

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.



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# The Voice of Faith

A newsletter for the family and friends of Faith Lutheran Church & School

## Office Hours

### Church Office

Monday—Friday

9 am— 12:00pm and 1:00pm—3:00pm

Appointments outside of posted hours are available. Please contact the appropriate office to schedule an appointment.

### Church Office

(352)589-5433

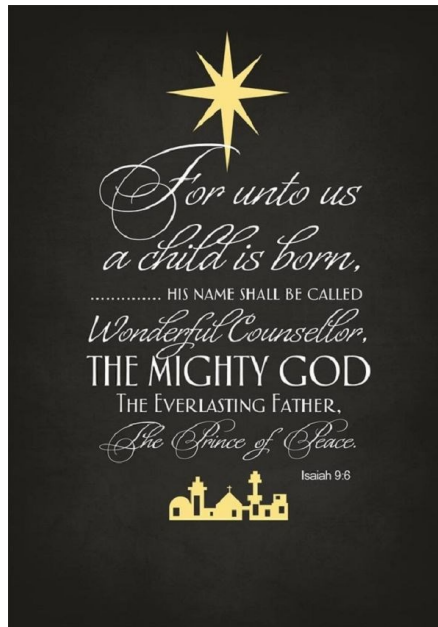
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### School Office

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## Weekly Worship Services

- Saturday Worship Service - 5 pm
- Sunday Worship Service - 10 am

## Bible Classes

- Sunday: 8:45 am
- Sunday : 11:30 am
- Monday: 10 am
- Monday: 7 pm Zoom
- Monday 7 pm
- Thursday: 6 pm
- Saturday: 10 am

## Sunday School

8:45 am (3 years through adult)

## Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, it is good to be back in the good ol' US of A! We had a wonderful time experiencing the trip of a lifetime in South Korea and got to experience so much that we have never experienced before and most likely will never experience again. A 14-hour flight to Korea and 12-hour flight home! Tours of amazing palaces and summer palaces used by kings from the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Centuries. Amazing people that were so different than anyone Marcy and I have met in our respective trips to Eastern Europe and Central

America. Walking, Busing, and Subwaying in a city of 10 million people with a skyscraper skyline that made New York City look small for the first time in our lives. Eating food, we have never eaten, and getting enough Kimchi, Pig intestines, Ramen, and Korean Bar-B-Que to last a lifetime. Thanks to Matthew's amazing tour guide prowess we even got to see Modern Art Museums, the Demilitarized Zone, and Professional Hockey and Basketball "Korean Style". It was an amazing family vacation for all of us.

We also got to

worship with Matt and Dee and Lilly and Olivia Wasmund, our missionary family in Seoul. They graciously welcomed us, and we got to meet some of the most amazing educators and professional Lutherans living and working in Korea. The Worship was packed with members that commuted as many as two hours to be together for Divine Service Setting Four just like we do it here at Faith. My assessment of the mission field is they are in the best hands of the best professionals the National Church Body has to offer

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## Prayer Page

### Those ill, hospitalized, suffering or recovering

Jerry Barnes, Amy (Karen Conrad's daughter-in-law), Jean (friend of Harolyn Maynard), Robert Truitt, Mildred (sister of Margaret Pearsall), Danny Constable (brother of Dottie Weis), Virginia Leffew, Wenda Halter, Carol Boswell, Stan Weston (cousin of Pam Schmidt), Cindy Thomas, Janet Hejtmanek, Chuck Minkowski, Stephen Repass, Parents of Ken Peeler, Carolyn Shuster (daughter-in-law of Cal & Lesley Shuster), Donna Heilman (Deb Heilman's sister-in-law), Neal Van Valkenburg, Larry Kappel..



