

September 2026

The Good News

Monthly Newsletter for St. John's Lutheran and Faith Lutheran Churches

REMAIN FAITHFUL . . .

Revelation 2:10

"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life."

James Crane worked on the 101st of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center. He is blind so he has a golden retriever named Daisy. After the plane hit 20 stories below, James knew that he was doomed, so he let Daisy go, out of an act of love. She darted away into the darkened hallway. Choking on the fumes of the jet fuel and the smoke James was just waiting to die. About 30 minutes later, Daisy comes back along with James' boss, who Daisy just happened to pick up on floor 112. On her first run of the building, she leads James, James' boss, and about 300 more people out of the doomed building. But she wasn't through yet, she knew there were others who were trapped. So, highly against James' wishes she ran back in the building. On her second run, she saved 392 lives. Again she went back in. During this run, the building collapses. James hears about this and falls on his knees into tears.

Against all known odds, Daisy makes it out alive, but this time she is carried by a

firefighter. "She led us right to the people, before she got injured" the fireman explained. Her final run saved another 273 lives. She suffered acute smoke inhalation, severe burns on all four paws, and a broken leg, but she saved 967 lives.

The next week, Mayor Guilaini rewards Daisy with the Canine medal of Honor of New York. Daisy is the first civilian Canine to win such an honor.

HOLD FAST IN A
World of Compromise

----- Key Scripture: Revelation 2:10 -----

Praise God for this beautiful example of faithfulness even among His simpler creatures. Being faithful in a fallen and continually falling world is certainly not easy.

We draw strength from the Son of God Himself, who left His throne above and was faithful even unto death on a cross that we might have the gift of eternal life. Only because of Jesus Christ faithfulness unto death do we have the greatest gifts of all, the gift of the almighty forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life.

Our ability to remain faithful comes from sticking close to Jesus Christ. Katerina Von Bora, wife of Martin Luther said, "I will stick to Christ as a burr to a topcoat!"

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-Katerina Von Bora (wife of Martin Luther)

By God's grace through Jesus Christ, each and every day we can claim a new life, as we look forward to the life to come. By the beautiful and renewing power of the Holy Spirit through God's Holy Scriptures and Holy Sacraments do we continue to fight the good fight of faith, and remain faithful even unto the point of death. By committed weekly worship in God's house with our fellow family members in Christ do we refortify our faith and revive our souls. By the personal priority of daily prayer and daily devotion can we calm and shepherd our thoughts.



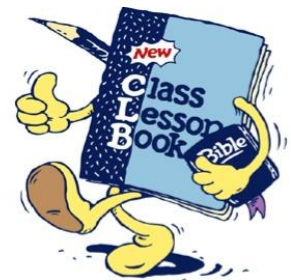
Prayer: God grant me strength to be faithful even unto death. In Jesus my Everlasting Savior, Amen!

Pastor Love

CONFIRMATION CLASS begins on Wednesday, September 2 at Faith Church at 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS begins on Thursday, September 10 at St. John's Church – Hamburg at 10:30 a.m.

RALLY DAY and SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin on Sunday, September 13 at Faith and St. John's. Faith meets at 9:30 a.m. St. John's students meet during the sermon.



Classes for All Ages



POLKA SERVICE

at Faith on Sunday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Pots-Blessing following the Service with a Free Will Offering.
For those that are able, please bring a dish to pass. A sign up sheet will be in the back of church starting Sunday, September 6 to sign up for your potluck dish.





Stewardship in the First Commandment

From LCMS Stewardship

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect this belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

You shall have
no other gods
before Me.

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Wednesday: Faith

Thursday: St. John's

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Tues. and Thurs. 9 a.m.-12 noon

Mon., Wed., and Fri. varies

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ALTAR GUILD SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

August 25 – September 7 Susan Pankow & Karen Olson

September 8 - 21 Jeri Raddatz & Sandy Laabs

September 22 – October 5 Phyllis Buch & Deb Stogbauer

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 a.m. Trustees Meeting 1:00 p.m. Women of Faith	2 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith 5:45 p.m. Parent Meeting for Confirmation	3	4	5
6 10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	7 LABOS DAY NO MONDAY WORSHIP	8	9 10 a.m. Ablelight 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	10 10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's	11	12
13 RALLY DAY 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Evangelism and Stewardship Meeting	14 6:30 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Elders Meeting	15	16 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	17 10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's	18	19
20 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 11:15 a.m Bible Study 12:15 p.m. Inspired Singles Salad Luncheon at Faith	21 6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion	22	23 10:00 a.m. Ablelight 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	24 10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's	25	26
27 10:00 a.m. DUAL PARISH POLKA SERVICE at Faith followed by a potluck luncheon	28 NO MONDAY WORSHIP	29	30 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	Welcome Back, CH^{oir}  IR		
				Choir will resume rehearsals the first week of October		

