

North Valley Lutheran Church  
Member of First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish

1988 220th Avenue  
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Worship Schedule

11:00am Worship All Sundays in January 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 automatic bill pay.

Staff

Email: pastor@nvlch.org

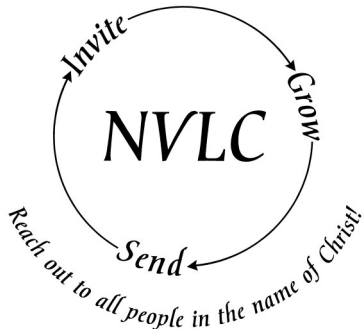
Church Email: office@nvlch.org

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

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

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

Bulletin announcements are due Tuesdays before 11:00am.



Staff & Church Council

Interim Pastor	Neal Weltzin
Admin. Asst.	Laurene Edge
Accompanist	Carol Medchill
Parish Nurse	Suzanne Grill
Custodian	Kristie Kuenkel
Co-Presidents	Kristie Wagner Don Prose
Vice President	Dan Livingston
Secretary	Bev Hopkins
Treasurer	Tom Tellijohn
Other Council Members	Charlie Christensen Jeff Kruse Tom Tellijohn
W/ELCA Reps.	Myrna Anderson Donna Berg Suzanne Grill Jan Kruse
Youth Rep.	



North Valley Message  
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Pastor’s Ponderings

Last month I wished you a HAPPY NEW YEAR....as we entered into a new CHURCH year of Advent.

Once again I wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2023 !!!!!.

Our ELCA worship resource Sundays and Seasons presents the following as an introduction to two of the Sundays in January. “ In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God’s beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God’s healing.

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.”

In January we move from the season of Christmas and on January 6 begin the season of Epiphany. Sundays and Seasons reveals this about the day and season. “The gifts of the magi direct us away from the cute, cuddly, cooing baby Jesus by pointing us to who Jesus really has come to be. The magi offer gold, a possession of kings; frankincense, used in ritual to indicate the presence of the deity; and myrrh, an oil used at the time of death as well as for anointing priests. By their gifts, the wise men reveal the identity of this child: the king before whom nations will bow, the anointed high priest of God, and the suffering servant who will die for the ones he has come to serve.

God chooses to reveal God’s love and mercy by taking human form. We celebrate that God’s mercy is wider and deeper than we imagined and includes all people and all nations. All people—rich or poor, Gentile or Jew, straight or gay, male or female—are God’s treasure, the precious ones for whom God is willing to die. What do we bring to honor our Lord before whom we bow? We bring the treasure of our lives poured out in praise of God and in service to others.”

I also want to remind you that my status is changing in the new year. We have received word that two ELCA pastors are open to helping us with Sunday worship. What that exactly means for us is still being worked out. I plan to be at our communion worship the first and third Sundays in January and then we’ll re-evaluate for February. Sorry for the uncertainty but, it appears this is how transitions work.

May God’s presence, peace, and joy bless us now and always,

Pastor Neal

THANK YOU from Dorene and I for the gifts, the cards, and the words of appreciation that we received during the Christmas season. We are so grateful. Thank you for your kindnesses and sharing a part of yourself with us.

Pastor Neal and Dorene

First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish Corner  
January, 2023

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

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

New Years’ Greetings to all and the **Love** and **Peace** of Christ be with you always this year.

Well, it was a year ago this month that our 3 Congregation voted to become the First Faith Lutheran Parish. What a year it has been working and worshipping together. We have found our commonalities and each of our uniqueness. The Parish Council is excited about what 2023 will bring. Of course we continue to pray and hope a Pastor will see that we are a great Parish and want to join us on this Faith Journey.

With Pastor Neal stepping back as out Interim Pastor but offering to be our Supply Pastor on the Communion Sun-days we needed another Supply Pastor. To that end Pastor Peter Ruggles has stepped forward to fill the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays this month. Here is his short Bio; “I am retired after being an ELCA minister in North Dakota and most recently 25 years at Good Shepherd of Marshfield WI but am still rostered in Northwest Wisconsin. At retirement, we moved to live near our daughter and her family and about 8 miles from our son and his family. Janice and I fill our time with children/grandchildren.”

