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Official Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church, Marshfield, WI

Into the Wilderness - Windows of Faith: A Journey of Faith This Lent

FROM PASTOR HEATHER BROWN

“Though now we see through a glass, darkly, then we shall see face to face....” - I Corinthians 13:12

Greetings, People of Faith!

Lent is the 40-day season before Easter when we journey with Jesus to the cross. During Lent we ponder the meaning of Jesus’s life, death and resurrection. It’s also a time to examine our own lives and draw closer to God. Please join us on Ash Wednesday (March 5) as we welcome our new Bishop, Rev Martin Halom, and launch this important season of the church year.

This year’s Lenten theme is, “INTO THE WILDERNESS: Windows of Faith.” At each of our worship services during Lent, we will highlight one of the twelve stained-glass windows in our sanctuary. Together we will reflect on how we have seen the light of Christ shining into the “wilderness” times of our lives. If you would like to share a faith story about which images in our art glass windows mean the most to you, please let me know.

On Sunday, March 16, we will welcome Pastor Peter Muschinske as our special guest (complete with saxophone!) Pastor Peter serves as a Chaplain in the US Navy and so he will help us highlight the window called “The Ship of the Church.”

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During Lent you will also have the opportunity to use a special devotional resource called "Lent-in-a-Bag," compliments of Faith Lutheran. It will be available for you to take home for your own use, or you may give it to someone else.

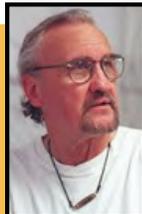


The Ship of the Church Window

In "Lent-in-a-Bag," you will find a devotional reading for each day of Lent, including a scripture reading and prayer. You will also find six small items to help you reflect on the meaning of Lent.

Wishing you a blessed Lenten season,
Pastor Heather

HISTORY OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



Faith Lutheran's "art glass" windows were designed especially for our church by Richard Caemmerer Jr, Professor of Art at Valparaiso University. Installed in 1970, the windows were created with rough-hewn glass edges that produce a jewel-like quality when lighted by the sun. The windows feature artwork and symbols that tell the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our church's lovely windows will be the focus of our Lenten theme in 2025 - INTO THE WILDERNESS: Windows of Faith.



The President's Corner

FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT
DIANE HERRON

Greetings from the President's Corner,

I am excited to serve as your Council President for the 2025-2026 Term. I appreciate all the support I received last year from so many people as I served as Co-President with Jeff Tisdell.

I am happy to welcome this year Council Members. Michelle Rhodes: Vice President, Rich Tarter: Secretary, Kent Mueller: Treasure, Jeff Tisdell, Bonnie Brix, Renee Stafford, Pam Johnson, Sally Rakovec, Don Streiff, Alivia Schiferl our Youth Representative, & Pastor Heather Brown.

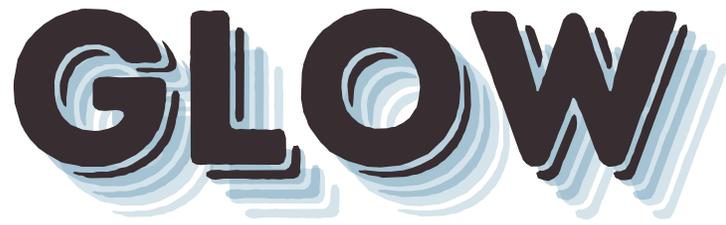
Your dedication and commitment to serving this congregation is really appreciated. Each of you bring unique skills and perspectives that will, without a doubt, contribute to our mission and goals. I look forward to working with each of you and achieving great things together as a team. Thank you for stepping up to take on this responsibility.

For something different this year, I would like to hear from you, the congregation. Your insights and feedback will be helpful to us as we work to serve you better. Please feel free to share any ideas or suggestions you may have. There is a suggestion box located by the Welcome Table marked President's Suggestion Box.

Thank you all for your support.

Many Blessings,
Diane Herron

God's Love Our World: Growing in Faith & Community



FROM CO-DIRECTORS
JUSTIN POLZIN & BRIANNE THOMPSON

As the months continue to pass, we are excited to see the growth and changes within our education program. The children are thriving in their memory work, enjoying the excitement of the GLOW Café, GLOW Spotlight Sundays, and eagerly anticipating warmer weather. The bonds they form within their classes and across grade levels are truly heartwarming, and we are grateful to share this journey with you.

