

North Valley Lutheran Church
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First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish Corner

October, 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. Brothers Paul and Jude remind us in their letters to the Church that we are **“God’s Children”**

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These two passages continue to call us **“From Worry to Wonder”** as God’s Children.

Parish Council Items-

Confirmation – We are joining with Luck Lutheran for our Confirmation Program until we have a Pastor. We have 8 students and 6 of the 8 were at the September 24, 2023 Parish Worship to be recognized and receive the Bibles they will be using. See their picture and schedule in this Newsletter. Pastor Mary Ann Bowman is leading Confirmation this year with the help of Pastor Maggie Isaacson. THANK YOU Pastors!!

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 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 Call Process-

We are still waiting for Pastoral candidates to apply. Continue to be in prayer for a candidate/s!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

If you have not said Thank you to Pastors Peter, Tamra, Dave and Neal lately, please do so and not just this month. Remember Pastors Peter, Dave and Neal in your prayers as they continue to help use during this time. Remember, they travel about an hour or more one way to be with us.

Worship Schedule

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

Staff

Church Email: office@nvlch.org

Admin. Asst.: Laurene Edge

9:00am-4:00pm Tuesdays

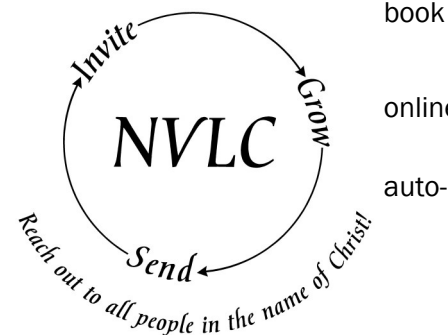
Please notify the church office if you have a new address or phone number changes.

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

Bulletin announcements are due Tuesdays before 11:00am.

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.	



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They reminds us that while they are providing the pastoral care and education, we as members should be also providing care such as bring Communion to our shut-ins as well as just visiting with members in need. We have 8 Confirmation students in the Parish so far for this year. Also at least at First Sunday School is back in session.

The Parish Worship Schedule Changes this month!!

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

The **last Sunday of the month will be a Parish Worship at 9:30 at First**, October 29th, Reformation Sunday, November 26th the first Sunday in Advent 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.

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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

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 Sunday School NV 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley Pastor Davd Natzke	2	3	4 9am Quilting 1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley	5	6	7
8 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley 11:00-1:00 NV Meatball Dinner Pastor Peter Ruggles	9	10	11 9am Quilting NV 1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley	12	13	14
15 8:00 Sunday School NV 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley Pastor Peter Ruggles Trunk or Treat at NV 12:30-2:00	16	17 6:30 Council Mtg NV	18 9am Quilting 1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley	19	20	21
22 8:00 Faith 9:30 First 11:00 North Valley	23 Newsletter deadline	24	25 9am Quilting 1pm Parish Choir Practice North Valley	26	27	28
29 9:30 First Combined service with NV and Faith Pastor Neal Weltzin	30	31 				

BIRTHDAYS

10/02 Verle Hacker
 10/02 Jamie Carlson
 10/03 Nixon Jaskolka
 10/06 Nadia Cox
 10/07 Brittany Sandberg
 10/07 Cash Hickethier
 10/09 Mary Nelson
 10/09 Olivia Hill
 10/10 Jess Kruse
 10/12 Amy Eibs
 10/12 Paul Grill
 10/12 Colton Krueger
 10/13 Myrna Anderson
 10/14 Tehya Studie
 10/15 Mitch Hopkins
 10/15 Ted Ditlefsen
 10/16 Suzanne Grill
 10/18 Renea Heller
 10/18 Daimyan Smith
 10/20 Genevieve Hill
 10/21 Boe Carlson
 10/21 River Olson
 10/22 Dane Olson
 10/22 Jan Kruse
 10/23 Jonathon Buss
 10/24 Bryan Cox
 10/24 Eddie Reh
 10/24 Kody Tober
 10/27 Lindsay Mabry
 10/31 Bette Tooley

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10/01/1977 Dan & Tricia Olson
 10/05/2019 Dane & Samantha Olson
 10/14/2000 Craig & Jamie Carlson
 10/16/2010 Micheal & Sarah Hill
 10/17/1981 Tom & Sandy Mabry
 10/20/2019 Rick & Dorie Pederson
 10/20/1962 Chuck & Jan Kruse
 10/24/1969 Jim & Gwen Morrissette

