

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Congregational Meeting Minutes SUMMARY**  
**October 25, 2020**

**ATTENDANCE**

⇒ Pastor Neumann, Garrett Jessie, Dale Jessie, Kirk Goetzka, Dave Spaude, Brad Markhardt, Brad Rahmlow, Scott Templeton, Ken (Carolyn) Diener, Ron (Karen) Baerbock, Rudy Jeseritz

**CALL TO ORDER**

⇒ The meeting opened at 1:00 pm with Pastor Neumann leading us in a short devotion on praying for your congregation.

**ELDER'S REPORT**

⇒ Dave recapped the key findings from the bible class survey that was completed last month. It was moved and accepted to ratify the acceptance of John Lechner into membership after his profession of faith.

⇒ Dave read a statistical report provided by Pastor for the 3rd Quarter

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Outreach Committee**

⇒ Brad encouraged everyone in attendance to utilize “marriage moments” that has been put out by synod  
⇒ Brad recapped the Bible Soccer Camp that was held in August. In all 52 children attended. 39 of those were non-members and 8 of them were prospects.  
⇒ Brad also discussed the upcoming event of Christmas crafts for kids. He also reminded everyone of Lotsa Helping Hands.

**Property Committee**

⇒ Scott is gathering quotes for sealing the blacktop at the Cataract location.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

⇒ Brad presented a financial report showing a net gain of \$13,066.97 through the first 3 quarters of the year. Moved Seconded Confirmed (MSC) to accept financial report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

⇒ We will be sending Northwood's Veterinary clinic a house plant, welcoming them to the community as they are moving into the old Al Muth building.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm with Pastor leading us in the Lord's Prayer

The next Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held in Cataract January 31<sup>st</sup> at 12pm.

Recorded by Garrett Jessie



*Hallelujah!*

This year in our monthly articles we are considering favorite verses from the Bible.

This month's favorite Bible verse is: **Psalm 118:1**

***“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”***



Psalm 118 is an “Hallelujah” psalm, meaning “Praise the LORD!” Long ago, God’s people sang the words of this psalm toward the end of their Passover meal. It was a special occasion time for God’s people to remember how he had rescued their nation from slavery in Egypt; it was a picture of God’s rescue of all people from their slavery to sin. The Passover meal reminded each generation how much God truly loved them.

Would disaster continue to interrupt their lives? Would prosperity be withheld? Would earthly death continue to pick away at their loved ones? Yes, yes, and yes. Yet the people sang out praise and thanks to their merciful God for deliverance from all these trials of life. . . and more: “Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved” (Ephesians 2:4,5).

It is the custom in North America to gather this time of year to celebrate *Thanksgiving*. Whether you are with family, friends, or celebrating alone, take the time to give thanks to our Savior-God for his mercy and deliverance from death through Jesus. Jesus shows us that God is good. Even when times are tough, Jesus proves that his love for us endures forever.

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP UPDATE

Not much has changed, but here is an update on what the Church Council decided concerning worship for the month of November.

Monday evening worship services WILL continue. We will have service at 6:30 pm in Black River Falls on Monday, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> will be communion services. (Please note: if you have concerns about getting together in large gatherings, this would be an excellent opportunity for you to still gather around God's Word and receive Holy Communion in a much smaller gathering)

Facebook Live continues. It will be made live during the Black River Falls service each morning. That means **8 a.m.** It will continue to be uploaded to our YouTube channel later that day.



### November Birthdays

Leah Reetz	11/1
Makaela Kiesow	11/8
Laura Goetzka	11/9
Rita Selin	11/15
Wyatt Folgers	11/15
Jack Bue	11/22
Nicole Schwartzenberger	11/24
Scott Templeton	11/28
Mark Hanson	11/30

### November Anniversaries

Brad + Annette Markhardt	11/16
Jerry + Nancy Kirchman	11/26
Les + Wendy Mlsna	11/28

### LIBRARY CORNER

In the Christian Family section of our church library located in the fellowship hall at our BRF location, you will find the book, *Letters from Ines...Dear Eva by Ines Lindblom*. This book, translated from Finnish, is a collection of letters from Ines to Eva who are Christian women that live in Finland. Through these letters you will see the growth of their friendship and faith and the common bond of saving faith in Jesus that connects Christians everywhere.

