



† <u>Sunday, December 4 ~</u>	9:30 am	Worship / 2nd Sunday of Advent	
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship	
	10:45 am	Sunday School	
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
† <u>Wednesday, December 7 ~</u>	9:00 am	Quilters	
	5:30 pm	Faith in Action	
	6:30 pm	Confirmation	
	7:00 pm	Celebrate the Child - in memory of Helen Eklund	
	7:30 pm	Youth Group	
† <u>Friday, December 9 ~</u>	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl	
† <u>Sunday, December 11 ~</u>	9:30 am	Worship / 3rd Sunday of Advent	
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship	
	10:45 am	Sunday School	
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
	6:30 pm	WOW @ Sandy Nies'	
† <u>Monday, December 12 ~</u>	9:30 am	Prayer Team Meeting	
† <u>Tuesday, December 13 ~</u>	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting at Sue Temte's	
† <u>Wednesday, December 14 ~</u>	10:00 am	Connect Team Meeting	
	5:30 pm	Faith in Action	
	6:30 pm	Confirmation;	
	7:30 pm	Youth Group	
† <u>Friday, December 16 ~</u>		Newsletter Articles Due in Office	
† <u>Sunday, December 18 ~</u>	9:30 am	Worship/4 th Sunday of Advent/Kids' Christmas Program	
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship	
	10:45 am	Sunday School	
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
	5:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting	
† <u>Tuesday, December 20 ~</u>	9:00 am	Quilters	
† <u>Wednesday, December 21 ~</u>		NO Youth Events	
† <u>Friday, December 23 ~</u>	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl	
† <u>Saturday, December 24 ~</u>	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	
	10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	
† <u>Sunday, December 25 ~</u>	9:30 am	Worship	
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship	
† <u>Wednesday, December 28 ~</u>	10:45 am	Local & Global Mission Meeting	
		Newsletter Sent Out	
		NO Youth Events	





Dear Heavenly Father, In our busy preparations at this time of the year, keep us always focused on the real reason we celebrate Christmas. Especially during this season of Advent, you have given us time to reflect on the importance of your love to all people, to know you are giving us hope for the future, a reason to celebrate peace among your people and to accept the joy that only comes through your son, Jesus. How can we not thank you for this holy season of prayer, of song and laughter...and especially for the shining star and an infant's cry.

- Give us a voice that can be heard, hands that can work together for the good of all people, and a heart filled with love and support for one another.
- Draw near to those living with fear or anxiety, grief or illness. Help us hear their cries and show us ways that we can reach out to help them. We lift up all who are on our prayer network. May you surround them with your love, comfort them, and grant healing to their bodies.
- We thank you for the people in our congregation who give of their time by serving you through their gifts and talents. Encourage us all to use our giftedness in ways that will serve others and bring glory to your name. We especially lift in prayer the following each week.
 - The week of December 4 – Joshua, Karleigh, Keighan, Eisaac, Bristol, and Easton Cady; Michael, Marjorie, Claire, and Max Christensen.
 - The week of December 11 – Ross and Leta Christensen; Kristin, Madison, and Ashlyn Cooper; Judy Crace; Ben, Mindy, Alex and Addi DeCoursey.
 - The week of December 18 – Blake, Ashlei, and Rayland Eklund; Clayton and Tonja Eklund; Nick, Breanna, Addisyn, and Amelia Eklund.
 - The week of December 25 – Glenn and Nancy Erickson; Janelle and Asa Erickson; Harley and Tama Exsted; Harvey and Marilyn Exsted.
- Bring laughter and fun into the lives of our children. Be with them as they gather for various youth events and as they share your message of “good news” this advent season.
- Be with all who are involved in our Advent festival. May it be a time of joy and celebration for everyone who attends.
- Fill our church with families and friends as we all come together for our Christmas Eve and Day services. Let our voices sing your praise as we celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus.
- Be with all who will be traveling and away from home over Christmas and the New Year. Bless all families as they gather together. Mend any brokenness within family circles and grant healing and wholeness to lives that have been hurt. Be with those unable to travel, those who can not be with family, and those who are alone and without family. May they, too, feel your presence in their lives.
- Bring our college students safely home over their semester break. Give them a time of rest and relaxation before they return to their studies.
- Help us to see how blessed we are to have the necessities of life. Open our hearts to reach out the people who are hunger and homeless. May we all be a living witness of your love to all people.
- Deepen our faith and give us strength to follow wherever you lead us.

