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Methodist Church
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8:45 a.m.
Sunday School
(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

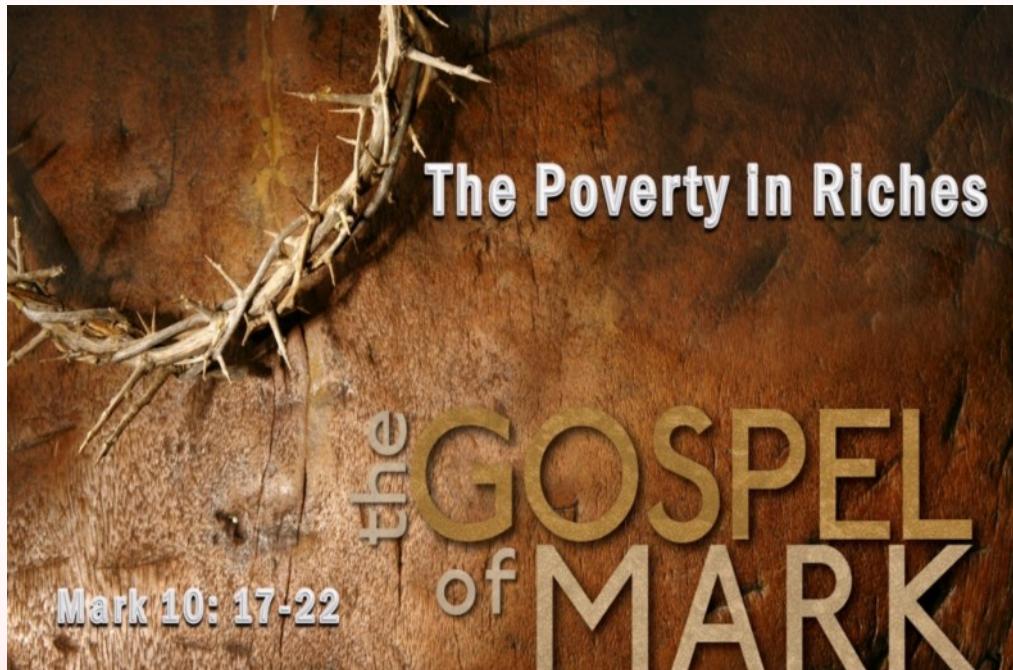
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Faith Global Methodist Church

February —2026

Newsletter

LENT BEGINS



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/lbEAT-g38NM?feature=share>**





By Faith

From the desk of: Paul Gruenberg

The 3 Words Christians Aren't Allowed to Say.

Brittany Gibson wrote a short article on “The 3 Words Disney Employees Aren’t Allowed to Say.” I must admit that I didn’t know this to be true. She wrote:

“Disney isn’t “the happiest place on earth” without reason. Behind all of the magic, there are tens of thousands of employees making it all possible. (In Disney World alone, there are 62,000 workers, according to Today.) But with that many employees, there needs to be some guidelines. This is especially true for the employees who dress up as Disney characters... But no matter what, Disney cast members are never, ever allowed to say these three words: ‘I don’t know.’”

She went on to write,

*“... If a guest asks you a question, **you always have to have an answer, no exceptions**
... If you don’t know it, find out, but don’t say, ‘you don’t know.’ If it’s a silly question, make up a silly answer.”*

As I thought about this from the Christian perspective, and I wondered if this shouldn’t be true for people who profess to be Christ followers... after all, don’t we really want to be “the happiest place on earth?” Maybe better said, “shouldn’t we be the most joyful place on earth?” Yes, I know we shouldn’t answer any question asked of us with a silly or made-up answer. Unlike the Disney universe, our answers can have an eternal impact!

When confronted with a question about God, the Bible, the Church, or anything to do with the Christian life, and we are unsure of the answer, the Christian response could be, “I don’t know... **but I know where I can find the answer.**” (*I hope it is never a made-up answer!!*)

Let’s face facts, most people who ask about the Bible, church, Christian life, are probably searching for God or a more spiritually minded life. It could be they are looking for greater meaning and purpose in life, and somehow know to ask you. People in this anxious world desire to have more joy, peace and experience the goodness of God. An “I don’t know” answer with “but I know where we can find the answer” allows for more conversations and allows us to share in their spiritual journey. Certainly, you can search together or go to another Christian to find the answer and then go back to the questioner... “Remember that question you asked? ... I spoke with my (*friend/pastor*) and they said, (and give them the answer).

