



Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ  
Augustana District

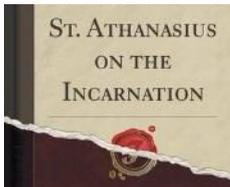


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## Welcome to Faith Lutheran

To all who are hungry, to all who are thirsty and longing for drink, to all who are sinners looking for a Savior, and to whosoever will come: this church opens wide its doors in the name of Jesus Christ.

## Digging Deeper Options Concluding Today at 9:15 a.m.



### On the Incarnation

“Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail the incarnate deity!” Those words from a beloved Christmas carol declare the good news of the Incarnation, that God the Son became human in Jesus of Nazareth. But how exactly did that work, why did it happen and what does it mean? This Digging Deeper class has been considering a classic little book called *On the Incarnation* by the early church father Athanasius exploring the great miracle at the heart of Christmas. Meeting in the Faith Center.

### The Four Advent Words

The Advent Wreath has a variety of different meanings. In a tradition we have used at Faith, the four candles represent prophets, Bethlehem, shepherds, and angels. However, another tradition holds that the candles represent hope, peace, joy, and love. Join Pastor Dave as we conclude our dive into a Biblical word study around each of these words and their significance for the season of Advent. Meeting in the office conference room.

December 22, 2019

### Worship Attendance

8:00 First Word - 123  
10:10 Sanctuary - 126  
10:10 Foundation - 105

### Lectionary Study for Next Sunday

Isaiah 63:7-14  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Matthew 2:13-23



The radio broadcast today is sponsored by Ron and Barb Anderson in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Willard and Joyce Johnson in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



## Announcements



### Christmas Worship Schedule

**Christmas Eve:** 2 p.m. Family Service;  
4 p.m. simultaneous Christmas services in  
the Sanctuary and the Foundation;  
6 p.m. Christmas worship  
in the Sanctuary;  
11 p.m. traditional Christmas Eve  
worship with Holy Communion.  
**Christmas Day:** 10 a.m. traditional  
Christmas morning service with Holy  
Communion.

### Opportunities of the Week

+ Christmas Eve (11:00 p.m.) and Day  
(10:00 a.m.) Communion helpers  
+ Christmas Eve ushers and greeters  
(2, 4, 6 and 11:00 p.m.)  
+ Christmas Day ushers  
Please contact Marsha at 587-2093 or  
Marshas@faithlc.com) to help.

### Sunday School / Digging Deeper

Sunday school classes will not meet  
on Dec. 22 or Dec. 29.  
Digging Deeper will not meet on Dec. 29.  
All classes will resume on Sunday,  
January 5.

### Year-End Contributions

If you are planning to make a year end  
contribution to Faith Lutheran, please  
make sure that it arrives in the church  
office by 12 noon on Tuesday, December  
31. Anything received after that will be  
applied to your 2020 giving statements.

### Children's Christmas Program on Ch. 10

The Sunday School children's Christmas  
program will be aired on Ch. 10 on  
Christmas Eve (Dec. 24), at 5 p.m. if you  
would like to watch it again or record it.

### Attention Faith Matters Assemblers

A reminder to all who help assemble  
the monthly *Faith Matters* that we will  
be working on them Thursday,  
December 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m.  
We may be a bit shorthanded this month  
so if **YOU** would like to see what this crazy  
group is like, stop in and lend a hand.  
I am sure there will be PLENTY of yummy  
Christmas goodies to share after you are  
done working.

## *Looking Ahead*

### Bibleopoly Challenge Celebration

The 2019 Bibleopoly Challenge is coming  
to a close but that does not mean that  
we should stop digging into God's Word  
on a daily basis. Plan now to come and  
join your friends and fellow Bibleopoly  
participants on Tuesday, January 14,  
beginning at 5:30 p.m. Supper will be  
served, the new 2020 reading challenge  
will be unveiled, a video will be shown and  
there may even be some trivia and stump  
the pastor fun. Join us as we celebrate  
your accomplishments of being in the  
Word in 2019!

### Annual Congregational Meeting

The FLC annual congregational meeting  
will be held on Sunday, January 26,  
beginning at 12 noon. Lunch will be served  
from 11-12 by the youth and childcare will  
be provided during the meeting. Annual  
reports will be available for you to review  
two weeks before the meeting.  
Plan now to attend!



