

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - GREEN BAY  
JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



FAITH  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
GREEN BAY

## SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Memorial Day weekend-Labor Day weekend:

Sundays at 8 am & 9:30 am

Mondays at 6:30 pm

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Helping families nurture children in Christ  
and the knowledge of His word.

Now Enrolling  
2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

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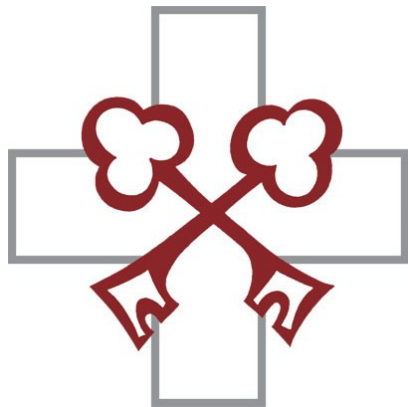
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Faith Lutheran Church,

“What is a pastor?” This might seem like an odd question to ask, but it is one worth exploring. The obvious answer is that he is the guy who works at the church, leads the service, preaches, and then cares for the congregation. And this is basically true. More accurately, a pastor is the man who is called by a congregation to exercise the Office of the Keys. In our catechism, we are taught that the Office of the Keys is “that special authority which Christ has given his church on earth to forgive the sins of the repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent (John 20:22-23).” The core of the pastor’s work is to forgive the sins of those who repent and withhold forgiveness from those who do not repent on behalf of the congregation that has called him to serve as their pastor. Everything else that he does is secondary to that work.

So how does a man become a pastor? He becomes a pastor when a congregation says, “you are the guy. You are the man we have chosen to be our pastor.” At that point, he is given the authority to preach and administer the sacraments and through those acts forgive or withhold the forgiveness of sins in that congregation. While this seems simple, very early in the Christian church it became apparent that there needed to be some kind of standardization of expectations for what kind of men should be called into this office. In Acts, when the disciples ask for deacons to help care for the widows, qualifications are given. When Paul writes to Timothy and Titus, pastors in the early church, he lists out qualifications that make a man worthy of serving as a pastor in the Office of Holy Ministry. As a result, the broader church became involved in identifying and certifying that men had the qualification necessary to do the work of a pastor.

Skipping ahead two thousand years to today, a system still exists that allows the broader church to verify the qualifications of men who are called to serve as a pastor. Because each denomination handles this differently, I am going to focus on our own denomination, the LCMS. For our church body, pastors have two identifying credentials that mark them as pastors.

The first is ordination. Ordination is the public act of the church stating that a man has received a call from the church to carry out the work of the Office of the Keys. It is visualized by the laying on of hands of other pastors that confirm that the call has been given and is valid. This act gives him the title of “pastor.”



The second credential for our church body is “the roster.” The roster is the official list of men who have been ordained and bear the certification of qualified for ministry. As a church, we have determined that this includes formal training (normally at one of the two seminaries), demonstration of basic skills, and a personal character that is above reproach. This roster is maintained so that when a congregation is looking for a pastor, they have assurance that the man they are calling is qualified for the work. A condition of being a congregation in the LCMS is that you will only call men from this list.

As with any system of qualifications, there are practical realities that must be addressed to maintain the system that is established. These include how do you meet those qualifications and what happens to men who have met them but are now not working as the pastor of a congregation?

When a man decides to be a pastor in the LCMS, he must first attend seminary to earn a Master of Divinity. One part of this is the vicarage year that we have become familiar with at Faith. It is normally the third year of seminary and is a twelve-month internship designed to provide practical experience and growth before the final year of seminary. Vicars, having received training and certification of qualifications at the seminary, are able to do certain things under the approval of a pastor even though they are not yet a pastor. They can preach, teach, visit, and lead services but they cannot administer the sacraments or hear confession because they have not yet received a call that gives them the authority of the Office of the Keys.

