

# ***By Faith***



***Faith United Methodist Church—***

***Newsletter for May***

***Midweek connection      April 28, 2021***

***Sunday Bulletin              May 2, 2021***



## ***FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS***

***Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday - CLOSED***

***We are listening to messages if we are not in the office and will contact you as soon as we can***

*If you are looking to contact Pastor Tim, you can call him here at the church*

*or you can email him at [tjalbrecht79@gmail.com](mailto:tjalbrecht79@gmail.com)*

***Please continue to pray for all the church staff members and committee members!***



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(for all ages)  
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*The Midweek Connection*  
*Faith United Methodist Church*

May 2021

Dear Faith Church,

I am saddened whenever I read the newspaper or turn on the news because the message that is being presented is that everything is bad. To be fair, there is some news that is bad. There are people who have been or are behaving badly. Other news is not always being reported in its entirety. If this is all that we have to hang our hope on, it would appear that things are kind of hopeless.

However, as I look out my office window as I write, I see hope. The sun is shining. I see trees budding. The lawn is getting ready for another mowing. I also know on this day, that it is fairly warm outside too. When I begin to focus on the positive things that I see, I see hope. Hope that is provided by our Creator God. Even though life is a mess, through God's saving act in Jesus Christ we have hope. No matter how hard others try to spin or sell gloom and doom, our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. On Christ the solid rock we can stand!

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

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**\*WORSHIP SERVICE\***  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
*May 2, 2021 9:00 A.M.*

Prelude:

Welcome:

Call to Worship:

Opening Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation "

Children's Message

Bev Pezewski

Prayer:

Special Music: "Stand in Your Love" (by Josh Baldwin)

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 31:6

Sermon: "The Giant of Failure"

Pastor Tim Albrecht

Closing Hymn: "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

Benediction:

Conquering the Giants  
...The Giant of Career Failure...  
Deuteronomy 31:6

David's Big Failures:

- Adultery and Murder (2 Samuel 11-12)
  - Family Soap Opera (2 Samuel 13-14)
  - Absalom's Rebellion (2 Samuel 15-18)
2. Samuel 22-1-4

4. Steps to Conquering the Giant of Failure

(Psalms where David is Facing Failure 3,23,38,51,52, 102)

1. Deal with the \_\_\_\_\_ of my Failure

- Psalm 3:1-2
- emotional Stages of Failure

Shock

Fear

Anger and Blame

Shame

Despair

- Philippians 3:13
- Hebrews 4:14-16

2. Draw \_\_\_\_\_-In the Midst of my Failure

- Psalm 51:10-12
- Deuteronomy 31:6

3. Determine \_\_\_\_\_ and learn from it

- Psalm 38:1&4
- Romans 8:28

4. Decide to \_\_\_\_\_ For my Life

- Psalm 37:23-24
- Proverbs 24:16
- Joshua 7:10

**Lord, we come to you in prayer for joy, comfort and healing for:**

The family of Joe Van Haaster who passed away on April 10th. The funeral will be on May 8th Visitation will begin at 10:00 A.M. with the service to begin at 11:00 A.M. A light lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the service. We will have all our safety precautions in place during the reception in the fellowship hall.

*Joy Wade's son Matt, Melody Lewis parents-Chuck and Jonel Ankrum, Corky Sullivan, Dick Wylie, Laurel Marchinowski* prayers for her son who is dealing with issues.

Sharon LeMaire, Lisa Armstrong recently hospitalized, Lee Fahrenkrug, Jack Oakley, Jim Hart hospitalized at Aurora Sinai in Milwaukee, Bob Fritz, Eric Schlieter, Neale Caflisch, Mary Jane Thompson, Kathy Bayer, Liz Roberts, Marilyn Nyberg, Vern & Ruth Brusewitz, John Siegel, recently had a medical procedure, others in need of healing, financial needs, continued prayers for all our members of our church family, our many unspoken prayers and our answered prayers. Continued prayers for the decline of people that are diagnosed with the Covid virus, and increase in the vaccinations series being completed and prayers for peace and safety for this county as we deal with the increased incidents of violence across the country. Prayers for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversary's in May



