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(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

By Faith

Faith Global Methodist Church

JANUARY 2026

Newsletter



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/aLVjUEsdm_Y?feature=share





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I cannot believe it! Can you????

The year 2026 has arrive it's official it's in the books and like the one hymn writer wrote, "no turning back, no turning back." So what are you going to do in this new year? Some standard goals might include things like,

Lose weight / get physically fit

Stop eating sweets / eat more fruits and vegetables

Buy less stuff / put more into savings

Stop wasting time / get organized

Quit living life alone / develop new friendships

Don't hold on to this world / get more spiritual

There are certainly some goals that are short term (*save money for a big trip*), but it's the long-term goals which seem more difficult (*keep your savings built up*). You can lose "x" amount of pounds, but can you keep living at that healthy weight. You can begin exercising, but will you continue throughout the year?

If you notice the goals above, the first part are things we want to STOP! The second part are things we want to BEGIN DOING. Which motivates you more????

To STOP or to START DOING? Both will take effort. But if you begin in terms of doing the second part, the first part will become easier. For instance, if you get physically fit and eat more fruits and vegetables, you will naturally lose weight and curb the sweets. If you get organized and develop friendships, you will stop wasting time and not be so lonely. I think doing is easier and better than stopping don't you?

When I wanted to begin getting closer to God, to not only know who God is, but to know God intimately I started to read the bible. As I began reading more about God, I naturally didn't have time to read a lot of novels (some good stories and others were time wasters)

One of the first scriptures I was challenged to memorized comes from Psalm 119 ...

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” As I began to do one small thing (hiding God’s word in my heart) I became more spiritually minded which caused me to not be as disobedient to God (sin) as I used to.

God has given us his word to help us and guide us into a life we will find more pleasing to live. A life of **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**. This is a life we all deep down desire to experience in full measure. It is a life Aunt Sue or Grandpa Joe lived and it was pleasing to see. It is a life that is pleasing not only to God, but will be to us as well.

One of the actions experts say we should include in any goal setting is to do it with others. Let someone know of your goals. It helps to hold you accountable. What is more, join with others who can spur you on and celebrate the small milestones on the way to your goals. Besides, it will be more fun that way.

Blessings on the journey!

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Epiphany Sunday

January 4, 2026

WELCOME:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: You are the one true God who reigns forever.

Leader: For in Jesus, we live and move and have our being.

People: You are the light of the world, Jesus. In You there is no darkness.

Leader: For You, Jesus, have come into the world to give us an abundant life.

People: Today, Lord God Almighty, it is the life Jesus offers that we seek. We do not seek what the world offers, but only what comes from above. Help us in this hour to draw near to You, by the power of the Holy Spirit!

HYMN "O God Our Help In Ages Past"

UMH #117

OPENING PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE John 15:1-8

OFFERING/ DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MEETING AT THE STEPS (Children's Message)

SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 23:1-3

THE PROCLAMATION

THE CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

THE INVITATION

THE COVENANT PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION #15

HYMN "A Charge to Keep I Have" #413

BENEDICTION

Theme Children's Message

Planning for the New Year

Scripture

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



Happy New Year! Do any of you have a New Year's resolution? A resolution is something you try to do different than you did before. What? None of you are going to quit eating junk food like the adults? Most people forget to do what they set out to do or don't make it important enough to finish the plan they started. Or they just get too busy!

I've got a calendar here. This one is the one I kept on my desk last year. Let's take a look at it. (Flip through the calendar and mention how much there is written on each particular month.)

It looks like a lot of stuff was planned last year. Some plans are good but only for a short time, like losing weight. Every time I lose weight, I find it again! But some things are really important, like things we do to be closer with God. Who can tell me some things you would like to do better this year to be closer to God? (Wait for answers.) Read your Bible? Pray? How about memorizing one verse every month? (You can also say week, etc. depending on how often you do children's sermons in your church.) You can do that! That's only 12 verses in a year. If the verse is too long, get mom and dad to help you make them shorter. The Bible tells us to hide God's words in our hearts so that we don't sin against Him. Who thinks that is important?

Let's take a look at the new year's calendar. It's empty! If I plan now before I get too busy, it can keep my resolution or promise to God. God has plans for us too! Let's read our verse today. (Read Jeremiah 29:11). If you preschoolers need to shorten it, just do the first part "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD." God wants to prosper us or make our relationship with Him better, and he give us hope in life and a when we trust in Jesus a future in Heaven with Him.

I am so glad God has plans for my future. And he has plans for each one of you. Let's make a plan to be closer to God so you can be ready when He shows us the plan he has for you!

