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Faith CONNECTIONS

Official Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church, Marshfield, WI

Dinner Groups Coming This Fall!

Come to the Feast: Embracing Fellowship and Faith at the Table

FROM PASTOR HEATHER BROWN

Isaiah 55:1-2

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Dear People of God,

Every time I attend a wedding ceremony and the dinner that often follows, I am reminded of how Jesus says that the Kingdom of God is like a wedding banquet (see Matthew 22), where all are welcome and everyone feasts until they are satisfied. In fact, that's exactly what happens when Jesus feeds 5000 hungry people with just five loaves and two fish (see John 6). There is so much leftover, that the disciples fill 12 baskets with what remains!

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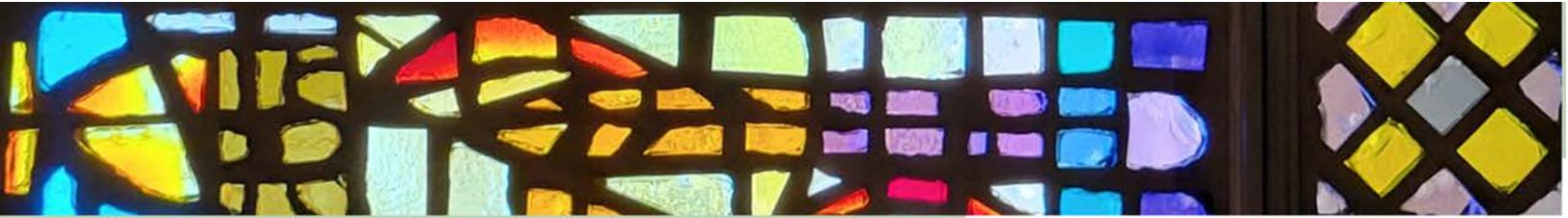


Table fellowship was an important part of Jesus’s ministry. In fact, Jesus was actually criticized for eating meals with those considered sinners and outcasts by the religious authorities. In Luke 15:2 it says, “And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’”

This Fall we are launching “Dinner Groups” at Faith Lutheran so that our folks can get to know each other better. You can sign-up to participate in our Dinner Group program in the Gathering Area through Sunday, September 15. We are forming groups of 8 people who will have dinner at least three times from Sept. – Dec.

Members of each group will determine when and where they will meet (i.e. time & date; potluck at home/church/restaurant). Each group will be asked to reflect on a Bible verse and share in a Table Prayer before they enjoy a meal together.

Come and feast with your siblings in Christ at Faith Lutheran! And may your Dinner Group be a “foretaste of the feast to come” (see Revelation 21:1-6).

In Christ, Pastor Heather
pastor@faithmarshfield.com

SIGN UP ON OUR APP OR
 IN THE GATHERING AREA!



Dinner Groups

Join one of our Dinner Groups this fall for fun and fellowship! Get to know your church congregation better over dinner and food!



PRAYER LIST

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

Thom Gerretsen; Karen Pugh; Maxine Morgan’s friend Rachel, and her brother, Keith; Lois Krahn’s sister, Sara; Lorraine Rogers; Jan Fink’s niece, Debbie; Dave & Diane Herron’s niece, Mia; Kenneth Post & Tom Krake.



SERVICE TIME

IN-PERSON 9:00 AM

New! WAYS TO WATCH

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



GLOW

Time to Rally! Education Kick-Off in September and We Are Pumped!

FROM CO-DIRECTORS JUSTIN POLZIN & BRIANNE THOMPSON

August has come and gone, bringing many new changes to our Education & Family Ministries Team. In July, Marty Yohn announced his retirement from the Co-Director of Education position, a role he served with dedication. We are thrilled to welcome Justin Polzin as he steps into this significant role, effective August 1st, 2024. We are confident that Justin will continue to lead our education programs with passion and vision.

With Marty's departure, he also announced that he will be stepping down from the Education & Family Ministries Team—a mission team that plays a vital role in our Faith Lutheran Church family. His absence leaves us with Brianne Thompson, Justin Polzin, Michelle Rhodes, and Pam Johnson as our current team members.