This summer, we will experience another variation of this. Two men, from our congregation, are now applying for seminary. In preparation for seminary training, they will assist, from time to time, with the readings, communion distribution, and visits. They will not do as much as a vicar, because they are not yet qualified, but will begin some work to prepare to make them qualified. Once they finish certain classes at the seminary, they will, during visits home, participate in a larger way during the service. While they are training to be a pastor, they must always work under the supervision of a pastor because he bears the responsibility of their work and must answer for the actions they take.

One variation of this is when men, who are pastors, wish to leave their previous denomination and join the LCMS. In this case they are ordained, because they have had a call, but they are not rostered. When this happens, they retain their title, but are not authorized to work as a pastor in the LCMS until the rostering committee determines them qualified for ministry. During this time, they are able to do the work of a well-trained lay person under the supervision of the local pastor. If they are approved for the roster, then they become eligible for a call to serve as a pastor.

Once a man is both ordained and rostered, he does not need to remain the pastor of a congregation for the rest of his life. He can serve the church in a variety of ways, including as a chaplain of a secular institution and still be an ordained and rostered pastor. These men will often help local pastors by filling in when they are on vacation or need assistance from time to time. Other men will retire from full-time service and they too will help, as they are able, in their retirement. They maintain the authority and certification to carry out pastoral acts because they still meet the requirements of the office and our church body.

Occasionally, a man will choose to resign from the roster and his call and no longer serve as a pastor. When this happens, he loses his certification to do official ministry acts within a congregation and resumes his life as a layman. With this, he also gives up the title of pastor because he no longer has a call to ministry.

So, why spend all this time answering the question of “what is a pastor?” Over the last couple of years, our congregation has been blessed to have a variety of men join our congregation that are not the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church but are either already pastors or are working to become a pastor. As a result, I have had people ask for clarification as to who is a pastor and who isn’t. While this is a longer than normal article for the newsletter, I hope that it is helpful in trying to understand who is doing what and why they can do it within our congregation. As a pastor, I enjoy serving each of these men and helping them serve all of you as they grow in the roles God has given them within his church. Below is a short list of terms that might serve as a cheat sheet to better understand all that I have described above.

God bless,  
Pastor Errer

### **Glossary of Terms:**

**Ordination:** the public confirmation of a man’s call to be a pastor

**Roster:** the official list of men qualified to be a pastor in the LCMS

**Office of the Keys:** the God given responsibility of the church to forgive or not forgive sins

**Office of the Ministry:** the position held by a pastor that gives them the authority to fulfill the Office of the Keys on behalf of a congregation

**Pre-seminary Student:** a man who is applying for but has not yet started seminary

**Seminary Student:** a man who is in his 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> year of seminary

**Vicar:** a man, normally in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of seminary, who is on his one-year internship

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Our family gives great thanks to God for being placed at Faith Lutheran! Rachel (25), Zechariah (2.5 years), Simeon (9 months), and I (30), are excited and are looking forward to spending a year in Green Bay with you all.

I am originally from Mechanicsville, Virginia, where I lived until I went to Virginia Tech for school. I completed my bachelor's in mathematics and my master's in engineering mechanics. After that, I worked for 5 years at an electronic motors manufacturing company, Kollmorgen, as a manufacturing engineer and project manager for our electronic drives division. Rachel grew up in McLean, Virginia and then attended Virginia Tech where she completed her bachelor's in computer science. We met at the LCMS campus ministry there, Lutheran Outreach at Virginia Tech. We were married at the end of 2022, and the Lord has blessed us with two children, Zechariah (October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023) and Simeon (August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025).

Rachel does a wonderful job taking care of Zechariah and Simeon and caring for our home. Rachel is an active seamstress with several of her own dresses in her wardrobe and an avid reader both of fiction and non-fiction. She has also recently gotten interested in bread-making. When I am not studying, I like to read, run, play ultimate frisbee, and soak up every moment I can with my kids. As a family we like to go for bike rides together when the weather is nice, read books together, and tend to our flowers and vegetables in the yard. Zechariah loves most things in life, especially books, building towers with Duplos, and playing in water. Simeon is just starting to crawl and likes playing peek-a-boo and trying new foods.

