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DATES AT A GLANCE

♦ **June 14, 2025**

Flag Day

♦ **June 15, 2025**

Father's Day

♦ **June 19, 2025**

Juneteenth

♦ **June 20, 2025**

First Day of Summer!

Office hours for
Faith Lutheran Church:
Mon. through Thurs.

9AM—2PM

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Letter from Pastor Rita

June 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We celebrate the summer season as a time of renewal, new growth, and God's grace and mercy in our personal lives and within our church community. It is a season for personal reflection, family gatherings, cookouts, and various summer activities. Since this is a wonderful time to worship outdoors, we plan to hold an ecumenical church picnic at Sherman Park on July 20th. This event will allow us to connect with friends from other churches and worship together as one community in Christ.

The synod assembly in Marquette was successful, with many ministers and lay people attending from across the synod. I was extremely happy to be alongside the three members of our congregation during this assembly and grateful for their support. It was also a pleasure to see and meet many people I'd only communicated with over the phone or seen via Zoom previously.

I am grateful for each of you and for your presence and involvement at Faith Lutheran Church. I hope and pray for everyone to stay cool in these hot summer months and to enjoy the wonderful weather outside.

I would like to encourage our members to utilize the church website frequently for updates and online church giving ([Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly)). If you have any questions please contact the church office.

May the everlasting God, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit continue to be with us.

**Yours in Christ,
Pastor Rita.**



Join us Sunday's at 10:30AM

You can watch live on Facebook

*We begin with organ music at
10:20am.

[https://www.facebook.com/
FaithLC1966](https://www.facebook.com/FaithLC1966)

Synod & Faith's News

World Hunger

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Synod's World Hunger Campaign. We raised \$650 for this wonderful cause. Thank you again to everyone to contributed!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Central United Methodist Church will be hosting our community VBS this year on **June 23rd to June 26th** from 9am – noon. Children 3 to 11 years are welcome to attend!

The Day of Pentecost is Sunday, June 8th.
Red is the color of the day, remember to wear something red to worship.

Financial Statement

	Apr-25	Budget	Net Activity Over (Under) Budget	Last Year Month of April 2024
General Fund Revenue	\$ 12,152.13	\$ 10,785.00	\$ 1,367.13	\$ 10,867.31
Expenses	\$ 12,602.36	\$ 12,031.00	\$ 571.36	\$ 10,022.34
Operating Revenue				
Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (450.23)	\$ (1,246.00)	\$ 795.77	\$ 844.97
Total Other Non Operating Revenue	\$ (845.83)	\$ -	\$ (845.83)	\$ (3,521.87)
Other Non Operating Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Balance with Non operating	\$ (1,296.06)	\$ (1,246.00)	\$ (50.06)	\$ (2,676.90)

Apr-25 Year-to-Date Actual	Apr-25 Year-to-Date Budget	Net Activity Over (Under) Budget	Last Year April 2024 Year -to-Date
\$ 52,895.09	# \$ 61,818.00	\$ (8,922.91)	\$ 61,651.03
\$ 51,353.67	\$ 52,576.00	\$ (1,222.33)	\$ 48,429.98
\$ 1,541.42	\$ 9,242.00	\$ (7,700.58)	\$ 13,221.05
\$ (8,472.38)	\$ -	\$ (8,472.38)	\$ (9,674.57)
	\$ -	\$ -	
\$ (6,930.96)	\$ 9,242.00	\$ (16,172.96)	\$ 3,546.48

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting April 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Sandy Lawson at 10:29AM.

Members Present: Pastor Rita, Sandy Lawson, Cynthia Wright, Kathy Flickinger, Ken Randall, Ben Deatruck.

Member Absent: Cathy Tibbett, Dennis Brindley, both excused.

Council Meeting: May 20, 2025.

Devotions: Ben Deatruck May: Cynthia Wright

Minutes: Ben Deatruck made a motion to accept the March 18, 2025 Council Minutes. Ken Randall seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

A: The written report for the 2024 Financial Audit has been received.

B: In person Synod Assembly May 15th to May 17th, 2025 at Marquette, Michigan.

New Business:

A: Jeffery Fellows, Savannah Fellows, Patrick Shea and Jena Shea will be received as new members on Easter Sunday April 20, 2025. Wayne Olsen made a motion to receive the new members. Ben Deatruck seconded. Motion passed.

B: The council voted to register Patrick Shea for the Candidacy process with Northern Great Lakes Synod. Cynthia Wright made a motion to accept. Ben Deatruck seconded. Motion passed.

Pastors Report: Pastor Rita gave her report.

Christian Education: VBS for 2025 will be held at Central Methodist Church from June 23rd to June 26th, 2025.

Campus Ministry: On Pause.

Come to the Table: On Pause

Endowment: No Report.

