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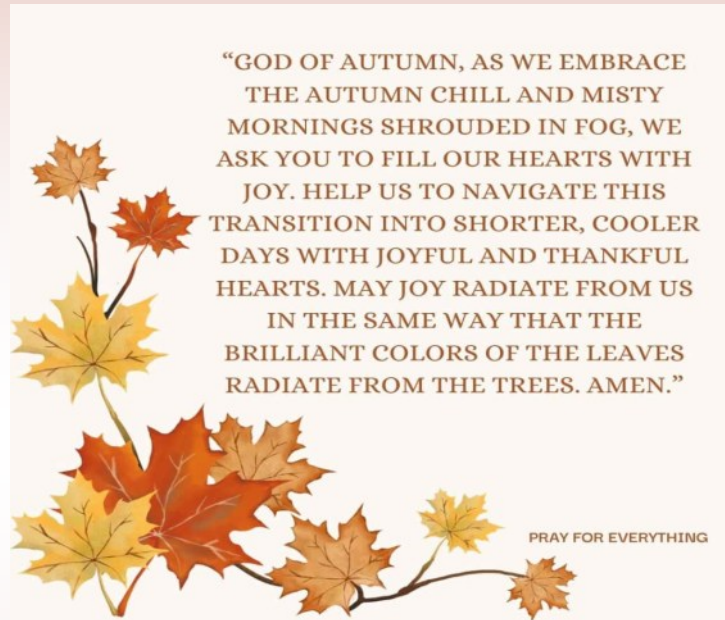
By Faith

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OCTOBER 2025

NEWSLETTER

As We begin the fall season:



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 at the church, or you can also 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 Link https://youtube.com/live/Q_-eZSTzaFc?feature=share

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WHAT WILL OTHERS SAY?

WARNING! - This is not a political commentary! But read on and determine it for yourself.

We were on vacation when the news broke. Thirty-one-year-old Charlie Kirk had been assassinated while having a dialogue/debate with students on the campus of Utah Valley University. You might know who he was and what he represented, or you might not. This is not an article about his political beliefs or political stances; this is simply some thoughts on Charlie's life and on mine.

He graduated from High School and after doing a semester of college decided to begin an organization to reach out to Gen Z (born from 1997 to 2012) with conservative values. This included political values but also included spiritual values as well. Although known for his conservative political values, more importantly, Charlie Kirk was not only a believer in Jesus Christ but a passionate follower of Jesus too. He would probably say that all he did was based on biblical values.

During a memorial service broadcast from an Arizona stadium, I heard Jesus' name mentioned many, many times in relationship to Charlie and in regard to our need for a relationship with Jesus as well. And what struck me most was this, Charlie didn't just believe in Jesus, he ordered his life by what Jesus said such that Charlie treated all people with respect, spoke Jesus' truth as his truth, and did not waver in sharing our need for Jesus.

All of this points to one question which has been bouncing around in my brain. What will people say about me after I have died?

Will they say I knew who Jesus was, that I believed in Jesus, or that I was an intentional follower of Jesus?

Will they say I went to church on Sundays, or went to church to worship Jesus, or that I took Jesus out into the world that others might worship Him?

Will they say I was a disciple of Jesus' or that I helped to make disciples of Jesus who made disciples of Jesus?

What will be said after I am gone?

So what is the point Pastor? The point is this, many of us want to live a life that is intentional when it comes to being a Jesus follower. We want to live a life that not

only reflects Jesus' values, but a life in which others will see that we are growing spiritually in a way that we are becoming more like Jesus to the world around us. What we think, say, and do is what Jesus would think, say, and do.

If your goal is to become more like Jesus and you are intentionally moving your life in that direction, then you will not have to worry about what others say about you when you are gone. This was reflected about Charlie Kirk at his memorial, and can reflect you one day.

An author of a book said something to this effect:

"When the bar is lowered regarding our stance for and with Jesus, the bar is also lowered concerning our behavior and other actions."

The opposite is true as well. "When the bar is raised regarding our stance for and with Jesus, the bar is also raised concerning our behavior and other actions."

Blessings on the journey,

Pastor Paul

A MINISTRY OF DEVOTIONS

Devotions are indispensable in the Christian life. When you spend some time with God each day, it helps us to grow closer and build an ongoing relationship with Him. So, this ADVENT I would like you to write a small story around the birth of Jesus from one or more of your Christmas experiences. It could have been a recent Christmas or something that happened years ago. I'm not asking for a book, just about a 200-word short story about what Christmas means for you.

What? You do not think you could write something? Well, I think you can. Just hop on your computer or pull out a sheet of paper or two and ask God to show you what to write. I am more than willing to help you too. Tell me what specific scripture you have in mind for your devotional and we can develop it together.

