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FINALLY, WE'RE BACK TO A FULL SCHEDULE!

It's been said here at Faith, that the beginning of the year is September! True, after a beautiful Wisconsin Summer everything starts up again after Labor Day. This is more true than ever this year! After scaling back on so much of our programming and ministry opportunities this past year or so, we are excited to be back to our full schedule. This means:

- We'll be back to six in-person worship services per weekend starting September 11. **Contemporary services are at 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. on Sundays at the Celebration Ministry Center. Traditional services are at 8:00, 9:20 and 10:40 a.m. on Sundays and 6:00 p.m. on Mondays at the Faith Ministry Center.** We're looking forward to being able to share Holy Communion again as we come forward and personally receive the bread and wine instead of the in-your-seat communion packets (although this will still be an option for those who prefer that).
- In-person Sunday school (at both ministry centers) and Wednesday Midweek (at the Faith Ministry Center) and High School Youth Night (moves between ministry centers) starts up again (get registered!)
- Adult Bible studies are in full gear! The Gospel of Matthew is at 9:20 on Sunday mornings at the Faith Ministry Center; Growing through the New Testament is at 7:00 Tuesday nights at the Faith Ministry Center (page 4); and The Gospel of John is at 10:00 Tuesday mornings at the Celebration Ministry Center (page 4). And don't forget new member classes and Ask the Pastor on Wednesday evenings.
- The church office is fully open again with regular hours as ministry action teams and volunteers get back doing the Lord's work!

So, we look forward to seeing you again! However, we also know that there are many who find the online ministry we've been offering these last months to be very helpful and beneficial and that there are still some who are not comfortable or able to be back in person yet. Let us assure you that our online ministry is not going away, in fact, we are intending on doing more not less with the opportunities we have to connect together online. Worship services, Bible studies and other social media events will continue to be available on our website faithfoxvalley.org so stay tuned!

Whether we are in person or online we're looking forward to being together again at full strength this September as we grow in our mission to KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN!

"LIFE TOGETHER IN CHRIST" SERMON SERIES

Spend any time around people and you will quickly learn that opinions vary. We disagree on everything from favorite music and restaurants to politics. Lifestyles vary too. How one celebrates special occasions is different than another. Some like to be up early, others prefer staying up late. Personalities: those are as numerous as there are people. Some are very direct while others are timid and careful. Some focus on getting things done; others are more interested in people. Variety and diversity in people is seemingly endless.

One of the great challenges of diversity is that it makes community messy. The Church is no different. With so many personalities and preferences, conflict comes easily. Add to the challenge of community the fact that we were isolated for so long because of the pandemic. In many ways we need to relearn how to be together. Our fall sermon series explores what God says about being a part of the "body of Christ," where diverse individuals are joined together like parts of a body are joined for common purpose. Our series, "Life Together in Christ" digs into key passages of 1 Corinthians, a letter the apostle Paul wrote to a church threatened by division. We will learn that Paul's message to the Christians of Corinth in the first century is just as relevant today.

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>Theme:</u>	<u>Scripture:</u>
Sept. 12	All for One	1 Corinthians 3:1-11, 18-23
Sept. 19	Christ's Meal of Fellowship	1 Corinthians 11:17-29

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

COVID vs Christianity

2020 – What a year it was! This thing called COVID burst into our lives and has caused chaos in the lives of countless people unlike anything else that I have experienced in my lifetime. Businesses opened with limited hours or were closed completely, students at all levels relegated to on-line learning, school activities/sports cancelled, people being labeled as essential or non-essential workers, and so much more. 2020 is definitely a year for the history books.

Wait, why am I talking about 2020? It's history. It's over. Move on! Please bear with me for just a few more paragraphs and see if we can learn from the past.

Let's fast forward to the start of January 2021. Most schools in our area were returning to in-person classes or at least had a hybrid model. As that happened, Faith made plans to have students come back to in-person Confirmation and high school Wednesday Youth Nights (WYN). I was so excited for this to happen. I had high expectations for in-person participation, but the results did not match my expectations. About 15% of the Confirmation students attended in-person and only a handful of high school students attend WYN. "Why?" was the question of the day for a long time.