Make us faithful to your Word, so we may bring your life to this waiting world. AMEN

***“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?
Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with
God’s own love and concern.” – Mother Teresa***





“Common Prayer Time” - Every Wednesday
Join with other members each Wednesday by praying from home or at Church.

Don't forget to “Pray with your Directory.”
Each time you pray, lift up individuals/families in the church directory.
God knows their needs...we just need to pray for them.

Anytime you are in need of personal prayer...feel free to seek prayer during communion on Sunday's or you can contact any prayer team member who will pray with you.

The Spirit of Advent

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. We yearn for deliverance from them evils of the world today, not unlike how the Israelite slaves in Egypt cried out from their bitter oppression. It is the cry of all who are experiencing the tyranny of injustice in a world filled with sin, and yet do not lose hope of being delivered by a God who hears their cries and brings deliverance!

Throughout scripture, God revealed that he would not forsake nor leave his people without a true Shepherd. While they looked for a new earthly king, God's revelation of himself in Christ was not at all what they had expected.

Deuteronomy 18:15; 2 Samuel 7:12-14; Psalm 24:9-10; Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 11:1-4a; Isaiah 40:1-5; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Micah 5:2; Malachi 3:1; Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:39-56; Luke 2:1-7; Luke 2:8-20.

As we celebrate Advent, we have the promise that ***the Lord is coming***. So we wait with expectation and with hope. We await God's new work in history, the second Advent, in which he will again reveal himself—bringing peace and justice and righteousness to this broken world. May this Advent season, be one of joyous expectancy as we await the coming of the King.

At Christmas and always, may you be blessed by God's gift of love.

Merry Christmas and may God keep you safe and well.

Ellory Christianson, Diane Gibas, Nancy Hendry, Doc Moss, Carolyn Nutt, Pam Peterson



Children, please cut out and place this prayer in your prayer pillows.
Watch for a new prayer each month.

Children's Prayer Time

Dear God, thank you for giving us this wonderful Christmas season
as we wait for the birth of your son, Jesus. Amen.

Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes - Unapproved

November 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order by president Craig Lemieux at 6 p.m.

Members present were: Rose Marie Nutt, Brianna Heise, Karen Gabriel, Craig Lemieux, Holly Main, Shari Strecker, Pr. Josh Blair, Sue Temte, Doug Halvorson and Diane Gibas

Members absent were: Nancy Hendry and Derek Karels.

Devotions were given by Pr. Josh Blair, continuing with more study and discussion of John 21:1-19.

Doug moved to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Sue. The agenda was accepted.

The secretary's report was accepted with an explanation that an official copy would be kept in the office that contains the account numbers of the bank accounts needed for actions the council took in October. We did not want the numbers in the minutes that would be published, but to be legal, the bank needs minutes with those numbers. Doug made the motion, Karen seconded, the motion passed.

In the treasurer's report it was noted that revenues are down slightly. Once yearly payments of insurance premiums and a large payment for youth ministry were acknowledged showing a deficit for the month of October. Sue made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, Shari seconded the motion and it passed.

Pastor Josh gave his report. We had a discussion about how detailed his report should be. He had another busy month, visiting several members bringing communion to those who are homebound.

He attended the fall youth gathering with approximately 20 of our youth.

He was able to get some time off.

He said he received positive comments regarding All Saints Sunday.

He planned on baking cookies with the youth group the next evening.

He was a little disappointed in the turnout for pumpkin carving, but those who participated had a good time.

He was the only one who showed up to pass out treats for trunk or treat. It was the first time we did that, but he did get 40 to 50 kids and their parents thanked him for offering a safe place to bring their children.

We have about 15 members who are in Arizona for the winter. They have invited him to come to Arizona to give one in-person sermon. Those of us in Minnesota would see the service online as our snowbirds do every Sunday. That is just speculation at this point.

Confirmands were asked about their experience. The consensus seemed to be it was inconsistent as they had several different teachers and it was during covid which made coming together difficult at times. They appreciate meeting as a group now. They also said it is a positive experience being part of the Faith community.

They like adults acknowledging them. They love the youth group. They want to do a mission trip again. Being a part of the church is a positive experience for them.

Under old business:

The youth room painting is on hold for now. There is an order to the work and so this will remain an ongoing item on the agenda.