To checkout, write the date, your name and the name of the book/DVD/CD in the notebook on the shelf.



**Central Africa Medical Mission Malawi**  
October 2020



I'm writing this in our pharmacy, our dog by my feet on the cool concrete floor, the sound of African music playing somewhere in our neighborhood. It is my familiar workplace and it feels good to be back. I look around at the shelves stocked full of medicines, many of which were purchased in town yesterday after careful inventory and checking expiration dates. There are Malaria, Syphilis and HIV test kits, syringes, dressings, and rehydration packets, blood pressure machines, otoscopes, pulse-oximeters and infrared thermometers. And there are lots of face masks-surgical and N95, gloves, aprons and hand sanitizer bottles. In the back storeroom are empty, clean pill bottles in bags, ready to be used. Our vaccines are in the fridge to be used at our under-fives clinics, mosquito nets provided by the government to give out to pregnant women, and boxes of health passports which are given to each new patient. We have a wonderful supply of knit baby hats, washcloths and baby blankets to give to mothers at clinic and sunhats and sunscreen for our albino patients.

Gary and I have met twice with our clinic staff members outside, wearing masks and social distancing, to develop a plan to restart our mobile clinic in the four villages we serve in Malawi. Covid-19 is here, but the numbers were increasing in May and June, then recently have been declining. We have yet to see what it is like in the villages but few seem concerned, even health authorities. They feel Africa has been spared, and are thankful to God. We will visit the villages this week with some of our staff each day to teach about Covid-19 and our changes to the clinic routines with our village staff and volunteers. God willing, we will start seeing patients October 13th, using our new clinic building at Msambo. Our staff will be using PPE and all patients will be required to mask, be screened for Covid-19 symptoms and wash hands before being seen. We are splitting up the staff into two vehicles in order to keep distances in the ambulance and then working outside the buildings as much as possible. Devotions and health teaching will be done intermittently during the day, rather than once in the morning where all patients had to come at once. We will see outpatients throughout the day, under-fives in the morning, and antenatals and family planning in the afternoon.

At this moment, we don't know what to expect except that we will have longer days, there will be more driving, and more supplies to bring to clinic. Each day may bring new challenges which may mean changes in our set up, our procedures, and in our staffing. We trust that the Lord wants the Lutheran Mobile Clinic back on the roads of rural Malawi, helping people again. We are ready, and as always, we count on your prayers.

We thank you, in Jesus name,  
Beth Evans, Nurse in Charge



# The Greatest Gift

HOPE HAS ARRIVED



## An Advent Social at Faith Lutheran Church December 6, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Advent Social is an opportunity for women of all ages to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. It is a beautiful time filled with Scripture readings, narration, prayer, songs of praise and Christian fellowship.

Advent is a time for us to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming. We want our focus to be on Jesus throughout this season, but all too often it gets caught up with the preparations in our homes, churches or communities.

This is our 8<sup>th</sup> year of Advent Social at Faith Lutheran Church. You are invited! Feel free to invite a friend or relative, acquaintance or neighbor. Set aside the date and time, Sunday, December 6, 2:00 p.m. at our Black River Falls location.

This year's program is all about gifts, and it might be tempting to focus on what gift *you* would have given to Jesus if presented with the opportunity. Instead, you will be encouraged to focus on what each group of people *received*. Although time and space separate us from these people, we too are blessed to have Jesus give us the same gifts. We are given a message of prophesy fulfilled, of God coming to earth for all people, of sins forgiven and victory won, and of the sure and certain hope of worshipping our perfect gift-giver forever in heaven. *That* is the greatest gift that we could ever receive.

