# **By Faith**

The Monthly Newsletter Faith United Methodist Church—





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### The Monthly Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church

November 2019

Greetings,

For the months of October and November we have been looking at a sermon series, Experiencing God. The subtitle is How to know and do the will of God, there is also a study group that has been meeting to go with the series.

In order to know and do the will of God one has to be able to see where God is at work and then be willing to join him in His work. We run into problems when our plans and God's plans do not mesh. We fall back to making excuses. We justify not joining God because we say that we are busy. There are several things about being busy. One, being busy does not always mean being effective. The other is, are you busy about the right thing? We also like to say we are not gifted or our gifts are not that great. Please remember that the God who spoke creation into existence has created you with gifts and talents that were especially designed only for you to be used for his purposes. That means that you are special!

As we are coming to the end of another year, the days are getting shorter, and the holiday's will soon be coming too. Sometimes we have a tendency to get a little down. However, if we are knowing and doing the will of God, there is a peace that only God can give by being obedient to him. And, obedience is the outward expression of our love for God.

See you in church,

Pastor Tim



November 3, 2019 Listening When God Speaks John 16:13

November 10, 2019 Navigating My Crisis of Belief Hebrews 11:6

November 17, 2019 Adjusting My Life to God's Will Romans 12:1-2

November 24, 2019 Experiencing God In My Daily Life John 14:23

November 27, 2019 Thanksgiving Eves Services will be at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



<u>Sunday School</u> <u>children, youth & adults</u> <u>10:15 A.M.—11:15 A.M.</u> <u>Weekly - BIBLE STUDIES</u> Sunday School Classes

2-3 year old - Nursery Julie Caflisch & Michelle Woodard

4K/Kindergarten—1st grade Bev Pezewski

2nd-5th grade Kurt VanHandel & Ken Gellerstedt

Senior High 6th-12th grades Dan Duff

2 adult classes

#### **ADULT CLASSES**

Relying on God's Holy Spirit (Charles Stanley) Gary Reiter

A Life God Rewards (Bruce Wilkenson) Mary Muthig

**Bible Studies**—

"Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby". Wednesday's 1:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. *Pastor Tim* 

Agape Bible Study Thursday evenings at 6:30 P.M.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 Ruth Bloy
- 11/3 Mya Halverson
- 11/5 Scott Williams
- 11/7 Kevin Schuh
- 11/7 Nola Sell
- 11/10 Carter Albrecht
- 11/11 Michael Sell
- 11/13 Kris Robers
- 11/14 Liz Severson
- 11/15 Neale Caflisch
- 11/21 Kyle Flom
- 11/21 Andrew Roos
- 11/23 Rowan Barber
- 11/27 Brylee Gidloff



If you know of a birthday or anniversary that was missed, please let the office know so we can be sure our database is correct. Thank You!

# Wedding Anniversaries

During the month of November

9th Lorenzo & Debbie De La Cruz

10th Russ & Margie Hintze

14th Jack & Barb Oakley

16th Timothy & Lori Albrecht



#### 2019NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DATES

\*\* The deadline for newsletter articles will be the 25th of each month. An email will be sent out to the Ministry team leaders prior to the 25th The church office will be sure to advise of any changes to this schedule. You can either email your information to Bev Pezewski or you can drop the information in the mailbox in the church office Thank you

Please let the office know if there is anything else you would like to see added to the monthly newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith United Methodist Church, please contact the church office.

**<u>REMINDER</u>**: If you are currently receiving the newsletter either via email or through the U.S. postal service and no longer wish to receive it, please contact the church office and let us know and we will remove your name from our distribution list. If you would like to change how you are receiving the newsletter please let the church office know.

#### CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Have you changed **your** address, telephone number or e-mail address Please complete your card on Sunday with all the changes or contact the church office. This will help us keep the directory up to date. If you have any questions, please let the church office know.

GREETERS SCHEDULE
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Narthex/Sanctuary Entrance

Nov 3 Ginny Shepard & Bruce Marchinowski

Nov 10 Evie Gau & Mary Davies

Nov 17 Gary & Charlene Reiter

Nov 24 Marly Divver & Merry Beverlin

#### MONTH OF: November 2019

#### **Education Wing Entrance**

Judy Schwandt & Diana Vieth

Cindy & Mary Muthig

Todd & Cindy Boelter

## Howard & Sally Stefens

#### JOINT THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Gloria Dei Lutheran church will be hosting the Tullar Road joint Thanksgiving Eve worship service this year. We will be joining their congregation on Wednesday evening November 28th and members of both church choirs will be singing. We will provide you with updated information as it becomes available.

