

A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of

# Faith Lutheran Church

# Rock Creek Lutheran Church

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"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15

6 years on the 6<sup>th</sup>!

As we begin our Lenten journey this month guided by three little words throughout scripture, the three words "and be thankful" from the book of Colossians speak to me. March 6<sup>th</sup> marks 6 years of me serving as your pastor at Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches! As we have been called to share together in the one body of Christ within this community, I am reminded to consider God's faithfulness through it all and be thankful. I am thankful for each of you who are teaching me how to best be your pastor. I am thankful for the trust you place in my leadership. I am thankful for the many ways you have supported my family and me in our various transitions as we have settled into this community and learned to call it home. I am thankful that God keeps calling me to stay right here as we begin another year of ministry together, sharing and serving side by side.



Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday joint worship service at Faith on Wednesday, March 5 at 7PM. Beginning the next week, soup suppers will be served at Rock Creek at 6PM followed by mid-week services at 7PM. Our focus throughout the season will be on the theme Three Little Words. Guided by various scripture phrases as well as some thought-provoking writings by Rev. Benjamin Cremer from his blog entitled Into the Gray, we will experience the journey to the cross three words at a time. Daily Lent devotions written by our Confirmation students and their adult guides will be posted daily on Facebook.

Here is the full Lenten schedule:

|                                  |     |            |
|----------------------------------|-----|------------|
| Ash Wednesday, March 5           | 7PM | Faith      |
| Soup Supper and Service March 12 | 6PM | Rock Creek |
| Soup Supper and Service March 19 | 6PM | Rock Creek |
| Soup Supper and Service March 26 | 6PM | Rock Creek |
| Soup Supper and Service April 2  | 6PM | Rock Creek |
| Soup Supper and Service April 9  | 6PM | Rock Creek |



April 13 Palm Sunday 8:30AM Rock Creek 10:30AM Faith

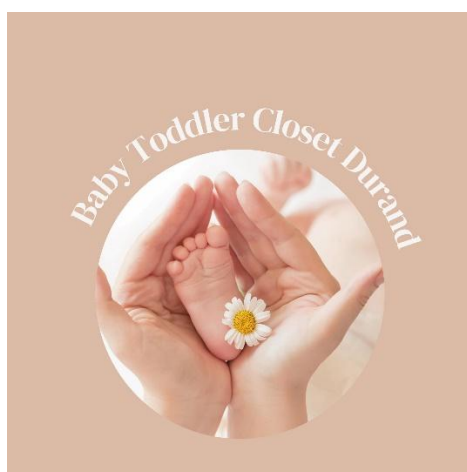
April 17 Maundy Thursday 7PM Rock Creek

April 18 Good Friday 7PM Faith

April 20 Easter Sunday 8:30AM Rock Creek 10:30AM Faith



Rock Creek Dream Team is taking the lead on offering soup suppers throughout Lent before mid-week services on Wednesdays. We hope you will plan to attend as a family to enjoy a meal and fellowship. If you are willing to help prepare or serve soup contact Ashley Urness at 715-271-5445



Thanks to a lot of helping hands an expanded space for The Closet will be ready to open on Monday March 3 at Faith. We are accepting donations of new and gently used baby and toddler clothing, hygiene items, diapers and wipes at this time. (We cannot accept donations of car seats, highchairs, crib mattresses or toys)



### **Upcoming Youth Group Gatherings**

Wednesday March 12 7:45-8:45PM Rock Creek  
Friday March 14 7:30AM-5:30PM Day Camp at Faith  
Wednesday March 19 7:45-8:45PM Rock Creek  
Wednesday March 26 7:45-8:45PM Rock Creek



Participants had a blast at Parent's Night Out on Valentine's Day as the youth group came together to babysit at Faith while parent's enjoyed an evening out!



# Day Camp

School is out so camp is on!

**FRIDAY MARCH 14 7:30AM-5:30PM**

**GRADES 4K-5TH**

**Faith Lutheran Church 1032 Prissel St, Durand**

- ☒ Full day of fun with Sr High youth
- ☒ Light Breakfast and Snack Served /  
Bring a packed lunch
- ☒ Games, Crafts, Legos, Movie and More
- ☒ RSVP to Pr Bethany Walker  
[frclcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:frclcpastor@gmail.com)

**COST: FREEWILL DONATION  
TO SUPPORT THE  
YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP  
DESTINATION DENVER JULY 2025**







**March / April Confirmation Schedule:**

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2

4-5:30PM at Faith

Faith Confirmation Sunday April 6

Rock Creek Confirmation Sunday May 4



Northwest Synod of WI

Walking Together 2025

Walking Together is an annual event intended to assist with resource sharing, best practices in ministry, new initiatives, and collaboration. This year we will explore the theme "Go! Make Disciples!"