During this time, I was also making plans to attend the National Lutheran Youth Workers Conference that was held this past July in Houston, Texas. At this event, Directors of Christian Education (DCE), like me, get together for 4 days of breakout sessions, keynote speakers, worship, and fellowship. There were 400 youth workers in attendance! The conference did not disappoint. However, it caused me to wonder how we could get so many youth workers to gather when I could hardly get a substantial number of students to attend our Faith activities? It did not take long for me to find out the answer.

During the conference, I attended a series of breakout sessions titled, "7 Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry". These sessions used information collected from several

surveys that our LCMS Youth Ministry Office in St. Louis had done and combined with some other studies that have been done in the past 2 years by other organizations (Barna, Pew Research, Youth Specialties) that focused on students and parents and how they were coping with life before, during, and after the "shut down". The information, the data, the study results, and the conversation opened my eyes to how 2020 really threw a monkey wrench into how students and parents were really impacted by the "shut down" and continue to struggle today.

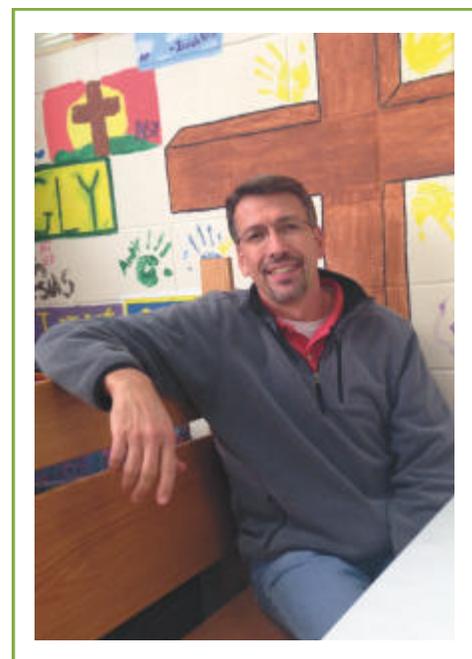
Due to the fact that many students lived a very isolated life during the "shut down", their mental, emotional, and spiritual states were tested and twisted like nothing that they have ever experienced before. In short, many students that were once extroverts have become introverts because they forgot how to interact with others. Many suffer from the anxiety of being in large groups for fear of coming in close contact with COVID. Many suffer from depression because they could not truly connect with their friends. Families that were once very active with students' school activities had difficulties being cooped up in the house with each other because they just didn't know how to act in that type of setting - they forgot what it meant to "be a family". Many parents have feelings of guilt because they do not feel equipped to help their own sons/daughters deal with all of these issues. Perhaps one of the most surprising things is many individual and family Christian values and morals were tested and changed due, in part, to the influence of social media. And this is just a short list!

One of the most concerning, of course, is the spiritual health of everyone. The negative influences that exist in the world today are becoming very loud. Alternative version of Christianity are seeping into our culture at a dangerous pace. One of these "alternatives" is called "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism" (MTD). MTD basically tells us that as long as we are not doing the real bad stuff – murder, rape, physical assaults, or armed robbery – and we are

nice to people and do good works, then it's all good. If you do enough of the good stuff, you will be okay and you will get to heaven. Christianity is becoming Christless. This is a message that is being shouted from all forms of social media platforms. If you recall, our students have just come out of a 14-16 month term of isolation and have spent HUGE amounts of time in the virtual world being exposed to various versions of Christless Christianity.

However, this isn't just a youth ministry issue. This is a societal issue at all levels. So, what can we do? We must not allow Christless Christianity to gain a foothold. We must continue to hold up the truth of Christianity. We must continue to declare the truth of God's Word – Jesus is the only way (John 14:6). We must continue lift up our students, our parents, and our society in prayer and provide educational opportunities and resources that the Holy Spirit will use to strengthen our faith. We must be prepared to give an answer for the hope that we have (1Peter 3:15). Christianity does not exist without Jesus Christ.