After the devotion, those interested may participate in a homemade cookie / candy etc. exchange. If you choose to participate in the exchange please bring 5 dozen homemade treats to share, the recipe, and a container to take your treats home in! We will make copies of all the recipes at church. Please note that if you do not wish to be part of the treat exchange, you are still welcome to come and enjoy the devotion, fellowship and cookie samples!

## Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes SUMMARY October 15, 2020

### ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

- ⇒ Pastor Neumann, Garrett Jessie, Dale Jessie, Dave Spaude, Kirk Goetzka, Brad Markhardt, Brad Rahmlow, Scott Templeton
- ⇒ The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with Pastor Neumann leading us in a bible study on Consequences in the Precious to the Flock Bible Study.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

- ⇒ Council members and elders will be encouraging members to sign up for the "Called together for Blessing" Bible Study and calling members who did not sign up to encourage them to attend.
- ⇒ Council approved having an annual door offering that would be donated to WELS Christian Aid and Relief the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

- ⇒ Brad presented a financial report showing a net gain of \$13,062.90 through the end of September. Moved/Seconded/Confirmed (MSC) to accept financial report for September, 2020

### SPECIAL REPORTS

- ⇒ Council reviewed the Outreach Committee Report supplied verbally by Brad Markhardt. Property Committee
- ⇒ Many cleaning and sanitizing projects have been happening at both church locations.
- ⇒ We will be acquiring quotes for an electrician to fix the cross and to seal the blacktop parking lot at the Cataract location.
- ⇒ Applying for the PPP loan forgiveness is being put on hold to wait for a decision on potential guaranteed forgiveness.

### OLD BUSINESS

- ⇒ Council reviewed our current worship services and decided...
  - Worship Services will continue to look the same with no hymnals in the pews and reduced singing.
  - The third church service on Monday nights will continue to be held through the month of November. There will be no Thursday night deer hunter's service this year since the Monday service will be available.
- ⇒ Council reviewed the volunteer job posting for a church secretary that Pastor created. This posting can be found in the bulletins and the newsletter starting in November.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm with Pastor leading us in the Lord's Prayer

The next Council Meeting was not determined.

Recorded by Garrett Jessie

# LOTSA HELPING HANDS

God’s Word comes to us in Acts 20:35, and tells us,

*In every way I gave you an example that, by working hard like this, we need to help the weak and to remember the words that the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’*

Faith’s Outreach Committee has a goal to have every soul in our community hear that Jesus Christ is their One and only Savior and Lord. Recognizing that the majority of people hear this Good News in a one-on-one conversation, for many years Outreach has put an emphasis on Inreach to all our church members. The committee has explored, offered and encouraged numerous opportunities for all church members to hear God’s Word, grow in their Spiritual life and have more confidence in sharing the Word with others.

Outreach now brings another Inreach opportunity to all our members; this one deals with the physical well-being of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Out of Christian love, Faith Lutheran Church is starting a care calendar to help support our members and friends who may be recuperating from an illness, surgery, hospitalization, loss of a loved one, the process of aging, or other situation in which they could use a helping hand.

Some examples of how Faith Lutheran Church may help our members are with making and delivering meals, rides, visits, household tasks, yardwork, or any other need they may have.

Our motivation is to help those in need because of what Jesus has done for us. Volunteers will be able to access our secure calendar from their home and sign up for the listed tasks as often or as infrequently as you wish according to your schedule and time constraints. Proverbs 11:25 shares,

*A person who spreads blessings will be enriched. One who gives a refreshing drink will be refreshed.*

This is a very flexible opportunity to serve and this invitation is open to all church members. If you would be willing to help, the following instructions will guide you in joining our community at *Lotsa Helping Hands*.

If you have any questions, please contact Kari Kellen at [dbkellen@hotmail.com](mailto:dbkellen@hotmail.com) or call 715-284-4436 and leave a message. Kari is the administrator of the site and of the ministry program.

