



By Faith

Faith United Methodist Church—

Midweek Connection

February 20-25, 2023

MARCH NEWSLETTER



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!

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 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 and the technology group gets the recording completed. If you have questions, call the church office. 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 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.

Our Website—has added our “older sermons”

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We have added a way you can look at all 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”

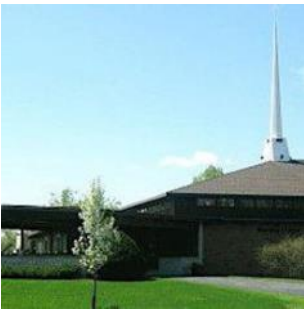
If you have any changes in your e-mail account, your phone numbers, cell or land line, or address, please let the church know so we can keep the directory updated.. You can complete a yellow card on Sunday Morning to update the office with changes. -
THANK YOU

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

Shareable links

<https://youtube.com/live/pEiWLfqeZo4?feature=share>





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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*

March 2023

Friends of Faith,

March is beginning! March madness? Maybe! Seriously, as March begins the season of lent is in full gear. We got an early start on our sermon series Goliath Must Fall, Winning the Battle Against our Giants. On Wednesdays during Lent, there will be two study group opportunities, one beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the other at 6:00 p.m. These studies will be looking at the previous week's sermon. (I started the series a little early so the timing will be a little off to begin. However, we will catch up.)

As we move along in March the disaffiliation process moves forward in a different manner. With the vote being taken. The next steps will be looking at a new name for our church, joining the Global Methodist Church, and handling the paperwork for incorporation, tax identification, and deed. Also, lining up financing for the exit fee.

When March comes to a close, we begin Holy Week and prepare to celebrate Easter and the empty tomb. There will be more information coming out regarding Holy Week events later in the month.

By the way, March madness, in the secular world there will be a basketball tournament and the opening day of the baseball season happens too. However, in the midst of all these things we in gratitude of God's blessings, provisions, and his Son Jesus Christ.

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

Regarding Disaffiliation:

Now that Faith Church has voted to disaffiliate. The Ad Council met on February 28th to begin working on the next steps. Those steps include the new name for Faith Church, moving to the Global Methodist Church, and legal representation for Faith Church. These issues need to be addressed. Because they impact incorporation, the deed, tax identification and financing to pay the exit fee. Also, the time frame to accomplish this and meet deadlines is of importance too.

The Ad Council has approved the following:

- name: Faith Global Methodist Church
- joining the Global Methodist Church
- hiring the National Center for Life and Liberty to handle legal issues. The NCLL is a non-profit legal ministry that works with churches. It is working with other United Methodist Churches in Wisconsin and across the country who are also disaffiliating. Their cost is \$1000.00 per year for their services. That would cover all the legal issues that Faith Church would incur during this process.

The name Faith Global Methodist Church was chosen for a couple of reasons. We can still be known as Faith Church and Methodist would still be in our title. Global would say that we are part of the new Global Methodist Denomination and no longer United Methodist. Also, we need to let the Wisconsin Annual Conference know what our new name will be before March 31st.

The advantages to being part of the Global Methodist Church first and foremost center around the authority of scripture followed by the trust clause. In the Global Methodist Church, Faith Church will own its own building and property. Also, the Global Church will be involved in pastoral appointments and the church will have more input in this process than it has in the past.

What is needed from you, the congregation, is for you to vote to approve the new name and joining the Global Methodist Church. A ballot will be in next Sunday's bulletin, March 12th and it can be put in the offering. The Ad Council is asking that you vote yes and a simple majority (51%) is needed.

If you have any questions regarding the name feel free to speak with anyone on the Ad Council.