- Mike Henning



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Sept. 26	Gifts that Build Up	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Oct. 3	There is No "I" in Church	1 Corinthians 12:12-20
Oct. 10	Indispensable	1 Corinthians 12:21-27
Oct. 17	The Hard Work of Love	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Oct. 24	Hope for the Church	1 Corinthians 15:1-20

at a **GLANCE**

BAPTISM TREASURES CLASS

Starting this September, our Baptism Treasures class for new parents will resume. Together with one of our pastors and Becca, parents will review what God gives in baptism and how parents and the church are partners in the spiritual development of their children. If you are preparing to have your child baptized, we encourage you to attend this class! Baptism Treasures classes will be held the first Saturday of every other month, at 10 a.m. at the Faith Ministry Centers. **Our first class will be Saturday, September 4.** Parents can contact Becca Klemm or the church office to register.

Baptism Treasure Dates

September 4
November 6
January 8
March 5
May 7

FAITH CHILD CARE IS HIRING

Faith Child Care (FCC) is looking for one or two people to help set up tables and chairs in the classrooms for Sunday school. This would need to be done on Friday after 5 pm or any time on Saturday. The tables and chairs would then need to be put back on Sunday sometime after Sunday school is done. Set up and take down takes approximately 1 ½-2 hours each time. If you or someone you know would like to help us while earning a little extra money, please contact lori.jenks@faithchildcare.com.

Faith Child Care has an opening for a full-time or part-time teacher for our 1 ½-year-old classroom. If you or someone you know is looking to work in child care or to work in a new field, please send them our way! They can apply directly with us by emailing a resume to lori.jenks@faithchildcare.com or call Lori 920-739-7772. Experience is not necessary.

LWML SUNDAY

We will be celebrating LWML Sunday the weekend of October 2-4 and will be collecting those "mighty mites" (offerings) to send to the North WI LWML to fund district and national mission grants. Posters listing these grants, and the larger mite box, as well as other information will be displayed at both ministry centers over the weekend. Come visit the display.

spiritual **MINISTRIES**

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministry Have you ever felt like Jonah?

The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head.

To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit. "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

Jonah 2:5-7

Most of us have never experienced what it's like to survive a trip through the jaws of a whale and find ourselves stranded in its belly (if you have let us know and we'll put you on the front page of the newsletter), but take these works out of their original context and you can probably empathize with Jonah's emotions. You've probably had what we'll call, a *Jonah moment*. Our brother Jonah was lost, isolated, and overwhelmed. He felt utterly separated from everything he knew and everyone he loved. He could see no reason to hope and no future. Sound familiar?

We don't need a dramatic fish story like Jonah's to make us feel the emotions he described: we just need the losses, struggles, changes, and insecurities that come with life. So what did Jonah do when he found himself stranded and out of luck? He did the same thing we need to do in those circumstances—he turned to God.

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At Faith we have a wonderful resource to help people during their Jonah moments—our Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are skilled, trustworthy, compassionate, faith-filled, Christ-focused caregivers trained to come alongside men and women to help them navigate life's rough patches. If you think you know someone who might benefit from meeting with one of our Stephen Ministers contact Pastor Adam Bridgman (adam.bridgman@faithfv.org or call the church office) or one of our Stephen Leaders, Pastor Jim Wiebel, Kris Smith, Ken Place, Connie Place, Mary Nimmer, Joan Klaas, or Amy Cox. We'll be happy to answer your questions and explore whether Stephen Ministry is a good fit.

Also, if you might be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister contact Pastor Adam Bridgman or Kris Smith.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Gospel of John

Tuesdays, 10 a.m., beginning September 7

Celebration Ministry Center, faithfoxvalley.org

Taught by Pastors Aaron, Adam and Dan

Perhaps no other Bible book teaches us more about the nature and character of our Lord, Jesus Christ than the Gospel of John. From the very beginning of his Gospel, John portrays Jesus as the "Word" who "was God" and also "took flesh and dwelt among us". Yet, John's Gospel is not just a theological treatise on the divine/human nature of Christ but it also presents a personal Savior that desires a relationship with us! Jesus is "the Good Shepherd" and "the way, the truth and the life". In fact, John tells us the reason he wrote this book, "These things have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that by believing you may have life in His name."

