

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
120 Faith Drive Columbus WI 53925
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America – ELCA
South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

**September
2023**

MISSION STATEMENT

Joyfully recognizing God's commitment and faithfulness to us, FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH exists to serve God through serving God's people. We eagerly work towards the realization of God's Kingdom by:

- Offering praise-filled worship to God.
- Nurturing individual spiritual growth.
- Fostering an environment of caring and acceptance.
- Reaching out to serve the needs of our community.

God's love stirs us to touch others with the same love we have received—and invites them to share our life of praise and service.

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) Columbus, Wisconsin

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AS MEMBERS OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WE PROMISE:

- To attend services regularly.
- To support the congregation financially.
- To live responsibly as a Christian witness.
- To become as involved as possible in the total life and work of the congregation.

And this we promise to do by the help of God.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

We're on the web:

www.faithcolumbuswi.org

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JANE

Colossians 2:6-7 (NRSV)

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The verse above is my favorite Bible verse. I was introduced to it around 1984 by my friend Mary at Bible Camp. It has been a reminder of who I am and whose I am in times of trouble and in times of joy. I share these words with you as a reminder that, no matter what, we are all children of God; beloved; perfect as we are; created for a purpose.

Throughout the summer, a small group of us has been studying Martin Luther's teachings from the Small Catechism. As we begin the school year, I have been contemplating Confirmation classes – we, too, will be focusing on the Small Catechism and the teachings of Jesus. Getting back to our roots. I find myself going dwelling in the verse from Paul's letter to the church at Colosse and Laodicea.

“Paul had never visited Colosse. Evidently Epaphras and other converts from Paul's missionary travels had founded the church. The church, however, had been infiltrated by religious relativism with some believers attempting to combine elements of heathenism and secular philosophy with Christian doctrine. Writing from Rome, where he was imprisoned, Paul confronted these false teachings and affirmed the sufficiency of Christ.”¹

Some of this should sound familiar. Some things never change.

So, what does this have to do with those of us who attend Faith Lutheran Church in Columbus, WI almost 2,000 years later?

Well, there are a lot of things in this world that would have us turn away from our faith. Money, politics, disagreements, other interests ... But we must be reminded that our roots are in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We must be reminded that we together we are built up in Christ and have established our faith. But, perhaps the most difficult part of this verse is abounding in thanksgiving.

Abounding in thanksgiving is sometimes hard. The world smacks us in the face and tries to make us forget about the love of Christ. But we must not be led down that path. We must fight to stay grounded; we must fight to reach out to others and we must fight for the right to share joy in the love of our God. Together.

Blessings!

Pr. Jane

"Colossians." Teen Life Application Study Bible: New Living Translation, Tyndale House Publishers, Carol Stream, IL, 2012, p. 1307.

FOOD PANTRY

For the month of October Faith will be hosting the Food Pantry. I will be needing 2 people to help out each week. I will put a calendar with the date highlighted in the Narthex for sign-ups. Thank you for helping with this great cause.

Chris

SAVE THE DATE "OCTOBER 15"

The Faith Lutheran Evangelism Committee is sponsoring the –

Stoughton Norwegian Dancers at the Columbus High School. It starts at 2:00 and is about a 45 minute program. They have toured the world since 1953. This past summer they were in Norway on tour.

We hope Faith members will support and attend this event.

There is seating for the handicap.

No admission – there will be a free will offering.

Any questions contact any member of the Evangelism Committee:

Joyce Lienke, Erin Bussian, Judy Kaland, Linda Huebner, Terri Messer, Sally Price, Marcia McMullen

The community is invited and bring your friends!

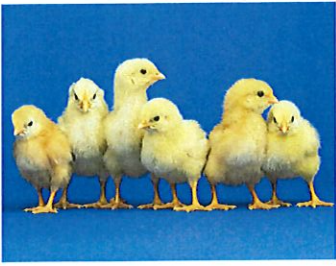
6-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION KIDS AND 9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION DATES TO REMEMBER

For all 6-8th grade confirmation parents.

- Confirmation Parent Meeting on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 pm,

All 9th grade confirmation kids and parents. Below is a list of dates you need to keep in mind.

- the final Confirmation class for 9th graders is on Saturday, October 21st,
- and the Rite of Confirmation is on Sunday, October 29th



ELCA “Good Gifts”

The **spare change** container is in the Narthex, within the chicken container. The mission for your spare pennies, nickels and

dimes is the ELCA “Good Gifts” program. Starting this new year the flock is up to 120 **chickens!** Our few extra coins are turned into food and livelihood for people in need, world-wide. Thank you.

Highlights of August 2023 Council Meeting

- Approved FLCW Chili supper plans October 14
- Accepted with regrets, resignation Of Scott Mathwich from Council. Expressed our thanks for his service on council and further Service on Property Committee.
- Appoint Del Yerges as Council Secretary
- Information presented from Property Committee about selling Additional lot presented. Council Not interested in selling lot at this time.

“GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS”

This is an ELCA event initiative to serve our community. This year the annual day of service is on Sunday, September 10. We are seeking member leader(s) to contact local government, or organization, leaders to find out what we can help with and then plan and lead the effort(s). All task ideas are welcomed and appreciated. Usually, the service work takes place on that Sunday morning for 1-3 hours. Additional information can be found on the ELCA.org/DayofService website. Please advise Scott Mathwich or Del Yerges if you will be a leader for this event. Thank you.

**FALL IS JUST AROUND THE
CORNER**

**AND IT’S TIME TO RESTART
FAITH’S MUSIC MINISTRY!**

Rehearsals for Faith Choir and Faithful Ringers will resume in September. Choir will rehearse after confirmation on Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm. All ages sixth grade and up are welcome. Faithful Ringers bell choir will rehearse Sunday mornings from 8-8:50am before the 9:15 service, allowing for less conflict with work/sports commitments. We need more ringers/subs, no experience needed. Both groups will meet every week, presenting their musical offerings at the 9:15 am services. Choir sings twice a month (depending on the seasonal calendar) and bells ring once a month on the third Sunday.

Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 6 for choir and Sunday, September 10 for bells.

A special thanks to all those who participated to make the pop-up choirs a success this summer! Looking forward to gathering once more to make a joyful song to our Lord – please join us!!

Lisa Weisensel

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OUR CIRCLES ARE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN

Scroll Circle
10:00am, Wednesday September 13

Anna Circle
9:00am, Wednesday, September 13

Naomi Circle
2:00pm Tuesday, September 19
In Fellowship Hall

third Thursday

For men only...

third Thursdays at Faith

Hosted by the Java men (Denny, Pat, & Al).
Come for food, fun, fellowship and a little
faith exploration at 5:30 p.m., Thursday,
September 21, 2023. Feel free to invite a
friend.

THE RED TENTERS' BOOKCLUB



The book club is meeting in Fellowship Hall
on the 28 of September at 7:00pm. The book
we are reading is "Sunflower Sisters" by
Martha Hall Kelly. Hope to see you there.

CALENDAR, LAM & ACOLYTES AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Lector Schedule 9:15am

3 Betsy Woodward
10 Al Strohschein
17 Kristen Hart
24 Ed Schellin

LAM 9:15am

3 Pam Larson
10 Henry Elling
17 Betsy Woodward
24 Dennis Sampolinski

ACOLYTES 9:15am

3 Dexter Agnew & Mason Bruss
10 Hallie Graffin & Jocelyn LeClaire
17 Kailey Schroud & Stella Gille
24 Connor Jacobs & Mason Dykstra

COUNTERS

3 Becky Stark & Chris Ducat
10 Emogene Johnson & Judy Kaland
17 Barb Bergum & Meegan Graffin
24 Julie Sennhenn & Pete Kaland

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

3 No Fellowship Labor Day
10 Brian & Nancy Patrick &
Melody Tadych
17 Cathy & Henry Elling & Pam Larson
24 Pat Schellin & Theresa Hein



ELCA Youth Gathering

Info Meeting

Dear 9th-12th graders and parents

Every three years, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) holds their annual youth gathering. In the summer of 2024, the gathering will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana or as it is often affectionately called NOLA.

This is an amazing time to worship with approximately 30,000 other youth and adults who believe like you do. There will be times of service, fellowship and worship throughout the four days we are in NOLA.

To learn more about the gathering, there will be an informational meeting held on **Sunday, September 10; 10:30am** (after the Sunday morning service) at Faith in Columbus. We will talk about the gathering and do some early planning. Registration opens up later that week so this will be a great time to get together.

See you there!

~troy

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. PSALM 139:14*

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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the table Young Adult Gathering

July 16-20, 2024

New Orleans

Faith YG
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elca.org/gathering
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SEPTEMBER



- 1 Reta Thies, Del Yerges,
Kati Kahl
Ethan LeClair, Madelyn Bedford
- 3 Dennis Langfeldt
- 4 Debbie Talg
- 7 Cooper Anthon, Tory Weidemann,
Isabelle Bugge
- 9 Justin Stark .
- 10 Gracia Clark, Tony Clark, Jamine Kurth,
- 11 Micaela Miller
- 14 Flynn Aeschlimann, Adelyn Lueloff
- 15 Landon Goering
- 18 Ben Van Horn
- 21 Bailey Raether, Pastor Jane Crawford
- 22 Jadeson Hall
- 23 Beth Klossner, Lueloff Kolsyn
- 25 Diane Dhein, Russell Rahn, Brooks Berget
- 27 Eli Goering
- 28 McKenzie Bruss
- 29 Chloe Braker-Robbins
- 30 Georgia Eisenreich, Stephanie Dykstra

Wedding Anniversary September

09/02	Jeff & Roxann Kirchberg	28
09/03	Nathan & Lisa Emler	24
09/06	Tony & Julie Clark	31
09/08	David & Erin Weisman	16
09/12	Mark & Susan Fagerburg	36
09/13	Duane & Elizabeth Gilbertson	37
09/16	Ben & Eva Van Horn	67
09/18	Henry & Cathy Elling	36
09/29	Todd & Linda Brumm	34

