of Crèche (Nativity Sets) and the receiving of Star Words. From December 26-January 7 you are invited to bring your nativity scene to the church to include in the display. Star Words will be received during worship. This is a word to guide your faith journey in the coming year.



The generosity of these people sustained our radio ministry in 2023:

Pete and Becky Richardson family	Dan, Dave, Mark and Andrea Wollum
Tracy Rosemeyer	Jack and Jane Weber
Debi Hurlburt	Ron and Linda Krienke
LeAnne Carlson	Rex and Linda Hoover
Pastor Bethany and Nate Walker	Alison Westphal
Diane Knudsen	Levi Suckow
Jean Hermann	Jim and Glenys Kraft
Steve and Linda Talford family	Rick and Sandy Hagness
Cathy Asher	Al and Donna Johnson
Maria Walker	Barb Fedie
Erin Richardson	Willy Sandberg
LaVonne Biel	Rhonda Krisik
Tiffany Webb	Robert and Carol Wulff
Joe Krienke and Stephanie Thompson	David and Avonelle Lamphere
Jan McChesney	Bob and Sandy Froystad
	Rock Falls Rockets 4H Club



Radio ministry costs \$50/broadcast. All dates in 2024 still need radio sponsors. This vital ministry needs your support! Sponsor in honor or memory of a loved one, in celebration of a birthday, anniversary or other milestone or in thanksgiving for the radio ministry.

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP FORM**

I would like to sponsor a Radio Broadcast (\$50/week) on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Return with check made payable to:

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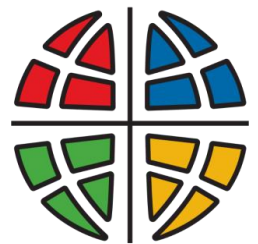


## Annual Meeting Representatives

Both Faith and Rock Creek can send two voting members to Luther Park for their Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 3 from 9-Noon with lunch to follow. If you want to support our Bible camp, learn more about our shared ministry and are willing to attend on behalf of our congregations let Pastor Bethany know by January 27.

To the Council, congregation, pastors and lay leaders of Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches,

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin (NWSWI) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America is writing this letter to invite you to participate in the upcoming election of our synod Bishop at Synod Assembly 2024. All congregations have three responsibilities:



Northwest  
Synod of  
Wisconsin

1. Each congregation should send the appropriate number of lay representatives and rostered leader representatives if available to vote at the Dairyland Conference Assembly on Thursday, February 8 at 7PM at Faith Lutheran Church, Durand.
2. The wide distribution of information regarding the nominees, once all individuals have been contacted, and confirmed their interest or have recused themselves, is key. Discussion, town-hall style meetings, participation by all members is encouraged during the Q&A sessions and sharing of the biographic videos should be shown or taken to those who cannot watch it themselves. Healthy participation is key in any election, and non-voting observers are welcome at all gatherings.
3. Each congregation should send an appropriate number of lay representatives and rostered leader representatives if available to vote at the NWSWI Synod Assembly on June 7-8, 2024 in Eau Claire, WI to elect a Bishop from those individuals nominated and confirmed. Additional nominees can be made at Synod Assembly per open Ecclesiastical ballot guidelines.

The process for the nomination of a Bishop was changed at our last Synod Assembly and details will follow from your Conference Dean, Pastor Bethany Walker [frclcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:frclcpastor@gmail.com) or 715-672-8107. Details and a full timeline is available on the website: <https://nswi.org/synod-assembly-2024>.



We look forward to navigating this process together, guided by the Spirit, in the work of the Kingdom of Heaven. With deep gratefulness, we thank you for your prayerful participation.

Sincerely,

NWSWI Bishop's Election Committee

VP Al Arndt

Rev. Erin Nelson

Karyn Hullinger

Sue Zahrbock

Rev. Sara Bishop

Rev. Greg Kaufmann

Madeline Leske-Oppedahl

Rev. Kurt Jacobsen

Elizabeth Bartsch

Rev. Mamy Ranaivoson