If you, or a church member, has a need that a fellow Christian brother or sister may help you with, please contact Kari as noted above. Alternatively, you may let Pastor Neumann know of your need, and he will communicate with Kari. While we cannot guarantee that every need can be met, the more church members that are involved, the more likely we can meet your specific need. If for some reason we are unable to find a volunteer, we would contact you in a timely fashion.

## How to join our care team:

Go to [www.lotsahelpinghands.com](http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com)  
Click on [Join a Care Team](#) in the upper right corner  
Find a Community will ask for:  
Community Name: [Faithwels](#)  
Zip Code: [54615](#)  
[Within 5 Miles](#)  
Click [Search](#)  
[Faithwels](#) will appear in the upper right; click on this



disasters and other catastrophic financial events. In doing so, doors are opened to sharing Jesus.

In a desire to support this ministry and to support this work in places we might not be able to go, the Church Council approved at its October meeting an annual door offering to support WELS Christian Aid and Relief. This door will take place each year on the first Sunday after Thanksgiving. May God lead us to examine the blessings he has given us to see how we might use our blessings to be a blessing to other.



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We're on the Web!  
[www.faithwels.com](http://www.faithwels.com)

*The Messenger* is published monthly for the congregation and friends of Faith Ev. Lutheran Church. Its purpose is to provide information regarding all areas of congregational news and to offer enlightening articles.

Anyone wishing to contribute articles, please contact Pastor Neumann either in person or at the following email address: [pastorjoelneumann@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjoelneumann@gmail.com). Newsletter deadline: The submission deadline is the next-to-the-last Sunday of each month.

## MEETINGS AND GROUP GATHERINGS THIS MONTH

### Faith Teachers Meeting

Sunday – November 1 @ 6 pm in Black River Falls

### Ladies Aid

Thursday—November 5 @ 12:30 p.m. at Char Fisher’s house

### Youth Group

Sunday—November 8 @ 2 p.m. in Black River Falls

### Ladies of Faith

Tuesday—November 10 @ 6 p.m. in Black River Falls

### Christmas Crafts for Kids

Saturday – November 14 @ 9 a.m. in Black River Falls

### Outreach Meeting

Sunday – November 15 @ 12:30 p.m. in Black River Falls

### Church Council Meeting

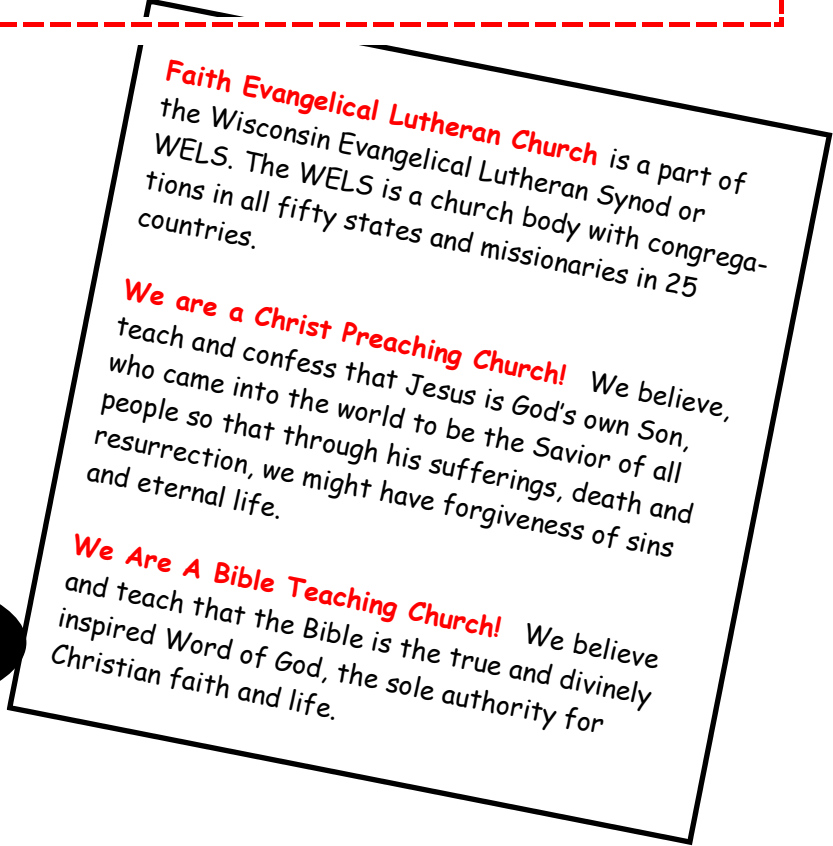
Tuesday—November 17 @ 6:30 p.m. in Black River Falls

