

Blessed Epiphany



JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH GREEN BAY



Faith Lutheran Church

2335 S. Webster Ave.

Green Bay, WI 54301

SERVICE REMINDERS FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE WEEKEND:

Sunday, December 31

Sunday Morning Service at 9:00 am

New Year's Eve Service at 6:30 pm

Monday, January 1

Church Office Closed

No Monday Evening Service

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8 am & 10:30 am

(Christian Growth Hour at 9:15 am)

Mondays at 6:30 pm

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Monday-Thursday

8:00 am—12:00 pm

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

How do you celebrate the twelve days of Christmas? Even though the commercial world has moved on, stores have done everything possible to rid themselves of decorations and Christmas specific gifts, and the radio stations have stopped playing Christmas music, Christmas continues until the Feast of Epiphany on January 6. For most of us, the parties have ended (New Year's Eve being the exception), live trees have been taken down and moved outside, and some of the Christmas decorations have been packed away. Yet, for twelve days, within the Christian calendar, we are encouraged to continue to rejoice in the gift of the newborn king. We are encouraged to reflect on the gift of our Savior, given by our heavenly Father, for the sake of our salvation.

Of all the things we do during these twelve days of Christmas, there is one that can serve as a reminder to continually give thanks for the birth of our Lord: reflecting on the gifts we have received and giving thanks for what we have been given. After the wrapping paper has come off the presents and the boxes have all been thrown away, then comes the need to find a place for the new items in your home. Do you have room in your dresser for the new socks and undergarments, or do you have to throw the old ones away? Do your kids have space in their rooms for the new toys that they were given or is it time to purge the toys they no longer use. Being grateful for what we receive means that we not only say thank you to the one who gave it, but that we take care of what we have been given to honor the sacrifice that was made for us to receive it.

Doing this makes us stewards of what we have been given and is a reminder of the way in which we are to care for all that we have because it is all a gift from God. No matter how big or how small, what we have that supports this body and life is given by God for our benefit and our responsibility is to give thanks for his gift and then be a good steward of its use and care. Part of this responsibility of caring for the gifts we have received is considering how it can be a blessing, not only to ourselves, but others also. Children might not want to share their new presents when they first open the box, but they quickly realize that what allows the new toy to be the most fun is to play with it with someone else. To enjoy it with someone they love. In this way they allow their gift to become an even greater blessing as it blesses others.

As adults, we need to learn the same lesson. The blessings God has given bring the greatest joy when they bless, not only us, but those around us. This year, I am excited to share, that Faith is able to help you with that opportunity. Thanks to a generous gift from the Susan Haber estate, we are able to partner with the LCMS Foundation to offer "Transfer the Blessings," to all members of our congregation. Transfer the Blessings provides estate planning assistance, for free, to any who would like to utilize their service (the final documents will need to be certified by your attorney and that fee is not covered as part of the program). Over the next couple of months, you will learn more about this opportunity and be invited to presentations on estate planning, power of attorney, wills, and the like so that you can be a good steward of what God has given, even after he has called you home. With the guidance of the planning counselor, you will also learn that the blessings you enjoy are magnified when you are able to use them to bless others as well. It is our prayer that you would take the opportunity to participate in this program and extend the celebration of Christmas, the celebration of God's gift, into the year that is to come.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Error

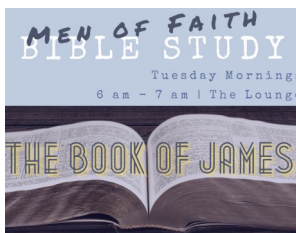
Let your Faith Grow!

Bible Studies offered at Faith Lutheran Church



Christian Growth Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

Christian Growth Hour has lessons for all age groups. Our Adult Bible Study dives deeper and aligns with the lessons that the children are learning at Sunday School. This encourages conversation within the household to discuss what was learned on Sunday. **High Schoolers are encouraged to attend this Bible Study*



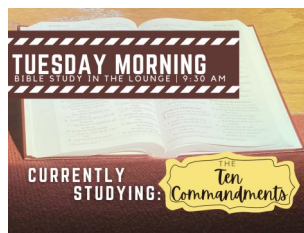
Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 6:00 am in the Lounge

Tuesday mornings starting promptly at 6 am and ending at 7 am in the Lounge. Coffee and light breakfast will be provided.



