



AUGUST 2026

FOCUS ON FAITH

Faith Lutheran Church

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

"...so we, who are many, are one body in Christ..."

Romans 12:5

I participated in an unusual reunion earlier this summer. Tricia and Patriq DuSant are regular visitors to our congregation who shared with me their connection to Pastor Jon Becker, son of Faith's founding pastor Dr. Carl Becker. They discovered this while visiting the church he serves in western Wisconsin after noticing the unusual cross he wore, pictured here. It was a gift to his father from the designer of our distinctive worship space. After many years of ministry Pastor Becker wanted it returned here, and Tricia brought it home last month.

God's Spirit is unexpected yet always faithful, fostering connections and hope. In this 70th Anniversary of our congregation's founding, I'm reminded of the profound connections that the Spirit has fostered here. We simply cannot know the extent of God's work when we set out to follow Jesus, trusting only in God's providence and love as we discover our place in the Body of Christ.

This is something to celebrate, and we want to gather friends near and far to share this blessing with us! Two special events are coming soon. Our annual Prairie Palooza on August 15 will include a car show, music, food, and children's activities. Then we'll celebrate our congregation's founding by hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on September 19. More than mere commemorations, these are opportunities to recognize and celebrate the many ways that God is at work here. I hope that you'll participate!

God's peace,
Pastor John



GUEST AT SUNDAY WORSHIP

August 2

Natalie Brown, from TimberNook, will be with us for worship to speak briefly about the program.

COMMUNITY CAMPFIRES



August 12, September 9, and October 14
Wednesdays

6:30 p.m.

Faith Community Pathways

This is a fun all age social event. Please bring a chair. Hosted by the Faith Church Council.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 3-7, 2026

9:00 a.m.-Noon

Faith Lutheran Church

Fee: \$10

All kids ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome. To register: [VBS](#)

SUNDAY SHARED EPIC WORSHIP

August 9

Cedar Creek Park

9:30 a.m.

We will have no worship at Faith.

PRAIRIE PALOOZA

Saturday

August 15

Free

3:00 p.m.

For the sixth year, Faith is hosting its annual Prairie Palooza event on August 15. This is a family friendly event with live music and lots of activities for the children. This year will also include a car show! We will be selling grilled hot dogs and corn on the cob. Members,

neighbors, and the community are all welcome to attend. If you would like to help, please contact Laura Kinnunen.

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

August 23

11:00 a.m.

Alexa Wuebben will talk about her recent mission trip.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

The Church Council will be leading a Bible study on the third Sunday of each month, starting September 20. The Bible studies will be held after worship at 11 a.m. The first Bible study will focus on Faith's 70th anniversary.

AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH: FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing is a food pantry and resale shop that is in Grafton. Family Sharing is committed to the mission of alleviating hunger in Ozaukee County with dignity and compassion. It feeds up to 600 families each month.

On Sunday, August 30, Matt Swanson of Family Sharing will be doing a temple talk. He will speak about ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed), the Sharing Garden and the new garden in Fredonia.

You can support Family Sharing in the following two ways:

Cash Contributions: This is always a good way to support Family Sharing and can be included in your August Mission of the Month giving.

Donations: A bin will be in the narthex for collecting goods for Family Sharing during the month of August. We need grape and strawberry jelly, canned tuna and chicken, ketchup, facial tissue and shampoo.

As always, your help and generosity are very much appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Phil Dellegrazio.. Thank you!

Find the Faith calendar on the Faith website under the Events and Calendar page: [Calendar](#)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND COFFEE HOUR

To sign up and view schedule:

[Worship and Coffee Hour Schedule](#)

70TH ANNIVERSARY MUM SALE



To celebrate our 70th anniversary, Faith will be selling mums through Groth's Country Gardens.

Cost: \$22.00

Type: 12 inch, potted

Colors: Tricolor (purple, yellow, orange), red, purple, orange, yellow or white

There will be limited quantities of each color.

Order due: September 14

Pick up at church: September 17

The flowers can be designated for either the church or for yourself. Envelopes for ordering will be available at church on August 2.

Please pay with either cash or check.