- 12 Haylee Albrecht
- 12 Barb Oakley
- 13 Caleb Flom
- 17 Carole Halverson
- 17 Kylee Olson
- 17 William Ropella
- 20 Jim Hart
- 22 John Johnson
- 22 Jill Steffek
- 23 Troy Mansfield
- 24 Gerald Desing
- 25 Ann Cheshire
- 26 A J Schuh
- 27 Elaine Guenther
- 28 Linda Fritz
- 29 Eric Schlieter

- 1 Ruth Wulgaert
- 1 Britney Bordeaux
- 1 Chris Bordeaux
- 1 Julie Caflisch
- 2 Ina Mae Rimmel
- 3 Tyler Robers
- 4 Gail Whiteside
- 8 Matthew Hoyman
- 9 Matthew Arndt
- 9 Clint Kemper
- 9 Dick Wylie

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5/11 Dick & Mary Ann Wylie
- 5/21 Michael & Jill Steffek
- 5/21 Duwayne and Geraldine Manteufel
- 5/25 Robert & Linda Fritz
- 5/21 John & Elizabeth Hall
- 5/27 Micah & Clairellyn Sommersmith



# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## Theme

Trusting God with our "failures"

## Scripture

In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. Proverbs 16:9



I have something this morning with which probably every one of you is familiar. They are called Post-It Notes. If you need to leave a note for someone, you can just write a note and stick it on their door. If you need to remind yourself of something you have to do, just write a Post-It note and stick it up in a place where you will be sure to see it. My computer in the church office has sticky notes that I use to remind me of things I need to do. Do you use Post-It notes at home to remind someone in your family to take out the trash, to go to the store. I don't know how we ever got along before Post-It notes were invented.

The Post-It Note was invented by the 3M company. That is the same company that makes Scotch tape. The Post-It Note is one of their best selling products and one of their most successful products ever, but did you know that it got its start with a failure? A scientist at 3M was working to try to improve the glue that they put on their tape so that it would stick better. He came up with a new formula for glue, but the new glue didn't stick very well at all. It would stick at first, but then it was very easily pulled off. He thought his new glue formula was a failure, but instead of throwing the formula in the trash, he decided to share it with others in the company and see if there might be some use for it. A man named Art Fry started trying the new glue in different ways and finally he came up with the idea for the Post-It Note. The rest is history! What started out to be a big failure for 3M turned out to be one of their greatest successes.

Sometimes the things we try to do in our lives don't turn out the way we thought they would. We were trying to do what we thought was best for us, but it just didn't work. When that happens, it is easy to just give up. Instead of giving up, what we need to do is turn it over to someone else. We need to turn it over to God! The Bible says that we plan our course, but the Lord directs our steps. Maybe we know where we want to go, but just can't seem to get there. If we will just put our faith and trust in Jesus, he will direct our steps. He can turn our failures into success.

Dear Lord, help us to remember that you can turn our failures into successes if we will trust in You.  
Amen.

## **ATTENDING WORSHIP**

The precautions will be continuing in our worship service

If you are planning on attending, please *RSVP* the church office.

Call the church office at 920-722-5842 or send a message that you are coming and how many others will be attending worship with you on Sunday. Attendance will be monitored so that worshippers can safely maintain social distancing during worship. We also have hand sanitizers, and face masks that should be used. If you have concerns, ideas, or questions regarding the safety precautions we have in place, contact the church office and we will forward your concerns and questions to the Health Team and the worship team leaders.

**Pastor Tim and the Administrative Council.**

**Sermons can be found on our web page.**

<https://www.faithchurchneenah.com>

*Click on the video button on the church's web page to see our videos and live streaming each Sunday for our worship Services. If you are having difficulty please leave a message at the church and we will get back to you and try to help. We will be live-streaming our services each Sunday on both YouTube and Facebook*

The sermon can also be heard on the radio station; WEMI 91.9 however, it is a week late.

You will receive a email from the church office shortly before the service begins. Click on the link that you will be provided and you will join the worship service on YouTube. If there is a problem with the streaming to our YouTube or Facebook page, there will be a delay in the download for about one hour or so after the service, so we can upload the file a different way. Once it is available, an email will be sent to those with an email address informing them that it is up on Facebook and YouTube and you will be able to access them.