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WORSHIP SERVICE*

Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

Call to Worship

Prelude:

Welcome

***Opening Hymn:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH # 139
"Close to Thee" UMH # 407

Children's Message Beth Irish

Morning Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts to God

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

Sermon Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH #206

Sermon Series: Lenten Series "Goliath Must Fall"

Scripture: Romans 8:14-16

Sermon: "Rejection Must Fall" Pastor Tim

Sacrament of Holy Communion:

***Closing Hymn:** "Behold What Manner of Love"

Benediction

Postlude:

****Please stand as you are able***

United Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing Song Book
Assisted Listening Devices Available—see an Usher

Goliath Must Fall
...Rejection Must Fall...
Romans 8:14-16

1. Rejection-Shows up more ways that we think

-Genesis 1:26-27

2. We are the work of God

-1 Samuel 17:28 & 42

3. Rejection takes aim at us all

a. We understand the _____

-Psalm 139:13-16

b. We revel in the _____

-Ephesians 1:4

-Psalm 27:10

-John 15:16

c. We grasp how costly _____

-Ephesians 1:7-8

d. We live _____, not for it.

4. Pursue the one who is pursuing you

-Psalm 8

Theme

We are children of God.

Object

None needed

Scripture

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12 and “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”

Have you ever gone to a family gathering and you were known as so-and-so’s daughter or son? Maybe they even introduced that way. This is Aunt Sally’s grandchild, people might say. Wouldn’t you love to be known as one of God’s children? When they see you, wouldn’t it be great if because of what you say and how you act that you are clearly one of God’s children? A lot of times if someone doesn’t know you, they think they know you by who you hang around with or who you are related to. God wants us to listen to him and to behave in such a way that there can be no doubt that you are God’s child, in addition to being Velma’s son, Tom’s niece, or Susie’s cousin. Some people may think that because grandma or grandpa, mom or dad, or sisters or brothers have developed a connection with God, that they will in some way get into Heaven on their shirt tails. After all, that’s the way it is with royalty, people might think. When a man becomes a president or a king, his wife and children automatically become royalty. This is not the situation in the Kingdom of God. God has no grandchildren – only children.

We are all individually accountable to God. When he saves us by His awesome power, we are adopted as His personal sons and daughters. Not one of us can claim the faith of our father or mother as our own. There is no such thing as a “spiritual grandchild” of God. We each must come to Him on our own. If we don’t have our own faith, we have no faith at all. Even though it is the same faith as others (because it is faith in Jesus), it is not our faith, until we own it in our hearts and minds. That was true for our parents; it’s true for our children, and it is true for each of us. God gave the privilege of becoming His children—His sons and daughters. How? By receiving Jesus Christ by faith, by letting go of the coattails of parents and grandparents and praying to God. When you do that, God becomes your “Daddy,” and you enter into the most intimate and loving privilege in all of the world.

Song: 4th stanza of the song, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus — Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, no turning back.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to want to become your children. Give us wisdom and guidance to follow you closely, to love you, and to bring other people to your saving grace.

March Birthdays

3/5 Wayne Arndt
3/6 Sharon Bucholtz
3/6 Nicole Ropella
3/8 Mary Steinbach
3/11 Jay Hull
3/12 Stephanie LaChey
3/13 Robert Lee
3/13 Dale Poliak
3/15 Michael Halverson
3/16 Philip Brown (Ball)
3/27 Jett Barber
3/20 Barrett Bordeaux



Birthstone



ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Dan Barker March 5
Neale & Julie Caflisch March 10

SPECIAL DAYS IN MARCH

March 12th Day light Savings begins

March 15th The Ides of March

March 17th St. Patrick's Day

March 20th — The first day of Spring



For all the basketball fans—March Madness is here.....

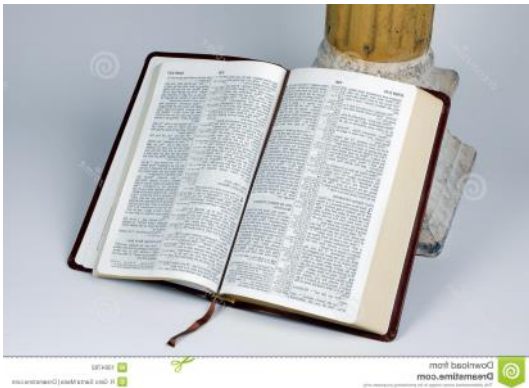
For all the baseball fans—Opening day is March 30th

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Bible Study “Goliath Must Fall” is on Wednesdays at 1:30 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. We are meeting in the media center. We will also have an evening class at 6:00 P.M. The study books are available in the church office. The cost of the book will be \$10.00.

FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSAL

The Faithful Singers, Faith Church's adult choir rehearsals meet on at 6:30-7:30 pm Wednesdays in the choir room, Room 201. Membership is open to all adults and high school age youth. No prior choral experience or training is required or expected, only a love of singing and a willingness to offer your time and attention at rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Micah by email msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com or cell phone (765)993-7019



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Spring quarter March—May

Each Sunday from

10:15—11:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Nursery Class: Room 106
Julie Caflisch**

Preschool—Kindergarten: Room 108 Joanne Ball Sherry Steele

First—2nd Grade Room: 104 Bev Pezewski

3rd grade to 5th grade Room 208 Kurt VanHandel

6-12th grade. Room 207 Dan Duff

ADULT CLASSES

Room: 204

Hugh Davies & Gary Reiter

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

Prayers for the Gaylord Remmel family, who passed away last week. The service will be held on the 18th of March. Visitation will be from 9:30—11:00 A.M. with service at 11:00 A.M. lunch will follow in the fellowship hall.

Ruth Brusewitz—prayers for continued healing following surgery

Jim Bayer— Prayers for Kathy Bayer as she has been transferred to a skilled nursing home in Oshkosh.

Marly Divver—Prayers for her sister Sharon who has been visiting, safe travels as she returns with hopefully with no flight delays.

Prayers for Julie Beck as she continues to deal with pneumonia and other medical concerns. She was recently hospitalized.

Carrie Walters—Prayers—returned from California safely, after several changes in the flight path due to mechanical problems.

CONTINUED PRAYERS for Bob Fritz, Tom Divver, Liz Roberts, Dick Wylie, Marilyn Nyberg, Ina Mae Remmel, Jim & Ardis Lyons, Corky, Michael and Nola Sell, others in need of healing, encouragement, financial needs, continued prayers for all our members of our church family, and our many unspoken prayers.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Beth Hall has been creating beautiful Prayer shawls as a gift of love and care to the recipient. The shawl is meant to symbolize the love and embrace of God. Each shawl has been lovingly made and prayed over, and those who receive the shawls continue to be held in prayer. At this time, she is in need of extra yarn. Do you have extra yarn that you are not using? To request a shawl for yourself or someone else (relatives or friends), please contact Beth Hall at or the church office and arrangements can be made for you to pick up the shawl at the church. Would there be an interest in a group meeting on a day every week to assist in making these Prayer shawls. If you have an interest in being part of this group, please contact Beth Hall at 920-289-1022.

NUTTY KNOTTERS—QUILT GROUP

The group is in need o fabric and sheets of any size and condition. Thank you Terry Ball

ATTENTION FAITH CHURCH FAMILY!!

There will be a potluck in the fellowship hall after Sunday school on 3/12. To make things challenging the theme is to bring a dish that begins with the "Last letter of your last name". I guess that means the Ball family is bring lasagna! As a potluck goes, you can bring any kind of a dish to share to feed at least eight people. Oh, and the good news is that daylight savings time begins that day as well! Get your recipes out and we'll gather for Food, Fun and Fellowship on March 12th. Any questions you know who to call.

Safe in Christ, Terry

UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room magazine is available in the church office and the Narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER PROGRAM

We are going to have our Sunday School Easter Program on March 26, 2023. If your children are interested in being in the Easter Program, please see Miss Bev on Sunday.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

We are looking for volunteers to help in the following areas

counting on Monday mornings, ushering, being in the nursery, being part of team who does the children's messages, and helping with sending out cards for birthdays, get well cards etc.

