

By Faith

The Monthly Newsletter
Faith United Methodist Church—



Month of
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**Faith United Methodist
Church**

1025 Tullar Rd

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Sunday Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

(for all ages)

The Monthly Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church

September 2019

Greetings Friends of Faith,

As I write this letter, summer is unofficially over. The calendar will say there is still some time left. However, with school starting and the program year starting at church we switch into the fall mode.

I look forward to the program year for 2019-2020. We will be taking new members in September. We will start a new sermon series on September 8th, entitled Back on Track. In October and November we will be looking at Experiencing God, and then it will be Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, New Years, and the Packers in the Super Bowl!

There are many great and exciting things happening at Faith Church. It is my hope you will be excited too. Because God is not done with us yet and growing in faith, in his word, and trusting in him through the Holy Spirit, we can be a witness and a source of unchanging strength in these chaotic times.

See you in church!

Pastor Tim

September

What is Your Legacy?

Jeremiah 2:4-13

New Series: **Back On Track**

September 8, 2019

My Morning: Getting Started Right

Jeremiah 15:19

September 15, 2019

My Day: Taking God to Work

Colossians 3:23

September 22, 2019

My Night: Ending My Day With
God

Psalms 4:8

September 29, 2019

My Sunday: Making Sunday A Day
of Worship

Psalms 122:1

for children, youth & adults

10:15 A.M.—11:15 A.M.

Weekly - BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday School Classes

starting in September 8th 2019

2-3-4 year old - Nursery

Julie Caflisch

4K/Kindergarten—2nd grade

Bev Pezewski

3rd—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

Agape Bible Study

Thursday Evenings 6:30 P.M.

Senior Bible Study — to be
determined



9/6 Evan Ball
 9/6 Mary Muthig
 9/11 Dawn Barker
 9/13 Gary Tipton
 9/13 Gail Ellenbecker
 9/14 Gayla Lamers
 9/15 Brenda Schuh
 9/15 Dick Raleigh
 9/16 Mary Davies
 9/18 Jude Gellerstedt
 9/18 Michael Arndt
 9/27 Madeline Arndt
 9/28 Bobbie Olson
 9/30 Vern Brusewitz
 9/30 Diana Vieth



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.



Wedding Anniversaries

During the month of September

Chris & Tish Bordeaux	9/9
Gary & Charlene Reiter	9/14
Randy & Heidi Kuehl	9/21
Charles & Sharon Bucholtz	9/22

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.

REMINDER: 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

Have you changed **your address, telephone number or e-mail address**? Please complete your card on Sunday with all the changes.

9/8 Cindy & Mary Muthig
9/15 Todd & Cindy Boelter
9/22 Howard & Sally Steffens
9/29 Char Kryszak & Geraldine Manteufel

Evie Gau & Mary Davies
Gary & Charlene Reiter
Marly Divver & Merry Beverlin
Julie Beck & Ann Cheshire

Work Day at Church

The Trustee team is planning a work day at the church. This work day will be to help with various projects, such as painting, taking down cobwebs in the corners, fixing items that need fixing, cleaning areas of God's church. Would you be able to help and take a day out of your schedule to help the trustees maintain the church. If you would like to be part of the "work day" at the church, please contact a member of the trustee Committee.

The date hasn't been set, but after we talk to those interested a day will be picked. Can you help..... ?

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS

Again, this year, the education team is putting together simple snacks for the youth to enjoy during their Sunday School time. We are looking for snacks for our - snack cupboard. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Here are some examples: Fish crackers, Fruit snacks, granola bars, cheese and crackers, Rice Krispy treats, Teddy Grahams are a few of the snacks they have had in the past. If there is something your child would like as a treat, or have any questions,

COINS FOR OUR COMPASSION CHILD

If you haven't picked up a baby food jar for collecting your pennies, dimes and nickels there is still time. The jars can be found in a basket in the Narthex. On the 29th of September we will be collecting "coins" The money raised supports our compassion child each year. This is one of the Sunday School mission projects. Will you be able to help this year?



SENIORS OF FAITH

On September 19th, we will be gathering for lunch at The Red Ox 2318 South Oneida Street 11:30A.M. We will not be carpooling. Make reservations before the 16th of September by calling 722-9049 or 264-7522 Ginny Shepard.

Lord, we come to You in prayer for: Bob Fritz, Jim Wade, Kathy Bayer, Susan & John Johnson, Diana & Jerry Vieth, Liz Roberts, Elaine Paulson,

session is September 9 - November 13. Cost is \$35. Registration and full details are available online at www.inspired-journey.com.

Revelation Senior Fitness for adults 55+ focuses on age-related changes in functional ability to improve bone strength and boost quality of life.