Just in case you were wondering... *“If a child asks you what Tinker Bell eats before her flight across the Magic Kingdom during the fireworks, the answer is: ‘Very tiny apples.’”*

Sharing the journey to know, love, and serve God...

Pastor Paul



Sunday Morning Worship
February 1, 2026, 8:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome/Greeting

Opening Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (vs 1,4,5) UMH 79

Call to Worship: From Psalm 24

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates;

People: dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

be lifted up, you Ancient doors that the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates;

People: lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

ALL: Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—

he is the King of glory.

The Apostle's Creed

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (sing 2x) MH # 349

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God

Doxology

Intro to Scripture reading

Scripture: Mark 10:17-22

Meeting at the Steps (Children's Message)

Sermon: Is It Well With My Soul?

Pastor Paul

Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Closing Hymn: Forward Through the Ages

UMH 555

Benediction

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My Next Step Today Is...

- I Understand that I am a soul with a body
- As I empty my life of any idols, I will fill the void with more of God
- 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 the 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

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

Children's messages

Theme

Are you good enough to get into heaven?

Object

A soccer ball, a musical instrument, etc.



Scripture

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone."
Mark 10:18 (NIV)

Is there something that you do really well? Some of you may play a sport like soccer. If I were to ask you, "Are you a good soccer player?" you might say, "Yes, I am a really good soccer player." But are you good enough to make the "All Star Team" at your school? Perhaps someone here may play a musical instrument. If I were to ask you, "Are a good musician?" You might answer, "Yes I am a good musician." But are you good enough to be chosen to play in the "Honor Band" at your school? All of us are probably good at something, but the question is, "Are we good enough?"

One day a young man came running up to Jesus and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is good. But to answer your question, you know the commandments, don't you? 'Don't kill, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't tell lies, don't cheat anyone, honor your father and your mother.'" "I'm pretty good," he answered. "I've obeyed the commandments since I was just a little boy." "That's good," Jesus said, "but not good enough, There is still one thing you must do. Go and sell everything you have and give the money to the poor."

When he heard those words, the young man was very sad, because he had many possessions. Most people would say that the young man was a good man, but being good wasn't good enough to get him into the Kingdom of God. As the young man walked away, Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "It is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed. "Then who can be saved?" they asked. Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but with God anything is possible." How about me? Do you think I'm good enough to get into heaven? How about you? Are you good enough? Is anyone good enough? The answer to all of those questions is, "No!" Not one of us is good enough to get into heaven on our own. Then how can we be saved? How can we have eternal life? With God, anything is possible. The Bible tells us that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son so that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. It isn't our goodness that will get us into heaven. It is our faith in Jesus. We are not good enough, but Jesus is!

Father, help us to remember that it is not our goodness that will get us into heaven. It is our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS February 18, 2026

Our LENTEN STUDY BEGINS ON February 25th, 2026

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

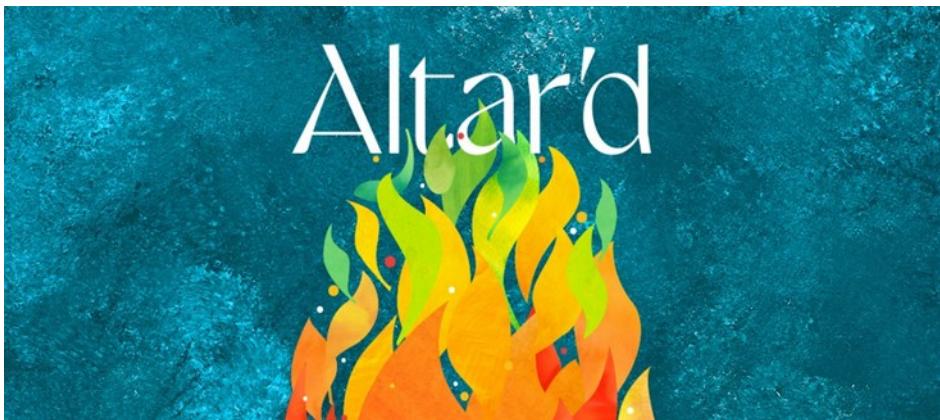
One at 1:00 P.M. and the other session will be at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Prayers for Eric Schlieter as he was recently hospitalized at ThedaCare—Neenah.

