

Rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.
Contribute to the needs
of the saints and
seek to show hospitality.

Romans 12:12-13

Faith Lutheran Church Green Bay
January 2025 Newsletter



SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8 am & 10:30 am
(*Christian Growth Hour at 9:20 am*)

Mondays at 6:30 pm

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Monday-Thursday
8:00 am—12:00 pm

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Faith Lutheran Church,

Hospitality is one of those characteristics that can be hard to define but easy to recognize. For example, while it will certainly include great service at a restaurant or a hotel, being great at service doesn't mean that the staff excelled at hospitality. On the other hand, being kind or outgoing doesn't necessarily make someone hospitable either. It is a mix of service, awareness, and compassion that has the ability to change the kind of day or experience you are having by blessing you in an unexpected way.

While some people are naturally inclined toward hospitality because they enjoy being with people and tending to their needs, it is a skill that can also be learned. By emulating those who have given you incredible hospitality, you can begin developing the same habits and affects that allow you to welcome others as well. Like most skills, however, to become good at hospitality, you need to think about it, practice it, and desire to improve.

The season of Epiphany, which begins January 6 and lasts until Ash Wednesday, is the time in the church when we learn who Jesus is. The natural focus following his birth, allows us to hear readings from Scripture that allow us to reflect on who Jesus is in preparation for answering the questions posed by Lent and Easter of why he came to earth and why his coming matters. As we hear the readings of Epiphany, one of the things we learn about Jesus is that he excelled at hospitality and taught his disciples to do the same. While there are many aspects of who Jesus is, this year we are going to focus on his actions of hospitality and why they matter. When you view them in this light, what you learn is that his hospitality ultimately reveals who he is. His hospitality reveals that, not only does he not come to be served but to serve, but he serves because he cares about those he meets.

As followers of Jesus, our task is to reveal Jesus to those we meet. One of the best ways to do this is through the same kind of hospitality he displayed to the people he served. As I mentioned in the opening, it is one thing to serve, hospitality is something entirely different. Hospitality gets to the core of why we serve in the first place, it is to love others the way that we first were loved by God.

During this Epiphany Season, be on the lookout for great examples of hospitality and give thanks when you encounter it. Learn from those experiences and ask how you can apply it within your own life as well. Great hospitality is more than service with a smile; it is service anchored in genuine love and care for your neighbor. It is service focused only on the one who will be blessed by your work.

Pastor Error

Next Voter's Meeting is Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 11:30 am

Voting Member Registry Changes

Based on recommendations from the Board of Elders, the Church Council has approved changes in the development of the Voting Member Registry. The Voting Member Registry is used to identify eligible Voting Members for conducting a Voters Assembly meeting. Due to these changes, the eligibility of Communicant members to vote in a Voters Assembly meeting is potentially affected.

Per the church constitution, **"Voting members are all active Communicant Members in good standing that have reached 18 years of age."** Although the constitution defines the criteria for Communicant membership, it does not define criteria regarding "active" membership or membership "in good standing." To address this, the following definitions have been approved and added to our membership policy:

- Communicant members are considered active when they attend at least one of the available worship services nominally each month or a minimum of twelve (12) worship services within the previous twelve (12) month period. Exceptions are permitted for members that may be unable to attend based on review by the Pastor and Board of Elders. Examples include, but are not limited to, shut-in, college attendance, temporary residence, military service, incarceration, hospitalization, or institutionalization. Adult (age 18 or over) Communicant members shall also have contributed financially to the church on at least an annual basis.
- A member is considered in good standing when they display by their conduct that they sincerely desire to fulfill their membership duties, are not actively in the process of fraternal admonition by the Pastor or Board of Elders, and are not impenitent for the sins in which fraternal admonition was administered.

Members that do not record their attendance at worship or contribute cash without using an assigned envelope, participate in a manner that does not allow us to have a record of participation. Since church records may be incomplete or an error may have occurred in development of the Voting Member Registry, an individual may attest to meeting the required Voting Member criteria and request to be received as a Voting Member at the Voters Assembly Meeting. This is consistent with the church constitution which describes the process for reception of voting members and retains the Voters Assembly as the approval authority of the congregation.

These changes are intended to further clarify and strengthen the determination of voting member eligibility. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please feel free to contact me or any Elder.

Brian Koehler - Board of Elders

Save those stamps!



What do you do with the cancelled stamps on your incoming mail? Do you – like many of us – leave them on your envelopes that get tossed into the recycling bin? Did you know that you can donate your cancelled stamps for mission projects? The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (North Wisconsin District) invites you to save postage stamps. When sold to a stamp dealer, the money raised is used for mission projects in the U.S. and around the world. Stamps for Missions guidelines include the following:

Please save stamps that have their perforations intact, are not too heavily cancelled, and are not torn, cut, or stained.

