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First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish Corner
November, 2023

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

"From Worry to Wonder"

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

From Jesus's "Sermon on the Mount" **Matthew 6:34** *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*
³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

This text is the basis for "From Worry to Wonder" the Synod Ministry theme for this year.

As we are in the last weeks of the Season of Pentecost "Green and Growing" and process for Calling a new Pastor for our Parish. Brother Paul reminds us in his letters to the Church that "God is Calling"

As we are on this journey as Congregations and a Parish to Call a new Pastor, we each need to listen to the Lord as to what are our Gifts of the Spirit and the Fruits of the Spirit in the Life of our Congregations and Parish. The following scriptures remind us of those.

Spiritual Gifts - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 NRSV

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-26 NRSV

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

We need to ask ourselves; **What am I being CALLED to DO as part of this Journey and beyond?** As Paul states in 1 Corinthians chapter 12 we are **ALL** to work together in telling the World about God's Love towards **ALL** people through his son Jesus not just the pastor. As God calls us "From Worry to Wonder".

Parish Council Items-

Confirmation – We have joined with Luck Lutheran for our Confirmation Program until we have a Pastor. We have 8 students. On October 26, 2023 those that were able to go on a Service Trip to Feed My Starving Children in Egan, MN and packed meals, They had lunch at Cosetta's in St. Paul, followed by a tour of the Cathedral of St. Paul. I got to go along! A good time was had by all! Pastor Mary Ann Bowman is leading Confirmation this year with the help of Pastor Maggie Isaacson. THANK YOU Pastors!!

Staff & Church Council

Pastoral Support	Tamra Harder
Admin. Asst.	Laurene Edge
Accompanist	Carol Medchill
Parish Nurse	Suzanne Grill
Custodian	Kristie Kuenkel
President	Kristie Wagner
Vice President	Charlie Christen-
Secretary	Bev Hopkins
Treasurer	Tom Tellijohn
Other Council Members	Jan Kruse Jeff Kruse Joey Nelson
W/ELCA Reps.	Myrna Anderson Donna Berg Suzanne Grill
Youth Rep.	

Worship Schedule

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

Video Messages can be found on our Face-page

Offerings can be mailed to the office or given nvlch.org.

You can also set up giving through your banks matic bill pay.

Staff

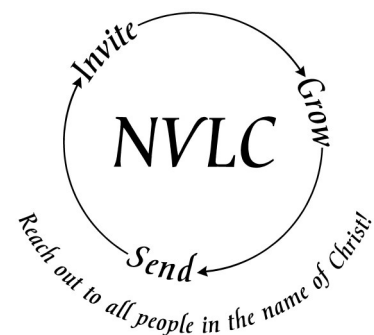
Church Email: office@nvlch.org

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

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

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

Bulletin announcements are due Tuesdays before 11:00am.



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We are doing well financially, meeting payroll and other expenses. As we are getting close to the \$125,000.00 goal to have in reserve for the Pastor’s salary package when we do have a Pastor to Call. Your Congregation Councils and the Parish Council are looking at what are our options once we have reached that goal until we Call a Pastor.

The Parish Worship Schedule

So, for November and December it is **8am Faith, 9:30am First and 11am North Valley**.

Sunday November 19th will be Lay lead that Sunday as I have no Pastors available. We will be using the WELCA Thankoffering Service that day. We need people from each Congregation to help with this Service. I would like to see the women be a major part of the Service. By the way that also is opening weekend of the Wisconsin Gun Deer Season. I will be a field that day.

The **last Sunday of the month will be a Parish Worship at 9:30 at First**, November 26th Christ the King Sunday and December 31st New Year’s Eve.

Remember the Newsletter Calendar is your friend. Please consider Worshiping with one of the other Churches if the time for your home Church does not work for you on a particular Sunday.

As we continue on our present **Journey** as members of the First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish with Pastors Peter, Tamra, Dave or Neal to look at how we will need to change as we look how we have done Ministry and how we will do Ministry going forward. We each as a **Child of God** need to live **The Way** we should go in our own life as well as the life of our Congregation. We need to ask ourselves, **Am I/are We** walking daily as **Children of God** Listening to/for His **Call**(Romans 8:16-17)? What am I being **called** to do as a **Child of God** to do as part of this **Journey** and beyond? **We are ALL** to work together (“**God’s Work-Our Hands**”) in telling the World about God’s Love and showing God’s Promised Blessings towards all people through his son Jesus.

The Altar Paraments

The color is still Green for **Growing**.

Sunday November 1st is All Saint Sunday the Altar Paraments are White as we remember those who have gone before us to his Eternal Kingdom.

But the Season of **Advent** fast approaches (Sunday December 3rd) the Altar Paraments change from Green (Pentecost) to Blue as we prepare to celebrate Jesus’s first coming as a baby born in a cold, drafty, smelly stable and laid in a manger (we do not have it so bad, do we?). As we continue to work together as a Congregation and Parish with looking to **Build/Grow New** relationships with our fellow workers for God’s Kingdom as well as **Refreshing** our current relationships with each other.

