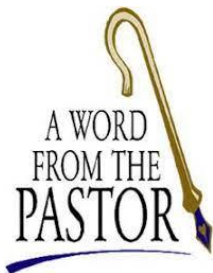




**September 2025**

# The Good News

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



## Respect The Key Every Relationship Needs!

1 Peter 3:14-17 <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil."

Throughout Holy Scriptures the Holy Spirit teaches us a powerful daily practice in our lives. That is the practice of treating each other with honest respect.

From family home life, to life outside the family, and with our family of God, God tells us to respect one another.

Husbands and wives, parents and children, the Holy Scriptures teach us to respect one another.

**Ephesians 5:25-35** <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ... let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."

Acting and reacting in a respectful way opens a lot more positive possibilities in family relationships.

Parents to children, especially in the teenager years are important. While a parent must guide their teenagers and even at times be quite tough, parents are to do this with respect. Likewise, children are to respect their parents and all the great pressures they carry in caring for the family.

**Ephesians 6:1-4** <sup>1</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup>"that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." <sup>4</sup>Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

This Call of God to respect one another goes to in-Laws, coworkers, and people on the street, to our family of God. Please study deeply Hebrews 13:1-17.

Since we are all sinners, we all are imperfect and need to forgive as we have been forgiven. There will be mistakes and honest disagreements in all relationships. One way to respectfully deal with

Another way to show respect, especially in escalating conflict, is to remember the word “LEAPSS”. This is a good de-escalation practice when tension really get high.

**E – Empathize with them.** Attempt recognize the hardship that they have.

P – **Paraphrase** what they said so that they know they have really got their point across. Sometimes you might even want to use the same words and phrases they use to show that you were really listening to them.

**S- Set boundaries.** Sometimes, you might have to say “that is not possible right now, but I do want the best for both of us.”

**S –Save Face.** Let them save face. Give them away out, so they do not have to defend their own honor.

Respect is an important key in every relationship.

Christ humbled Himself to forgive and save us all from all our sins. God give us strength to follow you in your wisdom to show respect to those around us.

## Pastor Love



## Why go to Church?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals."

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

*IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL*

# Work and Keep

*“The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it” (Genesis 2:15).*

Genesis chapters one and two are familiar to us. We know them best as the Creation Account. Chapter one is where we hear the familiar, “let there be...and there was” directives. Chapter two gives us the account of Adam (the man) being formed from the “Adamah” (the dust) and becoming a living being when he receives the breath of life in his nostrils. Because of this, it would be quite easy to simply lump these two chapters into the category of creation accounts.

But do not be too hasty in this! While these two chapters do faithfully relate to us the account of creation, they also give us the creation of the “office” of steward. The man, created in the image of God in Genesis 1 and formed from the dust in Genesis 2, is created for a distinct purpose. He is created to be a steward of the perfect and beautiful creation that the Lord has made! In fact, this is THE reason that man was made. He — and we — were created in the image of God to be stewards of God’s creation.

This purpose is spelled out in verse 15 of Genesis 2. The steward has one job, with two purposes. It is fitting that in the month that our nation marks Labor Day, we consider the task of steward. The first purpose of the job of steward is to work. The steward is the caretaker of the Garden. Being a steward is work! Before the fall into sin, this was not an onerous task. But it was an active thing.

Imagine being a farmer in the Garden of Eden! Work would be only harvest. No plowing. No planting. No cultivating. No weeding. The perfect garden that the Lord had made would simply produce automatically to provide for man, woman, and all living beings!

But there is a second task in verse fifteen. The word “keep” is not just a synonym for work. This second task is related to defending. This garden, holy by virtue of its being called into existence by a holy God, needed to be defended. Here is where the vocation of steward becomes priestly. The steward was to defend the perfect and holy garden from that which was unholy. Later in the Old Testament, this was the task of the priests in the tabernacle and temple. They were to defend with their lives the Holy of Holies. This too is the labor of stewardship. It is a labor that calls the steward to be willing to put the garden before life!

Stewardship was always work. It only got burdensome after the original steward, Adam, failed to defend the garden from the alien word of the serpent. But this was not a failure of harvest. It was a failure to defend the garden! As a result, all work that followed that failure became burdensome.