Neither Rachel nor I have spent any time in Green Bay, so we are eager to learn more about the city and by God's grace serve the saints at Faith during a wonderful year. Angela Stiles dropped off a Packers mug the night of my assignment, so we are officially Packers fans now!

In Christ's Name,  
Nathaniel, Rachel,  
Zechariah, and Simeon Hall

*Angela Stiles was able to be in Fort Wayne and could welcome Nathaniel and his family and congratulate Will Ebel on Faith's behalf.*



# Let your Faith Grow!

Bible Studies offered at Faith Lutheran Church

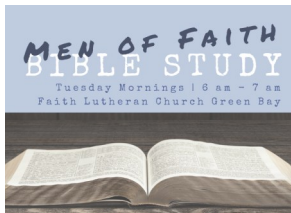
## Sundays:



### News & Bible

Sundays | 10:45 am | Lounge

## Tuesdays:



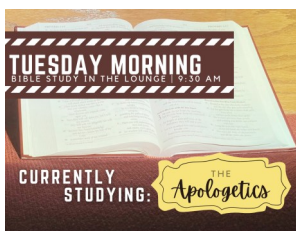
### Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays | 6:00 am | Lounge



### Matins

Tuesdays | 9 am | Sanctuary



### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

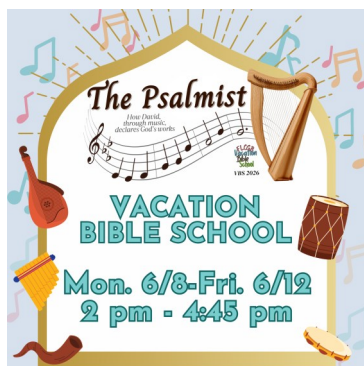
Tuesdays | 9:30 am | Lounge



### The Feast Bible Study

1st & 3rd Tues. of the Month  
6:30 pm in the Lounge

## VBS:



## Higher Things:



## ITALY 2027!

Join me and members of our congregation as we spend ten days in Italy. Departing from Green Bay on October 12, 2027, we will visit Milan, Venice, Pisa, Florence, Rome, and more to take in the history, art, and beauty of this historic country. Only eighteen months away, plan now to join in this experience. Informational brochures are located in racks across from the Welcome Center. If you have questions, please see Pastor.

# FAITH FIREBALLS



## 2026 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

**5/31: 4:15 pm | Field 1**  
vs. Life Church

**6/7: 6:45 pm | Field 1**  
vs. Life Bridge 2

**6/14: 4:15 pm | Field 1**  
vs. Spring Lake 1

Games played at  
Ashwaubenon Sports Complex  
1640 Fernando Dr

**6/21: 4:15 pm | Field 2**  
vs. Journey 1

**6/28: 5:30 pm | Field 2**  
vs. Life Bridge 1



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH'S

# Big Bash

Sunday, July 12, 2026

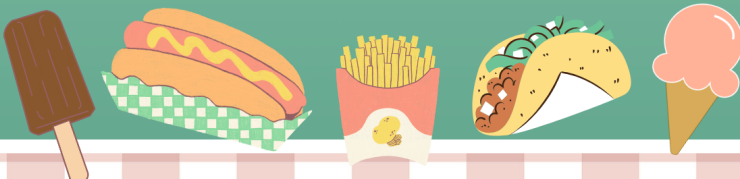
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

*After the 9:30 am Service*

On July 12, after our 9:30 am Service, we invite you to join in the celebration and give thanks for all the ways God has blessed us.

This year, food will be available for purchase from Maldanados (mexican food), JDogz (Hotdogs, brats, fries, etc.), and Zambaldi Beer, so please bring your cash. As a token to YOU, Faith will be supplying ice cream treats from Red Hot Ice Cream to all attendees. There will also be music, a bounce house, and games for kids and adults.

Please bring your lawn chairs and celebrate with us!