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

GLOW Education Updates:

Our Pre-K through 6th-grade students had a wonderful time serving families, council members, and staff at our annual GLOW Café on February 23rd. They served with smiles, laughter, and plenty of stories to share! In addition to their service, students have been preparing their musical talents to perform on March 9th.

Students are also looking forward to their end-of-the-year offering project, supporting M.A.P.S (Marshfield Area Pet Shelter). They are collecting donations and inviting the congregation to participate. Items most needed include:

- Cash donations
- Tidy Cat clumping litter
- Purina Cat & Kitten food
- Canned PATE cat food
- Paper towels
- Any brand of dry cat food for the Free Pet Supply Pantry

For an updated list, visit:

www.marshfieldpetshelter.org/items

Reminder to parents:

Please help your children complete their memory work by the end of April.



Puppets of Faith is
Going Digital!

Exciting news! Puppets of Faith is bringing their show to YouTube and Facebook!



We started premiering on Wednesday, February 26th, at 6 PM. Tune in each week for a brand-new story featuring Mr. Goodman and Kenny. Each episode will explore Bible stories, daily life lessons, and so much more!

Subscribe to our YouTube channel and follow our Facebook page so you don't miss an episode.

We can't wait to share these fun and meaningful stories with you!

Adult Education Updates:

Our Adult Education group meets after Sunday services (unless special events are scheduled). We are currently working through Lesson Five: Persevering for Christ (Revelation 3:1-13). Whether you've attended before or are joining for the first time, you are welcome! Our study consists of 12 lessons, with completion expected by the end of May.

Confirmation Updates:

Students in grades 6-8 are progressing through their studies, with 8th graders preparing for Confirmation Sunday by attending classes, completing sermon notes, and fulfilling service hours. 6th graders will participate in an overnight retreat on February 28th, filled with stories, games, movies, and fun. 8th graders will have their retreat at Marshfield School Forest on March 7-8, where they will work on faith statements, share stories, and deepen their connection to their confirmation journey.

Recently, 8th graders began rewriting the Lord's Prayer in their own words and exploring the church's mission and ministry teams. Reminder for parents: We are approaching the final opportunities for sermon notes. Please check in with your student's progress.

Looking Ahead: March Highlights

GLOW Education

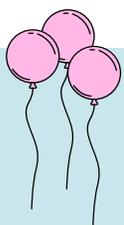
- March 6th: Next Education Team Meeting – Open to anyone interested in learning more, sharing input, or joining the team. No monthly commitment required!
- March 9th: 4th Grade Spotlight – Our 4th graders will participate in the Sunday Service, and the Joyful Noise Choir will perform. You won't want to miss this!
- March 12th: The Education Team will host Soup Supper – Join us for soup and sandwiches served by students and education team members.

Confirmation Updates

- March 2nd: 8th graders will meet with the Worship & Music Team and Facilities Team to learn about ministry opportunities post-confirmation.
- March 7-8: 8th Grade Retreat at Marshfield School Forest – A night of faith-building, games, movies, and reflection before Confirmation Sunday.
- March 9th: 8th graders will meet with the Communications Team and Faith in Action Team to explore future involvement opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our education programs! We look forward to another wonderful month together. 🌟

Blessings,
GLOW Education Team



Happy
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS:

EMMA – 03/02
EMERSON – 03/06

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:

JAXON – 03/03
BREELEIGH – 03/15



Faith in an Anxious World

FROM YOUTH DIRECTOR KIM VRANA



FLY on Sunday Morning

In February and continuing through the rest of the school year, we started a devotional Bible Study called Faith in an Anxious World. We started with Life in an Anxious World and will continue with Life in a Relational World, Life in a Hurting World and finally Life in a Hopeful World. We have also been revisiting Ignition Spirituality with the Daily Replay based on the Ignition Prayer of Examen.

Our next Gathering is on Sunday, March 2nd in the Youth Room in the lower level at church. Access is through the north stairway by the Entrance and then straight ahead through the room with the foosball table. We will gather from 10 to 11 AM. Youth in Grades 9 through 12 are invited to join us. In January we talked about hope and friendship and how they both impact us as teenagers of faith.

