

*United in Faith,
 our mission is to grow in
 Christ and serve others.*

† <u>Wednesday, January 3</u> ~	9:00 am	Quilting NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES
† <u>Friday, January 5</u> ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
† <u>Sunday, January 7</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 am	Sunday School
† <u>Monday, January 8</u> ~	6:30 pm	WOW at Sandy Nies'
† <u>Tuesday, January 9</u> ~	10:00 am	Prayer Team Meeting
† <u>Wednesday, January 10</u> ~	10:00 am	Connect Team Meeting
	5:30 pm	Faith in Action
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:30 pm	Youth Group
† <u>Sunday, January 14</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 am	Sunday School
† <u>Tuesday, January 16</u> ~	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
† <u>Wednesday, January 17</u> ~	9:00 am	Quilting
	5:30 pm	Faith in Action
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:30 pm	Youth Group
† <u>Thursday, January 18</u> ~	4:00 pm	Worship Team Meeting
† <u>Friday, January 19</u> ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Newsletter Articles Due
† <u>Sunday, January 21</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 am	Sunday School
	5:00 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
† <u>Wednesday, January 24</u> ~	5:30 pm	Faith in Action
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:30 pm	Youth Group
† <u>Sunday, January 28</u> ~	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 am	Sunday School
† <u>Wednesday, January 31</u> ~	10:30 am	Local & Global Mission Meeting
	5:30 pm	Faith in Action
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:30 pm	Youth Group



EPIPHANY



Baptism of the Lord

Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes (Unapproved)
December 12, 2023

The treasurer's report was received. Aliesha questioned the trash bill. She requested bids from other local companies but didn't hear back. However she asked and did get our bill lowered by \$25 per month by our current provider. She will also look into our Internet. She stated the revenues are down from last year, and our spending is down from what was budgeted. Doc made the motion to accept the treasurer's report, Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor Josh had a busy month. He attended a conference meeting in Brainerd; met with the Isle Ministerial and the youth works. The Youth will go to Chicago next summer for a mission trip. He booked the hotel and paid a deposit (the first payment for the youth trip). He presided over the Thanksgiving service which was held at Faith this year. He presided over two funerals, visited with members who are homebound, Had time with a mentor, planned services through January, hosted the Synod welcome and affirming forum, attended Synod staff meetings with the possibility of being a supervisor or mentoring of SAMS. The RURAL treasurer resigned and he was asked to assume that position. The furnace, electrical and dishwasher issues have been taken care of. He met with a few visitors and community members who are interested in joining Faith. He is all ready for Christmas. He noted Kristi is requesting vacation Dec. 25, 2023 through Jan. 1, 2024, which the council agreed to. The church office will be closed that week. A house keeping item referring to his housing allowance was dealt with and after a motion by Nancy, seconded by Doc the item was approved. Pastor gave a list of his reading material.

Old business:

* The second office position was discussed. Rose Marie made the motion to hire Danny Powell as the position was posted. Tim seconded the motion. Six voted yes, three no and two abstained. The motion passed.

Under new business:

A Stewart sound bid was received for \$2,868.69 for high definition PTZ video camera and the items needed for installation and operation. Memorial has funds designated for this purchase. It is not a budget item. Kortney made the motion to move forward with the purchase, seconded by Rose. The motion passed.

A wish list was discussed for items that will be needed in the future including new tables to replace some in poor condition and the narthex lights.

Ministry teams gave their reports:

Nancy said worship and music have met and planned services.

Prayer team met and discussed keeping our prayer life enlivened.

Global and local missions: Karen recorded 420 volunteer hours in the 60 for 60 campaign.

Children, youth, family and education - Kortney reported receiving \$920 from Teals for the receipts people have turned into the church. She also said 24 kids have signed up for the mission trip to Chicago.

The next regular meeting will be Jan. 16, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Diane will give devotions. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Craig made the motion, seconded by Sue to adjourn the meeting.

