

By Faith

The Monthly Newsletter

Faith United Methodist Church—

*Month of **May***



Midweek connection

April 27, 2022

Sunday Bulletin

May 1, 2022

*Then Jesus said
to them, "Follow
Me, and I will
make you become
fishers of men."
Mark 1:17*

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 Tim, you can call him here at the church
or you can email him at tjalbrecht79@gmail.com*

Please continue to pray for all the church staff members and committee members!

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**Faith United Methodist
Church**
1025 Tullar Rd
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Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
Sunday School
(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

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From the desk of Pastor Tim Albrecht
Faith United Methodist church

May 2021

Greetings,

We have just completed the seasons of Lent and Easter. Truly, everyday is Easter because the tomb is still empty! Praise God for sending his son Jesus Christ into the world.

During Lent, our sermon and study group series was entitled, "Don't Give The Enemy a Seat At Your Table", based on the 23rd Psalm verse 5, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." This opened up the 23rd Psalm for me in a new way. I enjoyed preaching it and leading the group sessions. I jotted down some notes during this series and they have been sitting on my desk for a while. I think these are some key takeaways from this series. That we can use in our daily living. They are:

1. The enemy wants to define you by your scars, but Jesus wants to define you by his scars.
2. Because of Christ we start with victory not from ground zero.
3. God wants us to live in a victory story because the grave is empty!

In the midst of gloom and doom that is so prevalent around us. From the news that we read and hear and when we let it get the best of us we are allowing the enemy to sit at our table. The table that our Lord has prepared for us is a table for two! One chair reserved for you and the other for Him (The Lord). He wants to chat with us, meet our needs, as we gaze into his eyes.

As we depart from this Easter season, please remember that the table reservation is for two in the midst of all the other things going on in this world. An invitation for you and the one who spoke creation into existence.

See you in church,

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WORSHIP SERVICE Bulletin

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022 9:00 A.M.

Call to Worship

Prelude:

Welcome

Opening Hymn "Jesus Calls Us"

Children's Message

Bev Pezewski

Morning Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts to God

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

Sermon Hymn: "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" UMH #344

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:17

Sermon Series: "Good News! The Jesus Way to Radical Living"

Sermon: "I Follow Closely"

Pastor Tim

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn: "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"

UMH #438

Benediction

UMH –United Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing Song Book

I Follow Closely

Good News: The Jesus Way to Radical Living

— Memory Verse: Mark 1:17

Essentials of Following Jesus:

- Accept the _____
- Acknowledge the _____
- Focus My _____
- Allow _____
- Agree on the _____

My First Steps as a follower of Jesus

1. _____ I am a follower of Jesus
John 1:40

2. _____ As a follower of Jesus
Matthew 3:13-15

3. _____ As a follower of Jesus
Ephesians 3:17

4. _____ As a follower of Jesus
1 Peter 4:12-13

5. _____ Who are followers of Jesus
Hebrews 10:25

6. _____ of friends who are not yet followers of Jesus

7 _____ As a follower of Jesus
John 3:30 John 10:10

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

Cindy Boelter—Preparing for hip surgery on May 10th.

Liz Severson—prayers for Emma as she performs in a school play the “Wizard of Oz”.

Melody Lewis—prayers for her parents Chuck and Jonel Ankrum have covid. Her mom has a more serious symptoms.

Sharon Bucholtz—prayers as she is going to have a heart monitor on Tuesday of this upcoming week.

Bethany Barber—My parents are celebrating their 45 wedding anniversary and Jason is going to be celebrating his 38 birthday this upcoming week.

Continued prayers for: Tom & Marly Divver, Rom Pegram, Liz Roberts, Neale Caflisch, Bob Fritz, Dick Wylie, Kathy Bayer, Jim Hart, Jim & Ardis Lyons, Chuck and Jonel Ankrum, Lisa Armstrong, Eric Schlieter, Jack & Barb Oakley, Marilyn Nyberg, Vern Brusewitz, Corky Sullivan and family, others in need of healing and encouragement, financial needs, continued prayers for all our members of our church family, our many unspoken prayers.

