

A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of

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Then the star  
appeared again...  
They were in  
the right place!  
They had arrived  
at the right time!  
Matthew 2:10  
The Message

During January 5th Epiphany Worship we will once again receive Star Words. One word, unique to it's recipient, will guide you throughout the coming year as you seek to follow Jesus more closely. Just as the Magi followed a star to discover Jesus, so too a Star Word can guide us closer to Jesus and what God is up to in our lives, how the Spirit is moving in and around us. My 2024 Star Word has been "stillness." Throughout the year I have learned that stillness isn't just physical quiet but also a stilling of the heart, mind and spirit. It has been a gift to intentionally live with this word. It has opened up space in my otherwise cluttered, racing mind for more reflection, reading and creativity. I hope you have been equally blessed by living into the invitation of your Star Word. I wonder what word we will each receive for 2025?! Join me in worship on the 5<sup>th</sup> to find out.



If you have been worshipping at Faith or Rock Creek and feel like you have found your church home there, then it is time for you to be welcomed as a ministry partner! On Sunday, January 5 we will be formally welcoming the newest

people at both worship services. If you would like to be included please reach out to Pastor Bethany via text at 402-520-5504 or via email at [frlcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:frlcpastor@gmail.com)  
WELCOME!



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
**MEETING**

**Rock Creek January 26 11:30AM**

**Faith February 2 11:30AM**



**February 2**

**Rock Creek 8:30AM**



**February 2**

**Faith 10:30AM**

Rock Creek will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2024 after the 10:30AM worship service. On Sunday, February 2 worship times will switch. On 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:

<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/97985842810?pwd=v9bWhlP8g0yfM91yvJkkJfcPbguDqT.1>

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

Beginning February 2, fellowship will be held at 10AM before worship at Faith

## Children's Christmas Programs



It was a joy to hear the Good News from our kids at the December 15<sup>th</sup> worship service. Thanks to the faithful teachers who work with our Sunday School students: Jill Bauer, Paula Biesterveld, and Donna Johnson (RC) and Elyse Ridgeway, Maria Walker and Addy Weber (Faith)



Thanks to the generosity of those who donated to and attended the Uff Da Dinner as well as additional giving to mission, Rock Creek was able to give \$400 to each of the following causes: Rock Creek and Durand Fire Departments, Durand Area Food Pantry, Stepping Stones of Dunn County, Pepin and Dunn County Humane Societies, St Jude, Shriners, Two families in need, Durand Youth Fishing Contest, Riverview Senior and Community Center, Lutheran World Relief, Rock Creek Neighbor to Neighbor Health Fair, Youth Mission Trip, Durand Ambulance, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Red House of Hope and Samaritan's Purse.

A graphic with a yellow background. Two black spotlights are positioned at the top, one on the left and one on the right, both pointing towards the center. The text "Sunday Supper Spotlight" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered between the spotlights. The word "Sunday" is on the top line, "Supper" is on the middle line, and "Spotlight" is on the bottom line.

## Sunday Supper Spotlight

### **Thank you for your generosity!**

Over the past year Linda Talford has worked tirelessly to share the mission of Sunday Supper with the broader community, seeking support to keep it going.

Many responded with generous offerings. Thanks to our 2024 sponsors: Rock Creek Lutheran Church, St Mary's PCCW, Webb Family, Bonnie Bock, Rex and Linda Hoover, Heck Family, Gary and Eileen Fahnel, Joe and Doris Myer's Memorials, Andi and Dan Quarberg, M.H. Smith and Reta Stewart

Our upcoming January meal is sponsored by Jean Hermann and the Rosemeyer family and March meal is sponsored by John and Jean Lippert. In addition, Sunday Supper received a United Way Grant for \$2500 and the Gobble Wobble raised \$1500. So, Sunday Supper is poised to be fully supported through early 2026! This is great news for a worthy cause that is enjoyed by so many in the community. Thank you! You can continue to support Sunday Supper by providing desserts, bingo prizes, helping serve and attending when you can.



The first ever Season of Service was a big success!  
Thanks to the youth who gave their time to serve our neighbors!



**January Schedule Learning Nights:**  
**4-5:30PM at Faith January 8, 22 and 29**  
Reminder for your AAA adult to join you for these classes!

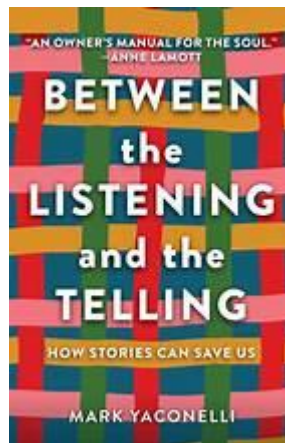


8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders join Pastor Bethany for Faith 5 at Club 10 on Wednesdays, January 22 and 29 from 7-8:30PM. Team trivia followed by faith formation.



Our 2025 mission team is nearly fully formed. Stay tuned for some exciting ways to support your mission team in the New Year! Special thanks to the family of Sandy Hagness who have directed her memorial gifts to the mission trip.

### **A Recommended Read from Pastor Bethany**



We are a storied people, held together in faith by generations of believers who have gone before us. This book tells how its author practiced deep listening to other's stories and was transformed. If you choose to read it make sure you clear your schedule because you won't want to put it down. The stories contained within will draw you in and leave you changed. At least they did that for me.



The generosity of these people sustained our radio ministry in 2024:

Annette and Randy Huppert

Ashley Schroeder

Bignell Family

Carol Wulff

Darrin and Becky Loewenhagen

Debi Hurlburt

Dewi and Tiffany Webb

Diane Knudsen

Don and Jane Rahman

Eric and Jenny Hayden

Erin Richardson

Glenn and Tammy Rinholen

Jack and Jane Weber

Jan McChesney

Jean Hermann

Jeff and Elissa Abramson

JJ, Becky and Briella Northrop

John and Jean Lippert

Joslyn Brantner

Ken and Ruth Abramson

Steve and Kathy Dahl

Laura Swanson Gullickson

LaVonne Biel

Linda Hoover

Marlene Zarling

Nick and Theresa Strand family

Nikki Bauer

Pastor Bethany, Nate and family

Pete and Becky Richardson

Ron and Linda Krienke

Rosemeyer Family

Steve and Linda Talford

Tiffany Webb

Viv Levenske



Radio ministry costs \$50/broadcast. All dates in 2025 still need radio sponsors. This vital ministry relies on 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:

Faith Lutheran Church 1032 Prissel St, Durand WI 54736



### **Annual Meeting Representatives**

Both Faith and Rock Creek can send two voting members to Luther Park for their Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 1 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 24.

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Summer Camp Season:

Join Pastor Bethany and other youth at camp the week of June 22-27

Check out [lutherpark.org](http://lutherpark.org) to register





**Lutheran Social Services**  
of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc.

# Become a Foster Parent! Foster the Future,

**Did you know that around 7,000 children are placed in foster care each year in Wisconsin?** Many children in foster care are unable to safely return to their families and are in need of a loving home. Foster families open their hearts and homes to children requiring placement on a short or long-term basis. Foster parents can be married, single or non-marital partners, home owners or renters, employed or retired. LSS staff are available to guide parents every step of the way! Other supports include: **ongoing training, 24/7 support, respite & financial stipend.**

To learn more about becoming a licensed foster parent, please contact:

**888-746-2850**

**[lsswis.org/service/children-and-families/foster-care](http://lsswis.org/service/children-and-families/foster-care)**