We Pray for:

Advent Festival & Potluck, December 3

Christmas Program, December 20

Christmas Eve, December 24,

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

*WOW Tea and Bible Study at Sue Lyback,
Monday, December 11, 6:30 pm*

FIA - Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m.

Confirmation - Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

Youth Group - Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

60 for 60 - 60 Gifts

9:30 Worship

Sunday Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School

Church Council

Building & Property

Youth, Family, Children, & Education Ministry

Connect Ministry Team

Faith in Action

Finance/Human Resources

Local & Global Missions

Praise Team

Prayer Ministry Team

Prayer Shawl

Quilting

Stewardship Ministry Team

WELCA

Worship & Music Ministry Team

Youth Group

“Common Prayer Time”

Every Wednesday - pray from home or at Church

“Pray with your directory”

Lift up individuals/families in the church directory each time you pray.

“Personal Prayer”

Need of personal prayer: Seek prayer during communion on Sunday's or contact any prayer team member who will pray with you.



Spice up your Prayer Life...

An Oath - between God and You

God gave us a promise and an oath, sworn by himself, and sealed through the death and resurrection of Christ, that he would never leave us. He would always be with us in all situations and circumstances. And, he wants us to trust him and to be completely confident that whatever struggles we have in life, he is the one holding our future in his hands. Sometimes our burdens will overwhelm us. Sometimes we may have difficulty speaking for ourselves. Sometimes we need the prayers of others to help us get through those difficult times.

There are some people who embrace the motto, “God is my oath”, which serves as a constant reminder to honoring God’s will and living a righteous life. It is their compass, guiding them towards a life filled with faith, devotion, and unwavering dedication.

This month, we have a printed oath and a small wooden cross for each of you. Hold the cross in your hand whenever you are relaxing, as you pray and when you read scripture. Let the cross be a reminder of how much you are loved by God. The oath is an opportunity for you to make a simple commitment with God...that with his presence in your life, you will take time to listen when he calls and to be open to doing what he asks of you.

As January, marks the beginning of a new year, it is also an opportunity to begin putting your oath into practice. Before putting away all your Christmas cards and newsletters you received from family and friends, place them in a basket. Each day, during the month of January, take a card or two from the stack and spend some time thinking of the individual(s) who sent you the card, and how they came into your life. Remember the special memories you have with them. Then, take time to pray for this individual or family, lifting up any specific praises or special needs they might have. Let God speak to you and guide your prayers in ways that you can have an impact on their lives.

Listen to **GOD**
in the *silence* of
your heart and you
will *know* His
perfect plans
for *you*.

Children’s Prayer Time

Dear God, bless my parents, teachers, and all those who love and care for me. In this new year, give me strength to always be truthful, honest, kind, and helpful to others. AMEN





Dear Heavenly Father, you have been the constant in our lives through every change and transition we have had to make. As we enter this new year, continue to be with us, guiding and helping us along our life path. Help us release whatever grudges, anger and pains we have so we can live each day in the most loving ways. Make us willing to serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed. Help us bring light to the darkness in this world and give us the wisdom to discern what is right from wrong and to know that which is true. Continually remind us that we are all your children and we need to be open to embrace everyone, and discriminate against no one. Through it all, may we keep you in our hearts and praise you name ever day.