We would be happy to welcome anyone interested in joining our team. This commitment doesn't require full-time participation every month; we value any input, as the more perspectives we have, the better we can grow and serve our community.

During the month of August, we successfully completed our Summer GLOW program, wrapping up with our final event on August 21st. The program was filled with smiles, laughter, stories, and new experiences for all the children who participated. We hope they enjoyed their time as much as we did and are eagerly looking forward to the upcoming GLOW year.

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Happy
BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS:
PAISLEY RASMUSSEN
09/25/2015 (9 YEARS)

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS:
ERICA SCHIFERL
(KINDERGARTEN)
09/29/2019 (5 YEARS)

PAXTON RASMUSSEN (1ST GRADE) 09/15/2019 (5 YEARS)

BROOKLYN CORCORAN (5TH GRADE) 09/14/2014 (10 YEARS)

RACHEL LOUCKS (8TH GRADE) 09/18/2011 (13 YEARS)



Looking for more **GLOW Teachers**

Have a passion for God and teaching children?
Join our team and make a difference in the lives of the next generation.

If interested, contact
FamilyEd@faithmarshfield.com



GLOW

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blessing of the backpacks
**DURING SERVICE
 ON SEPT. 8TH**



**FOR PRE-K - COLLEGE!
 BRING YOUR BACKPACKS!**

With many returning students and teachers eager to help grow our children's faith, we're ready for a fantastic year ahead. We'll kick things off on September 8th with Rally Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks (kids, don't forget to bring your backpack!).

This year, we've planned a variety of events, including a walk to the Fire Station, Trunk or Treat, a brand-new Christmas Program, Café of Faith, Kids Night Out, and many more.

We have many exciting things to look forward to in the upcoming GLOW year! 🍷

 **RALLY SUNDAY &
 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
 SEPTEMBER 8TH**

FIRE DEPARTMENT WALK
 DURING GLOW - SEPTEMBER 15TH



 **GLOW FIRE HOUSE WALK
 SEPTEMBER 15TH**



**Kids Bible
 PRESENTATION SEPT. 22ND**
 FOR KINDERGARTEN, 3RD & 6TH GRADERS

 **KIDS BIBLE PRESENTATION
 SEPTEMBER 22ND**

SCOTTY'S
PIZZA NIGHT
 SEPTEMBER 17TH
 EDUCATION & FAMILY MINISTRY FUNDRAISER
 TO SUPPORT THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



LOOKING FOR TEAM MEMBERS

The Education & Family Ministry Team are looking for a few more team members to help oversee the Education Program. Contact FamilyEd@faithmarshfield.com





Returning from the Hillside: Youth Mission Trip

FROM KIM VRANA



Just as the disciples returned from the hillside after hearing the teachings of Jesus during the Sermon on the Mount, please join us September 15 at 9 AM (in person or online) as the Duluth 2024 Mission Trip Team shares a special service of reflection and recollection and then join us immediately after for a special Coffee Hour and Forum to hear more about the trip from both our youth and Adult Leaders.

We served our brothers and sisters in Christ through outdoor repair work, trail blazing, packing meals for children in need, feeding those experiencing homelessness, extreme poverty and mental health issues and helping those in need with work that would have taken them five times as long to complete. We sought to understand the challenges of coming into a community to serve,

how we should treat others the way we want to be treated and how we are the salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth.

We marveled at the wonders of God's creation and beauty in Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. We thank God for a wonderful trip, the many new people we met and learned from and the new friends along the way. We spent 7 days building a community of youth and adult leaders with a strong bond of friendship and love for each other and those less fortunate than us.

The Sermon on the Mount has been referred to as a map. A map where we might find Jesus. Come join us on September 15 to find out where this map took us on our faith journey. 🙌

- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- 🔥 SEPT. 8TH FLY MISSION TRIP MEETING 10 AM
 - 🔥 SEPT. 15TH MISSION TRIP SUNDAY
 - 🔥 SEPT. 22ND FLY GROUP MEETING 10 AM



Mission Team Updates

Faith in Action Team Announcements

CHAIR TREVA TISDELL

COMMUNITY COFFEE OUTREACH

Faith in Action's coffee outreach will be starting up again in September. We will be bringing coffee and treats to the firefighters and EMT's at the Marshfield Fire Department on Sunday, September 15th. We will deliver them between 8:00-8:30, giving us plenty of time to get back to church for worship service.

