



**Faith Lutheran Church**  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
 God's work. Our hands.

**FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS**

**June 2025**

**FROM PASTOR CATIE**

"Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God  
 my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."  
 -Psalm 25:5

Something that I realized early in my faith journey is that there will always be more to learn. Our faith and the church have so many different opportunities for us and new ways to think about God.

This summer at Faith we are leaning into learning! There will be many different ways that you can learn more about your faith, how to serve the church, or try a new hobby. Here are some ways that you can lean into learning this summer:

-Sunday School the second Sunday of June, July, and August.

-Re-imagining Adult Bible Study: make sure to let us know how you would like to learn more!

-Baking Communion Bread: June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am, or August 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

-Craft events: The first event will be on the evening of June 25<sup>th</sup>.

-Spirituality of Death and Dying Class: Tuesdays at 11 am June 17<sup>th</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and July 15<sup>th</sup>

-Day Camp (also known as Vacation Bible School) July 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>: Great for children participants and adult volunteers!

-How to run the live-stream classes dates/time to be determined.

With summer just beginning, I am certain that this list will only grow with time. Many of these opportunities will have sign up sheets on the bulletin board at church. Be sure to be on the lookout for these and other chances that will arise and be thinking about how you can lean into learning this summer!

Peace,  
 Pastor Catie

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Where have you seen God working in your life today? Notice I didn't ask 'Did you see God working in your life today?' But 'where'. I see this as a difference. This has been a topic that has been on my mind for quite some time. It probably stems from the third question we try to answer as we do the Dwelling in the Word bible study

questions. We are tasked with trying to see how the Word pertains to our life as it is now. Often conversations turn to the concern of getting and keeping the young people in church beyond their Confirmation. Maybe they don't see God working in their life. Maybe we should start conversations with them and each other as to where we see God working in our life today. Maybe they would see how important our relationship with Jesus is and can be. Lots of 'maybes'. Just a thought. Look for the arrival of some new welcoming signs at the entrance to church coming soon. We hope you think they look great. If you do, we will get the message out soon for a chance to donate in order to expand the various messages available during the church year with different signs that can be displayed. Of course this is only one way to let people know who we are and where we worship. We also get the word out in advertisements for the summer visitors to be able to locate us. So be ready to welcome and greet any new faces you may see in the weeks ahead. Just last Sunday I saw a member couple greet a couple worshipping with us. We don't all need to 'pounce on visitors but it always warms my heart when I see someone from our congregation reach out to visitors. You just don't know the impact of this greeting.

Announcements at church keep us apprised of many of the possibilities to help out with various events. Such as the all important pie and ice cream sale during Fourth of July festivities. Help out if you can. The approaching Day Camp also needs volunteers. Find out how you can help. There seems to be many events that you can help with if you can.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns contact a member of the Church Council.

Sincerely,  
 Robin Peterson

**FROM THE ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP**

"Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They (the other disciples) said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing." - John 21:3

The ice-fishers have disappeared from Teal Lake, awaiting the ice melt-down. Gone are the tents, and snow mobiles. Surely by the time you read this, the Lion's Club replica mine shaft headframe, will have finally fallen through the ice, with joyful anticipation of many folks making predictions of the hour and day. The fishers have surely gone back to a more ordinary life or onto the next adventure.

In this time of the Easter season, we hear the story of the disciples returning briefly to their beloved fishing in Galilee, as they longed for some semblance of normalcy. After the purpose filled months of discipleship, the trauma of that Friday, and the dizzying hope of

Easter...of course they wanted to return to normal. Here they sit, with no fish in their nets. Their hands, once practiced and calloused for this work, now slip and fumble with empty nets. They are no longer those fishermen. They've changed.

How are we like disciples...longing to get back to normal? And what normal? The 1950s? The 1990s? When the mine brought new families to the town? When tourist-dollars flowed for the whole community? When Vacation Bible School required a waiting list? When was being church ever easy? Or was it ever?

Perhaps we join our ancestors before us...Adam and Eve looking back at the flaming sword guarding Eden's gate; Lot's wife, looking back and crying so much she becomes a pillar of salt; the priest along the road to Jericho, ignoring the one in the ditch, to look over his shoulder in fear. And here, these disciples... 'if we just go fishing, all will be well.'

Easter brings a joyful promise of God's forever-ness. It doesn't promise that there will be no more change or struggle. Perhaps, maybe the resurrection hope of Easter is even more change. It promises infinite steps forward...and Christ goes before, with and through us. If you squint hard, you can see the fire on the beach, and Jesus preparing breakfast.

