

✝ <u>Wednesday, December 1</u> ~	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:30-7:00 pm	Quilters—Anyone is invited to join! Gather to Pray Faith In Action
✝ <u>Sunday, December 5</u> ~	9:30 am 10:15 am 10:30-11:15 am 5:00-6:00 pm	Worship / 2 nd Sunday of Advent Coffee Fellowship Christmas Program Practice Choir Rehearsal
✝ <u>Wednesday, December 8</u> ~	10:00 am 3:30 pm 5:30-7:00 pm 6:00-7:30 pm	Gather to Pray Praise Team Practice Faith In Action Confirmation
✝ <u>Thursday, December 9</u> ~	10:00 am	Caring Ministry
✝ <u>Friday December 10</u> ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
✝ <u>Saturday, December 11</u> ~	1:00 pm	“Celebrate the Child” play at Faith in memory of Helen Eklund
✝ <u>Sunday, December 12</u> ~	9:30 am 10:15 am 5:00-6:00 pm	Worship / Kids’ Christmas Program / 3 rd Sunday of Advent Coffee Fellowship NO Sunday School Choir Rehearsal
✝ <u>Monday, December 13</u> ~	6:30 pm	WOW @ Sandy Nies’
✝ <u>Tuesday, December 14</u> ~	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Team Meeting Worship Ministry Meeting Church Council Meeting
✝ <u>Wednesday, December 15</u> ~	9:00 am 10:00 am 3:30 pm 5:30-7:00 pm 6:00-7:30 pm	Quilters—Anyone is invited to join! Gather to Pray Praise Team Practice Faith in Action - Christmas Caroling Confirmation - Christmas Caroling or Lesson
✝ <u>Friday December 17</u> ~		Newsletter Articles Due in Office
✝ <u>Sunday, December 19</u> ~	9:30 am 10:15 am 10:30-11:15 am	Worship / 4 th Sunday of Advent Coffee Fellowship Sunday School
✝ <u>Monday, December 20</u> ~	7:00 pm	Men of Faith
✝ <u>Wednesday, December 22</u> ~	10:00 am 3:30 pm	Gather to Pray Praise Team Practice NO Faith In Action / NO Confirmation Newsletter Sent Out
✝ <u>Friday, December 24</u> ~	5:00 pm 10:00 pm	Contemporary Christmas Eve Service Traditional Christmas Eve Service
✝ <u>Sunday, December 26</u> ~	9:30 am 10:15 am	Worship / 1 st Sunday of Christmas Coffee Fellowship
✝ <u>Wednesday, December 29</u> ~	10:00 am	Gather to Pray NO Faith In Action / NO Confirmation



My dear friends in Christ,

On August 8, 2021 my wife, Karen, and I were looking for a new church before we moved into our house in Wahkon. As I was driving to Trinity Lutheran, Karen told me I was going the wrong way. Faith Lutheran was just through town off of 27. Of course I listened to her. As we walked through the doors of Faith Lutheran, we were welcomed by everyone standing in the Narthex. After the service, we went into the fellowship hall and were invited to sit at a table with a group of members. It was warm, inviting, open, accepting just in the hour we were there. On the way home we felt we had found our new church. How right we were.

October 1 found us moving into our house and becoming regulars at Sunday service. Choir, Praise Band, and book club allowed us to meet more friends. Now on December 1, God has called and led me to become a Synod Appointed Minister for Faith Lutheran if the church council accepts the appointment by the bishop. I am humbled that God has placed me here to be with you until a full-time pastor is found. "God things" are all around us and this is truly a God thing. My door is always open as I am here to minister to you.

In His name we pray, and in His name we play,

Rick Gabriel
SAM (Synod Appointed Minister)

GOD is
SO GOOD!



Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes
November 16, 2021

The November 16, 2021 meeting of the Faith Lutheran Church Council was called to order by P resident Mark Menke. Members present were Nancy Hendry, Derek Karels, Doug Halvorson, Rose Marie Nutt, Shari Strecker, Mark Menke and Diane Gibas. Absent were Maggie Rems, Craig Lemieux and Sue Temte.

Diane gave devotions.

Two items under old business were added to the agenda, the Bob and Pauline Johnson Scholarship and visiting members of our congregation who are having difficulty getting out. Rose Marie made the motion to accept the agenda with modifications, Shari seconded the motion. The agenda was accepted.

Doug moved to accept the secretary report from the October meeting. Shari seconded to motion. The minutes were accepted.

Mark gave a short report on the call committee. Basically, nothing is happening. Mark talked to Deacon Brenda at the Synod, and he said he does believe there is a pastor out there who wants to come to Faith, but he or she doesn't know it yet. However, the right person will come along. Doug suggested we be more proactive in reaching out to the community of clergy. There was a discussion regarding that action.

