

Attend a Bible Class – Small Group Bible Study is where you can meet friends that become family as you learn and grow together in your faith in Christ. We have groups for every age in your family.

December 10, 2023

This Week at Faith 12/11/2023 — 12/17/2023
Church Office Hours 9-12 pm and 1 – 3 pm

Mon.	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Zoom Study Young People Bible Study
Tues.	Noon 3:15 pm	Women’s Guild Christmas Party Student Strings
Wed.	8:30 am 2:15 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Chapel Faith Singers Advent Meal Worship/PeK-Gr 1 Program Bells/Choir
Thurs.	6:00 pm	Young People’s Bible Study
Fri.	Noon	Poinsettia Orders DUE
Sat.	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Worship/Communion High School Youth Christmas Party Cookie Pack Pick-Up
Sun.	8:45 am 10:00 am	S.S./Bible Study Worship/Communion/ Cookie Pack Pick-Up

Daily Readings

Dec 11: Is.28:14-29, 1 John 5:1-21; **Dec 12:** Is.29:1-14, Jude 1-25; **Dec.13:** Is.29:15-30:14’ Rev. 1:1-20; **Dec 14:** Is.30:15-26, Rev.2:1-29; **Dec 15:** Is. 30:27-31:9, Rev.3:1-22; **Dec 16:** Is.32:1-20, Rev.4:1-11; **Dec. 17:** Is.33:1-24, Rev.5:1-14

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us for continental breakfast at 8:15 am followed by Bible Study 8:45 to 9:45. Learning and activities for all ages. Adult Class delving into the study of the book of Revelation.

Bible Study / Sunday School 8:45 – 9:30 AM

Pre-K – Kindergarten – CLC Youth Room 1st – 2nd grades – CLC 5th Grade Classroom 3rd – 4th grades – CLC 7th Grade Classroom 5th – 12th grade – CLC 6th Grade Classroom

Adults – Pastor’s Forum (*Revelation*) – Social Hall

Monday Morning Bible Study – 10:00 AM

Adults – *Ezekiel* – Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Adult – *Longer Look at the Lessons*

YOUNG PEOPLE’S GROUP & BIBLE STUDY

Meeting Mondays at 7:00 pm and Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall lead by Pastor Moore. The group is a special focus on young people. Join us and bring your friends!

BYOBBS SATURDAYS

Bring Your Own Bible and Brown Bag Weekly Bible Study meets in the Fellowship Hall on Saturdays, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.



Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel to all people so they may know and trust in Jesus as their Savior for eternal life, grow in knowledge and faith, and show this faith in their daily lives.

PRAYERS

Each week during worship we remember people in our prayers. Please use this list to minister, send a card or note, make a personal visit, and remember these people in your prayers. Please let the church office know of any changes in the ongoing prayer list.

Those ill, hospitalized or struggling:

Jerry Barnes, Amy (Karen Conrad's daughter-in-law), Robert Truitt, Jean (friend of Harolyn Maynard), Kirby Callos, Mildred (sister of Margaret Pearsall), Danny Constable (brother of Dottie Weis), Kenny Darety (nephew of Virginia Leffew), Virginia Leffew, Wenda Halter, Carol Boswell, Stan Weston (cousin to Conrad Schmist), Cindy Thomas, Janet Hejtmanek, Preston, Chuck Minkowski (Wanda Clary's brother-in-law), Stephen Repass, Ken Peeler's parents, Carolyn Shuster (daughter-in-law of Cal and Leslie Shuster), Donna Heilman (sister-in-law of Deb Heilman), Neal Van Valkenburg.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

12/11 Dan Zebrowski

12/12 Robert & Lisa Truitt, Virginia Leffew, Kody Roundtree, Kyle Roundtree

12/13 Lois Ford, August Gerken

12/14 Fernanda Dennis, Michelle Garver

12/15 Jeff & Kim Lanning, Mark Litton, Lori Wagner

12/17 John Cabauatan, Lily Wasmund, Gabriel Knittel, Dominic Herrick

Others

A prayer of protection for those serving our country and those who have been deployed: Dillon Tate (Bill Stone grandson), Cody Bandur (Dawn Beiner's cousin), Kyle Stark (Paul Stark's son – Our Savior, Orlando), Matthew Leech (Bill & Deb Leech's son), Terrance Demps II (Fritz's neighbor), Gage Lee (FLS Alum), Wesley Van Gotum (Lisa Miller Truitt's cousin), Anna Cruz (Pastor Gary Held's daughter), Douglas Jensen (FLS Alum), Jack Rotar (Jeremy Fritz's nephew), Jesse Thurman (Brian & Pat Brugger's grandson) and Gregory Gillinger.

Prayers for the Wasmund family, missionaries in Korea.

Prayers for our Church and School Staff and School students and families.



Stewardship

2 Peter 3:11 – “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness?” All the things of the earth have an expiration date: “Good until the last day.” On that day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge: Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?



