

Bearing Witness on Our Lord's Terms "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." II Corinthians 12:9

During November, we will focus on mission at Faith. As we do so, we would do well to look to one of the greatest witnesses to Christ in the history of the Christian church, the Apostle Paul. Today at times, it seems we in our Lord's company of disciples are being pushed to the sidelines as a people of power. If only we could gain the respect and power we at least seem to think we once had, all would be better. We could influence power brokers and our nation and world would possibly even experience spiritual renewal.

We would not even be here, however, without the likes of the Apostle Paul. As a young man, he was an up and coming person, at least in the circle of religious folk who were on a mission to bring God and his purposes back to their day. Then he met our crucified and risen Lord and Savior on that Damascus road. Yes, he still often longed for a privileged position of power and influence, but in his second letter to the Corinthians he cries out to the Lord to be given not what he wanted but what he needed.

To this bewildered apostle, one his crucified and risen Lord said to him: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." We also may cry out for what we think we must have, but miss what we need for witness here and through those who witness on our behalf in far away places. In our baptisms, we received the sign of the cross on our brows and on our hearts making clear that our lives and witness would be cross shaped, power made perfect in weakness.

As we go into November and its focus on mission I would invite you to step back and see how our God draws us each and every day to his only Son, our crucified and risen Savior. In him we discover his grace is sufficient for us, and we will do well to rely on his cross-shaped strength. Our gracious generosity in an outpouring of love through our annual *Hunger Appeal* will depend not on our positions of financial strength, but as we let go and let our Lord and Savior pour out blessings through us. We may be in what we see as financial weakness, but whatever our gift it will be a blessing.

Beyond the hunger appeal, other aspects of our mission and its witness beyond ourselves will be lifted up. Come and be renewed in our Lord's commendation to us: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Pastor Paul Knudson



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Stewardship

Last year at this time, we noted in Faith Matters that, for the first time in shared memory, Faith Lutheran had received such steady and generous offerings throughout the year that there was no need for a big year-end push for extra giving in order to break even on expenses. It was a long-awaited goal and a great cause for celebration.

Well, it was nice while it lasted. Unfortunately, in August and September of this year, giving to the church dropped dramatically. Given the current state of the economy, that is not entirely surprising, but it

has caused the church to use up quickly nearly all of its financial reserves and created a large deficit to overcome before the end of 2022. It is too early to have exact numbers, but at the end of September, year-to-date offerings were more than \$100,000 lower than expenses!

Despite the financial challenges we are weathering right now, God has promised "to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." (II Corinthians 9:8) As God has blessed you to do so, please give generously and faithfully in these last months of the year, so that our congregation will have the resources it needs to carry out the ministry God has entrusted to us. Thank You for all of your faithful support of Faith Lutheran Church!

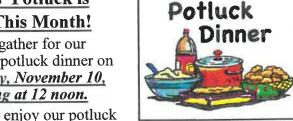
Seniors' Scene

Seniors' Potluck is Early This Month!

We will gather for our monthly potluck dinner on Thursday, November 10. beginning at 12 noon.

After we enjoy our potluck dinner we will pack

Operation Christmas Child Boxes.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes - Here's what you need to know:

While Christmas Child boxes are given to children all over the world, it is important for us to know what we mean by Christmas "CHILD." "Child" in the box name refers to the Christ Child, whose name is JESUS. The boxes are used as a means to introduce children to Jesus, who grew up to be the world's Savior. The boxes are a unique and successful way for God to open young hearts to the God Who gave his Son to die for them all, so we, and they, can live with and for Jesus now and eternally. There are specific classes and events that go along with the distribution of the boxes YOU pack and send. It is truly a MISSION project.



Here are some things you can do to prepare for this special and important meeting: shop for items to bring and pack. Many others in town are doing the same, so beginning early is important. Pick up lists of items that can (or can't) be packed.

If you have a Thrivent insurance policy, you may be able to sign up for gift cards to be used to purchase items for the boxes. You can start that now.

If you wish, you can bring your items to the church before November 10 (earlier than usual) and label them (or tell whomever is at the front desk), this is for "Seniors' Potluck."

Pray for God's blessings upon our effort to proclaim His saving Name.

See you at Seniors' Potluck!



"Faith Seeks Understanding"

Continuing Learning Opportunities for Adults

Ending and Beginning—In November, Christ the King Sunday marks the end of the church year calendar, then a new year begins the next week with the First Sunday in Advent. The focus of this time of the year has changed over the years, giving it a different character than it had, for instance, during the Reformation. In this class, we will consider various Biblical themes that comprise this time of ending and beginning in the Church. Meeting in the Faith Center, November 6 to December 18.