Doug gave the treasurer report. With just two months into the fiscal year, the church is in a positive financial situation. He said we are a healthy church. Rose Marie made a motion to accept the financial report, Nancy seconded. The motion passed.

The worship and music team has set the schedule through December. On Christmas Eve we will have two services at 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. All sacraments have been blessed by Pr. James of Bethesda. Deacon Brenda has given her OK on that action.

Mark gave an update on the door situation. He has called the man who will install the doors, but Mark was not able to talk to him. He will try again to reach him and find out when the new door will be here. It is ordered. The church has received about \$5,000 to help cover the cost of the new door.

Mark gave a report on a dishwasher. A commercial grade dishwasher can cost as low as \$2000 to an unlimited high cost. He said a \$2000 dishwasher is good, but who knows when we could get it. Mark will go to Princeton to a business that deals with appliances for commercial kitchens and see what they have on hand. The business will also do installation. He still needs to talk to the heads of our work committees to get their input.

The appropriate officers need to sign forms at the bank before the next meeting.

Doug gave a background of the Bob and Pauline Johnson scholarship which was set up by Bob and Pauline's family. There is about \$20,000 in the fund. Faith was in charge of the choosing a recipient of the scholarship which was to be given to an Isle High School graduate who was planning to attend a four year college and go into a teaching career. There were to be five people on the scholarship committee: two community members, two retired teachers and the pastor at Faith. There is also another Bob and Pauline Johnson Scholarship which has been combined with the Carly Bruske Scholarship for anyone attending a post-secondary school for any career choice. There was discussion about combining the three scholarships. The issue was tabled until we are able to talk to the family and learn their feelings on the situation.

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The prayer committee will look into revamping the time and talent sign-up sheets in an attempt to address the need for visitation of people who are unable to get out. Shari made the motion and Doug seconded to give this project to the prayer committee.

Jim Crisp recently passed away. He provided the flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday services. The cost of flowers has now doubled. We can have silk flowers to be used on a regular basis for the present time. Anyone who wants to have fresh flowers for a special occasion can purchase them on their own. Nancy made the motion, seconded by Doug to purchase silk flowers. The motion passed.

The confirmation dinner will be held Nov. 27. Confirmation will be held Nov. 28 when two will be confirmed.

The worship schedule was given. Byron Menke will lead worship on Nov. 28; Rick Gabriel will lead on Dec. 5; Byron, Dec. 12; Rick, Dec. 19; Christmas Eve, Byron 5 p.m., Rick 10 p.m.; Dec. 26 will have a service of Christmas carols.

The Thanksgiving ecumenical service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 23 at the Isle Baptist Church.

Ministry team reports include:

* Worship and music concluded the entire lectionary will be read during each worship service.

Those who are able will stand for the first hymn.

The prayer team is purchasing Advent booklets and calendars for children and adults.

The connect committee did not meet, but they are planning the Advent festival to be held Nov. 28.

A potluck lunch will be held. Mark will get the Christmas tree for the sanctuary the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Stewardship committee sent a letter to the congregation regarding the doors.

The next meeting will be held one week early on the second Tuesday, Dec. 14, as the 21st is too close to Christmas.

Maggie will have devotions.

The meeting was adjourned.



WELCOME to FAITH

On October 16, 2021, we welcomed TEN new members to Faith Lutheran Church.

Samantha Christle, Aaron Bitzan, Ivan Bitzan

Jim Crisp

Rick and Karen Gabriel

Craig and Jane Lemieux

John and Jennifer Wegner

****CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!!**

If you are planning to purchase a Poinsettia to adorn the Sanctuary this Christmas season, the time has come to place your order.

We have pre-ordered 8 white and 16 red, so be sure to get your order in right away before they are all spoken for. The cost will be \$16.00, with no tax when purchased through the church. Again, the colors to choose from are: Red or White.

Please leave this order form along with your check in the offering plate, or on the desk in the office. This may also be mailed to the church at your convenience. You may also phone the church office with your order, but Kristi will not be doing any follow-up reminder calling this year!

Please make checks out to Faith Lutheran Church. If you are bringing your own flower, please have it to church by 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 22.

Thank you in advance for sharing!!

Poinsettia - \$16.00

quantity

Red _____

White _____

Total Due _____

Your Name: _____

Flowers given in Memory/Honor of: (please circ



Christmas Volunteering

Please feel free to donate some time to worship service on Christmas Eve.

Volunteers needed for the 5:00 pm & 10:00 pm services.



Scripture Reader:

5pm -
10pm -

Communion Assts:

5pm-
5pm-
10pm-
10pm-

Acolytes:

5pm- Hunter Lemm
10pm- Payden Hanson

Greeters:

5pm -
10pm -

Ushers:

5pm -
10pm -



Dear Heavenly Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, the one whom you sent to help us navigate through this life, to save us from the sins of this world, and to bring us into life everlasting. During this season of advent, help us to close the door of hate and open the door of love. Let us show kindness in what we say and in what we do for your people and for all creation.