# ..... This month at Faith .....

**The Psalmist**  
WORLD'S LARGEST  
 ANNUAL CHURCH  
 CONVENTION

**VBS  
 DECORATING  
 & VOLUNTEER  
 MEETING**  
**Wed. 6/3  
 6-8 pm**

FLCGB

**BOOK  
 GROUP**  
 in the Lounge

Wed., 6/3 | 6:30 pm  
 "I Shall be Near to You"  
 by Erin Lindsay McCabe

Resumes in September

**FAITHFUL  
 FRIENDS**  
 PLAYDATES

6/5  
 9:30-11:30 AM

SAND ACRES PARK  
 3687 MISTY MEADOW LN.

**FAITH FIREBALLS**

6/7 @ 6:45 PM  
 FIELD 1 V. LIFE BRIDGE 2

Location:  
 Ashwaubenon Sports Complex  
 1640 Fernando Dr.  
 Ashwaubenon, WI 54115

**The Psalmist**  
WORLD'S LARGEST  
 ANNUAL CHURCH  
 CONVENTION

**VACATION  
 BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Mon. 6/8-Fri. 6/12  
 2 pm - 4:45 pm**

**FAITHFUL  
 FRIENDS**  
 PLAYDATES

6/12  
 9:30-11:30 AM

WILDER PARK  
 1217 EDGEWOOD DR.

**FAITH FIREBALLS**

6/14 @ 4:15 PM  
 FIELD 1 V. SPRING LAKE 1

Location:  
 Ashwaubenon Sports Complex  
 1640 Fernando Dr.  
 Ashwaubenon, WI 54115

**FAITHFUL  
 FRIENDS**  
 PLAYDATES

6/19  
 9:30-11:30 AM

GREEN ISLE PARK  
 800 GREEN AVE.

**FAITH FIREBALLS**

6/21 @ 4:15 PM  
 FIELD 2 V. JOURNEY 1

Location:  
 Ashwaubenon Sports Complex  
 1640 Fernando Dr.  
 Ashwaubenon, WI 54115

HIGHER THINGS  
DAVE THOMAS

**DYING CHURCH  
 RISES  
 HOPE**  
Higher Things Conference 2026

June 23-26, 2026  
 Washington University, St. Louis, MO

open to Faith Lutheran Youth &  
 whole congregation

**FAITHFUL  
 FRIENDS**  
 PLAYDATES

6/26  
 9:30-11:30 AM

JOSTEN PARK  
 2280 TOWN HALL RD.

**FAITH FIREBALLS**

6/28 @ 5:30 PM  
 FIELD 2 V. LIFE BRIDGE 1

Location:  
 Ashwaubenon Sports Complex  
 1640 Fernando Dr.  
 Ashwaubenon, WI 54115

**Organ Recital**  
 AGO Summer Concert Series

Tues. 6/30  
 6:30 pm

Featuring  
**Paul Heiser**

American Guild of  
 ORGANISTS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL

**Big Bash**

Sunday, July 12, 2026  
 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

After the 9:30 am Service  
 "Please bring your own lawn chair"

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# June

Sun	Mon	Tue
31 <b>Graduate Sunday</b> <b>Dollar Sunday</b> (LCMS Ministry to Armed Forces)  Service 8:00 am Service 9:30 am Voter's Meeting 10:45 am News & Bible Study 11:15 am Softball 4:15 pm 	1 Service 6:30 pm	2 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am Matins 9:00 am Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am The Feast Bible Study 6:30 pm
7 Service 8:00 am Service 9:30 am News & Bible Study 10:45 am Softball 6:45 pm 	8 Service 6:30 pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #8ebf8e; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>Vacation Bible School 2-4:45 pm</b> </div>	9 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am Matins 9:00 am Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am
14 Service 8:00 am Service 9:30 am News & Bible Study 10:45 am Softball 4:15 pm	15 Service 6:30 pm 	16 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am Matins 9:00 am Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am The Feast Bible Study 6:30 pm
21 <b>Father's Day</b> Service 8:00 am Service 9:30 am News & Bible Study 10:45 am Softball 4:15 pm 	22 Service 6:30 pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #8ebf8e; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>Higher Things Conference</b> </div>	23 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am Matins 9:00 am Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am
28 Service 8:00 am Service 9:30 am News & Bible Study 10:45 am Softball 5:30 pm	29 Service 6:30 pm	30 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am Matins 9:00 am Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am Organ Recital 6:30 pm