Discipleship is not about preserving the nostalgia of the past. When we linger there too long, we might get stuck. We can honor our inheritance of what we have loved, while holding it both reverently and lightly. And in heeding the call from Christ on the shore to try a new way, perhaps we will be like the disciples who have been invited down new vocational paths... shepherding, feeding, gardening, healing, following, leading.

How are you and your congregation being activated so more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice, and love? What are you leaving behind? How are you discerning what to carry forward and what new path to take, to be the hands and feet of Christ in your community?

In Christ,  
Pr. Sharolyn

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **FACEBOOK**

It's true! Faith Lutheran Church now has a Facebook page. "Like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/faith3lakes/> and watch the page for updates about what's happening in the life of our faith community.

### **QUILTING**

Please join us every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the lower level of the church. No experience necessary!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

This summer we will gather on the second Sunday of each month for Sunday school. Invite your children,

grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to join in the fun!

### **LIVE STREAMING**

Did you know that when you're away, you can watch the entire service as it's delivered LIVE on Sunday morning?

You can! Simply go to our church's website (<https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org/>) and click "Click here to watch live streaming during worship (Sundays at 9:00 am)" right on the front page. Just put in a name and hit "Enter Live Service". Streaming will start, which usually happens around 8:55, 9:00 am, give or take a few minutes, so if nothing is happening yet when you start watching, just wait a few minutes. You can also watch a recording of many of our services on our website. Simply go to our church website and click "Click here to view recordings of worship" to watch any past services. It's that easy!

### **ONLINE GIVING**

You can support our mission easier than ever with our donation platform! You can visit [faith3lakes.churchtrac.com](https://faith3lakes.churchtrac.com) and contribute securely online.

When utilizing ChurchTrac to electronically donate to Faith Lutheran Three Lakes, please take the following into consideration:

Go to: [faith3lakes.churchtrac.com](https://faith3lakes.churchtrac.com)

Go to: "On-Line Giving" click "Give Now"

Enter: "User Name and Password" OR "Create a New Account"

Complete Donation Details: (Prayerfully consider "Clicking" on the "Help Cover the Card Processing Fee")

Thank you for your continued support!

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study is offered following Sunday church services EVERY Sunday! All are invited and welcome to attend!

No bible required! Please join us for some lively discussions!

### **Communion Assistant**

We are creating a new way to serve in worship! In the past, the reader also served as the communion assistant. However, some folks have expressed interest in serving communion but are not interested in reading.

Moving forward, anyone who would like to be a communion assistant can let the office know! If no communion assistant is assigned, we ask that the reader continue to serve in this way as well.

### **Light the Fire**

Join us in a summer kick-off event for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua. Enjoy camp song, a campfire, smores, and fellowship as we support the ministry of Fortune Lake!

### **DAY CAMP**

Join Faith Lutheran Church and staff from Fortune Lake Bible Camp for day camp. We will have bible study games, crafts, outdoor activities, and singing! Day camp will run July 7 – 10, 9am to 3pm. It is for children entering first through sixth grade. Invite your kids, grandkids, and neighbors. All are welcome. Registration information is coming soon.

### **BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH**

As the weather warms we become aware of the gift of new life all around us. The birds, the trees, the flowers even the dreaded mosquitoes! Yet the gift of life we most cherished is the new life we share in Christ Jesus our Lord. Through our baptism we have been made recipients of this new life, a life we embrace in faith. During the month of June live out your baptism as the Holy Spirit stirs within you. Keep in your prayers those who celebrate the anniversary of their baptisms this month!

5<sup>th</sup> Lily Fowles

7<sup>th</sup> Trudy Klauk

13<sup>th</sup> Margaret Ledbetter

20<sup>th</sup> Emma Slemiakowski

23<sup>rd</sup> Nathan Madl

28<sup>th</sup> Val Otto and Bo Bisnette

29<sup>th</sup> Kim Peterson

30<sup>th</sup> Matt Wilkowski

Also Remember: Jan Harris, and Tom Muench

### **Monthly Attendance**

Year: 2025

Month: April

# of Services: 7

Average: 54

Average online: 39

Year: 2025

Month: May

# of Services: 4

Average: 36

Average online: 16

### **IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

#### **THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT:**

Ann Woelfel, Duane and Colleen Bonack, Rick Gensler, Sr., Ruth Sammetinger, Beth Schomisch, Jim Stroschein, Kris Tenges, Myrna Stroschein, Heidi Lulloff, Maggie Servant, Rich Collins, Diane Passehl, and Jackie Sunn.

