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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) The Prophesied Christ—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? Meeting this Sunday, in the office conference room.

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Free Community Meal

The December Free Meal will be served by the Faith Singers today, December 3, from 4-6 p.m. in the Faith Center. The menu includes Swedish meatballs, potatoes with gravy, a vegetable, Jello, a dessert, and beverages. Bring a friend and come in for a warm and delicious supper.

Sunday, December 3, 2023

Thanksgiving Attendance

Eve: 157 Day: 103

Last Sunday Worship Attendance

First Word - 105 Sanctuary - 126 Foundation - 103

Advent Attendance

Wednesday: 155



The radio broadcast today was sponsored by Jim and Virginia Brodd in thanksgiving to God for all of His blessings to their family.



The flowers on the pedestal are from Jeff and Shelly Kirchoff in memory of her nephew Drake Eichhof.

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.

Faith Financials

The family of Faith Lutheran is making steady progress on our end-of-year finances! Generous offerings in the last week have reduced the General Fund deficit by over \$18,000.

2023 Offering and Expense Summary

Offerings given to Faith through Nov. 26: \$698,184
Non-offering income through Nov. 26: \$39,966
Total received through Nov. 26: \$738,150

Estimated 2023 total mission commitments: \$914,229

Offerings needed by year's end to break even: \$176,079

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

Seniors' Potluck

Come to Seniors' Potluck on Thursday, December 14, beginning at 12 noon. After we enjoy our potluck feast we will move into our program which will be "Christmas Carols

From Around the World," with Austin Willhite. Bring your friends and we will sing our hearts out!

Christmas Giving Trees

This year the Congregational Life Team and Faith Lutheran are partnering with Chap Ministries to provide gifts for senior citizens! The trees are in the office gathering space and the gathering area off the Sanctuary. Please take a card from the tree and purchase the gift for a senior in need and return it by Dec. 13.

Thank you!

Please Pray

The Augustana District
Council encourages you, and all district
congregations, to continue to join in prayer for specific sister congregations and
their leaders each month. This week you
are invited to pray for Trinity Lutheran
in Hallock, MN and Trinity Lutheran in
Birchwood, WI.

8:00 First Word

Acolytes: Henry Solie and

Brody Adams

Computer: Judy Flemming

Music: Ronda Eckhart Reader: Megan Piehl Sound: John Olsen

Ushers: Jon Wigen, Jim Fleming, Miley

Heartfelt

Flemming

Video: Janet Meier

10:10 Sanctuary

Acolytes: Isaac Wilke and Aiden Rath

Computer: Jenny Sturges

Music: Ronda Eckhart and Mona Hjerpe

Reader: Scott Glaser Sound: Mark Guggemos Video: Janet Meier

10:10 Foundation

AV: Jeff Krueger

Computer: Derek Durst

Music: Austin Willhite, Leah Kamrath, Andy

Dawkins, and Kevin Elton Reader: Casev Nornes

Augustana District



Advent Services and Fellowship

"The Mystery of the Messiah" is the theme of Faith Lutheran's four mid-week Advent services this year. We are using a series of ancient Advent 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 is the theme hymn each week. Mid-week Advent worship is a renewing, reflective break from the busyness of holiday celebrations. Join us each Wednesday through December 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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 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.



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 f,eel free to reach out to Pastor Scott Grorud or Pastor Dave Wollan. Thank you.



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 almost done. Tickets are on sale for \$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. There are fewer than 15 tickets left for this event!



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

Monday, December 4

Church offices are open

Tuesday, December 5

6 a.m. High School A.P. Theology

9 a.m. Matins

9:15 a.m. Exercise 12 p.m. Lectionary

5:30 p.m. Ringers of Faith

Wednesday, December 6

7 a.m. Morning Prayer on Facebook

7:45 a.m. Great Start

9 a.m. Matins

2:30 p.m. 56er's

3:30 p.m. Kid's Music Club

3:45 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Faith Singers

6:30 p.m. Advent Service

7 p.m. FLYouth night

7:15 p.m. Cookies and Cocoa

Thursday, December 7

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible study

9 a.m. Matins

4 p.m. Caregiver Support group

7 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting

Friday, December 8

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

Saturday, December 9

11 a.m. FLCW Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 10

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

4:30 p.m. Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Book Donation for YWAM

YWAM, a mission supported by FLC, is planning to start a new Bible school in the fall and are looking for the following specific dictionaries and encyclopedias to be donated: Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible (1975/76/78), Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary (2009), International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (1915), Anchor Yale Bible Dictionary (2008), Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary (2014) and the Tyndale Bible Dictionary. Please contact the church office if you have any of these editions to donate.

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 40:1-11,

II Peter3:8-14, and Mark 1:1-8.

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

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

Laura Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministry Austin Willhite, Director of Music and Worship

Wendy Magruder, Administrative Assistant

Sara Wegner, Finance Coordinator

Owen Weikle, Custodial Services Coordinator

Erika Smith, Nursery Attendant



Staff can be reached by calling the office at 320-587-2093 or by e-mailing office@faithlc.com.

TV Broadcast

Live: Channel 7 Sundays at 8 a.m.

Pre-Recorded:

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.

Radio Broadcast Pre-Recorded: KDUZ 1260 AM Sundays at 8 a.m.







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

<u>Holy Communion</u>

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.

