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***FOCUS ON FAITH***  
***February 2025***



**MISSION STATEMENT:** In responding to God's great love to us in Christ Jesus, FAITH Lutheran Church dedicates itself to the continual growth of Christ's Church in Bridgeport, in all of Michigan and the United States of America, and into all of the world through....

- **Fellowshipping around the Gospel (Acts 2:42)**
- **Administering the Means of Grace (1 Cor. 4:1)**
- **Investing our time and talents (2 Cor. 9:7, 8)**
- **Teaching the Christian FAITH (2 Tim. 2:2)**
- **Helping those in need (Matt. 25:40)**

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# Serving at FAITH in February

## Elders:

February 2	Dan Pavlicek
February 16	Tom Harris

**Altar Guild:** Dorothy Dedyne, Mike Hastedt

## Ushers:

February 2	Group 1
February 9	Group 2
February 16	Group 2
February 23	Group 3

## Group 2

Bill Niedrich  
Joe Sylvester  
Tim Ross  
Matt Hoffmann

## Group 3

Jim Jordan  
Bob Ferchau  
Steve Dedyne

## Group 1

Ron Reinbold

## Lectors:

February 2	Mary Sylvester
February 9	David Paul Britton
February 16	Mindy Hoffmann
February 23	Rachel Szaroletta

## Kidz' Word:

February 2	Archie Swanson
February 9	David Paul Britton
February 16	Doug Williams
February 23	Archie Swanson

## Greeters:

February 2	Kathy Jordan and Heidi Behnke
February 9	Linda Williams, Betty Moggo and Rose Foster
February 16	Ron & Karin Reinbold
February 23	Dean & Jill Notter and Shirley Lehman

## Groundhog Day.

As I write this, yesterday was Groundhog Day and it got me thinking. Not about the somewhat silly holiday, but about the movie named after it. In the movie, the lead character wakes up every morning on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and has to live it over again and again until he gets it right. In the end, he does and becomes a much better person because of it.

Life sometimes feels like that sometimes. We wake up and do the same things we did yesterday and last week and the week before it. This can be good in some ways, but also can get boring. Some days are different, but in general, they are the same. Also, we can seem to make the same mistakes over and over. We do the things we don't want to do over and over whether we want to or not. We don't do the things we want to do over and over. Our relationships have the same problems. We have the same frustrations and there seems to be no end to it.

The good news in this is that our God meets us in our struggle. He forgives us each time we fall short, again and again. However, he doesn't just leave us there. The Holy Spirit works in us to change, giving us the power we need and often the desire we also need. It means our failures do not define us, but the victories through Christ do. It also means he provides meaning in our sometimes boring existence because we are his children and he has plans for us. He continues to work in our lives so we too can live each day differently as we try to improve and live as his children until we too get it right when he comes again.

So if you feel life has no meaning, turn to Christ and he will provide meaning. If you think you will never improve, turn to Christ and he will work in your life. If you want better relationships, turn to him and he will guide you. In the end, turn to Christ. Pray, trust and let him work. He will not let you down and you will be a much better person because of it.

--To God be the glory--

*Pastor Tim Behnke*

# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays

- 1 Janet Thieme
- 2 Geraldine Padgett
- 3 Ben Hoffmann
- 5 Tony Pavlicek
- 10 Wayne McLean, Kevin Spencer  
Jeff McNally, Joe Sylvester,  
Ian Losee
- 13 Kim Stroup
- 14 Ann McNalley, Kelley Swanson
- 18 Wesley Padgett
- 25 Aubrey Schumann
- 29 Danielle Behnke

\*Children



## Anniversaries

- 8 Keenan & Sarah Albers
- 10 Steve & Dorothy Dedyne



If we have missed anyone or made an error please call the church office.

**Food Distribution:** The next date for the Food Distribution is Saturday, February 8. If you can help with this outreach to our community, please be at the church around 8:00 am

**Rescue Mission Sack Lunch Items needed each month:**

14 packages of lunch meat (180 slices, two per sandwich)  
11 loaves of bread                      100 small bags of chips  
100 sack paper bags                      100 sandwich bags  
100 snack bags  
6 large deluxe sandwich cookies (choc and vanilla in the same package) (two for each person)  
1 jar of Jam (any flavor)                      1 jar of Peanut butter

These items need to be at the church no later than the 2nd Friday of each month. Please put them in the kitchen marked RESCUE MISSION or if you would like to give a cash donation please leave it with Terri Buchiner, Barb Swanson or contact [katharris\\_30@yahoo.com](mailto:katharris_30@yahoo.com) or 989-780-2691.

**The VL Winter Play** - a Dessert Theatre - entitled "Death by Chocolate" is coming up soon! Join us at 7 p.m. on February 13, 14, and 15, 2025 at Peace Lutheran Church's Gym. Tickets will be \$7/adult and \$5/student.

You're invited to this year's VL Auction and Benefit Dinner! Join us on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bay City - Riverfront. This event brings together a great mix of the VL family - past, present, and future - all in support of the awesome ministry of Valley Lutheran. Tickets available at [www.vlhsauction.com](http://www.vlhsauction.com). Can't attend in person? No ticket needed to get in on the silent auction fun, which begins on February 20.

# DAVID PAUL BRITTON

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>



**David Paul Britton shares the Message of Christ in Word and song.**

**He has served the body of Christ as a worship leader, musician/songwriter/producer, radio show host, university consultant, Praise Team and Choral Clinician, Lutheran High School educator (1977 – 99), and Gospel messenger for over 45 years throughout the US.**

The Father seeks those who worship in spirit and Truth. There is to be a heartfelt passion and relevance as God's people worship, and David's work is focused on sharing the encouragement, tools, and training for this. This spans all genres of worship, from traditional to post-modern and beyond.



# WILD & GAME

## DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

*Saturday, May 3, 2025*

*5:30 p.m. Appetizers*

*6:00 p.m. Dinner*

*Faith Lutheran Church  
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**Ticket cost is (Suggested Donation)  
\$30.00 per person or \$50.00 for two.  
Please contact the Church Office for your  
tickets at 989-777-2600 All are welcome!**

**Seating is limited!**

## Women of Faith

Mark your calendar and join us on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. for our next Meeting. We want to make plans for the rest of the year and we need your input. Come enjoy chocolate and a movie.

Just a reminder: If you have a report to present, you need to contact Barb Pierce by February 17<sup>th</sup>. We're hoping to see you!

Snack for February: Dorothy Dedyne and Karin Reinbold.

Closing: Roberta Fent

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**ST. Lorenz: KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP:** Please join the Early Childhood staff on Sunday, **February 16** for an Open House & Round Up from noon to 1:30pm! Enjoy a pizza lunch, visit our early childhood center, learn about our programs, and meet our teachers and staff. There will be activities for the children.

**WINTER VILLAGE SUPPORT GROUPS** Winter Village offers a few support groups, which are open to the community. All events are within the Winter Village buildings (255 Mayer Rd., Frankenmuth); ask at the front desk for the location when you arrive. Caregiver support group meets the first Monday of each month at 2pm. Parkinson's support group meets the third Wednesday at 1pm.