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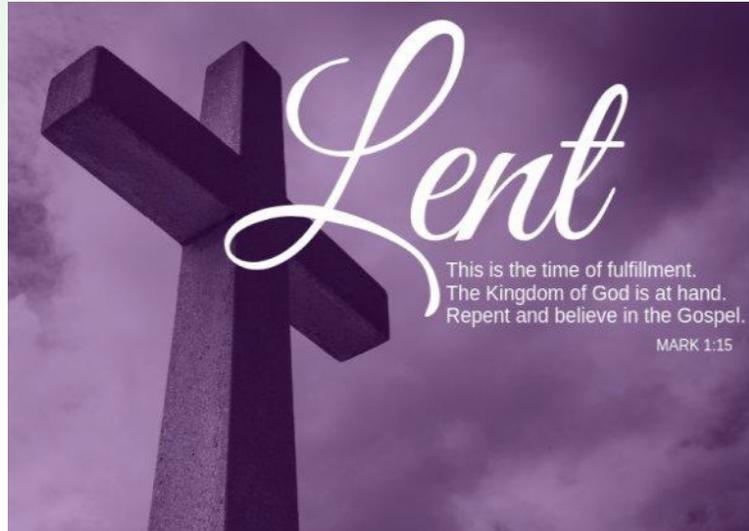
Sunday Worship Service  
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*Sunday School*  
*(for all ages)*  
10:15 - 11:15  
*(Sept - May)*

# By Faith

## Faith Global Methodist Church

MARCH—2026

**NEWSLETTER & Weekly Connection** (March 1st to March 7th)



### 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/ITPj06\\_oKt0?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/ITPj06_oKt0?feature=share)





# ***By Faith***

***From the desk of: Pastor Paul Gruenberg***

Random Thoughts from the Pastor for March 2026

As I have been thinking about life, I get some random thoughts from time to time...

We have entered the season called Lent. Lent is a forty-day period of self-reflection and repentance that is tied into Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness.

Lent begins with receiving ashes on the forehead in the sign of the cross with words like, "from dust you came and to dust you will return." These words are based on the concept that Adam (the original first man) was created from the dust of the ground by God.

Demons are real and they know Jesus is God's Son and shrank back from him. But Jesus holds command over them and Christians should too.

I have seen people healed in this life. It is an awesome experience to see God do the miraculous.

Don't you hate when someone leads by saying, "Someone told me this in confidence..." and then shares it with you? It is like a choice morsal we want to hear, but instead we should say to them before they say anything, "... then keep it confidential."

Although the Lenten season lasts 46 days, the six Sundays are not counted, which then equals the 40 days of Lent. Does this mean you can still have chocolate on Sunday?

Holy Week is coming up where Jesus is celebrated with waving palm branches, He institutes Communion, and we celebrate Good Friday. The Devil does not want you to celebrate Holy Week.

I meet with a group of pastors nearly each week to pray for one another and our churches. It is uplifting to pray with others.

I know what photosynthesis is. But why do leaves and grass turn green? Why not orange, red, or some other colors? God created it to happen this way.

The government has been talking a lot about UFO and UAPs. Is there other life in the universe? I have heard that they could be demons or ancestors of the Nephilim in Genesis. What do you think biblically about this?

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosannah in the highest!

Blessings on this journey we call life!

Pastor Paul



**Worship Service**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**March 8, 2026**

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**Welcome/Greeting**

**Opening Hymn:** My Hope is Built

UMH #368

**Call to Worship** - Taken from Psalm 118

**Leader:** I love you, LORD, my strength.

**People:** The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;  
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield<sup>[b]</sup> and the horn<sup>[c]</sup> of my salvation, my stronghold.

**Leader:** As for God, his way is perfect:

**People:** The LORD's word is flawless;

For who is God besides the LORD?

And who is the Rock except our God?

**Leader:** It is God who arms me with strength

**People:** and keeps my way secure.

**All:** Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations;  
I will sing the praises of your name.

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostle's Creed

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Chorus:** More Precious Than Silver

FWS # 2065

**Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Doxology/Prayer of Dedication**

**Intro to Scripture:**

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 18:17-24

**Meeting At the Steps**

**Message:** Altar'd: Decide Your Fate

**Closing Hymn:** Take My Life

UMH #399

**Benediction:**

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

Prayers for healing for Jay Hull as he recovers from surgery.

