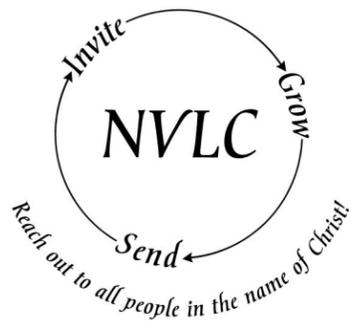


North Valley Lutheran Church
Member of First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish

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www.nvlch.org



Worship Schedule

11:00am Worship All Sundays in March at North Valley.

Video Messages can be found on our Facebook page

Offerings can be mailed to the office or given online at nvlch.org.
You can also set up giving through your banks automatic bill pay.

Staff

Church Email: office@nvlch.org

Admin. Asst.: Laurene Edge
9:00am-4:00pm Mondays

Please notify the church office if you have a new address or phone number changes.

Newsletter articles are due the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Bulletin announcements are due Mondays before 11:00am.

Pastoral Support: Pastor Tamra Harder 715-501-3681

Reminder: The church service is available to watch on Facebook. By friending the North Valley Lutheran Church page, you will have access. We apologize for it not being smooth running but hope things are better now. If you can't come in person, give it a try. We're always trying to improve it. In the event where it doesn't air, you can see the service on the Faith Lutheran Church Balsam Lake site.

Staff & Church Council

Pastoral Support	Tamra Harder
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Accompanist	Carol Medchill
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North Valley Message

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First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish Corner

March, 2026

"United in Christ to strengthen our Ministries to adapt, grow and serve"

“but the righteous live by their **faithfulness**” Habakkuk 2:4b *NRSVUE*

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our 2026 **Lenten** Journey began February 18, 2026 with **Ash Wednesday at Luck Lutheran with Study/Worship** and goes thru April 3, 2026 **Good Friday**. We will be using **Pastor Adam Hamilton’s** (UMC) Series - **The Way – Walking in Jesus’s Footsteps**

We as a Parish joined this journey to support our Confirmation students on their Faith Journey. The Journey continues the following Wednesdays February 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25, **5:15pm-6:15pm Soup Supper with Study/Worship 6:15-7:15pm+/-**. We as in past years each of our churches will provide one of the Suppers. **Maundy Thursday** April 2nd and April 3rd **Good Friday** will be at **Luck Lutheran** to finish the Lenten series. The four churches will join in providing the Soup Suppers prior to Worship. And our Confirmation Youth are strongly urged to attend Lenten Worship in fact they signed up to help. This way we can see them interact with the Luck Students and they would then be part of the Service.

As a Parish we continue to do God’s Work with the help of Pastors Peter, Tamra and Neal. We continue to hold one another up in prayer, not only individuals but our Congregations as a whole. We are holding up Faith especially during this time as they make decisions following their fire in November.

We are uploading the new Parish Ministry Site Profile to make it easier for candidates see who we are and what we have to offer, not only as a Parish but as Congregations and the larger community.

As our Church wide theme is **“God’s Work – Our Hands”**, I ask that we all think seriously about stepping up to do that work. I know that not everyone can lead Worship or such, but for everyone who leads there are 2-10 or more behind the scene making it all happen. It’s those 10 or more people that can and do have the biggest witness as to the **Love** and **Hope** in Jesus Christ. They are who bring/draw people to our Congregations almost more than the Pastor.

Remember, Pastors are like shepherds, sometimes they are in front of us leading where we need to go and other times (most) they are behind us pushing us forward to that pasture. Thinking about that please consider this verse, **“but the righteous live by their faithfulness”** Habakkuk 2:4b *NRSVUE* This is the key verse of Habakkuk’s book and is what God is teaching us from Genesis to Revelations. I hope my usual closing with give you pause to think this Lenten Season about what I have done and what I do matters.

In remembering and contemplating our own humanity it is **“God’s Work-Our Hands”** to bring and tell of the **HOPE** and **Light** of Jesus Christ showing while **“Words Matter-Actions Matter More”**.

Yours in Our Eternal **Light** and **Hope**, Jesus Christ,
Steve Jensen, Pres. FFVLP

Theme for this month “Exodus from Slavery to Service”

The book of **Exodus** has been call by some “**The Design for Deliverance**” shows us how Moses came to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and Slavery to Freedom in God’s Service. Remember Moses was a reluctant leader and God had to prod him more than once much like many of us. The book of **Exodus** has 40 chapters that is one Chapter a day Monday through Friday.

