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Faith Global
Methodist Church
1025 Tullar Rd
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Sunday Worship Service
8:45 a.m.
Sunday School
(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

By Faith

Faith Global Methodist Church

February 15—22, 2026

WEEKLY CONNECTION



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026

First Sunday in Lent 2-22-26

FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday - CLOSED .

We are listening to messages if we are not in the office and will contact you as soon as we can *If you are looking to contact Pastor Paul, you can call him here at the church or you can email him at pgruenberg@faithchurchneenah.com. Please continue to pray for all the church staff members and committee members! That in all they/we do, we would honor God and his will for the church!*

Sermons can be found on our web page.

<https://www.faithchurchneenah.com>

Click on the watch us live button on the church's web page to see live streaming each Sunday our worship Services. If you are having difficulty please leave a message at the church and we will get back to you and try to help. Live-streaming our services each Sunday on both Face book and YouTube. If there is an issue with the viewing, The services will be added to YouTube and Facebook after the worship service. YouTube and Facebook **Our YouTube channel is:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwn8QuPjcSsrtpR1WbPeYUQ>

Each Thursday when you receive your midweek connection either by email or regular mail the link for YouTube will be in it. You can join the worship service on YouTube by clicking on the link. If there is a problem with the streaming to our YouTube or Facebook page we will upload the video approximately an hour or so after the service. An email will be sent to those with an email address informing them that it is up. The sermon can also be heard on WEMI 91.9 FM. However, there is a week delay.

Our website has added our “older sermons” and we have added a way you can look at the worship services since we have been livestreaming. Please check out our website and look for the “button” View Past Sermons. It is located right below “Watch us Live”

The link for this Sunday's worship service on YouTube is

Shareable <https://youtube.com/live/Gf1QtZj3nbg?feature=share>

Our Website is going to be updated and we are looking for people who are interested in helping with the updating. The website was created in 2012 and there are a few changes since then. If you have an interest in helping with the updating, please contact Bev in the church office. Dave Jannush and Bev are taking the lead on the updating of the site.

Winter Quarter of Sunday School

Nursery Church school — During Worship:	Bev Pezewski
Preschool—Pre-K kindergarten—First Grade	Room 107 Bev Pezewski
2nd Grade—8th Grade	Room 104 Joanne Ball Sherry Steele
Adult Sunday School Class:	Keith Irish Library
Loree Johnston-LaChey and Linda Fritz	substitute teachers



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Transfiguration Sunday
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Prelude

Welcome/Greeting

Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates UMH 213

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—

People: where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot slip—

People: he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who
watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord watches over you—

People: the Lord is your shade at your right hand;⁶ the sun will not
harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

All: The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life;
⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and
forevermore.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed UMH 881

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn: "Seek Ye First"

UMH #405

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God

Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

Intro to Scripture reading

Scripture: Judges 6:1, 6-10

Meeting at the Steps (Children's Message)

Sermon: Life = Risk

Pastor Paul

Closing Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

UMH #451

Benediction

CONNECTION CARD

My Next Step Today Is...

- ☐ I will risk to follow God wherever he wants me to go.

I plan to come this Wednesday, February 18th

☐

Ashes at 6:00 A.M.

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6:00 P.M. Worship Service 6:00 P.M.

LENTEN STUDY "Altar'd the Transforming Power of Surrender"

(book not necessary for Lenten Study)

- ☐ I will be at the 1:00 P.M. Lenten Study

- ☐ I will be at the 6:00 P.M. Lenten Study

Prayer concerns/Praises requests

Prayer Chain

Private

If you have a Prayer request for the prayer chain, please contact Bev Pezewski (office@faithchurchneenah.com). If you have a prayer request for Pastor Paul, please contact him my email (pgruenberg@faithchurchneenah.com) or call the church office at 920-722-5842

Lord, we come to you in prayer for joy, peace, comfort:

Prayers of Joys as Matthew Shelton is now part of our music leadership and played the organ this Sunday.