**June 8-12**  
**2-4:45 pm**

# The Psalmist

Student  
Registration




Volunteer  
to help



How David,  
through prayer,  
declared God's works



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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3  VBS Prep Night & Volunteer Meeting 6-8 pm  Book Group 6:30 pm	4	5  Faithful Friends Playdate 9:30 am <i>Sand Acres Park</i>	6
10	11	12  Faithful Friends Playdate 9:30 am <i>Wilder Park</i>	13
<b>Vacation Bible School 2-4:45 pm</b>			
17	18	19  Faithful Friends Playdate 9:30 am <i>Green Isle Park</i>	20
24	25	26  Faithful Friends Playdate 9:30 am <i>Josten Park</i>	27
<b>Higher Things Conference in St. Louis, MO</b>			
7/1	7/2	7/3  Faithful Friends Playdate 9:30 am <i>Jon Muir Park</i>	7/4  



*American Guild of*  
**ORGANISTS**

# The Power of Pipes

Summertime Organ Concert Series

*Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 6:30 pm*



*Featuring  
musician:*

**Paul Heiser**  
Organ

*Faith Lutheran Church  
2335 S. Webster Ave.  
Green Bay, WI 54301*

On Tuesday, June 30, 6:30 pm, Faith Lutheran will be hosting the first in summer series of free organ recitals in the Green Bay area.

The theme for the program will be American/patriotic music in recognition of the semiquincentennial (250th) anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. As part of the program attendees will have the opportunity to join in singing familiar patriotic music as well as learning about a select few chapters of our unique American musical history. The organist for this program will be the resident director of music Paul Heiser. Information on the remainder of the summer series, the Power of Pipes, is found at the website of the regional chapter of the American Guild of Organists and on the Community Events Board next to Paul Heiser's office.

**CONCERTS  
START AT  
6:30 P.M.**

**FREE  
ADMISSION**  
Free will offerings are  
collected after each  
program to support  
NEWAGO programs.



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OF ORGANISTS  
(NEWAGO).**



# FAITHFUL FRIENDS

# FRIENDS

PLAYDATES



Date:	Location:
5/29	Optimist Park - 1680 Libal St, Allouez
6/5	Sand Acres Park - 3687 Misty Meadow Ln, DP
6/12	Wilder Park - 1217 Edgewood Dr., GB
6/19	Green Isle Park - 900 Green Ave., Allouez
6/26	Josten Park - 2280 Town Hall Rd., GB
7/3	John Muir Park - 1761 Biemeret St., GB
7/10	Voyager Park - 100 William St., DP
7/17	Klipstine Park - 900 Anderson Dr., Ashwaubenon
7/24	Ashwaubomay Park - 2881 S. Broadway, Ashwaubenon
7/31	Ledgeview Park 2064 Dickinson Rd., DP
8/7	Argonne Park, Argonne St., Ashwaubenon
8/14	Jim Martin Park - 255 Libal St., DP
8/21	Bay Beach Park (Playground) - 1008 Bay Beach Rd

Join in the fun with your friends from Faith!

**Fridays\***  
**9:30-11:30 am**

No sign up required, just come and play.

\*If there is bad weather, the playdate will be cancelled

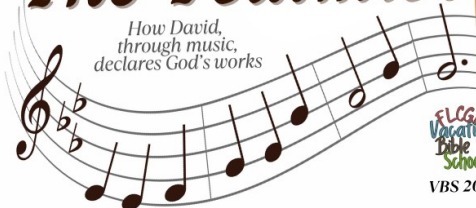
FB Group:



Have you ever wanted to go to the park, but want to make sure your kids have someone to play with? Faithful Friends Playdates will be meeting at different parks in the Green Bay area on Fridays from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. You can come to as many or as few as you would like, and as long or as short as you would like.