The book of **Hebrews** has been called by some “**The Roll Call of Faith**”. It gives us how the Old Testament points to and confirms Jesus as the Messiah. **Hebrews** is one of the three Old Testament commentaries on a single Old Testament verse Habakkuk 2:4 which tells us that “**the just shall live by his faith**”(KJV) If you read one chapter a day you can read through **Hebrews** three times over the 40 days.

Do we see ourselves and our lives in these books?

In the February 9, 2009 readings in “Christ in Our Home” from 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37 and in Our Daily Bread from 1 Peter 2:9-17. I was reminded that we are being watched as to how in God’s Freedom we live our faith and calling to serve Him and those around us (our Stewardship).

In the 2 Kings passage even though Elisha and his servant did not say he was a man of God the Shunammite woman could see that he was. So when ever Elisha passes by the house she would invite him in to eat and rest with them she even had her husband add a room on for him. This was her Stewardship. All because of how Elisha lived his faith and calling to serve God. And when the son he promised her died, her only son, a son of barrenness and old age (Abraham & Sarah, Genesis 15:4 & 18:10-15, Zechariah & Elizabeth, Luke 1:13) she did not falter in her faith in the God of Elisha and her son was restored.

In the passage from 1 Peter 2:9-17 (NIV) the passage the Apostle Peter writes,

9But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

And ends; **17Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.**

Anne Cetas the writer of the thought for the day in Our Daily Bread writes: “First Peter 2 reminds us that people are observing our lives (vv.11-12). To be good representatives of Jesus Christ, Peter teaches that we’re to be submissive to authority, to live an honorable life, to do good works, to honor all people, and to fear God (vv.12-17).

The testimony of our lives can give us opportunities to share the good news of Jesus. So, we might want to ask ourselves; **What do people see in me? Am I a good and faithful Steward of what God has given me?**

Help me to sing a **joyful** song
For those bowed down with care,
A song of **hope** and **freedom**
For those in dark despair. —Andrews

Do others see Jesus in you?

The Alter hangings are Purple from **February 18** until **March 29th Palm Sunday** when they change to Red, then White on **Easter Morning, Sunday April 5th**.

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Yours in Our Eternal **Light** and **Hope**, Jesus Christ, Steve Jensen

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley Pastor Neal Communion 9:30 Sunday School	2 Office hrs 9-4	3	4 9:30 Worship Committee Meeting 9:30 Quilting 1:00pm Choir Practice 5:15 Supper, 6:15 Service at Luck Lutheran	5	6	7 Turn your clocks ahead before you go to bed!
8 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley Pastor Peter 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Council Meeting	9 Office hrs 9-4	10	11 9:30 Quilting 1:00pm Choir Practice 5:15 Supper, 6:15 Service at Luck Lutheran	12 2:00pm Benevolent Committee Mtg	13	14
15 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley Pastor Neal Communion Baptism Elizabeth Erickson 9:30 Sunday School	16 Office hrs 9-4	17	18 9:30 Quilting 1:00pm Choir Practice 5:15 Supper, 6:15 Service at Luck Lutheran	19	20	21 10a-4p Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in BL “The Great Outdoors through Faith” 8a-4p Walking Together Rice Lake
22 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley Pastor Peter 9:30 Sunday School	23 Office hrs 9-4 Newsletter Deadline	24	25 9:30 Quilting 1:00pm Choir Practice 5:15 Supper, 6:15 Service at Luck Lutheran	26	27	28
29 9:30 First Combined Service Pastor Neal Palm Sunday 9:30 Sunday School	30 Office hrs 9-4	31				



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 Erickson, Vickie 03/03/1974
 Peper, Justin 03/03/1995
 Matosky, Carleen 03/04/1961
 Olson, Samantha 03/08/1991
 Kuenkel, Brett 03/09/1997
 Tober, Kale 03/09/2010
 Wagner, Kristie 03/11/1975
 Woltz, Klara 03/11/2018
 Mayo, Cari 03/13/1932
 Tellijohn, Dana 03/14/1947
 Cox, Craig 03/16/1944
 Krueger, Randall 03/18/1931
 Fisk, Axyl 03/19/2018
 Krueger, Glenda 03/25/1944
 Morrissette, Gwen 03/25/1945
 Hill, Micheal 03/25/1982
 Hallgren, Katie 03/28/1986
 Morales, Sianah 03/28/2011
 Olson, Kaylee 03/30/2007