Fellowship: A brunch will be served after Easter Service on April 20, 2025. All mothers and graduates will be honored on May 18, 2025 following Worship Service.

Finance: Revenue is approximately \$6,000.00 under the estimated budget through March 2025.

Memorial: No Report.

Membership: Membership Committee still working on the Membership list. Pastor Rita is sending letters to inactive members.

Outreach: The Ecumenical Service and Picnic will be on July 20, 2025 at Sherman Park. The rental cost for the Pavilion is \$250.00 and has been paid.

Property: A preliminary quote was received to repair the flat roof on the L shaped roof over the Church office and down the hallway. It will have to be replaced in the next one to two years. The quote was \$83,000.00 plus any additional cost for plywood. The Basement Foundation contractor will be at the church on May 17, 2025 to evaluate the water problem in the boiler room.

Stewardship: No Report.

WELCA: Meeting on April 2nd with Bible Study. Next meeting is May 7th. Birthday cards were sent to April shut ins. The quilt batting had a price increase. The cost for a single roll of batting is now \$176.25. One roll of batting will make twenty-five quilts. The date for the annual Bazaar is October 11, 2025. The cost of the tickets this year will be \$8.00. This is a \$1.00 increase from last year.

Worship and Music: Music is selected up to May 15, 2025. Easter service music is finalized.

Ben Deatruck made a motion to accept the Committee Reports including the Pastors Report and the Financial Report. Kathy Flickinger seconded. Motion passed.

Wayne Olsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cynthia Wright seconded. Motion passed. The Meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lawson, Council Secretary

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Our homebound and nursing home members are often so isolated that your phone call, visit, even a card can mean the difference between lonely existence and continued life in our faith community. What can you do? Please reach out to those who have been such a vital part of our congregation and give back.

Faith Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Synod website: nglsynod.org

Denomination website: elca.org

Online giving is here!

You can now make an electronic contribution on our website. Just go to our website:

www.faithlutheransaultstemarie.org

Scroll down to just above our videos. There, you will find a green button that says

“Online Giving”

Click that and enter in your information, and Faith will receive your contribution within 48 hours. The online giving company we went with (Tithe.ly) is one of the largest and most secure companies who specialize in online church giving, so your information is safe and secure. If you would like any help going over this process, please call the church office and we would be happy to help you.

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11th Heather Hill
12th Barry Levine
12th Dixie Picotte
13th Adam Mohagen
16th Lorraine Cobb
17th Kristen Trinkle
19th Jennifer Mohagen
26th Jill Lawson
26th Summer Bachand
26th Joy Lake
27th Debra Norton
28th Garrett Carr
28th Elysha Vincke
29th Linnea Kelly

WELCA

will meet on Wednesday,
June 4th at 10:30am for
 bible study, meeting,
 and meal.

Flower Arrangements

If you would like to have special flowers on
 the altar in honor of a birthday, memory,
 or anniversary, please contact Lily Randall to
 make arrangements.



Bill & Joanne Markstrom

06/11/1955 - 70 years

Bill & Nancy Skidmore

06/10/1972 - 53 years

Debby & Marc Carr

06/11/1983 - 42 years

Kevin & Jill Weber

06/25/2011 - 13 years



Healing Service

will be on

June 1st

following

worship



2025 Synod Assembly in Marquette, MI

Thank you St. James Marinette for donating the beautiful altar candle stands.



Thank you Martha Cowan and Karla & Norm Webb for all your hard work on the memorial garden (and Bruce's supervision!)

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship 10:30am	2 Acts 1:6-14 Quilting 1pm	3 John 17:1-11 Yoga 9:30am	4 Psalm 1	5 1 John 5:9-13 Yoga 9:30am	6 Acts 16:16-34	7 John 17:6-19
8 Day of Pentecost Worship 10:30am	9 Acts 2:1-21 Quilting 1pm	10 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Yoga 9:30am	11 John 20:19-23	12 Romans 8:14-17 Yoga 9:30am	13 Genesis 11:1-9	14 Numbers 11:24-30
15 The Holy Trinity Worship 10:30am Father's Day	16 Romans 4:13-25 Quilting 1pm	17 Genesis 12:1-9 Council meeting 10:30am Yoga 9:30am	18 Luke 7:11-17	19 Psalm 130 Yoga 9:30am Juneteenth	20 Mark 3:20-35 First Day of Summer!	21 Psalm 146
22 Second Sunday of Pentecost Worship 10:30am	23 Jeremiah 20:7-13 Quilting 1pm	24 Romans 6:1b-11 Yoga 9:30am	25 Genesis 21:8-21	26 Matthew 10:49-39 Yoga 9:30am	27 Isaiah 65:1-9	28 Luke 8:26-39
29 Third Sunday of Pentecost Worship 10:30am	30 Psalm 13 Quilting 1pm					

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