

North Valley Lutheran Church
Member of First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish

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Worship Schedule

8:00am Worship All Sundays in June 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

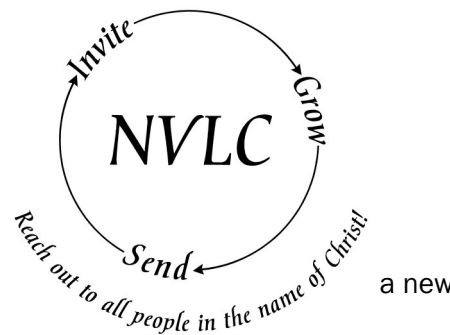
Church Email: office@nvlch.org

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

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

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
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.	

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North Valley Message
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First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish Ministry Corner
June, 2023

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

"From Worry to Wonder"

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From "The Sermon on the Mount" Matthew Chapters 5-7

5 When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

Matthew 6:25-34 *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, **do not worry** about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,^[k] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by **worrying** can add a single hour to your span of life?^l ²⁸ And why do you **worry** about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore **do not worry**, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God^[m] and his^[n] righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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 the Synod Assembly Theme **"From Worry to Wonder"** and is the Ministry theme for this year.

Remember back a couple of months ago we all were **worried** that the snow was not going to stop or that the snow would not go away, and the ground would warm up in time to plant crops and gardens to get a good yield. And here we are today the fruit trees are blooming a little later than usual, the oats/wheat is up, and I have even seen corn up as I have been driving. Our **worry** was for not. And as Jeanne and I are working in our garden we are finding that the soil is warm but also quite dry considering all the snow we and rain we had this past winter. The rain will come no need to **worry**.

Jeanne and I along with Kristy, Don, Susanne from North Valley and Leo and Donna from Faith attended the Synod Assembly. We heard Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson call us to the **Wonder** and away from the **Worry**. The **Wonder** of what God is doing through us His Church. During the 40 days after his resurrection Jesus continued to calm the Disciples **worries** about what was to come after He Ascended to the Father. In Acts 1 Jesus tells them that they will soon receive the Comforter/Holy Spirit. And ten days later they did (Acts 2) When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

This same Holy Spirit is still with us today guiding us directing us as Congregations and a Parish in the way we should be going. Yes, as I said last month we are human and we **worry** about when will we have a Called Pastor guiding us on this journey, how will we know what the future holds? I am finishing

writing this after our Congregation Council meeting at First. While we were looking to the future with a little bit of **worry**, we were excited about what we have accomplished as a Congregation and Parish without a Called Pastor and decided that as Jesus said ³⁴ “**So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.**” That does not mean we don’t make plans because you always need a plan. It means we don’t get ahead of ourselves or God.

Pastor Randy Olson from the Synod met with the Parish Council on May 10th. He said is still trying to locate/find us a Pastor. He is exploring an option of having 4 retired Pastors share the duties of our Parish until a candidate shows interest in our Parish. It is working well in a Church in our Conference. The Parish Council was open to this option during this time.

We are in the season of Pentecost for the next 27 weeks the Parament color is Green for Growing. On Sunday June 4th we received by Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation 13 young people as members of our Congregations with the help of Pastor Neal this is Growth to celebrate!

Celebrate what your Congregation has done so far while we have been waiting for a Candidate. We need to do this or the **worry** will eat us up. Mental Health professionals tell us this all the time. **Worry** leads to both physical and mental health issues. It is time we take to heart the saying “Let go and let God”

Please continue pray for wisdom and guidance for your Worship Team and Congregation Councils and the Parish Council as we work to strengthen and improve the Ministry of the First Faith Lutheran Parish and Call a Pastor to Shepherd us on this **Faith Journey**.

Worship Times for June.

8am North Valley, 9:30am Faith and 11am First. First Sunday School at 9:30am

Our next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday August 9, 2023 6:30pm at Faith

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

June 2023

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

BIRTHDAYS

Goulet, Dan 06/06/1945
 Frank, Bennett 06/08/2020
 Fletcher, Anne 06/11/1967
 Nelson, Joey 06/11/1947
 Ostlund, Isaiah 06/11/2010
 Collins, Cameron 06/15/2001
 Hallgren-Draves, Piper 06/16/2016
 McIntyre, Belle 06/16/2009
 Lundquist, Mary 06/17/1936
 Cox, Noah 06/17/2008
 Smisek, Chevy 06/19/2009
 Peper, Greg 06/20/1964
 Sloper, Lori 06/20/1960
 Simmerman, Madison 06/21/2004
 Simonson, George 06/24/1947
 Blomgren, Elverna 06/25/1930
 Rue, Dale 06/25/1956
 Kruse, Jeff 06/25/1964
 Collins, Ed 06/28/1970

