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Faith Lutheran Church, Marshfield, WI

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From Wonder to Worship

FROM PASTOR HEATHER BROWN



YOU CAN'T GO BACK AND CHANGE THE
BEGINNING. BUT YOU CAN START WHERE YOU ARE
AND CHANGE THE ENDING. -- CS LEWIS

Dear People of God,

As August is upon us, it means that our Fall program year is coming up quickly. We have some special things to look forward to and give thanks to God for the blessings he bestows upon our ministry at Faith Lutheran.

First, we will be welcoming our new Faith Choir Director, Kaitlyn Konrardy. She is a Marshfield native and currently serves as Director of Community Outreach for the Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield. She also holds a degree in vocal music from UW Eau Claire. Her first rehearsal with our choir members will be on Wed Sept 9 at 6:30pm. Welcome, Kaitlyn!

Second, we are awaiting the arrival of the new church photo directory and hope to receive it in September. Thank you to everyone who supported this project by scheduling a photo session and/or submitting a photo. Over 100 households participated.

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Also, we are grateful to our Council President, Nancy Young, for her leadership on long-range planning. We look forward to learning the results of the "Vision 2030" questionnaire and give thanks to all who completed it.

Don't forget to turn-in your Time & Talent form, either by submitting it online or returning it to the church office by Thurs Aug. 20th. We are especially interested in having our newer members complete a Time & Talent form, and also welcome the whole congregation to let us know how you would like to serve at Faith Lutheran.

Loved by God – Living for Others,

Pastor Heather

TIME & TALENT FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AUGUST 1, TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 20TH. YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR FORM ONLINE OR RETURN A HARD COPY TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU FOR THE MANY WAYS YOU SERVE FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH!

YOU ARE WELCOME. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Faith Lutheran Church affirms you as a child of God, without regard to your age, skin color, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, gender identity, how much you earn, who you love, where you come from, where you are in your faith journey, or what is in your past. You are unique and precious and we welcome you in Jesus' name.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

We gather on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, and Stockbridge-Munsee peoples. Central Wisconsin remains home to Indigenous persons—resilient friends and neighbors—who continue to work, worship, and create better futures for all. As a community rooted in faith and stewardship, we commit to listening, learning, and caring for these sacred lands and waters - in the spirit of healing and hope.

SERVICE TIME

IN-PERSON 9:00 AM

WAYS TO WATCH

1. Live-streaming on our App, Facebook & YouTube.
2. Cable Access 989
Broadcast Times:
 - Sunday at 12 Noon
 - Monday at 11:30 AM
 - Friday at 11 AM
3. Always access on App, Facebook & YouTube.



PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Dianne Swanson; Darlene Krake's friend, Carol; Darlene Krake; Diane Mueller; Bernie Binning; Susan Trembl's husband, Mark; Dave Herron; Mark Cournoyer's friend, Shirley Dye.

Our Sympathies to Kim and Sue Vrana on the death of Sue's mother, Shirley, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

All Together in One Place

June 1, 2026

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place” (Acts 2:1).

Every day, I receive emails and messages from members across this church. Many of you share concerns about the state of the world and how faith informs your response to troubling or perplexing events. Sometimes you ask me to speak out more often regarding current affairs, and sometimes you ask me not to speak so much. I cannot answer every message, yet I am learning from you and feel the heartbeat of this church through the concerns, fears and hopes you share with me.

To continue our conversation and respond to what I am hearing from you, I will issue a monthly message through the end of this year in a series called “All Together in One Place.” Each message will share a pastoral word that witnesses to God’s presence today, rooted in Scripture, our rich theological tradition and the social teaching that connects us for life together.

At the first Pentecost, the disciples were guided by the prophet Joel’s assurance that, even in troubling and perplexing times, God is faithfully present.

Our baptismal vocation together is to serve God and neighbor in daily life, fostering “a faith that is active in love, a love that seeks justice, and an insight that strives to discern what is right, good, and fitting” (ELCA social statement The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective, 1991, p. 6). Baptism invites us to love our neighbor, to steward creation, to advocate justice and mercy in situations of brokenness, and to seek peace.

As much as we strive to be “all together in one place,” we may not agree on how to do this. The letters I receive testify that we span a beautiful and God-given diversity that invites Lutherans into deep listening, moral deliberation and a certain humility as we seek the common good.