### Those with extended illnesses, injuries or issues

Geoff, Neal Van Valkenburg's brother in law; Marian Barvinski, Janet Marcil's mother; Carolyn Rust, friend of Shanon Burke; Ken Wilkins; Rick Maines, Jack's brother; Jacky Rougeux; Bob Voss, Carol Shaw's cousin; Calvin Cheever (staff member grandchild); Dagny Robbins, Betty Robbins' mother; Craig Bierlein, Kim Bierlein's brother; Diane Hutchinson, Margaret Frame's daughter; Steel Dowling, friend of Carol English; Steve Heifner, Donna Pitoniak's son; Jaque Graves, friend of the Lannings; Georgiana Clapp, Dawn Beiner's aunt; Tina Fauble, friend of Jeff & Kim Lanning; Pam Breaky, Kim Lanning's sister; Carla Rule, friend of Jeff & Kim Lanning; Roger Thomson, grandson of Ellen Garvin; Pat Giles, Cindy Thomas' mother; Kay Shields, friend of Sally Townsend.

### Those battling cancer

Bill Anger, Sharon Anger's brother in law; Nate, friend of Cathy Shanahan; Rhoda, Courtney Campbell's friend; Amy Conrad, Karen Conrad's daughter in law; Tina Vershel, Carol Zillante's mother in law; Mary Ann Bougon, friend of the Van Valkenburgs; Jim Hartzel, friend of Van Valkenburgs; Betsy Farner, friend of Samantha Rimes; Nancy Chamberlain, Carol Shaw's niece; Paul French, friend of Carol Boswell; Ed Cavaliere, John Gordon, friend of the Maines'; Tyrone Purvis, nephew of the Bruggers; Jerry Barnes; Carissa Marky, Carol English's cousin; Joseph Shuster, Beth Lowell's dad; Donna Heilman, Deb Heilman's sister in law; Allen Knecht, Brenda Abrehamsen's brother; David Lowell, Ian Lowell's father; Alexander Farid, Corey & Dawn Beiner's son in law; Dana Brandon, Harolyn Maynard's cousin; Kathy Polzean, Robinson's granddaughter; Paul Voigtman, Jan Voigtman's father; Steve Gale, Mary Ann Strang's son-in-law; Dianne Gonya, Karla Auerback, friends of Dotty Weis; Tim Thompson, friend of Pam Smith; Will Camp, Jerry Barnes' brother in law; Monti Ladd, friend of the Hicks'; Dotty Weis's cousin; Patrick Taylor, Cindy Thomas' cousin; Rose Bierlein, Kim Bierlein's step-mother; Kandee Moser, Jeanine Ryan's niece; Gary Hildreth, son of Barb Hildreth., Robert Truitt; Kenny Darety, nephew of Virginia Leffew, Kirby Callos..

**Please let the church office know of any changes in these lists.**

### Others

A prayer of protection for those serving our country: 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 protection for those being deployed.

Prayers for the Wasmund family, missionaries in Korea.

### Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 12/04 Tony Hunt
- 12/05 Adeline Gerken, Chris Olsen
- 12/06 Brian & Bonnie Whicher, Gene Corneliussen, Jeannine Gay
- 12/07 Susan Ashcraft, Teresa Gale
- 12/08 Kevin & Marietta Hinton, Mary Ellen Frame, Richard Teschendorf

# Financial Information

## STEWARDSHIP

Matthew 25:44 – “Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’” With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

