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Faith Global
Methodist Church
1025 Tullar Rd
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Sunday Worship Service
8:45 a.m.
Sunday School
(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

By Faith

Faith Global Methodist Church

February 8-15, 2026

WEEKLY CONNECTION



LENT

BEGINS on February 18, 2026

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 Paul, you can call him here at the church or you can email him at pgruenberg@faithchurchneenah.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!

Sermons can be found on our web page.

<https://www.faithchurchneenah.com>

Click on the watch us live button on the church's web page to see live streaming each Sunday 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. Live-streaming our services each Sunday on both Face book and YouTube. If there is an issue with the viewing, The services will be added to YouTube and Facebook after the worship service. YouTube and Facebook **Our YouTube channel is:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwn8QuPjcSsrtpR1WbPeYUQ>

Each Thursday when you receive your midweek connection either by email or regular mail the link for YouTube will be in it. You can join the worship service on YouTube by clicking on the link. If there is a problem with the streaming to our YouTube or Facebook page we will upload the video approximately an hour or so after the service. An email will be sent to those with an email address informing them that it is up. The sermon can also be heard on WEMI 91.9 FM. However, there is a week delay.

Our website has added our “older sermons” and we have added a way you can look at the worship services since we have been livestreaming. Please check out our website and look for the “button” View Past Sermons. It is located right below “Watch us Live”

The link for this Sunday's worship service on YouTube is

Shareable <https://youtube.com/live/0naQltl1x5I?feature=share>

Wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's day.....





Sunday Morning Worship
February 8, 2026, 8:45 A.M.

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Prelude

Welcome/Greeting

Opening Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation vs 1,2,5 UMH #545

Call to Worship: From Psalm 115

Leader: Not to us, Lord, not to us,

People: But to Your name give glory, because of Your mercy,
because of Your truth.

Leader: Why should the nations say,
"Where, then, is their God?"

People: But our God is in the heavens;
He does whatever He pleases.

Leader: Their idols are silver and gold,
The work of human hands.

People: They have mouths, but they cannot speak;
They have eyes, but they cannot see;

Leader: They have ears, but they cannot hear;
They have noses, but they cannot smell;

People: They have hands, but they cannot feel; They have feet, but
they cannot walk; They cannot make a sound with their throat.

Leader: Those who make them will become like them, Everyone who
trusts in them.

All: Not to us, Lord, not to us, But to Your name give glory, Because of
Your mercy, because of Your truth.

The Nicene Creed

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn: "Something Beautiful"

UMH #394

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God

Doxology

Intro to Scripture reading

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

Meeting at the Steps (Children’s Message)

Sermon: Is It Well With My Soul?

Closing Hymn: “O Jesus, I have Promised”

UMH #396

Benediction

CONNECTION CARD

My Next Step Today Is...

☐

I Understand that I am a soul with a body

☐

“I will seek to focus on a more robust relationship with Jesus rather than focusing on being more religious(following rules) to be righteous before God and Man.”

☐

I plan on attending upcoming Ash Wednesday Service on February 18th

LENTEN STUDY “Altar'd the Transforming Power of Surrender” (47 day devotional book) \$18.00

- ☐ I would like to join the Lenten Study at 1:00 P.M.
- ☐ I would like to join he Lenten Study at 6:00 P.M.
- ☐ I would like the 47 day devotional book. (\$18.00) - Not Necessary for the Classes

Prayer concerns/Praises requests

Prayer Chain

Private

If you have a Prayer request for the prayer chain, please contact Bev Pezewski (office@faithchurchneenah.com). If you have a prayer request for Pastor Paul, please contact him my email (pgruenberg@faithchurchneenah.com) or call the church office at 920-722-5842

ASH WEDNESDAY IS February 18, 2026

Our LENTEN STUDY BEGINS ON February 25th, 2026

On Wednesday, February 25th, we will have two Lenten Studies

One at 1:00 P.M. and the other session will be at 6:00 P.M.

Both Studies will be held in the Library.

The book we will be using is called "Altar'd. If you are interested in purchasing a book, they will be available before the 25th the cost of the book will be \$18:00. You don't need the book to attend the Lenten studies but The books will be available for purchase .

If you will be purchasing a book, please complete the Connection Card to help us know how many books to order.

