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Dates at a Glance

- + **October 9th**
Thanksgiving -Canada
- + **October 14th**
Bazaar
& Salad Luncheon
- + **October 29th**
Reformation Day

**Office hours for
Faith Lutheran Church:**
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Letter From Pastor Rita

October 2023

Rejoice^[a] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!^[b] ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4: 4-7)

Dear Faith Family,

As I observe the beautiful change in the color of the leaves on the trees, I am reminded of the change of the seasons and the time of harvest. The past year has been full of blessings and it's time to rejoice and give thanks to God for everything he has done for us.

This month marks the beginning of Stewardship Month, which typically runs through our annual meeting, and is a time for reflecting on the blessings we have received from God, both personally and collectively as a church family.

It is also an opportunity for us as a congregation, to reflect on how we share our talents and gifts in community and beyond. It is a joy to be a part of so many faithful people and ministries at Faith Lutheran Church. Thanking God and reflecting on blessings is part of preparing for what God has in store for us in the coming year.

During this year's stewardship campaign, our stewardship committee has decided to take a different approach. Each Sunday during worship service, Temple Talk will highlight some of our ministries, celebrating the ways in which God is working through each of us for the betterment of our community.

It would be our pleasure to have you with us every Sunday this month so that you can hear about “*God's work and our hands.*”

I would like to extend my gratitude to you for being a part of Faith Lutheran Church and for generously supporting the ministry of our congregation this past year.

**Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rita.**



Join us Sundays at 10:30am*
You can watch live on Facebook

** We begin with organ music at 10:20am*

<https://www.facebook.com/FaithLC1966>



Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

I have a confession to make...I am a bargain shopper. I very rarely will pay full price for something as I first go to the clearance racks, the St. Vinny's store, or shop at Kohl's only on those days when I have a 30% off coupon on top of the clearance price and the current sale. And then, if I receive Kohl's cash in the bargain, I'm back at the store again, in search of the best deal. My husband laments the effectiveness of their marketing strategy on me as I happily anticipate the next opportunity to save money by spending it.

Whether it's at the gas pump or with grocery store coupons, I am a thrifty shopper. After once again using my Jubilee Pump Perks to save 30 cents a gallon on gas, I wondered how much I might save over a lifetime. Wouldn't it be great, I wondered, if some angel in heaven were tasked with keeping track of the nickels and dimes that I did not spend? How fun it would be to not only enter into the presence of God's glory, but then to be told that over my lifetime I saved \$57,423.46 that could have been wasted but was instead put to good use elsewhere. All those pennies and dollars that were saved with careful attention and prudent spending, I would love to know how it might all add up.

But then, I thought, wouldn't such an angel also keep track of my excesses, the impulse buys, the times I was not careful, or too impatient, or just wanted something that I did not need?

And wouldn't such an accounting include the times I was not generous, when I could have put saved money, or more money, towards someone else's needs? Sure, I might be saving money, but to what end? Just to stretch my own dollar? As people of faith, are we not called, indeed even commanded, to more than that?

It's no secret that many are in need. As we continue to recover from pandemic disruption, as inflation continues to have an impact, the demands on food pantries and feeding programs has increased. We are asked to give to a host of worthy causes: our own congregation, Lutheran Disaster Response, Feeding America, and so much more. I am grateful to the generosity of so many who continue to give to Lutheran Campus Ministry, our Equipping the Saints Endowment Fund and how many other Synod ministries. Thank you! Thank you!

We are indeed blessed to give – whether it is out of our own abundance, or from the savings carefully and intentionally carved from careful spending and good stewardship of a stretched dollar. And the good news is that there is no heavenly

record-keeping of our failures. Psalm 103 proclaims

¹⁰ [God] does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

I can live off the joy of a good bargain for some days. But life extends into eternity because of God's steadfast love and mercy. I am thankful that I can enjoy both bargains in this life and God's promises for the next life while still responding to God's call in Christ Jesus to be generous and to put those unspent nickels, dimes, and dollars to good use for needs other than my own. After all, when we all give, nickels and dimes and dollars add up to quite a sum, a sum that can make a difference to the work of Christ in and through our congregations and our partnership as a Synod together.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Date: July 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Tibbett at 7:05PM

Members Present: Pastor Rita Chirala ,Cathy Tibbett, Wayne Olsen, Sandy Lawson, Ken Randall, Ben Deatrick, MarySue Mastey

Members Absent: Al Picotte unexcused.

