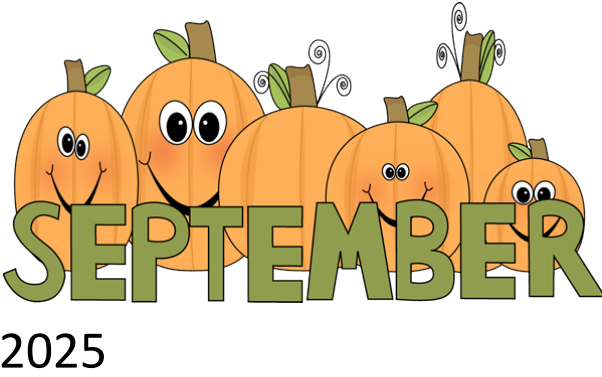


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Office Hours: Tuesdays 9am—Noon
Worship Schedule

9:30am Worship September at Faith Lutheran

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

Reminder: The church service is available to watch on Facebook. By friending the North Valley Lutheran Church page, you will have access. We apologize for it not being smooth running but hope things are better now. If you can't come in person, give it a try. We're always trying to improve it. In the event where it doesn't air, you can see the service on the Faith Lutheran Church Balsam Lake site.



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach Out!!/God's Work-Our Hands/September 2025 Parish Corner

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Reach Out/God's Work-Our Hands is September's theme. At First we have two banners and both banners have **Hands** on them they are **YOUR HANDS/OUR HANDS!**

Our Parish has been **Reaching Out** for **150+** years to those in need of help and healing by **God's Grace** and **Our Hearts and Hands** in our community and cultivating relationships because of our **Reaching Out**. Your Church Councils and Parish Council along with Pastors who bring the weekly message are calling on **US/You** to use **Our Hands** to do Service Projects for those in need in our community as well as for the Community as a whole. Some of the ideas clean up someone's yard do painting for someone. We also need help with projects in Church building.

All through out both the Old and New Testaments God's people are called to **Reach Out /God's Work-Our Hands** and bear witness to God's Love and Redeeming Power to all the world.

Remember Jonah, he was told by God to **Reach Out/God's Work-Our Hands** go to Nineveh not Jewish people and an enemy city of the Israel and call them to repentance and to come to God. After arguing with God and then trying to run away from the task only to take a three-day side trip in the belly of the great fish Jonah went to Nineveh. Sound like somebody you know? And when Jonah did finally get to Nineveh and preached the Word, all of Nineveh repented and turned to God. Re-read the book of Jonah for the whole story.

The Prophet Isaiah called the Jewish people of the Old Testament to reach out to all the peoples of the world in that day.
Isaiah 43:10-11

*10*You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. *11* I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. *NRSV*

During him ministry Jesus **Reached Out** to many people even though his disciples and the religious leaders of his day chastised him for **Reaching Out** to those sinners and Gentiles. Three notables of these sinners and Gentiles are two women, one a Samaritan who had had 5 husbands and was living with another that was not her husband (John 4:1-42) and the other a Canaanite whose daughter was possessed by a devil (Matthew 15:21-28/Mark 7:24-30). Both of these women were not Jewish, but understood or came to understand who Jesus was and went on to tell others about him. And Zacchaeus, Tax Collector from Jericho, Jesus called him down from the tree and went to dinner with him. Because of that and what Jesus taught Zacchaeus gave half of his wealth to the poor and restored fourfold that which he had taken wrongfully (Mark 19:1-10).

And in his Great Commission, Jesus tells us to **Reach Out/God's Work-Our Hands** to others, who are lost and hurting, first in our own family, then our home town, then our state, then our country and finally the world.

Acts 1:8

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' *NRSV*

This month as we have Rally Sunday September 14 to start off the Sunday School and Confirmation year. Sunday School will be at 9:30am for all of the Churches in the First Faith Valley Parish Churches that have a Sunday School Program. This was done for the sake of those younger students. We will be joining Luck Lutheran for Confirmation again this year; Pastor Mary Ann Bowman will be leading it again this year. If you have Students that are of Confirmation age please contact the Church Offices with their names so they can be put on the email/mailling lists. The **Confirmation orientation will be on Wednesday evening, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Luck Lutheran for both first and second year confirmation students and parents. See the full announcement elsewhere in the Newsletter.**

September 7th is **“God’s Work-Our Hands”** Sunday when our Councils encourages us do a Service Project for Someone. These are great opportunities to **Reach Out/God’s Work-Our Hands** and invite someone who has no church home to come and hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. We can also **Reach Out/God’s Work-Our Hands** to those who have not been with us in a while and to find out why that is and invite them back. **God’s Work** is **Reaching Out** it is **Our Hands** as members of the body of Christ that are called to do the work. Our Pastors are here to help guide us as individuals and a Congregation/ Parish and is a fellow worker as we **Reach Out/God’s Work-Our Hands** to others.

As we continue in the Season of Pentecost, green is the color reminding us to **grow** in our relationship with God, fellow be-lievers and our neighbors.