Winter Outing

We enjoyed a very different Winter Fun Event this year. Last year we were not able to have the event due to some weather challenges. So, this year we thought we would keep it inside and stay local. But also do something a little different than a lot of people have ever tried. We called it "Get Your Axe Together With FLY". We gathered on Sunday, February 16 at The Grey Dog Axe Throwing to try our hand (or arm) at axe throwing. All appendages remained intact and both youth and Adult Leaders had a great time and enjoyed a tasty taco bar supper.



Circle the Date – Palms and Pancakes

Be sure to mark Sunday, April 13 on your calendar for the return of Palms and Pancakes. We will be offering a sit-down breakfast of pancakes, eggs (if we can afford them), sausages and other goodies to help us raise funds for Mission Trip 2025 to New York. Puh-Puh-Puh please plan to stick around after worship that Sunday to enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship. 🍷





Faith in Action Team

CHAIR TREVA TISDELL

Outreach

For our February outreach, we collaborated with Family Education and asked the G.L.O.W. students to color Valentine pictures that we could mail out to our shut ins. We mailed 21 beautifully colored pictures.

For our March outreach we sent out 40 letters to inactive members letting them know we miss seeing them at church and we hope to see them at our Lenten Worship Services and Soup Suppers.

4TH ANNUAL EGG HUNT – COMING SOON!

Mark your calendars! The Faith in Action and Education & Family Ministry Teams are hosting our 4th Annual Egg Hunt on: Sunday, April 6th Fellowship Hall (downstairs) Open to children ages 2-12

Along with the Egg Hunt, we'll have 4-5 fun games with prizes and tasty snacks!

How You Can Help:

- Borrowed items needed: A children's bench or small park bench and/or fake rocks/stones (like the kind used to hide keys).
- Donations appreciated: Candy, snacks, or small toys for filling plastic eggs. Pre-filled eggs are welcome, too! Donations can be placed in the box labeled Egg Hunt in the Gathering Area.

If you'd like to volunteer for this event, please contact Michelle Rhodes, Justin Polzin, or Treva Tisdell.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to celebrating this fun tradition together!

Mission Team Updates

Treasurer's Report

FROM TREASURER KENT MUELLER

General giving for January 2025 was \$18,847, compared to \$16,742 for 2024 and \$21,252 for 2023. The general giving was \$4,000 less than the budgeted general giving. Year-to-date income is \$1,867 lower than expenses. Year-to-date total income is lower than budget by \$3,978, expenses are lower than budget by \$3,376, and interest earnings are higher than budget by \$161, resulting in net income that is \$441 lower than budgeted.

Memorial and Other Funds Report

FROM TREASURER CINDY PRUST

For more detail or any questions, please contact Cindy Prust. Here are the totals as of 1/31/25:

Undesignated Memorial	\$10,814.14
Flowers & Altar	\$4,126.37
Piece Corp	\$1,512.54
Music Ministry	\$4,321.22
Churkey Ed. Fund	\$2,941.37
God's Work, Our Hands	\$1,025.58
Property Improvement	\$ 875.58
Kitchen Remodel	\$2,634.76
Faith In Action	\$ 398.00

Care Fund Annual Report Correction

INTERIM CHAIR ALICIA HEINRICH

The numbers portion of the Care Fund Report was incorrect, please note the correct numbers for 2024 Year End.

Care Fund Balance on 12/31/23		\$ 2,556.56
Contributions	\$ 13,702.34	\$ 16,258.90
Distributions	\$ 9,339.29	\$ 6,919.61
Ending Balance		\$ 6,919.61
Refugee Fund Balance on 12/31/23		\$ 2,767.41
Contributions	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,767.41
Distributions	\$ 314.22	\$ 2,453.19
Ending Balance		\$ 2,453.19
Total FLC Care/Refugee Fund on 12/31/24		\$ 9,372.80

Care Fund Update

INTERIM CHAIR ALICIA HEINRICH



In January and February, we've been able to assist two individuals needing help with rent.

Our refugee team members voted to donate the remainder of our refugee money that is still in the Care Fund to the ECDC Multicultural Community Center out of Wausau. The funds will be used by them to support refugee needs in Central Wisconsin which are much needed following federal funding cuts.

Care Fund/Refugee Fund

Beginning Balance 1/1/25	\$9,372.80
Care Fund Distributions	-\$600.00
Refugee Disbursement	-\$2,453.19
Balance as of 2/28/2025	\$6,319.61

Mission Team Updates

Facilities Management Team

CHAIR PAM JOHNSON

Parsonage Update - Seeking help!