Becky Klosowski, Sara Yuds

September Birthdays



- 09/01 Betty Baxter, Ivan Thies
- 09/02 Ashley Hegge
- 09/03 Ron Huebner, Susan Rupp, Kim Steers
Blake Luzenski, Jacob Peterson
- 09/04 Joshua Selje
- 09/05 Chris Behl, Jeramy Grossman, Dylan Hart
Harvey Roberts, Kubly Kaminski
- 09/06 Beth Klossner
- 09/07 Sydney Rohrbeck, Eden Klossner,
Mason Dykstra, Hannah Dykema
- 09/08 Linda Huebner, Tracey Wescott
Nevaeh Schultz, Andrea Herrick,
Liam Schiesl
- 09/09 Joanne Sampson
- 09/11 Diane Dhein, Zachary Wescott,
Leverett Tadych
- 09/13 Mason Bruss
- 09/14 Theresa Hein, Alan Strohschein,
Glenn Westlake, Kayla Hurckman,
Beckam Scheeler
- 09/16 Erik Rupp, Matt Ehrke
- 09/17 Tracy Brozek, Skye Farr
- 09/18 Kali Shephard, Brandi Taylor
- 09/19 Jessica Cashmore, Jack Fritz
- 09/20 Dawn Kaminski, Riley Kaminski
- 09/21 Anne Herzberg, Boon Mathwich
- 09/22 Hailey Hole
- 09/23 Lynne Wilken, Abigail Miller
- 09/24 Grace Kahl
- 09/25 Suzanne Zahn, Kimberly Breuckman,
Chloe Braker-Robbins, Patrice Tesch
- 09/26 Erika Minkevicius, Frank Roelke II,
Luke Kahl
- 09/27 Eric Anthon, David Weisman, Oscar Setz,
Owen Hankins
- 09/28 Caitlin Bedford, Odyn Lueloff
- 09/29 Sue Frish, Bridget Morris, Heidi Paul,
Marge Breitbarth

Faith Lutheran Church - Financial Dashboard - 2023

Dated 08/09/2023

Prepared by Stephen Peterson,
Treasurer

	Total General Account Offerings, Donations	Borrowed from Parsonage Proceeds	Trimester Giving history		Giving por- tion of total	Giving
January	\$23,373	\$4800	2019	\$67,292	\$3,851	16%
February	\$13,248		2020	\$60,135	\$3,210	24%
March	\$14,255		2021	\$59,238	\$3,386	24%
April	\$15,005	\$5,200	2022	\$73,251	\$3,310	22%
Trimester 1	\$65,881	\$10,000			\$13,757	21%
			Trend	\$64,979	\$3,553	18%
May	\$19,694				\$3,425	25%
June	\$13,925		2019	\$62,122	\$3,380	20%
July	\$17,080		2020	\$52,143		
August			2021	\$55,134	\$10,358	20%
Trimester 2	\$50,699	\$0	2022	\$56,997		
			Trend	\$59,599		
September						
October			2019	\$88,329		
November			2020	\$66,651		
December			2021	\$68,855		
Trimester 3		10,000	2022	\$77,457	\$24,116	21%
YTD total	\$116,581	\$0	Trend	\$75,323		
				\$196,901		

General Account Expenditures by Categories in Treasurer's Report

	Mission	Pastoral Support	Staff Support	Operations	Total
Jan	\$2,117	\$9,461	\$4,502	\$5,011	\$21,091
Feb	\$1,825	\$11,140	\$4,452	\$4,908	\$22,325
Mar	\$2,117	\$1,456	\$4,929	\$3,912	\$21,413
Apr	\$2,117	\$10,442	\$4,611	\$5,756	\$22,926
May	\$2,117	\$10,399	\$5,088	\$2,825	\$20,430
June	\$2,117	\$9,933	\$4,770	\$4,832	\$21,652
July	\$2,117	\$9,057	\$4,770	\$3,040	\$18,984
Aug					
Sep					
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					
TOTALS	\$14,526	\$70,888	\$33,123	\$30,283	\$148,820

Operations combines Worship Programs + Education + Administration + Operations + Misc

Fund balances this month - Ending balances from Summary of Cash Activity Reports

Faith General Account checking	\$	(16.61)	\$	1,004.34
Line Of Credit	\$		\$	(5,000)
Faith Project checking	\$	5,772.69	\$	4,559.66
Demand Investment	\$	27,247.37	\$	27,397.28
Parsonage Proceeds checking	\$	793.66	\$	793.66
Parsonage Proceeds MIF Fund A	\$	22,778.86	\$	26,274.52
Edward Jones PP 9 Month CD	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Edward Jones PP 6 Month CD	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,000.00
MIF ELCA PP 3 Year CD	\$	41,338.41	\$	41,728.01
Total	\$	\$117,874	\$	116,757

Annual General Account Revenue minus Expenses to Date	-\$32,239
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Simply Giving \$ Participation 21% of total revenue to date

Accounting system treasurer reports are posted on the Kiosk in the Narthex.