

Faith Lutheran Church
Member of First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish
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2026

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PASTORAL SUPPORT: Pastor Tamra Harder 715-501-3681

Worship Schedule

11:00am Worship August (see calendar for location)

Newsletter articles are due the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Reminder: The church service is not currently available to watch on Facebook.



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish Corner
August, 2026**

"United in Christ to strengthen our Ministries to adapt, grow and serve"

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May **grace** [and](#) **peace** be yours in **abundance** in the knowledge of God [and](#) of Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:2NRSV

Pastor Peter Ruggles continues leading Worship the 2nd and 4th Sundays, Pastor Neal Weltzin will be leading Worship on the 1st, 3rd Sundays and Pastor Tamra Harder as our Visitation Pastor. Julie Dunn our Lay Assistant is helping as needed as well.

Worship –

Pastor Neal will be in West Virginia for a 150 anniversary on August 16th. He is scheduled for a funeral August 22nd at First.
Pastor Peter has vacation planned in August and is not available the 16th.
Julie Dunn will be filling in on August 16th and Julie has also been leading Worship at the nursing homes when the Parish choir is there. THANK YOU Julie!

We are moving towards Fall when our vacation-travel schedules slow down. The School year is drawing near Sunday School and Confirmation begin anew for the School year. We look to the slower pace of the Fall as many come back for a refresh of the their faith after a busy Summer.

Our Worship Schedule for the rest of the year is July- September - 8am First, 9:30 North Valley and 11am Faith. Then October-December 8am Faith, 9:30am First, 11am North Valley

Faith Education/Formation

Confirmation –We have one Student returning from North Valley this year, we are looking for Students. Luck is willing to coop again this year – Luck’s SAM Dana Paulson has a Confirmation Parent’s meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday September 16th at 6pm. More information is coming.
Because Luck Lutheran’s policy is 7th-8th Grade if we want to coop they need to be 7th and 8th Graders.

Sunday School/VBS/Youth programs.

Sunday School Kick-off Dates - Sunday September 20 for First. First is also be doing VBS/SS outreach at the Kids Night at the Cushing Ballpark on Wednesday August 12, making keychains. All Parish Churches and ages are welcome. North Valley and Faith working on their Sunday School dates

Parish Choir -

Thanks to the Parish Choir for the music they provide. We also thank them for bring Worship to Luck Pioneer Home once a month.

**FAITH COUNCIL
MEMBERS**

- Leo Holm
- Tracy Hendrickson
- Wes Hendrickson
- Wayne Hendrickson
- Amanda Laboda
- Troy Paulsen

Faith Lutheran Fire –

We as a Parish continue to stand beside our Sisters and Brothers of Faith and offer whatever help we can, looking forward that Sunday Morning we gather as a Parish in the refurbish Sanctuary to celebrate its Rebirth/Rededication as a one of our 3 Worship spaces.

Call Process –

Our updated Ministry Site Profile for the First Faith Lutheran Parish is now up for Candidates to see.

We as Congregations and Members need to **continue** to be in Prayer as to how the Holy Spirit speaking to us both individually and as Congregations during this time of waiting for a Pastor.. We need to remember that we studied “The Pray Coin” three Lenten Seasons ago; a study of Jesus’s Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, here is the key verse! Luke 22:42 *NRSV* **“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done.”** Let’s make sure we have the last half this verse in mind at all times but especially during this time!

In other Parish business we are doing well financially with each Congregation contributing \$1250.00 each month to the Parish account. At our July Parish Council meeting, the Council after reviewing the Bookkeepers Report voted to move monies to higher yields accounts and reduce each Congregations contribution to \$1000.00 as we have a surplus each month and the Congregation will be able to use those monies for other expenses or outreach. So that when we do get a Pastor we will have the ability to cover those expenses as well as paying Supply Pastors until that time. We continue working on the Parish Worship Calendar for 2026 and reviewing the Parish Agreement for any changes.

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First and North Valley Sunday School at 9:30am

2026 Parish Council Meeting Dates: (October 21 at First)

2027 Annual Meeting Date February 28, 2027 Following Parish Worship – Faith

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Yours in Our Eternal **Light** and **Hope**, Jesus Christ,
Steve Jensen
Interim Parish Administrator FFVLP

AUGUST 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 First 9:30 North Valley 11:00 Faith Fire Hall Pastor Neal communion	3	4 9:00 Quilting	5 Office Hrs tbd 9:00 Quilting	6	7	8
9 8:00 First 9:30 North Valley 11:00 Faith Fire hall Pastor Peter	10 6:30 Council Mtg	11	12 Office open 9a-12	13	14	15
16 8:00 First 9:30 North Valley 11:00 Faith Legion Pastor Neal Communion	17	18	19	20	21 Office open tbd (Laurene vacation week)	22
23 8:00 First 9:30 North Valley 11:00 Faith Legion Pastor Peter ----- 30 9;30 North Valley Combined parish service Pastor Neal	24 31	25	26 Office open 9a-12	27	28	29