Todd Boelter presented an Easter message during the joys and concerns. We have extra copies if you would like a copy of the message and they will be available for you on the table in the Narthex. If you want us to mail you a copy, please contact the church office and let us know and we will mail it to you.

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 our live streaming each Sunday for 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. We will be live-streaming our services each Sunday on both YouTube and Facebook*

Our YouTube channel is: [faithunitedmethodistchurchneenah.youtube.com](https://www.faithunitedmethodistchurchneenah.youtube.com)

Each Thursday when you receive your midweek connection either by email or regular mail the link for YouTube will be in your email or in your regular mailing. 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 and there will be a delay in the download, we will upload the video and within an hour or so after the service, Once it is available, an email will be sent to those with an email address informing them that it is up on. The sermon can also be heard on the radio station; WEMI 91.9 however, but are a week later. If there are any questions, Bev will be available after the worship service either at the church or on her cell.

Theme

Jesus calls us to follow him.

Phone:



Scripture

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. Mark 1:17-19

What do you do when there is an emergency? Let's say, for example, that someone has a serious injury or illness, and if they don't get help right away, they might die. What would you do? Right! You'd pick up the phone and call 9-1-1! (Substitute the appropriate emergency number for your area.)

When you call 9-1-1 and tell the person who answers that you need help right away, it is their job to see that you get help. That person would never say something like, "I'm sorry, we are really busy right now, maybe some other time." No way! They drop whatever they are doing and make sure that you get the help you need.

In our Bible story today, Jesus was walking along beside the sea of Galilee preaching the good news of God when he made a call for help. He saw Peter and Andrew throwing a net into the water, because they were fishermen. He called out to them, "Come, follow me and I will teach you how to fish for people." You see, Jesus wanted Peter and Andrew to help him teach people about God's love for them. When Jesus called Peter and Andrew, they didn't say, "Not right now, we are busy fishing. Maybe some other time." No way! The Bible tells us that they left their nets and followed Jesus.

Jesus, Peter, and Andrew had gone a little farther when they saw James and John sitting in a boat mending their nets. When Jesus saw them, he called to them, "Follow me." They didn't say, "Not right now, we're busy mending our nets. Perhaps some other time." No, the Bible says that they left their father sitting in the boat with the hired hands and followed Jesus.

Jesus is still calling for help today. He has called you and me to help him to bring others into God's Kingdom. Is it an emergency? It sure is! It's a matter of life and death! The Bible says, "Unless you repent, you will all perish." (Luke 13:3) Jesus has called us, what will we say? What will we do? I hope and pray that we will drop whatever we are doing and answer the call.

Heavenly Father, we want to be faithful in answering the call to discipleship. We want to fish for people — just like Peter, Andrew, James, and John. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**PREPARING OUR
HEARTS FOR
WORSHIP
SERMON TITLES**

May 1, 2022

Continuing Good News!

I Follow Closely

Mark 1:17

May 8, 2022

I Commit Completely

Ephesians 3:17,19

May 15, 2022

I Give Generously

John 3:16

May 22, 3033

I Live Joyfully

Philippians 1:27

May 29, 2022

Tim on vacation

Rom Pegram video preaching



Sunday School

children, youth & adults

10:15 A.M.—11:15 A.M.

