



Faith Lutheran Church
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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FAITH'S FOUNDATIONS

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Working to spread the Gospel here and throughout the world.

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FROM PASTOR CATIE



Psalm 130:5 – “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.”

As Advent has come and gone, I find myself dwelling in the meaning of the season. Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Christ and for Christ's second coming. In short it is a season of preparation and waiting. As I sit with my thoughts of the season that has so quickly happened, I am reminded of all the things that we prepare and wait for. I think of Mary and Elizabeth who prepared for the birth of their babies and then waited for their arrival. I think of the preparation that you as a church went through in the call process to then wait for a pastor. Finally, I think of the preparation that went into the installation service for us all to have to wait out a winter storm and hope for better weather on January 9th.

There are many things in life that we prepare for only to be left waiting for them to actually happen. As I came up with this list, I wondered what it really means. What lesson can we learn

from Advent, a season that we so thoughtfully prepared for and then in the blink of an eye is gone. As I pondered this, I was left with one simple word, hope.

The season of Advent, for me, is a time of hope as we excitedly await the coming of Christ. We prepare and then hope as we expect the typical things about Christmas- the hymns and readings, the feeling that we get as we light candles and spend time with family and friends. We also hope in the sense that we trust that what we expect to happen will indeed happen.

Hope is something that we can take into all the times in our lives in which we wait. We hope for better weather on January 9th, so we can safely come together for an installation service to name just one example. I pray that as we enter this new season of life and the church calendar that you will remember to bring the hope of Advent with you.

Peace,
 Pastor Catie

*“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.”*

~Hebrews 11:1

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

As this Year of Hope 2021 comes to a close, we shift our focus to Faith for the year 2022. Faith is, of course, connected to Hope as our Faith in the Spirit of the Living Christ is the source of our faith and our hope.

While each generation has been marked by its own challenges, it’s hard not to feel like our time in history is somehow exceptional, perhaps because we are the ones who are living it. The past couple of years have certainly been distinctive. We are living in a time of contrasts and simultaneous opposites:

- Weariness and opportunity
- Grief and creativity
- Loss of traditions and forging something new
- Polarization and common mission
- Apart but together

Living in the tension of seemingly opposing forces is exhausting. And yet, perhaps it is only in that in-between space that we are able to move forward, like walking a ridge line, carefully balancing between two valleys that drop steeply to either side. Every step must be calculated and considered to avoid careening down a slippery slope.

I do believe we entered this pandemic thinking that somehow it would end, and we would all go back to the way things were. Now, I am thinking that it is not about looking for an end, but rather shifting into a new way of being.

Included in the charges given to a pastor at an ordination is this exhortation:

“So, discipline yourselves in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope.”

I do not wish to give illusory hope, encouraging you to hold on for some near or distant day when the pandemic will be over, and things will get back to “normal.” The shifting and adapting we are doing now may well be permanent and not just a temporary adjustment for extraordinary circumstances.

As we travel the ridgeline of 2022, I encourage you to join me and the whole synod in a focus on Faith. The whole point of being church, the whole reason God created the church in the first place, was to share the good news of Jesus. When so much of the future remains uncertain, we have this core mission to guide our steps.

For 2022, I believe we will find blessing as we dig into what we believe, why we believe it, and what difference that belief makes to who we are as people trying to follow Jesus, and what it means for how we live in the world. Whether you join a Synod-wide Lifelong Faith Formation class or participate in a small group Bible Study in your congregation or with a group of friends, I ask you engage in a new effort, a new discipline, to deepen your faith, and I promise to do the same. Together, we will walk this narrow path through the tension that 2022 brings and find our way into becoming the future church and God is bringing into being.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

From the President...

Christmas is now over and we hope that you were able to join us for worship either in person or via live streaming.

We are thankful to have Pastor Catie with us. She is leading us with great wit and enthusiasm. We look forward to her official installation as our pastor on January 9th, weather permitting!!

We are also hosting a spaghetti dinner that same day at Pine Isle. Linda Swanson is in charge of our part and she needs help! Please contact her to participate.

Blessings to all of you in the new year!

Marge

Thought of the Day

“You cannot judge people’s level of maturity from how many problems they have...you can only judge it by their response to crisis.”