### Child Protection Ad Hoc Meeting

Saturday—November 21 @ 9 a.m. in Black River Falls

### Elders Meeting

Tuesday—December 1 @ 6 p.m. in Cataract





# LOOKING FOR HELP

At the annual vision timeline meeting this past year, it was suggested that we seek to find a volunteer who would help Pastor in a secretarial role at church. If you or someone you know might be interested in such a position, please contact Pastor Neumann ([pastorjoelneumann@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjoelneumann@gmail.com) / 715-721-2011) or congregational president Dale Jessie ([dtjessie@hotmail.com](mailto:dtjessie@hotmail.com) / 608-633-0422).

**Hours:** No more than 5 hours a week - could be less. Days are flexible.

**Position:** Volunteer Secretary

**Job Responsibilities & Duties:**

- ⇒ Weekly reporting of copyright information to OneLicense, and CCLI when needed
- ⇒ Formatting, putting together, and printing the weekly bulletin
- ⇒ Formatting and putting together the weekly PowerPoint presentation for worship
- ⇒ Proofreading, printing, and folding the monthly newsletter
- ⇒ Mailing bulletins, sermons, and newsletters to current shut-ins and those not currently worshipping because of Covid-19
- ⇒ Update and upload coming events to the church website
- ⇒ Ability to work independently and with confidentiality
- ⇒ Perform other necessary and related tasks as may be assigned

**Beneficial Experience:**

- ⇒ A familiarity and comfort level with computers would be a great asset, especially the ability to work with Microsoft Publisher, Word, and PowerPoint.
- ⇒ Ability to learn the ins and outs of Faith Lutheran’s website domain

## ANNUAL DOOR OFFERING APPROVED

When the disciples asked Jesus about signs that would accompany his coming again, do you remember what Jesus said? He said, *“There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup>All these are the beginning of birth pains”* (Matthew 24:7,8). To that we could add fires and floods and hurricanes and tsunamis.

Every year we seem to see more and more of these natural disasters. It shouldn’t surprise us. At the same time, these natural disasters are also giving believers a wonderful opportunity to build bridges with others that then opens the door to share God’s Word with them. That is the whole idea behind our WELS Christian Aid and Relief. This WELS ministry provides humanitarian support to congregations and areas affected by natural

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Share a little information about yourself will ask for:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Information About You (this is optional)
- Email
- Password (remember your password so you can reenter the site)
- Check the I have read and agree to the Terms of Use
- Click REQUEST TO JOIN

When the screen refreshes, the message: “You have successfully requested to join the community. You must wait for approval. You will receive an e-mail when you have been approved and are able to access the community,” will appear.

Kari will confirm that the name and e-mail address are in our church Directory and approve you within 24 hours (if you do not hear from her, please contact her)

Soon, you will receive an e-mail titled: Request to join Faithwels has been approved – this may come to your junk mail or spam box; please look for it there and allow future e-mails to go to your inbox.

You are now ready to sign up to volunteer for a task. You may log into the Community site any time to look at what volunteer tasks are available. When new volunteer opportunities are posted, a new announcement will be posted and every community member will receive an e-mail from Lotsa Helping Hands encouraging you to check out the task.