Weekly - BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday School Classes

2-3 year old - Nursery

Julie Caflisch & Michelle Woodard

4K/Kindergarten—1st grade

Bev Pezewski

2nd-5th grade

Kurt VanHandel & Ken Gellerstedt

Senior High 6th-12th grades

Dan Duff

2 adult classes

ADULT CLASSES

The fruits of the Spirit Hugh Davies

Bible Studies—

*Agape Bible Study Thursday evenings
at 6:30 P.M.*

The last day of Sunday School

May 22, 2022

Teacher appreciation Sunday

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Ruth Wulgaert | 17 Kylee Olson |
| 1 Britney Novak | 17 William Ropella |
| 1 Chris Bordeaux | 20 Jim Hart |
| 1 Julie Caflisch | 22 Jill Steffek |
| 2 Ina Mae Remmel | 23 Troy Mansfield |
| 3 Tyler Robers | 24 Gerald Desing |
| 9 Matthew Arndt | 25 Ann Cheshire |
| 9 Clint Kemper | 26 A J Schuh |
| 9 Dick Wylie | 28 Linda Fritz |
| 12 Haylee Dunn | 29 Eric Schlieter |
| 12 Barb Oakley | |
| 13 Caleb Flom | |
| 17 Carole Halverson | |



SOME SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY

May 5th Cinco de Mayo

May 8th Mother's Day

May 30th Memorial Day

May 1-7 is Teacher Appreciation Week

Faith Church will be celebrating our teachers on May 22, 2022

(The last day of Sunday School for the summer)

National Pet Month

May is Mental health Awareness Month

Find, connection and support

Ask for and offer help

Seek and celebrate joy



Wedding Anniversaries

During the month of

May

5/11 Dick & Mary Ann Wylie

5.21 Michael & Jill Steffek

5/21 Duwayne and Geraldine Manteufel

5/15 Robert & Linda Fritz

5/21 John & Elizabeth Hall

5/27 Micah & Clairellyn Sommersmith



THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

The church directory is being updated. Have you changed your address, telephone number or e-mail address. Please complete your card on Sunday with all the changes or contact the church office. We are reviewing the data,

The goal is have a corrected directory by the 29th of May.

SUMMER "TODDLER NURSERY" HELPERS NEEDED

If you are available to help in the nursery over the summer months, please contact Bev in the church office. If you have any interest in caring for the younger members of our church during worship, please contact the church office.

UPPER ROOM MAGAZINE

The upper room magazine for May and June is available on the table in the Narthex. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please let the church office know and we will send you a copy

The Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus

Inviting you and your family to attend their 15 year Jubilee that will be held on June 25th, 2022 at Sparrow's Nest in Sparta Wisconsin. There is an announcement on the bulletin board and you can check out their web site for details.

SparrowsNest-abby.com

The NUTTY KNOTTERS

Wednesday's 9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. We have a quilting group here at Faith that works in partnership with St. Marks. The group meets every Weekly in our Fellowship hall. They are looking for new members to join their group of "Natty Knotters".

Please contact Terry Ball or come to visit, stay and be a part of the group.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith United Methodist Church, please contact the church office.

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY **ICE-CREAM SOCIAL**

Mark Your Calendar! May 22nd will be our last Sunday School class of the season and the education committee would like to thank all the teachers for their dedication this year – help us thank our dedicated teachers as we celebrate with an ice cream social, right after the worship service. If the weather is nice we will have it outside under the car port.

Education Team

FAITHFUL SINGERS

The Faithful Singers, Faith UMC's choir, rehearsals on Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. in the second floor choir room, We are going to be singing on the 8th and the 15th of May. All are welcome to join, regardless of prior choir experience or note-reading ability. Masks are optional, and all participants are asked to closely monitor your health and stay home if not feeling well. Please email Micah at micahsommer@gmail.com Feel free to email with any questions as well.

LOOKING FOR A RIDE TO WORSHIP

We have someone who lives on Giillingham Road in Neenah and would like to come to our church but doesn't have a way to get to church on Sunday mornings.

If you have an interest in helping on Sunday morning, picking someone one up.

Please contact the church office. Or talk to Pastor Tim. THANK YOU

If you know of a birthday or anniversary that was missed, please let the office know so we can be sure our database is corrected. We want to be sure to recognize our family members on their special days.