The steward failed but was never fired. That is why we have such an issue with stewardship to this day. We continue to live out a pre-fall vocation in a fallen world as failed stewards. That is why we in the church need to be reminded of our vocational call to be stewards. We so easily forget that this world is not ours to do with as we please. Nothing is ours. We are but stewards entrusted with managing the creation for the glory of God and the benefit of the neighbor.

It is a daunting task. But it is the one to which we have been called. We cannot do it on our own. Apart from the grace of God shared with us through Jesus, we would be burdened to the point of temporal and eternal death. But the Holy Spirit calls us by the Gospel! This Gospel connects us to the fertile garden of Christ’s Work on our behalf. Now we are stewards of that grace! The Holy Spirit works this in and through us today and every day.

This is the work of the church. It is also the work of the individual steward. The Lord has placed us in the “garden” with the same twofold purpose: work and keep! Enjoy your labor. For in the Lord, our labor is never in vain!



B I. B L. E. simply means:  
Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

## Faith Lutheran Church Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes

### July 27, 2025

The semi-annual meeting of Faith Lutheran Church was called to order by President Terry Seidler.

Forty-seven members were in attendance. A meeting packet which included the pastor's report, meeting minutes and board and committee reports were distributed.

Pastor led us in prayer and devotion, including a reading from the book of Philippians.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the annual meeting minutes as printed from January 26, 2025.

#### **Pastor -**

##### Baptisms-

Cooper Austin Prah

Max Peter Prah

##### New Members-

Evan Roubal

Nada Pfingsten

Tracy & Myron Hollatz

##### Confirmands-

Darby Bonnell

Evelyn Reinhardt

Koi Olson

Khloe Olson

##### Deaths-

Randall Braatz

Mabel Marquardt

We are looking forward to our upcoming dual parish services such as the outdoor worship service. VBS had a great turnout thanks to all that help and volunteer! A complete summary of activities is included in the meeting packet.

**Treasurer/Financial** -A report for January through June 2025 was included in the meeting packet. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.

**Audit** - The audit report indicated everything is reconciled, all bills have been paid in a timely manner and records were well organized. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the reports.

#### **Board/Committee Reports**

**Elders** - Report included in the meeting packet as well as a schedule for important upcoming dates.

**Trustees** - Report details included in the meeting packet.

**Education** - No written report provided.

**Stewardship/Evangelism** - Report included in meeting packet. Donation collections have been very successful and were very appreciated by the recipients.

**Women of Faith** - Report included in meeting packet.

**Altar Guild** - No written report provided. The group is doing well, Terry has great helpers to keep things running smoothly.

**L.I.F.E. Youth Group** - No written report. Youth Group meets twice per month. The National Youth Gathering was a great experience for all who were able to attend.



**Scrip** - See report included in the meeting packet.

**Investment** - See report included in the meeting packet.

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

**Old Business** - It was discussed previously to determine where the Pancake Dinner proceeds should be allocated to, at the semi-annual meeting so it is already known at the time of the Pancake Dinner. It is quite early to decide as many things could happen between now and then. It was suggested that a note is placed in the bulletin in September so the congregation can provide input on who should receive the funds. The final decision will be discussed and made at the October council meeting.

**New Business** - No new business to discuss.

Dual Parish meeting will be August 12th 6:30pm at St. Johns. A motion to adjourn was received, seconded and passed. Pastor Love closed with a prayer and led members with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the doxology.

*Lillie McCulloch  
Council Secretary*

## **Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Monday, August 11, 2025**

Present: Pastor Love, Terry Seidler (President), Mike Baumann (Vice-President), Barry Krenz (Trustees), Cindy Braatz (Treasurer), Bonnie Grueneberg (Evangelism), Rod Dahlke (Elders), Becky Rajek Education).

Vice-President Mike Baumann called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with a prayer and devotion. Meeting minutes from June were reviewed with one correction to the Trustees report. Two plots were sold at the Scott Cemetery to Daniel and Sheri Wayda for \$400.00 per plot. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the correction.

Treasurer – The balance report for July was reviewed, with an ending balance of \$33,336.83. Bills all continue to be paid on time and accounts are balanced monthly.