Listen for that “Still Small Voice” in the rushing wind.

Our next **Parish Council Meeting** is Wednesday November 8, 2023 6:30pm at North Valley

If you are in need of Pastoral support feel free to contact
 Pastor Tamra Harder, 715-501-3681
 For other matters call the Church Office 715-648-5323
 You can also contact me as well 715-483-3715(H) 715-557-0382(C)

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

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9am Quilting 1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley 6p-7p Confirmation	2	3	4
5 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley BP Check duri Pastor Neal All Saints Sunday	6	7	8 9am Quilting NV 1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley NO CONFIRMATION	9 9am Apple River All Conference Meeting –Chetek Luther Park 6:30p Parish Council Mtg NV	10	11  ★ Veterans Day: ★ Thank You for Your Service!
12 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley Pastor Peter Ruggles First Communion Instruction NV Joy Lutheran Roast Beef Dinner	13 9AM Assemble kits for Lutheran World Relief NV	14 6:30 Council Mtg NV	15 9am Quilting 1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley 6P-7P Confirmation	16 4:30-6:30 Chili Feed St Joe Catholic Church Amery Northwood Homeless	17	18
19 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 9:30 North Valley 9:45-11:15 Sunday School Bake Sale-NV WELCA THANKOFFERING	20 Newsletter deadline	21 6:30p Thanksgiving Service NV-Pie after	22 9am Quilting 1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley NO CONFIRMATION	23 	24	25
26 9:30 First Combined service with NV and Faith Pastor Peter Ruggles	27	28	29 9am Quilting 9am Decorate church for Christmas 1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley 6P-7P Confirmation	30		

BIRTHDAYS

Paige Miller 11/01/2001
 Oaklynn Olson 11/04/2017
 Isaiah Morales 11/05/2009
 Kyle Kletschka 11/06/1993
 Carole Gallatin 11/07/1986
 Lilly Root 11/09/2005
 Amanda Wagner 11/10/1984
 Brexlie Kletschka 11/11/2015
 Eli Baerg 11/13/1998
 Amelia McKinney 11/16/1989
 Laif Bever 11/17/2002
 Hannah Wagner 11/18/1997
 Cheri Chappellear 11/21/1952
 Karen Peper 11/24/1964
 Tim Erickson 11/27/1973

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11/06/1965 Lyle & Bev Hopkins
 11/08/2014 Nate & Randi Fisk
 11/12/1965 Randall & Glenda Krueger

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

Doug Bengtson 11/03/1996
 Sadie Bengtson 11/03/1996
 Brady Heilig 11/03/2013
 Corbin Kruse 11/06/2016
 Myrna Anderson 11/06/1955
 Wyatt Kuenkel 11/07/1999
 Jessica Jaskolka 11/07/1993
 Henry Christensen 11/09/2019
 Scarlett Christensen 11/09/2019
 Kyler Woltz 11/13/2011
 Austin Erickson 11/14/1999
 Caleb Larson 11/15/2009
 Isaiah Morales 11/15/2009
 Suzanne Grill 11/17/1946
 Lyle Hopkins 11/18/1946
 Brexlie Kletschka 11/22/2015
 Nash Kletschka 11/22/2015

“God’s Unshakable Kingdom” - The theme for November

As the events of the world around us **shake** our confidence in our government as well as the other governments across the globe and natural disasters have us asking, “Where is God in all of this”? Yes, it **shakes** our Faith.

As the First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish looking to call a new Pastor, we have been and will be little **shaken** at times with the pace at which things will be going. Remembering that for 150+ years at First, 140+ years at North Valley and 75+ year at Faith through it all God has been there and continues to be with us and for us. We have had Pastor Neal, Pastor Peter, Pastor Tamra and Pastor Dave with us and our Parish guiding and urging us to look beyond our four walls and parking lots as well as how we personally share our Faith with others. We need to remind ourselves moment by moment, hour by hour, day by day, week by week, month by month and year by year that God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and God the Holy Spirit, the great Three in One are the foundation of “**God’s Unshakeable Kingdom**”.

Psalm 9:7-8 NRSV

But the LORD sits enthroned forever, he has established his throne for judgment. ⁸He judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with equity.

Daniel 2:44 NRSV

And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall this kingdom be left to another people. It shall crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever;

Revelation 17:14 NRSV

they will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

John 18:36 NRSV

³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”

Colossians 1:13 NRSV

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

John 14:2-3 NRSV

In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

We are members and inheritors of “**God’s Unshakable Kingdom**”.

Sunday November 5th is **All Saints Sunday** the Altar Paraments are White as we remember those who have gone before us to his Eternal Kingdom.