**Faith Lutheran Church
Semi-Annual Meeting
July 26, 2026**

The 2026 semi-annual meeting of Faith Lutheran Church was called to order by President, Terry Seidler. Thirty-one members were in attendance. A semi-annual meeting packet, including board and committee summaries, financial statements and the pastor's report was distributed to all in attendance.

Pastor Love led us in prayer and devotion based on Colossians 12.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the annual and semi-annual meeting minutes as published in the meeting report.

PASTOR – Pastor is visiting shut-ins on a regular basis. A suggestion was made to include residence information in the bulletins. This would assist members in keeping in touch with our shut-ins.

Pastor expressed appreciation for all the work done by the volunteers in the congregation. A lot goes on behind the scenes, and he wishes to thank everyone. Please review the semi-annual report for more detailed information.

TREASURER – No questions were presented. A motion to approve the report was made, seconded, and carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – Nothing to report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – A report from the audit committee was read stating, "Books were found in good order; insurance paid, bills paid in a timely manner and checkbook balanced every month and balances to bank statement." A motion to approve the report was made, seconded, and passed.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

The boards and committees, as listed, had no additions to their printed reports.

TRUSTEES

EDUCATION

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM

WOMEN OF FAITH

SCRIP

INVESTMENT

INSPIRED SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

ELDERS – Our dual parish agreement stipulates a yearly review of worship service times between the two congregations. This topic will be discussed and voted on at the dual-parish meeting on Tuesday, August 11 at St. John's (6:30 pm). Please plan to attend this meeting if you wish to express your preference.

ALTAR GUILD – Terry reported everything is going well. Thank you to Lee and Diane Pfaff for their wine donation.

L.I.F.E.-YOUTH GROUP – A very good program is being presented by Jeremy & Sara Lee. Terry expressed thanks to Mark Porath for his concession stand assistance.

A motion to approve all board reports was received, seconded, and passed.

OLD BUSINESS – None presented.

NEW BUSINESS – The yearly dual-parish meeting will be held on August 11, (6:30 pm), at St. John's. Everyone is encouraged to attend. A motion to schedule Faith's annual meeting for January 31, 2027, after church service was made, seconded and passed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was received, seconded, and passed.

Pastor Love closed with a prayer, and the congregation reciting the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.



Yvonne Duwe
Council Secretary

**Faith Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 10, 2026**

Present: Pastor Love, Terry Seidler (President), Yvonne Duwe (Secretary), Cindy Braatz (Treasurer), Bonnie Grueneberg (Stewardship/Evangelism), Rod Dahlke (Elders), Barry Krenz (Trustees)

Absent: Brent Reinhardt (Vice-President), Cindy Krenz (Finance Secretary), Becky Rajek (Education)

President, Terry Seidler, called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with a prayer and a devotion from Matthew 11:38. Meeting minutes from June were read. A motion for approval was made, seconded, and passed.

Elders – The group will be starting a Christ Care program. This is a program which assists Pastor Love with visiting shut-ins. Pastor will provide training.

Treasurer – Invoices have been paid through August 8 with a negative checkbook balance of \$3,893.79. Offerings have not covered expenses in recent months. Cindy will contact Deb Stogbauer about transferring investment funds into the checkbook as Sharon is on vacation. In an effort to reduce the office secretary's workload, it was discussed to research hiring an accounting agency to maintain our financial records. Yvonne was asked to research options and will report back to the council. A motion was made to approve the report, seconded, and passed.

President – The youth group concession stand has been functioning with the help of Mark Porath and Terry. Sales could have been more substantial. Baseball games and tournaments are done for season.

Stewardship/Evangelism – Bonnie reported Sunday, April 25, 2027, has been confirmed for the Living River Quartet to perform at Faith. A "Bless a Back Pack" service will be held on Sunday, August 23, with a potluck meal to follow the service.

Education – No representative.

