

By Faith



Faith United Methodist Church—

Newsletter for month of: April

Midweek connection April 1, 2021

Sunday Bulletin April 4, 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

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

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**Faith United Methodist
Church**
1025 Tullar Rd
Neenah, WI 54956

Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
Sunday School
(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

April 2021

Faith Church Friends,

What a difference a year makes. Last year we were getting ready for Easter to an empty sanctuary at church. This year we can get ready to worship in a sanctuary at church!

During this Lenten season we looked at four people who were at the cross with Jesus. If you recall it was the Roman Soldier, Mary Magdalene, Jesus mother Mary, and the condemned criminal. In reflecting on the personalities of these four, we find ourselves in one of them. What a blessing that our Lord welcomes us in so many different ways.

On Palm Sunday as Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the question was asked, how are you going to welcome the King into your life?

As we get ready for Easter Sunday, the tomb is still empty. God's promises are true! Jesus' death and resurrection has emptied our lives of sin. Jesus' death and resurrection has emptied our lives of those things that gnaw at us most and not seen by others. Things like jealousy, anger, envy, regret, and etc. Like the four people we looked at during Lent, we have the opportunity to experience Jesus and lay our concerns at the foot of the cross. Then let Jesus take them upon himself and we can be freed of whatever is troubling us. Like those on Good Friday and those on Easter morning we get to discover that Jesus is alive, and he is who he says he is.

Let's celebrate this gift, this Easter!

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

SERMON TITLES

Month of : APRIL

April 1, Maundy Thursday

Keepers of the Feast

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10)11-14

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 3:1-17, 31-35

April 2, Good Friday

The Voices of Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:23

Psalm 22

John 18:19

April 4, Easter

Losing Jesus

John 20:1-19

New series: Conquering the Giants (6 weeks)

April 11, 2021

The Giant of Fear

Romans 8:31

April 18, 2021

The Giant of Finances

Luke 12:34

April 25, 2021

The Giant of Career

Colossians 3:23

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 Ruth

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.

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.

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WORSHIP SERVICE
Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021 9:00 A.M.

Prelude:

Welcome:

Call to Worship:

Opening Hymn: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Children's Message

Bev Pezewski

Prayer:

Special Music: "Hallelujah!" (from Handel's Messiah)

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "Losing Jesus"

Sacrament of Holy communion

Closing Hymn: "To God be the Glory" (vs 1,3)"

Benediction:

Losing Jesus”

John 20:1-18

1. Anxious and Nervous

- the first Easter Proclamation is filled with _____ and _____

2. Does not want to lose Jesus again

3. Jesus response to Mary

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

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

Sharon LeMaire healing following surgery, Lisa Armstrong, Lee Fahrenkrug, Jack Oakley, Jim Hart is hospitalized at ThedaCare Neenah, Bob Fritz, Eric Schlieter, Neale Caflisch, Kathy Bayer, Liz Roberts, Marilyn Nyberg, Vern & Ruth Brusewitz, Mary Jane Thompson, Joe VanHaaster as he continues to adjust to an assisted living facility, for others in need of healing, financial needs, continued prayers for all our members of our church family, and our many unspoken prayers. Prayers for continued decline in the number of Covid cases, and increase in the number of the vaccinations series being completed. Prayers for continued peace and safety, and for all people working together across the country.

The Spring Flowers in the sanctuary have been given by members of the congregation in honor or in memory of loved ones.

Hugh & Mary Davies—in memory of our parents

Neil & Julie Caflisch — in memory of our parents

Judy & Charles Blezek — in memory of family and friends

Laurel Marchinowski — in memory of Leonard & Hazel Jawort

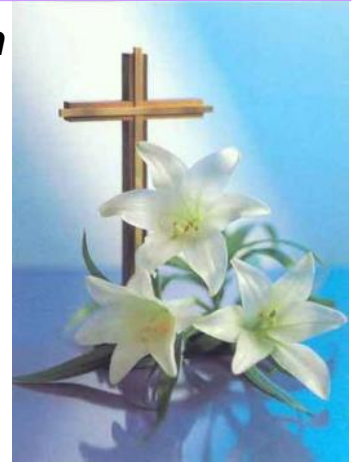
In honor of Ruth & Vern Brusewitz and Ginny Shepard