Sunday December 3rd the 4 weeks **Advent** begins [the Altar Paraments change from Green \(Pentecost\) to Blue as we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ first coming as a baby born in a cold, drafty, smelly stable and laid in a manger \(we do not have it so bad, do we?\)](#) to the Earthly Kingdoms but looking forward to His coming again with the Saints to setting up his Eternal Kingdom.

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



Marilyn Nehring, Cameron Collins, Randall Krueger, Teresa Studie, Dana Telli-john, Jim Dishon (Suzanne Grill’s son), Kevin Jensen (Heidi Simmerman’s brother)

Continued Healing: Rowan Anderson (baby daughter of Heather Johnson & Tyler Anderson), Sharon Johnson, Matt Kludt, Carolyn Nelson, Amelia McKinney

Military: Tyler Brooks (Marine Corps)

Send words of encouragement:

Sgt. Tyler Brooks
 1846 Darby Dr E5
 Florence AL 35630

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.



NORTH VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH



UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

NOVEMBER 5TH 9-10AM - BAKING GOODIES/TREATS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 19TH 9:45AM-11:15AM— SELLING EVENT FOR OUR BAKED GOODS- SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER TO SPONSOR A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS. OPEN TO PUBLIC. LOCATED DOWNSTAIRS

DECEMBER 3RD 9-10AM— PRACTICE CHRISTMAS SONG AND MAKE A CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT.

DECEMBER 17TH – 10:45AM-11:45 – PERFORM CHRISTMAS SONG DURING 11:00 SERVICE. MEET DOWNSTAIRS AFTER FOR A SUNDAY SCHOOL GIFT.

WILL SEND OUT SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR JANUARY FORWARD, ON DEC 17TH. CALL SAM 763-688-1123 OR ANITA 715-554-3785 WITH QUESTIONS

**North Valley Lutheran Church
SUNDAY SCHOOL BAKE SALE**



NOVEMBER 19th 9:45am-11:15am

Bake sale will be located downstairs at NVLC put on by the Sunday school group.

All proceeds will go towards a local family to sponsor for Christmas.

Questions-call Sam 763-688-1123 or Anita 715-554-3785

The BRRRRR MONTHS—October, November, December

8:00 Faith Lutheran Balsam Lake

9:30 First Lutheran Cushing

11:00 North Valley Lutheran

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

It's October already, which means that January is not that far away! Please think about being on the Church Council next year. Be a part of church leadership! This is an exciting time, when you can help welcome a new Pastor to the church/parish. There will be at least 3 open positions. The council meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month, and the term is 2 years.

If you have any questions, or are interested in sitting on the council, please contact Tricia Olson at 715-553-1728

WELCA Christmas raffle tickets are now available. This year the drawing will be on December 17th. Prizes are a \$100 gift certificate to Daeffler's Meats, \$50 gas card, and quilt handmade by the WELCA ladies. The cost is still \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please pick up your tickets by Wednesday Nov. 8th (an envelope with your name are on a table at church) to save postage. If you need additional tickets, contact Myrna Anderson or Jan Kruse.



OUR FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

Beginning Balance	\$16,024.44
Income for September	\$10,916.63
Expenses for September	\$12,531.28
Ending Balance:	\$14,409.79—Tom Telljohn, Treasurer

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

MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION – NOVEMBER 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.



OCT

- 10-01 – [Paul & Suzanne Grill](#)
- 10-08 – Paul & Suzanne Grill
- 10-15 – Paul & Suzanne Grill
- 10-22 – Paul & Suzanne Grill
- 10-29 – Paul & Suzanne Grill

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- 11-05 – Paul & Suzanne Grill
- 11-12 – Paul & Suzanne Grill
- 11-19 – Paul & Suzanne Grill
- 11-26 – Paul & Suzanne Grill

Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf: In Sept. 41 households were served – 81 adults and 9 children. 61 volunteer hours. Donations: 2907#, Money \$94.96; Weight of food going out: 2,256#.

Items needed: cooking oil, mayonnaise, sugar 4# size, bar soap, dish soap, laundry soap, and personal products for men and women.

Thank you to the Luck Lions for donating a new refrigerator and new flooring in the entryway.

We are currently operating with two interim food shelf coordinators. We would like to get a full time coordinator. We will train people who are interested. We can always use more volunteer workers. If interested, please contact Pam Girtz 320-232-7541.

Quarter Bowl Offering for November and December will be donations for NVLC Giving Tree.

Lutheran World Relief Kits will be packed in November.

Thank You



DRIVE THRU MEATBALL DINNER – THANK YOU!

Thank you to ALL who assisted with our annual Drive-Thru Meatball Dinner on Sunday, October 8, 2023. Many hours/days of planning and preparing, but with your help it was a success!



TRUNK OR TREAT!





The first Sunday of the month, Suzanne will do blood pressure checks during coffee hour.

Please see insert article about Ministrokes.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

WELCA

**Thank
Offering**



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
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NOVEMBER 5TH