If there are any questions, Bev will be available after the worship service either at the church or on her cell, please give her a call and she will help you. (church office: 920-722-5842 or my cell:739-5297).

On our web site, we have all our past worship services. If you want to listen or watch one of our past worship services, please check out our website.

Also, if you would like to see changes in our web site, please let the church office know.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### Quick Summary of March 2021 Financial Information

**Operating Fund** – March receipts were \$19,193; disbursements were \$31,558 for net disbursements of \$12,365. Year to date receipts were \$60,913; disbursements were \$75,232 for net disbursements of \$14,319. The Operating Fund balance was \$67,329 at January 1, 2021 and was \$53,009 at March 31, 2021.

**Building Fund** – March receipts were \$1,360; disbursements were \$1,230 for net receipts of \$130. Year to date receipts were \$6,488; disbursements were \$2,450 for net receipts of \$4,038. The Building Fund balance was \$2,275 at January 1, 2021 and was \$6,313 at March 31, 2021.

**Carpeting Fund** – March receipts were \$0. There were no disbursements. Year to date receipts were \$25. There were no disbursements. The Carpeting Fund balance was \$1,144 at January 1, 2021 and was \$1,169 at March 31, 2021.

**Unrestricted Cash Balances** – total \$117,533 as of March 31, 2021. The accounts are held at Investors Community Bank, Appleton, WI. Restricted Cash Balances – Pynch Memorial Fund – is \$10,080 as of March 31, 2021. Principal of \$10,000 is to be maintained forever. Earnings on the account are to be used for kitchen supplies and library materials. The account is held at Investors Community Bank, Appleton, WI.

**Mortgage Balance** – The mortgage balance on March 31, 2021 is \$40,815. Payments of \$610 are due on the 25th of each month. The mortgage is held by Investors Community Bank.

## **PARKING LOT REPAIR**

If you would like to be donate to “Our Parking lot Fund”, please drop off your donation in the baskets in the Narthex or mail it to the church. Please let us know if your donation is specifically for the parking lot.

You can also donate a basket for our Sunday School—basket silent auction. Check out the next page for details. If you have any questions please contact one of the Members of the trustee committee or the church office and we will try and answer your questions.

## **HELPING IN THE NURSERY DURING WORSHIP**

If you have an interest in being part of our nursery care team to be with the children, during worship service. We are working on the late spring and summer schedule. Please let the church office know if you have an interest. Our goal is to try and have enough volunteers to be in the nursery one Sunday per month.

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE HELPERS**

We are looking for helpers to give the children’s message on Sunday morning at worship. If anyone is interested to be part of the team, please contact Bev in the church office. We are working on the late spring and summer schedule.

## **COUNTERS NEEDED**

The finance committee is looking for additional counters to count the church offerings and prepare the deposit, on Monday mornings at 9:00 A.M. It takes about an hour for counting the offerings each Monday.

Do you have an hour to help do this important volunteer project? If you have an interest please contact the church office or one of the finance team members.

## **Upper Room Available**

The Upper Room is available in the church office.

If you are interested in a copy for the month of May and June, please let the church office know and we will send you a copy or you can stop by the church office and pick one up. We have a small and large print versions.





**WHO:** The Family is a live, local, non-denominational and listener-supported Wisconsin radio ministry featuring contemporary Christian music, encouraging messages, and community mission outreach projects. We partner with you in reaching out to our communities with the music, message, and ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**WHY:** We are listener supported, and need help spreading the word about our annual spring fundraiser!

**OUR MISSION:** The Family broadcasts the hope of Jesus Christ to strengthen and encourage listeners.

The Family Radio Network asks for your prayers and support during their annual Spring Fundraiser, May 3-7. A Wisconsin radio ministry, they're non-denominational and listener-supported, featuring contemporary Christian music and programs. Their "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive annually supports more than 80 crisis programs in 19 communities, serving 80,000 people. Help them introduce Jesus to those who are "One Step Away" from Him. To make a gift or pledge of support call 800-236-9364 or visit [SupportTheFamily.net](http://SupportTheFamily.net) **Thank you!**

Heidi Prah

Donor & Community Relations, *Help for the Homeless* Event Coordinator

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## **SPRING FLING– FUND RAISER—Brat and hamburger Fry**

**May 16, 2021 after Worship—Outside or “take home orders” will be available**

In the past we've had some sort of a social/ spring fling at the close of the Sunday school term. Last year was a wash, but we're moving ahead!