Thanksgiving Eve Dessert & Pie Social

Please join us for a Dessert & Pie Social on Thanksgiving Eve, November 23 after the 6:30 p.m. worship service in the Faith Center. We also need people to sign up to bring a dessert or pie. Come for worship and stay for coffee, a treat and fellowship!



Looking Ahead to Christmas Decorating

We are making plans for Christmas decorating in the **Foundation space** as Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. Please let Marsha know if you can help! Thanks! (marshas@faithlc.com)



From the Faith Lutheran Church Women



Church Women

- Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 20 from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. All women of Faith are invited for a devotion, treat, Christmas craft, and a brief business meeting to decide how to disperse the 2022 funds raised.
- Christmas Lunch Saturday, December 10 from 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Treat yourself, family and friends to a lunch featuring Christmas-decorated tables, delicious food and a program celebrating Christmas. Tickets will be \$10 each and will be available Nov. 20—Dec. 3. Please contact Carreen Pierson by December 3 at 320-587-5602 if you would like to decorate a table.
- The next FLCW Board meeting will be on Monday, November 14, at 4:30 p.m.



Common Cup Ministry Diaper Drive

November is the month that Faith Lutheran collects diapers for the CCM Diaper Drive. Donations of diapers can be dropped off in the church office anytime this month. Common Cup Ministry appreciates your support!



Q: Since the radio broadcast of the First Word worship service is no longer live, but the service is now shown live on local-access cable, does the church still need to pay for the weekly radio slot?

A: We were all disappointed to learn that the First Word service could no longer be broadcast live on KDUZ. For nearly 70 years that live broadcast had been a fixture in our community. Still, even though we now have to run a recording of the previous Sunday's service, the radio broadcast reaches a much wider area than local cable does. We hear regularly of people in other communities who listen to our service, often before

attending services at their own churches! Members who are snowbirds have told us that they stay in touch with the congregation during the winter by listening to the broadcast on-line.

Just this week, a home-bound parishioner who lives in the country and has no access to cable mentioned that it has been an adjustment to hear the previous week's service on the radio. Nevertheless, that broadcast remains a precious connection to the congregation and the next-best option to being at the service in person.

For the last three years, every Sunday's radio broadcast has been sponsored by members of the church. It has been a way to mark many important occasions and it relieves the annual budget of a large expense. We hope that Faith's members will continue that tradition of supporting our outreach into the region—and in this digital age, around the world!—by sponsoring the radio broadcast each week. Watch for the 2023 sponsorship calendar to be posted soon!



Greetings Friends!

November's highlight is the Faith Singers! I hope you have been following along with the fall music theme *The Journey of Faith: Songs of Travel*. Both the Ringers of Faith and Faith Singers Choir have been working hard on their music offerings for worship on Sunday mornings, but that's not all the choir is up to. We are excited to be joining in the Common Cup Ministry *Coming Together in Song* concert



once again! There are some fun and familiar songs that you will not want to miss with this wonderful concert, plus it's for a good cause! Mark your calendars now with the information below. Until then, catch Faith Singers in worship as we continue our fall theme.



Common Cup Coming Together in Song Concert
Where: Christ the King Lutheran Church, Hutchinson
When: Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Who is performing: Crow River Singers, Faith Singers of Fait

Who is performing: Crow River Singers, Faith Singers of Faith Lutheran Church, and Praise Choir of Christ the King Lutheran Church singing individual songs and singing as a mass choir.

> Soli deo Gloria Austin



Parent Huddle: Social Media, Phones, and Technology! Oh, My!

This world we live in is overflowing with technology and the pressure to keep up. While I was growing up, cell phones became increasingly popular. I watched as my middle school classmates got cell phones for the first time and jealousy coursed through my veins. I didn't get my first phone until I was going into high school and my first phone was this beautiful \$15 flip phone on Tracfone. Today, I see 4th graders carrying around nicer iPhones than the one that I possess at age 26. There are so many differences at hand between what I grew up with for technology and what kids who are currently in school have at their finger tips. On our phones we carry around a computer, calculator, camera, telephone, dictionary, and so much more.

With cell phones and the internet becoming more accessible, I have noticed how little education there is on this topic, while also seeing how dangerous some apps or websites can be for kids and teenagers. I am going to list a few apps and websites to be looking out for and some apps that are awesome to have to help your kids!

DANGEROUS APPS:

- 1. Snapchat—The original intention behind this app is not good. IT was originally created to be a way to send nude pictures and then have them disappear. Yes, you did read that right. Today, the app functions as a communication tool that almost every single kid or teen has downloaded. It's how they stay in touch. However, on this app you can add anyone, they can see your location if your privacy settings aren't right, and you can send messages and pictures that disappear if left unsaved.
- 2. Omegle—This is possibly one of the scariest websites kids go on. It is an anonymous chat site that pairs you up to direct message with a complete and total stranger OR you can video chat with a complete stranger. So many kids go on this app because they hear about it on other apps and think it will be fun. More often than not, people see inappropriate images or get talked to by someone who is not the age he or she claims to be.