Trustees – The parking lot has been sprayed for weed control and lines will be painted soon. A lift and operator have been sourced to remove the roof cross. It will be repaired by the trustees. The south parking lot light will also be repaired. The firewood for sale stand located in the parking lot has been approved. It is a help-a-neighbor gesture benefiting Mark Bronsteatter. Lawn mowing is going well, and all mowers are in good shape. Cemetery maintenance will be done in September. The battery in the AED defibrillator has been replaced.

Pastor – Fifteen shut-ins from our congregation, plus one from St. John's are being visited by Pastor. Preparations for confirmation class are being made and Sunday School will be starting soon. Men's Bible Study will be resuming and the singles group is going well.

Old Business – None to discuss.

New Business – A joint congregational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, at St. John's at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m.

A motion for adjournment was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting closed with a prayer from Pastor Love.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Duwe
Interim Council Secretary

Faith & St. John's Dual Parish Meeting

August 11, 2026

Members attending: Pastor Love, Steve & Joy Free, John Sturm, Rolly Koppa, Lori Baumann, Misty Vogel, Mark Czech, Steve Emmerich, Dave & Diane Hinz, Joy Marquardt, Gloria Werner, Susan Pankow, Karen Olsen, Cheryl & Rod Dahlke, Cindy & Barry Krenz, Jeremy Fromm, Yvonne Duwe, Bonnie Gruenburg, Bob Baumann, Terry Siedler, Lynn Klug, Travis Klug.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Emmerich. Pastor opened with prayer.

The February 3, 2026 meeting minutes were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business: A question was brought up about the services times, either keeping them the same for each church or changing them. Discussion followed. Younger families from Faith would prefer the early service. A lot of discussion followed. There is an option in the bylaws to change the times and agree to the times every year. Steve Emmerich read from the bylaws which stated – “Unless a change is agreed on at both churches, the times will remain the same”. Many suggestions were presented. It was decided to bring this item up at the next meeting. We need to work together to find a solution.

The next meeting will be February 9, 2027 at Faith.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion passed. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes recorded by Diane Hinz.



NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT ADULT GATHERING

Tuesday, October 13

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with program from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Catered lunch will be served, Devotions will be led by District

President Rev. Timothy Shoup. Keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Brian Gauthier, managing director of the global mission operations of the LCMS Office of International Missions. Registration deadline is September 25. Registration forms and information folders are available in the narthex.



**Lutheran Hour
Ministries**

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

**North and South Wisconsin LLL Joint District
Convention**

“Faith Formation in the Household”

Saturday, October 10

Rib Mountain Lutheran Church, Wausau

7:30 am. Doors Open 8:30 a.m. Opening Worship Service

Featured speakers: Rev. Timothy Shoup, North Wisconsin LCMS District President; Rev. Nathan Meador, South Wisconsin LCMS District President; Rev. German Novelli, Director LHM Hispanic Ministries

Register by visiting **lhm.org/no-sowis-III**

Registration deadline, Monday, October 5

September 2026 Elder, Usher, Greeter, Scrip Schedule

Sunday, August 30 10:15 a.m.

Elders Joe Heisinger, Travis Klug
 Ushers Amanda Heisinger, Bernice Porath
 Greeter Amanda Heisinger
 Scrip Bernice Porath
 Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

Monday, August 31

Elders Mike Bielke, Jeff Laabs
 Ushers Chris Stogbauer
 Greeter Chris Stogbauer
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer
 Audio Gene Mootz

*Sunday, September 6 10:15 a.m.

Elders Joe Heisinger, Kyle Young
 Ushers Amanda Heisinger, Carol Hein
 Greeter Amanda Heisinger
 Scrip Cindy Krenz
 Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

*Monday, September 7 6:30 p.m.

NO SERVICE
 Labor Day

Sunday, September 13 10:15 a.m.

Elders Mark Porath, Rodney Dahlke
 Ushers Brian and Lynn Klug
 Greeter Brian Klug
 Scrip Lynn Klug
 Audio Evan Roubal

Monday, September 14 6:30 p.m.

Elders Jason Westfall, Lee Pfaff
 Usher Ed Stiver
 Greeter Ed Stiver
 Scrip Cindy Braatz
 Audio Cindy Braatz

*Sunday, September 20 10:15 a.m.

Elders Mike Bielke, Jeff Laabs
 Ushers Leroy Laabs, Bernice Porath
 Greeter Leroy Laabs
 Scrip Becky Rajek
 Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

*Monday, September 21 6:30 p.m.