Trustees – The trustees are continuing to replace light bulbs to energy-efficient LED bulbs. They have approximately 100-150 remaining to be completed. Each overhead light consists of four light bulbs along with the ballast that is being replaced. Other miscellaneous work is being done along with the parking lot being sprayed for weeds. Once the dead weeds are cleaned up, new lines will be painted. Chris Stogbauer donated a heavy-duty picnic table that has been placed out on the back cement area by the new addition. A plot has been purchased by Roger and Donna Block for \$450.00 (\$50.00 covers the staking fee) at the Scott Cemetery for their son Donald and their son Todd who passed away approximately 10-years ago and was cremated. His urn will be buried in the same plot as Donald.

President – Terry reported on the trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans which he participated in. It went very well; we had a great group of youth, and adults to travel with. The servant event in Horn Lake, MS was very well received by the group and a definite eye opener for all those involved. Only had one mix up with rooms at the hotel at the Gathering in which Terry switched to sharing a room with Jeremy and two of his youth to free up a room for Pastor John. He also spoke to a parishioner who had attended the Living River Quartet concert at the Lincoln County Fair. They really enjoyed the show and suggested that we should host a concert as an community outreach to get people into our church. This was discussed and will be turned over to the Board of Evangelism and Stewardship and Bonnie will get in contact with the Living River folks.

Board of Education – Becky reported that Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> with Patti Beilke and Cheryl Dahlke as the teachers. At the time, they have enough supplies to start the year.

Pastor – With the vacancy at St. John's – Merrill, all Pastors from the circuit are helping where needed. Pastor Love is taking care of visiting their shut-ins that are in the Wausau area. Our Polka Service will be held on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Pastor suggested that we have Chili again and include it with a Pot-luck. This will be discussed at our Board of Evangelism and Stewardship meeting on Sunday. Confirmation class will be starting on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. He is unsure at this point yet as to where it will be held. Iron Sharpens Iron Bible study will be starting up again soon – with suicide being the number one death amongst men in the country, these gatherings of men in our area are very much needed. Also, LWML is a great organization for the ladies in our congregation to participate in.

Stewardship/Evangelism – The gift cards that were collected for the Seminaries were delivered to the LCMS Seminary in St. Louis along with the food donations. Our visit to the Seminary itself was not good, the tour itself was not very encouraging and when we were to have lunch in the cafeteria following our tour there was none. Because of very poor communication at the Seminary, the cafeteria was not notified that we were planning on eating, which meant extra food was not prepared for us. Communication is very poor. Pastor suggested that I contact the President with our concerns because as of this meeting any communication via email or phone calls have been left unanswered. The food donation delivered to the DeSoto County Dream Center in Horn Lake, MS was greatly appreciated. They were overwhelmed by the fact that a group from another state would be so generous and be willing to stop and spend time with their group. This stop was one of the highlights of the trip to New Orleans for some of the youth and adults. On Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> is a Fifth Sunday of the month, we will be doing our Fifth Sunday Blessing Offering. Because Monday is Labor Day that weekend, we will continue the Fifth Sunday Offering the next weekend September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. All offerings will be given to the Klade Family to help with travel expenses with their many trips back and forth to Madison for Cecelia's surgeries and appointments. We will be meeting on Sunday to plan for the Polka Service that will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

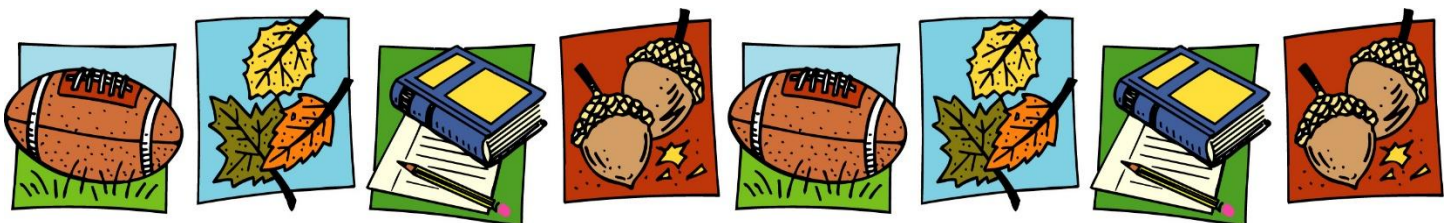
Old Business – No old business to discuss

New Business – Bonnie has been approached about possibly setting up another trip for the congregation. More details will follow. A tentative date of Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> is being worked on to do a trip to Appleton for the Christmas Stars show at the Xavier Fine Arts Center. As more details are finalized it will be shared in the bulletins and the upcoming newsletters.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 13 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,  
Bonnie Grueneberg, Acting Council Secretary*



# Faith & St. John's Dual Parish Meeting Minutes

## August 12, 2025

Members attending: Pastor Love, Steve Emmerich, Terry Seidler, Barry & Cindy Krenz, Mark Czech, Todd Wendt, Jeremy Fromm, Lori Baumann, Joy Free, Misty Vogel, Bonnie Gruenberg.