Loree Johnston-LaChey - in memory of Charles Johnston

in honor of Charlotte & Stephanie LaChey

Merry Beverlin —in memory of Ken, Caleb and Josh

Bev Pezewski —in memory of my parents and grandparents



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. If you have any questions please contact one of the members of the committee or the church office and we will try and answer your questions.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We will be recording our

Maundy Thursday Services

April 2, 2021.

An email will be sent to everyone once the video is up on Facebook and YouTube.

The plan is to have it available by 3:00 P.M.

Good Friday Services

April 2nd. at 5:00 P.M.

We will have in-Person Good Friday services

We will also livestreaming to Facebook and YouTube.

Information about the link to YouTube will be sent shortly before the service begins.

LAWN CUTTING TEAM

Soon it will be time to begin cutting of the lawn at the church. If you are interested in being part of the lawn mowing team, please contact the church office. We are putting the schedule for lawn cutting together for the spring and summer of 2021 and if you would like to share your free time with our lawn mower and the grass, please let the church office.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

As we move into spring and Summer, we are going to continue our “children’s Messages” during the worship time.

If anyone would like to join our team during worship leading the “children’s Message”, please contact Bev in the church office.

Miss Bev

COUNTERS NEEDED

The finance committee is looking for additional counters to count the church offerings on Monday morning at 9:00 A.M. It takes about an hour and a half for counting the offerings each Monday. Do you have a few hours that you could help do this important volunteer project? If you have an interest please contact Bev Pezewski in the church office

APRIL Birthdays

4/3 Kathy Bayer
4/7 Jim Armstrong
4/9 Dan Barker
4/12 Diane Knoll
4/13 Levi VanHandel
4/14 Ardis Lyons
4/14 Matthew Roos
4/15 Emily Kemper
4/17 Jim Lyons
4/17 Alicia VanHandel
4/19 Lyn Steffens
4/21 Hannah Bordeaux
4/22 Clairellyn Sommersmith
4/22 John Siegel
4/27 Jason Barber
4/29 Jayden Walters

Anniversaries

4/6 Michelle & Brian Woodard
4/10 Joanne & Terry Ball



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!

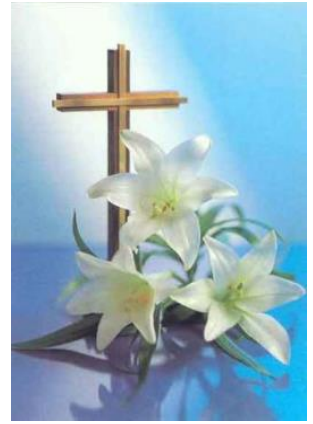
What kind of basket can I make? Hmmmmm....

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Mary Magdalene with to the disciples with the news: " I have seen the Lord!"
And she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:18



Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. She found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and another disciple, whose name was John. She told them, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!"

Peter and John started out for the tomb. They were both running, but John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed -- for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then they went home.

Mary stayed behind and stood outside the tomb weeping. As she knelt down and looked inside, she saw two angels dressed in white. They asked her why she was crying. She told them that someone had taken her master and she didn't know where they had taken him. Then, Mary turned and saw a man standing behind her. It was Jesus, but Mary did not recognize Him. She thought he was the gardener. Then Jesus called her by name and, when she heard his voice, she recognized Him. After she saw that it was Jesus, she went to the disciples and said to them, "I've just seen Jesus! He is alive!"

Some people, like Mary, Peter, and John can't see Jesus because they are looking for Him in a grave or on a cross. He isn't there! He is risen and is seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven. If you want to see Jesus, look in His Word, He will reveal Himself to you, just as He did to Mary!

Dear God, we thank you that Jesus, our Savior, is not in a grave. He is alive! We serve a risen Savior! Hallelujah! Amen.