

Faith Lutheran Church
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FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish Ministry Corner

July, 2026

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

"A Light to my Path"

July's theme **"A Light to my Path"** is to remind us that as we are on our Faith and Life Journey, God is our **light** for this journey.

This month's theme comes from Psalm 119:105 **"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."** In Exodus when God lead the Israelites out of Egypt the land of bondage "the Lord went before them by day as a pillar of a cloud, to lead the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light: to go by day and night." In John 8:12 Jesus said **"I am the Light of the world"**. God is light and as believers in Christ and his finished work of the cross we are called to be salt and light to the world. Jesus said in Matthew 5:13-16 ¹³ *"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.*

¹⁴ *"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. NRSV*

As we continue our **Mission and Journey** as Congregations and a members the First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish to call a new Pastor, with the help of Pastors Peter, Neal and Tamra we each need the **Light** of the **Christ** to show us the way **Stewards** of what God has given us (time, talents, and/or money) in our own lives and relationships as well as the life and relationship of our Congregation and Parish. We need to ask ourselves, Am I/are we walking daily as **"Children of Light"**? Paul tells us in Ephesians 5:8-9 ⁸ *for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light^[c] is found in all that is good and right and true. NRSV* What **am I** being shown by God's light, the Holy Spirit to do as part of this **Mission and Journey** and beyond? We are **ALL** to work together in **MISSION** telling the World about God's Love and showing his Light towards all people through his son Jesus.

The color for the 20 weeks of the season of Pentecost is green for growth. The book of Acts shows us how our **MISSION** started when Jesus gave us the great **COMMISSION** before ascending to the Father in Acts 1:8 *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* Jesus is telling us that our **MISSION/WITNESS** starts at home and then grows out from there. So, we need to ask ourselves, **how am I growing in MISSION during this time and am I being a good Steward of all that God has provided me?** We are growing because we now have Teams/ Committees that are making use of our individual talents/gifts to do things were done for us. We all are finding out we can do these things and are growing in **MISSION** and **Stewardship** as we do them it is **"God's Work, Our Hands"**.

Please continue pray for wisdom and guidance for your Worship Team and Congregation Councils and the Parish Council as we work to strengthen and improve the Ministry of the First Faith Lutheran Parish and Call a Pastor to Shepherd us on this **Faith Journey**.

WEBSITE: faithlutheranbl.org

FACEBOOK: Faith Lutheran Church-Balsam Lake

PASTORAL SUPPORT: Pastor Tamra Harder 715-501-3681

Worship Schedule

9:30am Worship June at the Legion Building in Pine Park

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

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

FAITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Leo Holm

Tracy Hendrickson

Wes Hendrickson

Wayne Hendrickson

Amanda Laboda

Troy Paulsen

Worship Times change for July- August-September
8am First, 9:30am North Valley and 11am Faith

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday July 23, 2026

6:15pm

North Valley, Centuria

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, Pres. FFVLP



JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:00am Quilting	3	4	5	6
7 8:00 North Valley 9:30 Faith 11:00 First Pastor Neal communion	8 6:30 Council Mtg	9 Office open 9a-12 11:30 WELCA LUNCH AT Thirsty Otter	10 1:30 Parish Choir Singing at The Lodge in Taylors Falls	11	12	13
14 8:00 North Valley 9:30 Faith at FIRE HALL 11:00 First Pastor Peter	15	16 Office open 9a-12	17	18	19	20
21 8:00 North Valley 9:30 Faith 11:00 First Pastor Neal Communion Father's day	22	23 Office open 9a-12	24	25	26	27
28 8:00 North Valley 9:30 Faith 11:00 First Pastor Peter	29	30 Office open 9a-12				

BIRTHDAYS

Pratt	Marvin	06/01
Olson	Joyce	06/02
Robinson	Lilah	06/06
Mares	Devon	06/08
Henck	Linda	06/09
Davison	Kathy	06/11
Lenselink	Caroline	06/17
Albrecht	Sophie	06/26
Bloch	Peyton	06/27
Hendrickson	Donald	06/29
Hendrickson	Jenna	06/30
Hallberg	Julie	06/30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Weber, John and Jane	06/09/2002
Erdmanczyk, Mike and Junelle	06/09/1973
Jones, Greg and Jean	06/13/????
Hendrickson, Wesley and Tracy	06/22/1991