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Emmerich. We opened with a Prayer.

The January 14, 2025 minutes were read, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, the motion passed.

It was brought up that Pastor's insurance will increase \$3.00 a month, with each church paying their percentage. It was agreed to leave the church times as they are.

Pastor stated there will be three confirmands from each church. Pastor will speak with the parents to decide the time and place for classes.

A question was brought up asking if St. John's was thinking about having their Lenten service in the morning, now that there is no longer a daycare. This idea will be brought to the congregation, for their thoughts on the suggestion.

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

*Recorded by Diane Hinz*



### Week of September 7, 2025    **Psalm 37:5**

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

### Week of September 14, 2025    **1 Corinthians 1:18**

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### Week of September 21, 2025    **Isaiah 64:8**

But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

### Week of September 28, 2025    **2 Peter 1:3**

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.

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## ALTAR GUILD SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

September 1 - 8 Gene and Karen Pagel

September 9 - 22 Chris Pfaff and Phyllis Beilke

September 23 – October 6 Keith and Pat Wendt

## September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Labor Day  NO MONDAY SERVICE	<b>2</b> 6:30 p.m. Women of Faith	<b>3</b> 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Bible Study	<b>8</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion 7:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting	<b>9</b> 1:00 p.m. Trustees' Meeting	<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. Ablelight Volunteers 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	<b>11</b> 10:30 a.m. Community Bible Class at St. John's	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>21</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Bible Study 12:15 p.m. Stewardship and Evangelism Meeting	<b>22</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. Ablelight Volunteers 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	<b>25</b> 10:30 a.m. Community Bible Class at St. John's	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:00 a.m. Polka Service at Faith Potluck Luncheon following service	<b>29</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship	<b>30</b>				



# September 2025 Elder, Usher, Greeter, Scrip Schedule

## Sunday, August 31 10:15 a.m.

Elders Kyle Young, Mike Beilke  
 Ushers Brian and Lynn Klug  
 Greeter Duane Grunenwald  
 Scrip Lynn Klug  
 Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

## Monday, September 1

NO SERVICE  
 Labor Day

## \*Sunday, September 7 10:15 a.m.

Elders Lee Pfaff, Joe Heisinger  
 Ushers Amanda Heisinger, Bernice Porath  
 Greeter Amanda Heisinger  
 Scrip Bernice Porath  
 Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

## \*Monday, September 8 6:30 p.m.

Elders Jason Westfall, Keith Wendt  
 Ushers Ed Stiver  
 Greeter Ed Stiver  
 Scrip Deb Stogbauer  
 Audio Rodney Dahlke

## Sunday, September 14 10:15 a.m.

Elders Jeff Laabs, Mark Porath  
 Ushers Beth Bartelt, Carol Hein  
 Greeter Duane Grunewald  
 Scrip Cindy Krenz  
 Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

## Monday, September 15 6:30 p.m.

Elders Rodney Dahlke, Joe Heisinger  
 Usher Amanda Heisinger  
 Greeter Amanda Heisinger  
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer  
 Audio Lee Pfaff

## \*Sunday, September 21 10:15 a.m.

Elders Mike Beilke, Kyle Young  
 Ushers Brian and Lynn Klug  
 Greeter Brian Klug  
 Scrip Lynn Klug  
 Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

## \*Monday, September 22 6:30 p.m.

Elders Jason Westfall, Keith Wendt  
 Usher Ed Stiver  
 Greeter Ed Stiver  
 Scrip Deb Stogbauer  
 Audio Rodney Dahlke

## Sunday, September 28 10:00 a.m.

### ***POLKA SERVICE***

Elders Rodney Dahlke, Joe Heisinger  
 Ushers Amanda Heisinger, Leroy Laabs  
 Greeter Amanda Heisinger  
 Scrip Becky Rajek  
 Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