- We thank you for the people of this congregation who give of their time by serving you through their gifts and talents. Encourage all of us to use our giftedness in ways that will serve others and bring glory to your name.
- Draw near to those living with fear or anxiety, grief or illness. Hear their cries for help and move us to reach out to them. We lift up all who are on our prayer network. Grant healing, comfort and peace to all your people.
- Continue to be with our call committee. Grant us patience and understanding as we await the right individual to lead and guide this congregation. We thank all our volunteers that give so much of their time to make Advent and Christmas meaningful and special.
- We ask your blessings on our newly confirmed members. May they continue to grow and be nurtured in this faith community. Be with them as they begin to assume their roles as full members of the Body of Christ.
- Be with our children as they share your message of “good news” this Advent Season. May we rejoice as the angels did, be grateful like the shepherds, and be open to sharing our wisdom like the wise men.
- Bless our congregation with the certainty that you provide enough for all. Take away worries that keep us from sharing with those who have little and those who have nothing at all. We lift up in prayer all members of this church. We especially pray for the following each week.
 - Week of December 5 – Tyler, Tara, Brody, Ruby, Harvey, and Sophie Soderstrom; Jake, Amanda, Tucker, and Paige Strecker.
 - Week of December 12 – Jake, Jordan, and Everly Swing; Sharee Teachout; Mike and Sue Temte; Glenda Thies. Hayden Thielen.
 - Week of December 19 – Holden, Leah, and Oliver Thielen; Philip and Janine Thielen. Walt, Kris, Luke, Eric, and Jill Thompson.
 - Week of December 26 – Conrad Thomsen; Gayle Ticen; Clint and Beverly Waddell; John and Jennifer Wegner.
- 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 shattered.
- Surround all families who have lost loved ones this past year with your love and peace.

We are so thankful for your gift of Jesus, whom you sent on that first Christmas long ago to be our Savior. Help us to always place our hope in you. Fill us with your joy and make us an instrument of your peace in this world. AMEN

“Gather to Pray” Every Wednesday

***If you are in need of personal prayer...
contact any prayer team member who will pray with you over the phone.***



My Dear Child, if you look for me at Christmas, you won't need a special star, for I am no longer just in Bethlehem. I'm right where you are. You may not be aware of me amidst all your activities and celebrations. You'll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations. But, if you take a moment from your list of things to do and listen to your heart, you will find I'm waiting there for you. You are the one I want to be with...you are the reason that I came. You will find Me in the stillness as I'm whispering your name. Love, Jesus

The Spirit of Advent

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. Don't we all yearn for deliverance from the evils of the world today? Remember how the Israelite slaves in Egypt cried out from their bitter oppression. Does God not hear our cries and the cries of all who are experiencing the tyranny of injustice in a world filled with sin? Of course he hears the cries of his people. We must not lose hope of being delivered by a God who hears the cries of this world and brings deliverance to his people everywhere.

Throughout Scripture, God revealed that he would not leave his people without a true Shepherd. While they expected a new earthly king, their expectations fell far short of God's revelation of himself in Christ.

- *A prophecy of Moses: (Deuteronomy 18:15)
- *A covenant made with David: (2 Samuel 7:12-14) (Psalm 24:9-10)
- *Prophecy of Isaiah: (Isaiah 7:14) (Isaiah 9:6-7)(Isaiah 11:1-4a) (Isaiah 40:1-5)
- *Words of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 23:5-6)
- *Where the Messiah would be born: (Micah 5:2)
- *Words of Malachi: (Malachi 3:1)
- *Annunciation to Mary: (Luke 1:26-38)
- *Angel's words to Joseph: (Matthew 1:18-25)
- *Visit to Elizabeth and the Magnificat: (Luke 1:39-56)
- *Words of the Lord: (Luke 2:1-7) (Luke 2:8-20)



As we celebrate Advent, we have the promise that the Lord is coming. So again with expectation and with hope, we await God's new work in history, the second Advent, in which he will again reveal himself—to bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world. During this Advent season, let it be a joyous expectancy—a time of joy and happiness as we await the coming of the King.



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



The prayer ministry team would like to encourage you 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.

Wishing you a peaceful, joyful and love filled Christmas:
Ellory Christianson, Diane Gibas, Nancy Hendry, Doc Moss, Carolyn Nutt, Mary Sears

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



Children's Prayer Time

Jesus , Don't let us miss you this Christmas. Help us focus our celebration on you and to be thankful you came to love us. AMEN



We have an AED (automated external defibrillator) in the Narthex to the left of the doors leading into the fellowship hall. The next time you are in, you are encouraged to take a moment and see where it is located in case of an emergency. Mark and Becky Bruske maintain it on a regular basis. If you would like to know how to use it, just ask them and they can instruct you on it.