Prayers as Ruth Brusewitz as she is celebrating her birthday

Prayers for Chris who has some thyroid issues and is going to be undergoing surgery.

Continued prayers for: Jim Hoyman, Marilyn Nyberg, Tom Divver, Sharon LeMaire, Jim Lyons Eric Schlieter, Barb Arndt, Gary Reiter, Liz Roberts, Kathy Bayer, Dick Wylie, and others who are facing health issues, in need of healing, physical strength, and encouragement, continued prayers for our members of our church family, our church, Pastor Paul and the leadership team.

The season of Lent; Planting seeds of love in the hearts of others.

Scripture

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

This week will be the beginning of a very important season in our church year- the season of Lent. Do you remember how long Lent lasts? That's right, Lent is the 40 days before Palm Sunday which leads right in to Holy Week and Easter Sunday. The word "Lent" comes from another word "Lente" which means springtime. That makes sense...since Lent and Easter always happen during springtime. As I was thinking about Lent and springtime, I realized that many of the things I like to do in the springtime are similar to the kinds of things you and I can and should do during Lent as we prepare for Easter. Let me explain. In the springtime, I like to OPEN UP. I put these screens in my windows so I can open up my windows and let fresh spring air fill my home.

For Lent, a great thing to do is OPEN UP our Bibles and read them more. When we read our Bibles, God speaks a fresh word to us and fills our hearts with His presence. In the springtime, I like to CLEAR OUT- especially the clutter in my closets. I go through my closets and take out the things I don't really need: heavy coats, old shoes- things that will just be in the way.

For Lent, it is good to CLEAR OUT the things in our lives that we don't really need—things that get in the way of following Jesus. For example, maybe you watch TV or play video games a lot. Why not put them away for a while and use that extra time to pray. In the springtime, I always need to SWEEP UP. I try to find and clean up all the dirt in my home that has been hiding all winter- like under my rugs, dirt that no one else sees, but dirt that I know is there.

For Lent, it is good to ask ourselves, "Have I made any mistakes or messes that I need to clean up? Do I need to apologize to someone for something I said or did? Do I need to ask God to forgive me? In the springtime, I love to PLANT. I plant seeds in my garden pots and water them as I wait and watch them grow into something beautiful.

For Lent, it is good for us to PLANT- different kind of seeds. We can plant seeds of love in the hearts of others when we are kind, or helpful, or when we tell someone about Jesus. For Lent, think of something you can do that will become something beautiful for someone else, and do it in the name of Jesus, the one who did something really beautiful for you.

Dear Jesus, We love you. Help us to Open up our Bibles, Clear Out our clutter, Sweep up our messes, and Plant seeds of Love. Amen

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18, 2026

Service is at 6:00 P.M.

Our LENTEN STUDY BEGINS ON February 25th, 2026

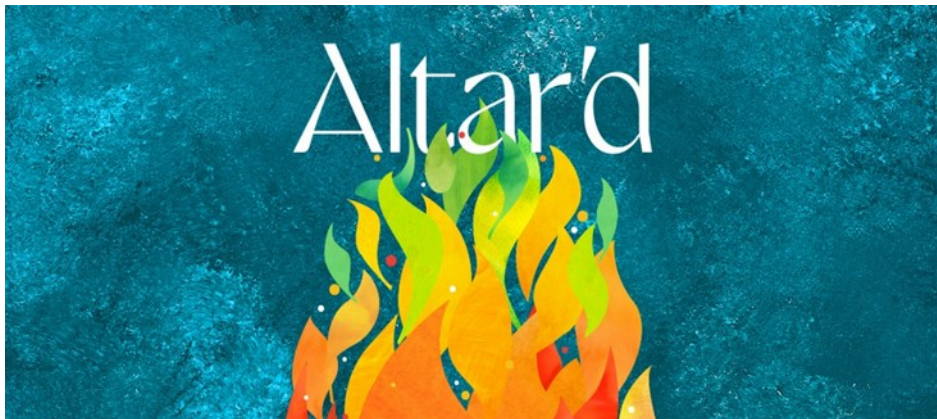
On Wednesday, February 25th, we will have two Lenten Studies

One at 1:00 P.M. and the other session will be at 6:00 P.M.

