

North Valley Message

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PASTOR'S CORNER



Goodbye and good wishes for a happy and healthy future!

Pastor D, you will be missed at North Valley!

Peace to you, beloved people of North Valley. In this last article I will write, I wish you only peace and openness in the months to come. Life is changing, as it always does and it is time for a bonding with two other churches to create a strong future for all of you.

1 Peter 5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

This remains your focus...on God who make you strong, as a church and as churches united. Focus on God as your leader... and all will go well.

North Valley has turned down uniting with two churches, carried on with an Interim process of gaining perspective from history, set new goals, sought new directions and remained strong as an individual church and now looking at a future with Shared Ministry with two other churches. All that in the last two years...and yet there was peace in the process, knowing God had a plan. Stay focused on God.

In the last 18 months, I started with the Pandemic already increasing and ending with a new surge. WE were isolated, yet by Christmas I knew many of you. We didn't gather our children and youth much but every time we called for help with programs, they showed up. We confirmed 3 and brought several to First communion. God is at work holding things together... even when we think they are falling apart.

In all our experiments of pulling the congregation together this last year from Drive Through Events, Weekly Summer Bible School, Pop-Up church, sending kiddos bags of Biblical knowledge to keep them involved, sending letters/sermons to our homebound, projecting our services on Facebook...we strived to seek God's direction and found hope and peace in the process.

And the miracle of all was cleaning up the sound system, connecting all the pieces in one and eliminating a huge pile of incongruous wires that we never really understood. We now have a projection, recording, sound all smoothly operating. Not bad for a bunch of illiterate technical people putting it together!!! God continues his miracles...even when we can't see it.

As my last interim is done and I am moving into retirement, I know God remains and creates something new and great in the future of North Valley. God is in charge.

Focus on God as your leader...

Know God has a plan, stay focused...

Seek God's direction, it works!

God is at work, even when we can't see it...

Peace and God's continued blessing, always remembering – God is in charge.

Pastor D. Sandahl

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.

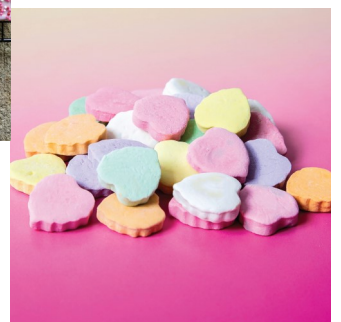
Willingness/Teamwork:

- 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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SWEETHEART AUCTION FEBRUARY 13TH Adam Bever, Auctioneer



2022 First Faith Valley Shared Ministry Agreement

Name of Area Parish First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish

Mission Statement:

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

I. Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to provide a framework for the cooperative ministry among but not limited to the following congregations.

1. First Ev. Lutheran Church, P O Bx 758, 2385 Cty Rd N, Cushing WI 54006
2. Faith Lutheran Church, 305 1st Av E, Balsam Lake WI 54810
3. North Valley Lutheran Church, 1988 220th Av, Centuria WI 54824

II. Identity:

Congregations will maintain its own identity as it now exists as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and will be encouraged to participate in events of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin.

III. Worship

1. One bulletin for the entire parish may be prepared by the Parish Administrative Assistant and Pastor and/or worship committee.
2. Scheduling of all worship services and occasional services Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas Eve/Day, Lent and Easter will be done by the Parish Council in conversation with the Pastoral staff and Committees.

IV. Property

1. Each congregation will retain ownership of its church property and parsonage.
2. Each congregation is responsible for its own building maintenance.
3. If a Parsonage is used by the ministry, it will be rented from the respective congregation based on fair monthly value determined by Parish Council.

V. Individual Congregations

1. Each congregation will have its own budget for activities that it will do alone, and its own church council to make decisions for the congregation.
2. The records of the individual congregations shall be maintained and remain in the individual congregations.

VI. Structure:

1. First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish will have a Parish Council that will consist of **two** representatives from each member congregation plus an alternate so there are always 2 People present from each Congregation and to prevent burnout. Each Congregation or Council will appoint/elect their Parish Council representatives
2. Terms of the council representatives will be for two years. No member can serve more than two consecutive terms.
3. Pastoral staff has voice but no vote. Roberts Rules of Order will be used.



Missionaries in Japan

MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION – FEBRUARY 2022

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.

January

01-02 – Lyle & Bev Hopkins
01-09 – Lyle & Bev Hopkins
01-16 – Lyle & Bev Hopkins
01-23 – Lyle & Bev Hopkins
01-30 – Lyle & Bev Hopkins

February

02-06 – Don & Myrna Anderson
02-13 – Don & Myrna Anderson
02-20 – Don & Myrna Anderson
02-27 – Don & Myrna Anderson



Local Food Shelves: Requested items: juice, toilet paper, bar soap or shower gel and peanut butter. Any food items are always appreciated. Items may be dropped off in baskets in church entry.

Thank you for your generosity.

OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

Income for December \$16890.63

Expenses for December \$12924.83

—Al Arndt, Treasurer

SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Sweetheart Auction will be Sunday, February 13, 2022, right after church. Adam Bever will be back to be our joyful auctioneer. Please consider being a donator by bringing something to sell or come to be a buyer. We have had everything from beautiful and tasty baked goods to quiche to bottles of wine. This year's funds from Sweetheart Auction will be for Maggie Isaacson Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your consideration. See you there!

THANK YOU!

Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County

Thank you for your recent gift so ALL can give thanks for the food they are about to receive. Your support helps provide hundreds of deliveries from all of our local food shelves and grocery stores in Polk County. You are helping seniors and adults with disabilities to get nutritious food to live independently at home. Thanks again for your contribution. YOU are helping people in our community stay safe, healthy, and happy and home!