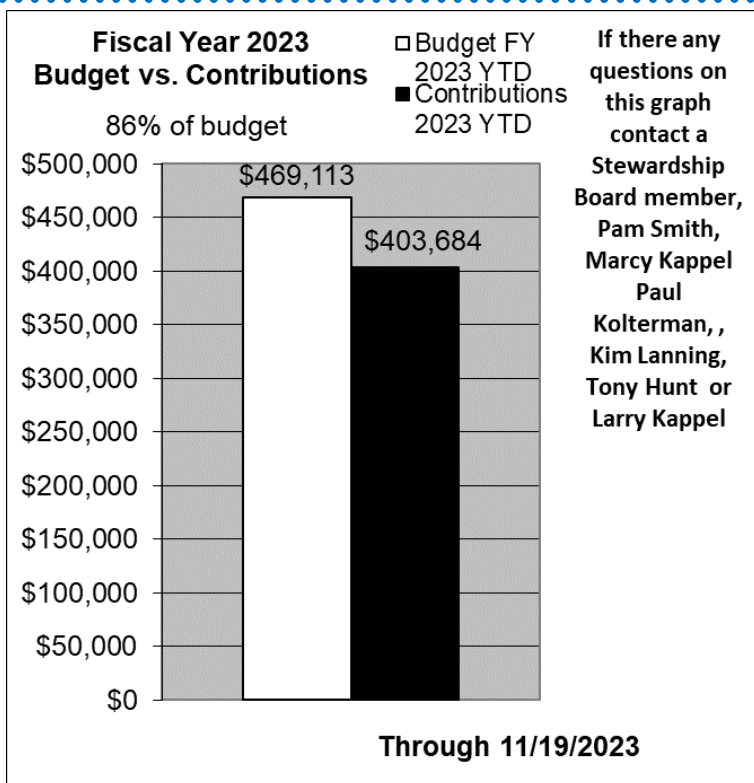
**Your gifts and offerings are crucial** for our congregation to fulfill God’s calling in our community. We thank all those who have continued to give. We have many ways for you to provide offering to your church during this time away from the campus. You can mail them to the church or make bill pay 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](https://bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving) to provide your offerings or gifts today!

### Treasurer’s Corner

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income:	\$199,775.93	\$2,040,761.08
Expense:	\$290,538.80	<u>\$2,606,501.91</u>
Beginning Balance:		-\$16,532.80
Ending Balance:		-\$107,295.67

### SUMMARY

1. At the end of October there was \$11,305.91 in outstanding invoices.
2. We are 83.30% of the way through the budget year.
3. We have received 70.34% of our anticipated income for the year (the previous five year average received by this date is 77.45%).
4. We have expended 89.84% of our anticipated expenses for the year.
5. We have received \$565,740.93 less than our expenses this year.
6. MTH Budget Income: **2023**                      **2022**  
\$41,349                      \$40,258



### Gifts & Memorials

*We appreciate these gifts and memorials. If we have neglected to acknowledge a gift or memorial that you have given, please contact the church office.*



## Milestones In December



### Anniversaries

- 12/02 Dick & Dotty Weis (62 years)
- 12/06 Brian & Bonnie Whicher
- 12/08 Kevin & Marietta Hinton
- 12/12 Robert & Lisa Truitt
- 12/15 Jeff & Kim Lanning
- 12/21 Dean & Gabriela Dennis, Michael & Kim Neas
- 12/23 Wanda & Robert Clary
- 12/26 Harold & Florence Robinson (70 years)
- 12/29 Dick & Ginna Ellingson
- 12/31 Brian & Patricia Brugger

*We wish God's blessings on all of our members who are celebrating anniversaries and birthdays in the month of December.*

### Birthdays

- 12/01 Bruce Berget, Sammy Rimes
- 12/02 Ray Siewert, Chester Smith
- 12/03 Lindsay Crouch
- 12/04 Tony Hunt
- 12/05 Adeline Gerken, Chris Olsen
- 12/06 Gene Corneliussen, Jeannine Gay
- 12/07 Susan Ashcraft, Teresa Gale
- 12/08 Mary Ellen Frame, Richard Teschendorf
- 12/11 Dan Zebrowski
- 12/12 Virginia Leffew, Kody Roundtree, Kyle Roundtree
- 12/13 Lois Ford, August Gerken
- 12/14 Fernanda Dennis, Michelle Garver
- 12/15 Mark Litton, Lori Wagner
- 12/17 John Cabauatan, Lily Wasmund, Gabriel Knittel, Dominic Herrick
- 12/19 Jeff Knittel
- 12/20 Alexa Richard
- 12/21 Caleb Olsen
- 12/22 Shea Fritz
- 12/24 Jordan Fouts
- 12/25 **Jesus of Nazareth**, Ruth Connolly, Carol Duitsman
- 12/26 Ashton Gebhardt, Grayson Rawlins
- 12/27 Lois Overn, Nathanael Trah, Tom Ziebart
- 12/28 James Melsha, Paul Olsen, Gabriella Zebrowski
- 12/30 Lorelei Leech
- 12/31 Rachel Davis, Dea Smith



