

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

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday worship at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, & 11:00 am Monday worship at 6:30 pm

Temporary Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday | 8:00 am—12:00 pm

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We made it! 2021 is here and just like last year, we enter into filled with the hope and promise that maybe things will be better this year. Maybe they will be different in a good way. But then, when we slow down and think about it for a minute, four words should give us pause, "just like last year." That is a bit frightening to think. Last year was supposed to be the beginning of a new (or the closing of an old-depending on your perspective) decade. Filled with hope and optimism, our congregation was even supposed to spend a year celebrating our 75th anniversary. But plans changed. Soon 2020 looked far different than what we ever might have expected.

Looking back, it is easy to be bogged down in the unexpected, frustrating, sad stories of the past year. In the midst of it all, God still provided. Through His providence, we have much to be thankful for; because of His grace, we have much to celebrate. We continue to gather to hear God's Word and receive His Supper every week. Nine new members were brought to the waters of Holy Baptism, including adults! Six couples entered into holy matrimony. Our congregation has reached a new (announcement coming soon!) milestone in the progress of paying off our mortgage. We continued to meet every week for worship, even though we were distanced in our homes, because of the technology we had already invested in to help stay connected with our shut ins. We were the first in the area to offer a virtual VBS in the summer which lead to several congregations calling to ask for guidance and support. Our Sunday school lessons have been available online and are reaching families every week. Faith Christian Preschool made a commitment to provide in person learning to its students and has been operating at capacity all year. Cookie Walk was reimagined as a drive through and sold out of all the cookies by the end of the morning, raising over \$4,000. In the midst of uncertainty, you continued to support our ministry and we met our 2020 budgeted giving. Generosity flowed forth from members and we were able to help others in our congregation who were in need this year. Yes, it has been a tough year, but God still provides and blesses just as He has promised.

As we begin to look into 2021, there is no doubt that challenges await. But in the midst of those, we will have the opportunity, time and again, to be reminded of the ways that God is at work in our midst, blessing and providing for us just as he has promised. When you read through the newsletter, you will see announcements of some items coming up soon. Please pay particular attention to the information about some proposed constitutional changes. You will also find the annual devotion regarding making New Years' Resolutions. As always, if you have questions, or need to talk, never hesitate to reach out; you are in my prayers and I look forward to living 2021 with you.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Errer

New Year's Resolutions

Each year, as the New Year approaches, we are encouraged to assess our lives and make resolutions about the ways we will make improvements in the next year with the fresh start that a calendar provides. This practice of making New Year's resolutions is actually part of practicing good stewardship over the many blessings that God has given to us as his people. As you begin to think about your resolutions for a better you in 2021, consider using this guide as a way to organize your thoughts and set goals for your Christian life.

Health: God tells us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm
139:14) and that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, bought with a price so
we should glorify God with our bodies (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Therefore, in the
New Year, I resolve to improve my health or maintain healthy practices in these
ways:

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Time: Ecclesiastes 3 teaches us that God has arranged our lives according to time and that there is a time for everything. He even created the sun, moon, stars, and seasons so that we could keep time (Genesis 1:14-19). Too often we allow the business of life, our propensity for laziness or distraction, or poor management to abuse God's great gift of time so that we lead hurried and unproductive lives. Therefore, in the New Year, I resolve to improve my management of time and see time as a blessing in the following ways:

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Worship: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. (Deuteronomy 5:12-15). God expects that we set aside time each week to worship him and restore our relationship with him and each other. In our catechism we learn that we should gladly hear and learn God's Word. Therefore, in the New Year, I resolve to set time aside for God for personal and family devotions and to attend worship services in the following ways or with the following frequency:

1. Personal Devotion:	
2. Family Devotion:	
3. Worship Services:	

Material Goods: When God created Adam in the Garden of Eden, he gave him this command, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over it. And he put Adam in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it (Genesis 1:28 and 2:15)." The material items that support our body and life are gifts from God for our use and management. Therefore, in the New Year, I resolve to better care for, manage, and use my material good for the benefit of others in the following ways:

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Finances: In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul encourages the people to be generous in their contributions as a response to the ways that God has blessed his people (2 Corinthians 9:13). Therefore, in the New Year, I resolve to become more generous in my finances by improving my financial situation (debt reduction, budgeting), and seeking to be a blessing to my neighbor in the following ways:

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Achieving these goals and learning to be a good steward of all that God has given to his involves a lifetime of growth. As you seek to grow in stewardship, first and foremost, pray about your desires and seek God's help in this area. Stewardship is an area of spiritual growth so know that Satan will seek to distract you or disrupt you every step of the way. Do not be discouraged. When you have fallen short, repent, receive forgiveness, and try again.