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, 2022.

FROM THE NORTHWEST SYNOD:

EPIC - Congregation Council Training

March 26th at UW-Eau Claire Davies Center

WALKING TOGETHER - Sharing of various ministries in all our churches

March 26th at UW-Eau Claire Davies Center

Synod Assembly - Gather our churches to catch up on all that is happening

April 30, 2022 UW-Eau Claire Davies Center and via Zoom

DONOR BLOOD SUPPLIES ARE LOW. DONATE NOW IF YOU ARE ABLE.

Call the Red Cross toll-free at 800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment for any of the upcoming blood drives.

Feb 7, Monday, 9am to 2pm at Luck High School

Feb 8, Tuesday, 9a-3p Pok Burnett Electric

Feb 17, Thursday, Cushing Community Cente Noon-6pm

Feb 22, Tuesday, 12:30pm-6:30pm Dresser Bethesda Lutheran

POLK COUNTY COVID TESTING FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY: Polk County Public Health Highway Department Bldg 2, 901 Mallard Lane, Balsam Lake Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm, Drive thru 715-485-8400



Civil Rights Journey with team from Northwest Synod

Day one of our journey was to follow the freedom riders and Martin Luther King Jr in Alabama. Did you realize there were 60 buses that went down to Alabama to help people register to vote. One bus they tried to burn the people alive. Horrific!

In Birmingham at our guest house, we met one of the survivors of the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing, Carolyn McKinstry. The bombing killed four young girls. Carolyn Survived. We worshipped at the 16th Street Baptist and visited the Birmingham Police Department where Martin Luther King wrote his Letter from the Birmingham Jail. Surprised today to learn that the front steps of the Alabama State

Capital was the site of the beginning of the Civil War (inauguration of Jefferson Davis, confederate president) and a turning point of the Civil Rights Movement (March to Montgomery) and the inauguration of the segregationist governor George Wallace. Alabama River on the Edmund Pettus Bridge (while singing "We Shall Overcome") and Civil Rights Voters Museum. Big thanks to Airone Irby for the guided tour. Bonus: picnic in January with Lanny's BBQ. He even signed copies of his story in the Book. NWSWI Civil Rights Pilgrimage at the EJI Legacy Museum in Montgomery. Remembering and lamenting the transatlantic slave trade, lynchings...more later on our way home now.

Let's Celebrate...

FEBRUARY

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

02/03/2019	Daxton O'Donovan
02/05/1995	Brittany Sandberg
02/11/1973	Kristie Kuenkel
02/12/1995	Mitch Sandberg
02/13/1977	Jamie Carlson
02/16/2002	Heidi Simmerman
02/20/1983	Nate Fisk
02/24/2002	Billie Erickson
02/24/2013	Jaisa Ouellette
02/24/2008	Landon Morales
02/27/1972	Aaron Kuenkel
02/27/1944	Jim Morrisette
02/28/2015	Isaiah Ostlund

BIRTHDAYS

02/01	Belva Moline
02/02	Hunter Carlson
02/03	Daxton O'Donovan
02/04	Jim Morrisette
02/09	Mike Mabry
02/10	Julie Bever
02/10	Jayda Heilig
02/11	Don Prose
02/11	Evan White
02/12	Roger Anderson
02/13	Kaden Hallgren-Draves
02/14	Keigen Tober
02/14	Angie Brecka
02/15	Caleb Larson
02/15	Cola DeNucci
02/18	Craig Carlson
02/18	Delores Anderson
02/19	Jordan Olson

BIRTHDAYS (CONT)

02/20	Taylor Erickson
02/25	Kelsey Melin
02/25	Lyndsey Heilig
02/27	Axel Melin

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

02/14/1992	Brad & Mary Jo Hacker
02/19/2011	Eddie Reh & Anita Johnson
02/24/1968	Jerry & Joyce Wagner



We have been praying for...

Leif Bever, Cameron Collins, Sephonia Cowans, Susie Fisk, Randall Krueger, Amelia McKinney, Maria Morales, 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, Bev Hopkins, Anita Johnson, Carleen Matosky, Marilynn 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
Comforts of Home — Lois Baldwin



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.

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Worship Comm Mtg (plan Sunday coverage)	3	4	5
6 9:30am Worship P: Lynn Albee	7	8 6:30 Council Mtg	9	10	11	12
13 9:30am Worship P: Merry Yates Sweetheart Auction!	14 Newsletter deadline	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:30 Worship P: Pastor Randy Olson	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:30am Worship	28					

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FEBRUARY

Worship Schedule

9:30am Worship

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

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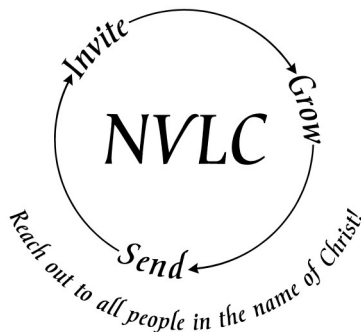
Church Email: office@nvlch.org

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

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

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

Bulletin announcements are due Thursdays before 9:00am.



Staff & Church Council

Interim Pastor	Dorothy Sandahl 651.442.6770
Admin. Asst.	Laurene Edge
Accompanist	Sue Saarem
Parish Nurse	Suzanne Grill
Custodian	Kristie Kuenkel
Co-Presidents	Kristie Wagner Don Prose
Vice President	Dan Livingston
Secretary	Tricia Olson
Treasurer	Al Arndt
Other Council Members	Charlie Christensen Bev Hopkins Jeff Kruse
W/ELCA Reps.	Myrna Anderson Donna Berg Suzanne Grill Jan Kruse

Youth Rep.