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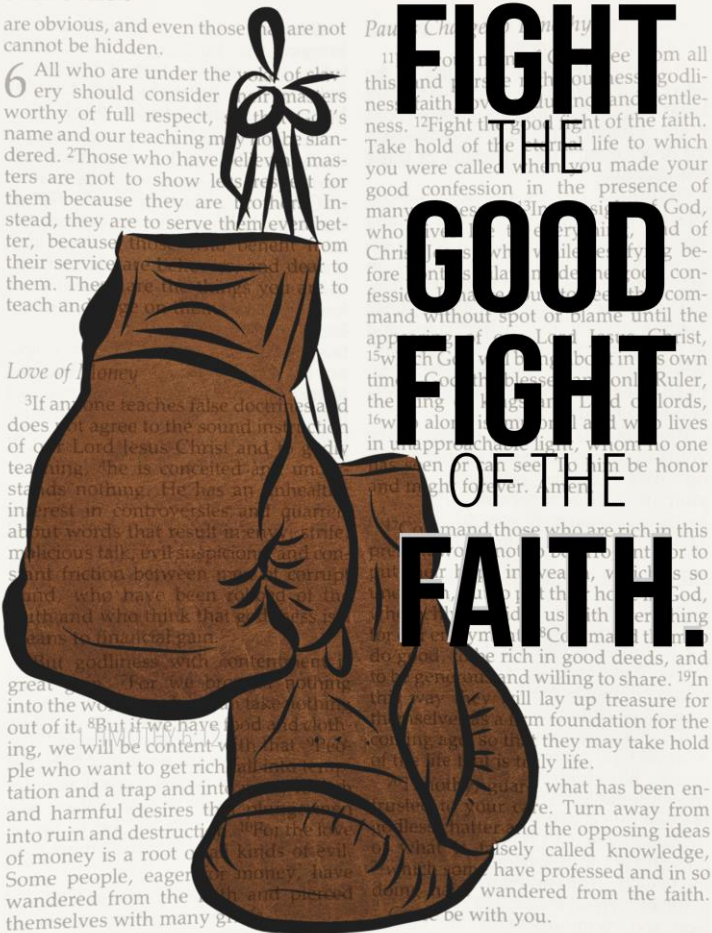
are obvious, and even those who are not cannot be hidden.

6 All who are under the yoke of Christ should consider their masters worthy of full respect, just as the Lord's name and our teaching must be slandered. 2Those who have believing masters are not to show less respect for them because they are men of flesh. Instead, they are to serve them even better, because the Lord will be with you and will punish those who do not do their service as they should do to them. The Lord will be with you to teach and rebuke you whenever you need it, so that you will not lose the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Love of Money

3If anyone teaches false doctrine, does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and is puffed up with pride, teaching ignorant and conceited people, he is conceited and gains nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicion, and constant friction between people who have been corrupted. 4Those who are rich and boast about it should be careful not to be proud, to be envious, or to boast about their riches, for their riches will fade away like a flower in the field. 5The sun will burn them up, and the wind will scatter them like chaff. 6They should be content with what they have, for God does not desire the rich man's love, but he does desire the love of those who are content with what they have. 7For we have heard that some have wandered from the faith because of their love of money. 8But if we have good and adequate food and clothing, let us be content with that. 9For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

**FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF THE FAITH.**



**Faith Lutheran Church  
St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church - Hamburg  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, June 16 and Monday, June 17, 2024**

**Mark 4:34 – “He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.”** How blessed we are to be His disciples! The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore, let us receive the Lord's help in His Word and Sacraments — and let us fight the good fight of faith and grow up into His image.



*Welcome  
To our Church*

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register, located in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.