We are looking for donations of baked goods. If you can help, please bring them to the church between 9:00 – 12:00 on Friday, September 13th. Anyone wanting to help deliver coffee and treats on that Sunday, can contact Treva Tisdell at 715-387-4569.

Faith In Action Team: Bonfire of Faith

CHAIR TREVA TISDELL

Plan to join the Faith in Action Team on Saturday, September 14th at the Auburndale School Forest from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

There will be a bonfire to sit around and enjoy conversation and company. Plus hot Chocolate, s'mores, walking tacos, outdoor games, human clue, and trivia!

Invite family members and friends. All are welcome! For those who need or would like a ride, we can help – contact Justin Polzin at jpolzin84@gmail.com.

Auburndale School Forest address:

10704 Park Ave., Auburndale WI 54412

For questions or more information contact Treva Tisdell at 715-387-4569 or jttizy78@gmail.com.



Fundraising CARD PROGRAM

FAITH IN ACTION FUNDRAISER

Faith in Action Team members will take orders for Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards before and after worship on September 15, 22, and 29. For \$35, you get 5 Ultimate Car Washes (normally \$10 each). Payment is due when ordering, and cards will be ready for pick-up on October 6th. If you can't be at church, contact Treva Tisdell at 715-387-4569.

Proceeds support the church's Capital Campaign.



All are welcome! Join us for
BONFIRE
of Faith

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Come join in the fun!
Outdoor games, s'mores
and hot chocolate
for everyone!

Auburndale School Forest
10704 Park Ave.
Auburndale, WI 54412

Bring a friend!

Faith
LUTHERAN CHURCH

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRUNK OR TREAT

19 OCTOBER, 2024
SAVE THE DATE

FAMILY GAMES

FOOD & PRIZES

COSTUME CONTEST

FAITH LUTHERAN
PARKING LOT

Mission Team Updates Cont...

Special Welcome
to Newest
Council Member
Bonnie Brix



With Justin Polzin taking on staff roles as Education & Family Ministry Team Co-Director & Custodian, he will be stepping down from Council. Bonnie Brix will replace him to finish out his term. Welcome Bonnie Brix to the Council!

If you or if you know someone that would be a good fit for council, please let Co-Presidents Jeff Tisdell and Diane Herron know. Two year terms are available starting in February 2025-2027.

Facilities Management Team

CHAIR PAM JOHNSON

We are welcoming our new Custodian, Justin Polzin, as of September 1st. If you see or need things done please fill out forms that are available by the Church "Mailboxes" which are located by the main floor restrooms. The forms will make it easier for him to keep track of things that need to be done in a timely manner.

Temple Talk on Sunday, September 22nd about options for Parsonage and other facility items with a question and answer after church. Watch for more information as it gets closer.

The Fellowship Hall kitchen floors were replaced. Cupboards have also been finished. Check it out. Thank You Kitchen Committee for overseeing this job. 🙌



Welcome on to yet another role at Faith Lutheran!
Justin Polzin takes on the Custodial Position!

Finance Team Updates

Care Fund Update

FROM TREASURER ALICIA HEINRICH



July has been one of the busiest months for the Care Fund in the past three years. We assisted numerous individuals and families facing urgent financial needs, from a single mother struggling with utility bills to a woman who fell ill, missed work, and got behind on rent. We also provided support to a homeless couple living out of their car who needed vehicle repairs, a family staying at the Orenda Center whose 16-year-old needed funds for a driver's test, and a gentleman who lost his job and required assistance with a certification test to regain employment.

Our ongoing partnerships with Wood County Services (FSET), the 4-H Extension Office, and the Orenda Center have been invaluable in helping us assess and meet the needs of those in crisis. Please know that your contributions are making a real difference in the lives of people facing dire circumstances.

