

# ***By Faith***

## ***Faith Global Methodist Church***

*April 2025 Newsletter*

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1025 Tullar Rd  
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**Sunday Worship Service**

**8:45 a.m.**

**Sunday School**

*(for all ages)*

**10:00 - 11:00 am.**

*(Sept - May)*



### ***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 Good Friday's worship service on Youtube is:**

<https://youtube.com/live/3-S2eOoHUyQ?feature=share>

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

<https://youtube.com/live/EdKWOa-Cglc?feature=share>





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*From the desk of  
Pastor Paul Gruenberg*

**This Easter has a new twist according to Chris Bledsoe.**

For most all Christians, Easter is when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead (He has risen!) But I recently heard of this gentleman named Chris Bledsoe, who had an encounter back in 2007 and experienced healing from Crohn's disease.

Bledsoe recently made a number of predictions about Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

*At the heart of Bledsoe's account is a vision from "the Lady" (described as a glowing feminine figure in priestess robes, linked by researchers to Hathor, Isis, Sophia, or the Virgin Mary). She told him: when the star Regulus appears "red" on the horizon in the Sphinx's eastward gaze before dawn, it marks a turning point—a shift into "new knowledge," not destruction. (Gnostic Revolt – Mar 22, 2026 <https://christianfedor.substack.com/p/the-2026-threshold-chris-bledsoe>)*

As I have learned about what Bledsoe is suggesting regarding "new knowledge", it sounds like an ancient heresy about Jesus called Gnosticism. Gnostic heresy is the belief that salvation is achieved through *gnosis* (secret knowledge) rather than faith.

At the heart of Bledsoe's experiences are his interaction with some bluish-white light moving through the forest on his property in North Carolina on past Easter Sundays. But what makes this interesting was not just his healing, but how he now seemingly has healed others as well.

It reminds me of the slave girl in Philippi who followed the Apostle Paul around in Acts 16. She was demon-possessed with a "spirit of python," who is able to tell the future. Eventually Paul cast out the demon from the girl and she was set free.

Could it be that Bledsoe has experienced a demonic presence in his life which is causing him to know about future events? Could it be that God is working through "the Lady" to predict this "new knowledge" for the world? I doubt it is of God, because God stated that Jesus would return in a way that the world will know and at a time of God's own choosing. Like the rain that flooded the world, there was no warning. It just started raining.

May God bless you and yours as we celebrate on Easter, the risen Savior Jesus the Christ. Oh, and by the way, the April 5, 2026 date has been revised by Bledsoe to October 7, 2026. HmMMMM

See you Easter morning! HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Pastor Paul



**Worship Service**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5, 2026 8:45 A.M.**

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**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:** Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

UMH #302

**Call To Worship**

**Leader:** The tomb is empty & darkness has lost!

**People:** We dance in the light of His resurrection!

**Leader:** No more do we have to fear!

**People:** No more does worry reign!

**Leader:** He is victorious & so are we!

**People:** Because of His victory, we are free!

**Leader:** Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

**Everyone:** Praise the Risen Lord! Hallelujah!

**Affirmation of Faith:** Nicene Creed

**Prayer Chorus:** Fairest Lord Jesus

UMH #189

**Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering/Doxology/Prayer of Dedication**

**Intro to Scripture:** Jesus had been dead for three days. It was hoped that he was the Messiah, the one who would save the people of Israel from Roman oppression. As soon as some women could, they went to put more spices on his body as it lay in the tomb. Let's listen together to Luke's telling of this moment in history.

**Scripture:** Luke 24:1-12

**Meeting at The Steps**

**Message:** When You Don't Know

**Communion**

**Closing Hymn:** I Love to Tell the Story

UMH #156

**Postlude**

My Next Step Today Is...

- I will tell someone to have a "Blessed Easter"
- I know I have more to learn about Jesus
- I will pray for the Christians in Iran

**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



**JOIN US FOR APPRECIATION DINNER**

**FRIDAY, MAY 1ST**

**CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH,**

**1450 OAKRIDGE RD, NEENAH, WI**

**MASA'S The Mission Aviation Support Association (MASA) Board**

**invites you to attend our annual Appreciation Dinner on Friday, May 1, 6:00 p.m., at Calvary Bible Church in Neenah. Doors open at 5:15.**

We would like to show our gratitude to you who have served with MASA

during EAA. We also WELCOME to attend ALL who have an interest in learning about MASA.