### Coming in December Wednesday Advent Meals

Join Us for a Jolt of Food, Fellowship & Faith

Dec. 6th, 13th & 20th  
Serving From 5:30PM – 6:30 PM  
With Dessert & Beverages

Dec. 6th hosted by Youth Board—tacos  
Dec. 13th hosted by the Board of Stewardship -  
Dec. 20th hosted by Board of Trustees

We look forward to seeing you all for dinner.

### CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

The Annual Angel Tree is up and ready for the picking. We have children from the Lake County School District and our own Faith Lutheran Church and School. Every child has two angels; one for clothing and another for toys or other wants. Follow the directions below and help to make this a wonderful Christmas for a child.

- Choose an angel from the tree.
- Sign the Angel Tree Book next to the appropriate Angel Number.
- Shop for the child.
- Wrap the gifts and put the appropriate angel number or the original angel on each gift.
- Return the gifts to the church by Sunday, December 10th.

Again, thank you for your generosity. Have a blessed Christmas!



### 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.

## Pastor's Letter (cont'd)

and we can be sure that every penny we send for their efforts is indubitably well spent.

But overall, being away from you all reminded me more than ever of what we have right here in the Golden Triangle. True freedom of speech, abundance of resources and ease of garbage disposal (trust me, just disposing of basic trash in Korea is way more complicated and legalized than you can ever imagine), and room...to live, move, and just plain have some personal space. We have been given so much in America and especially Florida that we never want to take it for granted lest we lose it forever!

So, give thanks to God in this season of Advent as we enjoy the abundance and availability of food, pharmaceuticals, basic needs, cars, and room to park them and drive them and civil and church leadership that make all our gatherings joyful and peaceful. When we see the new Christmas Outfits on our children in their church and school programs, remember how easy it is to get them, even if they cost 25% more this year! And more than anything, give thanks to God as he helps us focus on our blessings, knowing that was never the ends or the means, rather that Christ has always been the ends and the means of everything we celebrate in Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

We have so much to be thankful for and so little to ask for; because, while you can't always get what you want, in Christ we always have everything we need! Happy Holy Days my Friends!

Serving Joyfully in 2023,

Pastor Kappel



### "Pull Yourself Together!"

You've heard it a million times. Others may have said it to you, or you may have said it to yourself. But things just aren't coming together. You're still hurting. You still feel like it's all falling apart. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers who will walk with you, listen to you, and provide confidential one-to-one care, as you search through the pieces and find what is truly in your heart. To learn more about what Stephen Ministry can do for you, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders *Neal (352.40.2497)* or *Barbara (352.406.2580)* Van Valkenburg. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

### 2024 FLOWER CHART

The new 2024 flower chart is now available for choosing dates for purchasing altar flowers in memory of loved ones or special events. The chart is located in the church narthex on the table directly below the 2023 chart. Flowers cost \$36 per weekend.



**“Bridge to the Future” December Stewardship Campaign**

A letter and special envelope from the Faith Lutheran Stewardship Team will be mailed to all members this month explaining the new Stewardship Campaign. We are asking that you read the letter, meditate on it and prayerfully consider a one-time year end contribution over and above your regular giving.

Enjoy your holiday season and blessings from the Board of Stewardship.