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

06/08/2003 Ed Collins
 06/11/1950 Don Prose
 06/11/1995 Jason Lunde
 06/12/1988 Debbie Collins
 06/12/1988 Renea Heller
 06/12/1988 De Olson
 06/14/1944 Jan Kruse
 06/16/2002 Julia Cox
 06/19/1994 Krystal Juleen
 06/23/1935 Grace Odberg
 06/23/1974 Todd Wagner
 06/26/1977 Ben Cox
 06/26/2005 Hunter Cox

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

06/14/2003 Ed & Debbie Collins
 06/15/2002 Keith & Jennifer Tober
 06/15/1996 Adam & Julie Bever
 06/18/2016 Colin & Kasie O'Donovan
 06/21/1986 Greg & Karen Peper
 06/22/2019 Derek & Jessica Jaskolka



Lois Baldwin (in hospice), Cameron Collins, Randall Krueger, Marilyn Nehring, Mary Pollock, Teresa Studie, Dana Tellijohn, 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

Nursing Home/Assisted Living/Homebound:

Home — Teddy Ditlefsen, Athelene Simon



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.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Newsletter deadline for July is no later than Monday, June 19th. Anything submitted after that may have to wait for the following month edition.

Thank you, Laurene

"Listen God is Calling"

Pentecost May 28th

The banner "Listen God is Calling" is to remind us that as we are on our Faith and Life Journey, he is with us at all times. As we are on this journey as a Congregation and the First Faith Valley Lutheran 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 our lives and the Life of our Congregation. 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.

The Alter Paraments for the 27 weeks of the season of Pentecost, we start with the color Red for the fiery tongues of that first Pentecost. Then the color for the season of Pentecost is green for **Growth**. As we continue to work together as a Congregation and Parish looking to Call a new Pastor we will continue to be **Building/Growing New** relationships with our fellow workers for God's Kingdom as well as **Re-freshing** our current relationships with each other.

We need to be seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit through Prayer and contemplation during this time of transition and to **Listen** for that " **Still Small Voice**".

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**".

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 Steve Jensen

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.

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

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 APRIL 2023

Beginning Balance	\$26,659.63
Income for April,	9,360.00
Expenses for April	14,719.28
Ending Balance:	\$21,300.65 —Tom Tellijohn, Treasurer

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



Mission and Social Action



MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION – JUNE 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.

MAY

05-07 – Marilyn Nehring
05-14 – Marilyn Nehring
05-21 – Marilyn Nehring
05-28 – Marilyn Nehring

JUNE

06-04 – Tricia Olson
06-11 – Tricia Olson
06-18 – Tricia Olson
06-25 – Tricia Olson

PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPONSOR OUR MISSIONARIES.

Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf: In April, 38 households were served - 61 adults and 14 children. 41.5 volunteer hours. Donations: 872#, Money \$912.58 Items needed: bread, eggs, milk, cheese, fresh vegetables (carrots, potatoes), fresh fruit (apples, oranges), canned meat, dish soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and paper towels.

We are seeing more needs in our area, probably due to the cutback in SNAP or Foodshare benefits. We are going to have to implement some new procedures which are more time consuming as we will be getting our food from the St. Croix Valley Food Bank of Hudson. Several days we have needed to have 3 people working in order to keep up. Thanks for all your donations of food and money.

We need more volunteer workers. Please call Pam Girtz 320-232-7541 for more information. Thank you.

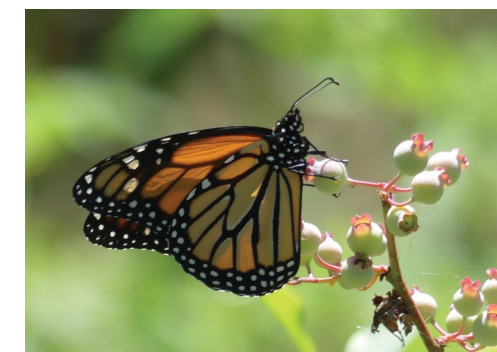
Polk County Career Day

Thank you to everyone who helped purchase, deliver, prepare food and/or serve food for the Polk County Career Day at the Polk County Fair Grounds on Wed. May 3, 2023.

Confirmation Sunday – June 4

Confirmation service for Belle McIntyre and Boe Carlson will be Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