If you would like resources that will help you on this journey, please feel free to contact Pastor Errer for suggestions and encouragement. As you take this journey, he will keep you in prayer.



Faith Lutheran Church By-Laws Change

On March 31, 2020 the Faith Lutheran Church Council unanimously voted to approve amending the church constitution and bylaws to

- Extend one additional term for the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, assistant financial secretary & financial secretary and extend unlimited terms to all other council committee members. Any officer or committee member who wishes to extend their term must be reelected by the congregation.
- 2. Amend a discrepancy between the constitution and the by-laws for future voting.
- What does this mean to the congregation?
- Faith has continued to struggle to fill open church committee and officer positions. Some positions are vacant because serving officers must step down due to term limits. Adding an additional term as an option along with requiring a reelection of officers allows those who are willing to serve the ability to serve with the input and approval of the congregation.
- At present, church officers may only serve one two-year term. This change will allow officers to serve another successive term provided they are elected by the congregation for that term.
- At present, council committee members may serve up to two terms and then
 must step off their committee for at least one year. This will allow continuous service by those who are willing to serve with the approval of the congregation.
- There is a discrepancy between the constitution and the by-laws regarding votes to be taken by the congregation to amend by-laws and the constitution. This discrepancy provides guidelines for amending the by-laws that then refers to other more stringent guidelines meant for amending the constitution. The end result will be present guidelines will remain for any constitutional amendments while a clearer process will exist for any future by-law amendments.

In accordance with the Constitution & By-Laws of Faith Lutheran Church of Allouez Constitution Article XII Sections B 2 & 3 and By-Laws Article VIII the members of Faith Lutheran Church will be asked to vote on these changes at a meeting to be convened no less than 90 days from this announcement. The date of this meeting has not been set as of this notice.

Change #1: TERM LIMITS ARTICLE V. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS (SUBSECTION B 1-3)

Present By-Laws

- 1. President, Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the congregation are elected for a period of two years and shall not succeed themselves in office.
- 2. The Financial Secretaries of the congregation are elected for a term of two years serving the first year as Assistant Financial Secretary and the second year as Financial Secretary, not able to succeed themselves in office.
- 3. Members of the Board of Elders, Missions and Evangelism, Education, Fellowship and Stewardship shall be elected for three years. Board members shall be able to succeed themselves in office, one term.

Proposed By-Laws

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Change #2: AMENDING BY-LAWS

Present Amendments for Changing Constitution & By-Laws

BY-LAWS ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS: These By-Laws may be amended in a properly convened meeting of the Voter's Assembly by a majority of all voting members present per ARTICLE XII provided the proposed change has been announced and posted for review by the voting members at least one week prior to the meeting in which the amendment is voted upon.

Amendments and changes to this Constitution & By-Laws may be adopted at a regular Voters' Assembly, provided:

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XII. CHANGING THE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS (B2-3):

- 1. That they do not conflict with the provisions laid down in Article III or with any other Article that pertains to a Scriptural doctrine and practice.
- 90 days prior to the Voters' Assembly meeting at which the proposed amendment will be acted upon.

That the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the congregation

3. That an affirmative vote of two thirds majority of the voters present is secured.

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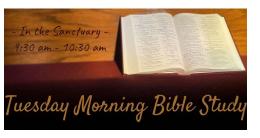
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There is a Voters' Meeting on Sunday, January 24 after the 11 am service in the Sanctuary.

Bible Study Opportunities at Faith

 \sim Tuesday Mornings at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary \sim



Meet in the Sanctuary on Tuesday Mornings at Pastor Errer guides a Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew.

~ Wednesdays at 12 pm via LiveStream ~

Livestreamed Bible Study hosted by Vicar Souer and Director of Parish Music - Paul Heiser. This is available on our Church Website (flcgb.com) and on our Facebook Page.



Christmas Giving Tree



Presents sorted in the pews for our families to pick up.

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

With your help we were able to support 5 families this Christmas.

Resources at Faith

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.

As this is normally in response to sudden events, we are looking for people who would be willing to prepare meals for families. If you would like to be involved in the Meal Ministry, please contact Angela Stiles in the Church Office for more information— flegb.office@gmail.com



EXPECTING A BABY?



The Meal Storks team is ready to help. Let us know if you would like to receive meals after the baby arrives. It is one less thing to worry about when bringing baby home! Contact either Pat Falkenhagen at patfalk67@gmail.com or the church office.