# The Psalmist

How David,  
through music,  
declares God's works



FLCSB  
Vacation  
Bible  
School  
VBS 2026

June 8-12 | 2-4:45 pm

David wrote the Psalms, or songs, throughout his life, whether he was rejoicing or in times of tribulation. We also use songs and music to profess our relationship with God. Join us for Vacation Bible School as we learn more about how music is used to proclaim the greatness of God.



## Student Registration

ages 3 yrs (potty trained)  
- 6th grade

- Free Registration from April 1- May 25 (Memorial Day)
- May 26-June 8 is \$5 registration fee.



## Volunteer during VBS!

Thank you for wanting to help out!

## VBS PREP NIGHTS:

May 13 | May 20 | May 27 | June 3  
6:00 pm—8:00 pm

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MAY PICTURES



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN *Christian Growth*

TEACHER SHOUTOUTS

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our teachers and helpers this year! With your help, we were able to help our youngest members grow in the Faith of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

- Lessons: DCE Alex Wright & Deaconess Deirdre Batiansila
- Cherub Choir: Angela Stiles & Pam Heiser
- Youth Choir: Paul Heiser
- Catechism Choir: Paul Heiser
- 3k/4k: Caitlyn Heiser & Evelyn Polomis
- K/1st: Andrew Heiser, Samantha Strassburger, & Ashley Tomaso
- 2nd/3rd: Chris & Carmen Polomis
- 4th/5th: Amanda Athey
- 6th/7th/8th: Ethan Natzke
- Sunday School Office: Missy Hansen



CONFIRMATION



OFFERING:

Christ's Care FOR CHILDREN: **KENYA**

Our Sunday School Offerings this year are going toward supporting "Christ's Care for Children: Kenya", a program through the LCMS. The children live at one of the Project 24 facilities while attending school and church during the academic year.



EACH "AFRICA" REPRESENTS \$10 RAISED  
We raised: \$444.35 this year!

# "Nurturing Mind & Spirit"

Helping families nurture children in Christ  
and the knowledge of His world.



**Faith**  
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

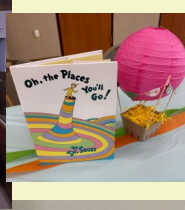
Phone: (920) 965-0795 ext. 216  
Email: faithpreschoolgb@gmail.com

We had a wonderful school year at FCP! We are looking forward to the fall as our class enrollment is growing. We have a few openings in the 3K and 4K classes for this fall and we would love for you to be part of our FCP Family! Please contact us to schedule a tour.

Scan to  
**Enroll**  
your child  
for the 2026-2027 school year



The Preschool Staff  
Ellen Petrie (Director/Teacher),  
Krissy Barthels (Teachers Aide),  
Angela Stiles (Classroom Aide)



The 4K graduates that  
will be heading to  
Trinity in the Fall.



NEWLHS Graduates with our Preschoolers



**NOW ENROLLING  
FOR  
2026-2027**

Registration and Enrollment is now open for the 2026-2027 school year. Please visit [www.greenbaytrinity.org](http://www.greenbaytrinity.org) for more information, request a tour, and the latest news or call the school at 920-655-4673.

**NOW ENROLLING  
FOR  
2026-2027**

Enrollment is now open for the for the 2026-2027 school year! .Applications may be found at [www.newlhs.com/admissions/apply.cfm](http://www.newlhs.com/admissions/apply.cfm).



**N.E.W. Lutheran  
HIGH SCHOOL**



## CHURCH FINANCE

While I spent two and a half pages explaining the nuances of pastoral ministry at the beginning of the newsletter, there is something else that I wanted to spend some time discussing this month. At the end of the May newsletter article, I mentioned that, for the first time in several years, our actual giving has not kept pace with our budgeted needs. This remains true. At the time of this writing, there is about a \$27,000 difference in those two numbers. I also said that, despite this, we are still in a healthy financial position, but we need to be transparent about the financial concerns so that we can remain healthy going forward.