**2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

This weekend December 2nd and 3rd we will bless our 2024 offering envelopes. You may pick the envelopes up at the front of the sanctuary after services that weekend. After 'blessing weekend' the Stewardship committee will be available in the courtyard before or after services for pick up.

Thank you for your continued support of Faith.

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## DECEMBER OUTREACH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

***Guest/Visitor Welcome Center:*** Greet first-time guests and visitors in the narthex on their way into worship. Gather their contact information and present them with their welcome gift bag. Requirements: Welcoming spirit & disposition. Families are welcome. Commitment: 30 minutes or so prior to Saturday, Sunday, Mid-week Advent or December Special worship services. Serve as often or infrequently as you like. To sign up to help, click the following link:

<https://signup.com/go/wOqOuHJ>

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***Guest/Visitor Continuous Contact:*** Maintain contact with guests and visitors on and after their first visit and offer a continuous welcoming. Answer questions and offer information about Faith ministry and study opportunities and ensure a welcome environment on future visits. Commitment is to maintain consistent contact with guests and visitors after their first visit. Assist as many guests and visitors as you like.

***December 31, 2023 Worship at Farran Park:*** Help us staff this off-site, community invitation event. We're going wide into the community to invite our friends, neighbors, and others into the community to come and learn about Jesus. Watch for a special announcement later about the 2024 Celebration that will kick-off at this special event.

***Envelope Addressers/Card Writers:*** Each month we receive over 300 names and addresses of families new to the Eustis area. We need folks who are willing address envelopes, put on a large commemorative stamp, and drop the invitations to come to Faith in the mail. We provide the envelope and invitation. Commitment: A few minutes a month, fairly legible handwriting, and a few bucks for stamps. Do it once, or as often as you choose.

***Social Media Input and Website Development:*** We're building a more robust internet and social media presence. As a member of the Faith Family, what would you like our website to be able to do for you? What information would you like to see on it and what would you like to be able to do through the website. We'll meet a couple times to harvest information as a group, or you can directly with your input. Time commitment is only what you care to contribute to share your input.

For more information, or to share your blessings, attributes, and gifts reach out to Timm Leikip at the church office, via email at [tleikip@flcse.org](mailto:tleikip@flcse.org), or cell – 920 915 0922



Church Officers and Board Members

2024

**President: Ben Pauluhn**

**Vice-President: Bill Leech**

**Secretary: Lois Ford**

**Treasurer: Cindy Thomas**

Elders

**Director: Neal VanValkenburg**

- Patrick Barnes
- Jeremy Fritz
- Chris Olsen
- Michael Repass
- Kip Sandersfeld
- Cal Shuster
- John Singlesether

Social Ministry

**Director Wanda Clary**

- Patti Albright
- Jerry Barnes
- Judy Edwards
- Jerre Kappel
- Janet Leikip
- Janet Voigtman

Evangelism

**Director: Cindy Thomas**

- Susan Ashcraft
- Ruth Connolly
- Judy Maines
- Lesley Shuster
- Rev. Marc Spaeth

Trustees

**Director: Louise Repass**

- Kirby Callos
- Jacob Crouch
- Cherry Huntoon
- Marie Nowak
- Martin Schubert
- Nathanael Trah

Stewardship

**Director: Paul Kolterman**

- Tony Hunt
- Marcy Kappel
- Larry Kappel
- Kim Lanning
- Elaine Laing
- Jack Maines
- Pam Smith

Youth Committee

- Nicole Fretwell
- Deb Heilman
- Deb Leech
- Cassie Schwartz
- Lydia Walker

Christian Education

**Director: Karen Conrad**

- Theresa Barnes
- Suzette Hicks
- Jeff Knittel
- Beth Lowell
- Brantley Prince
- Samantha Rimes

\*Bold names indicate members of the Council.