LENTEN SERIES AND STUDY



The Transforming Power of Surrender

Every child at some time in their life has played with building blocks. I still remember the fun I had as a child building different things from these blocks. One thing that I remember very well is that I used to enter into a contest with another child to see who could build the tallest tower. The one who could stack up the most blocks without their tower falling was the winner. Did you ever play that game?

I thought it might be fun to play the tower game this morning. Here is the way we will play. For every good thing we've done, I will add a block. Let's see if I can build this block high enough to reach heaven. Let's see, where shall I start? (Encourage children to call out good things. Add blocks until the tower falls over.)

Crash! Well, my tower got just a little too tall, didn't it?

Jesus taught His disciples that whenever people think they are so good that they don't need God, they are headed for a fall!

Pick up two blocks and use them to tell the story. One block will be the Pharisee and one will be the Tax Collector. Hold up the appropriate block while you talk.

Jesus told about two men who went to the temple. A temple is like a church. One of the men bragged about all of the great things he did and thanked God that he wasn't like those other sinners in the temple.

The other man, instead of bragging about how great he was, humbly asked God to forgive him for all of the times he failed to be the kind of person that God wanted him to be.

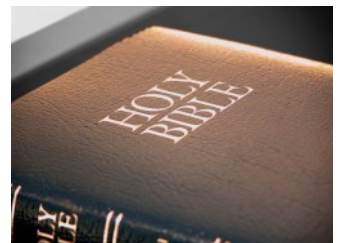
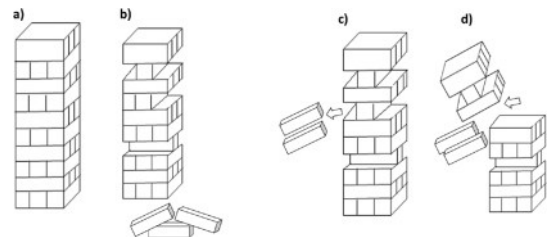
This man knew that he could never do enough good things to be as high as God. This man knew that he needed God.

Theme

We need God.

Scripture

Luke 18:9-14



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

Mary Davies—joys as she traveled home safely while she visited with her family and spent time getting to know her grandchildren

Art and Ellen Schwandner—prayers as they travel to see family in Florida. Prays that the arrangements and lights go as planned.

Prayers for recovery as **Eric Schieter** has returned to the nursing home and prayers for his medication to help him.

Linda Fritz—prayers of joy as the twins were born mom and both twins are doing well.

Continued prayers for: Jim Hoyman, Marilyn Nyberg, Tom Divver, Sharon LeMaire, Barb Arndt, Gary Reiter, Jim Lyons, Liz Roberts, Kathy Bayer, Dick Wylie, and others who are facing health issues, in need of healing, physical strength, and encouragement, continued prayers for our members of our church family, our church, Pastor Paul and the leadership team.



Senior's of faith—Games & Dessert

Friday — February 13 at 1:00 P.M.

The senior's of faith will be meeting for an afternoon of "Games and dessert." Bring a favorite game if you would like
Call Charlene with questions

Soup and Chili Pot Luck on 2/15

On Feb 15th, there will be a soup or chili potluck in the fellowship hall after Sunday school. If you are not inclined to make soup or chili, you could bring heart cookies in celebration of Valentine's Day! It's a potluck, so anything edible works! Most of you know the routine: bring your crockpot to the church kitchen and plug it in. If you don't attend the adult SS class, come down to the fellowship hall, drink more coffee, and visit. When SS is finished, we'll have lunch. Just a reminder: If you forget to bring a dish to pass, please stay. There's always plenty to eat at a potluck. Any questions, contact Mr. Ball. See you on 2/15 for Food, fun, and fellowship.

Surrounded by His love, Terry

Nutty Knotters Quilt Group

Christian greetings to our friends of the Nutty Knotters quilt group!

On Wednesday mornings, we meet in the fellowship hall from 8:30-12:00, with coffee and treats at 10:00.