Both Studies will be held in the Library.

The book we will be using is called "Altar'd. If you are interested in purchasing a book, they will be available before the 25th the cost of the book will be \$18:00. You don't need the book to attend the Lenten studies.

LENTEN SERIES AND STUDY



The Transforming Power of Surrender

Nutty Knotters Quilt Group

Christian greetings to our friends of the Nutty Knotters quilt group!

On Wednesday mornings, we meet in the fellowship hall from 8:30-12:00, with coffee and treats at 10:00.

Woman's Christian Group

The group will meet Every other Friday. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for details. The ladies will meet at 10:00 am—11:00 AM in the library every other week. This is a time to share life, build, friendships, pray and grow in faith together. For more information please contact Judy McDonald 330-416-6424. or Joanne Ball

Soup and Chili Pot Luck this Sunday February 15th.

On Feb 15th, there will be a soup or chili potluck in the fellowship hall after Sunday school. If you are not inclined to make soup or chili, you could bring heart cookies in celebration of Valentine's Day! It's a potluck, so anything edible works! Most of you know the routine: bring your crockpot to the church kitchen and plug it in. If you don't attend the adult SS class, come down to the fellowship hall, drink more coffee, and visit. When Sunday School is finished, we'll have lunch. Just a reminder: If you forget to bring a dish to pass, please stay. There's always plenty to eat at a potluck. Any questions, contact Mr. Ball. See you on 2/15 for Food, fun, and fellowship. Surrounded by His love, Terry

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

June 12, 1026 8 am-4 pm and Saturday June 13 8 am—noon

Please consider donating gently used home décor, garden art, trinkets, clothing, stationery, small furniture and more. If you want to donate furniture please send me a picture. All proceeds will be used for local missions. The sale will be held in the fellowship hall. Donations taken until a week before the sale. Anyone interested in lending a hand let me know.

Thank you in advance. If you would like someone to pick up your items call

Charlene Reiter 715-572-8855

LIFE LINE SCREENING

The will be at the church on March 18, 2026 Call to Schedule an appointment.

Let your family and friends know that
Lifeline screening will be here.....

A promotional graphic for Life Line Screening. It features a woman with grey hair, wearing a green button-down shirt, smiling and forming a heart shape with her hands. The background is a gradient of blue and yellow. On the left, a blue box contains the text: "Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:" followed by a bulleted list: "Carotid Artery Disease Screening", "Atrial Fibrillation Screening", "Peripheral Artery Disease Screening", and "Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening". Below the list, it says "Call to schedule an appointment near you! 800-324-9458 and use code: HABC001". At the bottom left is the "LIFE LINE SCREENING" logo with the tagline "The Power of Prevention".

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LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Life Line Screening will be offering preventive health screenings on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. As part of the screening event, Life Line Screening will offer *low-cost* take-home colorectal cancer tests called FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Test) in recognition of March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. These tests are simple, accurate, and recommended for the early detection of colorectal cancer. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the risk of developing colorectal cancer increases with age. More than 90% of cases occur in people aged 50 and older.

Other preventive screenings provided check for stroke risk, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and osteoporosis. Faith Global Methodist Church is pleased to make these important screenings available by hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings.

Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called atrial fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Strokes are the third leading cause of death in the U.S., yet, with preventive strategies, 80% of strokes can be prevented.

Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call **1-844-591-7160** or go to <https://www.lisa.social/hzca>

or **text** the word **circle** to **216-279-1607**. Pre-registration is required.

SAVE THE DATE

FEB. 22 - MARCH 15, 2026

For more details or questions:

Contact The Family Radio Network's
Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive Coordinator,
Jaki Eno, at H4H@thefamily.net or 920-702-7858.



Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive 2026 blurb for collection site newsletters, postings, etc.