The personnel committee is updating functions for policies, etc.

The flooring in the education area is tabled.

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We have received a bid from the Haggards for lights in the sanctuary of \$1,392. Shari moved to accept the bid, Rose Marie seconded it. The motion passed.

Doug received \$250 from Thrivent to update the kids' busy bags. Karen and Holly will get the items needed for the bags. A decision will be made in January as to the future of the pray ground in the sanctuary.

Karen gave an update on the confirmation interviews. She said it was fun and she would do it again.

The update on the janitor position was positive.

Under new business:

Dani Powell gave the council a presentation on updating our website. She has good ideas for us. Shari made the motion to move forward with the proposal, Rose Marie seconded the motion, and it passed.

Faith will host the Heartland Conference on December 15. We will serve lunch for the pastors who come, 25 to 30 people.

Potluck fatigue was discussed. It was decided we would limit the number of potlucks in the future.

Two of our handicap pews will be placed in the sanctuary farther forward to make it easier for members and visitors to participate in worship.

Ministry team coordinators were assigned. Karen will take over the local and global missions team. Diane will move to the prayer committee. Nancy will remain on the worship and music team; Sue and Rose on the connect team; Derek, Shari, Holly, and Brianna on youth; Doug finance and stewardship; Craig and Doug building and property and Shari on memorial.

Christmas Eve services will be held at 5 and 10 p.m. Christmas Day service will be held at 9:30 a.m. If there are very few in attendance it may be held in the Fellowship Hall, an informal service.

The December meeting will be moved up one week to Dec. 13, at 6 p.m. because of Christmas. It will be held at Sue's home. We will each bring a dish to share.

Christmas gifts were discussed. Sue made the motion which Rose seconded to purchased Christmas gifts.

Doug moved and Rose seconded the motion to spend \$200 for the couple at McQuoids in appreciation for all they have done to help our church this past year.

We were asked to consider a long-term goal for the church to possibly purchase a van to get youth to various events.

The connect committee reminded all of the Advent Festival Sunday Nov. 27 following church. A potluck lunch will be held in addition to making wreaths.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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faith*



Celebrate the Child

A Service of Characters and Carols



written by Curt Cloninger performed by Jonathan Swenson

In Memory of Helen Eklund

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 7:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, Isle



and

suddenly

there was with

the **ANGEL**

a multitude of
the heavenly host,

praising **GOD**

and saying

Glory to God

in the highest, and on earth,
peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2

13-14



Save your receipts from Teals and bring them to church. Teals donates 1% back to our Youth Group. On average, we receive an annual check of approximately \$1,000.00.



Thank you, Teals!



November 6	\$3,641.98
November 13	\$2,562.00
November 20	\$2,465.75

Ruby's Pantry

The 1st Monday of each month at
Onamia Lion's Community Center,
806 West Kathio St, Onamia.
10:30—Noon ... call 532-3366 for questions.
For a \$25.00 cash donation, you will receive
an abundance of grocery items.



Food Shelves

Isle - Old Fire Hall, across from Post Office
Must be resident of Isle School District
1st Tuesday of the month 4 pm - 6 pm
4th Tuesday of the month 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm



Birthdays

12/01	Ella Peterson	12/27	Nancy Erickson
12/02	Ross Christensen	12/28	Rylan Heise
12/03	Harley Exsted	12/28	Aidan Heise
12/03	Isaac Robertson	12/28	Dylan Heise
12/07	Brianna Heise	12/28	Keith Chilstrom
12/11	Arleen Nagel	12/29	Kent Fjerstad
12/12	Blake Larson	12/29	Kris Thompson
12/18	Noah Johnson	12/30	Mark Haggberg
12/18	Averie Hunziker	12/30	Donna Moore
12/22	Kieth Severson		
12/24	Michele Haggberg		

December Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries

12/01	Denny & Bev Lemm
12/09	Brandon & Jennifer Larson
12/13	Anthony & Abigail Haglund
12/16	Tom & Diane Gibas
12/29	Rocky & Jo DeFeyter



Please let the office know if we have missed or
incorrectly listed your birthday or anniversary.



Greetings from Barb, Carolyn, and Marlene. We are the official schedulers for servers at Faith!

Now that we have our new Pastor and worship is back into full swing, we figured we had better get busy, too!