Mondays, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Soul Moves Therapeutic Stretch for adults is a low-impact exercise using controlled postures and breathing techniques to improve flexibility and strength.

Mondays 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, or Wednesdays 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Sola Gratia Christian fitness with a Latin beat infuses God's Word into the dance party while toning and strengthening legs, glutes and core.

Mondays or Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

Pamela Hart

Program Director

Inspired Journey, LLC



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 msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com 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. If you are interested, please contact

Dave Jannusch.

Are you a Lay Servant, Certified Lay Servant, or Certified Lay Speaker? Are you interested in developing your spiritual gifts? The Northeast District is offering five classes held at the same time!

To register, please email the teacher of the class you'd like to attend to introduce yourself and give your contact information. A link for the book you will need to purchase for that class is provided below each teacher's name. Please register with your teacher and purchase your book no later than Monday October 21, 2019. Both days must be attended in order to earn credit toward Lay Servant Certifications.

Basic Class. This is the foundational class to become a Lay Servant and learn more about your gifts and opportunities to use them as a servant leader.

Teachers: Pastors Laura Riemer okaranda@yahoo.com and Robb McClintock, pas-tor@bethanygreenbay.org

Book: <https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/DR626/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participants-book.aspx>

Preaching Class. This is one of 6 advanced classes required to become a Certified Lay Servant or Speaker (or anyone wanting specialized training) to help develop a deeper understanding and practice of preaching.

Teachers: Pastor Amy Powell and Ron Powell powellmama@gmail.com

Book: <https://www.cokesbury.com/From-Pew-to-Pulpit-1>

Polity Class. This is one of 6 advanced classes required to become a Certified Lay Servant or Speaker (or anyone wanting specialized training) that helps explain the why and how United Methodists are so "methodical" in our "holy conferencing" and are connected beyond the local church to improve and increase our witness to the world.

Teacher: Pastor David Leistra. PastorLeistra@gmail.com

Book: <https://www.cokesbury.com/product/9781426767173/the-method-of-our-mission/?rank=0&txtSearchQuery=the+method+of+our+mission>

Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century. This is an advanced class for Certified Lay Speakers or anyone wanting specialized training to start and/or lead ministry to older adults that helps foster growth in their faith and fruitfulness.

Teacher: Barbara Mamorow. wmamerow@juno.com

Book: <https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/DR540/aging-and-ministry-in-the-21st-century.aspx>

Heritage (History) Class. This is one of 6 advanced classes required to become a Certified Lay Servant or Speaker (or anyone wanting specialized training) to help develop a deeper understanding of the history of the Methodist Church.

Teachers: Pastor Rebecca Voss pastorrebeccavoss@gmail.com and Markus Wegenast mwegenast@appfumc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF



JOIN A SUNDAY CLASS

This fall

CLASSES ARE

10:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.

Starting September 8, 2019

Please join us.....

CHILDREN CLASSES

2 year old – 4 year old – Room 106

Julie Caflisch & Michelle Woodard

4K-2nd grade - Room – Room 104

Bev Pezewski (This class may change to 4K—first grade)

3rd grade – 5th grade - Room 208

Kurt Van Handel & Ken Gellerstedt

6th grade – 12th grade - Room 207

Dan Duff

ADULT CLASSES

A Life God Rewards – (Bruce Wilkinson)

Room 202

Gary Reiter

Relying on God's Holy Spirit (Charles Stanley)

Room 204

Mary Muthig

Senior bible Study - To be Announced

If you would like to help with a class or be a substitute

Please see Miss Bev.....





We are going to have our old annual car wash & Brat Fry on **September 8th**. It is going to be called our “Kick off to Sunday School” If people want to stay until after Sunday School, we will be cooking brats and hamburgers, calico beans, with chips, cookies, and a drink”. For those who don’t want to stay until after Sunday School, we will have food available to take home after worship. The cost of the Brats and the “fixings’ will be \$10.00 or a donation. If you just want your car washed the cost will be \$10.00. The funds we raise will support the children and youth’s adventures and programs for this coming year. Please join us for a picnic and have your car washed at the same time. Support our Children and youth of Faith Church. If anyone would like to help, please see Bev after worship. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.



Our next family ministry adventure will be to Bay Beach The plan is to go there on September 29th. Watch for details in the Midweek connection and Sunday bulletin.

In October we will take our annual trip to Mulberry Farm for our “visit with the animals and the children can pick up their pumpkin.



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



PICTURES FROM THE FAMILY
MINISTRY TRIP TO THE ZOO



Operating Fund – July receipts were \$11,224; disbursements were \$18,166 for net receipts of \$12,721. Year to date receipts were \$170,817; disbursements were \$160,995 for net receipts of \$9,822 The Operating Fund balance was \$6,196 at January 1, 2019 and was \$16,017 at July 31, 2019.