The children/youth/ family ministries were brain storming about what to do to help fund the churches parking lot face lift fund. The trustee's are already planning for it to be done this spring or summer.

Remember the days of "Food, fun and fellowship" that we as a congregation have enjoyed numerous times? How about a brat and hamburger fry, chips, and ice cream for 10.00\$! Sounds great doesn't it? In addition to the food and fellowship, we need some fun to go with it. Bingo!! A Basket Raffle/ Silent Auction! Sadly it's been a while since our last auction. You'll need to put your thinking cap on, and come up with a basket to entice the congregation to purchase! Be creative with your content choice. Need some ideas...kitchen, kids inside or outside fun, pets, food, gardening, movies, cleaning supplies, treats or cookies...the wheels are already turning! If making a basket isn't your thing, donations are always another appreciated option. All proceeds will be going to the parking lot fund.

**May 16 is the date**, and pray for good weather so we can be outside. Carry out will also be available. ***The baskets can start coming in at anytime, and will be on display in the narthex.*** A bidding sheet will be with your basket. May 16th isn't that far off, so get thinking! What a fun event this will be for us all!

*What kind of basket can I make? Hmmmmm....*

*If you have any questions you can get in touch with Bev in the office, or call Mr. Ball. More info will follow in the weeks to come.*

Be a part of our “thank you team”

Recognize our teachers during this Sunday School year and help us keep God's church and grounds in good repair”

If you would like to check out our baskets that are at the church and are not able to be in worship, but would still like to bid on the baskets, check out the next page, we have pictures of the baskets.

There is still time to bring in your basket. We are hoping to have the baskets here before the 16th of May so that everyone can stop and take a look at what we have available.

As of 4/27—Silent Auction Baskets.



Inspirational Basket



Tool box



ASSORTMENT OF TEAS



Everything for your favorite Cat



Kid's Basket



Basket with pasta and wines.

## SERMON TITLES

Month of : May 2021

May 2, 2021

The Giant of Failure

Deuteronomy 31:6

May 9, 2021

The Giant of Illness

Psalms 41:3

May 16, 2021

The Giant of Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13

Begin new series:

Piercing the Tongue (5 Weeks)

May 23, 2021

The P.O.W.E.R of Words

Proverbs 18:21

James 3:8-10

Matthew 15:11

May 30, 2021

The Art of Confrontation

Proverbs 27:6

II Samuel 12:1-14



## Sunday School

children, youth & adults

Weekly - BIBLE STUDIES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTER Worship

The classes will begin shortly after  
worship approximately

9:45 A.M. — 10:30 A.M.

**Nursery class: Room 106**

**Ages 2 years— 4 years**

**Julie Caflisch, Michelle Woodard**

**Pre – K -Kindergarten — 1st grade**

**Bev Pezewski Room 104**

**Second—Fourth Grade**

**Kurt VanHandel Room 207**

**5th grade—12th Grade**





**Dan Duff Library**

**Adult Sunday School class**

**Room 204**

***“The Book of Esther”***

# May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 A.M.Worship 9:45 Sunday School	3	4	5 	6	7	8
9  9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 Sunday School	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 A.M.Worship 9:45 Sunday School Brat Fry & basket Silent Auction	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:00 A.M.Worship 9:45 Sunday School	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 A.M.Worship	31 					



### DECORATING FOR PENTECOST

We will be decorating the church with Geraniums for Pentecost, May 23, 2021.

If you would like to contribute a plant, the price per plant is \$13.00. Please fill out the form below and put it, along with your payment, in the envelope marking it "Flower Fund."

Thank you!

***The deadline for ordering is Sunday 9th of May... So please get your order in as soon as possible.***

You may pick up your geraniums anytime after the service on May 23rd and the ones that are going to remain will be planted in the planter by the carport.

Fill out your order below and drop it off with your check in the offering baskets or send your order to the church office.

We want to include everyone those who are able to come to worship and those who are unable to come. We will make sure that if you want your geraniums, we will get them to you.

Number of Geraniums \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 each: Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will not be taking the plant home. They can be planted  
In the church flower beds.