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

10/??/1962 Tom Mabry
 10/01/1957 Marvin Sloper
 10/03/1999 Courtney Valleskey
 10/03/1982 Angie McIntyre
 10/07/1945 Elaine Cox
 10/08/2017 Olivia Hill
 10/11/2009 Belle McIntyre
 10/13/2019 Henry Gehl
 10/15/1995 Caleb Hacker
 10/24/1999 Zack Wagner
 10/27/1991 Alecia Ouellette
 10/27/1991 Kaylynn Buss
 10/27/1983 Craig Carlson
 10/29/1939 Donna Berg
 10/31/1965 Karyn Kruse

October's theme "Becoming God's Children"

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And again, in Hebrews 13:1-6;

1Keep on loving each other as brothers and Sisters. **2**Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. **3**Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. **4**Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. **5**Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." **6**So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" (NRSV)

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As we continue on our present **Journey** as Congregations and members of the First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish to Call a full time Pastor with the help of Pastors Peter, Dave, Tamra and Neal as well as Pastors Mary Ann and Maggie working with our Confirmation Kids, 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 Congregations and Parish. We need to ask ourselves, **Am I/are We** walking daily as **Children of God** (Romans 8:17)? What am I being shown 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 not just the pastor.

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Prayer Chain



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.



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



Celebrate our Confirmation Students getting their Bibles!

September 24th 2023-Payton Wagner, Anistyn Cox, Harper Dagestad, Callahan Hanson,
Gabriel Magnuson, Brock Sladky

**** See Confirmation Schedule Insert****

TIME TO SWITCH

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



OUR FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 2023

Beginning Balance	\$16,024.44
Income for August,	\$8,078.50
Expenses for August	\$3,948.06 (No parish payment this month)
Ending Balance:	\$20,154.88—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 – OCTOBER 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.

SEP	OCT
09-03 – Paul & Suzanne Grill	10-01 – Paul & Suzanne Grill
09-10 – Paul & Suzanne Grill	10-08 - Paul & Suzanne Grill
09-17 – Paul & Suzanne Grill	10-15 - Paul & Suzanne Grill
09-24 – Paul & Suzanne Grill	10-22- Paul & Suzanne Grill
	10-29 - Paul & Suzanne Grill

PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPONSOR OUR MISSIONARIES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2023.

Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf: In August, 46 households were served – 70 adults and 9 children. 72.75 volunteer hours. Donations: 1306#, Money \$2,383.14; Weight of food going out: 1,871#, and \$310 Waynes gift cards..

Items needed: cooking oil, bar soap, dish soap, laundry soap, personal products for men and women.

Thank you to the Luck Lions for donating a new refrigerator.

Quarter Bowl Offering for October will be donations for a Thanksgiving Dinner event.

Lutheran World Relief Kits will be packed later in October.

Contact Myrna Anderson if you have questions or if you would like to assist.

We need sturdy boxes for shipping quilts to Lutheran World Relief. We pack about 4 quilts per box. Approximate size for boxes 15.5W X 23.5L X 14D. If you have any available and would like to donate, please drop off at church. Thank you.

All donations are appreciated and can be left in donation baskets in the fireside room. Cash donations will be used to purchase items needed to finish the kits. Thank you.

Drive-Thru Meatball Dinner October 8, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Please join us for our annual Drive-Thru Meatball Dinner. You can assist by donating some of the necessary groceries needed, or a monetary donation, or assisting with meatball preparation on Fri 10/06, or helping with other meal preparation and outdoor decorations on Sat 10/07 at 9:00 am; or taking orders, preparing meal boxes, serving, and all that is needed on Sunday, and by coming and enjoying a tasty meal. There are sign up clipboards at the church or you can call Jan 715-825-4399, Donna 715-553-2038, Myrna 715-554-7049, or Suzanne 715-825-4100 if you have questions or wish to assist in anyway. All donations of grocery items are requested to be to the church by Sat 10/1 9:00 a.m. Thank you for your participation.

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Trunk or Treat



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**Drive-thru
MEATBALL DINNER
Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023
11:00 - 1:00pm**

Serving

**Meatballs
Cheesy Hashbrowns
Green Beans
Buns
Pie**

Freewill Donation

**Proceeds to children's ministries
for Lutherans**

Action Team Support from Thrivent Financial

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



North Valley Lutheran Sunday School Begins Oct 1, 2023

North Valley Sunday School will begin on Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. for children ages 3yrs old through Grade 6 with instructors Anita Johnson and Samantha Olson. The second session will be held on October 15 at same time. No Sunday School will be held on October 8, 22, or 29. Parents are welcome to attend. Future dates and time may be adjusted. Please contact Anita if you have any questions at 715-554-3785. Hope to see you there.