Building Fund – June receipts were \$1,224; disbursements were \$1020 for net receipts of \$204. Year to date receipts were \$8,990; disbursements were \$7,140 for net receipts of \$1,850. The Building Fund balance was \$9,965 at January 1, 2019 and was \$11,812 at July 31, 2019.

Carpeting Fund – July receipts were \$40. There were no disbursements. Year to date receipts were \$265. There were no disbursements. The Carpating Fund balance was \$434 at January 1, 2019 and was \$689 at July 31, 2019.

Unrestricted Cash Balances – total \$85,320 as of July 31, 2019. The accounts are held at Investors Community Bank, Appleton, WI.

Restricted Cash Balances – Pynch Memorial Fund – is \$10,068 as of July 31, 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 July 31, 2019 is \$73,369. 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.

for I am with you and will rescue you, Declares the Lord. Jeremiah 1:7-8

" "I just can't do it!" Have you ever said that? Of course you have, we have all said that at one time or another. Maybe you said it when the soccer coach asked you to take the penalty shot that would win the game, or when your piano teacher asked you to play a difficult piece on a recital. Maybe it was when the teacher called on you to give a book report in front of the whole class.

Jacob was a good student. Oh, he wasn't the smartest kid in class, but he worked hard and made pretty good grades. His worst subject was arithmetic. Addition and subtraction didn't give him any trouble, but when it came to long division, he just didn't get it. One day as he sat struggling with his assignment, he finally threw down his pencil and cried out in frustration, "I just can't do it!" His teacher, Mrs. Davis, smiled at Jacob and said, "Can't never could do anything. Here, let me help you." Mrs. Davis went over to Jacob's desk and showed him step by step what he had to do to solve the problem. With his teacher's help, suddenly long division didn't seem so hard after all.

Our Bible lesson today is about a man named Jeremiah. One day, God spoke to Jeremiah and said, "Before you were even born, I chose you to be my prophet to all the nations."

Jeremiah answered, "I can't! I'm not a good speaker, and besides, I'm too young."

"Don't say 'I can't'" the LORD answered Jeremiah. "If I tell you to go and speak to someone, then go! And when I tell you what to say, don't leave out a word!" Then the LORD reached out his hand, and touched Jeremiah's mouth and said, "I am giving you the words to say, and I am sending you with authority to speak to the nations for me."

There will be times in your life when God will come to you, as he did to Jeremiah, and ask you to do something special for him. He may call you to be a preacher, a missionary, or a Sunday School teacher. Whatever it is that God calls you to do in this life, remember what he said to Jeremiah, "Don't say, 'I can't!'" If God calls you to do something, he will reach out his hand and touch your life to give you the ability to do it.

Dear Father, there may be some things in this life that we cannot do. But we know that if you ask us to do something, you will give us the ability to do it if we will just trust in you.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. To be brought into life by birth
A. child B. prophet C. rescue D. born
- ___ 2. To utter words with the mouth; to talk
A. prophet B. speak C. mouth D. born
- ___ 3. A very young person
A. child B. speak C. afraid D. mouth
- ___ 4. A person who speaks for God
A. speak B. prophet C. child D. word
- ___ 5. To be filled with fear
A. mouth B. prophet C. born D. afraid
- ___ 6. The body opening through which we take in food
A. child B. rescue C. born D. mouth
- ___ 7. Something said; a remark, or comment
A. afraid B. prophet C. rescue D. word
- ___ 8. To save or set free
A. speak B. born C. afraid D. rescue



Thank you, God, for helping me.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)
 Each line of the puzzle has one word hidden in a list of random letters. The blank space is a missing letter that belongs to that word. Fill in the missing letter.



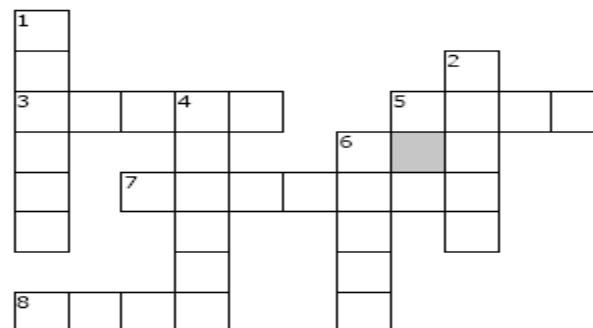
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8.	Y	O	A	F	R	A	I		F	N	V	Z	R	W	T

born	child	afraid	word
speak	prophet	mouth	rescue

The Call of Jeremiah

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To utter words with the mouth;
to talk
5. To be brought into life by birth

DOWN

1. To save or set free
2. The body opening through
which we take in food

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