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Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ Augustana District

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 all who will come: this church opens wide its doors in the name of Jesus Christ.



Adult Education Opportunities on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

1) <u>The Advent Words</u>—Join Pastor Dave in the upstairs conference room as we examine four important Advent words, as presented by The Bible Project. We will view and discuss the Bible Project videos as they deepen our understanding of the Advent concepts of hope, peace, joy, and love.

2) <u>The Prophesied Christ</u>—This four-week class will consider some of the key Old Testament prophecies that pointed to Jesus as the Savior of the world. Meeting with Pastor Scott in the Faith Center.

3) <u>Leading Worship</u> ~ How Does Worship Happen? Not meeting this Sunday, resuming on Dec. 3 in the office conference room.



Soup and Chili Supper

Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 5-6 p.m. You are invited to join your faith family for

fellowship and a warm supper in the Faith Center before the first Advent service.

As of this printing we are still very short on volunteers to bring soup or chili, so please contact the office by Monday if you can bring your favorite recipe to share.

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Last Sunday Worship Attendance

First Word - 144 Sanctuary - 109 Foundation - 155



The radio broadcast today was sponsored by Kurt & Mona Hjerpe and family in memory of his brother Kevin.



Faith Matters Assembly

The assembly team will meet on the third floor this Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 9 a.m. to prepare the December newsletters for mailing.



Confirmation Mentor Meeting

Confirmands and their mentors should plan to meet Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 5:30 p.m. Check-in outside the sanctuary.

Faith Financials

There is good news on two fronts for Faith Lutheran's end-of-year finances. Generous offerings last Sunday combined with estimated expenses being \$26,000 less than what was budgeted for 2023 means that the General Fund deficit has already dropped below \$200,000! While that is still a very large number, previous years show that it is a manageable amount.

2023 Offering and Expense Summary	
Offerings given to Faith through Nov. 19:	\$681,258
Non-offering income through Nov. 19:	<u>\$ 39,966</u>
Total received through Nov. 19	\$721,224
Estimated 2023 mission commitments:	\$914,229
Offerings need by year's end to break even:	\$193,005

Thank you for your faithful investment in this ministry God has entrusted to us here at Faith Lutheran. Please continue to give as God blesses you to do so.



Volunteer Opportunity

It is Faith's turn to provide the High School Free Lunch again on Thursday, Nov. 30. Kristen is still looking for a few more helping hands between 11 a.m.—1 p.m. to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up. You can reach her at kristenm@faithlc.com for more information.

2024 Radio and Flower Sponsorships

The 2024 Radio and Flower sign-up boards are available now. This year there is also a flower sign-up for the Foundation. Thank you for your generosity in providing these gifts.

Please Pray



The Augustana District Council encourages you, and all district congregations, to continue to join in praver for specific sister congregations and their leaders each month. This week you are invited to pray for Trinity Lutheran in Jeffers, MN and Trinity Lutheran in Carrington, ND.

8:00 First Word

Acolytes: Maddox Varpness and Morgan Gehrke Computer: Judy Flemming Music: Sharon Barton Reader: Paulus Pilorim Sound: Dave Skaar Ushers: DeWayne Ingebretson, Roger Wersal, Lenny Rutledge, and Patti Lenz Video: Dick Krueger



10:10 Sanctuary Acolytes: Hudson Smith and Lukas Liepold Computer: Lynn Lange Music: Lara Liepold and Kaylee Scheevel Reader: Jerry Gustafson Sound: Trevor Wersal Ushers: Wade & Donna Eastman and Pat & Joy May Video: Steve Wendlandt

10:10 Foundation **AV:** Jeff Krueger Computer: Derek Durst Music: Kristen Durst, Austin Willhite, Evan Boike and Nathan Stowman Reader: Luke Wollan Ushers: Vacek family

Advent Services and Fellowship



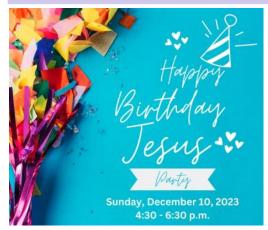
"The Mystery of the Messiah" will be the theme of Faith Lutheran's four mid-week Advent services this year. We will use a series of ancient Advent-Christmas prayers called "The Great 'O' Antiphons" to explore different Biblical titles

for Jesus and what he was sent to do. These antiphons are the basis of the beloved hymn, "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel," which will be the theme hymn each week. Mid-week Advent worship is a renewing, reflective break from the busyness of holiday celebrations. Join us each Wednesday, November 29 – December 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Before the Nov. 29 service, you are invited to come early for the annual *soup and chili supper*. You are also encouraged to sign-up in the gathering space to bring your favorite recipe to share.

After the Dec. 6 service, plan to stay for a time of fellowship over cookies and cocoa.

Before the Dec. 13 service, you are invited to come early again for a **special candlelight dinner** put on by the Ringers of Faith. Read all the details and information on how to get tickets on the next page.



Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Sunday, December 10, from 4:30 p.m. —6:30 p.m. Children from birth - 5th grade can celebrate Jesus' birthday with us as we do crafts, play games, have dinner and read a Christmas story. Meanwhile, parents can enjoy two hours of time for themselves. Registration can be found online.

Rescheduled!