It is **ALL** of **US** not just the Council members or other Lay leaders that keep us going forward so when a candidate does look at us and sees that we are not sitting on our hands waiting for someone, that we are doing **“God’s Work with Our Hands”**

Again to keep you thinking; Worship times were setup so it was equal for all Congregations, and to give member a choice if they had plans. I ask you, when your Church has the 9:30am Service is the increase in attendance from your members or the other Churches? Does the format of Worship/music excite you will it excite others?

We are in the season of Pentecost for the next 13 weeks the Parament color is Green for Growing.

We continue to celebrate what your Congregations have done so far while we have been waiting for a Candidate.

Please continue pray for wisdom and guidance for your Worship Team and Congregation Councils and the Parish Council as we work to strengthen and improve the Ministry of the First Faith Lutheran Parish and Call a Pastor to Shepherd us on this **Faith Journey**.

Again I say, it is time we take to heart the saying “Let go and let God” God will bring the **Wonder**. Just remember it’s all in **His** time not ours!

Worship Times for September.

8am First, 9:30am North Valley and 11am Faith

Just a reminder **Worship Times** change for **October – November – December**

8am North Valley, 9:30am Faith and 11am

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday October 22, 2024 6pm at North Valley

2025 Parish Annual Meeting Date - January 26, 2026 Following Parish Worship – 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)

In remembering and contemplating our own humanity it is **“God’s Work-Our Hands”** to bring and tell of the **HOPE** and **Light** of Jesus Christ showing while **“Words Matter-Actions Matter More”**.

Yours in Our Eternal **Light** and **Hope**, Jesus Christ,

Steve Jensen

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  LABOR DAY	2 9:00 Quilting	3 1pm Parish choir	4	5	6 8am WELCA gathering at Bone Lake Lutheran
7 8:00 North Valley 9:30 Faith 11:00 First Pastor Peter Communion	8 6:30 Council Mtg	9 9:30 WELCA Office open 9a-12 10am Tuesday morning cards & Fellowship	10 1pm Parish choir	11	12	13
14 8:00 North Valley 9:30 Faith 11:00 First Pastor Neal	15	16 9:00 WELCA Office open 9a-12 10am Tuesday morning cards & Fellowship	17 1pm Parish choir	18	19	20
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28 8:00 North Valley 9:30 Faith 11:00 First Pastor Peter -----	29	30 Office open 9a-12 10am Tuesday morning cards & Fellowship	1pm Parish choir			

BIRTHDAYS

Littlefield	Max	09/03
Mamer	John	09/09
Weber	John	09/13
Hendrickson	Landon	09/18
Hendrickson	Logan	09/18
Hallberg	Tom	09/20
Hallberg	Monti	09/22
Jones	Jean	09/28
Mamer	Beverly	09/28

**WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

Hejny, Cheryl and Duane	09/01/1973
Paulsen, Troy and Deb	09/02/1995
Hendrickson, Wayne and Marney	09/19/1995
Mamer, John and Beverly	09/25/1965

JULY \$\$FINANCIALS\$\$

Income ytd:	\$29,418.43
Expenses ytd:	\$29,813.95
Total ytd:	-\$395.52

Church Office Hours!
Laurene will be in the
office on Tuesdays
from 9am-12pm.

First Lutheran Apple Cores/Corps are taking orders for our 2025 pies!



**Homemade
Frozen Apple Pies
Ready to bake
\$ 10.00**

They make a great Hostess/Host gift for them to enjoy later.

Contact Sandy Jensen 715-566-0438 if you need Pies

WELCA NEWS



WELCA meetings will resume on September 9th at 9:30 in the parsonage. We will be packing school kits—enjoying coffee, fellowship, and a Bible lesson

All women are members, and you are invited to give it a try!

~Caroline Lenselink

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM North Valley
- 9:30AM Faith
- 11:00AM First

QUILTING NEWS



On the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00, we spend a couple of hours tying quilts. These quilts are given to the Lutheran World Relief organization to be distributed where ever the need is.

The piecing or sewing of the tops is usually done at our homes.

If this is something that interests you we have lots of material available in the basement of the parsonage. We would very much appreciate more “workers”.

I haven’t really checked this out, but I think we would allow men to help!!! ~Caroline Lenselink



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

There is a signup sheet by the bulletin board in the church for assisting with worship each Sunday.

We seem to be having difficulty filling the spots each Sunday, and would like to encourage people to give it a try.

Communion: this is helping set up for communion before worship starts, then putting everything away at the end of the service.

Ushering: Making sure that people have assistance if they need getting to their seats. Greeting new people, etc.

Lector: Standing at the podium reading the scripture lessons. You will get the readings ahead of time so you can familiarize yourself with them and look up the pronunciation of any difficult words, etc.

Beverage/Coffee/Treats: Bring in treats to share during fellowship, getting the coffee ready, and serving.

There are instructions by the bulletin board for these tasks.

Won't you give it a try? It is rewarding to participate in the service