One of things that can be confusing about church finance is that not all financial assets can be used to address the needs of the General Fund. The General Fund deals with the day-to-day expenses of the congregation such as water and electric bills, salaries, insurance, maintenance, etc. You can think of this as your home checking account. It is the place where you buy your groceries, pay your bills, and is the account you use most often.

The congregation also maintains a series of “funds” that have money earmarked for specific purposes. These include memorial funds, vacation Bible school, music, piano tuning, youth group, landscaping, banners, the vine and branches memorial, and many more. These funds do not show up in our budget but are like mini savings accounts that people can donate to and earmark that donation for only that purpose. This is like money that you have set aside for Christmas or birthday presents, or your family vacation, or even new tires on your car. Unlike at home, however, where you might take money from your vacation fund in the event of an emergency, the church cannot do that. Those earmarked funds are only to be used for their intended purpose to maintain the trust and integrity of our institution.

These funds are distinct from our savings account. Our savings account has money that is set aside from previous year surpluses that can be used for large projects or to cover expenses during years when giving does not match our needs. These may be in an actual savings account or in a cd, but are kept relatively liquid in the event we need access to them, very similar to how you would treat your home savings accounts.

The final type of asset held by our congregation is our endowment. Think of this like a 401K or other investment you might have. The principal of the account remains untouched but the income from the investment can be used in a variety of ways of ways. Because of our constitution, the income from these accounts can only be used for non-budgeted expenses. Each year, we receive 5% of the value of the endowment. The endowment committee then issues grants to various projects that are a blessing to the congregation and the LCMS but that are outside of our normal budget. These have included the speaker series, sending kids to Camp Luther, Lutheran School Tuition Assistance, Bible for the Fellowship Hall, and new mattresses for Camp Luther. This is an incredible blessing to our congregation and we are grateful to those who have included it in their estate planning or regular giving.

So why does this matter? When we are talking about donations not keeping up with expenses, we are talking only about that first category of assets; our General Fund. To make sure expenses are covered, we are re-examining the budget, keeping a close eye on the expenses, and using the savings when necessary to pay our bills. Because this fund reflects the weekly or regular giving of our members, it is important to keep you informed as to how it is doing so that you can respond from your own generosity and capability.

God has blessed our congregation in incredible ways; including providing leaders who seek to be good stewards of what you entrust to our care. As we make our way through this fiscal year and begin to budget for 2027 (that process starts in July), know that we will continue to strive to be good stewards of what you have given. Please keep our congregation and its leaders in your prayers as we know that God will provide what we need to accomplish his purpose for our church.

- Pastor

## **VOTER'S MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 31ST**

At the May 31<sup>st</sup> Voters Meeting, the primary items to discuss at this meeting include the mortgage on the Webster St. duplex and the future of the Faith Christian Preschool. An information packet concerning the preschool will be available prior to both services that morning.

The congregation will be presented with a question about the future of Faith Christian Preschool (FCP). Currently FCP is operated through the Lutheran Schools Association, which also includes Trinity Elementary and NEW Lutheran High. At the conclusion of the 25/26 school year in June, the Association will disband and each school will operate independently. The Faith Church Council has agreed to assume operation of FCP as part of our church for the 26/27 school year. The congregation will be asked to determine the future of FCP beyond 26/27.

Significant information about the history and current state of FCP will be shared, including financials. In the 5 years since Covid, FCP has lost money each year. Losses in just the last two years have been over \$20,000 each year and are expected to be even higher for the 26/27 school year. Faith will be able to operate the school next year through use of Mission funds, so it will not impact our annual budget. Beyond that, funding will be an issue, hence the need for this discussion.