## 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.



# December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:45 am S.S. / Bible Study 10:00 am Communion 11:15 am God Connects 4:00 pm Christmas Program	4 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study 7:00 pm Zoom Study	5 3:15 pm Student Strings	6 8:30 am Chapel 2:15 pm Faith Singers 5:30 pm Advent Meal 6:30 pm Advent Worship 7:15 pm Bells & Choir	7 6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study	8 3:00 pm Kings Kids Upper	9 10:00 am BYOB 5:00 pm Worship & Grade 2-4 School Program 6:00 pm Middle School Youth
10 8:45 am S.S. / Bible Study 10:00 am Communion 11:15 am God Connects <b>Angel Tree Gifts DUE</b> 	11 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study 7:00 pm Zoom Study	12 3:15 pm Student Strings Noon—Women's Guild Christmas Party	13 8:30 am Chapel 2:15 pm Faith Singers 5:30 pm Advent Meal 6:30 pm Worship & Prek-Grade 1 Program 7:15 pm Bells & Choir	14 6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study	15 <b>NOON Poinsetta Orders DUE</b> 	16 5 pm Communion 6 pm High School Youth Christmas Party <b>Cookie Pack Pick-up before/after church</b>
17 8:45 am S.S. / Bible Study 10 am Communion <b>Cookie Pack Pick-up before/after church</b>	18 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Young People's Bible Study 7:00 pm Zoom Study	19 6:30 pm Christmas Program Gr. 5—8	20 8:30 am Chapel 5:30 pm Advent Meal 6:30 pm Worship 7:45 pm Bells & Choir	21 6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study	22 <b>Church Office Hours 9 am—1 pm School Closed</b>	23 5:00 pm Worship
24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> 8:45 am S.S. / Bible Study 10:00 am Communion 7:00 pm Candlelight Worship 11:00 pm Candlelight w/communion	25 10:00 am Communion 	26 <b>12 noon Monthly News Due</b> 	27 <b>Church Office Hours 9 am—1 pm / School Closed</b>	28 6:00 pm Young People's Bible Study	29 <b>Church Office Hours 9 am—1 pm School Closed</b>	30 5:00 pm Worship
31 <b>New Year's Eve</b> 8:45 am S.S. / Bible Study 10:00 am Worship at Ferran Park	Jan 1, 2024  <b>Church &amp; School Closed</b>	Jan. 2 <b>Church Office Hours 9 am—1 pm School Closed</b>	Jan. 3 <b>Back to School—Normal office hours resume</b>			