APRIL \$\$\$FINANCIAL\$\$\$

Offering: \$15,226.00 Other Income: \$2846

Expenses: \$23,746.17

Total: \$ 8,520.17

TUESDAY AM COFFEE CANCELLED

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

**THE CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES
MAKE IT TOO DIFFICULT TO ACCESS THE PARSONAGE.**

“Celebrate God’s Creation” June 2026

Pentecost May 24th “A New Creation”

This is our theme for this month is “**Celebrate God’s Creation**”. When we hear the word creation, we as Christians immediately think of the Creation story in the Bible in the book of Genesis chapters 1 and 2. Genesis 1:1^{NRSV} reads “*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth*”. From there we read that on the first day God by his speaking created Light and the divided into Day and Night. On the second day God by his speaking created the Sky. On the third day God by his speaking created the Earth and Seas and the plants. On the fourth day God by his speaking created the sun, moon and the stars to tell the seasons, the days and the years. On the fifth day God by his speaking created the fish of the sea and the birds of the air. On the sixth day God by his speaking created the other animals of the earth and in Genesis 1:26a and 27 we read **26a**“*Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness; 27’*“*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*” And on the seventh day God by his blessing and sanctifying it created the Sabbath day or the day of Rest.

When we think of the Creation story we think of our physical environment, the world around us. We forget most of the time that the **Greatest** Creation is God’s relationship with **us** and our relationship with Him and **one another**. When he created Adam and talked with him, God seen that Adam did not find a suitable helper (relationship) from among the animals of creation. So, we know that God made Eve from one Adam’s ribs and brought her to him and as we read in Genesis 2:23-24 ²³*Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”* ²⁴*Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.* This was the beginning of human relationships. We know that God continued to talk to Adam and Eve daily until they broke (sinned) the only Commandment that God had, not to eat of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. When they did eat it broke their relationship with God and brought the curse of death, but also broke their relationship with each other (the blame game). But as we know God through the ages has always had his hand out to restore that broken relationship. And that restoration is his son Jesus through his death and resurrection. And forty days later during the Feast of Pentecost he sent the Holy Spirit the disciples to be their help and guide on their journey as well as ours. Just as God seeks to restore his relationship with each of us, we need to work on building up and strengthening our current relationship with God and one another as well as rebuilding our broken relationships with others.

[As Congregations and the First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish we continue to watch and pray to Call a new Pastor. This is a new Creation moment for us so we need to be seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit through Prayer and contemplation.](#)

[During the 24 weeks of the season of Pentecost we started with the color Red \(Sunday May 24th\) for the fiery tongues of that first Pentecost and then the color is Green for **Growing**. This will be a time of growing **New** relationships and **Rebuilding** old ones. As we continue to work together as Congregations and a Parish with Pastors Peter, Neal and Tamra looking to Call a new Pastor, we are building **New** relationships with our fellow workers for God’s Kingdom as well as **Refreshing** our current relationships with each other.](#)

Worship Time May and June.

8am North Valley, 9:30am Faith and 11am First.

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QUILTING NEWS



On the first Tuesday of the month we meet at 9:00 at the parsonage to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Please join us on June 2nd.

~Caroline Lenselink

WELCA NEWS



In June WELCA will have our annual luncheon. We will meet on Tuesday June 9th at 11:30 at the Thirsty Otter. It just may be nice enough so we can eat outside.

It seemed like it took a long time this spring to warm up. The wind was blowing hard on most days and it was sharp enough so a hooded sweatshirt felt good. I'm not a hot weather person, but I am looking forward to a few days of it—shirt weather..

~Caroline Lenselink

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00AM North Valley

9:30 AM Faith

(generally at the Legion Building at Pine Park, subject to availability)

11:00 AM First