So here are questions to ask yourself (and God):

1. What is a memorable Christmas season? -or- Is there a special Christmas verse or word in the Christmas story that holds a special meaning for you?
2. Who was in the experience (note you do not have to use your name)?
3. What was the start to the story? What is the story and it's point? What was the conclusion?

On the next page has an sample Advent devotional to follow.

Pastor Paul

OUR GREATEST CHRISTMAS GIFT

And the angel said unto them, Fear not! For behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David ... a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. --Luke 2:10-11

When I was a child, it was an important task during the holiday season to review the T.V. Guide with your parents. If you don't, you would miss the yearly broadcast of Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer or A Charlie Brown Christmas. (Gasp!) I remember watching so intently as Linus recited the Nativity Story to Charlie Brown, explaining to him the true meaning of Christmas. It touched my heart with its simplicity and sincerity.

Other memories of rearranging the figurines in my mother's manger scene or reading a beautifully illustrated children's book about the journey to Bethlehem remind me that Jesus was an important focus in our holiday celebrations.

Though I will fondly remember receiving Malibu Barbie, an Easy Bake Oven, and many other wonderful gifts at Christmas, I am most grateful for the gift of knowing Jesus' love and promise for salvation at an early age.

Prayer: Lord God, we thank You and praise You for giving us the gift of Jesus. May we remember to love others as He loves us and to celebrate His birth each day. Amen.

Thought for today: Advent is the time to wait with hope and excitement for the celebration of Christmas. Candles are lit to represent Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love. The birth of Jesus delivered Hope to the world, and through knowing Him, we can experience the Joy, Peace, and Love He offers to us.



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WORSHIP SERVICE

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

Prelude

Welcome/Greeting

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee UMH 89

The Apostles Creed

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Chorus: His Name Is Wonderful UMH 174

Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God

Doxology

Intro to Scripture: (read by scripture reader)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:1-11

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

Intro to Scripture: (read by scripture reader)

Scripture: Acts 1: 4-11

Sermon: Transformed: Jesus' Focus

Closing Hymn: God Hath Spoken by the Prophets UMH 108

Benediction

Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing Song Book

Assisted Listening Devices available –See an usher

JUST A THOUGHT: FROM Past Sunday ...

Are you a Don Quixote or a Sancho Panza? Are you dreaming with God an impossible dream—can you share your impossible dream with some one?

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

Linda Fritz—Continued prayers as the twins are both girls.

Continued prayers for the Gary Steele's family.

Prayers for Julie Caflisch as she has been hospitalized and is recovering.

Happy Birthday Emma—who turned 16 years old and also has her driver's license.

Continued prayers for: Julie Caflisch, Sharon, LeMaire, Julie Beck, Barb Arndt, Linda Probst, Gary Reiter, Liz Roberts, Tom Divver, Jim Lyons, Kathy Bayer, Dick Wylie, Marilyn Nyberg, 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 the leadership team.

Liturgist

Do you have an interest in reading scripture. We are looking for people to read the scripture during the worship service. If you have an interest, please contact Joanne Ball or leave a message at the church office.

Woman's Christian Group

The Women's Christian group will be meeting on September 26th. They meet every other week on Fridays at 10:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M. Please join them for worship time, fellowship time, and getting to know one another.

UPCOMING EVENT TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

The annual church conference date has been scheduled. The conference will be held on December 7th at 7:00 P.M.

More details as the month get's closer.

Knotty Knotters Quilt Group

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/8 Charlene Reiter

10/17 Cindy Siegel

10/20 Ginny Shepard

10/21 Deb Schultz

10/29 Carolyne Johnston



OCTOBER —ANNIVERSARIES:

1st Shawn & Savannah Bordeaux

16th Eric & Christel Schlieter

22nd John & Carole Halverson

24th Brian & Lori Fritz



SPECIAL DAYS:

Pastor Appreciation Day

Second Sunday in October 13th

Columbus Day

Second Monday in October 14th

For those who like baseball

**The World Series is played during October
(go Brewers)**

Reformation Sunday—

October 23rd

Fall Quarter of Sunday School

Nursery — During Worship: Bev Pezewski

Preschool—Pre-K kindergarten—First Grade Room 107

2nd Grade—8th Grade Room 104

Substitutes: Loree Johnston-Lachey Linda Fritz

Adult Sunday School Class: Keith Irish Library

LAST CALL FOR **Coins for Naomi, Our compassion Child**

The Sunday School program have been collecting coins for Naomi, our compassion Child. “baby food jars” can be found in the Narthex, please help yourself to a jar and “fill it up” for Naomi”

The final days for drop off is this Sunday, September 28th Please help support the children and Faith and our compassion child, Naomi”



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER.