**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)**

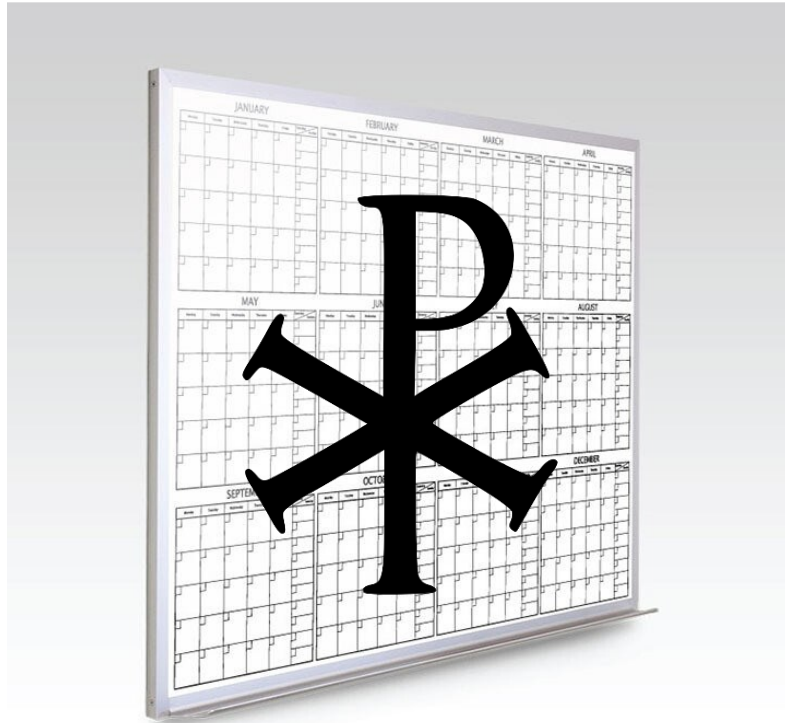
**6.30pm  
Program Begins**

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!**

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSICAL NOTES---

AS THIS SEASON OF ANTICIPATION COMES UPON US, PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR MUSICAL GROUPS IN THE CHURCH ARE INDEED PREPARING THINGS. WE HOPE THAT ALL WHO HEAR WILL TAKE SOMETHING AWAY – PERHAPS TO ENJOY THE SEASON A BIT MORE.

THE ADULT CHOIR, FAITH RINGERS, AND INSTRUMENTS WILL OFFER A GOOD VARIETY OF MUSIC FOR OUR WEEKEND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. THERE'S SO MUCH GREAT MUSIC FOR THIS SEASON, AS WELL AS FOR CHRISTMAS OF COURSE – IT'S DIFFICULT TO NARROW THINGS DOWN. BUT WE DO LOOK FORWARD TO PROVIDING MORE STUFF!! THERE WILL BE A GREAT AMOUNT OF INSTRUMENTAL AND CHORAL MUSIC.

FIRST IS THE PROGRAM, "COME, YE FAITHFUL", SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, AT 4:00pm. THIS PROGRAM IS ONE OF LESSONS AND FAMILIAR CAROLS- MUSICALLY BROUGHT FORTH BY THE FAITH SINGERS(children's choir); PARISH ADULT CHOIR; FAITH RINGERS; SOME ADULT INSTRUMENTALISTS; AND OUR SCHOOL STRING STUDENTS. PLEASE COME!!

EVERYTHING MOVES TOWARD FESTIVAL SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE, AND DAY – WITH MUSIC BY CHOIR, BELLS AND INSTRUMENTS. SOME GREAT MUSIC PLANNED FOR THE 7PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, COMPLETE WITH A STRING TRIO PLAYING IN THE COURTYARD.

ALSO, WE WILL CHANGE THE PSALM AND GRADUAL TONES FOR THE ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND EPIPHANY SEASONS. A LITTLE SOMETHING NEW FOR OUR LITURGY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY – THE SEASON OF PREPARATION. WE HOPE YOU MIGHT FIND OUR MUSICAL OFFERINGS OF ENJOYMENT AND MEANING TO YOU!!

MICHAEL NEAS, DIRECTOR OF CHURCH MUSIC

2023



### FREE ADVENT WREATHS

5 advent wreaths with real candles and 3 wreaths with batteries are available for the asking. (See pictures below.) All wreaths come with instructions and readings to celebrate the four Sundays in Advent. There are also additional daily readings for daily devotions. If interested, please contact the church office.

Faith Lutheran Church and School presents

*“Come, Ye Faithful”*

A service of carols and lessons by Hal Hopson



Featuring:

Faith Singers (children's choir)  
Faith Ringers

Student String Students  
Parish Adult Choir

Instrumentalists

Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 4:00 pm in Sanctuary  
All are cordially invited!





FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH

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DECEMBER 9 6-8PM

GLOW  
IN THE  
DARK  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY

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

## 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:

- 6- Youth Advent Dinner-5:30pm
- 8- Upper King's Kids 3-5pm
- 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

### **Strawberry Fundraiser Fast Approaching!**

In January, don't forget to help the Faith Youth out with purchasing a \$20 box of strawberries freshly picked from Plant Farms. Money/orders are due by January 22. Contact DCE Mike Yurk for more info.





## 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](mailto:kbierlein@flcse.org).



HAPPY SHOPPING!