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This year was full of so many new experiences, teachings, and knowledge for our preschool! Even though we were not in the classroom for the month of December, God blessed us with the ability to continue teaching through distance learning packets, December activity calendars, and home holiday teacher visits with our students. We look forward to our return to the classroom in January and are busy planning for what 2021 will bring to Faith Christian Preschool!

As we end 2020 and move into 2021, we will continue to share the good news of our preschool program by preparing for enrollment for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Whether you are a family seeking or know of friends that are looking for a preschool program, please share the word about all we have to offer at Faith Christian Preschool. We believe in offering a quality and fun experience that will build a solid foundation in the child's Social, Intellectual, Emotional, Physical, and Spiritual areas. More information about the 2021-2022 school year will be coming soon!

Although 2020 was full of uncertainty, the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us was certain! Faith Christian Preschool is so grateful for all the ways that the Faith Lutheran Church staff, council, and congregation members supported us! Thank you for helping us to share the Word of the Lord with our preschool families and community!

Blessings on a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year!

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We are about two months in to our virtual Sunday School. We pray that you and your family are enjoying the lessons and learning more together.

How Virtual Sunday School Works:

Every Sunday the new lesson is activated on our website in the education tab: flcgb.com. Families will have the option of visiting the site together whenever and as often as they would like all week long since the lessons stay up for about 2 weeks. If the lesson you are looking for is not on our education tab, we have them uploaded to our YouTube Channel as well. On Tuesdays, we have a "Midweek Check-in" video where Director of Christian Education - Alex Wright goes into more detail on how this Bible Story still relates to us today and how God is working in our lives and some family discussion points to relate to the story too.

Our next Craft kit pickup will be: January 3, 2021



EVENTS AT TRINITY THIS MONTH:

January 4: School Resumes

January 15: End of 2nd Quarter

January 19: OPEN HOUSE

January 24-28: Lutheran Schools' Week!

January 29: No School



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NEWLHS ANNUAL CITRUS SALE 2021

Need a taste of sunshine during these cold winter months? Place an order for a box of sunshine now to be delivered for you in January! The yearly NEW LUTHERAN HS citrus sale has begun. Orange and grapefruit orders can be submitted until January 21st. Fruit can be picked up from NEWLHS on Thursday, January

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING NEWLHS!

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Grapefruit:	20# (half case≈24) \$30.00
	40# (full case≈48) \$45.00
Oranges:	20# (half case≈44) \$30.00
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JANUARY 21st . Please make checks payable to NEW Lutheran High School. Orders will be available for pick-up from 3:15 – 4pm on Thursday, January 28th or from 2 – 5:30pm on Friday, January 29th at NEW Lutheran HS, 1311 Robinson Lane. Contact Kristin Voskamp at 920-469-6810 if you can't make that pick up date.

Orders are DUE to NEWLHS by JANUARY 21st

Fruit can be picked up from NEWLHS on Thursday, January 28 from 3:15 - 4pm, or Friday, January 29th from 2 - 5:30pm

(send in order with check to NEWLHS 1311 S. Robinson Ave, GB 54311 or give to any NEWLHS student to bring in.)

You have a choice! NEW Lutheran High School is now accepting transfer applications in grades 9, 10 & 11. Limited seats are available in each class for live, face-to-face instruction on our east side campus. For more information about the outstanding Christian education offered at Lutheran High, please contact Executive Director Chris Nelson at 920-471-5754 or visit the website under the Admissions tab.

IMPORTANT INFO FOR CATECHISM:

Catechism Classes will resume on Wed., January 6 at 5:30 pm

Wednesdays for Youth:

Youth Nights will resume on Wednesday, January 6, with:

Jr. High Youth at 6:30 pm Youth Handbells at 7 pm High School Youth at 7:30 pm.



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January 22-24: Middle School & High School Winter Camp. Please let DCE Alex Wright know if you will be going. Deadline for forms and payment are due to the Church Office no later than January 17, 2021.



Thank you to everyone who made our Cookie Drive Thru a success! With your help, we were able to raise \$4,194 for our Youth Group!

We were even able to make it on the news! Here is the link to the news story:

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We are very excited for the upcoming wedding of Director of Christian Education – Alex Wright to Karin Heiser on January 8, 2021! While we would all like to celebrate in person with them on their special day in January, we know that this is not possible. However, their wedding ceremony will be livestreamed and available to public. To help celebrate their nuptials, we invite you to join us on Sunday, January 10 between services for you to stop by and congratulate the newlyweds.