Michael Guerin—Prayers for step father who is coming to his home this up coming week.

Prayers for safety for those providing shelter and warmth while the weather is cold and different weather across the country, and prayers for safety as everyone is dealing with the cold.

Keith Irish—Prayers as Beth is dealing with the Shingles virus.

Prayers as **Valor School** is enrolling students for the upcoming year. Prayers for the leaders and prayers for those leaders who are also dealing with family concerns as well.

Prayers for **Nadine**—She is in hospice and prayers for her sister-in-law who is taking care of things for her and holding a full time job as well.

Prayers as **Terry Ball** celebrates his Birthday

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.

GIVING STATEMENTS for 2025

Giving statements have been mailed out. If you did not receive one and feel you should have please contact the church office. If you have a question s on your statement please contact the church office and the finance team will help you with your concerns.

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,



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

LIFE LINE SCREENING

The will be at the church on March 18, 2026. Watch the newsletter and midweek and bulletins for details as the date comes closer.

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.

Happy Birthdays

Birthstone: Amethyst

Color of amethyst: Purple

2/2 Elden Ball

2/15 Marilyn Nyberg

2/7 Jim Hoyman

2/17 MacKenzie Fairchild

2/9 Ruth Brusewitz

2/20 Charlotte LaChey

2/11 Sally Steffens

2/20 Dash Barber

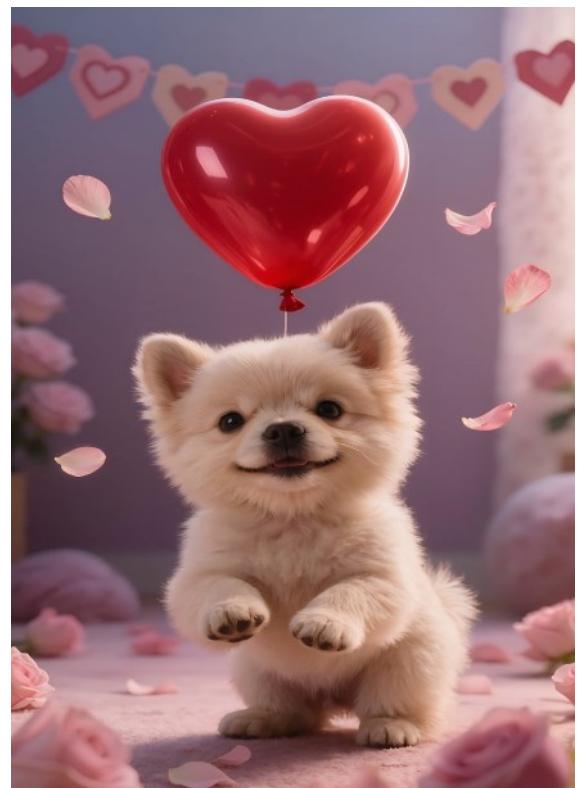


2/6 Loree Johnston-Lachey & Steve LaChey



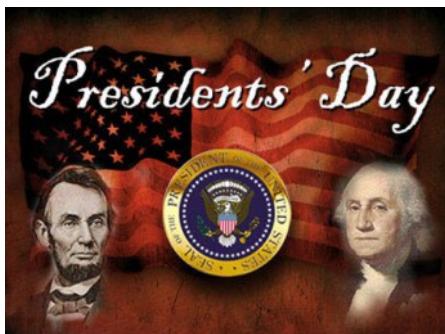
HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY

February 2nd



Happy Valentine's Day

February 14th



February 16th

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 | <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 |

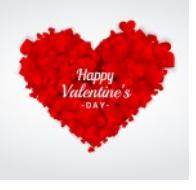
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Donations of hygiene and cleaning supplies make it possible for local crisis agencies to concentrate their limited financial resources on providing qualified staff, safe housing, nutritious food, education, and counseling to those they serve.



February 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School | 2 HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY  | 3 | 4 9:00 A.M. Knutty Notters | 5 1:00 P.M. Agape Bible Study | 6 | 7 |
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