The Order of Matins Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

Beginning Tuesday, May 30, we will be having the Order of Matins in the Sanctuary on Tuesday Mornings at 9 am. All are welcome.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Lounge

Come to the Lounge on Tuesday Mornings for a discussion led Bible Study learning more about God's Word and daily life. Pastor Erner is currently leading the Bible Study on the Ten Commandments.



T.A.L.K. Bible Study Podcast launched on Thursdays

Available on our website, Spotify, and other podcast programs

Each week on Thursdays, a podcast featuring our Director of Parish Music Paul Heiser and the preacher for the upcoming Sunday will give a little more background on the theological and liturgical aspects of the next worship service. They will also discuss one of the hymns for the upcoming service as well.



The Feast Bible Study

1st Tues. of the Month | 6:30 pm in the Lounge

Join together with other young adult members of the congregation for Bible Study, devotions, fellowship, and food.

This bible study/discussion is lead by Director of Christian Education, Alex Wright and will be held in the Lounge.

*Child care is coordinated at Church during Bible Study.
Contact Alex at flcgb.dce@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Upcoming Opportunities:



LCMSFoundation

TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

"Transfer the Blessings"

SAVE THESE DATES

to Learn More about Christian Estate Planning

More details coming soon

February 25
11:30 am

March 13
5:15 pm

April 14
11:30 am

"But just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving".

2 Corinthians 8:7

VBS IS THE WEEK OF JUNE 9TH!!!!



"Built on The Rock"

Following the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, God's people return from exile to Jerusalem. The people are led to rebuild the city that was destroyed while God is also at work in rebuilding their spiritual devotion. Built on the Rock VBS teaches students about the rebuilding of Jerusalem, God's people, and our own worship.

All these are built on
The Rock - our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving Baskets



With the generous support of the congregation through donations of Festival gift cards and non-perishable goods, the Evangelism committee was able to provide Thanksgiving dinners to six families this year (3 Families from Faith & 3 families from the Lutheran Schools). Included were turkey, boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole items, corn, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, apple/pumpkin pies, milk, butter, whipped cream, and a card from Faith. Thank you for providing a feast, sharing your love, and making the holiday a happier one for these families.

Christmas Giving Tree



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Giving Tree this year!



With your help we were able to support 6 families this Christmas.



We hope you all enjoyed Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 17th. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare baked goods, decorations, and refreshments.

Merry Christmas!



..... This month at Faith

FLCGB

BOOK GROUP
in the Lounge

Wednesday, 1/3 | 6:30 pm
"A Most Beautiful Thing"
by Arshay Cooper

Wednesday, 2/7 | 6:30 pm
"The Extraordinary Life
of Sam Hell"
by Robert Dugoni

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Next meeting:
Thursday, 1/4
12 pm
The Lounge

FAITH FIREBALLS

Season Begins 1/5

Location:
Calvary Lutheran Church
1301 S Ridge Rd
Green Bay, WI 54304

Christian Growth

CLASSES RESUME

Sunday, 1/7
at 9:15 am

UN-DECK THE HALLS

Sunday, 1/7
(after 10:30 am service)

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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Tuesday, 1/9
12:30-5:30 pm

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

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Tuesday, 1/9

ALL BOARDS' NIGHT 6:00 pm

7:15 pm **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

FLCGB

DAYTIMERS' BUNKO

Let's roll!

Thursday, 1/11
2 pm
Fellowship Hall

FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP

WINTER CAMP

FRI. JAN. 12 - SUN. JAN. 14

Camp Luther

FAITH FAMILY POTLUCK

Sunday, 1/21
11:30 am

BRING A DISH TO PASS

Faith Christian Preschool's Annual

Rummage Sale

2325 S. Webster Ave.
Saturday, February 3
8 am - 12 noon
Preschool parking lot

Item drop off begins 1/28

Hymnfest
with Adult Choirs

Sunday, 1/28
1:30 pm

Faith Lutheran Church
601 E. Glendale Ave.
Appleton, WI 54911





FCP Rummage Sale:

- Donations are accepted beginning 1/28.
- When donating, please refrain from donating electronic items.
- Please place donations in the Fellowship Hall.
- There will be tax exempt forms available for you if you would like.