How to sign up to volunteer to do a task (opportunities to help are called “tasks”)

Go to [www.lotsahelpinghands.com](http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com)

Log in:

- E-mail
- Password
- LOG IN

On the Home page you may click OPEN TASKS,

Or you may click Calendar at the top left

The available Tasks (labeled by the person’s name) will appear; click on a task to:

- Read the description of the task
- See the location of the task
- + VOLUNTEER for the task by clicking this button
- Add a Comment if you desire

Your name will now appear in the upper right

You will receive an e-mail reminder that you have volunteered for the task

You will receive a reminder e-mail 24 hours before the task is to be done

On the day and time of the task, please carry out the description of the care needed

We will try to fill every request we receive. If a task remains open 48 hours before it is needed, one final announcement e-mail will be sent to the entire community. If the task remains open 24 hours before it is needed, Kari will contact the person needing help explain the circumstances; while we would like to fill every task, we cannot guarantee that can happen.

If you are interested in helping, but do not have internet, please speak with Kari.

Our prayer is that this will be a blessing to Faith Lutheran Church and all our members.

Matthew 25:35-36,

*For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. <sup>36</sup>I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’*

# THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

2020 hasn't been the type of year many of us expected or wanted. How many things in your life haven't gone the way you desired? How often have you found yourself disappointed by the way things are going? How easy it is to forget all the things we have to be thankful for!



What a blessing, then, that we have opportunity to take time to pause and reflect on all the blessings God still pours out on us. The greatest of these blessings is the forgiveness of sins that no pandemic or election or sickness can take from us.

We will gather for a service of Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25. The service will be held at our Black River Falls campus in order that we might be able to social distance more easily. The service will be at 6:30 pm. This service will also be live on Faith's Facebook page and will be available on Faith's YouTube Channel later that evening.

A pie and ice cream social will follow the service.

## Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday  
Nov 25 , 6:30 pm  
At BRF

Also live on FB and  
later on You Tube

## YOUTH GROUP

The youth group will meet for Bible Study and games on Sunday, **November 8 at 2 pm.** This will be at our Black River Falls campus.

# A LOOK AT LUTHER

Did you celebrate Halloween this year? Were you concerned about how it would look and work? While Halloween may have been on your mind, I encourage you to also (in fact more-so) think about the Reformation. How has the Reformation impacted you? Over the course the next several months, we will taking time in each of our newsletters to take a look at the life of Luther and how God used him for our benefit today.

## LUTHER AT THE UNIVERSITY

Hans Luther was now earning enough money at mining, so that he could pay his son's expenses at college. He wished his son to become a lawyer. Therefore he sent him to the University of Erfurt in 1501. Martin did so well there in his studies that after four years he received the degree of Master of Arts. Now he was permitted to teach some classes at the university. His teachers were well pleased with him, and he made many friends among the students, whose company he enjoyed. He was very fond of music and learned to play the lute. When we was with his friends, they would spend much of the time singing and learning to play music. Because Martin also loved nature, he would often go on long hikes.

Martin Luther's college days should have been very happy days. Yet there were times when he was quite unhappy. He did not care to be a lawyer and studied law only to please his father. But what made him most unhappy was the knowledge that he was a sinner. Although he tried hard to keep God's commandments and do as the Catholic Church taught, he knew that he was still a sinner, and he felt that God must be angry toward him. He wanted to get rid of his sins, but he did not know how. He had never been taught that Jesus died on the cross for his sins and that all who believe in the Savior have forgiveness of their sins.

Why did Martin Luther go to the Bible to learn how God takes away our sins? In those days there were very few Bibles,

and he had never seen one. But the time had come when God wanted him to study this book. One day as he was looking as some books in the university library, he spied a big book written in Latin. He found that it was a Bible. He was surprised that it was such a big book. As he began paging around, he happened to turn to the story of the boy Samuel. How he wished that he could be like Samuel and that God would also speak to him as he spoke to Samuel! Whenever he found the time, he would go to the library and read in that Bible. What he read was all very new and strange to him. It was so different from what the Pope had been teaching. No wonder it took a long time before he could understand the truth!