Join us for this 37 session study on the amazing Gospel of John!

Matthew's Gospel

Sundays, 9:20-10:20 a.m.

Faith Ministry Center

On September 12, Pastor Paul Brinkman will continue the study of Matthew's Gospel in the Music Media Room.



Growing Through the New Testament

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., beginning September 14, Faith Ministry Center or online at faithfoxvalley.org/FMCLive

Taught by Pastor Dan

I hope you can join us on an exciting journey through the New Testament! My hope and prayer is that as we move through these 24 sessions together you will ...

- Experience a growing love for the Word of God
- Grow in your knowledge of and appreciation for the wondrous salvation you have in your Savior, Jesus Christ
- Experience more daily connectedness in your relationship with Jesus than ever before
- Understand and experience God's incredible grace in your daily walk with Him
- Grow in your faith and trust in God in the midst of this crazy life
- Gain an eternal perspective so that you see life with all its joys and challenges from heaven's vantage point

As a bonus, the last several sessions of the study will be application of the New Testament to our lives as we talk about defending our faith and address some of the hot buttons in our world today. **Please register at faithfoxvalley.org/newtestamentstudy.**

Growing Through the New Testament Schedule

Sept. 14	Old Testament review/Intertestamental Period/Bible Introduction	Dec. 21	NO CLASS
		Dec. 28	NO CLASS
Sept. 21	First Century Judaism	Jan. 4	The Pastoral Epistles: 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus
Sept. 28	The Gospel of Mark	Jan. 11	The Book of Hebrews: The Superiority of Christ
Oct. 5	The Gospel of Matthew	Jan. 18	1 Peter and James: Living Through Difficult Times
Oct. 12	The Gospel of Luke	Jan. 25	Revelation: A Heavenly Vision
Oct. 19	The Gospel of John	Feb. 1	Reasons for Believing in God
Oct. 26	John and the Johannine Letters	Feb. 8	Reasons for Believing in the Bible
Nov. 2	The Book of Acts and the Life of St. Paul	Feb. 15	Reasons for Believing in Jesus Christ
Nov. 9	Galatians: St. Paul's Authority, Gospel and Freedom	Feb. 22	Reasons for Believing in the Resurrection
Nov. 16	1 Corinthians: St. Paul's Wayward Child	Mar. 1	Reasons for Believing in Heaven and Hell
Nov. 23	NO CLASS	Mar. 8	Reasons for Believing in God's Truth vs. Today's Hot Buttons, part 1
Nov. 30	2 Corinthians: A Self-Portrait	Mar. 15	Reasons for Believing in God's Truth vs. Today's Hot Buttons, part 2
Dec. 7	Romans: The New and True Israel		
Dec. 14	The Captivity Letters: Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians and Philemon		

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

COVENANT CHOIR

Do you have a young budding singer at your house? Are they starting 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grade this fall? Want to help them connect with other kids their age at Faith and get them involved in ministry? If you are answering YES, consider Covenant Choir. Singers can join at any time, but the sooner the better—we start Wednesday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Music/Media Room. If you are interested, please contact Steven Moore by email at steve.moore@faithfv.org or call 739-9191.

SUNDAY CLASSES BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 12

Sunday Education Hour resumes on September 12 with classes for children, youth and adults. Classes at the Faith Ministry Center are 9:20-10:20 a.m. At Faith, parents will accompany their Preschool-Grade 6 children for the first half hour on the first day to meet teachers and take part in some family activities. There is a Library Open House at FMC on September 12 during the Education Hour. This is a chance to check out the Library and meet the Library Committee. There will be a book display and some free books for the taking. At Celebration Ministry Center, children and youth go to their classrooms at 10:20 a.m. Parents can accompany their children for the first 10 minutes of class to meet teachers and learn of the program. Adult Bible study is in the kitchen triangle at 10:20 a.m. Classes end at 11:20 a.m. Children who have preregistered for Sunday School will find their classroom assignment posted in the lobbies. Those who need to register can find enrollment forms in the lobby or at faithfoxvalley.org/Sunday-MidweekSchool.