Thank you Mark and Becky for keeping us safe!



THE *Wonder* OF CHRISTMAS



A Note from:
Pam Geiger



Dear Faith Lutheran Family,

Thankyou for remembering and honoring Bob this coming "All Saints Sunday". That is very touching to me! I am unable to attend as I will be attending my home church service in Plymouth, where I sing in the choir.

Enlosed is a check as a memorial to be used for church choir music. Bob loved music, especially choral and organ music.
Your Sister in Christ
Pam Geiger



October 31	\$5,520.00
November 7	\$2,163.00
November 14	\$1,967.00
November 21	\$2,450.00
November 28	\$2,785.00



We would like to say a big Thank You to all of those who volunteer in our Church and in our Community.

We especially want to thank Joan Lundquist and Mary Sears who give many hours of their time at ONE MORE TIME in Isle. Each month Faith Lutheran Church receives a \$50.00+ donation that goes into the Good Samaritan Fund. This donation helps Faith Lutheran Church give to those in need.

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 \$20.00 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



December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

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



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.



We've made it more convenient to sign up to serve at church. Try it out with this link [Faith Server SignUp](#) . Or sign-up sheets will be available at the church or give the office a call.

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 2021

Worship Leaders/Assistants:

December 5 - Rick /
 December 12 - Byron /
 December 19 - Rick /
 December 24 - 5:00 pm Byron /
 10:00 pm Rick /
 December 26 - Nancy - Lessons & Carols

Acolytes:

December 5 - Isaiah Borg/Hunter Lemm
 December 12 - Nevaeh Gesell
 December 19 - Tucker Haggberg
 December 24 - 5:00 pm Hunter Lemm
 10:00 pm Payden Hanson
 December 26 - Dani Larson

Scripture Readers:

December 5 - Diane Gibas
 December 12 -
 December 19 -
 December 24 - 5:00 pm
 10:00 pm
 December 26 -

Communion Prep Team:

December 19 -
 December 24 - 5:00 pm
 10:00 pm

Ushers:

December 5 -
 December 12 - Rod & Pam Peterson
 December 19 -
 December 24 - 5:00 pm
 5:00 pm
 10:00 pm
 10:00 pm
 December 26 -

Communion Assistants:

December 19 -
 December 24 - 5:00 pm
 5:00 pm
 10:00 pm
 10:00 pm

Prayer Station:

December 19 -

Coffee Servers:

December 5 -
 December 12 -
 December 19 -
 December 26 -

Greeters:

December 5 -
 December 12 -
 December 19 -
 December 24 - 5:00 pm
 10:00 pm
 December 26 -

Thank You for Serving!

December 2021

Faith Lutheran Church, Holidays In United States

Dec 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30am - Worship 10:15am - Coffee 10:30am - Advent 10:30am - Kids 6pm - JFK Dance	29	30 4pm - JFK Dance	1 9am - Quilters 10am - Gather to 3:30pm - Praise 5:30pm - FIA	2 2pm - Yoga	3	4 9am - AA Big Book
5 9:30am - Worship 10:15am - Coffee 10:30am - Sunday 5pm - Choir Practice 6pm - JFK Dance	6	7 4pm - JFK Dance	8 10am - Gather to 3:30pm - Praise 5:30pm - FIA 6pm - Confirmation	9 10am - Caring 10am - Our Home 2pm - Yoga	10 10am - Prayer Shawl	11 9am - AA Big Book 1pm - Christ the
12 9:30am - Kids 9:30am - Worship 10:15am - Coffee 5pm - Choir Practice 6pm - JFK Dance	13 1pm - Garden Club 6:30pm - WOW	14 4pm - JFK Dance 5pm - Prayer Team 6pm - Worship Team 7pm - Council	15 9am - Quilters 10am - Gather to 3:30pm - Praise 5:30pm - Caroling 6pm - Confirmation	16 2pm - Yoga	17 Newsletter Articles	18 9am - AA Big Book
19 9:30am - Worship 10:15am - Coffee 10:30am - Sunday 6pm - JFK Dance	20 7pm - Men of Faith	21 4pm - JFK Dance	22 NO FIA - NO Newsletter sent OUT 10am - Gather to 3:30pm - Praise	23 10am - Our Home 2pm - Yoga	24 Christmas Eve Day off for 5pm - Contemporary 10pm - Traditional	25 Christmas Day OFFICE CLOSED 9am - AA Big Book
26 9:30am - Worship 10:15am - Coffee 10:30am - Sunday 6pm - JFK Dance	27	28 4pm - JFK Dance	29 NO FIA - NO 10am - Gather to 3:30pm - Praise	30 2pm - Yoga	31 Day off for New New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED 9am - AA Big Book

[Click Here for December 2021 Calendar](#)

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 →



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