Holden Erickson 03/05/2006
 Ted Ditlefsen 03/07/1961
 Eric Buss 03/11/2018
 Carleen Matosky 03/12/1967
 Mitchell Stage 03/13/1994
 Jake Wagner 03/18/2001
 Justin Peper 03/19/1995
 Grant Kuenkel 03/20/2005
 Craig Cox 03/28/1948
 Kaden Hallgren-Draves 03/29/2018
 Tim Erickson 03/31/1974
 Vickie Erickson 03/31/1974



Michelle & Joseph Gronquist 03/26/2019

Join us at Luck Lutheran Church
 for our 2026 Lenten Series:

THE WAY

Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

Wednesday, February 18:
 6:15PM Ash Wednesday
 Worship with Holy Communion
 and Imposition of Ashes
 (no supper this night)

Mid-Week Wednesday Schedule
 February 25 – March 25:
 5:30PM Supper
 6:15PM Worship
 7:15PM Choir Practice

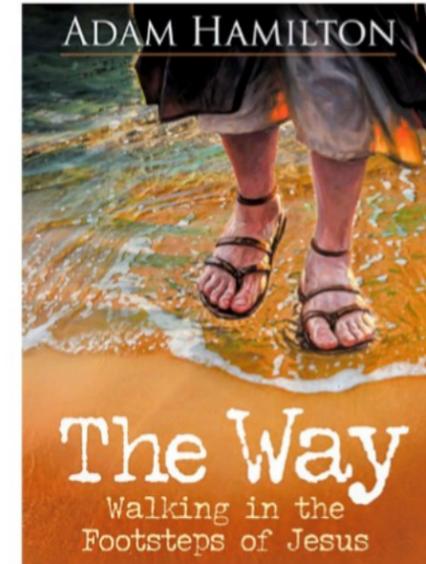
February 25 Week One:
 Baptism and Temptation

March 4 Week Two:
 Jesus' Healing Ministry

March 11 Week Three:
 Calming the Storm

March 18 Week Four:
 Sinners, Outcasts, & the Poor

March 25 Week Five:
 The Final Week



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Spring forward in faith!
 CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
 join us on time for worship.

Sunday, March 8th



Marilynn Nehring, Jim Dishon (Suzanne Grill's son), Kevin Jensen (Heidi Simmerman's brother), Carol Medchill, Linda Goulet

Continued Healing: Sharon Johnson, Matt Kludt, Amelia McKinney

Send words of encouragement:
Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Dana Tellijohn

Homebound: Charles & Cari Mayo, Mary Lundquist, Elverna Blomgren



Donna Berg 715-553-2038
 Myrna Anderson 715-554-7049
 Gwen Morrissette 715-781-3047
 Anita Johnson 715-554-3785
 Suzanne Grill 612-598-8197
 Bette Tooley 701-436-6010
 Joey Nelson 715 553-0262

If you have any prayer requests, please contact anyone on the list, giving them as little or as much information as you wish. All info will be treated with respect and kept confidential.



Every Sunday at
 9:30

The Great Outdoors through Faith
 Our Lady of The Lakes Catholic Church
 Balsam Lake
March 21th 10am - 4pm
 All Taxidermy Welcome to be Displayed!
 Scoring By: Jerry Lundee - Official Scorer
 Starting at 10:30am
 Mount Drop off starts at 8am
Tanner Wilson Wilderness Presentation 1:30pm
 Chili Feed 11:30am - 1:30pm
 Free Will Offering
Silent Auction **Kids Duck Calling Contest**
Gun Raffle **11am**
Bake Sale
 Proceeds going to Feed My Neighbor Community Pantry
 Questions Call: Tim Mares: 715-554-2174



MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION – MARCH 2026

The missionaries we are now sponsoring are Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke in Japan. The cost is \$20 per Sunday. See sign-up sheet. Please be sure to label your donation as a “missionary gift” which may be left in the offering plate. Thank you for your consideration of sponsoring our missionary in Japan.