MIDWEEK SCHOOL BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 15 Midweek School begins on September 15 at FMC. Students in Grades 1-6 have class, 3:45-5:30 p.m. Parents are to join students for an Opening Worship at 5:00 p.m. Payment of the Midweek snack fee can be made at the registration table on September 15. It is \$30 per student. Snack fees can be paid at the church office, preferably by check, any time before November 1, 2021. Classroom assignments for Midweek students are posted on the south lobby bulletin board. Those students not pre-registered are asked to call the church office by September 8.

CHILD CARE CENTERS



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At Celebration Children's Center, we are thankful for all of our brave 4Kers that have now graduated into CLS's 4K program! It is always a gift to watch these little ones prepare for the real world of 4K and beyond! We are blessed to have them just across the hall with Mrs. Zimmerman! Go get 'em friends! You are ready!

I will share a notion of peace, and calm as we move into a possibly scary time with the Delta variant coming to our community. Through prayers, caring and diligence, we will be ok. We will come through this as we did the past year and a half, more closely united as a family and more caring for one another.

Thankful for my Celebration Family! - Kelly Zdanovec, Director



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Despite the craziness of our summer, the children in our school aged program did enjoy trips to local nature Centers and a few trips to the Appleton Public Library this summer! They also had many activities to keep them busy while at Faith, including making items for the residents at "The Bridges of Appleton" and holding a Center wide Penny War. They raised more than \$400 to send to Saving Paws Animal Rescue.

As our summer is coming to an end and as the kids head off to school we wish all of our summer school aged kids a great school year and we will see most of them back next summer!

Blessings to everyone for a safe and healthy fall! - Lori Jenks

important INFORMATION

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Treasurer's Report for July 2021

	Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Total Budget
OFFERINGS:	\$148,227	\$148,227	\$120,967
OTHER INCOME:	13,363	13,363	21,120
TOTAL INCOME:	161,590	161,590	133,087
TOTAL EXPENSE:	145,610	145,610	154,436
VARIANCE:	15,980	15,980	(21,349)

CHECKING & SAVINGS

WHAT WE HAVE—OUR ASSETS	\$2,073,430
DESIGNATED FUNDS—OUR LIABILITIES	\$1,980,725
VARIANCE (WHAT WE OWE)	\$92,706

Endowment Values as of 6/30/2021:

Perpetual:	\$309,874
Contributions YTD:	\$38,650
Worship Arts:	\$104,115
Contributions YTD:	\$2,650
Expansion:	\$2,114
Contributions YTD:	\$800

July Third Week Offering

\$1,514.12 will be given to support the ministry of Children's HopeChest.



JULY 2021 RITES AND RECORDS

Transfers out

Steve and Nancy Hoover

Marriages

Taya Hahnemann and Evan Rosenau

Baptisms

Maeda Lynne Henderson

Eleanor Marcella Hess

Emerie Ann O'Connor

Deaths

Bonnie M. Thews

Gary W. McFadden

Janet M. Arganbright

Jerry Treichel

upcoming EVENTS

QUILTS & CARDS

Thursday, September 2, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

and/or Thursday, September 16, 1:00-3:30 p.m., Faith Ministry Center

We will resume our quilting and card making in September. I have heard from quite a few ladies who are excited to get together, including some newer members!

Quilts: We welcome any ladies to join us in assembling and tying quilts to be donated to those needing shelter at Harbor House. If you are unable to join us we could use help cutting squares and/or sewing strips together to make the patchwork tops. This could be done right in your home.

Cards: We also create birthday and Christmas cards (using used cards) for the residents at Brewster Village. Come join us for fellowship. It's a great way to meet fellow members of Faith. Bring a friend or a neighbor.