Please **TURN OFF ALL CELLPHONES** before service begins. Phones that are on may interfere with transmission of the service to social media and shutting down your phone can help solve network connectivity problems

## RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRAMENT

In deep Christian love and commitment to the Word of God we continue to hold to the Biblical and Ancient practice of close communion. **We believe that this is no Ordinary Meal.** We believe that those who commune together must confess the same faith, and recognize the great power and real presence of the body and blood Christ in, with and under the bread and the wine. (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18; 11:23-29; Romans 16:17*). Likewise, since one's membership helps promote that church's major teachings we ask that only those commune who are confirmed and communicant members of the LCMS, and who are not under church discipline. Thank you for respecting our beliefs and practices. Please pray with us for honest unity around the Word of God. If you have any question please contact Pastor Love. *NOTE: Gluten free wafers are now available at the Lord's Table. Please let Pastor know before worship service that you would like the gluten free wafers*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

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### OPENING HYMN “O Worship the King LSB #804

#### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all  
in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word  
and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### PSALM 1

**P** <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the man  
who walks not in  
the counsel of the  
wicked,  
nor stands in the  
way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat  
of scoffers;

**C** <sup>2</sup>but his delight is  
in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

**P** <sup>3</sup>He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

**C** <sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**P** <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**C** <sup>6</sup>for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.



**BLESSED**  
IS THE ONE  
WHO DOES NOT  
WALK IN STEP  
WITH THE WICKED.  
PSALM 1:1, NIV

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## CATECHISM REVIEW

**P** The First Article

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**P** *What does this mean?*

**C** **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

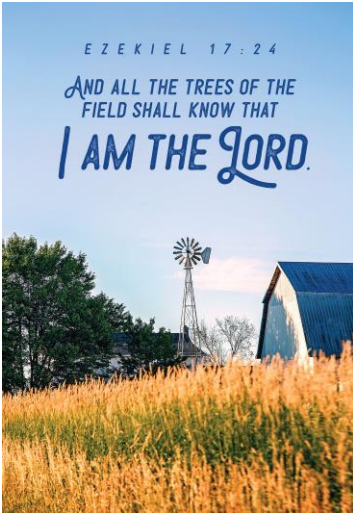
**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 17:22–24*



<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I

am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, I will meditate,  
and I will declare your greatness.

## EPISTLE

*2 Corinthians 5:1–17*

<sup>1</sup>We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what

is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

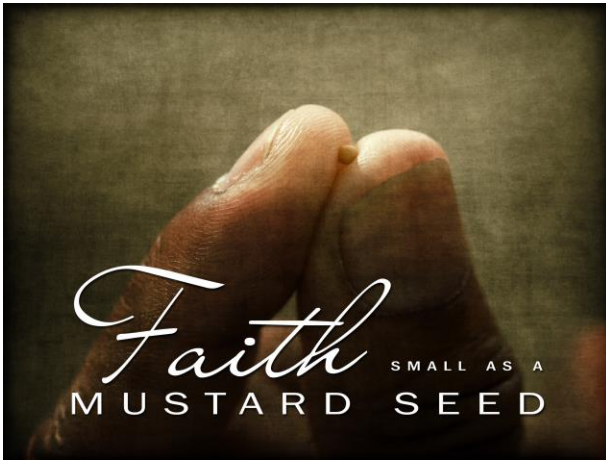
HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26–34

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.



<sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



SERMON HYMN *“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”*

LSB #490

SERMON

NICENE CREED

**☩** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*“We Give Thee But Thine Own”*

LSB #781 sts. 1–2

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH RECEIVING THE HOLY SACRAMENT

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## PREFACE

LSB 160

## SANCTUS

LSB 161

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

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AGNUS DEI

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## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"*

LSB #618

*"Love Your Kingdom, Lord"*

LSB #651

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

LSB #644

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore

You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

**CLOSING HYMN “For Me to Live Is Jesus” LSB #742**

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### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**Sunday:** Proverbs 16:1-24; John 16:1-16