We are (*or will be*) collecting NEW hygiene and cleaning items for local crisis agencies through The Family Radio's Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive from Feb. 22 through March 15. Please place your donations in the *Help for the Homeless* collection box located **by the church office or the box in the Narthex** by March 15. Or make a secure financial donation for the purchase of supplies at thefamily.net. The Family Radio Network, Inc. partners with area homeless and crisis agencies by inviting participating communities to donate hygiene and cleaning products. These products make it possible for the agencies to dedicate their limited financial resources to provide qualified personnel, education, counseling, safe housing, and nutritious food to those they serve. Hygiene and cleaning products are not covered by Wisconsin FoodShare (food stamps / SNAP). Some of the most urgently needed items are bathroom tissue, cleaning supplies, dental care, deodorant, diapers/baby care, face/bath soap, feminine care, hair care, laundry detergent, paper towels, razors, and trash bags. **Your donations will remain in this community.** Thank you! More information available at thefamily.net or 800-236-9364.

Needed Items

<u>Cleaning Supplies</u>	<u>Paper Products:</u>	<u>Baby Care:</u>	<u>Hair Care:</u>	<u>Personal Care</u>	<u>First Aid</u>	<u>Dental Care:</u>
Bleach	Facial tissue	Baby shampoo	Clips & Elastics	Body Wash & Soap	Antacids	Dental floss
Dish soap	Feminine care:	Diapers	Combs	Contact solution	Antibiotic ointment	Denture care
Disinfectant cleaner	pads / tampons	Rash ointment	Conditioner	Deodorant	Anti-Diarrheal Meds	Toothbrushes
Kitchen trash bags	Paper towels	Wipes	Hairbrushes	Hand Soap	Band Aids	Toothpaste
Laundry soap	Toilet tissue		Shampoo	Moisturizer/Lotions	Children's pain meds.	
			Styling products	Lip balm	Head lice treatment	
			Texture Hair Care	Razors	Pedialyte	
				Shaving cream	Sunscreen	

EASTER FLOWERS ORDERS

Easter is on ***April 5th***, We will be decorating the church with spring flowers for Easter. If you would like to contribute a plant, The Deadline for ordering is ***March 18***, 2026 . Please complete the form and place it in the offering basket along with the cost of the plants. You may pick up your flowers after service on Easter or stop in the church to pick them up, after Easter. Below are the cost of the flowers that we will be able to order.

Number of Lilies (6 " Single Stock) _____ @ 20.00 each = \$_____ Number of Lilies_____

(8.5 " Double Stalk) _____ @ \$50.00 each = \$_____

Number of Mums (6" Plant") _____@ \$25.00 each = \$_____

White _____ Purple _____ Yellow_____

Number of Hydrangeas (single 6/7") _____@ \$28.00 each Blue _____Pink_____

Number of Tulips (6" Plant) _____@\$17.00 each \$_____

Red_____ Pink_____ Yellow_____ Purple _____

Number of Daffodils (6" plant) _____@ \$17.00 each \$_____

Number of Rieger Begonias 6" Plant)@ \$20.00 _____

Orange _____ Pink _____Red _____Yellow

Number of Azalea (6 " Plant)_____ \$27.00 _____ Pink _____ white _____

Ordered by:_____

In Honor of_____

In Memory of _____





February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School	2 HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY 	3	4 9:00 A.M. Knutty Notters	5 1:00 P.M. Agape Bible Study	6	7
8 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School	9	10	11 9:00 A.M. Knutty Notters	12 1:00 P.M. Agape Bible Study	13 woman's ministry 1:00 P.M. Seniors of Faith Games & Desserts	14 
15 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School Soup Potluck	16	17	18 9:00 A.M. Knutty Notters 6:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Services	19 1:00 P.M. Agape Bible Study	20	21
22 8:45 AM Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School	23	24	25 9:00 A.M. Knutty Notters 1:00 PM Lenten Study 6:00 PM Lenten Study	26 1:00 P.M. Agape Bible Study	27 10:00 A.M. Woman's Ministry	28