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>31 <i>Dollar Sunday</i> </p> <p>Service *Livestreamed* 9:00 am</p> <p>Countdown to Noon-year's party 10:30 am</p> <p>New Year's Eve Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>*Church Office Closed*</p> <p>No Monday Service</p>	<p>2 <i>FCP—T/Th class resumes</i></p> <p>Matins 9:00 am</p> <p>Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am</p> <p>Banner Group 10:45 am</p> <p>Handbells 5:45 pm</p> <p>The Feast Bible Study 6:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Choir 6:45 pm</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Service *Livestreamed* 8:00 am</p> <p>Christian Growth Hour 9:15 am</p> <p>Service 10:30 am</p> <p>Un-Deck the Halls 11:30 am</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:00 am</p> <p>Matins 9:00 am</p> <p>Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am</p> <p>Banner Group 10:45 am</p> <p>Blood Drive 12:30-5:30 pm</p> <p>Handbells 5:45 pm</p> <p>All Boards' Mtg 6:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Choir 6:45 pm</p> <p>Council Mtg 7:45 pm</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Service *Livestreamed* 8:00 am</p> <p>Christian Growth Hour 9:15 am</p> <p>Service 10:30 am</p>	<p>15 <i>NEWLHS—No School</i></p> <p>Service 6:30 pm</p> <p><i>Newsletter DEADLINE</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:00 am</p> <p>Matins 9:00 am</p> <p>Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am</p> <p>Banner Group 10:45 am</p> <p>Handbells 5:45 pm</p> <p>Adult Choir 6:45 pm</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Service *Livestreamed* 8:00 am</p> <p>Christian Growth Hour 9:15 am</p> <p>Service 10:30 am</p> <p>Faith Family Potluck 11:30 am</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Service 6:30 pm</p> <p>National Lutheran School's Week!</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:00 am</p> <p>Matins 9:00 am</p> <p>Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am</p> <p>Banner Group 10:45 am</p> <p>Handbells 5:45 pm</p> <p>Adult Choir 6:45 pm</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Service *Livestreamed* 8:00 am</p> <p>Christian Growth Hour 9:15 am</p> <p>Service 10:30 am</p> <p>Hymnfest in Appleton 1:30 pm</p> <p>Drop off for Rummage Sale begins!</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:00 am</p> <p>Matins 9:00 am</p> <p>Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am</p> <p>Banner Group 10:45 am</p> <p>Handbells 5:45 pm</p> <p>Adult Choir 6:45 pm</p>

Help us welcome the New Year at our Countdown to NOON year's party on Sunday, December 31 (after service) in the Fellowship Hall! Bring a dish/snack to pass and/or a game to play, and celebrate with our Faith Family as we count down to 12 (noon).

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 <i>FCP—M/W/F class resumes</i> Trinity, & NEWLHS—classes resume Catechism Classes 5:30 pm Jr. High Youth 6:30 pm Book Group 6:30 pm Youth Handbells 7 pm High School Youth 7:30 pm</p>	<p>4 T.A.L.K. Podcast Prayer Shawls 12 pm</p>	<p>5 Volleyball at Calvary</p> 	<p>6 <i>Epiphany</i></p> 
<p>10 Catechism Classes 5:30 pm Jr. High Youth 6:30 pm Youth Handbells 7 pm High School Youth 7:30 pm</p>	<p>11 T.A.L.K. Podcast Bunko 2 pm</p> 	<p>12 <i>*Winter Camp*</i> Trinity—early dismissal Volleyball at Calvary</p>	<p>13 High School & Jr. Youth Winter Camp Jan. 12-14</p>
<p>17 Catechism Classes 5:30 pm Jr. High Youth 6:30 pm Youth Handbells 7 pm High School Youth 7:30 pm</p>	<p>18 T.A.L.K. Podcast</p>	<p>19 Volleyball at Calvary</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>24 Catechism Classes 5:30 pm Jr. High Youth 6:30 pm Youth Handbells 7 pm High School Youth 7:30 pm</p>	<p>25 T.A.L.K. Podcast NEWLHS Freshman Registration Night 6:30 pm</p>	<p>26 <i>FCP, Trinity, & NEWLHS—No School</i> Volleyball at Calvary</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>National Lutheran School's Week!</p>			
<p>31 Catechism Classes 5:30 pm Jr. High Youth 6:30 pm Youth Handbells 7 pm High School Youth 7:30 pm</p>	<p>2/1 T.A.L.K. Podcast</p>	<p>2/2 Volleyball at Calvary</p>	<p>2/3 FCP Rummage Sale 8 am</p> 