- We continue to ask for peace in our own lives and peace throughout the world. Guide those in power to make the right decisions to stop wars, fighting, massive devastations, loss of livelihood, homes and lives. Bring an end to the hatred that causes harm to our brothers and sisters here in the states and throughout the world.
- Aging and life transitions bring changes to our lives. Be with all who struggle physically to live on their own. Bring peace to those who are having to transition to a new place. Help them adjust to their new environment.
- As our students return to school, give them a new outlook on life. Make them eager to learn, to serve when needed, and to make a difference in the lives of other students. Help them be ambassadors of your love to everyone.
- We have had so many from our Faith family as well as friends and neighbors who have lost their lives to accidents, illness, and age. While we celebrate that you have welcomed them home, we ask that you be with all of us who mourn their loss and miss their presence among us.
- You have gathered us together as members of this church and we know that you have great plans for all of us. We ask your presence in our lives as we support and pray for one another. In January we especially pray for:
 - Week of January 7–Brad, Melissa, Noah, and Caleb Johnson; Donna Johnson; Shaun, Katie, Graham, Dawson, and Gwendolyn Joy.
 - Week of January 14 –Bryan and Diana Karels; Dale Karels; Derek, Lacy, Lucas, and Blake Karels.
 - Week of January 21 – Roland (Butch) and Leslie Karg; Randi Kautz; Joyce Kloncz; Tom and Carol Kuelbs.
 - Week of January 28 – Ryan, Natasha, Brodie, Ryah, Maverick, and Myles Kuhlman; Alex, Blair, Louise, and Letty Larson.
- We have put in place many ministry activities and we need the support of all of our members to make it possible. Make us willing to help when needed and to give of our time to make them successful. We look forward to a ministry filled year where all can participate.
- We lift in prayer all who are on our prayer network. Surround them with your love, comfort them, and bring them hope and healing.
- We need each other for support and comfort. Be with all who are homebound and unable to get around. The cold, snowy and long dark days of winter make it harder to get out, to visit and socialize with each other. Help us to do what we can to be your light in their world.

Fill our year with peace and love. Shower us with your blessings of a healthy and peaceful new year. AMEN

“What you are is God’s gift to you,
what you become is your gift to God.”

—Hans urs von Balthasar.



**Blessings: Ellory Christianson, Diane Gibas, Nancy Hendry,
Dave Morneau, Doc Moss, Carolyn Nutt, Pam Peterson, Mary Sears**

NOTE: Prayer shawls are available in the Chapel.
Please take and give away to anyone whom you feel is in need of prayer.
We ask that you record in the Shawl book, the date and to whom the shawl is given.
(This helps to not deliver multiple shawls to the same individual.)

Dear Faith Church Family,

As you know, on September 10, we celebrated our 60th anniversary. To celebrate our blessings, the Local and Global Missions team has put together a list of items to collect throughout the year - 60 items per month to represent our 60 years.

Thank you for being generous with your gift-giving! During the month of December, we gave 71 gifts. These include gifts to Isle School kids and families, Toys for Tots, cash donations to Feed My Starving Children, Salvation Army, local churches and others.

During January, we will be collecting socks and gloves/mittens. We need all sizes from small children's hands to large adult hands and all sizes in between. This is a really good reminder that we are the hands and feet of Jesus as we care for the hands and feet of our neighbors. Socks and gloves/mittens will be donated to local organizations that connect with people in need.

Please place socks and gloves/mittens in the box in the narthex. Our goal is at least 60 pairs of socks, gloves/mittens.

For those of you who like to look for sales or for the snowbirds who want to buy ahead, here is the list for the year. We will provide details as we introduce the new item each month.

September	Snacks for school 549 items
October	Cash or food for Isle Food Shelf \$790 and 203 items
November	Community volunteer service 470 recorded volunteer hours
December	Gifts - Isle school, ELCA, Toys for Tots, charitable donations, 71 gifts
January	Socks and gloves
February	Blankets
March	Winter jackets (find sale items for next year)
April	Baby needs/items (diapers, formula)
May	60 hours of community volunteer service
June	Hygiene items and laundry soap
July	School supplies
August	Water bottles for school kids

Thanking God for our blessings and thanking you for your generosity,
Local and Global Missions Team

Bev Severson
Diane Gibas
Karen Gabriel
Nancy Hendry



Located on Lake Shakopee, Camp Onomia provides a year-round experience where all people are welcome to encounter Christ through Creation and Community