Howie Steffens—Prayers for Mary as she deals with kidney stones and prayers for a friend whose Son and daughter-in-law Ryan and Becka are in Jerusalem, keep them safe .

Prayers for Charlie and Sharon as they adjust to Sharon being at an assisted living facility Care Partners .

Marly Divver—prayers for my 10 year old granddaughter Bella who is having anxiety attacks.

Prayers for Chris Mott and his family as his mother passed away.

Prayers for Dan as he has no heat in his home—prayer for repairs to be completed

**Continued prayers for:** Jim Hoyman, Marilyn Nyberg, Tom Divver, Barb Arndt, Gary Reiter, Jim Lyons, Liz Roberts, Kathy Bayer, Dick Wylie, Eric Schlieter, 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.

**Our LENTEN STUDIES CONTINUES:**

**There is a change in the 1:00 P.M. Lenten study.**

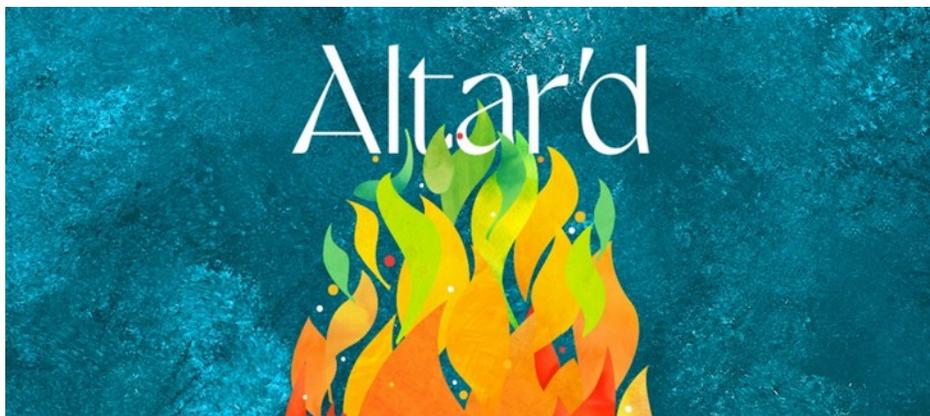
**The group will meet at 11:00 A.M. in the library.**

**On Wednesday's the other session will continue to meet at 6:00 P.M.**

Both Studies will be held in the Library. The book we will be using is called "Altar'd". You don't need the book to attend the Lenten studies but the books are available for purchase.

LENTEN SERIES AND STUDY

**The Transforming Power of Surrender**



CONNECTION CARD: My Next Step Today Is...

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 11:00 A.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

Scripture: When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!" 1 Kings 18:39

Children's message

Have you ever entered a contest? What kind of contest was it? There are many types of contests. We might even give a blue ribbon like this one to the person who wins the contest.

Our Bible lesson today is about a contest between a prophet of God named Elijah and the prophets who served a false god by the name of Baal. This contest was very important because it would show everyone who the one true God is. Why did Elijah have a contest with the prophets of Baal? During the time of Elijah, there was a King in Israel by the name of Ahab. King Ahab was an evil King. He was so evil that he would kill someone just so he could take their land. Ahab did not love God or worship him and because of that, many of the people of Israel were led away from the worship of the one true God.

God was very sad to see His people worshiping false gods. He wanted them to know that He was the one true God who loved them and cared for them. So, He decided to send His prophet Elijah to teach the people a very important lesson. Elijah was a brave man who loved God very much. He knew that it was not easy to stand up against the evil King Ahab and the false prophets of Baal. But he trusted in the one true God and was ready to do what God asked him to do. God told his prophet Elijah to go and face up to Ahab. So Elijah went to see Ahab and he offered him a challenge. "Let's have a contest," he said. "Each of us will build an altar and prepare a sacrifice and place it on an altar. Then you will ask your god to set fire to your sacrifice. I will ask my God to set fire to my sacrifice—and we'll see who wins." King Ahab agreed to the contest, and he gathered all the prophets of Baal together. There were 450 prophets of Baal, but only one prophet of the one true God, Elijah. This made the contest even more exciting and challenging.