In our differences, we can still be together in one place, when that place is connection in the unity that only Christ gives us (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

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Council 2026-2027



Pictured Above left to right – Back row: Nancy Young, Pastor Heather Brown, Marty Yohn, Don Streiff, Treasurer Kent Mueller; left to right – Front Row: Alivia (Youth Rep), Chivaun Rabbitt, Renee Stafford, Sally Rakovec, & Jen Smith. Not pictured: Amelia Zellner & Tayllor Thompson

The Congregation Council has a retreat on AUG 9th. Please contact a Council member if you have questions or issues you would like considered.

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We stand in one place when we embrace the dignity of every human being by engaging others with curiosity and respect. We stand in one place when we shake off the immobility of fear to nurture connection in diversity. Our witness to the world embodies 2 Timothy 1:7: "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline."

Just as those early followers of Jesus Christ experienced the power of the Holy Spirit, may we also trust when the Holy Spirit comes blowing into our lives to connect the body of Christ.

In peace, The Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



FROM EDUCATION & FAMILY
MINISTRY TEAM

Summer GLOW Continues to Shine

Our Summer GLOW program has continued to have strong attendance from both our own students and many new visitors. One of the greatest joys has been watching visitors feel welcomed, jump right into the activities, and become part of our GLOW family. Many have even found it difficult to leave when the evening comes to an end!

Everyone is always welcome at our programs, and we encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, and family members to join us.

Thank you to everyone who has attended, volunteered, invited others, and helped make these evenings such a success. We look forward to another exciting Summer GLOW gathering in August.

Upcoming Summer GLOW

 August 19 at 5:00 PM

Registration is available online, and we encourage families to invite others to come experience the fun and fellowship.

GLOW Education Monthly Newsletter

As we move into the final month of summer, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to all our children, youth, volunteers, and new visitors who have joined us throughout our Summer GLOW series. Seeing everyone coming together, sharing in the excitement, and continuing to grow, in faith throughout the summer has been truly amazing.

August is a busy month with many exciting things happening, so please continue watching your calendars, emails, social media, and other church communications to stay connected with all that is taking place. We want you to continue enjoying these final weeks of summer with family and friends while also preparing to jump back into our education programs very soon.

I also want to send a word of encouragement to all our students and families as the new school year begins. We pray that each of you has a safe, fun, and memorable school year filled with new experiences, friendships, learning, and opportunities to grow.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our J-Rolls Dine to Donate fundraiser. Your support helped make this event a success, and we hope you enjoyed some very fast and delicious food!

GLOW

GLOW Host of the Day Needed

Please watch for an upcoming sign-up opportunity to become a GLOW Host of the Day or reach out to Justin if you are interested.

Purpose

Serve as a welcoming presence for our GLOW families and provide support to teachers each Sunday.

Responsibilities

- Welcome students and families as they arrive.
- Assist with student check-in and check-out.
- Help teachers with printing or copying materials.
- Gather supplies or materials teachers may need during the morning.
- Provide general support in the Education Office to help Sunday mornings run smoothly.

Commitment

Volunteers may sign up for one Sunday or multiple Sundays throughout the year.

Ideal Volunteer

A friendly, organized individual who enjoys helping others and creating a welcoming environment for children, families, and volunteers.

"A small role that makes a big difference in helping our Sunday mornings run smoothly!"

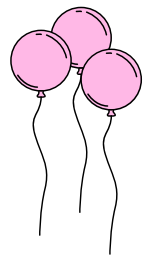
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We currently have 15 students registered from PreK through 5th grade, along with our 8th grade Confirmation students who have played a huge role in planning and preparing for this week. They are excited to share what they have created and help guide our younger students through stories of some of our Heroes of the Bible.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, donated, prayed, and supported this ministry opportunity. We are excited for a week filled with faith, learning, laughter, and memories!

Happy
BIRTHDAY



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:

- SAWYER – AUGUST 19
- HUDSON – AUGUST 23

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- HUDSON – AUGUST 17

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Education Team Spotlight

The Education & Family Ministries Team continues to meet throughout the summer as we plan programs, events, and ministry opportunities for the coming year.

We are always looking for additional voices, ideas, and helping hands. Whether you can serve regularly or help with specific projects, we would love to have you join us.

Next Meeting

 August 6 at 5:30 PM - All are welcome!

Looking Ahead: August Events

- August 6 at 5:30 PM | Education Team Meeting (Anyone interested in being part of this meeting is welcome to attend.)
- August 9 at 11:00 AM | 6th & 8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting
- August 11 at 6:00 PM | Second Confirmation Parent Meeting
- (Families are encouraged to attend one of the two meetings as we discuss the upcoming Confirmation year and provide an opportunity for your questions, thoughts, and feedback.)
- August 23 at 10:15 AM | Education Year Preview & Information Meeting (Following worship, stay and hear about what is coming for the upcoming year!)