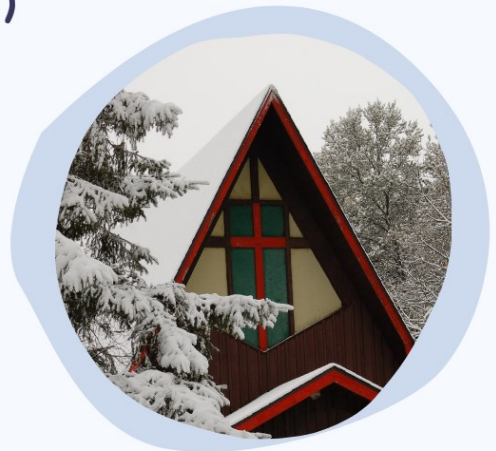


PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
YEAR-ROUND EVENTS



- **NOVEMBER 3RD-5TH: WOMEN'S REFRESH (A WEEKEND AWAY JUST FOR THE LADIES)**
- **DECEMBER 9TH-10TH: PLUNGE (HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT)**

- **JANUARY 12TH-14TH: MEN'S RETREAT (A WEEKEND AWAY JUST FOR THE GUYS)**
- **JANUARY 26TH-28TH: ELEMENTARY CHILL (GRADES 3-6 RETREAT)**



- **FEBRUARY 23RD-25TH: MIDDLE SCHOOL BLAST! (GRADES 6-9 RETREAT)**
- **MARCH TBD: BIBLE & BREW (BREWS AND BIBLE TALKS WITH THE BISHOP)**
- **APRIL 8TH-9TH: CHURCH OFFICE WORKERS RETREAT**



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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 who gives many hours of her time at

ONE MORE TIME in Isle. Each month Faith Lutheran Church receives a donation that goes into the Good Samaritan Fund.

This donation helps Faith Lutheran Church give to those in need.



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!



December 3	\$2,966.01
December 10	\$2,317.00
December 17	\$5,365.00
December 24	\$3,966.30
December 31	\$2,600.00



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



January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1/01	Elsie Samuelson	1/20	Holly Jablonski
1/03	Aleia Haggberg	1/21	Emma Haggberg
1/08	Janelle Erickson	1/21	Bryan Heise
1/09	Lucas Karels	1/23	Jennifer Wegner
1/10	Craig Lemieux	1/24	Harvey Exsted
1/14	John Wegner	1/27	Daniel Miller
1/15	Laurie Richards	1/29	Kayden Pedersen
1/15	Katie Joy	1/30	Emily Miller
1/19	Macie Hunziker	1/31	Ryah Kuhlman
1/19	Bob Pedersen		



Anniversaries

1/20 David & Rose Marie Nutt



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

January 2024

Faith Lutheran Church , Holidays in United States

Jan 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 NO Sunday School New Year's Eve 9:30am - Lessons & 10:30am - Coffee	1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED	2 Newsletter Sent Out	3 NO Youth Activities 9am - Quilting 10am - Gather to Pray	4	5 10am - Prayer Shawl	6 9am - AA Big Book
7 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 10:30am - Sunday School	8 1pm - Garden Club 6:30pm - WOW	9 10am - Prayer Team	10 10am - Connect Team 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA @ Faith 6:30pm - Confirmation @ 7:30pm - Youth Group	11	12	13 9am - AA Big Book
14 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 10:30am - Sunday School	15 Martin Luther King Jr.	16 5pm - Worship Team 6pm - Council Meeting	17 9am - Quilting 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA @ Faith 6:30pm - Confirmation @ 7:30pm - Youth Group	18	19 Newsletter Articles Due In 10am - Prayer Shawl	20 9am - AA Big Book
21 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 10:30am - Sunday School	22 3:30pm - Local & Global	23	24 Newsletter Sent Out 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA @ Faith 6:30pm - Confirmation @ 7:30pm - Youth Group	25	26	27 9am - AA Big Book
28 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 10:30am - Sunday School	29	30	31 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA @ Faith 6:30pm - Confirmation @ 7:30pm - Youth Group	1 First Day of Black History	2 10am - Prayer Shawl	3 9am - AA Big Book

[Click Here for January 2024 Calendar](#)



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

Have A Blessed New Year!

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am–2:00pm
Monday & Friday - Closed
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