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# Faith Global Methodist Church SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy Labor Day Week end

#### 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 Monday or Tuesday 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 Link

https://youtube.com/live/KpBsAsZf5A8?feature=share

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I have to say moving is not for the faint of heart. In fact, it is not for the strong of heart either. It can be stressful. You have to make a ton of decisions (Do I keep it or pitch it? What box do I put it in? Will I find it when I get there?) You leave the familiar for the unknown. You go from knowing many people to very few. Where am I going to put my stuff in the new place I call home? Where will I shop or get gas for the car? Ugh! I have to say moving is not for the faint of heart.

Having said this, moving has its perks too. REALLY?! Yes, really! Moving gives you an opportunity to purge stuff you haven't used or maybe even seen in years. In seeing the stuff that must be moved there are many memories which come to mind of the time when this or that happened. Many of them wonderful memories that caused me to smile. I'm also reminded of how little I really need. Moving also gives me an opportunity to live somewhere I've never lived before and meet people I've never known before. Yes, moving has its perks too. Yes, really!

As I have thought of the changes we have been through, it is not lost on me the changes you are experiencing too. We are all going through some level of transition. You have said goodbye to a wonderful pastor and family whom you have gotten to know through the years. You are familiar to his writings, preaching and leading. Then on the other hand you wonder, who is this new pastor? What does he bring that will help us or even help me? Good preacher or not? A bull in a china shop? Will he care for even me? All great questions. All a part of the transition.

I have to say I really enjoyed our Greet & Meets. I did six all together, three for each church. I sensed you are a really good and spiritually minded people and our first Sunday together was enjoyable for me in the sense of experiencing God's presence, and I hope you felt the same as well!

So although we are all in some transition, I want to say Lynét and I are delighted to be here in Greenville and Neenah. I want you to know I look forward to serving God with you in the coming years.

Blessings on the journey,

Pastor Paul



# WORSHIP SERVICE 12th Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 2025 at 8:45 A.M.

**UMH 715** 

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Prelude

Welcome/Greeting

\*Opening Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King

Call to Worship:

The Apostles Creed:

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Chorus: Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus UMH 349

Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God

Doxology

Intro to Scripture: Scripture: John 16:19-24

Meeting at the Steps (Children's Message)

Pastor Paul

Intro to Scripture: (read by scripture reader) Scripture: Acts 9:3-9

Sermon: Saul to Paul: Do What?! Pastor Paul

Closing Hymn: Spirit Song UMH 347

Benediction

\*Stand if you are able:

Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing Song Book

Assisted Listening Devices available –See an usher

- .We come to you in prayer for joy, peace, and comfort:
- Prayers for Pastor Paul, our new pastor.
- Prayers as children and youth begin another school year.
- Prayers for family, our women Christian ministry group, prayers for food, fun and fellowship at the corn roast this coming week.
- Linda Fritz, prayers as our family is going to have another set of twins.
- Prayers for those who are struggling

Continued prayers for: Julie Caflisch, Sharon, LeMaire, Julie Beck, Barb Arndt, Linda Probst, Gary Reiter, Liz Roberts, Tom Divver, Jim Lyons, Kathy Bayer, Dick Wylie, Gary Steele, 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.

### READING SCRIPTURE

Do you have an interest in reading scripture. We are looking for people to read the scripture during the worship service. If you have an interest, please contact Joanne Ball.

REMEMBER
WORSHIP SERVICE TIME
Our worship service is at 8:45 A.M.

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# Fall Quarter of Sunday School Begins on September 7th



Nursery — During Worship: Bev Pezewski

Preschool—Pre-K kindergarten—First Grade Room 107

2md Grade—7th Grade Joanne Ball Sherry Steele Room 104

Helpers: Braelyn Barber Emma Severson Jett Barber

Substitutes: Loree Johnston-Lachey Bev Pezewski

Adult Sunday School Class: Library

## Coins for Naomi, Our compassion Child

On September 7th the Sunday School program will begin collecting coins for Naomi, our compassion Child. "baby food jars" can be found in the Narthex, please help yourself to a jar and "fill it up" for Naomi"

You can bring in your jar anytime during the month of September. The final days for drop off is the Sunday, September 28th Please help support the children and Faith and our

compassion child Naomi"



### Scripture

Then he asked them, "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:15-16 (NIV)

Children's Sermon: Back to School (Matthew 16:15-16)

It's back to school time again! Some of you are probably feeling excited. Some of you may be a little sad that summer is over. You may feel nervous or a little scared about going back to school because of all the new things that you will have to face. You will have new teachers, some new friends, and some of you may even be going to a new school.

On the first day of school, the teacher will probably ask some questions to see how much you already know. When the teacher asks a question to which you know the answer, you might wave your hand excitedly in the air and say, "I know! I know!" It is a great feeling when you know the answer, isn't it? It sure helps to take away those "Back to School Jitters." In our Bible lesson today, the disciples are going "back to school." Can you guess who their teacher is? Right! Jesus is their teacher. Jesus often took his disciples aside to teach them important lessons about the Kingdom of God. This was one of those days. Jesus began his lesson that day by asking his disciples a question.

"Who do men say that I am?" Jesus asked (Matthew 16:15).

I imagine that one of the disciples raised his hand and said, "I know! I know! Some people say that you are John the Baptist." Then another of the disciples raised his hand and said, "I know! I know! Some people say you are Elijah."

A third disciple raised his hand and said, "Some people say that you are Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." "Very good," Jesus said, "that is what other people are saying, but who do you say that I am?" You know, I think that Peter was so excited that he forgot to raise his hand. I think he just called out to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said, "You are right, Peter. You didn't learn that from listening to other people. It was taught to you by my Father in heaven."

The lesson that the disciples learned that day is just as important today as it was then. Many people in our world today still do not know who Jesus is. You and I need to be ready with the answer, "He is the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16)

Dear Father, when people are searching for the answer to the question, "Who is Jesus?" help us to be ready with the answer. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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9/2 Beth Irish

9/6 Evan Ball

9/7 Miriam Steffek

9/11 Dawn Barker

9/13 Gary Tipton

9/16 Mary Davies

9/18 Michael Arndt

9/22 Emma Severson

9/17 Madeline Arndt

September 1





9/9 Chris & Tish Bordeaux 9/14 Charlene & Gary Reiter 9/21Randy & Heidi Kuehl

9/29 Charlie & Sharon LeMaire

# Special Holidays/days



# Month of September

September 7





September 11
A day of Remembrance



#### **School for Seniors**

Are you a senior who enjoys learning? Join in the SCHOOL FOR SENIORS, cosponsored by the City of Neenah Committee on Aging and Lakeland University.

When: Friday, October 3, 2025, 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Where: St. Mark's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 140 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah

**What:** Thought-provoking presentations and discussion in an informal setting presented by community experts. There's something for everyone! Learn about home safety and maintenance, fitness for the body and brain, and community safety. Enjoy refreshments and an information fair featuring community resources.

Cost: Free of charge

RSVP: Seating is limited, please call City of Neenah at 920-886-6125 by Monday,

September 29 for first priority





# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	39 9:00 A.M. Knutty Knotters	4 1:00 pm Agape Bible	5	6 10:00 a.m. Women's Christian
7 8:45 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m Sunday School	8	9	10 9:00 A.M. Knutty Knotters	11 1:00 pm Agape Bible Study	12	13  10:00 a.m.  Women's  Christian  Group
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