Woman's Christian Group

The group will meet Every other Friday. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for details. The ladies will meet at 10:00 am—11:00 AM in the library every other week. This is a time to share life, build, friendships, pray and grow in faith together. For more information please contact Judy McDonald 330-416-6424. or Joanne Ball

IMPOSSIBLE MISSION GROUP

The group will be meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 P.M. The dates of the future meeting will be announced shortly. Hope to see you at the meeting. Please contact the church office If you have any questions,

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

June 12, 1026 8 am-4 pm and Saturday June 13 8 am—noon

Please consider donating gently used home décor, garden art, trinkets, clothing, stationery, small furniture and more. If you want to donate furniture please send me a picture. All proceeds will be used for local missions. The sale will be held in the fellowship hall. Donations taken until a week before the sale. Anyone interested in lending a hand let me know. Thank you in advance. If you would like someone to pick up your items call

Charlene Reiter 715-572-8855

Winter Quarter of Sunday School

Nursery Church school — During Worship: Bev Pezewski

Preschool—Pre-K kindergarten—First Grade Room 107 Bev Pezewski

2nd Grade—8th Grade Room 104 Joanne Ball Sherry Steele

Substitutes: Loree Johnston-Lachey Linda Fritz

Adult Sunday School Class: Keith Irish Library

LIFE LINE SCREENING

The will be at the church on March 18, 2026 Call to Schedule an appointment.

Let your family and friends know that
Lifeline screening will be here.....

A promotional graphic for Life Line Screening. It features a woman with grey hair, wearing a green button-down shirt, smiling and forming a heart shape with her hands. The background is a gradient of blue and yellow. Text on the graphic includes: 'Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:', a bulleted list of four screenings (Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Peripheral Artery Disease, and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm), contact information (800-324-9458 and code HABC001), and the Life Line Screening logo with the tagline 'The Power of Prevention'.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Life Line Screening will be offering preventive health screenings on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. As part of the screening event, Life Line Screening will offer *low-cost* take-home colorectal cancer tests called FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Test) in recognition of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. These tests are simple, accurate, and recommended for the early detection of colorectal cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age. More than 90% of cases occur in people aged 50 and older.

Other preventive screenings provided check for stroke risk, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and osteoporosis. Faith United Methodist Church is pleased to make these important screenings available by hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings.

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the U.S., yet, with preventive strategies, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call **1-844-591-7160** or go to <https://www.lisa.social/hzca>

or **text** the word **circle** to **216-279-1607**. Pre-registration is required.

SAVE THE DATE

FEB. 22 - MARCH 15, 2026

For more details or questions:

Contact The Family Radio Network's
Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive Coordinator,
Jaki Eno, at H4H@thefamily.net or 920-702-7858.



IN THE FOX CITIES WE'LL COLLECT FOR:

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| 1. ADVOCAP | 2. Appleton Area School | District - homeless youth |
| 3. Apricity | 4. B.A.B.E.S., Inc. Child | Abuse Prevention Program |
| 5. Boys and Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley - Home Base | | |
| 6. COTS, Inc. | 7. Fox Valley Technical College - student services | |
| 8. Heads-up Fox Cities | 9. Hope Clinic and Care Center | |
| 10. Hortonville Area School District - homeless youth | | 11. LEAVEN |
| 12. Partnership Community Health Center | | 13. Pillars |
| 14. Riverview Gardens | 16. St. Vincent de Paul Neenah | 17. The Salvation Army |
| Bread of Life Assistance Center - New London | | 18. The Salvation Army—Fox Cities |
| 19. SOAR Fox Cities | 20. VIDA | 21. Vivent Health |

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Donations of hygiene and cleaning supplies make it possible for local crisis agencies to concentrate their limited financial resources on providing qualified staff, safe housing, nutritious food, education, and counseling to those they serve.



February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School	2 HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY 	3	4 9:00 A.M. Knut-ty Notters	5 1:00 P.M. Agape Bible Study	6	7
8 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School	9	10	11 9:00 A.M. Knut-ty Notters	12 1:00 P.M. Agape Bible Study	13 1:00 P.M. Seniors of Faith Games & Des-serts 	14
15 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School Soup Potluck	16	17	18 9:00 A.M. Knut-ty Notters 6:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Services	19 1:00 P.M. Agape Bible Study	20	21
22 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School	23	24	25 9:00 A.M. Knut-ty Notters 1:00 PM Lenten Study 6:00 PM Lenten Study	26 1:00 P.M. Agape Bible Study	27	28