For questions or more information, please contact Jeanne Braatz at braatzjeanne@yahoo.com or 920-378-6521.

NORTH WI DISTRICT LWML FALL RETREAT

September 9-11, Camp Luther

There is still time to register and attend the fall retreat at beautiful Camp Luther. All ladies are welcome to attend. Bring a friend!

See updated information and the registration form (on pages 10 and 11) in the summer issue of Mission Tidings which can be found in the gathering area at both ministry centers.

Contact Karen Boeder at karen.boeder1@gmail.com or 920-213-1470 or Jeanne Braatz at braatzjeanne@yahoo.com or 920-378-6521 for carpooling or other questions.

LWML FALL RALLY

October 2, 2021

The Lutheran Women in Mission fall get together will be hosted by Trinity and Grace Lutheran churches at Trinity Lutheran of Bear Creek. Watch for details and carpooling information in the upcoming weeks or contact Jeanne Braatz at braatzjeanne@yahoo.com or 920-378-6521.

LWML BIBLE STUDY

Monday, October 11, 7 p.m.

We will be meeting in the Music Media room for our quarterly Bible study and a brief meeting. All ladies of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are members of the LWML and are always welcome to meet with us.

church COMMUNITY



SPIRITUAL GIFT OF GIVING

You are invited to join Jesus in His mission at Faith. God's plan and design is for us to use our gifts, talents, and time to help change the lives of others.

The Greek word "metadidomi" means to impart or share that which is one's own, to give from oneself. As someone with the Spiritual Gift of Giving, you have the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by giving of your material resources to further the work of God. You also have a God-given desire to use your financial resources, far beyond the tithe, to bless and help others.

As a giver, you find joy in giving of your material gain for the work of God. You give out of a spirit of generosity, a love for God, and a heart for the needs of others.

You have talents, skills, and interests that serve you well as a giver including, being well organized, conscientious and self-disciplined, and having an accurate self-image and interest in helping people. Other characteristics you may have include: being sensitive to the financial and material needs of others, noticing needs that other people overlook, making quick financial decisions, and being ready to give gifts that are high quality and used properly. Chances are, your spouse has the gift of giving too.

To help develop, grow and enjoy the gift of giving, you may want to reflect/examine some of the trappings that givers can fall into. Be careful not to gauge other Christians' spirituality by the amount of their giving and do not measure other's success by how much material assets they have. Even though God has called everyone to give, He has not called everyone to give as you do.

How can you bring your faith to life? Your gift of giving is best suited to serve in these areas:

Endowment Fund Team

Finance/budget Committee

Celebration Lutheran School Board

Underwrite Special Ministries

Other ministry/charity in your community you are passionate about.

Give to needy Christians as found in Romans 12:13 "Share with God's people who are in need."

As you progress in your spiritual journey and seek to do the work you are called to do, you can sometimes get stalled by not knowing how to proceed. If you are not quite sure of God's plan and design for you but have already seen spiritual gifts in your life. Then you are encouraged to take the next step and discover God's plan for you by taking the on line gift assessment at freeshapetest.com.

Once you have completed the 45-minute assessment, Call Denis Ashauer at 920-739-9191 ext. 1123 to learn more where your gifts can be used in ministry at Faith for the benefit of the kingdom of God.

NEED A HANDYMAN?



Do you need help with basic home repairs? Faith has members who would like to help you. These helpful members are not licensed (plumbing, electrical, etc.) but quite handy at basic home repairs, painting, and much more. Contact Denis Ashauer at 739-9191 ext. 1123 for more information.

THIRD WEEK OFFERING



On the third weekend of each month, Faith is giving away all “loose plate” offerings to world mission partners, area charities and other non-profits. Offerings received September 18-20 and October 16-18 will support the work of Celebration Lutheran School (CLS).

CLS, a separately incorporated yet integral part of the outreach and teaching of Faith Church, is a ministry to the community. CLS works with parents to educate and nurture children. All children are encouraged to develop their individual and collective God-given talents and abilities.