Your gifts and offerings are crucial for our congregation to fulfill God's calling in our community. We thank all those who have continued to give during these trying times. We

have many ways for you to provide offering to your church during this time away from the campus. You can mail them to the church or make bill pay arrangements through your bank, but did you know that you can now make your tithes and offerings safely and securely online? Just go to bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving to provide your offerings & gifts today!



Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down?

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't keep it all inside and struggle alone through the holiday season. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry, talk with [Stephen Leaders Barbara or Neal Van Valkenburg].

Call or Text: Barbara – 352.406.2580
Neal – 352.406.2497

Wednesday Advent Meals

Join Us for a Jolt of Food, Fellowship & Faith
Dec. 13th & 20th

Serving From 5:30PM – 6:30 PM
With Dessert & Beverages

Dec. 13th Sloppy Joes hosted by the Board of Stewardship

Dec. 20th Chili & salad hosted by Board of Trustees

We look forward to seeing you all for dinner.

Women's Guild offering decorated Christmas Cookie Trays & Boxes



Cookie Trays & Boxes make great gifts for neighbors, friends, and family. Trays & boxes will be presold before & after church services December 2, 3, 9 and 10.

The decorated trays and boxes will be available for pick-up in the Fellowship Hall on December 16 and 17 before & after church. Our offerings will include nut-free and no-restrictions cookies. For questions, please phone or text Cherry Huntoon at 908-295-4762.

Prices

\$18 per tray (about 36 homemade cookies)

\$8 per box (about 12 homemade cookies)

Checks and cash accepted at the time of order (checks may be made out to "Faith Lutheran Church" with "Women's Guild Cookies" in the memo line). All proceeds go to support Faith Lutheran Church and School, as well as local and international missions.

Christmas

Greetings



It is a tradition at Faith Lutheran Church to encourage members to give special offerings to the Lord at Christmas in lieu of sending Christmas greetings to other members of the congregation. All who give such a gift will be listed in the December 22nd announcements on a special Christmas greetings page.

Simply put your gift in an envelope and plainly mark it "CHRISTMAS GREETINGS" and put it in the offering plate or leave it at the church office. The deadline is **Wednesday, December 20th**. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Portals of Prayer Reused

Please consider saving your gently used Portals of Prayer devotion books and giving them to Michael Repass. They are being saved for use through the Agape Ministry Food Pantry.



SCRIP FUNDRAISER AND CONTEST

Are you planning on giving gift cards this Christmas?

Buy your gift cards here at Faith Lutheran School and the school will receive a commission.

The Scrip Fundraiser Contest begins this week. If Faith has 200 gift cards sold by December 11, 2023 every class will receive a prize. All profits will be used to buy books for the school library. Happy shopping!

We have already sold 28 cards toward our goal.

What is Scrip?

Scrip is a program that purchases gift cards and the school purchases these gift cards from Scrip at a discount. We offer these gift cards to parents at face value. You receive dollar for dollar the value of cash for these items. Example: You pay \$50 for a Target card and you will purchase \$50 at Target. The school will receive a percentage for the card from Scrip.

Remember gift cards are great for grandparents, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, teachers, office staff, support staff, etc.

- Scrip orders and payments need to be into the school office on Mondays by 12:00 pm.
 - Cards will be available for pick up in the school office by Friday of that week.

The school office does have a few cards that are available for purchase at any time.

All Christmas orders need to be turned in by Monday, December 11th to guarantee delivery before Christmas Break.

If you have any questions please contact Kim Bierlein at kbierlein@flcse.org.



HAPPY SHOPPING!



Christmas Poinsettias

For \$7 you can purchase a poinsettia to decorate our chancel area this Christmas season in remembrance of a loved one or in honor of an occasion. Please complete this form to order your poinsettias and return the form and payment to the church office by Friday, December 15th. Names of loved ones or the occasion will appear in the worship folders Christmas Day. Checks should be made payable to Faith Lutheran Church. *Poinsettias can be taken home after the Christmas Day worship service.*

Name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Other: _____

No. of poinsettia plants: _____ X Cost \$7.00 = \$ _____

(Please include payment with this form and return to the church office by **December 15th**)



Announcements for Youth Group

As we wind down the year and schedules get busier and busier, don't forget to check the schedule below for some fun times! We have our youth Christmas parties coming up, with our white elephant gift exchange (limit of \$20 for the gifts) and glow-in-the-dark party! Come decked out in glow stick sweaters and gear! Contact DCE Mike Yurk for more information.