. Thank you — Please see Bev in the church office if you are interested.

April 11, 2023—Life Line Screening

Take a step toward staying—Healthy & Active. Life line screening will be at the church. If you are interested, you can contact them for details. See the brochure that is on the table by the church office.

SUMMER CAMP

We have received information regarding Camp Retreat Ministries. The Camp will be at Pine Lake. If your children and youth are interested in the Summer Camp Program. Please see the information on the Table by the Church Office and on the bulletin Board.

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6:30 P.M. Agape Bible Study	3	4
5 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 A.M. Sunday School	6	7	8 1:PM. & 6:00 PM. Lenten Bible Study 6:00 PM. Choir practice	2 6:30 P.M. Agape Bible Study	10	11
12 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 A.M. Sunday School Pot Luck after Sun- day School Day Light Savings	13	14	8 1:PM. & 6:00 PM. Lenten Bible Study 6:30 PM. Choir practice	2 6:30 P.M. Agape Bible Study	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18
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March 2023—Sermon Titles

Sermon Series Continues: Goliath Must Fall

March 3, 2023

Rejection Must Fall

Romans 8:14-16

March 12, 2023

Pastor Tim on vacation

Rev. Dave Farina preaching

March 19, 2023

Comfort Must Fall

Mark 8:34-35

March 26, 2023

Anger Must Fall

James 1:19-21

April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday)

Series Ends

Addiction Must Fall

1 Corinthians 10:12-13



LENT

- ***THE Last CALL—for your donations.***
- **The Family Radio Network's Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive**

Feb. 12 – March 5, 2023



Faith Church will have donation boxes set up beginning

On February 12th. There are also drop off locations at Festival Foods or Walgreens Stores. The Family's annual Help for the Homeless hygiene drive works with area homeless coalitions every spring to stock the shelves of 90+ homeless and crisis programs in 19 Wisconsin communities in our listening areas.

The goal of Help for the Homeless is to supply a year's worth of products to each agency.

In 2022, generous community members at 900+ businesses, churches, and schools hosted collection boxes and donated \$530,000 worth of laundry soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. to their local crisis programs.

The drive has provided \$4.8 million dollars worth of hygiene supplies to local crisis programs and those they serve over the past 31 years.

Donations of supplies and financial support will be used in the community where they come from.

URGENT NEEDS listed below— You can make a financial donation—Donate securely online via the "[Give to the Drive](#)" button found on the WEMI website or make checks out to "The Family" with "Help for the Homeless" written on the memo line. Mail to: The Family Radio, Attn. Help for the Homeless, 1909 W. Second St, Appleton WI 54914. Support will be designated for the participating community closest to the address of the donor. Funds will be used to purchase gift cards to local retailers for the purchase of hygiene supplies.

100% of your support, less bank fees, will go to the participating community closest to the address listed on your donation!

<u>Cleaning supplies</u>	<u>Paper products</u>	<u>Baby care</u>	<u>Hair care for all</u> <u>hair types</u>	<u>Personal care</u>	<u>First Aid</u>	<u>Dental Care</u>
Laundry soap	Toilet tissue	Diapers & Pull-ups		Soft Soap	Children's Pain	Toothbrushes
Dish soap	Facial Tissue	(sized 4-6)	Shampoo	Unscented Deodorant	Meds	Toothpaste
Trash bags	Paper towels	Wipes	Conditioner	Razors	Pedialyte	(for Adults and Kids)
Floor cleaner	Feminine Care	Baby Bottles	Brushes & Combs	Hand/Food/Body	Band Aids	Dental Floss
Cleansers	Pads	Baby Shampoo	Clips & Elastics	warmers	Anti-Diarrheal	Denture Care
Disinfectant cleaner	Tampons	Rash Ointment	Styling Products	Shaving Cream	Meds	(No Mouthwash)
			Head lice Treatment	Moisturizer/Lotions	Antacids	(contains alcohol)
				Lip Balm	Antibiotic Ointment	
					Sun Screen	