At our Annual Meeting in February, the congregation approved a motion to move forward with the removal of the Parsonage/Better Way Club. As we take the next steps, the Facility Team is forming a dedicated subcommittee to guide this project.

We recognize that this will be a significant undertaking, requiring thoughtful planning and commitment. However, it also presents a meaningful opportunity to contribute to the future of our church facilities. If you are interested in being part of this process or would like more information, please reach out to Pam Johnson at majiella@gmail.com or leave a message at 715-305-1673 no later than March 10th.

Your involvement and input are greatly valued as we move forward together!.

Communication Team

INTERIM CHAIR ALICIA HEINRICH

Highlights

- We upgraded our internet with a faster modem.
- We met with Worship & Music and Education Family ministry Teams to update their respective website pages.
- Press Release went out for Bishop Martin Halcom as special guest for our Ash Wednesday Service on March 5th.

Women of ELCA

FROM KAREN BOHM

Join us for the 2025 Chequamegon Conference Women's Spring Rally on April 5th, at 9:00 AM at Trinity Lutheran in Loyal, WI. Secure your spot early to take advantage of the discounted rate: \$15 before Mar. 28th or \$20 after. Our offering/In Kind objective is Nutrition On Weekends (NOW) program. Guest Speaker Destiny Jackson to speak! Don't miss this opportunity to come together for fellowship, inspiration, and growth. We look forward to seeing you there!



**CHEQUAMEGON CONFERENCE
SPRING RALLY** Women of ELCA

REGISTER NOW

5 April, 2025

Registration opens at 8:30 AM

Program at 9:00 AM

Hosted at Trinity Lutheran Church, Loyal, WI 54446

Featuring Guest Speaker

Destiny Jackson



Marshfield Area
United Way

Offering/In Kind objective: Nutrition
On Weekends (NOW) program.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact Coordinator Penny Dunnermann at
715-683-2411 or pdunnermann@hotmail.com



Destiny Jackson passionately shares Jesus' love and healing. With a heart for the broken, she transitioned from behind the salon chair to writing, speaking, and teaching healing through art. Committed to guiding others to restoration and freedom, she shares the transformative love of Christ she has experienced firsthand.



The Family
 Help for the Homeless
HYGIENE DRIVE

**Feb. 23 -
 Mar. 16**

Help ease the financial strain on homeless and crisis programs in your community.

Most Needed Items

- | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Bathroom Tissue | Diapers/Baby Care | Paper Towels |
| Cleaning Supplies | Face/Bath Soap | Razors |
| Dental Care | Feminine Care | Textured Hair Care |
| Deodorant | Laundry Detergent | Trash Bags |

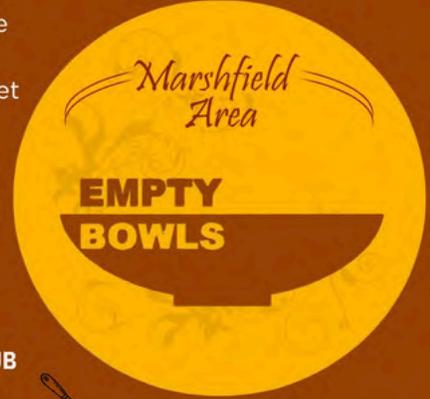
Donations remain in the community where collected!

Collection box in Gathering Area

A Fundraising Event for the
 Soup or Socks
 Food Pantry & Clothes Closet

**March 8, 2025
 11am - 2pm**

MARSHFIELD EAGLE'S CLUB
 1104 S Oak Ave
 Marshfield, WI 54449



OPTIONS

● Bowl of Soup \$12

*One 12 oz cup of soup.
 Dine-In Only*

● Flight of Soup \$17

*One 12 oz cup of soup & Three 4oz cups of soup.
 Dine-in only.*

Each ticket will allow you to choose a ceramic bowl to take home!

715-387-1796



SOUP OR SOCKS

Church Sign
Encouraging Messages



Council 2025-2026

Diane Herron, President; Michelle Rhodes, Vice President; Rich Tarter, Secretary; Kent Mueller, Treasurer; Jeff Tisdell, Bonnie Brix, Renee Stafford, Pam Johnson, Sally Rakovec, Don Streiff, Alivia Schiferl our Youth Representative, & Pastor Heather Brown.