The 2025 Christmas Community Dinner will be on December 13th. This will be the 17th annual meal! The planning team from the churches in the community have already met for the first time. If you would like to be part of this activity/planning please contact Bev in the church office. The planning team have set up what they will need and it is similar to last year. Bev has the list of items that each church will needing to provide.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SATURDAY, November 1st from 9: am to 2pm

Annual Craft Fair/Bake Sale and Brat Fry

Faith Community GMC

N1966 Julius Drive—Greenville

Checkout the poster on the bulletin board by the office
for more Details.

Fall O Ween Jesus Fest

Saturday October 25th, 2025 5:00P.M. - 7 P.M.

5:00 P.M. Music: Erin Oakley

6:00 P.M. Dinner

Quilt Raffle

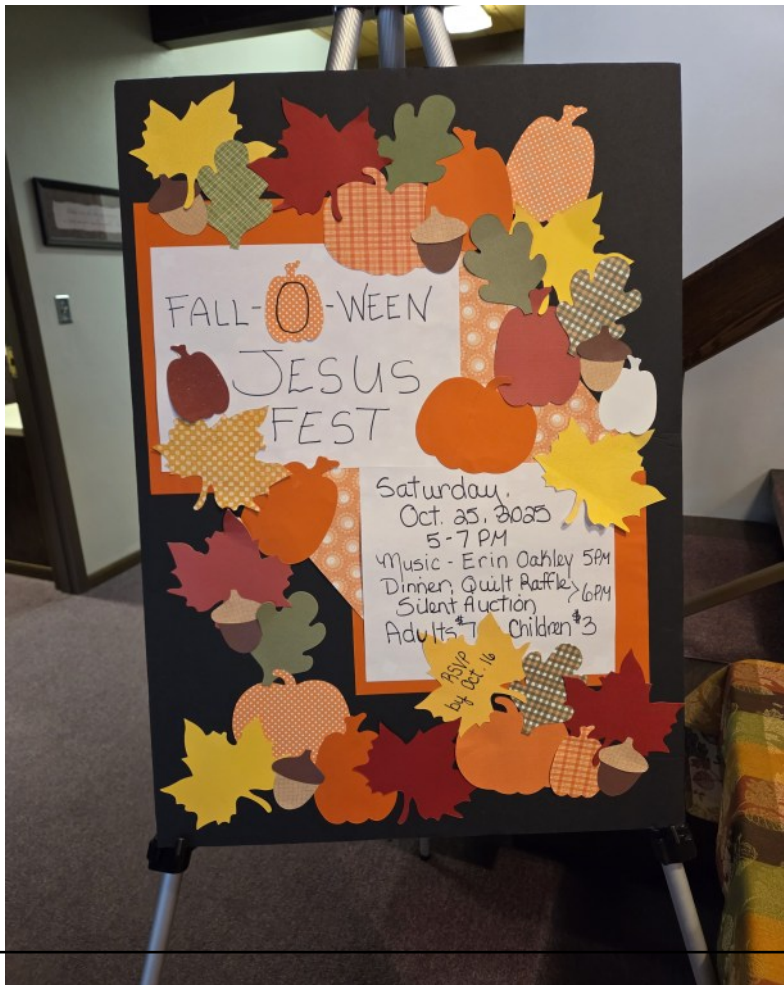
Silent Auction

Adults \$7.00

Children \$3.00

RSVP by October 16th

**Proceeds go towards
local Missions.**



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Book by
JULIAN FELLOWES

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
NEENAH HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR DINNER THEATER
OCTOBER 22nd

5:30PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:10) AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE

TICKETS ARE \$10 INCLUDING DINNER AND THE SHOW

DINNER: BURT'S FAVORITE SHEPHERD'S PIE WITH MAPLE GLAZED CARROTS, SIDE SALAD AND ASSORTED ROLLS
AND A HOMEMADE "SPOONFUL OF SUGAR" COOKIE ICE CREAM SANDWICH, COFFEE, MILK AND WATER.

PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE NHS MAIN ENTRANCE OFFICE

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School for Seniors

Are you a senior who enjoys learning? Join in the SCHOOL FOR SENIORS, co-sponsored by the City of Neenah Committee on Aging and Lakeland University.

When: Friday, October 3, 2025, 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Where: St. Mark's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 140 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah

What: Thought-provoking presentations and discussion in an informal setting presented by community experts. There's something for everyone! Learn about home safety and maintenance, fitness for the body and brain, and community safety. Enjoy refreshments and an information fair featuring community resources. **Cost:** Free of charge

RSVP: Seating is limited, please call City of Neenah at 920-886-6125 by Monday, September 29 for first priority





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