Please leave at least a minimum 1/4 inch of paper on each side of the stamp when cutting it from the envelope.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

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

With your help we were
able to support 10
families this Christmas.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Evangelism Committee thanks everyone in the congregation who participated in our Hat Project. With your knitting/crocheting talents we received 253 hats that will be distributed to Webster School and Freedom House. We are so appreciative of your overwhelming support for this project. There will be no Prayer Shawl meeting in December. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2025.



Let your Faith Grow!

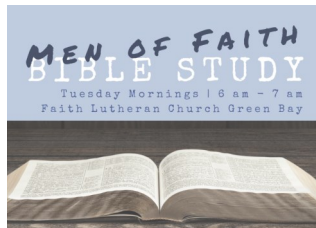
Bible Studies offered at Faith Lutheran Church



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

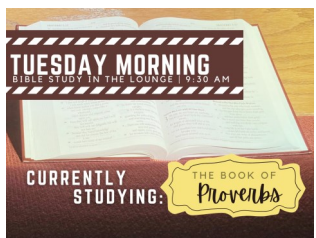
Tuesday mornings starting promptly at 6 am and ending at 7 am in the Lounge. Coffee and light breakfast will be provided. Currently studying the book of 1, 2, & 3 John



Morning Prayer

Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

Morning Prayer is 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 Error is currently leading the Bible Study on the book of Proverbs



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 is held in the Lounge.



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.

Women's BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
In the Lounge

BEGINNING JANUARY 15*

*Dates meeting:
Jan. 15, 22, 29 Feb. 12, 19, 26
April 23, 30 May 14, 21, 28

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (Beginning January 15)

Women's Bible Study will resume Wednesday, January 15. We will be using the book *Embracing Your Lutheran Identity* by Gene Edward Veith, Jr., which will guide us through our Lutheran heritage, starting with the Early Church and moving through the Reformation to Lutheranism today. Please contact Gina Bents for information about the book, meeting schedule, or any other questions you may have. Gina.Bents@new.rr.com or (920) 327-1979

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN Christian Growth

IN JANUARY:

1/5 - Welcome Back! Christian Growth Resumes at 9:15 am
1/19 - Youth Choir sings at 10:30 am Service
1/26 - Teen Handbells play at 10:30 am Service
1/26 - Cherub Choir sings at 10:30 am Service

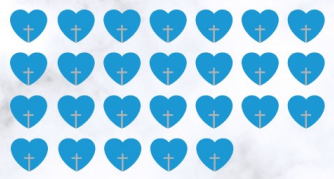
PHOTOS FROM DECEMBER

Thank you to our Sunday School volunteers with all of your help this year so far and for the Sunday School Christmas Service that took place on Sunday, 12/22

OFFERING

Our Sunday School Offerings this year are going toward supporting Lutherans for Life.


EACH HEART REPRESENTS \$10 RAISED OUR GOAL IS \$500!



JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>12/29 <i>Dollar Sunday—Funds raised will be going to Freedom House</i></p> <p>Service *Livestreamed* 9:00 am Christmas Tea 10:15 am</p>  	<p>12/30</p> <p><i>No Monday Service</i></p>	<p>12/31</p> <p>New Year's Eve Service 6:30 pm</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Service *Livestreamed* 8:00 am Christian Growth Hour 9:15 am Service 10:30 am Un-Deck the Halls 11:30 am</p> 	<p>6</p> <p><i>FCP, Trinity, & NEWLHS—classes resume</i></p> <p>Service 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:00 am Matins 9:00 am Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am Banner Group 10:45 am Blood Drive 12:30-5:30 pm Handbells 5:45 pm The Feast Bible Study 6:30 pm Adult Choir 6:45 pm</p>
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<p>19</p> <p>Service *Livestreamed* 8:00 am Christian Growth Hour 9:15 am Service 10:30 am Faith Family Potluck 11:45 am</p> 	<p>20</p> <p><i>FCP, Trinity, & NEWLHS—No School</i></p> <p>Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:00 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Tuesday Bible Study 9:30 am Banner Group 10:45 am Handbells 5:45 pm Adult Choir 6:45 pm</p>
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Drop off for Rummage Sale begins!		National Lutheran School's Week!