The prophets of Baal went first. They built their altar and placed their sacrifice on it. Then they started praying and calling on their god, Baal, to send fire to burn the sacrifice. They prayed and shouted for hours, but nothing happened. They even started dancing and cutting themselves to show their devotion to their god, but still, there was no fire. Elijah watched them and knew that their god would not answer because their god was not real. He knew that the one true God would show His power and love for His people. So, Elijah decided to make the contest even more difficult for himself. He built his altar and placed his sacrifice on it. Then, he dug a trench around the altar and asked the people to pour water on the sacrifice and the wood. They did this three times, making everything very wet. It seemed impossible for the fire to burn the wet sacrifice. But Elijah had faith in the one true God. He walked up to the altar and prayed, "O Lord, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant." Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from heaven and burned up the sacrifice that Elijah had placed on the altar! The fire was so strong that it even burned up the wet wood, the stones, and the water in the trench! When the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, "The Lord—he is God! Yes, the Lord is God!" They realized that they had been wrong to worship false gods and turned back to the one true God.

Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal taught the people a very important lesson. They learned that there is only one true God who is powerful and loving. They also learned that they should always trust and worship Him, no matter what challenges they face in life. We should also learn from this story and remember that the one true God is always with us. He is always ready to help us when we need Him, and He wants us to trust and worship Him every day. Let's make a promise to ourselves and to God that we will always choose to follow the one true God and never be led away by false gods or ideas. We can pray and ask God to help us be strong and faithful, just like Elijah.

Let us pray. Lord God, help us to see, as Elijah demonstrated, that you are the one true God. May we always serve you and follow your commands. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



## Theme

Worshiping the one true God

Scripture: When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!" 1 Kings 18:39



## Elijah vs. the Prophets of Baal Coloring Page

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We received a note from our Compassion Child. Your Sunday School teachers have a copy. If you would like to send a note back to Naomi,, please do and bring it to Sunday School and give it to your Sunday School Teachers.

### **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 on March 13th and March 27th at 10:00 am—11:00 AM in the library. 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

### **IMPOSSIBLE MISSION GROUP**

The group will not be meeting during the Lenten period and will begin again sometime in April. Watch the newsletter for details when the group will begin again.

### **LIFE LINE SCREENING**

The will be at the church on March 18, 2026 Watch the newsletter and midweek and bulletins for details as the date comes closer.

### **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

### **Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch on March 29th**

Dear Faith Family, We will be having a Palm Sunday potluck "brunch" after worship in the fellowship hall on 3/29. There won't be Sunday School, so all can attend. This is a brunch, not a breakfast, and a potluck, so you can bring anything edible! If you would like to bring an egg bake, it can be baked during worship. Put your thinking cap on, grab a cookbook, and if you have any questions, contact the potluck committee chair.

In Christ, Terry Ball

# Homeless Hygiene Drive

## 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](mailto:H4H@thefamily.net) or 920-702-7858.

**Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive 2026 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

<u><b>Cleaning Supplies</b></u>	<u><b>Paper Products:</b></u>	<u><b>Baby Care:</b></u>	<u><b>Hair Care:</b></u>	<u><b>Personal Care</b></u>	<u><b>First Aid</b></u>	<u><b>Dental Care:</b></u>
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	

# Kairos Prison Ministry WI Call to Prayer



Kairos Inside

Kairos Inside is a prison ministry with a mission to develop a Christian community on the inside of a prison. It all begins with a 3 1/2 day weekend...



Kairos Torch

Kairos Torch is a mentoring program for incarcerated youth, ages 25 and under. The mission is to engage their reasoning skills to help them make better life choices.



Kairos Outside

Spouses, parents and relatives of those in prison often "do time" right along with their loved ones. Kairos Outside lets them know they are not alone.

Praise God for this instruction given to us to use via Paul!! I remember there are several places in the Bible where God instructs us to be joyful in all things. I know sometimes we let what is going on in this world, in our families or maybe even work steal our joy. I find I have to be ever mindful to remember to look up to the One who gives us joy in salvation.

We can also be joyful in the hope we have in this ministry as the Lord is starting to open more hearts and doors to share what this ministry is all about with others including those who are supervising the institutions we would like to get into. This is so exciting!!

I know there are some of you who want to be more involved, however your health or circumstances seem to be hindering you. Please be patient as God says and He will make a way for you to help when it is your time. With prayer all things will come together to work for His good in His time! Having a heart to serve in this ministry is much appreciated no matter what your contribution is!!

