



Lutheran Congregations in Mission for  
Christ and the Augustana District

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**December 20, 2020**



**Digging Deeper** is an adult study time on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Meeting in the Faith Center and live streamed on Facebook. Concluding this week. . .

**Christ's Second Advent**  
*A closer look at Christ's second coming.*

In the creed we confess, "He will come again to judge the living and the dead." What does this mean? What is the Lutheran understanding of this? And how does it tie into the church season of Advent? This four-week class will explore what to know and what to ignore about second coming teaching, and how ultimately it is a coming of hope. Join Pastor Dave and Pastor Scott in the Faith Center or on-line.



**Faith Pen Pals:**  
*Handwritten Letters in a Digital World*

During this time of COVID and isolation, the Congregational Life Team invites you to be a part of "Faith Pen Pals." Sign-up at church this month or call Marsha at 587-2093. Let's connect by offering an encouraging word, sharing ourselves and our faith with someone new or someone you may already know but will get to know better!



**Giving Tree**

In place of the McLeod County Giving Tree, the Congregational Life Team invites you to purchase new mittens, hats, scarves, and warm socks to place around the tree for Common Cup Ministry. Donations accepted through the month of December. Your generosity to help children stay warm in our community this winter is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for turning off your cell phones during worship.



**New Calendars**

The new 2021 sign-up calendars for the Radio Broadcast sponsorship, Altar flower donations and to sponsor one of the Free Community meals are posted. Choose a date to sponsor one or all of these events today!

**End-of-Year Financial Updates**

In order to break even in 2020, Faith Lutheran needs to receive another \$65,000 in offerings to the **General Fund** by the end of the year. *That amount has shrunk dramatically just since last week!* **THANK YOU** so much for your faithful and generous support of the work God is doing in and through Faith Lutheran Church. Please continue to give *as the Lord blesses you to do so* (we know these are hard economic times for some people!) If it has not yet arrived, a mailing for the "Joy to the World" year-end offering should reach you soon. Together, we can help the church end the year without a deficit.

By now, you should also have received the request to extend or make a *one-year* pledge to the **Upon This Rock Plus capital campaign**. The church is so close to paying off the mortgage and one more generous push should retire it by the end of 2021. Please place your pledge card in the offering plates or return it to the church office as soon as possible. The church building is still heavily used, even during the pandemic. Thank you for your steadfast investment in providing this space for ministry!

**IMPORTANT NOTE :** Contributions that arrive in the church office by **noon on December 31** will be applied to your 2020 tax statement. Contributions received after that time will be applied towards your 2021 statement.

**Christmas Worship Services**

**Thurs., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services**

**2 p.m.** - two simultaneous family style services in the Foundation and the Sanctuary (broadcast live via Facebook)

**4 p.m.** - two simultaneous but different services in the Foundation and the Sanctuary (broadcast live on KDUZ and on Facebook; recorded for HCVN channel 7 at 6 p.m. and channel 10 at 10 p.m.)

**6 p.m.** outdoor Christmas Worship around the manger (weather permitting, broadcast over FM radio for those who prefer to stay in their cars.)

**11 p.m.** traditional candlelight service with Holy Communion (broadcast on Facebook)

**Fri., Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service** at 10 a.m. with Holy Communion (broadcast live on KDUZ and via Facebook)

**Sun., Dec. 27 Services** at 8 and 10:10 a.m. (combined Foundation and Sanctuary services)

**Sunday School Schedule for the rest of 2020**

**Dec. 20 and 27** – No Sunday school, but continuing Advent kit at home with family

**Jan. 3** – On-line Sunday school only

**Jan. 10** – Watch for updates as we hope to be back in person

**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.

**Attendance**

First Word - 82  
Sanctuary - 87  
Foundation - 64  
Advent - 77



Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast today is sponsored by Jeff and Shelly Kirchoff in honor of their children and grandchildren.

**KDUZ Daily Devotions**

Each week, different churches in town take turns doing a daily devotion on KDUZ. The week of Dec. 28-Jan. 1, our own Pastor Paulus will be doing the devotion at 8:30 a.m. Make sure you tune in!

**Sunday School Christmas Video**

This year the children were not able to do a traditional Christmas program so they made a Christmas video instead. The video can be found on our Facebook page if you would like to share it with your family.