Dates to Remember:

December:

- 9- Upper Elementary Christmas Program- 5pm
- 9- Middle School Youth Glow-in-the-dark Christmas Party -6-8pm
- 13- Early Childhood Christmas Program- 6:30pm
- 16- High School Youth Glow-in-the-dark Christmas Party- 6-8pm

January:

- 3- Board of Youth- 5:30pm
- 10- Confirmation- 6-8pm
- 12- Lower King's Kids- 3-5pm
- 13- High School Youth- 6-8pm
- 17- 5-6 Middle School Youth- 6-8pm
- 22- Strawberry Money Due
- 24- Confirmation- 6-8pm
- 26- Upper King's Kids- 3-5pm
- 28- High School Youth- 6-8pm
- 31- 7-8 Grade Middle School Youth- 6-8pm



Faith Lutheran School

Children's Christmas Service

"Peace Came to Earth"

Presented by Grades 2, 3, and 4

Saturday, December 9, 2023

5:00 Worship Service

Please join us as the children

share the Christmas story.

Preschool - 1st Grade

Christmas Program



**For unto us
a child is born!**



**13 December 2023
(Wednesday)**

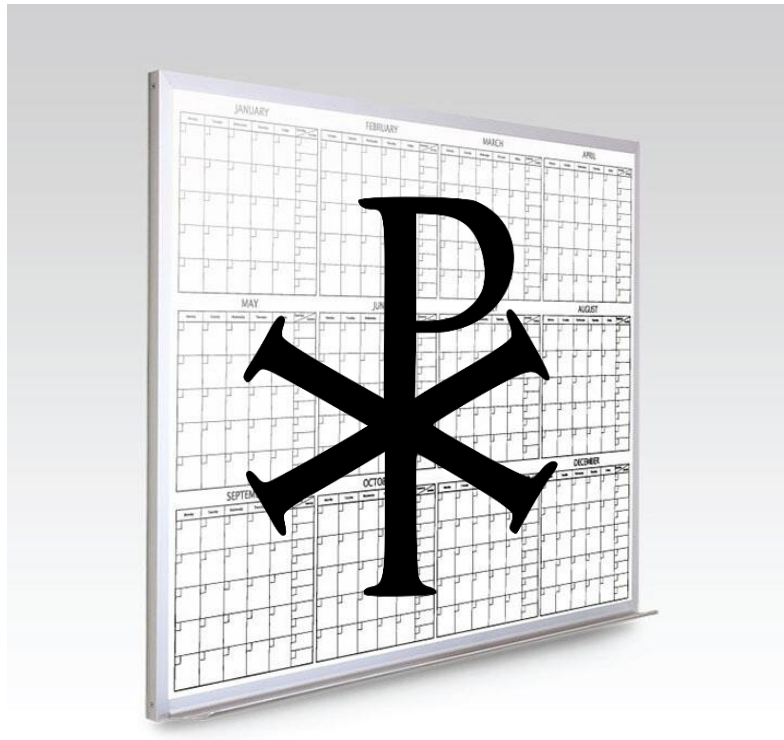
**6.30pm
Program Begins**

The sanctuary will open at 6pm for guests to find a seat. Preschool students will meet in the Music Room, Kindergarten in the Fellowship Hall, and 1st Grade in the Church Office at 6:15pm. These rooms will not open until 6:15.

Students should wear church appropriate clothes (girls - dresses, skirts, slacks & blouse boys - khaki, black, or blue pants and a nice shirt).

After the service please pick up your child from their designated meeting room.

Christmas 365



A Celebration of Christmas with Music and Skits

**Presented by Grades 5-8 Handbell Group,
Instrumental Music Group, and Music Classes**

December 19, 2023

6:30 pm in the Church Sanctuary


All are welcome!



FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH

DECEMBER 9 6-8PM

GLOW
IN THE
DARK
CHRISTMAS
PARTY



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH
GLOW-IN-THE-DARK SWEATERS
WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT (\$20 LIMIT)
FELLOWSHIP HALL
CONTACT DCE MIKE YURK FOR
MORE INFO

FAITH LUTHERAN SPORTS

Faith JV Boys Blue Earn First Victory of the Season

The Faith Lutheran JV Boys Blue basketball team earned their first victory of the season by defeating St. Paul Lutheran 17-12, Tuesday night in Lakeland. The boys continued to improve on both the offensive and defensive sides of the court. Camden F. led the way with 13 points, including a big 3 pointer in the final minutes to seal the deal for the Crusaders. JuanCarlo N. and Gregory J. each had 2 points and played very good aggressive defense to lead the Crusaders. Henry P. led the team in rebounds. A great win for these boys!

Faith JV Boys Orange Earn a Tie

The Faith Lutheran JV Boys Orange basketball team played to a 11-11 tie with St. Paul Lutheran, Tuesday night in Lakeland. Due to time constraints, the game had to end in a tie, but the mighty Crusaders had a great opportunity to earn the victory if overtime was played. Joziah S. led the way with 7 points, while Lyric S. scored 4. Pep C. played some really good defense and had several assists.

Faith JV Girls Continue to Improve

The Faith Lutheran JV Girls basketball continued to play well in their 3rd game of the season against St. Paul Lutheran in Lakeland. The Crusaders scored their first basket of the season by Kailey A. Anna J. and Lexi M. also played very well. Reese W. and Audrey O. played great defense.