Join us for a night of fellowship & fun including Games, Pizza, Games, Snack, and did we say Games?

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

POWERHOUSE

Faith Lutheran Church 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 6th - 8th Grade (Bring a Friend) \$5/youth Register BEFORE Dec. 8



Come and Dine So Bells Can Shine



You are invited to join the Ringers of Faith Bell Choir and the Worship and Music Ministry team for a special evening featuring a candlelight dinner, Christmas music sung by special guests, followed by the Advent worship service led by the Ringers of Faith. Tickets are available now in the church office and will be sold before and after worship on December 3. Come support Ringers of Faith as they continue to raise money for bell repair and maintenance.

Where: Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Center

When: Wednesday, December 13. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., and worship starts at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available in the church office. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, December 6. Adult tickets are \$20 and tickets for children 10 and under are \$10. Seating is limited for this special event, so get your tickets right away.

Menu: Roast beef with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, cooked vegetable, dinner roll, spring salad, and dessert.

Contact Austin Willhite with any questions at austinw@faithlc.com





Tickets are now available for the <u>FLCW Christmas Lunch</u> Saturday, Dec. 9, at 11:00 a.m.

Planning for the FLCW Christmas Luncheon is well under way. Tickets are \$10 each and are available in the church office. This event features a delicious lunch and wonderful fellowship around beautifully decorated tables. Invite a friend and get your tickets today. Seating is limited for this event!



<u>Christ the King Sunday, November 26</u>

8 a.m. First Word Service
9:15 a.m. Digging Deeper
10:10 a.m. Sanctuary Service
10:10 a.m. Foundation Service with Holy Communion

Monday, November 27 6:30 p.m. Crossways year 1

Tuesday, November 28

6 a.m. High School A.P. Theology 9 a.m. Matins 9 a.m. Faith Matters Assembly 9:15 a.m. Exercise 12 p.m. Lectionary 5:30 p.m. Ringers of Faith

Wednesday, November 29

7 a.m. Morning Prayer on Facebook 9 a.m. Matins 2:30 p.m. 56er's 3:30 p.m. Kid's Music Club 5 p.m. Soup and Chili Supper 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Mentor Mtg 5:30 p.m. Faith Singers 6:30 p.m. Advent Service 7 p.m. FLYouth night

Thursday, November 30

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible study 9 a.m. Matins 9:30 FACe Cancer support group

Friday, December 1

7 a.m. Women's Bible study 9 a.m. Women's Bible study 12:30 p.m. Bulletin Assembly

Saturday, December 2 9:30 Sanctuary Christmas Decorating

Sunday, December 3

- 8 a.m. First Word Service with Holy Communion
- 9 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation
- 9:15 a.m. Digging Deeper
- 10:10 a.m. Sanctuary Service with Holy Communion
- 10:10 a.m. Foundation Service
- 4 p.m. Free Community Meal



Nominating Committee

The nominating committee has started its annual task of calling to find members to serve on the Church Council and Ministry Teams. If you get a call, please prayerfully consider your response. If they leave you a message, please return the call, even if your answer is a "no." If you feel called to be a part of a ministry team feel free to reach out to Pastor Scott Grorud or Pastor Dave Wollan. Thank you.

Weekly Lectionary Study

Lectionary is a weekly study of the upcoming sermon texts that is open to everyone. This study meets on Tuesdays from 12-1 p.m. The texts for next week are: Isaiah 64:1-9, I Corinthians 1:3-9, and Mark 13:24-37. These texts will also be used for the Matins services.

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

Mason Rutledge (Navy, New Orleans, LA - son of Lenny Rutledge and Patti Rutledge)

LT Brett Stadsklev (Navy, Yokosuka, Japan, son-in-law of Judy and Tom Felber) Please contact the church office to make any changes or additions to this list.

Pastors and Staff

Meet the **Pastor Scott Grorud** Pastor Dave Wollan **Pastor Paul Knudson** Pastor Paulus Pilorim, Visitation Pastor Pastoral Associate Jeff Amundson Rev. K.K. Alavi and Abdul Messiah ~ Missionaries in India Marsha Schmit, Director of Pastoral Care and Evangelism Kristen Durst, Director of Youth and Family Ministry Staff can be reached Laura Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministry by calling the office Austin Willhite, Director of Music and Worship at 320-587-2093 Wendy Magruder, Administrative Assistant or by e-mailing Sara Wegner, Finance Coordinator office@faithlc.com. **Owen Weikle, Custodial Services Coordinator** Erika Smith, Nursery Attendant **TV Broadcast Radio Broadcast** Find us on the Web Pre-Recorded: Live: Channel 7 Sundays at 8 a.m. @ FaithLC.com **KDUZ 1260 AM Pre-Recorded:** Sundays at 8 a.m. Nuvera Ch. 10 and Mediacom Ch. 8

Sundays at 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Tuesdays at 5 p.m. Thursdays at 10 p.m.

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- *Please sign the welcome pads* located at the end of the pew in the sanctuary or the ٠ clipboards 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 ٠ Schmit at 587-2093.
- Thank you for turning off your cell phones during worship.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be served at the First Word and Sanctuary services the first and second Sunday of each month and in the Foundation services on the third and fourth Sundays.

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.