#### SENIORS OF FAITH - November 21, 2019

Plan to join the Seniors of Faith for an interesting program followed by dessert on November 21. The program, presented by Scott Peeples, begins at 1:00. Scott is the Senior Director of Community Engagement for Pillars Adult Shelter, formerly the Fox Valley Warming Shelter. Contact Merry Beverlin (920-470-2954) by November 18 if you are going to be there.

#### North East District Circuit — Charge Conference MEETING

Our annual charge conference will be held on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the sanctuary. This will be our church only with Pastor Gordon Lind presiding. If you have any concerns or questions please contact the church office for details. Hope to see you at the conference.

#### CALL FOR REPORTS

We are asking for "year-end reports" from each team leader and committee chairperson. While we will not be presenting them at the charge conference we will be creating an "end of year report" for the congregation to have the information. Once the he reports the church office will gather them together and prepare the report. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bev in the church office. Thank you for your help on this project.



*Lord, we come to You in prayer for:* Ursula Scharrschmidt, Bob Fritz, Kathy Bayer, Susan & John Johnson, Jerry Vieth, Liz Roberts, Joe VanHaaster, Elaine Paulson, Mary Jane Thompson, Marilyn Nyberg, and for those with on going medical concerns, financial concerns, our shut ins and those in need of healing; and our many unspoken prayers.

And a special prayer to our men and women in uniform, past, present and future and their families on Veterans Day, November 11th. God bless you and thank you for serving.



#### Think Snow (It's Coming)

During the 2018-2019 winter season, we were caught off guard with the amount and frequency of the snowfall that hit the Fox Valley area. Our snowplowing costs topped \$11,000, well exceeding the normal average and wiping out the snowplowing budget very early.

At the last Finance Committee meeting, options were discussed as to how we prepare for the potential of a repeat in the 2019-2020 winter season. The committee decided to set up a special fund and accept second mile giving contributions (these donations should not take the place of your normal offering) to the fund. All monies designated for the snow plow fund will be used to cover those costs and hopefully limit the adverse effects to the operating budget that we experienced last winter. You can designate any portion of your offering that you would like to commit to the snow plow fund right on your giving envelope. Thanks for your consideration to contribute to this special fund!

#### WEMI NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

The Family asks for your prayers and support during their annual Fall Fundraiser, November 4-8. A Northeast/Central Wisconsin radio ministry, they are non-denominational and listener-supported, featuring contemporary Christian music and programs. Their "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive supports more than 80 crisis programs annually in 15 communities, serving 70,000 people. To make a pledge of support, volunteer to help answer pledge phones, or pray for the prayer requests that are called in during the event please call 800-236-9364. Pledge or donate on-line at SupportThe-Family.net <u>Thank you!</u>

#### FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSALS

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." - Psalm 95:1. The Faithful Singers, Faith Church's adult choir, meet weekly

6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays in the choir room, Room 201.

Membership is open to all adults and high school age youth, and new members are always welcome. No prior choral experience or training is required or expected, only a love of singing and a willingness to offer your time and attention at rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Micah by email at <u>msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com</u> or by cell phone at 765.993.7019.

#### Technology Ministry

If anyone is interested and enjoys working with computers, we will be looking for helpers to work with our audio-visual equipment on Sundays and for special worship services. We have a new digital sound board and are in need of additional people to learn how to work with the new board and projection. Would you like to be part of the team—please contact Dave Jannusch.

### Daylight Savings Time Ends—November 3rd

# Please remember to set your clocks *back* an hour on Saturday night November 2 when you go to bed.

To remember which way to set your watch, keep in mind *"spring forward, fall back."* You set your clock forward in the spring when DST starts (lose one hour), and back one hour in the fall when DST ends (regain one hour).





#### POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Starting November 3, 2019, there will be a forms in each Sunday bulletin for ordering Poinsettias, to help decorate the church for the holiday season and to take with you for your celebrations at home. If you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia—watch for the form, fill it out and put it in the offering baskets. Our order has to be in by December 2nd, 2019

We will be working with the decorating team and the florist and will let you know in the midweek when the flowers will be ordered so that they can be available when the decorating team wants to

decorate for the Christmas Holidays.

#### The Pillars—Giving Trees

Again this year, the church will be participating in the Pillars "Giving Tree" donation drive. This drive will be held between November 24th and December 18th. We have been a collection site for the Pillars for several years and we will continue again this year. Watch for the trees and the ornaments. They should be up shortly......

#### FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

#### Friday - CLOSED

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! That in all they/we do, we would honor God and His will for the church.

#### Quick Summary of Sept 2019 Financial Information

**Operating Fund** – Sept receipts were \$21,264; disbursements were \$20,427 for net receipts of \$837.

Year to date receipts were \$207,298; disbursements were \$207,220 for net disbursements of \$98 The Operating Fund balance was \$6,196 at January 1, 2019 and was \$6,274 at Sept 30, 2019.