Notices will go out each month, please look to see what tasks you have been assigned for the quarter. If by some chance you are unable to work on that Sunday, please help by trading with someone else on the list (contact numbers are in your directory). That will make our Sunday's run ever so smoothly.

It's like a family; when we all share in the responsibilities, it makes life so easy! Thank you for serving.

SEE NEXT PAGE for DECEMBER Servers!

**If you find that you are unable to fulfill the task on your given Sunday,
please find someone to take your place and let the office know as soon as possible!!**

SERVERS for Worship December 2022

Scripture Readers:

December 4 - Barb Magnan
 December 11 - Barb Magnan
 December 18 - Judy Halvorson
 December 24 - 5:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
10:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
 December 25 - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Ushers:

December 4 - Mark & Lori Menke
 December 11 - Mark & Lori Menke
 December 18 - Doc Moss
Larry Nutt
 December 24 - 5:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
10:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
5:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
10:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
 December 25 - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Greeters:

December 4 - Ronda Bjornson
Holly Main, Mary, Ivan
 December 11 - Tom & Carol Kuelbs
 December 18 - Tom & Carol Kuelbs
 December 24 - 5:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
10:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
5:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
10:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
 December 25 - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Prayer Station:

December 4 - _____
 December 11 - _____
 December 18 - _____
 December 24 - 5:00 pm
10:00 pm
 December 25 - _____

Acolytes:

December 4 - Tristan Schweich, Ethan
 December 11 - Ethan Borg, Blake Larson
 December 18 - Parker Gesell
 December 24 - 5:00 pm Blake Karels
10:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
 December 25 - Hunter Lemm

Communion Prep Team:

December 4 - _____
 December 11 - _____
 December 18 - _____
 December 24 - 5:00 pm
10:00 pm
 December 25 - _____

Communion Assistants:

December 4 - Curt & Di Miller
 December 11 - Tom & Carol Kuelbs
 December 18 - Doc Moss
Larry Nutt
 December 24 - 5:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
10:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
5:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
10:00 pm VOLUNTEER NEEDED
 December 25 - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Coffee Servers:

December 4 - Mark & Lori Menke
Denny & Bev Lemm
 December 11 - Bob & Kristi Pedersen
 December 18 - Rod & Pam Peterson
James & Maggie Rens
 December 25 - Potluck Brunch

Thank You for Serving!

December 2022

Faith Lutheran Church, Holidays In United States

Dec 2022 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Advent 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Advent 10:30am - Potluck 10:45am - NO Sunday 5pm - Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Youth Group	1 2pm - Yoga	2	3 9am - AA Big Book
4 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 10:45am - Sunday School 5pm - Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7 9am - Quilters 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA 6:30pm - Confirmation 7pm - Celebrate the Child 7:30pm - Youth Group	8 2pm - Yoga	9 10am - Prayer Shawl	10 9am - AA Big Book
11 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 10:45am - Sunday School 5pm - Choir Rehearsal	12 1pm - Garden Club 6:30pm - WOW	13 9:30am - Prayer Team 6pm - Council Meeting	14 10am - Connect Team 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Youth Group	15 2pm - Yoga	16 Newsletter Articles DUE IN	17 9am - AA Big Book
18 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 10:45am - Sunday School	19	20 5pm - Worship Team	21 NO YOUTH EVENTS 9am - Quilters 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - NO FIA 6:30pm - NO 7:30pm - NO Youth Group	22 2pm - Yoga	23 10am - Prayer Shawl	24 Christmas Eve 9am - AA Big Book
25 Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 10:45am - NO Sunday	26 Christmas Day	27	28 NO YOUTH EVENTS Newsletter sent OUT 10am - Gather to Pray 10:45am - Local & Global 5:30pm - NO FIA 6:30pm - NO 7:30pm - NO Youth Group	29 2pm - Yoga	30	31 New Year's Eve 9am - AA Big Book



Please call the office at (320) 676-3161 or email yougotfaith@frontier.com with any changes in your contact information.

[Click Here for December 2022 Calendar](#)

Merry Christmas

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am–2:00pm
 Monday & Friday - Closed
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 PO Box 71, Isle, MN 56342
 Website: www.faithisle.org
 E-mail: yougotfaith@frontier.com
 Josh Blair, Pastor (951) 575-5027
 Craig Lemieux, Council President

Faith Lutheran now has online giving set up. It can be accessed by going to www.faithisle.org or click or scan the following QR with your smartphone.

Click this →