We are honored to have **JAARS CEO & President, Steve Russell,** as our guest speaker.

**RSVP on our website, oshkoshmasa.org, by Saturday, April 25.** Click on "MORE", then "RESISTRATION PAGE". Look for the "RSVP" picture. For additional assistance, please call Nevin Webster: 920.344.7512.



***We come to you in prayer for joy, peace, and comfort:***

***Cindy Boelter***—prayers for my family as my extra brother died. Steve electrocuted at work in Berlin on Friday he was healthy and had 5 grandchildren

*Prayers for Todd Boelter as he is dealing with a heart condition and prayers that it is able to be managed successfully.*

*Continued prayers for Dick Wylie as he recovers from his heart attack at home.*

*Prayers for continued healing for Cade Halverson following an injury to his hand.*

*Continued prayers for healing for Elaine Guenther following having the RSV virus*

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

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Each Sunday from**

**10:00—11:00AM**

**Preschool—1st grade: Room 107**  
**Bev Pezewski**

**2nd Grade - 12th Room 104**  
**Sherry Steele Joanne Ball**

**ADULT CLASSES: Library—Media Center**  
**Keith Irish**

### **Woman's Christian Group**

The group will meet on Fridays. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for details. The ladies will meet at 10:00 am—11:00 AM every other week. The next meeting will be on April 10th. It is a time to share life, build, friendships, pray and grow in faith together. For more information and Joanne Ball or Judy McDonald 330-416-6424.

### **Nutty Knotters Quilt Group**

The group meets on Wednesday morning 8:30 A.M.—12:00 in the fellowship hall with coffee and treats at 10 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Terry Ball



**WATCH THE BULLETIN AND WEEKLY CONNECTION REGARDING DETAILS ON THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.**

## Theme:

Easter Customs

## Scripture:

John 20:11-18

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. There are other customs of the season. Some of you have been asking for an Easter Egg Hunt for several weeks. And then there are the beautiful lilies at the altar. Some churches hold a service very early in the morning at the crack of dawn. Some have a breakfast before or after worship. Can you think of any other customs?

There is another custom that is a bit more subtle and that involves color. What color is Easter? Look up at the front of the church and pay special attention to the altar. What color do you see? Today the altar has a cloth on it which is white. Do you remember what color the altar cloth has been for the last few weeks? I'll give you a hint. One of the altar cloths from last week was purple. The color of the altar last week was purple. Every now and then we change the color of the cloths on the altar. But we don't pick just any color. We have reasons for each color we place on the altar. Through the years, Christians have come to associate different colors with different religious ideas. It's a custom, like the Easter greeting or Easter lilies.

We have other altar colors. Sometimes we have red, green, blue or even black altar colors. They all have special meanings but we can talk about them later on. Let's concentrate on the altar color last week and the altar color this week. Here's a question for you to think about. Why was our altar purple last week and white this week? Purple is the color of royalty, the color of kings. Why? Well, purple dye was very expensive hundreds of years ago. Only people who were rich could afford purple cloth. Kings and queens were among the few people to own anything purple. Last week was Palm Sunday. We were celebrating the day that people shouted to Jesus as he came to Jerusalem as if he were a king. So the color for Palm Sunday is the color of kings -- purple. Purple has another meaning. It is also the color of penitence, of feeling sorry. And so purple was on our altar for the last forty days while we observed the church season of Lent, a time during which Christians concentrate on their relationship with God in preparation of the observance of Holy Week and Jesus dying on the cross for us. But for the moment this is behind us.

This morning we are celebrating Easter. What color would you pick to symbolize Easter? Think about it for a second or two. (let the children tell you their ideas) I think I would pick yellow for Easter. To me it is a joyful, spring color, the color of many spring flowers, such as forsythia and daffodils. It is the color of sunshine and the longer days which come at Easter time. It is the color of an egg yolk and the egg is a symbol of Easter. New life breaks out of an egg and can make us think of Jesus breaking out of the tomb. If it were up to me, the altar would be a bright yellow this morning. But it doesn't matter what I might choose. The church over many centuries has chosen the color white, sometimes with gold, to remind us that Christ is born anew and has washed our sins away and made our hearts as white as snow. The color figures in today's Gospel story. The women come to the tomb and find men there in dazzling white clothing. White is the color we put on the altar for the most special worship celebrations -- like Easter. White is a color we associate with celebration and closeness to God. Get in the habit of checking the altar when you come into church every week. See what color it is and ask yourself, why is the altar this color this morning. I'll give you a heads up. For the next fifty days, the altar is going to be white. I wonder what color will be next.