## Monday, September 29

Elders Jeff Laabs, Mark Porath  
 Ushers Chris Stogbauer  
 Greeter Chris Stogbauer  
 Scrip Deb Stogbauer  
 Audio Gene Mootz

## \*Sunday, October 5 10:15 a.m.

Elders Lee Pfaff, Joe Heisinger  
 Ushers Amanda Heisinger, Carol Hein  
 Greeter Duane Grunenwald  
 Scrip Cindy Krenz  
 Audio Bonnie Grueneberg

## \*Monday, October 6 6:30 p.m.

Elders Mike Beilke, Kyle Young  
 Ushers Ed Stiver  
 Greeter Ed Stiver  
 Scrip Deb Stogbauer  
 Audio Cindy Braatz

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, September 7 10:15 a.m.  
 Monday, September 8 6:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, September 21 10:15 a.m.  
 Monday, September 22 6:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, October 5 10:15 a.m.  
 Monday, October 6 6:30 p.m.

### **ELDERS**

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



# SEPTEMBER

*birthdays & anniversaries*

## **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	Ezra Baguhn
	Mark Pester
September 15	Scott Semling
September 17	LeRoy Laabs
	Patricia Porath
September 18	Michelle Gaeu
	Kyle Kleinschmidt
September 19	Timothy Wegner
September 21	Zachary Wayda

September 22	Debra Teske
September 23	Sean Luedtke
September 25	Lindsey Hein
	Zachary Kania
September 27	Ronan Powell
	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 26	Ella Berenz
September 27	Dave Czech
September 30	Sarah White

## **FAITH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

September 3	
Michael and Patricia Beilke	31 years
September 3	
Barry and Cynthia Krenz	48 years
September 6	
Jeff and Monica Stogbauer	17 years
September 20	
Seth and Melissa Stoeckmann	11 years
September 26	
Jacob and McKayla Dahlke	5 years
September 29	
Kyle and Kim Young	13 years

## **ST. JOHN'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

September 2	
Bob & Lori Baumann	36 years
September 4	
Elly & Sue Zastrow.	60 years
September 6	
Matt & Jen Seliger.	29 years
September 10	
Dave & Diane Hinz	48 years
September 20	
Russell & Joyce Bloch	39 years

memorials & gifts

In memory of **LANA STOGBAUER**, a gift to the Altar Fund from Phyllis Buch  
 In memory of **RUTH BUCK**, a gift to the Special Purpose Fund from Phyllis Buch  
 In memory of **CAROL RAASCH**, a gift to the Special Purpose Fund from Phyllis Buch  
 In memory of **JANE SCHULZ**, a gift to the Scott Cemetery Fund from Ed and Connie Stiver  
 In memory of **SANDY DITTMAR**, a gift to the Home Purpose Fund from Ed and Connie Stiver

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Jeremy Fromm 715-574-2003

Mike Schultz 715-539-0995

## Elder of the Month

Mark Czech 715-409-9174

## Setting the Lord's Table

Misty Vogel

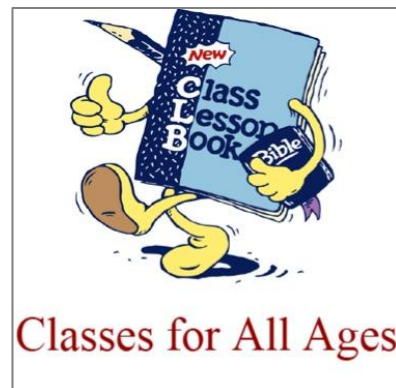
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<b>7</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting 7:15 p.m. Elder's Meeting	<b>10</b> 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith	<b>11</b> 10:30 a.m. Community Bible Class at St. John's	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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**CONFIRMATION CLASS** begins on Wednesday, September 3 at Faith Church at 5:30 p.m.

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS** begins on Thursday, September 11 at St. John's Church – Hamburg at 10:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** begin on Sunday, September 14 at Faith and St. John's. Faith meets at 9:30 a.m. St. John's students meet during the sermon.



## **SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE/BUNK ACROSS AMERICA BED BUILD**

Saturday, September 13 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Burnett Transit Bus Garage, Dorchester

Please go to the Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Spencer website to register as a volunteer or you may also register on site that Saturday morning. All ages welcome – there is a job for everyone.