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><i>Church Office Closed</i></p> 	<p>2</p> <p><i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Volleyball at Calvary</p> 	<p>4</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Catechism Classes 5:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:00 pm Book Group 6:30 pm Jr. High Youth 6:30 pm Youth Handbells 7 pm High School Youth 7:30 pm</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>T.A.L.K. Podcast Daytimers' Bunko 2:00 pm Meal Prep Night 5:30 pm</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Volleyball at Calvary</p>	<p>11</p> <p>High School & Jr. Youth Winter Camp Jan. 10-12</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Catechism Classes 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Jr. High Youth 6:30 pm Youth Handbells 7 pm High School Youth 7:30 pm</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>T.A.L.K. Podcast</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Trinity— early dismissal</i></p> <p>Volleyball at Calvary</p>	<p>18</p>
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<p>National Lutheran School's Week!</p>			

..... This month at Faith

FAITH FIREBALLS



Season Begins 1/3

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

UN-DECK THE HALLS



Sunday, 1/5
(after 10:30 am service)

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Tuesday, 1/7
12:30-5:30 pm

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

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Next meeting:
Wednesday, 1/8
12 pm
The Lounge

FLCGB BOOK GROUP

in the Lounge

Wed., 1/8 | 6:30 pm
"The Woman They Could Not Silence"
by Kate Moore

Wed., 2/5 | 6:30 pm
"The German Wife"
by Kelly Rimmer

FLCGB DAYTIMERS' BUNCO



Let's roll!

Thursday, 1/9
2 pm in the Lounge

Please RSVP
Donna Koehler 920-339-9229

MEAL PREP NIGHT!



THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 5:30 PM
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL

SIGN UP NEAR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

\$10/family - includes 2 meals

FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP WINTER CAMP

FRI. JAN. 10 - SUN. JAN. 12



Tuesday, 1/14

ALL BOARDS' NIGHT

6:00 pm


7:15 pm CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Women & BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 6:30 pm | in the Lounge
BEGINNING JANUARY 15*

*WILL NOT MEET THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Studying:
Embracing Your Lutheran Identity
by Gene Edward Veith, Jr.



FAITH FAMILY POTLUCK



Sunday, 1/19
11:45 am

BRING A DISH TO PASS

THE FAITHFULS LUNCH



1/27
11:30 am

Rummage Sale

Faith Christian Preschool's Annual



Item drop off begins 1/26

LAST CALL! There are only a few spots available for this summer's Higher Things Conference! This is open to anyone in the congregation (those 10 and under need a parent chaperone) Talk to DCE Alex Wright for more info.



HIGHER THINGS
DATE TO REMEMBER

"ALL THINGS NEW"
HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE
for Faith Lutheran Youth & whole congregation

July 8-11, 2025

Concordia University Nebraska
Seward, Nebraska

MEAL PREP NIGHT!



THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 5:30 PM

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

SIGN UP NEAR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

\$10/family - includes 2 meals

Life gets really busy and sometimes, it is tough to prepare dinner for your family. Let the Meal Ministry help with that. **On Thursday, January 9, at 5:30 pm, we will be having a meal prep night where we will be making different meal options that can easily be put in the oven or crockpot.** Each family participating will be able to have 2 meals to take home and some will be utilized when there is a time where someone doesn't have time to prepare a meal for the Meal Ministry program to give to someone in need. Cost is \$10/family and this include 2 meals that you will be able to bring home to use as you need. There is a sign up near the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up in advanced so we have enough ingredients.

What is the Meal Ministry? The Meal Ministry started as the Meal Storks in 2018 for families who just welcomed a newborn into their family. In 2019, we saw a need to help members of Faith who had surgery, had an emergency in the family, passing of a family member, or are facing some hardship. Today, both of these groups are joined together under the Meal Ministry program. On average, we have coordinated 2-3 meals per week over 3 week stretch (depending on recovery time/needs).

We are always looking for more people to join our team, so if you would like to be part of the Meal Ministry team, or would like to request meals, please email Angela Stiles at flcgb.media@gmail.com.

"Nurturing Mind & Spirit"

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



Faith
CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

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Email: faithpreschoolgb@gmail.com

A New Year, A New Beginning

Scripture Verse: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24

In 2024, Faith Christian Preschool experienced many blessings which furthered our philosophy of educating children in their spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical, and social developmental areas. FCP was able to minister 20 children and their families about the love that Jesus has given to us through his promise to us. We gathered for several family engagement events, and partnered with our association schools to continue to strengthen our relationships. Praise be to God for our partnerships between FCP friends, families, churches, and the NEWLSA association as we grow in Christ.

We're excited to kick off 2025 with a variety of fun and educational activities. Here's a sneak peek into what we have planned for the month of January:

- **Winter Wonderland:** We'll be crafting snowmen, snowflakes, and other wintery delights.
- **Bible Stories:** We'll learn about Jesus as a young boy, Jesus feeds the 5000 and Jesus blesses the Children
- **Music and Movement:** We'll sing songs and dance to celebrate God's love and the joy of a fresh start.