One day he got very sick. He felt that if he should die, his soul would be lost. Another time he had a bad accident. A sword fell on his foot and cut a deep wound, so that he almost bled to death. In great fear he cried out, "O Mary, help me!" But he could get no comfort from praying to the saints. The question, "What must I do to be saved?" troubled him day and night.

During the summer of 1505 he spent a few days at home and then went back to the university, feeling very unhappy. As he was walking along the road, he was overtaken by a thunderstorm. A bolt of lightning struck near him and threw him to the ground. In great fear of death he cried out, "Help me, dear St. Anna! Save me, and I will become a monk." This promise, though made to a false god, would change his whole life.



## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Your children are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Crafts for Kids event. They will enjoy Christmas cookies, a Christmas devotion, Christmas music, and several fun Christmas craft stations based on the theme "Journey to Bethlehem, Follow the Star."

A few notes to consider:

- \* For ages 4-13
- \* From 9-11 a.m.
- \* Registration forms can be found online or on the table in the gathering area
- \* We will follow Governor Evers' mandate concerning masks while also seeking to practice social distancing
- \* Postcards are available at church for you to take and distribute

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE

Starting Sunday, November 29 and going through Sunday, December 20, the children in Black River Falls will be practicing for the Christmas Eve service during the regular Sunday School/Bible Class hour. There will be no Bible Study during this time.







*Have you been thinking about coming to a Bible Study at Faith? Are you concerned about the time commitment? Are you concerned that you might not know enough to get anything out of the Study? Please don't let these concerns keep you from the blessing that is Bible Class. These Classes will not put you on the spot. You will not be called on if you do not raise your hand.*

***Now is the perfect time to take that step and set aside time for Bible Class.***

## **THE PARABLES OF JESUS**

NEW BIBLE CLASS IN CATARACT

The Parables of Jesus are some of people's most favorite sections in the Bible. These earthly stories with heavenly meanings are down to earth, easily relatable, and immensely practical. We will look at one parable each week. Some lessons won't take us the full hour. Others will. This would be a great Bible Class to come to if you haven't been to Bible Class in a while or think that you might miss a few Sundays here and there.

*This study will begin Sunday, November 8 at 11 am in Cataract.*

## **A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS**

NEW BIBLE CLASS IN BLACK RIVER FALLS

The Bible is our life-line to God. It is the only spiritual food that will keep us alive.

Welcome to a study of one of the most profound books of the New Testament. If you are looking for a model to follow, a cause with which to identify, you'll find it here. If you are looking for some serious study, for solid food instead of baby food, you'll enjoy this study. This first-century letter to the Hebrew Christians is heavy on theology and is filled with all kinds of practical applications for Christian life in this century.

*This study will begin on Wednesday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Black River Falls.*

## **CARE PACKAGES**

We will be collecting items for our college/military/away from home members once again this November. You can see who they are below. Each of our locations will have a box for the items and we'll be filling seven boxes this year. A list of what is needed will be in the gathering area. What a wonderful opportunity for us to encourage one another and live a life of love!

*Aspen Bue* is a combat engineer in the army. He is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

*Wyatt Folgers* is stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi. He is in tech school for cyber security and will graduate between mid-December and early January.

*Alex Huggett* is a freshman at Western Technical College and is studying cybersecurity and web design.

*Channing Manske* is a junior at Viterbo in La Crosse. She is majoring in Criminal Justice and playing softball for the college.

*Jacob Markhardt* is a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran College. He is majoring in music.

*Isabel Neumann* is a freshman in high school, and is attending Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI.

*Malachi Neumann* is a junior in high school, and is attending Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI.



## **SPARTA FOOD PANTRY**

We will once again be collecting food for the Sparta Food Pantry this year. During the month of November you can donate non-perishables to help those in need in the Sparta area. There will be a box for this at both worship locations.

