Welcome to worship this morning!
Thanks for turning off, or silencing, your cell phones.

Please, no food or beverages in the sanctuary during the service – and it is a gift to others if you wait until later to enjoy them.

You may use a Connections Card to communicate something to Pastor Cory or for office attention; look for a card in the pocket on the back of a chair in front of you. You may put your card in an offering box or leave it on the desk in the church office.

## **TODAY**

10:10 am Coffee Time in the fellowship hall

**10:30 am** Adult Bible Study – Hebrews (with Peter Meacham)

## Offerings for April 27 include

- ~ General Fund (our "core ministries") \$2,935
- ~ Helping Hand \$10
- ~ Special Ministries (Wednesday suppers) \$502
- ~ Wish List \$70

## May's newsletter was published on Wednesday.

If you would like to be added to the e-newsletter list, please let us know.

(The best way is to send us an e-mail with that request.)

Copies of the newsletter (or just the calendar)

are available in the lobby.

# THE BIBLE. SERIOUSLY.

In order to become the people of Christ our Lord intends and to meet the challenges of future ministry, we covenant together to pray, to teach and preach the Word, and to trust in the sovereignty of God.

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WE HELP EACH OTHER WORSHIP, KNOW, AND PROCLAIM GOD



Worship Service May 4, 2025

**Preparation for Worship** 

Ellen Muench, piano

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Pastor Cory Dahl

An Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

hymnal, #716

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## Song We Believe

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear There is only one foundation: We believe, we believe. In this broken generation when all is dark, You help us see There is only one salvation: We believe, we believe.

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection and He's coming back again.
We believe.

So let our faith be more than anthems;
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations: We believe, we believe

Fighter Verses

Lamentations 3:21-26

...this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for
the salvation of the LORD.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise him, all creatures here below!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen!

Scripture

"God's Everlasting Love" Romans 8:31-39 Selection #49 worship Bible, p.1353

### Chorus

#### **Your Love Never Fails**

Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me. Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me. Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me: Your love.

In death, in life, I'm confident and covered by the power of Your great love;

My debt is paid; there's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

## **Moment for Prayer and Reflection**

(Children age 3 through Grade 1 will be dismissed for Children's Church)

Sermon

Christ's People in God's Kingdom
The Beatitudes: Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Matthew 5:8 ~ worship Bible, p.1029

The Lord's Supper

Benediction

Piano Praise

**Helping Hand Fund offering** 

On "communion Sundays" we have a special opportunity to extend a helping hand to others – in our church and our community and around the world – by contributing to the **Helping Hand Fund**.

- ~ FBC's Deacon Committee administers the fund and uses the money to help meet real needs. **If you know someone who could use a helping hand**, please talk with Pastor Cory or one of our deacons.
- ~ A deacon will be at the sanctuary doors after the service with an offering plate to receive contributions for the Helping Hand Fund.

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## Fighter Verse for May 5-May 11

**Lamentations 3:24-26** (English Standard Version) "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,

"Therefore I will hope in him."

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.



We don't "pass the plate" during the service.
There are lots of ways to give...
You may put your offering in a box anytime,
give online through CCB or PushPay,
send a check, drop off your offering for the safe,
use the First Baptist app!
Many ways to "worship through giving"...

## **PRAYER REMINDERS**

Church Family Dale & Bobbi Fuller

John & Sandra Greenfeldt Don & Joy Gustafson

Ministry Partners Desiring God Ministries

**Missionary Friends** Please pray for Shalom Academy in far northeast India. And pray for our friends from Shalom who are preparing to be with us for Vacation Bible School June 16-20: Chong & Rhoda Singsit (and one of their kids) and Hoinu Singsit (Shalom's director).



## Do you enjoy yoga? Pilates? Then you may love PraiseMoves! (a Christian alternative to yoga)

Tuesdays at FBC ~ 5:30-6:30 pm ~ FBC fellowship hall

Bring: Exercise mat or towel, bottle of water (and a friend, too!)

Wear: Lightweight, comfortable, "moveable" clothes

Women and Men are Welcome!

\*Contact Nancy Stults (text or call - 920-455-9170) with questions and to get your name on her notification list so she can let you know about any updates

## Attention SPRING CLEANERS! FBC's FREE Garage Sale returns this year!

**Saturday, May 31** ~ 8 a.m. 'til 11 a.m.

(or 'til it's gone – whichever comes first)

While you are doing things around the house these days and getting a good start on spring cleaning, please set aside and save your "garage sale-able"

<u>Clean</u> and <u>Working</u> Items (In other words, **we do not want** junk!)

Drop off things <u>May 29 & 30</u> (between <u>10am and 6pm</u>) that are <u>already cleaned-up</u> (de-bugged, degreased, spruced-up, etc.)

<u>Important</u> note: <u>NO</u> items that will cost FBC to dispose of (computers/monitors, refrigerators, microwaves, TVs, etc.)

The past "sales" have been interesting and encouraging and fun! Many people from our community will come and take what they need and have a good time at this year's "sale".

As you're doing spring cleaning this month, keep the Free Garage Sale in mind!