Stay Connected

Stay connected with everything happening in Education & Family Ministries:

- Register for 2026–2027 GLOW (registration information coming in August)
- Watch for Summer GLOW updates
- Follow Faith Lutheran Church on Facebook

A Message From Education & Family Ministries

As we prepare for a new school year and another exciting year of ministry, we are reminded that faith formation happens through a community of people who care, serve, encourage, and walk alongside one another.

Thank you for being part of our GLOW family. Whether through volunteering, praying, inviting others, participating in programs, or simply showing up with a willingness to grow in faith, every contribution helps create meaningful opportunities for children and families. As we enter this new season, may God bless our students, families, teachers, volunteers, and our entire church community with excitement, encouragement, and a renewed passion for sharing His love.

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." — Luke 18:16

Blessings,
The Education & Family Ministries Team

Fueled by Faith – Serving with Purpose

FROM YOUTH DIRECTOR JUSTIN POLZIN



Mission Trip Updates

As I am writing this newsletter, we have not yet left for our 2026 Mission Trip, so there is still much to come and many stories yet to be told. However, there is one thing I already know and want to say:

Thank you.

Thank you to everyone from our Faith Lutheran congregation, our community sponsors, those who supported our fundraisers, those who donated, those who prayed, and everyone who encouraged our youth along the way.

Whether you gave financially, helped prepare, participated in fundraising efforts, lifted us up in prayer, or simply shared words of encouragement, you were a part of this journey.

Please join us on August 9th during worship as our youth share their experiences from Indianapolis. Following worship, we will have a Mission Trip Q&A Forum where we will share more stories, answer questions, and reflect together on how God worked through this experience.

July Highlights

-  July 3 – Festival Foods Brat Fry
-  July 8 – Mission Trip Group Gathering
-  July 19 – Mission Trip Sending Service
-  July 19 – Youth Advisory Team Meeting
-  July 22 – Final Mission Trip Leader Meeting
-  July 25–31 – Mission Trip to Indianapolis

Preparing for the Journey

Throughout July, there were many meetings, conversations, and final preparations taking place to make this mission trip possible. While there are always details that need to be worked out when leading a group, I have been continually reminded of the importance of prayer, teamwork, and having a strong support system.

With this being my first time leading a mission trip with a group of 19 participants, I cannot say enough about our leadership team. Thank you for your help, guidance, encouragement, and the many reminders that “we’ve got this.”

I am incredibly grateful for everyone who helped make this opportunity possible.

Be sure to check out our Faith Lutheran Facebook page, as by the time you are reading this, we should have many photos and memories from our week in Indianapolis to share with you!



What’s Coming Up – August

-  August 9 – Mission Trip Worship Service & Q&A Forum
-  August 9 – Mission Trip Picnic / Celebration
-  August 12 – Youth Advisory Team Meeting
-  August 20 – FLY Youth & Parent Meeting

FLY Youth Room Updates

A lot has been happening in the FLY Youth Room!

The half wall near the entrance has been removed, opening the space and creating more room for games, activities, and fellowship.

Painting in this area is still being completed, but we are excited about the possibilities this change brings.

The closet area has also been painted, and new shelving has been added to improve organization and storage.

There is still more to come! If you are interested in helping, checking out the space, or sharing ideas, please let me know.



Mission Trip Memory Wall

The wall outside the Youth Room has been transformed with a map that will help tell the story of our mission trips.

Our vision is for this wall to highlight the places we have served, along with photos of the youth and leaders who participated in each trip.

As you have a chance, stop by and check it out! We will soon be adding information from our first mission trip location and continuing to build this display for years to come.

Fundraiser Updates

Thank you to everyone who supported our Festival Foods Brat Fry on July 3rd! Whether you volunteered your time, stopped by for a meal, donated, or helped spread the word, we appreciate your support.

This event was our best fundraiser yet this year when it came to donations, and we are incredibly grateful for the generosity and encouragement shown by our congregation and community. These fundraisers help provide opportunities for our youth to grow in faith, serve others, and participate in meaningful experiences like our mission trips.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce our next fundraiser coming in September!