Volunteer Fox Cities

Tech-ED for Adults: This technology education program is designed for adults ages 50+ who would like to participate on a one-on-one basis, as a couple or with a small group of friends to address technology concerns. All participants are encouraged to bring their own technology devices (phones, tablets and laptops) to the class, which will be held at several host sites in Appleton. We also have iPads to loan at no cost to enrolled participants who are interested in trying this device. Tech-ED for Adults will help expand social connections and stay active in the community, facilitating independent living. If you are interested in enrolling or have questions, contact Chelsea Vosters at 920-832-9360 or chelsea@volunteerfoxcities.org.

Phone Pals: Would you like to receive a friendly phone call from a volunteer waiting to brighten your day? Volunteer Fox Cities telephone outreach program is designed to engage folks in friendly conversation. If you are interested in enrolling or have additional questions, contact Chelsea Vosters at 920-832-9360 or chelsea@volunteerfoxcities.org or visit volunteerfoxcities.org/phonepals-call.

REMINDER: If you are currently receiving the newsletter either via email or through the U.S. postal service and no longer wish to receive it, please contact the church office and let us know and we will remove your name from our distribution list. If you would like to change how you are receiving the newsletter please let the church office know.

2022NEWSLETTER

PUBLICATION DATES

** The deadline for newsletter articles will be the 25th of each month. you can either email your information to Bev Pezewski or you can drop the information in the mailbox in the church office Thank you

Please let the office know if there is anything else you would like to see added to the monthly newsletter.

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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.



SPRING FUND RAISER - May 2—6

WHO: [The Family](#) is a live, local, non-denominational and listener-supported Wisconsin radio ministry featuring contemporary Christian music, encouraging messages, and community mission outreach projects. We partner with you in reaching out to our communities with the music, message, and ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

WHY: We are listener supported and need help spreading the word about our annual spring fundraiser!

OUR MISSION: The Family broadcasts the hope of Jesus Christ to strengthen and encourage listeners.

The Family Radio Network asks for your prayers and support during their annual Spring Fundraiser, May 2-6. A Wisconsin radio ministry, they're non-denominational and listener-supported, featuring contemporary Christian music and programs. Their "Help for the Homeless" hygiene drive annually supports 100 crisis programs in 19 communities, serving 80,000 people. You can help **"Keep Hope Alive"** for listeners in Wisconsin! To make a gift or pledge of support call 800-236-9364 or

visit SupportTheFamily.net **Thank you!**

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.



UMCOR

Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>

- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

MAY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School	2	3	4 6:30 P.M. Choir rehearsal	5 6:30 pm Agape Bible Study	6	7
8 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School Mother's Day	9	10	11 6:30 P.M. Choir rehearsal	12 6:30 pm Agape Bible Study	13	14
15 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School	16	17	18 6:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal	19 6:30 pm Agape Bible Study	20	21
22 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School Last day of Sunday School	23	24	25	26 6:30 pm Agape Bible Study	27	28
29 9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship	30 	31				

Faith Church is gaining support and visibility on our Facebook page. If you are on Facebook but have not LIKED our page, please do so. In addition, please encourage your family and friends to LIKE us too! You can find us at "Faith United Methodist Church - Neenah, WI"





Order form for

Geraniums

DECORATING FOR PENTECOST

We will be decorating the church with Geraniums for on Pentecost, June 5, 2022.

If you would like to contribute a plant, the price per plant is \$14.00. Please fill out the form below and put it, along with your payment, in the envelope marking it "Flower Fund." and you can either mail it to the office or place it in the baskets

Thank you!

The deadline for ordering is Sunday of May 15th... So please get your order in as soon as possible.

You may pick up your geraniums anytime after the service on June 5th and the ones that are going to remain will be planted in the planter by the carport.

Fill out your order below and drop it off with your check in the offering baskets or send your order to the church office.

We want to include everyone those who are able to come to worship and those who are unable to come. We will make sure that if you want your geraniums, we will get them to you.

Number of Geraniums _____ @ \$ each: Total _____

Name _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

_____ I will not be taking the plant home. They can be planted
In the church flower beds.