Merry Christmas  
*for unto us a child is born*

**Faith Family Fun**

The January Faith Family Fun will be a trip to the Chanhassen location of Feed My Starving Children. Participants will meet on site on Saturday, January 9. You can find more information and sign-up on our Facebook page or contact Laura.



**Sunday, Dec. 20**

**8 a.m. First Word service**  
9:10 a.m. B23  
9:15 a.m. Digging Deeper  
10 a.m. HCVN Worship Broadcast  
**10:10 a.m. Sanctuary service**  
**10:10 a.m. Foundation service with Holy Communion**  
5 p.m. HCVN Worship Broadcast

**Monday, Dec. 21**

9 a.m. Daily Faith Encouragement

**Tuesday, Dec. 22**

9 a.m. Exercise  
9 a.m. Daily Faith Encouragement  
12 p.m. Lectionary study  
5 p.m. HCVN Worship Broadcast

**Wednesday, Dec. 23**

6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9 a.m. Daily Faith Encouragement  
5 p.m. Ringers of Faith  
7 p.m. FLYouth Night

**Thursday, Dec. 24**

**Christmas Eve**  
8 a.m. Spit-n-Shine  
9 a.m. Daily Faith Encouragement

**2 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Worship in the Foundation and Sanctuary**

**4 p.m. Christmas Eve Foundation and Sanctuary Worship**

**6 p.m. Christmas Eve Outdoor Worship**

6 p.m. HCVN channel 7 Christmas Eve Service Broadcast

**11 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion**

10 p.m. HCVN channel 10 Christmas Eve Service Broadcast

**Friday, Dec. 25 -**

**Christmas Day**

**10 a.m. Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion**

*Church offices closed*

**Sunday, Dec. 27**

**8 a.m. First Word service**

10 a.m. HCVN Worship Broadcast

**10:10 a.m. Combined Sanctuary and Foundation Service 5**

p.m. HCVN Worship Broadcast



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

Braiden Bjorge (Marines, Jacksonville, NC - grandson of Sandy Curtiss)

Mike Bjorge (Air Force - son-in-law of Sandy Curtiss)

Corporal Colin Bos (Marines, Camp Pendleton, CA - son of Dawn Bos)

Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Mason Rutledge (Navy, New Orleans, LA- son of Lenny Rutledge & Patti Rutledge)

LT Brett Stadsklev (Navy, Corpus Christ, TX - son-in-law of Judy and Tom Felber)

Spc Ryan Wersal (Army, Fort Meade, MD - son of Roger and Laurie Wersal)

**THANK YOU Volunteers!**  
*We couldn't do it without you*



**8:00 First Word Service**

**Acolytes:** Kamaya Dahle and Hudson Nelson

**Computer:** Angie Oestreich

**Greeters:** Jim and Miley Flemming, and Jon Wigen

**Music:** Ronda Eckhart

**Reader:** Christina Weckwerth

**Sound:** John Olsen

**10:10 Sanctuary Service**

**Acolytes:** Will DeMeyer and Abby Peterson

**Computer:** Lynn Lange

**Greeters:** Deidra Beilke and Roger Fimon

**Music:** Ronda Eckhart

**Reader:** Dorothy Desens

**Sound:** Mark Guggemos

**Video:** Dick Krueger

**10:10 Foundation Service**

**Communion:** Shannon Brice, Laura Weikle and Marsha Schmit

**Computer:** Sara Wegner

**Music:** Sabrina Tracy, Wyatt Reece, Sam Sanders, Luke Wollan and Kristen Matthews

**Reader:** Dan Moe

**Sound/AV:** Jeff Krueger

*Many hands are needed every Sunday. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Marsha at 587-2093 and let her know how you can help.*

**Lectionary Study**

Each Tuesday at 12 noon, the pastors take turns leading a study of the upcoming lectionary texts. This week, the lectionary texts for the First Sunday after Christmas, are Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Galatians 4:4-7 and Luke 2:22-40. You can participate in this study in person in the Faith Center or on-line via Facebook. See you there!

**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  
Austin Willhite, Director of Music and Worship  
Sara Wegner, Interim Finance Coordinator  
Wendy Magruder, Administrative Assistant  
Jim Brodd, Custodial Services Coordinator

**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. and

Thursdays, 10 p.m.

**Facebook Live Broadcast**

Sundays, at 10:10 a.m.

**Holy Communion**

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.

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.