#### **ALL THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS AND WORRIED ABOUT MANY THINGS**

#### **OUR CHURCH MINISTRIES**

Congregation Council

Board of Worship Life (BOWL)

Board of Outreach

Board of Trustees

Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center

#### **OUR PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, INCLUDING**

St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church

Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church

Grace Lutheran Church

#### **OUR SYNOD, THE NORTHERN GREAT LAKES SYNOD OF THE ELCA, AND ITS CONGREGATIONS. OUR COMPANION SYNOD, THE EASTERN AND COASTAL DIOCESE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TANZANIA, AND ITS CONGREGATION**

### Treasurer's Report

|       | Start of Fiscal | Year 2024 - 2025 | Beginning Bal | \$682.71          |
|-------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Month | Donations       | Expenses         | Monthly Net   | Fiscal Yr To Date |
| Sept  | \$8,088.70      | \$10,107.39      | -\$2,018.69   | -\$1,335.98       |
| Oct   | \$7,214.10      | \$8,662.22       | -\$1,448.12   | -\$2,784.10       |
| Nov   | \$5,910.15      | \$9,109.48       | -\$3,199.33   | -\$5,983.43       |
| Dec   | \$20,399.40     | \$9,389.96       | \$11,009.44   | \$5,026.01        |
| Jan   | \$8,423.45      | \$9,459.45       | -\$1,036.00   | \$3,990.01        |
| Feb   | \$7,194.46      | \$9,529.85       | -\$2,335.39   | \$1,654.62        |
| Mar   | \$7,310.65      | \$11,720.10      | -\$4,409.45   | -\$2,754.83       |
| Apr   | \$17,421.06     | \$7,720.33       | \$9,700.73    | \$6,945.90        |

### Stewardship Calander

June 2025

|                            | <u>6/1/25</u>         | <u>6/8/25</u>     | <u>6/15/25</u> | <u>6/22/25</u>            | <u>6/29/25</u>         |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Reader</u>              | Tom Bredeson          | Phoebe Pettingell | Jan Harris     | Robin Peterson            | Johnathon Coggins      |
| <u>Communion Assistant</u> | Tom Bredeson          | Phoebe Pettingell | Jan Harris     | Robin Peterson            | Johnathon Coggins      |
| <u>Greeter</u>             | Tom & Miriam Bredesen | Linda Fowles      | Jan Harris     | Amy Davis & Debby Carlson | Chris & Jacque Deidtzt |
| <u>Music</u>               | Rhonda Buss           | Jane Crosson      | Rhonda Buss    | Rhonda Buss               | Rhonda Buss            |
| <u>Video</u>               | Dillon Ford           | Dillon Ford       | Dillon Ford    | Dillon Ford               | Dillon Ford            |

**June 2025**

| <b>SUN.</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>MON.</b> | <b>TUES.</b>                                                          | <b>WED.</b>                                                                         | <b>THURS.</b> | <b>FRI.</b> | <b>SAT.</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1<br><br>9:00 am<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><br>Fellowship/<br>Bible Study<br><br>Light the Fire<br>Event 6pm<br>Ascension<br>Lutheran<br>Minocqua | 2           | 3                                                                     | 4<br><br>12:30 pm<br>Quilting                                                       | 5             | 6           | 7           |
| 8<br><br>9:00 am<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><br>Bible<br>Study/Sunday<br>School                                                                    | 9           | 10<br><br>Board<br>Meeting<br>6:15pm<br><br>Council<br>Meeting<br>7pm | 11<br><br>12:30 pm<br>Quilting                                                      | 12            | 13          | 14          |
| 15<br><br>9:00 am<br>Service of the<br>Word<br><br>Bible Study                                                                                  | 16          | 17                                                                    | 18<br><br>12:30 pm<br>Quilting<br><br>Communion<br>Bread Baking<br>6pm              | 19            | 20          | 21          |
| 22<br><br>9:00am<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><br>Bible Study                                                                                        | 23          | 24                                                                    | 25<br><br>12:30 pm<br>Quilting<br><br>Craft Event<br>More<br>information to<br>come | 26            | 27          | 28          |
| 29<br><br>9:00 am<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><br>Bible Study                                                                                       | 30          |                                                                       |                                                                                     |               |             |             |



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## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A member of the Northern Great Lakes Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

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Monday/Wednesday/Friday

2:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Pastor Catie's Office Hours:

Mondays at Mugs 9:00am – 12pm

Tuesday: 9:00am – 12pm

Wednesday: 9:00am – 12pm

Thursday: 9:00am – 12pm

## **WEEKLY WORSHIP**

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am

## **VISIT US ON THE WEB**

<https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org>

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## **STAFF**

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