HELPFUL APPS:

- 1. Life360—An app to see where your kids are and keep track of their safety. So many parents I know use this app to track their young drivers and make sure they are safe. While this may cause some disagreements, this app is such a good resource!
- 2. Bark—Parental control app that notifies you if your kid is on something they should not be. This app is an incredible resource for you to be in the know about the sites where they are interacting.

Other things you can do include setting up protection for how they download apps so that they need permission to download. You could also set up screen time limits on their phone (you would not believe how many kids spend over 15 hours a DAY on their phone.) Our advice to you as parents when your kids are in the phone stage is to be up to date on what apps to be aware of and how you can protect your kids. We try to be up to date on what is going on around the technology world to help you. Please let us know if there is any way that we can walk beside you in this and help you. We care for your kids and for you!

Kristen Durst, Director of Youth and Family Ministry Laura Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Dates





Operation Christmas Child Sunday, November 6 from 3—4 p.m. Upstairs Multi-Purpose Space at Faith Lutheran Church

Come pack Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Children across the world will be able to receive this special gift along with the opportunity to hear about The Christmas Child, Jesus! This event is especially great for families to teach their children about giving to others. Donations are also welcome such as new toys, hygiene products, school supplies and clothing.

Afterwards, stay for a tasty Free Community Meal in the Faith Center beginning at 4 p.m.

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 18, at 4 p.m. Sanctuary at Faith Lutheran Church

Hear our Sunday School children sing Christmas songs and perform the Christmas story! Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and Christmas treats will be given at the doors after the program.

If you are a parent, we ask that you drop your children off at their classroom at 3:30 p.m. and save seats for your Pre-K—1st graders in the Sanctuary, since they will sit with you after they sing.



Power House

Friday, December 2 from 7—10 p.m. Faith Lutheran Church 6th—8th grade students are invited to sign up for Power House. This is a fun-filled evening of games, small group time, games, pizza and more games! The cost is \$5 to attend.

High School FLY Night

Join us as we talk about King David and how he relates to our lives. Starting in Advent, we will begin a new series on relationships.

College Aged

Costa Rica Mission Trip December 31—January 7



Check out @faithluthyouth on Instagram to sign up for the Costa Rica Mission trip or the HS Mission Trip to West Virginia.

Questions?

If you have questions about programs for children birth through 6th grade, please contact Laura Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministry.

If you have questions about programs for 7th grade through young adult, please contact Kristen Durst, Director of Youth and Family Ministry.

November Is Mission Month at FLC

No Greater Model to Invite Us to Share in the Joy of Sacrificial Giving for Our Lord's Mission Purposes



"We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints." II Corinthians 8:1-4

November Hunger Appeal: At present, many families are being severely tested through inflation and other economic pressures. No one is expecting anyone to give to our annual hunger appeal out of obligation. We are inviting all of you to meditate on the words from Scripture noted above. The people of Philippi, while facing their own time of testing, moved by the costly mercy shown to them through the sacrificial death of their gracious Lord and Savior, were moved to give not out of their abundance but out of thanksgiving for the gift they had been given through Jesus Christ.

This November, we are all invited to give freely, sacrificially to help in the feeding of those facing nutritional needs. This year, acknowledging the needs of many among us at home, the portion of our offerings given locally has been increased. We continue to value our mission partners' work in

feeding the hungry in foreign lands: in Madagascar through the Friends of Madagascar Mission and in India through New Hope Mission/ Society.







Our goal for the year is to pass well beyond our minimum goal of \$5,000, trusting that moved by the Spirit we can double that amount. Of funds raised, 45% will be shared locally through Common Cup Ministries. Bev Bonte, the long time director, recently shared the challenges they face meeting increasing needs. International partners will receive 55% of the offerings: 35% to the Bishara Center in India through New Hope Mission Society and 20% through Friends Of Madagascar Mission.

Gifts for the Hunger Appeal can be given through envelopes marked Hunger Appeal, on Mission Sunday, Thanksgiving, or any time in November. You can also make an online donation through the FLC website.

November Mission Month Added Opportunities and Surprises: Dr. Abdul Messiah will join us for Mission Sunday, November 13, to give us an update on our partnerships through NHMS. Other opportunities will include a Digging Deeper on November 13 featuring both our international and regional/local missions. There may even be a surprise approach to proclamation at worship through the Jeff and Paul duo.