~Rabbi Ed Friedman

Transitions

- **Pastor Catie Ford's** Installation has been rescheduled for Sunday, January 9 at 2 pm CT at **Faith, Three Lakes**. Clergy are invited to vest and the color of the day is red. Masks are expected. We pray blessings upon Pastor Catie and the people of Faith, Three Lakes.
- **Vicar Melissa Salminen** continues her contextual education ministry at **First, Gladstone** in February. She remains an MDiv Collaborative Learning student at Wartburg Seminary.
- In January, **Pastor Steve Gauger of Calvary, Rapid River**, begins serving as the Administrative Interim Pastor for **First, Trenary and Faith, Rock**.
- In January, **Pastor Paul Heykes** begins serving as a ½ time Interim Pastor at **Prince of Peace, Eagle River**.

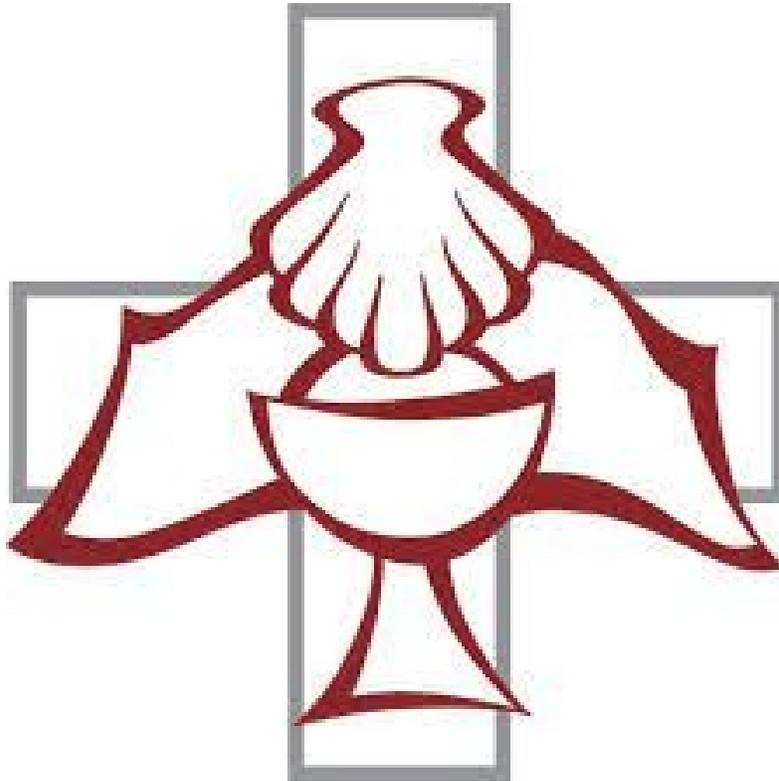


Lifting Up to God in Prayer

- For those workers wearied by COVID.
- For faith to reignite in those who have lost their way.
- For healing of the nations.
- For wise stewardship of our natural world.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THE INSTALLATION
OF PASTOR CATHERINE FORD**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022
2:00 PM**



This will be a special service conducted by Bishop Katherine Finegan and attended by visiting clergy, congregation members, and anyone else who would like to be here.

Coffee and cake will be served afterward.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US!



***PLEASE JOIN US!
FOR A SPAGHETTI DINNER
HOSTED BY
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH***

**BENEFITING NORTHWOODS ALLIANCE FOR
TEMPORARY HOUSING (NATH)
FREDERICK PLACE, RHINELANDER, WI 54051**

**For \$12 per person, enjoy: salad, spaghetti and
meatballs, and garlic bread. Beverages are addi-
tional. Baked goods will be available for dessert!**

***PIKE'S PINE ISLE BAR & RESTAURANT
1261 PINE ISLE ROAD
THREE LAKES, WI
54562***

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH
4:00 – 8:00 PM**



Upcoming Events at Fortune Lake

After a wonderful summer where we served nearly 400 campers, we aren't slowing our pace, but we are mindful of the continued risk of Covid, and we remain committed to providing meaningful faith experiences while working to keep people safe. Thus, we will continue to adhere to best practices as indicated by the CDC, and we have adjusted our calendar in the following ways. Please share this information with your congregations and communities:

September 13, November 15, January 10, March 14, and May 9: Senior Days, 10am to 2pm CT.