**Monday:** Proverbs 17:1-28; Proverbs 18:1 – 20:4;  
John 16:17-33

**Tuesday:** Proverbs 20:5-25; Proverbs 21:1-31;  
John 17:1-26

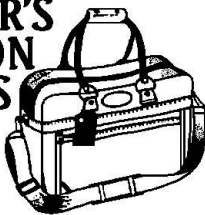
**Wednesday:** Proverbs 22:1-21; John 18:1-14

**Thursday:** Proverbs 22:22 – 23:12; John 18:15-40

**Friday:** Proverbs 24:1-22; John 19:1-22

**Saturday:** Proverbs 25:1-22; Proverbs 26:1-28;  
John 19:23-42

**PASTOR'S  
VACATION  
DATES**



***Pastor Love and his family will  
be on vacation June 17 – July 1***

If you have any needs or concerns, please call Pastor Joel Danner at 715-536-7242 (church), 715-539-9598 (home) or 715-219-3090 (cell) or e-mail at

[pastordanner@aol.com](mailto:pastordanner@aol.com) OR contact Rev. David J. Sutton at 715-536-5069 or 715-282-5550 (church offices) or 715-966-5591 (cell) or e-mail at [revsutton@outlook.com](mailto:revsutton@outlook.com)

**CHURCH CALENDAR**  
**ST. JOHN'S and FAITH**



Check Your  
Calendar

**Sunday, June 16**

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy  
Communion at St.  
John's

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy  
Communion at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

**Monday, June 17**

6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

**Wednesday, June 19**

9:00 a.m. Youth Event ACTION CITY

**Sunday, June 23**

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

**Monday, June 24**

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith



**FAITH and ST. JOHN'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

**Please remember the  
following in your prayers:**

Gary Baumann Bob Burish  
Cheryl Dahlke

Doris Dahlke Steve Dahlke  
Alice Fromm Lydia Goetsch

Wallace Emmerich

Angie Harkner Emma Hein Andy Jacobson  
Dale Janisch

Cecelia Elizabeth & Lucille Alexandria Klade

Emily Klug Rob Koebe Bruce Krenz Ron Lang

Cindy Luedtke Debbie Olson Mark Pester

Edgar Pfaff Marge Radenz Karen Rajek Jo Schedler

Carl Uttech Philip Vogel Deb Wiederhoeft

Susie and Ellie Zastrow Zulliger family



timeless truths of the Word of God! Heartfelt appreciation.

Pastor Neely Owen, thank you for ministering here at Faith Lutheran Church on Monday evening. It was wonderful to see the Holy Spirit ministering through you as you shared the



### **AUGUST CALENDAR**

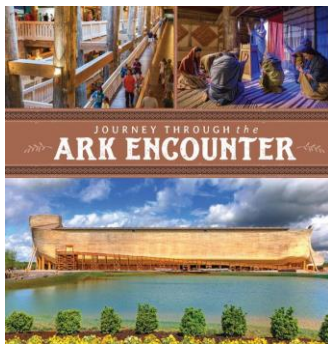
Note in your summer calendar  
Tuesday, August 13

6:30 p.m.

**DUAL PARISH MEETING**  
at St. John's

## **Circuit 6 Family Ark Encounter Tour November 1-3, 2024**

Contact Bonnie Grueneberg at 1-715-613-0003 or Jeremy Lee at 715-536-2477 for more information or to reserve your seat - \$150.00 deposit is due within 10 days of making your reservation. Please pick up a reservation form at your church office and mail in along with your deposit. Final payment is due October 1st. Check the June newsletter for detailed information.



### ***CHECK IT OUT!***

The new website for Faith  
is up and running.

<https://faithlutheranmerrill.com>



***Fourth of July, Summer Vacations, Summer Fun!*** For all of your upcoming events and activities, don't forget to pick up Scrip Cards. One can always use cards for everyday personal and household needs such as gas and food, Help support the ministry of our church through the Scrip program ... *all without it costing you an extra penny!*



## **T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE**

Faith and St. John's have a new joint parish logo. T-shirts have been printed with the logo. They can be purchased on Sundays at church. There is no charge for the t-shirts but asking for a free will donation.