We are working on finding another Supply Pastor as well to help going forward. As the Lent-Easter Season is soon here, Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pastor Randy Olson is helping with this process as well.

Call Process and Timing: I continue to be in contact with Pastor Randy Olson of the NW Synod and they still don’t have a candidate. If you know of anyone who could help us, do not contact them directly but please let Pastor Neal or Pastor Randy know.

We wish to thank the Parish Choir and the Youth for the music they have provided during this past year. It has real-ly helped to bring our Parish together.

In other Parish business we are doing well financially and will continues our \$4000.00 each commitment to the Par-ish account so that when we do get a Pastor we will have the ability to cover those expenses as well as paying Sup-ply Pastors until that time.

We are working on the Parish Budget and the Parish Worship Calendar for 2023 watch for them at your Annual Meetings.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday Feb 15, 2023 at First-Cushing at 6:30pm

Always remembering that it is “**God’s Work-Our Hands**” to bring and tell of the **HOPE** in Jesus Christ showing while “**Words Matter-Actions Matter More**”.

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

# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley	2	3	4 1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley	5	6	7
8 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley 11:00 Sunday School	9	10 9:00am Take down decorations NV	11  1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley	12	13	14
15 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley 11:00 Sunday School	16	17 6:30 Council Mtg NV	18 1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley	19	20	21 5pm service at Faith
22 Faith No Service 9:30 First 9:30 NV Annual Meeting, 11:00 worship 11:00 Sunday School	23 Newsletter deadline	24	25 1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley	26	27	28
29 9:30 First Combined service with Faith and NV	30	31				



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

01/??/1958 Allen Metcalf  
01/01/1965 Susan Berglund  
01/02/1953 Cheri Chapplear  
01/08/1989 Dane Olson  
01/13/2010 Boe Carlson  
01/19/2020 Millie Gallatin  
01/24/1993 Kasey Ouellette  
01/25/2015 Trinity Krueger  
01/27/2019 River Olson  
01/28/1940 Elverna Blomgren  
01/28/2018 Oaklynn Olson

BIRTHDAYS

01/02 Kuenkel, Grant  
01/04 Mabry, Cindy  
01/07 Hansen, Kenny  
01/07 Olson, Seth  
01/09 Wagner, Payton  
01/09 Olson, Luann  
01/10 Heilig, Boyd  
01/11 Nelson, Mark  
01/11 Stage, Mitchell  
01/16 O'Donovan, Nash  
01/16 Hacker, Mary Jo  
01/16 McIntyre, Ruby  
01/18 Ditsch, Bob  
01/24 Krueger, Trinity  
01/25 Kuenkel, Aaron  
01/27 Kruse, Andy  
01/31 Mabry, Sandy



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

01/08/2010 Todd & Amanda Wagner  
01/10/2018 Keith & Heidi Simmerman  
01/13/1979 Marvin & Lori Sloper



Please  
be  
Praying  
for...

Leif Bever, Cameron Collins, Sephonia Cowans, Randall Krueger, Amelia McKinney, Teresa Studie, Dana Tellijohn, Rick Pederson, Jim Dishon (Suzanne Grill's son), Josiah Draves (Katie Hallgren's partner), Sharon Johnson (Anita Johnson's mother), Matt Kludt (Kristie Wagner's nephew), Rhonda Krueger & Rebecca Kalstad (Randall & Glenda Krueger's daughter & granddaughter), Carolyn Nelson (Tristan Divine's mother), Michael Trumble (Krueger's grandson), Mary Pollock

**Continued Healing:** Scott Divine, Carleen Matosky, Marilyn Nehring

**Military:** Tyler Brooks (Marine Corps)

**Send words of encouragement:**

Sgt. Tyler Brooks  
1846 Darby Dr E5  
Florence AL 35630

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living/Homebound:**

Home — Teddy Ditlefsen, Athelene Simon  
Comforts of Home — Lois Baldwin



Prayer Chain

Donna Berg 715-825-2312  
Myrna Anderson 715-825-2585  
Carol Bengtson 715-646-2003  
Jim & Gwen Morrisette 715-825-2318  
Anita Johnson 715-554-3785

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.