BIRTHDAYS

Aberle	Karlie	08/01
Aberle	Karl	08/02
Paulsen	Karen	08/02
Paulsen	Nicholas	08/02
Littlefield	Barbara	08/09
Hendrickson	Bryan	08/11
Thomson	Bryce	08/12
Williams	Guy	08/23
Hendrickson	Jessica	08/23
Hendrickson	Marney	08/26

WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES

Williamson, Christopher and Kayli	08/02/2003
Williamson, Bradley and Denise	08/08/1992

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2ND: 11:00 @ THE FIRE HALL

AUGUST 9TH: 11:00 @ THE FIRE HALL

AUGUST 16TH: 11:00 @ THE LEGION HALL

AUGUST 23RD: 11:00 @ THE LEGION HALL

AUGUST 30TH: 9:30 @ NORTH VALLEY

JUNE \$\$FINANCIALS\$\$

Offering: \$24,397.00

Expenses: \$31,456.41

Total: \$ 7,059.41

TUESDAY AM COFFEE CANCELLED

GATHERING GROUNDS TUESDAY AM COFFEE IS DISCONTINUED
UNTIL THE CHURCH RESTORATION IS COMPLETED.

God’s Work, Our Hands & God’s Promised Blessings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue in the Season of Pentecost, green is the color reminding us to **grow** in our relationship with God, fellow believers and our neighbors. We continue to have as our Church wide theme banner “**God’s Work, Our Hands**”. We need to think about this theme and realize that all that we do is **His work** no matter what work we do we and the theme for this month shows us this very well.

Augusts’ theme “**God’s Promised Blessings**” reminds us that as believers in the finished work of the Cross we are blest for our Faith and Life Journey and that God’s greatest promise and blessing awaits us when we are with him in eternity.

From the opening verses of Genesis to the last verse of Revelation God wants to bless us and he does in many ways, but we could have much more. Adam and Eve had the blessing, Eden (God’s presence), but sin entered in and they had to leave. God promised them that they and their children (all believers) would return to Eden one day by the blood of his sacrifice (Jesus). God made promises to Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob of whom we are joint heirs through Christ. If we look at these promises through the lens of the Ten Commandments, we see that Commandments 1-4 is how God wants us to see him, honor him and worship him. The 5th Commandment, “**Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.**” (Exodus 20:12, Deut. 5:16) is as the Apostle Paul calls it “**which is the first commandment with promise**” (Eph. 6:2-3). We are promised that if we honor our elders who are to be the earthly reflection of God’s love our blessings will be many. Commandments 6-10 show us our human short comings and our need for Jesus and his finished work of the Cross. We need to remember that for every promised blessing of obedience there is an equal or greater curse for disobedience.

King Solomon was asked by God in a dream “What should I give you?” (1Kings 3:5-12) remember Solomon asked discernment/wisdom and not the earthly things, God gave him discernment/wisdom and the earthly things besides and in great abundance.

Jesus in his teachings (Sermon on the Mount Mathew 5-7 & Luke 6:17-26) and miracles reinforced these promises of blessings and the Apostle Paul along with Peter, James, and John in their letters to the Church also reinforces them.

The Apostle Paul sums up the promises of blessings best “**Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.**” (Galatians 6:7-10)

With all that has been happened in our Country and the World we now more than ever to be the “**Hands of God**” and share “**God’s Promised Blessings**”. To receive the “**Promised Blessings**” we need to repair our broken relationships by listening to one another just as God listens to us. Let us read and put into practice what Jesus said in Matthew 5:37-48. Being ever mindful of this as we continue on this journey of Faith as Congregations/Parish in search of a new Pastor, with the help of Bridge Pastors, we thank Peter, Neal and Tamra. We each need “**God’s Promised Blessings**” to show us the way we should go in our own life as well as the life of our Congregation. We need to ask ourselves, Am I/are we walking daily as children of **Promise** (Romans 8:17)? What am I being shown by “**God’s Promised Blessings**” to do as part of this Journey and beyond? We as faith communities are **ALL** to work together (“**God’s Work, Our Hands**”) in telling the World about God’s Love and showing “**God’s Promised Blessings**” towards all people through his son Jesus. Pastors Peter, Neal and Tamra are here to help and guide us in our Faith journey not to do all the work.

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Steve Jensen

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00AM First

9:30 AM North Valley

11:00 Faith

PANCAKE AND WAFFLE SUPPER

With ham and sausage

Thursday AUGUST 6th 4:30-7:00

Please join us! Everyone is welcome!!



North Valley Lutheran Church

1988 220th Ave, Centuria

(3 miles west of hwy 35 on Cty G)

Free will offering for the Maggie Isaacson Scholarship
Fund.

QUILTING NEWS



We will be quilting on the 1st Tuesday in August—the 4th at 9:00 in the parsonage. We welcome anyone who would like to visit for a couple of hours.

~Caroline Lenselink

WELCA NEWS



We do not meet in August but will resume our regular schedule in September.

Apparently we are going to get a little break in the heat—I'm more than ready. Summer used to mean lots of hours outside working, eating, or just sitting. This July, between the bugs and the heat, my time outside has been limited. We can hope that August will be better.

~Caroline Lenselink