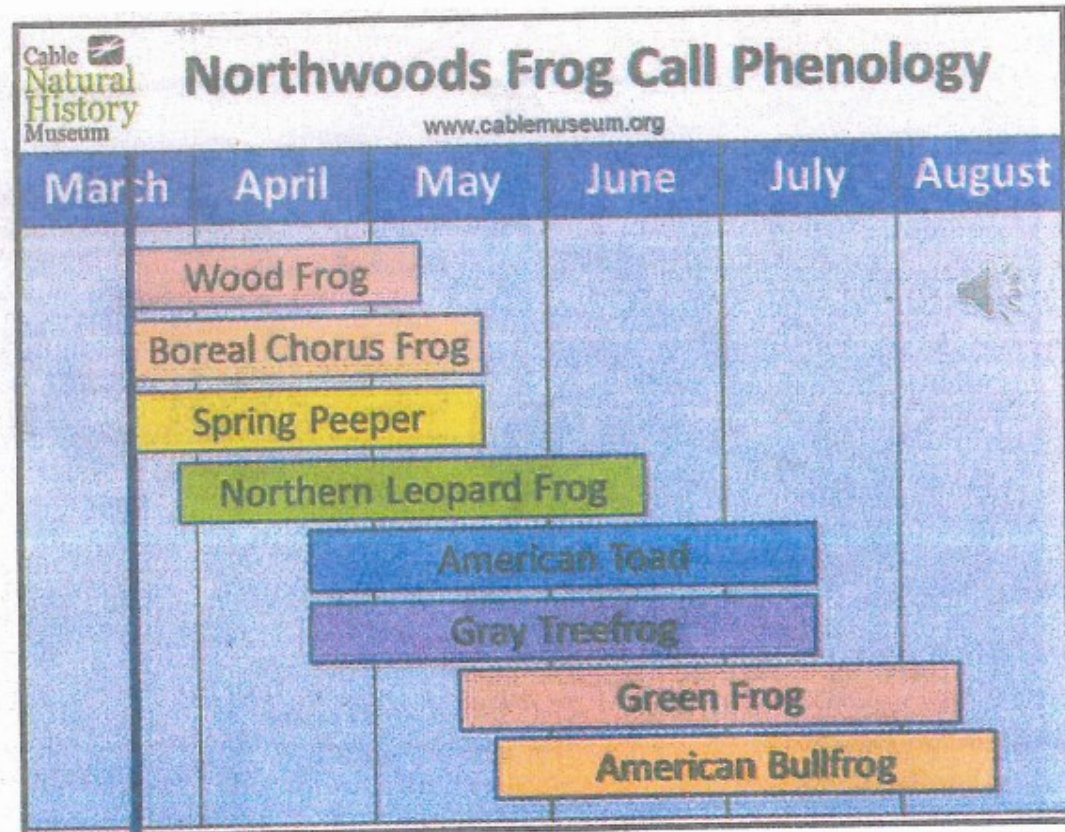
Quarter Bowl Offering for May and June – North Valley Prayer Shawl Ministry



WHEN SHOULD YOU EXPECT VARIOUS FROGS TO BEGIN CALLING? THIS CHART CAN HELP YOU ANTICIPATE WHEN EACH SPECIES WILL BEGIN AND END THEIR BREEDING SEASON.

VIEW THIS WITH AUDIO AT youtu.be/VsiVH7Bg0tQ or

fb.watch/jkhOA-7zvV/



*Sit by a pond . . .
Let go of your stress with the
sounds of nature . . .*



Carter Collins
McKinley Conito
Hunter Cox
Grant Kuenkel
Trista Neely

They were recognized during worship on May 21st, and received their quilts.

LOCAL EVENTS/FESTIVALS

- Every Friday 3pm: Farmer's Market—Balsam Lake in Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church parking lot
- Every Saturday at 10am: Farmers Market St Croix Falls Library plaza
- June 10th at 9am: Osceola Rhubarb Festival, Mill Pond Park
- June 16th-18th: Frederic Family Days
- June 18th at 12pm: Father's Day at the Winery—Dancing Dragonfly Winery
- June 24th 10a-8p: Wolf Creek Festival
- June 24th 4pm: Ski Show/Live music at Balsam Lake Lodge (was Paradise)
- June 24th 11am: Intuitive Living Summer Expo—Dancing Dragonfly Winery
- June 24th & 25th: Milltown Fisherman's Party
- June 30th-July 2nd: Freedom Fest in Balsam Lake (fireworks at 9:30pm on 3rd)
- July 1st at 9am: Annual Car Show at Deer Lake Winery
- July 8-9: Centuria Memory Days
- July 14th-16th: Wannigan Days in St Croix Falls/Taylor's Falls

Attention: 8th-12th Graders!

You are invited and encouraged to attend JOURNEY this summer! This multi-synod event is open to all current 8th-12th graders, and will include 4 days of faith-filled time together. We will hear from incredible guest speakers and worship with amazing musicians, be inspired in workshops, put our faith into action with a day of service learning, and meet other youth from Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota.

July 24-27, 2023

UW River Falls

8th-12th Graders

\$300 per/participant

(This fee includes: housing, meals, service learning, programming, materials, event shirt, and last day bonus activity.)

Registration deadline is June 15

Event details and registration can be found here:

<https://nswi.org/journey>

PLEASE NOTE: WELCA will help financially

PARISH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JUNE

8:00AM North Valley

9:30AM Faith Lutheran in Balsam Lake

11:00AM First Lutheran in Cushing

The rotation will change in July



“You matter...
You matter to God...
You matter to others...”
It’s true.

Loving Jesus doesn’t always cure suicidal thoughts.
Loving Jesus doesn’t always cure depression.
Loving Jesus doesn’t always cure anxiety.
Loving Jesus doesn’t always cure PTSD.

You can love Jesus and have a therapist, too.
You can love Jesus and take medication, too.

Please get whatever help you need.

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You matter to others.