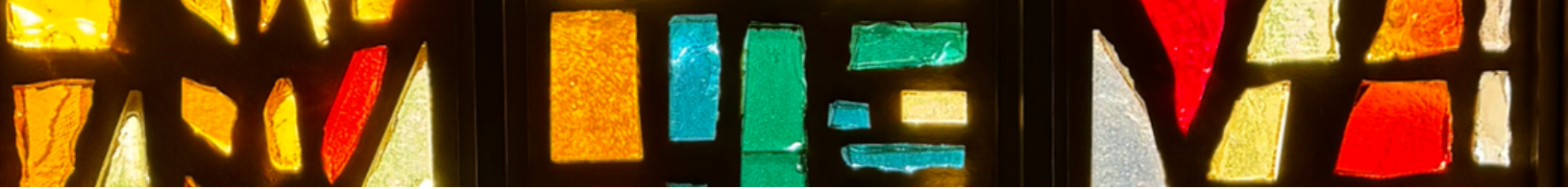
Following Ignite the Light Sunday, led by our GLOW students, we will be hosting a Pulled Pork & Pulled Chicken Barbecue. This will be more than just a meal — we are planning a fun time of food, games, fellowship, and activities for the young and young at heart.

Please look forward to more details coming soon. Presale tickets will become available in August and will continue throughout the month, so be sure to get your tickets early and invite your family and friends to join us!

We look forward to sharing a great day together as we kick off another exciting year of ministry.

Blessings,

Justin Polzin, Youth Director



Facilities Management Team

CHAIR PAM JOHNSON

Facility Team Update – July Highlights

The Facility Team has been busy caring for and improving our church building and grounds. Here are a few highlights from their July meeting:

Front Tree Replacement

After considerable discussion, the Facility Team unanimously approved removing the large tree at the front of the church and replacing it with landscaping better suited for the area.

Over the years, the tree has contributed to several ongoing maintenance concerns, including:

- Gutters requiring cleaning multiple times each year.
- Water issues near the south stairwell caused by clogged gutters.
- Moss beginning to grow on the front roof due to excessive shade and moisture.
- Difficult access to the bell tower gutters, leading to additional drainage concerns.

The new landscaping will help reduce maintenance costs while protecting our building for years to come.

Water & Building Maintenance

Several projects are underway to address water-related concerns throughout the property:

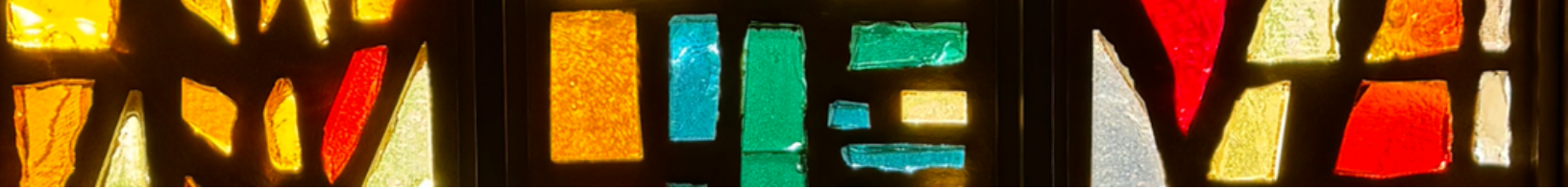
- Repairs at the east entrance are nearing completion, with gutters and downspouts to be reinstalled once the project is finished.

- The elevator tower was inspected after recent roofing work. A mortar fracture was identified, and further evaluation determined the flashing around the tower screens likely needs replacement. A repair estimate is being prepared.
- Replacement parts for the sanitary sewer project are still on order.
- A new backup battery has been installed for the elevator.

Building Improvements

Many additional maintenance and improvement projects continue throughout the church:

- Gutters have been cleaned after becoming heavily clogged with debris.
- Wall repairs and painting from recent building damage are in the final stages. Volunteers will assist with painting the hallways.
- The Sacristy floor will be professionally stripped and waxed.
- New shelving has been completed in the upstairs storage closet, allowing ministry teams to reorganize their supplies.
- Work continues on improvements in the FLY youth area, including construction of a half wall.
- The Youth Director's office has been freshly painted and will soon include a television display showcasing youth ministry activities and projects.



Security Camera Updates

The new exterior security cameras are now fully operational.

At the request of the Education Team, the Facility Team also approved installing two cameras in the Education Wing hallways. To respect the privacy of community groups using the classrooms, the cameras will automatically be disabled on Tuesdays, and those groups will be notified of the arrangement.

Green Space Project

The newly seeded green space continues to establish itself. After consulting with Spring-Green, the recommendation was to postpone weed treatment until next spring to allow the grass adequate time to mature after a dry summer.

A new Green Space Subcommittee is being formed under the Facility Team to oversee future landscaping and maintenance of the area.

Interested in helping?