FEBRUARY

02-01 – Don & Myrna Anderson
 02-08 – Don & Myrna Anderson
 02-15 – Don & Myrna Anderson
 02-22 – Don & Myrna Anderson

MARCH

03-01 – Don Prose
 03-08 – Don Prose
 03-15 – Don Prose
 03-22 – Don Prose
 03-29 – Don Prose

LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD SHELF: In January, 74 households were served – 53 adults and 28 children. Three new families. Total People: 104. 52 volunteer hours. Donations: Money \$2,776. Weight of food coming in 2,172, (Includes TEFAP, purchased food donations), Weight of food going out 2,541#.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federally funded USDA food program, which is administered through the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Loaves & Fishes is a recipient agency.

Items needed: Vegetables: canned tomatoes, peas, mixed vegetables. Pasta: macaroni, rice, elbow noodles, spaghetti. Misc: peanut butter, cake mix, brownie mix, and muffins.

We can always use more volunteer workers. Please contact Pam Girtz 320-232-7541 email: girtzp@gmail.com or Gena Bugno nobug115@yahoo.com.

Quarter Bowl Offering

Quarter Bowl Offering for March and April is for Interfaith Caregivers.

14th ANNUAL SWEETHEART DESSERT AUCTION 02-09-25

THANK YOU to all the bakers, bidders, buyers, our Auctioneers Bruce Nelson, and

Don Anderson, and Beth Egge, Suzanne Grill, and Gabe for handling our lively and joyful Sweetheart Auction on Feb 8, 2026. What a fine selection of cakelets, caramel rolls, many cookies, many bars, quiche, jalapeno poppers, breads, brownies, pies, Swedish tea rings, beet pickles, wine basket, Superbowl memento basket, and Superbowl treat baskets, and meals for four to be prepared by Donna Berg, and also by Greg & Julie Dunn. Forty (40) items were sold for a total of \$1,513.00. These funds will be used for Maggie Isaacson Scholarship Fund. **Thank you everyone.**

LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP – Early Registration

Luther Point Bible Camp brochures/registration forms 2026 are available or check them out online. Register early to get your preferred time frame. Your registration must be postmarked by **March 1, 2026**, to receive \$40 Early Bird Discount North Valley WELCA will pay up to a maximum of \$450 per person. If you have any questions, please contact Myrna Anderson 715-554-7049.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars available – please be sure to direct those funds to the organizations participating in Choice Dollars of your choice or those funds will expire March 31, 2026.

THANK YOU!

Lutheran Social Services

Best wishes to you! Your partnership in our work is a blessing to every vulnerable neighbor we serve. Thank you for your recent gift which brings hope and healing to people who need it most. You are a beacon of hope that makes this transformation possible. We are proud to have you walking alongside LSS and every child, family, and individual we serve. May hope fill your heart and home with warmth, peace and joy at this very special time of year.

Community Referral Agency

Thank you for your very generous and kind contribution to Community Referral Agency. Your donation is greatly appreciated by the survivor we serve. Your support makes our work possible. Thank you.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Thank you for your gift to ELCA World Hunger. As a church, we are empowered to love and serve our neighbors as Christ first loved us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God’s full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace. Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, and education, and it advances peace and justice. Through your gifts you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God’s love real.

Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County

During this season of giving, we want to pause and share our deep gratitude for your continued support. Your generosity brings real hope to individuals like Jeannie – someone whose strength and spirit brighten our entire community. Jeannie is blind and relies on Interfaith volunteers to help with everyday tasks like running errands and getting to appointments. Yet even with the challenges she faces, she continues to give back in her own beautiful way. Because of you, Jeannie is able to stay connected, independent, and active in the community she loves. With the help she receives, she can share her joy through music, playing at local churches and uplifting those around her. Your kindness makes it possible for her to continue spreading that light. We are truly thankful for you, Friends. Your support helps keep alive the rural tradition of neighbors helping neighbors – a tradition that defines Polk County and makes it such a caring place to live. Thank you once again for being a part of this journey. We truly couldn’t do it without compassionate supporters like you. Thank you so much for your kindness and compassion.

The Salvation Army

Your recent gift to The Salvation Army was a true blessing. Thank you for recognizing the urgent need in your community. Every day, even people who once donated to The Salvation Army are now turning for help. Your kind donations make it possible to offer food, shelter, spiritual assistance, and more to local families, and all of your neighbors who are struggling. With your support, we show them better days ahead. You help change their lives. Your gift really does have that power! Through your generosity and kindness, you make our community a stronger, better place. Thank you for being a beacon of hope for your neighbors in need. Your support is vital to all that we do. May God bless you for caring.

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Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed! Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God’s people – around the world and around the corner – with what they need to live abundant lives. Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God’s love real.