For more information, you may contact Bonnie Grueneberg at 715-613-0003.



Saturday, September 27. Join the **NORTH WISCONSIN AND SOUTH WISCONSIN LLL DISTRICT AT THEIR ANNUAL JOINT CONVENTION** hosted at Peace Lutheran Church, Neenah, Wisconsin. All are welcome to attend. Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour. Information available from the North Wisconsin District Office at 715-845-8241

The **NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT ADULT GATHERING** will be held on October 14, 2025 at Mt. Olive, Weston. The speaker is Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola. "On Our Way Home: A Journey through the Lord's Prayer." Deadline to register is September 26. Brochures and registration pamphlets are available in the back of both Faith and St. John's Churches. For more information contact the North Wisconsin District Office at 715-845-8241



## **POLKA SERVICE**

**at Faith on Sunday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m.**

Pots-Blessing following the Service with a Free Will Offering. BBQ, Chips and Refreshments will be provided. Proceeds will be given to the Klade family.

*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 7 to sign up for your potluck dish.*








# Guarding the Unity in the Church

## September

### Daily Reading Plan



- Day 1: 1 Corinthians 1:10
- Day 2: Ephesians 4:1-6
- Day 3: John 17:21
- Day 4: 1 Corinthians 1:11-12
- Day 5: Philippians 2:3
- Day 6: Philippians 2:1-3
- Day 7: Ephesians 4:3
- Day 8: 2 Corinthians 13:11
- Day 9: Amos 3:3
- Day 10: Romans 15:5-6
- Day 11: John 17:23
- Day 12: 1 Corinthians 12:13
- Day 13: Ephesians 2:19-22
- Day 14: Ecclesiastes 4:12
- Day 15: Ezekiel 37:17
- Day 16: Psalm 133:1
- Day 17: Malachi 2:10
- Day 18: 1 Peter 2:9-10
- Day 19: Exodus 6:7
- Day 20: Exodus 19:5-6
- Day 21: 1 Cor 10:16-17
- Day 22: 1 Cor 12:27
- Day 23: Romans 12:4-5
- Day 24: 1 Cor 12:12
- Day 25: Gal 3:26-28
- Day 26: Ephesians 2:17-19
- Day 27: Acts 2:42
- Day 28: Ephesians 2:22
- Day 29: Ephesians 4:14-16
- Day 30: 2 Corinthians 13:14

*Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. Ephesians 4:2-4*



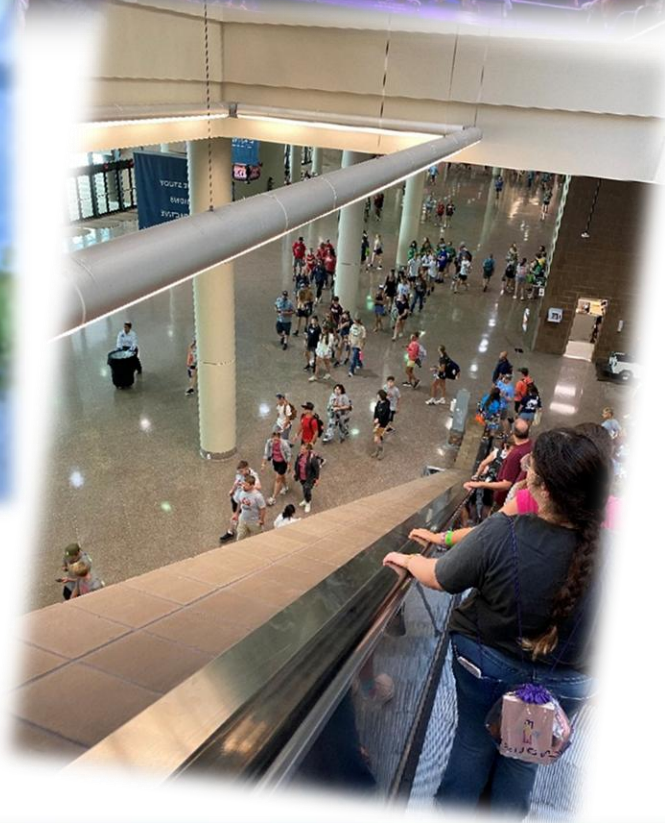
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