CHRIST WALL IMAGE

Jesus Savior by Vicki Shuck



Vicki Shuck has worked in fine art and illustration for over thirty years. She was born and raised in the Klamath Basin in southern Oregon. She received her BA in Art from Oregon State University in 1975. She has exhibited her paintings, drawings, and prints throughout the United States.

Vicki Shuck is currently interested in reflecting her Native American heritage. Her great-grandmother, Dora, was a member of the Hat Creek Band of the Modoc Tribe.

Shuck works with various book publishers creating illustrations with religious subject matter for all age groups. She also teaches drawing, painting and printmaking to adults and children.

This painting comes out of wanting to celebrate that Jesus Christ loves and saves, redeems and heals--and is wanting to do that for each person on the planet and for all of creation!-Vicki Shuck

-This piece was submitted by Alisa Norquist

READ ME AWAKE POETRY CIRCLE

Alice's Garden

July 7



REFORMATION SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

July 9



PRAIRIE *Palooza* CAR SHOW

FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH



★ SATURDAY ★
AUGUST 15, 2026

🕒 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM 🕒



TROPHIES
WILL BE GIVEN!
CATEGORIES YET
TO BE DETERMINED.



**FOOD
& MUSIC
ON SITE!**

★ **AUGUST 1ST** ★

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE

REGISTER EARLY!
SPACE IS LIMITED.
REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE
WHEN MAXIMUM IS REACHED.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://ti.to/the.ly/event-registration/#/11311227>

REGISTRATION
— FEE —
★ **\$15** ★



SCAN TO REGISTER!

★ **RAFFLE** ★

DON'T MISS
YOUR CHANCE
TO WIN!



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★ **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** ★

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REGISTER AT: [Car Show](#)

Spaghetti DINNER

Join us for Faith's 70th Anniversary celebration!



JOIN US!
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2026
12:00PM

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REGISTER AT: [70th Anniversary Dinner](#)



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

SCHOOL KITS DRIVE

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



We are again taking part in an outreach project through Lutheran World Relief that provides school supplies to children who do not have any basic supplies for learning. With so many children displaced or immigrants here in the U.S. and all over the world, the need for these school kits is greater than ever. We have the bags, but we need the school supplies to fill the bags. Starting in July, a collection box will be in the narthex and another box will be in the office hallway.

We need the following items to fill each bag:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approx. 8" X 10 ½". No loose-leaf paper.
- One 30-centimeter ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers. Secure together with a rubber band.
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors. Safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well.
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens. Please no gel ink pens. Secure together with a rubber band.
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One eraser approximately 2 ½" long

Our greatest need will be notebooks. All items should be new and in good condition. No patriotic symbols.

Watch for Back to School sales on the items needed to fill the bags. Choose whatever items you would like to provide, as many or as few as you like. You do not need to try to purchase all the items needed for one bag.

Cash donations marked LWR School Kits would be greatly appreciated. We will purchase any items not donated that are needed to complete the bags. If you would like to help cover the cost of mailing the kits overseas, mark your cash donation for Mailing LWR School Kits. Donations can be either left in the offering basket, dropped off in the church office, or given to Laverne Gresch.

We will be packing the school kits in September. How many school kits can we fill this year? The need is great!

Thank you for supporting this project to help children all over the world who need materials for learning.



Morning of Saturday, September 26

Join all of your friends at the Outreach for Hope 2026 Family Ride Run Walk, and help fundraise \$175K for grants to ministries serving communities experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA.

FOUR SITE OPTIONS:

Each site offers a **road** (8:30 am) and/or **trail bike ride** (9:30 am) unless otherwise noted, a **5K fun run** and a **walk** (10:30 am), followed by a **picnic** (11:30 am). There are also **fellowship-only participant** and **volunteer** options.

- **Grafton:** Meets at Grace Lutheran Church
- **Kenosha:** Meets at Petrifying Springs Park
- **Milwaukee:** Meets at Washington Park (*no bike rides at this site*)
- **Waukesha:** Meets at Fox River Sanctuary, E. B. Shurts Building

There is **no registration fee** - but we encourage you to donate and/or fundraise towards our \$175K goal! **Every dollar raised supports our Ministry Partners' work** of clothing, feeding and caring for our neighbors in need.

Register + learn more at OFHRRW.org

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