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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 22—28, 2026***

***WEEKLY CONNECTION***



# **LENT**

**First Sunday in Lent 2-22-26**

**Lenten Bible Studies begin 2/28/26**

## ***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](mailto: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/QRclawJAv\\_M?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/QRclawJAv_M?feature=share)

### **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



## Sunday Morning Worship

1st Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026 at 8:45A.M.

### Prelude

### Welcome/Greeting

**\*Opening Hymn:** 'Holy, Holy, holy! God Almighty' UMH # 64 verses (1-4)

### CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 99

**Leader:** The LORD reigns.

**People:** Let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

**Leader:** Great is the LORD IN Zion;

**Men:** he is exalted over all the nations: let them praise your great and awesome name he is holy.

**LEADER:** The King is mighty, he loves justice—

**Women:** Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

**Leader:** LORD OUR God.

**People:** You were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.

**All:** Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostle's Creed UMH #881

### Joys and Concerns:

**Prayer Hymn:** Take Time to be Holy UMH #395 (verses 1,2)

### Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

### Offering our Gifts to God

### Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

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## Intro to Scripture reading

**Scripture:** Genesis 8:15-22

**Meeting at the Steps** (Children's Message)

**Sermon:** Altar'd S1 + S2= New Life

**\*Closing Hymn:** "O Spirit of the Living God" Versus 1,2,4) UMH #539

**Benediction**

### CONNECTION CARD

My Next Step Today Is...

- I am making intentional space during lent to spend time with God
- I am willing to surrender whatever God wants me to surrender for lent.
- I will attempt to make all services during the Lenten season
- I am planning to attend the March 29th brunch

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

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

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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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

God is faithful in keeping His promises.

Some rings remind us of an important promise. Do any of your parents have wedding rings? (Pause.)

Wedding rings are very special rings. On the day of their wedding, the people getting married promised to love each other forever. And the ring reminds them of that promise.

People make promises on their wedding days, and at other times, too. We all make promises, like when we promise our parents we'll clean up our toys after we play. Promises are important, but sometimes we don't keep them.

But God--He always keeps his promises. Our Bible lesson today is about a promise God made to a man named Noah. You might know about Noah's ark. (Allow children to share anything they know about Noah. Then tell the basic story or fill in any gaps about how God sent the flood because the people had begun to make lots of bad choices. The flood filled the earth and destroyed everything and everyone except Noah's family and two of every kind of bird and animal.)

After the flood waters went down, God made a promise to Noah. He promised Noah that He would never again destroy the whole earth with a flood. Then He put a rainbow in the sky and said to Noah, "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the promise between Me and all life on the earth." God said the rainbow would remind us of the promise that He made.

Let's see a little rainbow science experiment now. (Place the Skittles around the edge of the plate, alternating colors. Pour warm water in the center of the plate. As the water spreads to the edge of the plate watch the rainbow appear.)

God's rainbow was in the sky and a reminder that He always keeps His promises. The Bible says that, "No matter how many promises God has made, they are 'yes' in Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:20). The next time you see a rainbow, remember the promise God made to Noah, and remember that just as God has kept that promise, He keeps all of His promises to you, too.

Dear God, we're thankful that You keep Your promises. Help us to keep our promises, too. In Jesus' name, amen.

### **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

### **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

***The Agape Study group*** that meets on Thursdays at 1:00 P.M. in our library will not be meeting until the week after Easter. This is because the group will be attending Lenten Bible Studies at the Faith Greenville Community Church.

**LENTEN Bible Studies: 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. Please come. There will be books that you will be able to purchase for \$18.00 and there will be also copies of the book available to review during the study.

### **WEB-SITE**

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 or would like more information, please contact Bev in the church office. Dave Jannusch is our consultant in the project. .

## **ThedaCare At Home Seeks Volunteers for their Hospice Program**

ThedaCare At Home, a partner of Froedtert and Holy Family Memorial, is seeking hospice volunteers in your community to assist in caring for terminally ill patients and their families. Our volunteers are an integral part of our hospice team as they visit patients in their homes and at long-term care facilities. Volunteers help to meet the emotional, spiritual and family needs of those on hospice by providing companionship and respite. *They really are the heart of hospice!* Training is provided, and helps build on a volunteer's experience and skills to learn about hospice philosophy, comfort care, and communication with patients and their families. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Shana Farrell via phone at 920-422-7583 or email at [shana.farrell@thedacare.org](mailto:shana.farrell@thedacare.org) to learn more about this opportunity and upcoming trainings.

You can also begin by filling out our application at <https://thedacare.org/about-us/volunteers/>

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

Prayers for safety as Gary and Judy McDonald as they travel to Florida. Also Gary's is having continuing issues following his stroke, help him during his travels.

Prayers for Dan's daughter who will be having her new baby in April

Prayers as Linda Fritz another granddaughter is coming

Prayers as Margaret is having a birthday this week.

Joys as grandson wins for his team and prayers for a continued relationship between Keith and his grandson

Todd Boelter—prayers for healing for Hunter and his mom who have bone disease and will be having treatments to help with healing

Lynet Gruenberg—prayers as I am looking for a job

Beth and Keith Irish—prayers as my brother-in-law has recurring cancer

Craig and River—Prayers for wife/mother Shelly who has a mass on her lungs. Prayers that the treatment takes care of the mass

## 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 shirt, smiling and forming a heart shape with her hands. The background is a gradient of blue and yellow. Text on the graphic includes: "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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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.ilsa.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](http://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](http://thefamily.net) or 800-236-9364.

### Needed Items

<b><u>Cleaning Supplies</u></b>	<b><u>Paper Products:</u></b>	<b><u>Baby Care:</u></b>	<b><u>Hair Care:</u></b>	<b><u>Personal Care</u></b>	<b><u>First Aid</u></b>	<b><u>Dental Care:</u></b>
Bleach	Facial tissue	Baby shampoo	Clips & Elastics	Body Wash & Soap	Antacids	Dental floss
Dish soap	Feminine care: pads / tampons	Diapers	Combs	Contact solution	Antibiotic ointment	Denture care
Disinfectant cleaner	Paper towels	Rash ointment	Conditioner	Deodorant	Anti-Diarrheal Meds	Toothbrushes
Kitchen trash bags	Toilet tissue	Wipes	Hairbrushes	Hand Soap	Band Aids	Toothpaste
Laundry soap			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
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:45 AM Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY</p> 		<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00 A.M. Knutty Notters</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>1:00 P.M. Agape Bible Study</p>		
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:45 AM Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p>			<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00 A.M. Knutty Notters</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>1:00 P.M. Agape Bible Study</p>	<p><b>13</b> woman's ministry</p> <p>1:00 P.M. Seniors of Faith Games &amp; Desserts</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> 
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:45 AM Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>Soup Potluck</p>			<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:00 A.M. Knutty Notters</p> <p>6:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Services</p>			
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:45 AM Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p>			<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:00 A.M. Knutty Notters</p> <p>1:00 PM Lenten Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Lenten Study</p>		<p><b>27</b></p> <p>10:00 A.M. Woman's Ministry</p>	