As of August 31, 2024, the Care Fund balance stands at \$1,930.25. The Care Fund operates under the Finance Mission Team, adhering to established guidelines and policies to ensure responsible stewardship of resources. 1st Presbyterian Church also gives to this fund. God's blessings to you all for your continued generosity and support. To give to the Care Fund, fill out a Blue Envelope an label "Care Fund" or give online, selecting "Care Fund - General" in the dropdown.

Treasurer's Report

FROM TREASURER KENT MUELLER

General giving for July 2024 was \$20,051, compared to \$24,581 for 2023 and \$22,923 for 2022. The year-to-date general giving is \$18,171 less than the budgeted general giving. Year-to-date income is \$4,938 higher than expenses. Year-to-date total income is lower than budget by \$10,527, expenses are lower than budget by \$20,978, and interest earnings are higher than budget by \$948, resulting in net income that is \$11,400 higher than budgeted.

Memorial and Other Funds Report

FROM TREASURER CINDY PRUST

As part of managing memorial funds there are other funds that have been put under the treasurer's care. Such as Flowers and Altar, Piece Corp, Music, Kids Ministry, Building, Kitchen Remodel, etc

Here are the totals as of 7/30/24:

Undesignated Memorial	\$12,220.98
Flowers & Altar	\$ 3,481.37
Piece Corp	\$ 225.06
Music Ministry	\$ 4,862.19
Churkey Ed. Fund	\$ 3,347.31
God's Work, Our Hands	\$ 1,025.58
Property Improvement	\$ 875.58
Kitchen Remodel	\$13,625.00
Sound System/Proj.	\$ 260.00

Finance Team Update

FROM INTERIM CHAIR
ALICIA HEINRICH

This past month our Finance Team continues to review the church financials, making recommendations to council. We also created more awareness of the opportunities Thrivent offers to churches by Cindy Prust presenting at the Church Council Meeting. The Finance Team put together a brochure you can find in the Gathering Area next to the Welcome Desk. Here are a few highlights about Thrivent and its benefits for our church:

- Big financial impact to groups within the church each year.
- The \$ will still be donated by Thrivent, why not donate locally?
- Last year, an estimated total of \$6,500 was donated by Thrivent. Church members made this possible!

Estimated Action and Choice \$'s donated to FLC so far in 2024:

Piece Corps:	\$ 1,925.00
FLY (Youth):	\$ 500.00
Brat Sale:	\$ 250.00

Plus More...

This helps groups tremendously with their programs within Faith Lutheran! Become a Thrivent member and help support your church outreach!

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Capital Campaign Progress

FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

During the January Council Meetings, the Church Council assessed our projected building costs looking ahead for the next 5-10 years i.e. roof, parsonage and elevator were prioritized. The council decided to launch a multi-year campaign to raise funds that will go into our Capital Improvement Fund. This year the council set a goal of raising \$10,000. Mission teams are committed to launching a fundraiser this year to help bring in funds. Here is what has happened so far and what is coming up:

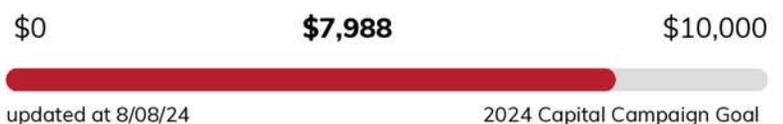
- The Facilities Team prepared Soup Supper donating monies to this Capital Improvement Fund of \$337,
- Personnel had a Brat Fry raising \$1,060,
- Social Concerns/Green Team gave \$2500,
- Communications M&M Fundraiser has raised over \$1,500 thus far, (final totals next month)
- and individual member donations continue to add to the fund.

Upcoming Mission Team Fundraisers

for Capital Campaign include:

- Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards (see page __)
- Scotty's Pizza Night (see page __)
- and more!

See progress thermometer in the Gathering Area!