Children at CLS will:

- Grow in their faith and their walk with the Lord.
- Learn the importance of prayer, sharing faith, participating in worship, enjoying the fellowship of believers, and service to others.
- Experience age appropriate classroom learning opportunities under the guidance of caring, qualified teachers.
- Be exposed to a full spectrum of academic subjects including communicative arts, mathematics, science, social studies and current events.

To learn more about Celebration Lutheran School, please visit celebrationlutheran.net.

CONNECT WITH OTHER MOMS AT MOPS

HEY THERE, FRIEND! Join us at MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) for moms with kids aged birth to kindergarten, and MOMSNext, for moms with kids beyond kindergarten. We meet the first Thursday of every month from September-May at 7 p.m. here at Faith Lutheran Church! We are a community of women dedicated to encouraging and loving each other while growing in our relationships with Christ. Crafts, small groups, Bible studies and Moms Night Out events are just a few things you can expect. You can find us on Facebook at Appleton MOPS and MOMSnext or email us for more info at appletonMOPS@gmail.com.

library NEWS

In September, Faith offers new opportunities to grow in your faith. Your Faith Library encourages this journey by welcoming all ages to visit, browse and checkout from the many items available. On Education Sunday, September 12, we will again have our Open House with “gently used” books for the taking.

Pastor Dan will be leading an evening adult New Testament Bible Study. Your Faith Library has many New Testament related titles including *Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness*, Bio 226.09 Mac, by John MacArthur, and *Women of the New Testament; Thirty Meditations*, Bio 225.9 Kuy, by Abraham Kuyper, both of which can be found in the Biography section. Be sure to search the library computer catalog for more New Testament specific topics.



Children’s New Testament titles include *Five-Minute Bible Devotions for Children: Stories from the New Testament*, NF 11 (tote) 242.62 Ken, by Pamela Kennedy, and *Children of the New Testament: an Arch Book Anthology*, NF 5 (tote) 225.9 Con, illustrated by Betty Wind, with five Arch Book titles. The children’s DVDs offer three titles from *The Animated Bible Stories From The New Testament*, as well as many other related DVDs.

The Intermediate section provides two of the New Testament Magna titles by Young Shin Lee, *Parables, Miracles, and the Prince of Peace: the Gospel*, part 1, 741.5 Lee, Vol. 6, and *Death, Resurrection and the Great Commission, the Gospels Part 2*, 741.5 Lee, Vol. 7. *Cold Case Christianity For Kids: Investigate Jesus With A Real Detective*, 232.9 Wal, by J. Warner Wallace, provides investigative skills to defend the truth about Jesus.

A new nonfiction addition is *Winning The War In Your Mind: Change Your Thinking, Change Your Life*, 248.4 Gro, by Craig Groeschel. This title ‘Lays out strategies that will free you from the grip of destructive thinking and enable you to live the life of joy and peace that God intends you to live.’ A recent fiction title is *The Runaway Brides Collection*, F 813.54 McD, in which seven 1800’s brides get “cold feet”. Vickie McDonough is one of the seven authors in this collection.

Our Large Print readers will be glad to know we have added the second titles in two different series. *Forever My Own*, LP 813.54 Pet LOL # 2, Ladies of the Lake series, by Tracie Peterson, and *Sustaining Faith*, LP 813.54 Oke WHC # 2, When Hope Calls series, by Janette Oke.

Your Faith Library Committee is laying out the welcome mat for you!



YOUR SOURCE FOR FAITH YOUTH MINISTRY INFORMATION

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Middle School Sunday School

Celebration Ministry Center:

A combined 7th thru 12th grade class will meet from 10:20-11:15 a.m.

Faith Ministry Center:

A combined 7th thru 12th grade class will meet from 9:20-10:20 a.m.

High School Sunday School

Celebration Ministry Center:

A combined 7th thru 12th grade class will meet from 10:20-11:15 a.m.

Faith Ministry Center:

A combined 7th thru 12th grade class will meet from 9:20-10:20 a.m.