Elders Jason Westfall, Kyle Young
 Usher Chris Stogbauer
 Greeter Chris Stogbauer
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer
 Audio Gene Mootz

Sunday, September 27 10:00 a.m.

POLKA SERVICE

Elders Joe Heisinger, Lee Pfaff
 Ushers Amanda Heisinger, Karen Pagel
 Greeter Gene Pagel
 Scrip Cindy Krenz
 Audio Evan Roubal or Kyle Young

Monday, September 28

NO SERVICE

*Sunday, October 4 10:15 a.m.

Elders Mark Porath, Travis Klug
 Ushers Carol Hein, Leroy Laabs
 Greeter Carol Hein
 Scrip Becky Rajek
 Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

*Monday, October 5 6:30 p.m.

Elders Mike Bielke, Jeff Laabs
 Ushers Ed Stiver
 Greeter Ed Stiver
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer
 Audio Rodney Dahlke

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, September 6 10:15 a.m..
 Sunday, September 20 10:15 a.m..
 Monday, September 21 6:30 p.m..
 Sunday, October 4 10:15 a.m..
 Monday, October 5 6:30 p.m..

ELDERS

Rodney Dahlke, chairman
 Mike Beilke, secretary
 Joe Heisinger, Travis Klug,
 Jeff Laabs, Lee Pfaff, Mark Porath,
 Jason Westfall, Kyle Young



FAITH BIRTHDAYS

September 1	Terrance Gaeu
	Macy Lentz
September 3	Kinsley Young
September 4	Katie Sturm
September 8	Mitchell Pester
	Christine Williams
September 12	Alex Klug
September 13	Gerhard Hannemann
September 14	Mark Pester
September 15	Scott Semling
September 17	LeRoy Laabs
	Patricia Porath
September 18	Kyle Kleinschmidt
September 19	Timothy Wegner
September 21	Zachary Wayda
September 22	Debra Teske
September 23	Sean Luedtke
September 25	Lindsey Hein
September 27	Cynthia Christiansen
September 28	Madison Sturm

ST. JOHN'S BIRTHDAYS

September 2	Annette Jahnke
	Randy Stack
September 21	Jeremy Fromm
	Terri Grenwald
	Lorraine Kleinschmidt
September 27	Dave Czech
September 30	Sarah White



Special
Gift

In honor of Aunt
Phyllis Buch 80th
birthday, a gift to the
Scott Cemetery Fund
from Julie Osness-
Thorson

INSPIRED SINGLES



Salad Luncheon on
Sunday,
September 20 at
12:15 p.m.



FAITH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

September 3	
Michael and Patricia Beilke	32 years
September 3	
Barry and Cynthia Krenz	49 years
September 6	
Jeff and Monica Stogbauer	18 years
September 20	
Seth and Melissa Stoeckmann	12 years
September 26	
Jacob and McKayla Dahlke	6 years
September 29	
Kyle and Kim Young	14 years

ST. JOHN'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

September 2	
Bob & Lori Baumann	37 years
September 4	
Elly & Sue Zastrow.	61 years
September 6	
Matt & Jen Seliger.	30 years
September 10	
Dave & Diane Hinz	49 years



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS have been forwarded to Faith from **Brian and Lynn Klug, and Mark Porath.** Thank you for designating Thrivent Choice Dollars to support the mission of our church.



**LWML Fall Rally
Saturday,
September 26
at St. Paul's
Pine River**

More information
available from Women of Faith and Mary Martha
Guild leadership.

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Wednesday Faith

Thursday St. John's

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Mike Schultz 715-539-0995

Bob Burish 715-573-7078

Mark Czech 715-409-9174

Elder of the Month

Don Gille 715-573-8197

Setting the Lord's Table

Misty Vogel

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith 5:45 p.m. Parent Meeting for Confirmation	3 6:00 p.m. Mary Martha Guild	4	5
6 8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion	7	8 6:00 p.m. Church Council 7:15 p.m. Elders Meeting	9 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	10 10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's	11	12
13 8:30 a.m. Worship Sunday School during sermom	14	15	16 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	17 10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's	18	19
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September