**Building Fund –** Sept receipts were \$853; disbursements were \$1020 for net disbursements of \$167.

Year to date receipts were \$10,078; disbursements were \$9,180 for net receipts of \$898. The Building Fund balance was \$9,965 at January 1, 2019 and was \$10,859 at Sept 30, 2019. Carpeting Fund – Sept receipts were \$20. There were no disbursements. Year to date receipts were \$305. There were no disbursements. The Carpeting Fund balance was \$434 at January 1, 2019 and was \$739 at Sept 30, 2019.

**Unrestricted Cash Balances** – total \$74,478 as of Sept 30, 2019. The accounts are held at Investors

Community Bank, Appleton, WI.

**Restricted Cash Balances** – Pynch Memorial Fund – is \$10,073 as of Sept 30, 2019. 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 Sept 30, 2019 is \$71,929. Payments of \$1,020 (principal

and interest at 4.750 percent) are due on the 25th of each month. The final payment is due September 25, 2020. The mortgage is held by Investors Community Bank.

#### Thanksgiving Top Ten List



#### - We have much for which to be thankful"

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalms 100:4 (NIV)

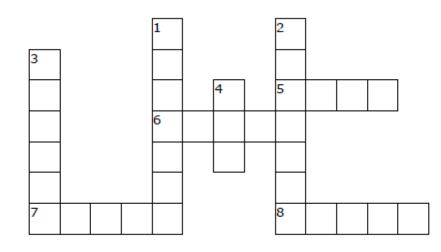
Do you enjoy working puzzles? I do, I especially enjoy word puzzles and I have a word search puzzle this morning. At the end of the children's sermon this morning, I will give each of you one of these puzzles so that you can find all of the words that are hidden in there. The title of the puzzle is "My Thanksgiving List." I looked at all of the things on this list and made another list. It is a list of the top ten things for which I am thankful. Your top ten list might be different from mine, but here is my Thanksgiving Top Ten List.

- 1. My house there are many people in this world today who have no place to live. Many of them sleep on park benches and under bridges.
- 2. Food we always have plenty to eat at our house. Many people don't. Every day as I drive home from work, I see people standing beside the road holding a sign that says, "Will work for food."
- 3. Clothes I never have to worry about whether there will be clothes in my closet for me to put on each day. Many people only have the clothes that they are wearing.
- 4. Health I am thankful that I am blessed with good health. Many people have a serious illness which keeps them from enjoying a full and happy life.
- 5. My country I am thankful that I live in a country where I enjoy great freedom. In many countries you don't have much freedom. In some countries you can be put in prison, or even put to death, for telling others about Jesus.
- 6. Teachers I am thankful for the teachers that I have had in school and in church who have taught me the things I needed to know to live a happy and successful life.
- 7. Friends I am thankful for my many friends. In times of trouble, I have always had friends who were there to help me.
- 8. Family I am thankful for my family. God has given me a wonderful wife and son and many other family members whom I love very much.
- 9. Parents I am thankful that God blessed me with wonderful parents who loved me, cared for me, and taught me about Jesus and his love.
- 10. Jesus Jesus is number one on the list of things for which I am thankful. No one ever loved me like Jesus. He loved me so much that he was willing to die on a cross so that I can have everlast-ing life. Thank you, Jesus.

Well, that is my top ten list. I have been given much. The Bible says that God blesses us and gives us much so that we may show our thanks by sharing it with others. I hope that this Thanksgiving, we will share what God has given us with those who do not have as much as we do.

Dear Lord, thank you for all of your rich blessings. Help us to share what you have given us with those who are less fortunate than we are. Amen.

# Grossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

- A short piece of music that is sung
- To talk or exclaim in a very loud voice
- 7. A small animal with a wooly coat
- 8. The planet where people live

#### DOWN

- 1. To express one's love and adoration for God
- A field covered with grass where animals eat
- 3. An expression of appreciation
- 4. A feeling of great happiness

WORSHIP	SONG	JOY	THANKS
PASTURE	EARTH	SHOUT	SHEEP



Psalm 100



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SONGS	PASTURE	GLADNESS	GATES	PRAISE

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4









Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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WORSHIP	THANKS	LOVE	SHOUT



## November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:15 A.M. Sunday School 9:00 A.M. Worship Service	4	5 UMC - North East District Charge Conference at 6:30 P.M. in the sanctuary	6 1:30 & 6:30 PM. Bible Study "Experiencing God" 6:30 PM Faithful Singers Choir Rehearsals	7 Agape Bible Study 6:30 P.M.	8	9
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24 10:15 A.M. Sunday School 9:00 A.M. Worship Service	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 6:00 P.M.	28	29	30

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