Presentations and topics vary. Follow us on Facebook for updates and details.

January 14-16: Winter Wonderland Retreat to all ages

February 4-5: Jr./Sr. High Retreat for grades 7-12

February 18-20: Young Adult Retreat with an emphasis on self care for people ages 18-26

February 25-26: Youth Retreat for grades 3-6 (rescheduled from October)

As these dates approach, additional information will be shared, and appropriate Covid mitigation steps will be taken.

Please note that we remain open and available for rent by individuals and small groups. Perhaps 2021-22 is the year when you finally host that confirmation event, take a private retreat, and gather as a family for a reunion? We are happy to partner with you to support your ministry and sabbath time in any way we can. Our new Guest Services Coordinator, Charlotte Strom, is ready to talk with you about creative ways to safely gather in this place of grace. She can be reached at hospitality@fortunelake.org or (906) 214-2267

The Last Sparrow in the Last Forest: Communities of Faith Must Lead the Rescue **written by Bill Mattson**

**Written by Bill Mattson, NGLS representative on the Lutheran Office of
Public Policy Advisory Council**

Our blue planet has always been in continuous change, even before humans arose from harmless obscurity. However, as our populations and technologies exploded over the last forty millennia, so did our impact. Today, the consensus is that we have driven the world to a precipice of disaster. Decades of science have warned that we humans are triggering a snowballing catastrophe of mayhem and death. It's now especially acute in nature where there have been alarming losses of life-supporting organisms like bees, birds, trees, and ocean fish. Already, millions of displaced humans are desperately seeking refuge because of the unprecedented flooding from melting glaciers, ocean thermal expansion, and storms, as well as from record-breaking droughts and forest fires.

Lutherans strive to live by the mantra of God's Work, Our Hands, dedicating our church body to care for others. But, humanity's recklessness reveals that too many hands are desecrating creation, not caring for it. Will it come down to the last sparrow in the last forest before we can discern our grave mistakes? A many decade's old popular song summarized our predicament in its lyrics, "they paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

Rector Ragan Sutterfield in the Christian Century magazine (September 2021) asserts that fixing the planetary crisis requires that we must first reconcile human life with all of creation. This demands radical transformations in lifestyles and governance from top to bottom. Big money and technology alone will not rescue us. Rector Sutterfield urges that the Church step forward to become a leader of the rescue. Planetary healing, he argues, can arise from a united effort by all communities of faith, where green, healing ripples will emanate from Hundreds of thousands of green parishes. Ripples can become healing waves spreading into communities, and beyond. At least five, step-wise changes are recommended at each parish (abbreviated here):

- **Withdrawal** to stillness, contemplation, discussion, and then to prayerful action.
- **Ecological Neighborhood Awareness** is the establishment of a parish's ecological footprints, its place in the local ecosystem matrix that sustains it. Congregants will learn about its flora and fauna, becoming real partners with all of our brethren.
- **Sanctuary** is the idea of every parish, every parish member creating sanctuary, sacred refuges for God's creation in private and public spaces.
- **Skill and Tool Sharing** means that congregants share their essential knowledge, skills, and tools so that all consume less and create life's essentials locally. Think of growing/canning food; repairing, not discarding.
- **Mercy and Grace** are generously offered balms badly needed in the midst of coming social and ecological upheavals.

The aforementioned are merely the early seeds of transformation. All of us must engage and offer our gifts. Let us pray that all communities of faith will unite, renew and transform themselves and claim their crucial roles in the rescue and healing. ***God help us. There is work to be done.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FACEBOOK

It's true! Faith Lutheran Church now has a Facebook page. "Like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/faith3lakes/> and watch the page for updates about what's happening in the life of our faith community.



PRAYER SHAWLS

To give comfort and peace. There is a tote of prayer shawls under the shelf when you walk in. If you know someone who is lonely and would use one, feel free to take one. Once wrapped around their shoulders it feels like a hug from Jesus and their friends.