If you would like to serve on the Green Space Subcommittee, please contact Pam Johnson at majieella@gmail.com or 715-305-1673. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

SPECIAL NOTE:

Monday, August 10, and Tuesday, August 11, Reigel Plumbing will be replacing the old sanitary sewer pump for a new one. The building will be closed Monday. Thank you for your understanding.

Communications Team Highlights

The Communications Team continues to strengthen Faith Lutheran's outreach both in-person and online. Website updates are progressing, with new content being reviewed before publication, and the Social Media Policy is now ready for Council review while work continues on an Artificial Intelligence Policy.

Highlights from July include:

- Youth Mission Trip: Plans are in place to share daily photos through Google Photos, with a special mission trip worship presentation planned for August 9.
- Puppet Ministry: The final puppet programs will be recorded before the mission trip, with a possible live performance at ODC later this summer.
- Audio-Visual Improvements: The team is reviewing proposals for future camera and sound system upgrades, using available memorial funds to develop a phased improvement plan while remaining under budget.
- Livestream Ministry: Funeral livestream services will be offered with an established fee structure, and wedding livestreams will continue to be available upon request.
- Looking Ahead: Planning continues for future branding, landscaping, lighting, and signage enhancements, along with preparations for upcoming outdoor worship services that will improve both the worship experience and livestream viewing.

Mission Team Updates

Treasurer's Report

FROM TREASURER KENT MUELLER

General giving for June 2026 was \$21,067, compared to \$22,733 for 2025 and \$17,948 for 2024. The June general giving was \$4,616 lower than the budgeted amount for general giving. Expenses exceeded income by \$1,227 for June.

Year-to-date income exceeded expenses by \$5,993. Year-to-date income is lower than budget by \$3,773, expenses are lower than budget by \$10,569, and interest earnings are higher than budget by \$142, resulting in net income that is \$6,988 higher than budgeted.

Care Fund Update

TREASURER ALICIA HEINRICH



During the Month of June, there were three requests to help families in need of rent and utilities.

Balance as of 5/31/2026	\$ 7,822.11
Contributions	\$ 1,171.91
Distributions	- \$ 1,300.00
Ending Balance 6/30/2026	<u>\$7,694.02</u>

Memorial and Other Funds Report

FROM TREASURER CINDY PRUST

Highlights:

For more details or any questions, please contact Cindy Prust. Here are the totals as of 06/14/26:

Undesignated Memorial	\$18,081.31
Flowers & Altar	\$ 2,536.04
Piece Corp	\$ 3,515.56
Music Ministry	\$ 4,473.24
Churkey Ed. Fund	\$ 3,234.28
God's Work, Our Hands	\$ 734.20
Faith In Action	\$ 987.27
Fresh Expressions	\$ 573.47
Property Improvement	\$ 1,506.63
Kitchen Remodel	\$ 2,570.95
Audio/Visual	\$2,750.00
Green Space-Lot 205	\$2,947.00

Finance Team Update: Mid-Year

Contributions statements were sent out digitally the third week of July and sent out via mail for those who don't have email.

Endowment Fund Report

TREASURER LORI BENTS

Total of accounts as of 6/30/2026 is 300,400.53

Balance Available for 2026

• VASIX	Malueg	<u>\$2,139.63</u>
• VSCGX	Sabrowsky	<u>\$4,236.51</u>
• VSMGX	General	<u>\$3,344.13</u>

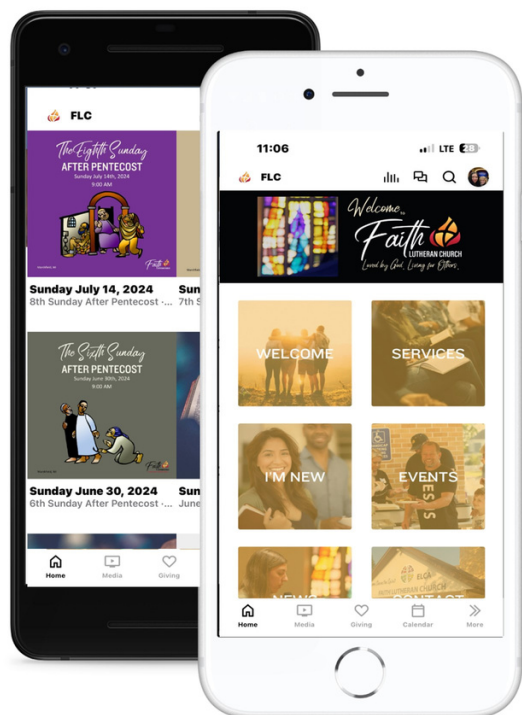


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