March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:00 WORSHIP 10:00 GLOW/FLY/ADULT ED 10:00 Social Concerns/ Green Meeting Pastor OFF	3 Office Closed 7:00 Al-Anon	4 1:00 Book Club 7:00 Boy Scouts #382	5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12:30 Staff Meeting 5:15 ASH SERVICE 6:15 SOUP SUPPER 6:00 NA Meeting in CR 6:30 Choir Practice 7:00 Communications Mtg	6 8:00 Piece Corps 8:30 Finance Team Mtg 6:30 Ed & Fam Team Mtg 7:00 Scout Troop 345	7 Office & Building CLOSED 8th Grade Retreat	8
9 <i>4th Grade Spotlight</i> 9:00 WORSHIP Joyful Noise Choir 10:00 GLOW/ADULT ED 10:00 Refresh in God's Word 10:15 W&M Meeting 6:00 Exec. Council Mtg	10 Office Closed 6:30 Facility Team Mtg 7:00 Al-Anon	11 3:30 Scrapbooking Group 7:00 Boy Scouts #382	12 1:00 Bible Study 5:15 LENTEN SERVICE 6:00 SOUP SUPPER 6:00 NA Meeting in CR 6:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Bible Study	13 8:00 Piece Corps 6:00 Faith In Action Mtg	14 Office & Building CLOSED	15
16 9:00 WORSHIP 10:00 ADULT ED 10:15 Council Meeting (Final day to send in WELCA offering)	17 Office Closed 7:00 Al-Anon	18 1:00 Altrusa 7:00 Boy Scouts #382	19 9:00 Miriam Circle 9:00 Elizabeth Circle 12:30 Staff Meeting 5:15 LENTEN SERVICE 6:00 SOUP SUPPER 6:00 NA Meeting in CR 6:30 Choir Practice	20 8:00 Piece Corps 7:00 Scout Troop 345	21 Office & Building CLOSED NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22
Spring Break						
23 9:00 WORSHIP 10:00 GLOW/ ADULT ED 9:00 WORSHIP / PRAISE BAND 10:00 GLOW/ADULT ED 10:00 Council Retreat	24 Office Closed 1:30 Ruth Circle at MM 7:00 Al-Anon	25 6:00 NAMI Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts #382	26 5:15 LENTEN SERVICE 6:00 SOUP SUPPER 6:00 NA Meeting in CR 6:30 Youth Advisory Team 6:30 Choir Practice	27 8:00 Piece Corps	28 Office & Building CLOSED	29
30 9:00 WORSHIP / PRAISE BAND 10:00 GLOW/ADULT ED 10:00 Council Retreat	31					

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**5:15pm Worship Service with Holden Evening Prayer.
6:00pm Soup Supper (free-will offering)**

MARCH 5th - ASH WEDNESDAY

Worship Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Bishop Martin Halom, guest preacher. Soup supper hosted by Faith Lutheran Youth.

Menu: *Turkey Wild Rice Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches (free-will offering).*

MARCH 12th - LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

Soup Supper hosted by Education Team and Faith-in-Action Team.

Menu: *Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwiches.*

MARCH 19th - LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

Soup Supper hosted by Faith Lutheran Women.

Menu: *Split Pea Soup, Vegetable Cabbage Soup.*

MARCH 26th - LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

Soup Supper hosted by Boy Scouts. **Menu:** *Beef Vegetable Soup, Cheesy Broccoli Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Turkey & Cheese Sandwiches, Peanut Butter & Jelly.*

APRIL 2nd - LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

Soup Supper hosted by Worship & Music Team and Social Concerns/Green Team.

Menu: *Chicken Rice Vegetable, Sweet & Savory Muffins.*

APRIL 9th - LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

Soup Supper hosted by Facilities Team. **Menu:** *Ham & Potato Soup, Ham Sandwiches.*

Faith Lutheran Staff Emails

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PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers: (Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)

Marian Hintzel; Marvel Woodward; Sandy Fredricksen; Sue Vrana's mother, Shirley; Maxine Morgan's friends; Carol Skaden's sister, Cathy; Dave Herron; Dave & Diane Herron's niece, Mia; Tom & Darlene Krake.

SERVICE TIME

IN-PERSON 9:00 AM

WAYS TO WATCH

Live-streaming on our APP, Facebook & YouTube.
Cable Access 989 Broadcast Times:

Sunday at 12 Noon

Monday at 11:30 AM

Friday at 11 AM

Always access on App, Facebook  & YouTube. 



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