CATECHISM CLASSES

Catechism Classes resume on
Wednesday, January 3 at 5:30 pm.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN *Christian Growth*

LOOKING INTO JANUARY:

- 1/7: Classes Resume at 9:15 am
- 1/14: Youth Choir (gr. 2-5) sing at the 10:30 am Service
- 1/21: Teen Handbells play at the 10:30 am Service
- 1/28: Catechism Choir sings at the 8:00 am Service
- 1/28: Cherub Choir sings at the 10:30 am Service

PHOTOS FROM DECEMBER



OFFERING

Our Sunday School Offerings this year will go towards supporting the Baker Family who are missionaries overseas with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS).

OUR GOAL IS \$500!

EACH GLOBE REPRESENTS \$10 RAISED
(WE ARE HALF WAY THERE!
WE'VE RAISED \$250 SO FAR!!!
KEEP THOSE OFFERINGS COMING)





Notes from Faith Lutheran Church Music



On Sunday, January 28 at 1:30 p.m. our adult choir will join with the musicians of Faith Lutheran, Appleton for a hymn festival celebrating both the Epiphany season and the 75th anniversary of Faith (Appleton) and its continued dedication to music ministry. Our own Pastor Error will be offering reflections on the hymns and choral music and Dr. Michael Culloton of Concordia college will serve as guest conductor. Premiering at the end of the festival will be a commissioned arrangement of pastor Jaroslav Vajda's text "In Darkest Night," by composer and conductor Paul Weber. The church is located at 601 E. Glendale in Appleton.



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH!

Winter Camp is Friday, January 12- Sunday, January 14. Please let DCE Alex Wright know if you would like to join in the winter fun!

Cost is \$100/student.

If you know that you would like to attend, please contact DCE Alex Wright. Deadline to register is **Sunday, January 29** (to ensure early bird pricing). Open to ALL congregation members





Faith

CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

*“Nurturing Mind & Spirit”
Helping Families nurture children in Christ
and the knowledge of His world.*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; the old has gone, the NEW is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

FCP wrapped up 2023 with a beautiful and meaningful Nativity Service, showcasing the symbols of Christmas. The students sung their hearts out and truly shined as little lights sharing the gospel message of our Savior Jesus' birth. The good news was shared to over 100 preschool family members and friends!

As we ring in 2024, we begin to look ahead to all the new that will come! Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year will open to currently enrolled FCP families beginning Monday, January 15th. If you or someone you know is looking for a nationally accredited, faith filled, & play based 3K and 4K morning preschool program, email faithpreschoolgb@gmail.com or call (920) 965-0795 ext. 216 to schedule a tour. A 10% tuition discount is offered to all Faith Lutheran Church members and financial aid is available to those who qualify. Additionally, if you would like to volunteer to drop off enrollment flyers to any local businesses, please contact us and we are happy to arrange pickup and drop-off times for you. We have been so blessed with the growth of our preschool enrollment in 2023 and pray that we continue to grow and thrive in the community this new year, also.

A few upcoming events this month are:

- January 22nd-26th: National Lutheran Schools Week
- January 24th: Teamwork Day with Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School's 6th graders
- January 26th: No School

If you haven't already, please scan the QR code listed below and follow us on our Facebook Page to keep in touch with all that continues to happen here at Faith Christian Pre-school.

HAPPY
New Year

*Scan below to get to our

facebook

Page!



From your FCP Family,
Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Willis

UPCOMING DATES FOR TRINITY:

- 1/3—CLASSES RESUME
- 1/12—EARLY DISMISSAL
- 1/22-1/25—NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
- 1/26—NO SCHOOL



N.E.W. Lutheran
HIGH SCHOOL

UPCOMING DATES FOR NEWLHS:

- 1/3—CLASSES RESUME
- 1/5—CHILI CHALLENGE OF THE CHURCHES
- 1/15—NO SCHOOL
- 1/22-1/25—NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
- 1/25—6:30 PM FRESHMAN/NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION NIGHT
- 1/26—NO SCHOOL

CATECHISM



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

New year. New me. Out with the old. In with the new. Time to start fresh. The new year can be a wonderful opportunity for many people who like to use the new year as motivation to try something new or start over. This concept should be very familiar to us as Christians. We constantly live in a cycle of being made new or starting fresh – not by our own habits or actions but through God’s action in our Baptism. We daily sin and deserve punishment. Our sinful nature will always cause us to fall and fail. But God has drowned our old sinful nature so that we daily emerge new and righteous. This is the constant life we live. A life of sin, repentance, and forgiveness.