## Weekly Volunteer Schedule for December 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Communion Assistants</b>
12/02	5 PM	Maddie Barnes	Theresa Barnes	Neal Van Valkenburg
12/03	10 AM	Everett Fretwell	Corinne Hoffert	Kip Sandersfeld
12/06	6:30 PM	Maddie Barnes	Deb Leech	
12/09	5 PM	Camden Fritz	-	-
12/10	10 AM	Lillian Jones	Deb Leech	Jeremy Fritz
12/13	6:30 PM	Jacob Olsen	-	
12/16	5 PM	Henry Prince	Hazel Prince	Cal Shuster
12/17	10 AM	Jacob Olsen	Jeff Lanning	Chris Olsen
12/20	6:30 PM	Everett Fretwell	Kim Neas	
12/23	5 PM	Ethan Lowell	Beth Lowell	-
12/24	10 AM	Lorelei Leech	Craig Biddle	Patrick Barnes
12/24	7 PM	Camden Fritz	Adrienne Davis	-
12/24	11 PM	Daniel Barnes	Theresa Barnes	Patrick Barnes
12/25	10 AM	Christian Menard	Corinne Hoffert	Kip Sandersfeld
12/30	5 PM	Christian Menard	Adrienne Davis	-
12/31	10AM	-	-	-
<b>Ushers</b>	Team #1 (Jack Maines— Captain)			

## Bulletin Board



### This Week at Faith

#### 12/4-12/10

Mon.	10:00 am	Bible study
	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Young People Bible Study
Tues.	3:15 pm	Student Strings
Wed	8:30 am	Chapel
	2:15 pm	Faith Singers
	5:30 pm	Advent Meal
	6:30 pm	Advent Worship
	7:15 pm	Bells & Choir
Thurs	6:00 pm	Young People Bible Study
Fri	3:00 pm	King's Kids Upper
Sat.	10:00 am	BYOB
	5:00 pm	Worship & Grade 2—4 School Program
	6:00 pm	Middle School Youth
Sun.	8:45 am	Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship w/communion
	11:15 am	God Connects

**Angel Tree gifts DUE**



### 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.**

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

Pre-K – Kindergarten – CLC Youth Room  
1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades – CLC 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades – CLC 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom  
5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade – CLC 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom  
Adult – *Life by His Word: Angels & Demons* – Social Hall

**Sunday 11:30 am** *God Connects*—Adult –Social Hall

**Monday Morning Bible Study** – 10:00 AM  
Adult – *Ezekiel* – Social Hall

**Monday Evening Zoom Bible Study** – 7:00 PM  
Adult – *Longer Look at the Lessons*

**Monday Evening Bible Study** –7:00 PM—Young Adult

**Thursday Evening Bible Study**—6:00 pm—Young Adult

**Saturday Morning BYOB**—10:00 am—Adult—Social Hall



### Helpful Links

Stay connected and nurtured in your faith! Keep in touch with these resources:

#### Church Facebook

[www.facebook.com/FaithEustis](https://www.facebook.com/FaithEustis)

YouTube Channel [https://](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAMFrWEHjWWGizKqZg_Z1Jw)

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Pastor Kappel's Sermons

<https://anchor.fm/marc86>

On-line Giving

[bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving](https://bit.ly/FaithEustisGiving)

### DAILY READINGS

**Dec 4:** Is. 10:12-27a, 33-34, 2 Peter 1:1-21;  
**Dec 5:** Is. 11:1-12:6, 2 Peter 2:1-22; **Dec 6:** Is. 14:1-23, 2 Peter 3:1-18; **Dec 7:** Is. 24:1-13, 1 John 1:1-2:14; **Dec. 8:** Is. 24:14-25:12, 1 John 2:15-29; **Dec 9:** Is. 26:1-19, 1 John 3:1-24;  
**Dec 10:** Is. 26:20-27:13, 1 John 4:1-21

*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 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 15<sup>th</sup>**)



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Those Serving

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*Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year from  
the Faith Lutheran Church staff!*

*Rob Nelson*

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- Melissa Smith*

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