- **September 1**
2 Chronicles 5–7
Psalms 45:1–17
Proverbs 22:14
- **September 2**
2 Chronicles 8–11
Psalms 46:1–11
Proverbs 22:15
- **September 3**
2 Chronicles 12–16
Psalms 47:1–9
Proverbs 22:16
- **September 4**
2 Chronicles 17–20
Psalms 48:1–14
Proverbs 22:17–19
- **September 5**
2 Chronicles 21–24
Psalms 49:1–20
Proverbs 22:20–21
- **September 6**
2 Chronicles 25–28
Psalms 50:1–23
Proverbs 22:22–23
- **September 7**
2 Chronicles 29–31
Psalms 51:1–19
Proverbs 22:24–25
- **September 8**
2 Chronicles 32–34
Psalms 52:1–9
Proverbs 22:26–27
- **September 9**
2 Chronicles 35–36
Psalms 53:1–6
Proverbs 23:1–3
- **September 10**
Ezra 1–4
Psalms 54:1–7
Proverbs 23:4–5
- **September 11**
Ezra 5–7
Psalms 55:1–23
Proverbs 23:6–8
- **September 12**
Ezra 8–10
Psalms 56:1–13
Proverbs 23:9–11
- **September 13**
Nehemiah 1–3
Psalms 57:1–11
Proverbs 23:12
- **September 14**
Nehemiah 4–7
Psalms 58:1–11
Proverbs 23:13–14
- **September 15**
Nehemiah 8–10
Psalms 59:1–17
Proverbs 23:15–16
- **September 16**
Nehemiah 11–13
Psalms 60:1–12
Proverbs 23:17–18
- **September 17**
Esther 1–5
Psalms 61:1–8
Proverbs 23:19–21
- **September 18**
Esther 6–10
Psalms 62:1–12
Proverbs 23:22
- **September 19**
Job 1–4
Psalms 63:1–11
Proverbs 23:23
- **September 20**
Job 5–8
Psalms 64:1–10
Proverbs 23:24–25
- **September 21**
Job 9–12
Psalms 65:1–13
Proverbs 23:26–28
- **September 22**
Job 13–16
Psalms 66:1–20
Proverbs 23:29–35
- **September 23**
Job 17–20
Psalms 67:1–7
Proverbs 24:1–2
- **September 24**
Job 21–24
Psalms 68:1–18
Proverbs 24:3–4
- **September 25**
Job 25–30
Psalms 68:19–35
Proverbs 24:5–6
- **September 26**
Job 31–34
Psalms 69:1–18
Proverbs 24:7
- **September 27**
Job 35–38
Psalms 69:19–36
Proverbs 24:8
- **September 28**
Job 39–42
Psalms 70:1–5
Proverbs 24:9–10
- **September 29**
Ecclesiastes 1–3
Psalms 71:1–24
Proverbs 24:11–12
- **September 30**
Ecclesiastes 4–6
Psalms 72:1–20
Proverbs 24:13–14



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

Time to update the church records and directory for both St. John's and for Faith. Return completed forms to Faith Lutheran Church office by the end of September.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please fill out an information form for every person in your household (Extra copies are available at both churches).

Name _____

Address _____

Phone #'s (Land lines and cell phone) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Birth Date _____

Birth Place _____

Baptism Date _____

Baptized where _____

Confirmation Date _____

Confirmed where _____

Date you joined Faith _____

Previous Church _____

Marital Status _____

Marriage Date _____

Spouse Name _____

If Widowed, Date _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

School Grade in 2026-27 _____

School Attending _____

Special Talents/ areas you feel comfortable working/helping in



Back-to-School Mission



Thank you to all for the generous donations for Faith's Back-to-School promotion. Because of the large amount of supplies, they were split up between Trinity-Merrill, St John – Merrill, and Thomas Jefferson Elementary-Wausau.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE DONATION

To the Faith congregation -



Your generous donation has made a significant impact on our community, particularly for the children who now have the comfort of a bed to sleep in. Your support enables Sleep in Heavenly Peace to purchase essential materials like lumber and mattresses, providing a sense of security and peace for local children.

We know there is still work to be done and your ongoing support is crucial in our mission to ensure that **NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!** We invite you to continue this journey with us, as your support plays a vital role in making dreams come true, one bed at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude
Sleep in Heavenly Peace – WI-Spencer Area.

TORNADO RELIEF GIVINGS

Thank you to all who supported the Tornado/Disaster Relief Fund this summer. We delivered \$600 in cash and \$200,00 in gift cards to the LCMS District Office to distribute to those in need.



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**As this long,
warm month
draws to a close,**
I'm both grateful
for the rejuvenating
summer and eager
for fall's new
energy.

**Thank you
for seasons,**
Lord.