What Baptism Indicates

What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written? St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” (Rom 6:4).

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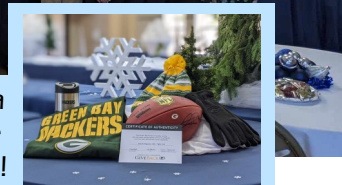
Thank you to everyone who supported the Faith Lutheran Church Youth Group's Cookie Walk! With your help, we were able to raise almost \$6,500!



Whether you donated, baked cookies, bought, or volunteered, we appreciate your help! This goes towards youth events such as Winter Camp, monthly youth activities & conferences/mission trips.



Thank you to the Green Bay Packers for donating a raffle prize this year! We had many people enter the drawing. Congratulations to our winner Phoenix S.!



MEAL MINISTRY

At Faith, we like to join together and help other members in times of need. During tough times, such as a surgery in the family, or a death of a family member, families sometimes struggle with having a healthy home cooked meal to put on the table. This is where the Meal Ministry can help. If something happens in your family (scheduled or sudden), please call the Church Office so we can help you.

If you would like to be involved in the Meal Ministry, please contact Angela Stiles in the Church Office for more information— flcgb.media@gmail.com

Meal Ministry

Happy Birthday!

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|----|--------------------|----|---------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Tony Bauer | 15 | Xavier Errer | 26 | Sharon Bosse |
| | Patricia Zeimer | 16 | Gordon Barkow | | Kathy Wochinske |
| 3 | Paul Mattson | 17 | Jennell Brzinski | 28 | Lydia Blackman |
| 4 | Sharon Hovis | | Curtis Foth | | Jenifer Delebreau |
| | Liam King | | Debra Kinne | 29 | Wes Borchert |
| | Micah King | | Valli Sickler | | Bryce Kaufman |
| 5 | Bill Kusow, III | 18 | Julie Anderson | | Nicholas Reynolds |
| | Daniel Lemke | | Carla Cain | | Jodie Suomi |
| | Greg Omdahl | | Jolene Cheslock | 30 | Nancy Briski |
| | Collette Sinkewicz | 19 | Dr. Timothy Freeman | | Jamie Janssen |
| 6 | Marv Kovach | | Ethan Garner | | Susan Kenney |
| 7 | Paul Amenson | | Will Ristow | 31 | Janet Hansen |
| | Dan Crozier | 20 | Karen Smet | | |
| | Rachel Doherty | | Mary Jo Walch | | |
| | Doug Hanna | 22 | Lucas Diedrick | | |
| 8 | Elana Heiser | 23 | Mike Buyarski | | |
| 10 | Ethan Natzke | | Janice Luhrs | | |
| 11 | Claire Janssen | 24 | Karin Barth | | |
| 13 | Kim Jaeger | | Kayann Kocian | | |
| | Kelly Kriescher | | Jeannine Stoffer | | |
| | Rick Toninato | 25 | Steve Goodreau | | |
| 14 | Nicole Omdahl | | Angela Stiles | | |
| | Aaron Selner | 26 | Morgan Gretzinger | | |
| | Kayleigh Shea | | Ian Holschuh | | |



- 1 Nick & Emily Gilson
- 3 Stephen & Katie Kaufman
- 8 Dan & Deb Crozier
- 8 Alex & Karin Wright
- 16 Chris & Jane Molzahn
- 30 Hans & Edith Barth

GIVE ONLINE

Online
Giving

Online giving is a very simple and effective way to support Faith Lutheran Church. It is available through our website (flcgb.com) and click this button on the home page. If you have any questions, please email flcgb.donate@gmail.com

2023 UNIFIED OFFERINGS

YTD—\$563,996.50
(as of December 13, 2023)

SCRIP REBATES:

\$6,575.67
(as of December 13, 2023)

Dollar Sunday is on Sunday, December 31.

Donations will go toward Lutheran World Relief.

How does Dollar Sunday work?

Any cash that is placed in that weekend's offering (not in an offering envelope) will go towards our designated organization. If you would like to make a check donation, please make it out to Faith Lutheran Church and write "Dollar Sunday" in the memo line.