Upcoming Dates for FCP:

- **January 20th:** No School MLK Day
- **January 29th:** National Lutheran Schools Week (Theme is: Endure Hebrews 12: 1-3)
- **January 27-** Accepting Rummage sale Donations
- **January 29:** Beginning to Set-up for FCP Rummage sale
- **February 1:** FCP Annual Rummage Sale 8-2

** In other news, our annual rummage sale will be taking place on Saturday, Feb 1st for 8-2. If you are looking for a way to support FCP & Clean Out your closets then please consider donating gently used clothing/shoes, small household items, and other misc items. Please refrain from donating appliances and large electronic items?

God's Blessings in the New Year!

Ellen Petrie- Director/Teacher

Andrea Schad -Teacher

Angela Stiles- Aide



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**PHOTOS
FROM FCP
CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM
ON FRIDAY,
DECEMBER
20.**



UPCOMING DATES FOR TRINITY:

- 12/23-1/3—No School
(Christmas Break)
- 1/6 School Resumes
- 1/17—No School – End of Q.2
- 1/20—No School – MLK Day
- 1/27 – 1/31 National Lutheran School's Week
- 1/30 – 1/31 Optional P/T Conferences



Green Bay Trinity
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

FAITH'S INVOLVEMENT LAST MONTH

- 11 students from Faith enrolled
- Pastor Error led chapel on 12/4
- Vicar Ebel taught the religion class for 7 & 8 graders in December and beginning of January

SAVE THE DATE!

TRINITY AUCTION IS 2/22/25



UPCOMING DATES FOR NEWLHS:

- 12/23-1/3—No School
(Christmas Break)
- 1/20—No School—MLK Day



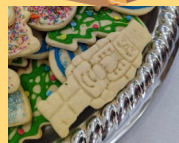
N.E.W. Lutheran
HIGH SCHOOL

*Helping Families Prepare
Christian Leaders*

Thank you to everyone who supported the Faith Lutheran Church Youth Group's Cookie Walk on December 7! With your help, we were able to raise over \$7,000! Whether you let us borrow decorations, donated financially, baked cookies, bought cookies, or volunteered, we appreciate your help! This goes towards youth events such as Winter Camp, monthly youth activities & conferences/mission trips.

Cookie Walk

Faith Lutheran Church



Thank You!

Thank you to the Green Bay Packers for donating a raffle prize this year of a Packers football signed by #90 Lukas Van Ness! We had many people enter the drawing. Congratulations to our winner Caitlin B.!



FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP
WINTER CAMP

FRI. JAN. 10 - SUN. JAN. 12



Winter Camp is 1/10-1/12. Let DCE Alex Wright know if you will be attending

Beginning 1/8:

Wednesday night schedule:

5:30-6:30—Catechism Classes

6:30-7:15—Jr. High Youth

7-7:40—Teen Handbells (open to all Youth)

7:30-8:30—High School Youth

Faith
Youth
Info



Happy Birthday!

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|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Tony Bauer | 17 Curtis Foth | 29 Wes Borchert |
| Annika Henckel | Debra Kinne | Bryce Kaufman |
| 4 Liam King | Ed Maniscalco | Nicholas Reynolds |
| Micah King | Valli Sickler | Jodie Suomi |
| 5 Greg Omdahl | 18 Julie Anderson | 30 Nancy Briski |
| Collette Sinkewicz | Jolene Cheslock | Susan Kenney |
| 6 Marv Kovach | 19 Dr. Timothy Freeman | 31 Janet Hansen |
| 7 Paul Amenson | Ethan Garner | |
| Rachel Doherty | Will Ristow | |
| Doug Hanna | 20 Karen Smet | |
| 8 Elana Heiser | Mary Jo Walch | |
| 10 Ethan Natzke | 23 Mike Buyarski | |
| 11 Claire Janssen | Janice Luhrs | |
| 13 Kim Jaeger | 24 Karin Barth | |
| Kelly Kriescher | Kayann Kocian | |
| Rick Toninato | Jeannine Stoffer | |
| 14 Nicole Omdahl | 25 Angela Stiles | |
| Aaron Selner | 26 Morgan Gretzinger | |
| Kayleigh Shea | Ian Holschuh | |
| 15 Xavier Errer | 28 Lydia Blackman | |
| 16 Gordon Barkow | Jenifer Delebreau | |



- 3 Stephen & Katie Kaufman
 8 Alex & Karin Wright
 16 Chris & Jane Molzahn
 30 Hans & Edith Barth



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 Schuettpelez. Flowers are provided by Nature's Best Floral and Boutique.

GIVE ONLINE

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



2024 UNIFIED OFFERINGS

YTD—\$613,002.39
 (as of December 23, 2024)

SCRIP REBATES:

\$7,832.69
 (as of December 20, 2024)

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2025 Offering Envelopes are available. Numbers have been reassigned for the new year due to many members opting out and switching to electronic giving. Please do not use these envelopes until January, 2025 so you get proper credit. Thank you.