Council Meeting: September 19, 2023, 7PM.

Devotions: Ken Randall October Ben Deatrick

Old Business: June 2023 minutes will be presented at the September 19, 2023 meeting.

New Business:

- A. A new signup sheet has been implemented for use of church property. If you want to borrow something from the church please contact Pastor Rita or a council member.
- B. QTC. Medical Group inquired about renting the fellowship Hall. Pastor Rita will contact the group.

Pastors Report: Pastor Rita gave her Pastors report.

Committee Reports:

Campus Ministry: Laker Palazoo will be the 1st Thursday of September outdoors. Faith will participate if the event is held indoors.

Come to the Table: No report.

Endowment: No report.

Fellowship: A reminder of the signup sheet in the Narthex for coffee hour treats.

Finance: Finances have been down the last 2 months, this started in May and June.

Membership: Meeting in August.

Memorial: No report.

Outreach: A very successful outdoor worship and meal was enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you to the volunteers for the help in setting up and cleanup.

Property: If you notice a problem report to Wayne. There were 2 toilets and an outdoor faucet that were malfunctioning. The water bill was \$900.00 plus for 2 months.

Staff Support: No Report.

Stewardship: Meeting in August.

WELCA: Fall Bazaar will be October 14, 2023.

Worship and Music: No report.

A motion was made by Ben to accept the committee reports including the Pastor Report.

Ken seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn: Wayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48PM with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lawson, Council Secretary

THE PATHFINDER is the monthly

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Faith Lutheran Church, 1600 Park Street,
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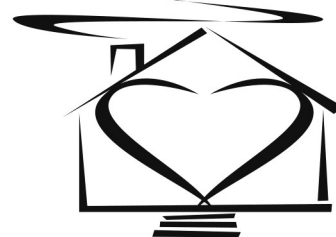
Or e-mail to faithlutheranchurchssm@gmail.com

Pastor: Rev. Rita Chirala

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Congregational Council: Cathy Tibbett, Wayne Olsen,
Ken Randall, Ben Deatruck, Marysue Mastey, Al Picotte,
and Sandy Lawson.

Homebound MINISTRY



Our homebound and nursing home members are often so isolated that your phone call, visit, even a card can mean the difference between lonely existence and continued life in our faith community. What can you do? Please reach out to those who have been such a vital part of our congregation and give back.

Faith Lutheran Church
is a member congregation of the
Northern Great Lakes Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Synod website: nglsynod.org
Denomination website: elca.org

Online giving is here!

You can now make an electronic contribution on our website. Just go to our website:

www.faithlutheransaultstemarie.org

Scroll down to just above our videos. There, you will find a green button that says

“Online Giving”.

Click that and enter in your information, and Faith will receive your contribution within 48 hours. The online giving company we went with (Tithe.ly) is one of the largest and most secure companies who specialize in online church giving, so your information is safe and secure. If you would like any help going over this process, please call the church office and we would be happy to help you.

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- 1st Terri East
- 4th Thomas Brewster
- 6th Sandra Lawson
- 9th Jack Armstrong
- 9th Robin Jackson
- 10th Alleyah Sanderson
- 11th Louise Armstrong
- 11th Gail Knight
- 21st Cynthia Suppa
- 24th Amber Uplinger
- 27th Lori Strickland
- 28th Scott Kagarise
- 31th Carly Suriano

WELCA
 will meet on Wednesday,
 October 4th at
 10:30am for bible
 study, meeting, and
 meal.

- Al & Dixie Picotte
46 years 10/15/77
- Ken & Lily Randall
43 years 10/18/80
- Darryl & Terri East
23 years 10/14/00

All Saints Sunday

There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for names of those people with your name next to it (in case we have a question with how to pronounce it) We will remember those lost this year on All Saints Sunday.