New Year Plans

Jeremiah 29:11



God's Promise Pathway Word Search

Solve the puzzle with the word bank below. Puzzle based on Jeremiah 29:11

F Y D C P L A N S W B Q R
V S P H O P E Z A M D F G
I O U E W M N E R U T U F
L M N O R H A R M S T U V
X Y Z A P R O S P E R B C
E F G H I J K P R A Y E R
V W X Y Z A N E T S I L Q
C A L L S T U V W X Y Z A

FUTURE PRAYERS PLANS HOPE
HARM PROSPER LISTEN CALLS

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

Prayers for financial support to replace 4 of the 11 furnaces in the education wing and gymnasium

Prayers for Kori Blair

For a blessed New Year, with peace throughout the world as we begin the year 2026

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

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

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. 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

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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,

SENIORS OF FAITH LUNCHEON

\$16.00 per person, When—Friday January 9, 2026 at 1:00 P.M.

Bring a white elephant gift

Upcoming—Junk to Treasure Sale

As you pack away the holiday decorations please consider donating items you no longer need. Contact Charlene Reiter at 715-572-8855 for pick up or if you have questions.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN 2026....

As we begin the New Year, are you interested in volunteering in areas of the church. If you would like to share your gifts, please contact the church office. There are some other areas that you could share your gifts, working in the nursery, be part of the ushering team, being part of the counting of the donation offerings on Monday mornings, helping with keeping the church clean and neat, being part of the Sunday worship service as a communion server, reading the scriptures, helping with the sound and other technology pieces to each Sunday morning worship and in a few months be part of the lawn cutting team. .

If you have an interest in a project or something you like doing maybe you would like to start a group that meets weekly, please let Bev in the church office know and the we can help you in being part of the groups or creating a new group.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new directory will be available by the end of the month. If you have any changes in your e-mail account, your phone numbers, cell or land line, or addresses. Please let the church know so we can update the directory. You can complete a information card on Sunday Morning or contact the church office. - THANK YOU

GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2025

As we close out the year 2025, your yearly donations report will be ready in a couple of weeks, once the year end report has been completed. Please follow the midweek connection and the bulletin for details as the date gets closer. We will have the documents available for you to pick up after worship on a upcoming Sunday, and any remaining documents will be mailed out to your home address. If you have any questions, please contact Bev in the church office.

BIRTHDAYS

1/3 <i>Sharon LeMaire</i>	1/14 <i>TJ Severson</i>
1/4 <i>Loree Johnston-LaChey</i>	1/19 <i>Tom Divver</i>
1/9 <i>Brian Fairchild</i>	1/24 <i>Thomas Severson</i>
1/10 <i>Jon Halverson</i>	1/25 <i>Terry Ball</i>
1/12 <i>Cindy Boelter</i>	1/27 <i>Michael Steffek</i>
1/14 <i>T.J. Severson</i>	1/31 <i>Kurt VanHandel</i>



1/14 Michael & MaryAnn Halverson

New Years Day - Jan 1

Martin Luther King Day Jan 19



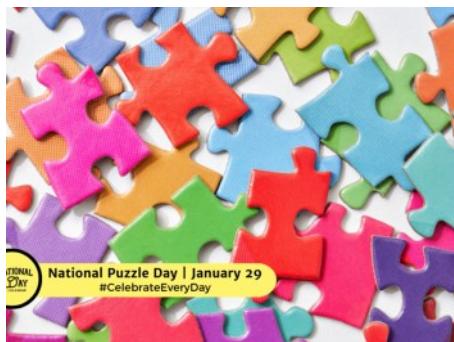
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National bitter sweet
Chocolate day Jan 10.



National Puzzle day Jan 29



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:

1. ADVOCAP	2. Appleton Area School	<i>District - homeless youth</i>
3. Apricity	4 . B.A.B.E.S., Inc. Child	<i>Abuse Prevention Program</i>
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.

JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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News
Years Day

4	8:45AM	5	6	7	9:00 Nutty	8	9	10
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Worship
10:00 AM
Sunday

Knotters
6:00 PM
Impossible
Mission Group

11	8:45AM	12	13	14	9:00 Nutty	15	16	17
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Worship
10:00 AM
Sunday

Knotters
6:00 PM
Impossible
Mission Group

18	8:45AM	19	20	21	9:00 Nutty	22	23	24
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Worship
10:00 AM
Sunday

Knotters
6:00 PM
Impossible
Mission Group

25	8:45AM	26	27	28	9:00 Nutty	29	30	31
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Worship
10:00 AM
Sunday

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6:00 PM
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