Praise God for our new State Chair who has a heart on fire to serve. She is located in a hot spot for possible doors to open for this ministry to get inside a couple men's institutions. The Lord is even working through her in bodily affliction. Isn't it awesome how God works amazing things when we are sometimes at our weakest?!

**Please check it out!!** The new [kairoswi.org](http://kairoswi.org) site is active!! It is interactive with loads of information not only for our state but you will find information about what is going on around the country and world. If you find anything you think we are missing, please let us know.

The **Kairos Inside of Ellsworth Advisory Council** is getting closer to getting their 1st Weekend scheduled. They have a Weekend Leader chosen and are working on getting details of what can and can't be done inside the institution in order to work with the staff. They need volunteers to start getting a team together.

The **Kairos Outside of Eastern WI Advisory Council** is planning their **10th Weekend** and are having monthly **SWAP** groups and quarterly reunions going on. They are in **need** of volunteers to help with this weekend especially if you are **clergy** or are a **musician**.

God is at work! Do you have a heart to meet God where He is starting to open doors in order to be His hands and feet?

## KARIOS OF WISCONSIN

SIGN UP RESERVATION AND VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORMS ARE  
AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE  
IN THE NARTHEX.



## March Birthdays

3/3 Gary McDonald      3/16 Philip Brown (Ball)  
3/5 Wayne Arndt      3/20 Barrett Bordeaux  
3/6 Sharon Bucholtz    3/21 Lynet Gruenberg  
3/8 Mary Steinbach    3/27 Jett Barber  
3/11 Jay Hull  
3/12 Stephanie LaChey  
3/13 Robert Lee  
3/15 Michael Halverson

## ANNIVERSARY

3/5 Dawn & Dan Barker



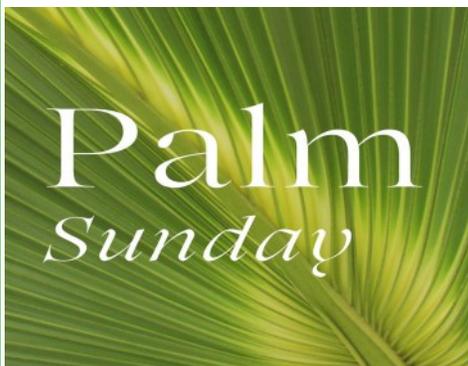
**March 8 Daylight Saving Time begins  
International Women's Day**



**March 17 St. Patrick's Day**



### March 29th Palm Sunday



### Maundy Thursday

**April 2  
Services at  
Faith Community  
Greenville  
6:00 P.M**

### Good Friday

**April 3  
Services at  
Faith Global Methodist  
Neenah  
To be Determined.**



# March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:45 A.M. Worship</p> <p>10:00A.M. Sunday School</p>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>4</b> 9:00 A.M. Knutty Not- ters</p> <p>11:00 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Lenten Bible</p>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<p><b>8</b> 8:45 A.M. Worship</p> <p>10:00A.M. Sunday School</p> <p><b>Day light savings</b></p>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00 A.M. Knutty Not- ters</p> <p>11:00 A.M. &amp; 6:00P.M. Lenten Bible</p>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Women's Ministry	<b>14</b>
<p><b>15</b> 8:45A.M. Worship</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Sunday School</p>	<b>16</b>	<p><b>17</b> St Patrick's Day</p> 	<p><b>18</b> 9:00 A.M. Knutty Not- ters</p> <p>11:00 A.M. &amp; 6:00P.M. Lenten Bible</p>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  First day of spring	<b>21</b>
<p><b>22</b> 8:45 A.M. Worship</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Sunday School</p>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<p><b>25</b> 9:00 A.M. Knutty Notters</p> <p>11:00 A.M. &amp; 6:00P.M. Lenten Bible</p>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Women's Ministry	<b>28</b>
<p><b>29</b> 8:45 A.M. Worship</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>Pot luck Brunch</p>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<p><b>April 1</b></p> <p>9:00 A.M. Knutty Not- ters</p> <p>11:00 A.M. &amp; 6:00P.M.</p>	<p><b>April 2</b> Maundy Thursday</p> <p>6:00 P.M. Greenville</p>	<p><b>April 3</b> Good Friday</p> <p>FGMC Neenah</p> <p>To be determined</p>	