Choir Practice

The choir practice has been postponed until October 18th. Any inconvenience is regretted.

If you have a student attending school away from home, we would like to know their address so that we may periodically send them a note of encouragement/support. Please send information to the church office.

Stewardship Month October 1st – October 22th

We begin a special Temple Talk during the month of October that celebrates the ways by which God is working through all of us together for the good of our community. We pray you will make plans to be with us every Sunday of this month.

October 1st Wayne Olson – Financial Status & Thank You note for your generosity you have shown so far this year.

October 8th Dave Bean – Different ways to give.

October 15th Louise/Jack Armstrong – Different Ministries of Faith Lutheran Church.

October 22nd Cathy Tibbett – Faith, Synod, ELCA, World Wide

October 29th Pledge Card Sunday.

Stewardship Pledge Cards

We will have pledge cards available at narthex on October 1st. Prayerfully consider your percentage and write it down on the card. Bring the sealed envelope to the altar for the Pastor to bless the offering during worship service, on Pledge Card Sunday which is October 29th.

Congregational Budget Meeting

Sunday, November 19th will be the congregational budget meeting. It will begin following the 10:30am worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to review and vote on the 2024 budget

2023 Bazaar & Salad Luncheon hosted by WELCA

The time is quickly approaching for the **Bazaar & Salad Luncheon hosted by the Women of Faith (WELCA)**. It will be held on [Saturday, October 14 from 11:30 – 1:30.](#)

We are asking for your donations of salads & deserts for the luncheon and baked goods for the bake sale (coffee breads, quick breads, cookies, bars, pies and candy). The bake sale items continue to be some of the most sought after. If you have handmade crafts to donate, they would also be appreciated. And, for the Attic Treasures, those things you no longer use or display would be wonderful. No clothing items please. These requested donations make this event the success it has always been. Thank you so much for your help. The Women of Faith have hosted this event for many years and is their main fund raiser. The money we earn is used for helping fund various needs for Faith, as well as donating to needy community groups, the ELCA & our Synod, and to provide luncheons following member funerals. Many hands will be needed on the day of the Bazaar. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

Fortune Lake Youth Retreat

Open to current grades 3-6, this one-night retreat **October 20-21, 2023** is a great opportunity for kids to come to camp and experience all their camp favorites, spend time with peers, and connect with God's Word. There will also be an opportunity for youth leaders to connect as well as a Darkness to Light training offered by Pastor Kari Vadis. The training will be held from 9:30 am-12 pm CT and is open to everyone, even those who are not attending the youth retreat.



<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
1 18th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:30AM	2 Judges 14:1-20 Quilting 1PM	3 Judges 16:1-22 Yoga 9:30AM	4 Judges 16:23-31 WELCA 10:30AM	5 Jeremiah 2:14-22 Yoga 9:30AM	6 Jeremiah 2:23-37	7 Jeremiah 6:1-10
8 19th Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:30AM	9 Ezekiel 19:10-14 Quilting 1PM	10 Isaiah 27:1-6 Yoga 9:30AM	11 Song of Solomon 8:5-14	12 Isaiah 22:1-8a Yoga 9:30AM	13 Isaiah 22:8b-14	14 Isaiah 24:17-23 2023 Bazaar & Luncheon 11:30-1pm
15 20st Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:30AM	16 Exodus 19:7-20 Quilting 1PM	17 Philippians 3 Yoga 9:30AM Council Meeting 7PM	18 Psalm 34 Choir Practice 6pm	19 John 6:25-35 Yoga 9:30AM Worship and Music Committee 6pm	20 Exodus 19:7-20	21 Mark 2:18-22
22 21st Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:30AM	23 Numbers 5:5-10 Quilting 1PM	24 James 2:8-13 Yoga 9:30AM	25 John 5:39-47 Choir Practice 6pm	26 Psalm 119:41-48 Yoga 9:30AM	27 Matthew 19:16-22	28 Psalm 1
29 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Worship 10:30AM	30 Psalm 43 Quilting 1PM Budget Council Meeting 7pm	31 Acts 13:1-12 Yoga 9:30AM				





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