### **2024 Church Softball League**

Today, Sunday, June 16

Game at St. John's  
at 1:30 p.m.

Next Sunday, June 16

Game at St. John's  
at 3:30 p.m.





## Youth Events

**ACTION CITY – Sr. High/Jr. High Event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19** – Times would be from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. with lunch and time to explore at Irvine Park & Zoo, Action City and dinner at Oakwood Mall. Meeting point will be at St. John’s – Merrill. The cost for this will be \$45.00 per person (bring your socks along if you were on the trip from last year to be used at Action City).



If anyone has **EYE GLASSES AND/OR CASES** that are no longer used, there is a Lion’s Eye Glass Bucket in the coat room, All glasses and cases can be put in the bucket. Any questions, contact Beth (715-574-0190) or Leon Bartlet (715-574-1161) of the Maine Lion’s Club.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank You for your generous sacrificial offerings to the Lord, to help us keep our ministry going. You can also mail your offerings to Our Churches at**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

15425 County Road K South  
Merrill, WI 54452

or

**ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

134058 County Road L  
Athens, WI 54411

*(Please do not send hard cash through the mail)*

**Please help us spread the Word. Visit us online at Pastor’s (Don Love) Facebook Page, or Faith Lutheran Merrill Facebook Page**

**<https://faithmerrill.webs.com/>**





**NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!**

Merrill area bed build  
**June 29, 9:00-Noon**  
Lunch will be served

Call Jeremy at 715-432-8444 for information,  
questions, or donations.

**For more information see the SHP WI Spencer  
Chapter website or contact Jeremy Lee.**

PSALM 4:8: I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone,  
O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

**Build will be at Merrill Festival Grounds  
Sell Building**

Use driveway by Enrichment Center  
303 N Sales St, Merrill, WI 54452

**Hosted by Circuit 6 Youth**    Sign up [SHPbeds.org](http://SHPbeds.org)

**Volunteers Needed!!**

# VBS 2024

## A Walk with Jesus





To the VBS team

and all the volunteers, we take a moment to thank you for your time and energy and all the hard work and expertise! Thank

you for your amazing generosity and dedication to vacation Bible School. Your support of Faith and St. John's allows us to continue to fulfill our mission and serve one another and our community each year. This project is successful because of you. "Volunteers are human beings who reflect compassion, unselfish caring, patience and loving one another." Thank you!



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JIM PEKOL & GB BAND

## FRIDAY

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3:30PM - A DELICIOUS FISH FRY (UNTIL GONE)

4:00PM - 7:00PM - MUSIC BY CARL JACKSON - BARN DANCE BAND  
CONCESSION STAND • BOUNCY HOUSE

## SATURDAY

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START 11:00AM - BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT  
(CONTACT DESIRAE AT 715-803-3514 FOR INFORMATION)

3:30PM - PIZZA KILN WOODFIRE OVEN MAKING PIZZAS ON SITE

4:00PM - 7:00PM - MUSIC BY KT COUNTRY

7:00PM - 11:00PM - MUSIC BY BOGFOOT

CONCESSION STAND, RAFFLES, KIDS GAMES, BOUNCY HOUSE

## SUNDAY

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10:00AM - 11:00AM - POLKA CHURCH SERVICE

11:00 AM - UNTIL GONE - BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

11:00AM - 1:00PM - MUSIC BY BRYCE THOMASCHFSKY

1:00PM - 4:00PM - MUSIC BY JIM PEKOL & GB BAND

CONCESSION STAND, KIDS GAMES, BOUNCY HOUSE

RAFFLE CLOSES AT 3:30PM. PRIZES DRAWN @ 4PM

CONCESSIONS & REFRESHMENTS • DANCE FLOOR • SILENT AUCTIONS • RAFFLES  
KIDS GAMES • BOUNCY HOUSE • FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS ACCEPTED ALL WEEKEND