LIVE-STREAMING

Did you know that when you're away, you can watch the entire service as it's delivered LIVE on Sunday morning? You can! Simply go to our church's website (<https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org/>) and click "Click here to watch live streaming during worship (Sundays at 9:00

am)" right on the front page. Just put in a name and hit "Enter Live Service". Streaming will start at the beginning of the service, which usually happens at 9:00 am, give or take a few minutes, so if nothing is happening yet when you start watching, just wait a few minutes. You can also watch a recording of many of our services on our website. Simply go to our church website, and click "Click here to watch live-streaming during worship". It's that easy!

QUILTING

Quilting is back in session! Please join us every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the lower level of the church. No experience necessary!

ONLINE GIVING

Now you can support our mission easier than ever with our donation platform! You can visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YHQE/home> and contribute securely online. Thank you for your continued support!

BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH



This month we continue our remembrance of baptisms among members and friends of Faith Lutheran.

Each month, we will list the baptisms for that month. The list will include those for whom we have the date of their baptism, those for whom we have only the month, and some of those for whom we have no date.

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers.

- 5th Alycia Madl
- 21st Gretchen Peterson
- 22nd Brooke Kowalski
- 25th Miriam Bredeson

Also remember: Tom Nykolayko, Joel Heiland and Michelle Huml

MONTHLY OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Year: 2021
 Month: November
 Number of Sundays: 3 (attendance not taken
 11/28/21)

Average Attendance: 22

JULY 2021	MONTH	YEAR
Budget Income	\$6,772	\$66,538
Expenses	\$4,799	\$53,790
Net Income	\$1,973	\$12,748

AUGUST 2021	MONTH	YEAR- END 20-21
Budget Income	\$5,794	\$69,682
Expenses	\$3,159	\$56,949
Net Income	\$2,634	\$15,383

*** This will be provided on a quarterly basis



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT: Kyle Smith, Paul Kragh, Monte James, Rick Jacobson, Ollie DeMuth, Megan Schiller, Ann Woelfel, Donna Weiss and family, Duane and Colleen Bonack, Alex Swanson, Margaret Ledbetter, Perry Anderson and family and Miriam Bredesen

Our armed forces including: David Bredesen, Kaley Ebann, Tyler Kaltenberg, Nick, Brandy and Nathan Lamal, Jamie Madl, Jared Malda, Jon Priem, Brandon Paulick, Charlie and Will Starke, Nicole Young, Emily Fink, Griffin Schroeder, Jared Benter and Scott Williams

ALL THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS AND WORRIED ABOUT MANY THINGS

Our Church Ministries:

Congregational Care
Congregation Council
Board of Worship Life
Board of Outreach
Board of Trustees
Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center

Our partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ including:

St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church
Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church
Union Congregational Church
Grace Lutheran Church

Our synod, the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA, and its congregations.

Our companion synod, the Eastern and Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and its congregations.



STEWARDSHIP CALENDARS



	12/5/21	12/12/21	12/19/21	12/24/21	12/26/21
Assisting Minister	-	-	-	-	-
Lay Reader	Jan Lederhaus	Jan Harris	Robin Peterson	Phoebe Pettingell	Jan Lederhaus
Altar Guild	-	-	-	-	-
Greeters	-	-	-	-	-
Music	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss
Video-streaming	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson

January 2022

	1/2/22	1/9/22	1/16/22	1/23/22	1/30/22
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** If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement, then notify the church office. **

January 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 New Year's Day <i>Happy New Year</i>
2 9:00 am Holy Communion	3	4	5 12:30 pm Quilting	6	7 Office Closed	8
9 9:00 am Holy Communion 2:00 pm Pastor Catie's Installation	10	11 1:00 pm Council Meeting	12 12:30 pm Quilting	13	14 Office Closed	15
16 9:00 am Holy Communion	17	18	19 12:30 pm Quilting	20	21 Office Closed	22
23 9:00 am Holy Communion	24	25	26 12:30 pm Quilting	27	28 Office Closed	29
30 9:00 am Holy Communion	31					

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WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am
Holy Communion

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Pastor: Reverend Catie Ford
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Organist: Rhonda Buss

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