CHILDREN'S  
Sunday School

Sunday School decorating the Christmas Tree



**Confirmation students** putting together both school bags and college student care packages the last couple of months





North Valley Vision Statements and Goals

Quantifiable, Relevant, Measurable, Achievable

Acceptance and Community:

- North Valley will seek to love and serve others unconditionally; reaching out to those entering the church and to the community at large.
- Develop a welcoming committee to greet church attendees. (Our logo is welcoming and our church is open)
- Actively participate in two community events per year (ie. Milltown Fishermen’s, maybe a Christmas event)
- Publicize and invite the community to a church sponsored event twice a year.
- Open forum on relevant resolutions of the synod on racism and diversity with an understanding to be open.
- Coffee Hour, nothing political, not about the news but personal sharing.  
Limit the time, Prepare the group, Announce ahead of time

Faith:

- North Valley will proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through traditional and contemporary services as well as providing options for learning/worshiping beyond the Sunday service.
- Community publicized Pop-up services, Wednesday alternative worship, Kiddo bags for education, Contemporary music bring to service. Worship Committee to continue planning.

Willingness/Teamwork:

- As part of the body of Christ, North Valley will remain open and flexible to new ideas and approaches; encouraging all to participate in programs, training and services.
- Make a goal to contact and incorporate one new person in any event before we start planning. Recruit kids to bring their parents along.

Generosity:

- As a country church in rural Wisconsin, North Valley will support the community and global missions with financial means and donations of time, talent and supplies.
- Look for a project to draw the community into a relationship, something they need and we can help with.



Are you getting credited for your church donations? If you give cash, please put it in any envelope with your name on, so you get credit for your donation!

OUR FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2022

Beginning Balance:	\$12,322.48
Income for November,	9,530.03
Expenses for November	7,565.79
Ending Balance:	\$14,286.72

—Tom Tellijohn, Treasurer

To provide a broader picture of church finances, we are now reporting monthly beginning and ending balances .



MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION – JANUARY 2023

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.



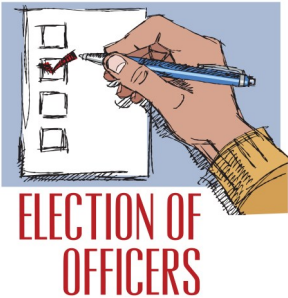
DECEMBER	JANUARY
12-04 – Paul & Suzanne Grill	01-01 – Don & Myrna Anderson
12-11 – Paul & Suzanne Grill	01-08 – Don & Myrna Anderson
12-18 – Paul & Suzanne Grill	01-15 – Don & Myrna Anderson
12-25 – Paul & Suzanne Grill	01-22 – Don & Myrna Anderson
	01-29 – Don & Myrna Anderson

PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPONSOR OUR MISSIONARIES.

**Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf:** In November 35 households were served. 53 adults and 4 children. 42 volunteer hours. Donations: 670.65\$, Money \$350.00. Items needed: fresh produce, eggs, shelf milk, pancake mix, syrup, canned meat, mandarin oranges, apple sauce, dish soap, personal items.

WELCA RAFFLE

The WELCA raffle drawing was held on December 18, 2022. Prizes and winners are: a beautiful Christmas Tree Lap quilt sewn by Beth Egge, Bonita Leggitt, and Sandra Klepetka won by Megan Hacker; a \$100 gift certificate to Daeffler Meats in Frederic, WI won by Connie Satre; and a \$50 gift card to Holiday Station won by Roger Anderson. Thank you to everyone for your assistance in selling the tickets.



ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 before wor-  
ship – come early and get your coffee  
and cookies so the meeting can start  
promptly at 9:30.

Are you interested in being on the  
Church Council? This is your chance  
to serve your church in a leadership ca-  
pacity. Contact Don Prose if you are  
interested.

JANUARY SUNDAY  
WORSHIP TIME  
CHANGE

FAITH	8:00AM
FIRST	9:30AM
N. VALLEY	11:00AM