**Please remember  
all those from Faith who are serving  
our country through active duty:**

Braiden Bjorge (Marines, grandson of Sandy Curtiss)  
 Mike Bjorge (Air Force, Qatar - son-in-law of Sandy Curtiss)  
 Sgt. Jason Gaulke (El Paso, TX - nephew of Alice Fransen)  
 Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Mason Rutledge (Navy, Norfolk, VA-  
 son of Lenny & Patti Rutledge)  
 Pat Scharn (Air Force, Qatar - husband of Elizabeth Scharn)  
 Col. Rob Skaar (Mpls/St. Paul Air National Guard - son of  
 Dave & Marian Skaar)  
 LT Brett Stadsklev (Navy, Corpus Christ, TX - son-in-law of  
 Judy and Tom Felber)  
 Corporal Nathan Thunstrom (Marines, Reserves - son of  
 Andy & Shelly Hedin and grandson of Dennis & Barb  
 Hedin)  
 Spc Ryan Wersal (Army, Fort Meade, MD - son of Roger and  
 Laurie Wersal)



The family of Kevin Hjerpe would like sincerely to thank those who helped in the kitchen on the day of his funeral.

The Fuhr and Hjerpe families



**Stewardship Snapshot**

Many thanks to those who have already responded with generous year-end offerings! The remaining deficit in order for Faith Lutheran to break even this year is down to **\$86,000.00**. As we celebrate God’s inestimable gift of the Christ-child, please support the ministry of our church according to how God has first blessed you. ***Thank you!***

***Joy to the World*** offering envelopes were mailed out to member households last week. The tradition of giving presents at Christmas reflects God giving us the priceless gift of Jesus. The joy He brought to this sinful world is expressed to others in the heartfelt gifts we give to others in the heartfelt gifts we give to one another.

The same idea inspires the ***Joy to the World*** offering at Faith Lutheran. During December, we ask the Faith family to consider giving an extra Christmas gift to the church in joyful gratitude for the gift of salvation given in Jesus.

Please give generously as God has enabled you to support the mission God has entrusted to us here at Faith Lutheran. With your ***Joy to the World*** gift, celebrate the gracious gift of God that sneaked down the back stairs of Bethlehem and settled in to a manger in order to free us from sin, death and condemnation. Thank you for your generous support!

**THE JOY OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU!**



**Radio  
Broadcast**  
**KDUZ 1260 AM**  
**Sundays 8 a.m.**



**TV Broadcast**  
**Cable Ch. 10**  
**Sundays 10 a.m.**  
**and 5 p.m.**  
**Tuesdays 5 p.m.**  
**Thursdays 10 p.m.**

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**Pastors**

Pastor Scott Grorud  
Pastor Dave Wollan  
Pastor Paul Knudson  
Pastor Paulus Pilgrim  
Rev. K.K. Alavi and Abdul Massieh  
Missionaries in India

**Staff**

Marsha Schmit, Director of Pastoral Care and Evangelism  
Kristen Matthews, Director of Youth and Family Ministry  
Laura Weikle, Director of Children and Family Ministry  
Will Holt, Director of Music and Worship  
Sara Wegner, Interim Finance Coordinator  
Wendy Magruder, Administrative Assistant  
Jim Brodd, Custodial Services Coordinator

- ◆ *Please sign the welcome pad* located at the end of the pew in the sanctuary or as they are passed around in the foundation. Please include your address and phone number if you are a visitor.
- ◆ If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith Lutheran, please call Marsha Schmit at 587-2093.
- ◆ *Large print bulletins* may be obtained from the ushers.
- ◆ Thank you for turning off your **cell phones** during worship.
- ◆ Holy Communion is served at the First Word and Sanctuary Services on the first and second Sunday each month. It is served in the Foundation on the third and fourth Sunday of each month.



**Holy Communion**

We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Children who have completed communion instruction are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. All other children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

If you are unable to receive wine, please let the wine server know and grape juice will be provided. Gluten-free communion wafers are also available. Please let the server know and they will be provided.