**March 22, 2025**

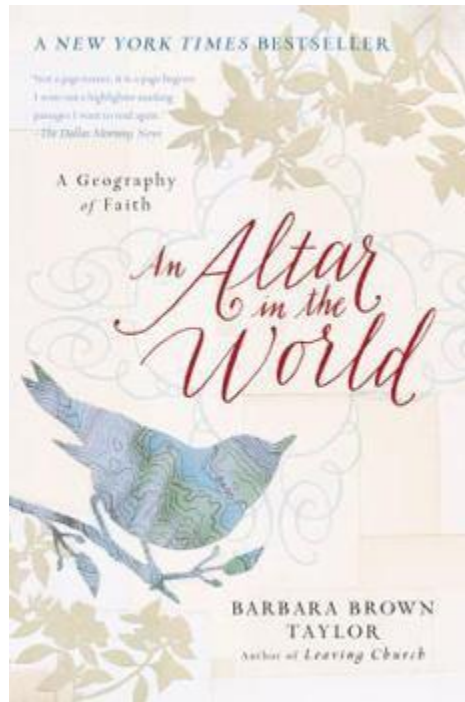
**8:30 - 4:00**

**Bethany Lutheran - Rice Lake**

**\$25 per participant**

Register online at [nswi.org](http://nswi.org)

## A Recommended Read from Pastor Bethany



An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith is like an invitation from the author, Barbara Brown Taylor. She coaxes the reader out of the pews and into the world as she shares her own discoveries of God in all facets of life. She ventured out of her routine and into the world where she discovered the sacred in what at first seemed ordinary. She speaks a truth that will pique your interest and make you want to go looking for God in new places too.



**Luther Park Bible Camp**



**Our Partnership with Holy Play**

## Summer Camp

Registration is now open. Visit [lutherpark.org](http://lutherpark.org) to register. Early bird discount registration deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Bethany will be joining kids who attend camp the week of June 22-27. Campership dollars are available if needed.



Thanks to all who have already sponsored a radio broadcast for 2025. These are the remaining open

dates: June 1 & 29

Oct 19

July 7, 20, 27

Nov 23 & 30

Aug 10, 24, 31

Dec 12 & 28

Sept 17 & 28

It costs \$50/week for the radio broadcast. If you would like to sponsor, please place a check for \$50 made out to Faith Lutheran Church and this completed form in the offering plate.

### RADIO SPONSORSHIP FORM

I would like to sponsor a Radio Broadcast (\$50/week)

Sunday to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_ check here if this date is flexible)

\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Place in offering plate or mail to:

Faith Lutheran Church 1032 Prissel St, Durand WI 54736

Faith Lutheran January Financial Summary

Thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions, 715-672-4954 or 715-279-0413 and please leave me a message if needed or e-mail me at

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|                               | Jan.<br>Actual            | Jan.<br>Budget           |                  |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <b><i>Opening Balance</i></b> | <b><i>\$31,936.37</i></b> |                          | Account          | Jan Ending Balance        |
| <b><i>Income</i></b>          |                           |                          | Checking         | <b><i>\$35,785.25</i></b> |
| Offering                      | \$16,799.80               | \$7,326.00               | Property Savings | <b><i>\$1,043.83</i></b>  |
| Noisy Buckets                 | \$57.00                   | \$100.00                 | Memorial Savings | <b><i>\$6,365.53</i></b>  |
| Interest                      | \$2.99                    | \$3.00                   | Sunday Suppers   | <b><i>\$6,595.61</i></b>  |
| Memorial Fund                 | \$550.00                  |                          | Total            | <b><i>\$49,790.22</i></b> |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars       |                           | \$74.00                  |                  |                           |
| Radio Broadcast               | \$1,250.00                | \$250.00                 |                  |                           |
| Sunday Supper                 | \$200.00                  | \$166.00                 |                  |                           |
| Youth Group                   | \$700.00                  | \$1,500.00               |                  |                           |
| <b><i>Total Income</i></b>    | <b><i>\$19,559.79</i></b> | <b><i>\$9,472.00</i></b> |                  |                           |
|                               |                           |                          |                  |                           |
| <b><i>Expenses</i></b>        | <b><i>\$15,891.91</i></b> | <b><i>\$8,760.00</i></b> |                  |                           |
| <b><i>Ending Balance</i></b>  | <b><i>\$35,785.25</i></b> |                          |                  |                           |