## 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

**Faith Community GMC—N1966 Julius Drive,  
Greenville, Wi 54992**

### **ANNUAL SPRING EVENT**

**SATURDAY—APRIL 18, 2026 9am—2pm**

*Free Admission*

*World's best bake sale*

*Brat/Hamburger Fry*

*Raffle Basket Silent Auction (Ends at 1:00 P.M.)*

*Hosted by Ladies Auxiliary of FCGMC*

**Tummy Sweets**

**Proceeds go to  
Missions**

**New this year**

**Craft and  
vendor show**





**APRIL Birthdays**

- 4/3 Kathy Bayer
- 4/7 Jim Armstrong
- 4/13 Levi VanHandel
- 4/17 Joanne Ball
- 4/17 Jim Lyons
- 4/17 Alicia VanHandel
- 4/21 Hanna Bordeaux
- 4/22 John Siegel
- 4/27 Jason Barber

**BIRTHSTONE IS THE Diamond**



**APRIL COLORS ARE Yellow and Grass Green**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

10th Joanne & Terry Ball

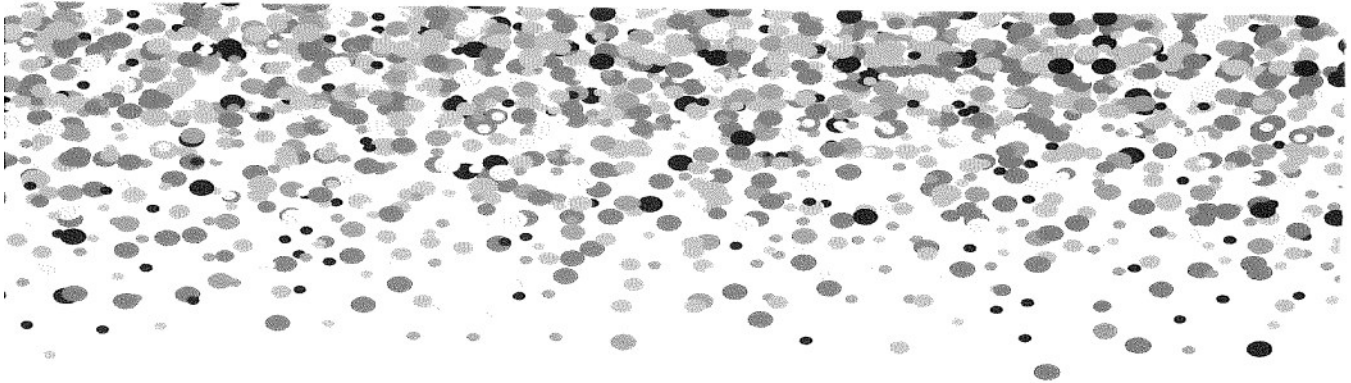


**TAX DAY  
APRIL 15,**



Valor Christian Academy has invited members of our church family to attend their 2nd Annual Valor Gala.

If you are interested in tickets please stop in the church office and scan the code to purchase tickets. If you have questions, you can email: [joy@valorclassical.org](mailto:joy@valorclassical.org).



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL

# Valor Gala

*Join Us for a Silent Auction,  
Dinner, and Festivities!*

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH  
6:00-9:00 PM

THE BALLROOM  
AT RIVERVIEW GARDENS  
1101 S. ONEIDA STREET, APPLETON

*Cocktail or Festive Attire Encouraged!*

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# April 2026



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5 8:45 A.M. <i>Worship</i> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	6	7	8 9:00 A.M. <i>Knutty Notters</i>	9 Agape Bible Study	10 10:00 AM Women's Ministry	11
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12 8:45 A.M. <i>Worship</i> 10:00A.M. <i>Sunday School</i>	13	14	15 9:00 A.M. <i>Knutty Notters</i>	16 Agape Bible Study	17	18
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