Mission Team Member Meeting Recap

On Wednesday, August 28th, 21 Mission Team members, staff, and chairs gathered for a collaborative discussion on improving our church communication, understanding team perspectives in relationship to council. Nancy Young facilitated the conversation, and the notes were shared with the council and mission team to plan next steps. This was the first time some teams interacted, marking a key step toward enhancing communication and unifying our efforts. After the discussion, Office Manager Alicia Heinrich introduced the new church app, demonstrating how to sign up for groups and others suggesting to share how to access and be implemented church-wide.

Caring for God's Creation

NWSWI SYNODICAL
WOMEN'S CONVENTION

At SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH
in EAU CLAIRE

SEPTEMBER 27 - 28, 2024

SAVE THE DATES!

For more information speak with
Karen Bohm or Judy Rhodes.

Would You Like to Represent Faith Lutheran?

FROM NANCY YOUNG

The Nominating Committee has begun putting together a strong ballot for the congregation to consider at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

There are two elected positions for representatives to the 2025 Synod Assembly on April 26, 2025 in Rice Lake. Elected reps would accompany Pastor Heather and would represent our congregation, engaging in uplifting worship, presentations, and in any votes that take place.

If you would like to learn more about what it might entail, just get in touch with Pastor Heather or Nancy Young (grayhorse@mac.com).

2024 Chequamegon Conference
COME ONE, COME ALL!
FAITH & FUN!
Women's Fall Retreat
Save the Date - October 5, 2024

Women's ELCA
Contact Coordinator Penny Dunnermann
pdunnermann@hotmail.com
OR call 636-497-6125

Hosted by:
Zion American Lutheran of Granton &
Faith Lutheran of Marshfield
Located at Faith Lutheran Marshfield

Everyone whom the Father gives me will come to me, and the ones who come to me I will never send away. - John 6:37

September 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Labor Sunday 9:00 WORSHIP 10:00 GLOW/FLY	2 Labor Day Office Closed 6:30 Ed & Fam Team Mtg 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Al-Anon	3 First Day of School 7:00 Boy Scouts #382	4 6:00 Communications Mtg 6:00 NA Meeting in CR	5 8:30 Piece Corps 8:30 Finance Team Mtg 7:00 Scout Troop 345	6 Office & Building CLOSED	7
8 GLOW Rally Sunday 9:00 WORSHIP Backpack Blessing 10:00 GLOW/FLY 6:00 Exec. Council Mtg.	9 Office Closed 6:30 Facility Team Mtg 6:30 Social Concerns/Green Zoom Meeting 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous	10 6:30 W/ELCA Conference Planning Mtg	11 12:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 NA Meeting in CR 6:30 Choir	12 8:30 Piece Corps 2:00 W/ELCA Conference Brd Mtg	13 Office & Building CLOSED	14 6-8 pm Bonfire of Faith Auburndale School Forest
15 FLY Mission Sunday 8:00 Coffee Outreach 9:00 WORSHIP / PRAISE BAND 10:00 Mission Trip Forum 10:00 GLOW Firehouse Walk 10:30 Council Meeting	16 Office Closed 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Al-Anon	17 Scotty's Pizza FLC Fund-raiser FIA & Education 7:00 Boy Scouts #382	18 9:00 Miriam Circle 9:00 Elizabeth Circle 5:30 Youth Advisory Team 6:00 NA Meeting in CR 6:30 Choir	19 8:30 Piece Corps 6:00 Faith In Action Mtg 7:00 Scout Troop 345	20 Office & Building CLOSED	21
22 9:00 WORSHIP Bible Presentation 10:00 Forum for Parsonage 10:00 GLOW/FLY/AD ED 10:00 W&M Meeting	23 Office Closed 7:00 Ruth Circle at MM 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Al-Anon	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:00 NAMI Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts #382	25 12:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 NA Meeting in CR 6:30 Choir	26 8:30 Piece Corps	27 Office & Building CLOSED NWSWI Synodical WOMEN'S Convention	28 NWSWI Synodical WOMEN'S Convention
29 9:00 WORSHIP 10:00 GLOW/AD ED	30 Office Closed 7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 Al-Anon					



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Tuesdays-Thursdays 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

Service Time:
Sundays 9:00 AM



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