Rod Goldahn-Council President

Sunday, May 31  
at 10:45 am  
in the Sanctuary

**VOTER'S  
MEETING**

### **GIVE ONLINE**

Online giving is a very simple and effective way to support Faith Lutheran Church. It is available

through our website ([flcgb.com](http://flcgb.com)) and click this button on the home page. If you have any questions, please email [donate@flcgb.com](mailto:donate@flcgb.com)



### **2026 UNIFIED OFFERINGS**

YTD— \$175,139.97  
(as of April 22, 2026)

### **SCRIP REBATES:**

\$2,112.39  
(as of May 12, 2026)

5/31/26



# LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces

The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports all LCMS chaplains who serve on active duty, in the reserves, the National Guard, Civil Air Patrol, and Coast Guard Auxiliary. LCMS chaplains deliver Word and Sacrament ministry to our military personnel and their families.

The LCMS cares deeply for those who currently serve, for those who have donned the cloth of our nation in uniform, and for those who served our nation and live in our communities.



## Impact at Faith

Our former vicar, Rev. Joshua Schiff, is now a Chaplain (Captain) in the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. His wife Shelly, and children Eli & Lexi are in Colorado, and Chaplain Captain Schiff is currently deployed.





If you would like to help beautify the Sanctuary with a bouquet, you can sign up at the Welcome Center. Bouquets are only \$25 and you can take it home with you after that Monday service. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Church Office or Sue Schuettpelz.

# June Celebrations

- 1 Carter Knox
- 3 Sue Albers
- Joy Anderson
- Emily Bushkie
- Jessica Ernst
- 4 Callidora Athey
- Carole Destache
- Kerry Pearce
- Julie Stedl
- Karin Wright
- 5 Myron Bauer
- 6 Cheryl Roorh
- Asher Welter
- 7 Kay Zittlow
- 8 Todd Mielke
- 9 Tyah Hohn
- Evelyn Polomis
- 10 Paula Fineout
- Debbie Welnetz
- 11 McKayla Baeb
- Doris Emmel
- 12 Andrew Bushkie
- Cullan Smet

- 13 David King
- Jeff Leitner
- 14 Larry Erickson
- 15 Ted Genske
- 17 Kaylene Delvaux
- Colin Freeman
- Steve Meck
- Everett Voss
- 18 Jody Hawley
- Lois Piontek
- 19 Noah Hirthe
- Ella Marach
- Megan Wettstein
- 20 Brittany Baneck
- 21 Aubrey Gretzinger
- 22 Mara Canner
- 23 Gloria Gossage
- Matthew King
- Lindsay Perock
- Louisa Schauer
- 24 Joyce Goldhahn
- Joyce Loch
- Kristy Maney
- Austen Welter

- 27 Sandra Badtke
- Deb Freeman
- 28 Katie Kaufman
- Robert Mueller
- Diane Omdahl
- 30 Marcy Angeli
- Victoria DuChateau
- Gregory King



- 1 Dakota & Lindsay Perock
- Thomas & Kimberly Porter
- 2 Myron & Joyce Bauer
- 3 Tom & Sue Albers
- 4 David & Amanda Helpap
- Ethan & Erica Natzke
- 5 Bruce & Kay Zittlow
- 6 Garrett & Carsin Boeck
- Scott & Tamara Schick
- 7 Steve & Carol Meck
- 8 Michael & Lisa Ott
- 10 Keith & Jolene Cheslock
- Marv & Marian Kovach
- Dillon & Kristy Maney
- 11 Steven & Linda Hoffman
- 13 Peter & Brooke Voss
- 17 Mark & Sara Hoefs
- 18 Austen & Alex Welter
- 20 Jeffrey & Marsha Carriveau
- Allan & Eleanore Juza
- Guy & Kathy Patzke



- 21 Todd & Wendy Jaeger
- Rev. Timothy & Debra Kinne
- 22 Kurt & Judy Steiner
- 23 Paul & Pamela Heiser
- 25 Andreau & Stephanie Enderby
- 26 Brian & Donna Koehler
- 28 Caleb & Isabella Smith