Ansgar House Update

A lot has been happening just around the corner from the church! The house that church bought, called the Ansgar House after the patron saint of Denmark and the Apostle to the North, has gone through some major renovations! Check out the before and after pictures below:



Many people have contributed to the new Ansgar look. Haley and Bella Conn have devoted hours of work over there. Paul and Bobbi Knudson led the kitchen remodel. Our young adults have helped to paint and move furniture. It has truly been a group effort!

The house is already being well-used! Haley is living in the house and looking after it. The



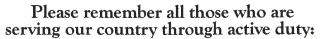
young adults have been gathering every Thursday night for worship, Bible study, good food, and Sporkle Parties! The house is becoming a home for our young adult ministry.

There are a few items we're still looking for at Ansgar. Our wish list includes:

- ⇒ A new or gently used dishwasher
- ⇒ Some carpet for the main floor bedrooms
- ⇒ Some fun string lights for the yard
- ⇒ A pool table or ping pong table

If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Pastor Dave at davidw@faithlc.com or 587-2093.

Please Remember in Prayer



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

Mike Bjorge (Air Force - son-in-law of Sandy Curtis) Gerald Kaddatz (National Guard, southern boarder of the United States, son of Darlene Horrmann)

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

LT Brett Stadsklev (Navy, Yokosuka, Japan - son-in-law of Judy and Tom Felber)

Trevor Wersal (MN National Guard, son of Roger and Laurie Wersal)

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OUR MISSION IS:

BUILDING FAITH

"EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY, FOR BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST"

EPHESIANS 4:12

TO LIVE OUT THAT MISSION, GOD CALLS US TO:

FOLLOW JESUS

ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL

INVITE ALL PEOPLE

TEACH CHRISTIAN TRUTH

HELP ALL WHO ARE IN NEED



on Sunday, October 30, 2022! Welcome to those who joined Faith Lutheran Church **New Members**



Barb Christopher



with Macie, Graham, Jon & Alisha DeRock and Bryson





Anthony & Tanja Mackedanz and Teigan and Treydon



Alexandra, Faith, Whitney, **Kyle & Desiree Kottke and** Reagan & Quinn



with wife Marne **Greg Martin**



Bennett & Brielle husband Matt and **Linsey Yurek with**



Sharon Jenkins

with Kayleen Jensen **Brett Johnson**

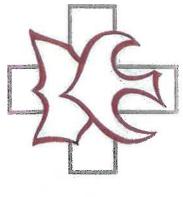


pictured with husband Tyler Madison Johnson

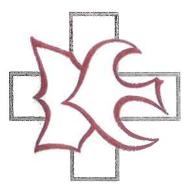




Ross Wendling



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2022



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HAYDEN ALEXANDER BLOEMKE

LIBBY JEANNE BRADFORD Son of Roman Bloemke and Angela Bloemke

LOLA PROULX BRADFORD Daughter of Bart and Melissa Bradford

JAMESON REECE BUBOLTZ Daughter of Bart and Melissa Bradford

Son of James and Linda Buboltz

LILLIAN GRACE CURTISS

WILLIAM JAMES DEMEYER **Daughter of Daniel and Larissa Curtiss**

Son of Donald and Jodi DeMeyer

MILEY RAY ANN FLEMMING

Daughter of James and Judy Flemming

MARISSA FAITH GLESENER

TRENTEN KYLE HANSON Daughter of Adam and Shelly Glesener

Son of Kyle and Jennifer Hanson

OLIVIA MAE HORTON

ISAIAH MAKANAMAIKALANI BOWEN ISHIHARA Daughter of Wade Horton and Tiffany Waller

Son of Dan and Lisa Ishihara

GRANT JOSHUA KOSEK

Son of Joshua and Jolynn Kosek

HUDSON MICHAEL LIEN

Son of Michael and Shannon Lien

JAIDA MARIE MAYER

Daughter of Jamie Mayer

GINA KAY PADRNOS

Daughter of Eric and Cassie Padrnos

KADI EVELYN POWELL

Daughter of Jeremy and Tami Powell

JULIA CLAIRE PUTZ

Daughter of Stacy and Jena Putz

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Son of Kenny and Annie Reinke

EMMA HAZEL RICHARDSON Daughter of Matt and Amy Richardson

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SHAREESE ELIZABETH SCHUETZ

Daughter of Jeremy and Mollie Terlinden

LANDON GRAHAM TEETZEL

Son of William and Dawn Teetzel

LAUREN APRIL WAGNER

Daughter of Brian and Traci Wagner

LILLY JEAN WHITE

Daughter of Peter and Roxy White

LYDIA JOY WOLLAN

BRENDEN SCOTT ZIEGLER Daughter of David and Andrea Wollan

Son of Scott and Doreen Ziegler

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