The couple is registered at amazon.com and Bed, Bath, and Beyond. The couple is looking to get updated living room furniture, so if you would like to contribute to a congregational gift to go towards their living room set, please contact Erica Errer

at <u>erica_errer@hotmail.com</u> or send your donations to the Church Office.

If you would like to sign a card, one is available at the Welcome Center, or you may call the church office to convey your message.





Thank you to all the musicians that helped provide beautiful music over the Christmas services. I look forward to our musical groups resuming this month.

Paul Heiser—Director of Parish Music

<u>PEOPLE OF FAITH/LWML</u> WOMEN OF FAITH: News flash! Recently a box of 13 dresses

was shipped to Sacred Ground Haskell in Lawrence, KS. This site is supported by Lutheran Indian Ministries (LIM). These dresses were lovingly created by Barb Erickson and will be excitedly received by the girls on the Native American Reservation there. I'm told the girls like to wear them over tights and a t-shirt. In addition, Alex Wright surrendered the box of 'orphan' Thrivent T-Shirts so that more residents on this Reservation may have something soft and new to wear. Warm thanks to Barb and Alex!

Faith Lutheran Church Community Blood Drive



Tuesday, January 5, 2021 12:30 pm—5:30 pm



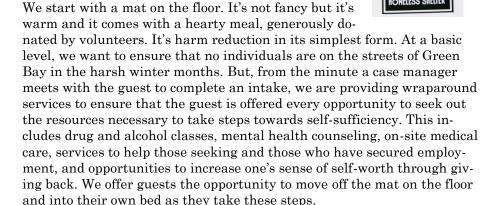
For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org

Dollar Sunday is Sunday, January 31, 2021.

Our donations will go towards:

St. John's Homeless Shelter of Green Bay, WI





1,865 individuals resided in Brown County homeless shelters in 2014.

On any given night, **over 500 individuals are residing in Brown County's homeless shelters**. Of these, 60% have a diagnosed disability. Nearly one in three are children.

How does Dollar Sunday work?

Any cash that is placed in that weekend's offering (not in an offering envelope) will be designated to 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.

Happy Birthday!

- Tony Bauer Patricia Zeimer
- 3 4 5 Paul Mattson
- Sharon Hovis
- Bill Kussow, III Daniel Lemke Greg Omdahl Collette Sinkewicz
- Mary Koyach Sharon Kussow Evelyn Moureau
- 7 Paul Amenson Rachel Cozens Dan Crozier Doug Hanna
- Elana Heiser
- 11 Claire Janssen
- 13 Kim Jaeger Rick Toninato
- Nicole Omdahl Aaron Selner Kayleigh Shea Kristine Walch
- Xavier Errer
- 16 Gordon Barkow

- 17 Jennell Brzinski Curtis Foth Valli Sickler Holly Williams
- 18 Julie Anderson Carla Cain Jolene Cheslock
- 19 Dr. Timothy Freeman Will Ristow
- 20 Carson Munro Karen Smet Mary Jo Walch
- 22 Lucas Diedrick Mike Buyarski Mike Klatt Janice Luhrs
- 24 Karin Barth Kayann Kocian Jeannine Stoffer
- 25 Steve Goodreau Angela Stiles
- 26 Morgan Gretzinger Ian Holschuh
- 26 Sharon Bosse Kathy Wochinske

- 28 Jenifer Delebreau
- Wes Borchert Bryce Kaufman Nicholas Reynolds Jodie Suomi
- 30 Jamie Janssen Susan Kenney Kristina Silva
- 31 Janet Hansen James Williams





- Nick & Emily Gilson
- Stephen & Katie Kaufman
- Dan & Deb Crozier
- 30 Hans & Edith Barth

GIVE ONLINE



During this time, 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.donations@gmail.com

2020 Unified Offerings

YTD-\$516,536.51* Required—\$539,423.08*

Over/(Short) - (\$22,891.57)*

* YTD as of December 23, 2020

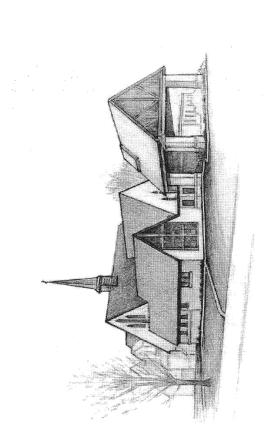
CHURCH MORTAGE

\$98,022.19

(as of December 23, 2020)



Electronic Service Requested



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