"IN-PERSON" CONFIRMATION: "FOUNDATIONS" BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

WHO:

Confirmation students in grades 7 & 8

WHEN:

Wednesday nights from 6:15-8:15 p.m.

September 8 - orientation for students and parents in the FMC Sanctuary from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*September 15 - in-person classes begin.

WHERE:

*Faith Ministry Center Lower-level Fellowship Hall.

OTHER INFO:

-All in-person students/parent(s) in grade 7 & 8 meet in Fellowship Hall together.

-Class will begin each week with a 15-20 minute chapel time promptly at 6:30 p.m. followed by class time until 8:15 p.m.

-At this time, masks/face coverings are not required. However, we will be following recommendations from the CDC, WDHS, and Appleton Health Department as we move through the school year.

-Parent at-home instruction option will have a separate orientation.

If you have not registered your son/daughter, it's not too late. Contact Mike Henning, Director of Youth Ministry, in the church office to register.

"FOUNDATIONS: APOLOGETICS" BEGINS AUGUST 25

WHO:

Confirmation students in grade 9

WHEN:

Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:15 p.m.

August 25 Special parent/student orientation with special guest speaker, Brad Alles from Concordia University—Wisconsin.

September 1: first class session

OTHER INFO:

-All classes held at our Celebration Ministry Center in the gym.

-Classes continue through October 6, followed by pictures October 13 and the Rite of Confirmation on October 16.

-At this time, masks/face coverings are not required. However, we will be following recommendations from the CDC, WDHS, and Appleton

HIGH SCHOOL WYN "ELEVATE" AND "BASIC"

WHO:

All high school students.

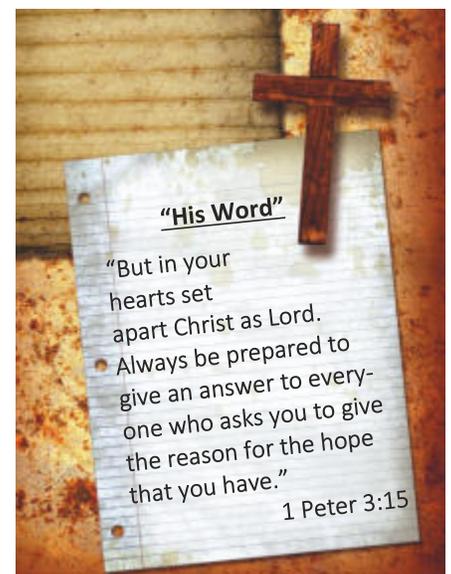
(Grade 9 will join on October 27)

WHEN:

1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. starting September 8

WHERE/WHAT:

Faith Ministry, Celebration Ministry Center, and off-site locations as announced. Each week provides a different activity - worship, service opportunities, and social activities.



fly CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
*WYN 6:30-8:30pm @ FMC	*FOUNDATIONS: 6:15-8:15pm @ FMC	*APOLOGETICS: 6:30-8:15pm @ CMC	1 -APOLOGETICS*	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 -WYN: BASIC* -FOUNDATIONS* -APOLOGETICS*	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 -WYN: ELEVATE* -FOUNDATIONS* -APOLOGETICS*	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 -No WYN -FOUNDATIONS* -APOLOGETICS*	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 -WYN: BASIC* -FOUNDATIONS* -APOLOGETICS*	30		

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

6 - WYN ELEVATE @ 6:30pm
FOUNDATIONS@ 6:15pm
APOLOGETICS @ 6:30pm
13 - WYN BASIC@ 6:30pm
FOUNDATIONS @ 6:15pm
APOLOGETICS @ 6:30pm

16 - Rite of Confirmation @ FMC
8:30am and 10:30am
20 - No WYN
FOUNDATIONS@ 6:15pm
27 - WYN BASIC @ 6:30pm
FOUNDATIONS @6:15pm

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Newsletter articles are due by the second Sunday of the month for the following month.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Closed Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)
Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, 8 a.m. - Noon (beginning September 10)

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