## May 4, 2025

## **THIS WEEK**

Monday Sign up online for Wednesday supper -

go to the church website at www.sturgeon-bay.com

Tuesday 5:30 pm PraiseMoves (see ann't)

**Wednesday** 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (Café Lounge)

Wednesday Night @ FBC

5:50 pm Supper (RSVP by Mon Noon, please) 6:15 pm – 7:20 Activities and "Recreation" / Education / Spiritual Formation

7:20 pm Evening concludes

**Thursday** 6:30 am **Men's Prayer** ('til 7; Café Lounge)

## CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK -

5/4 Jeff Buczek, Joan LeCaptain

5/8 Lois Kurschner 5/10 Jeanie Hembel



Have we missed you? Let us know, please.

And if you think we might not have your birthday info, please let us know.

**Children's Church** 5/4 Ruth Pearson, Phil Pearson

5/11 Gina Totaro, Joy Gustafson

**Nursery** 5/4 Jill Forbes, Darla Dahl 5/11 Gail Haag, Evelyn Parks

Coffee Table 5/4 Jeff & Noreen Buczek

5/11 Darlene Hohlfelder, Lisa Stoeger

Greeters Jack & Gail Haaq

#### MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

Door County Right-to-Life again sponsors the sale of longstemmed roses on Mother's Day. Proceeds from the sale help sponsor a scholarship and pay for pro-life educational material for the Door County Fair Booth and books and videos for various libraries. Look for the display in the fellowship hall next Sunday. Suggested donation is \$2 per rose – or more, even much more if possible!

## "Wednesday Night @ FBC"

The evening runs from 5:50 until 7:20 – and you can choose to be part of the whole thing, or pick-and-choose what you want to be part of. **Simple supper** is served at 5:50. RSVP by Monday noon each week for that week. No cost; donations accepted and appreciated, and you can give online, too. Sign up at church, and you can also sign up on the FBC website.

After supper, from 6:15 until 6:45 there's time for "recreation" for the adults – it could be ping-pong / foosball / carpet-ball / air hockey, or puzzles, or coffee-and-conversation; there is always more than just one thing to choose from (and there's always coffee and a place to sit and chat). From 6:15 until 6:45 is the "education time" for children and youth.

(Also, at 6:30 people are welcome to meet in the sanctuary for 15 minutes of prayer for FBC.)

From 6:45 until 7:20 there is time for the adults for **building faith** in Jesus Christ in the sanctuary. And the children and enjoy recreation during that time, generally in The Attic.

A person can come for any or all of the three "sections". You pick and choose what works for you, even week by week. You can bring friends (of course).

RSVPs for dinner are appreciated by Monday each week, but if you invite someone on Tuesday or Wednesday and you didn't RSVP for them, they should come anyway. The food team makes a little extra every week. We thank God for this refreshing weekly evening intended to honor Jesus and encourage people.

**Wednesday Night @ FBC** continues **through May 21**, when we have our "End-of-Year Extravaganza"!

## **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP**

It's time for Spring Cleanup on "our stretch" of the bypass highway – from Pick-n-Save to the Bayview Bridge. Saturday, May 17, meeting at church at 8:45 AM. Call FBC's Adopt-a-Highway coordinator Troy Muench at 920-639-8909 and reserve your spot or if you have questions.

Thank you!

## **Special Ministries Serving Committee Sign-up**

Please consider signing up to help the Special Ministries Committee serve needs inside and outside of our church. The Serving Committee helps meet those needs through people who sign up for a 3-month period. During a three-month period, as needs arise, we will call to see if you can help. It can be anything from setting up tables, serving, cleaning up after an event (like a funeral, picnic, Living Nativity), making food, delivering something, etc. You can always say "no" if you are unable to help. There is no pressure – but it can be great fun!

When you sign your name for the three months that you would like to help, you will see three boxes you could check. One will be for anything that happens in the three months that you sign up for. Another is to host, serve, and clean up the Sunday Morning Coffee Table. The third box is to sign up for "both" – help with events *and* Sunday Coffee Time.

Please remember that if you signed up in the past you need to sign up again for the 3-month period you're interested in. Many hands make less work — and it can be a whole lot of fun! Please feel free to call Ria Buesing at 920-559-0554 with questions.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

## **ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday May 18**

FBC's Annual Meeting is Sunday morning, May 18, <u>beginning at 10:30 a.m.</u> We will elect several individuals to lead and serve our church in a variety of capacities, approve a General Fund budget for fiscal year 2025-26, conduct other business as necessary, and hear brief reports from ministry leaders.

> If you consider FBC your church family, your attendance is welcomed; if you are a member of FBC, your attendance is **very much** encouraged. Childcare and activities for children through Grade 5 will be available during the Annual Meeting.

Note: <u>Annual Reports</u> will be available by next Sunday, May 11. Please read the reports and direct questions to the appropriate ministry leader <u>in advance</u> of the Annual Meeting if at all possible. Any questions? Contact moderator Jarrod Parks at 920-634-6223

The Annual Meeting agenda and the proposed ballot are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.