

† <u>Sunday, January 1 ~</u>	9:30 am	Worship / New Year's Day
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
† <u>Wednesday, January 4 ~</u>	9:00 am	Quilters
		NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES
† <u>Friday, January 6 ~</u>	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
† <u>Sunday, January 8 ~</u>	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
† <u>Monday, January 9 ~</u>	4:30 pm	WOW @ Sandy Nies'
† <u>Tuesday, January 10 ~</u>	9:30 am	Prayer Team Meeting
† <u>Wednesday, January 11 ~</u>	10:00 am	Connect Team
	5:30 pm	Faith in Action
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:30 pm	Youth Group
† <u>Sunday, January 15 ~</u>	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
† <u>Tuesday, January 17 ~</u>	5:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting
	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
† <u>Wednesday, January 18 ~</u>	9:00 am	Quilters
	5:30 pm	Faith in Action
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:30 pm	Youth Group
† <u>Friday, January 20 ~</u>	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
		Newsletter Articles Due in Office
† <u>Sunday, January 22 ~</u>	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
† <u>Wednesday, January 25 ~</u>	10:45 am	Local & Global Mission Ministry Meeting
	5:30 pm	Faith in Action
	6:30 pm	Confirmation
	7:30 pm	Youth Group
† <u>Sunday, January 29 ~</u>	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
	5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal



Faith Lutheran Church Council
Unapproved Minutes
December 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by council president Craig Lemieux at approximately 6 p.m. at the home of council member Sue Temte.

Members present were Pr. Josh Blair, Craig Lemieux, Karen Gabriel, Doug Halvorson, Rose Marie Nutt, Sue Temte and Diane Gibas. Members present via zoom: Nancy Hendry and Breanna Heise. Holly Main was present via phone. Absent were Shari Strecker and Derek Karels.

Pr. Josh gave a prayer devotion.

Doug made the motion, seconded by Rose Marie to accept the agenda. The motion passed.

The secretary's report was accepted after a motion by Doug, seconded by Sue.

The treasurer's report was received. Our expenses have been greater than last year because we now have a pastor. It was noted the congregation has been generous when it came to benevolence giving. We have supported local and global ministries, the synod, the holy cow project, world hunger and disaster relief through designated contributions. Pastor Josh gave an update on a question from last month regarding the youth fund. He suggested he would have more information in the future. Karen moved to accept the report, Rose Marie seconded the motion and it passed.

In pastor's report: Pr. Josh visited seven homebound members, he attended sporting games at the high school and the school play to show support for our youth. He met with the synod candidacy committee. He reported the copier has been fixed and it was a complicated situation. He was planning to host a conference of pastors from the Heartland Conference.

Old business:

Pr. Josh gave an update on the youth room. Consideration was given on how we can better use our space. He passed around a map of the church building and the council discussed options such as designating rooms to accommodate needs of groups that require storage space as well as a meeting area. Feed back is needed from those involved. We will not undertake any new projects until the youth room is finished.

The personnel committee information was tabled.

The bid for lights was accepted. Hopefully the project will be done in January as the sanctuary is decorated for Christmas now.

Upgrading of the kids busy bags was reported on. The project is moving forward.

Mike Haggberg has repaired the shorter pew we plan on using for a handicap pew in the sanctuary. It remains a work in progress.

Staff/volunteer Christmas presents were discussed.

New business:

Doug made the motion and Sue seconded to hire Dani Powell to upgrade our webpage with an estimated 50 hours of work at \$40 per hour. A total of \$2,000.

In addition, Doug made the motion to enter into negotiations for an interim digital media specialist for 5 hours a week with Dani Powell as a result of her presentation in November. Karen seconded the motion and it passed. This second motion was out of concern of keeping the website current after we invested in the upgrade.

Pr. Josh brought up the idea of possibly having a worship site set up in the nursing home so members and friends of Faith can worship with us on Sundays. He would like to have a couple of Faith members there who would be willing to bring communion to people who are in attendance. The nursing home would have to be contacted for permission to use a room for the service. Council would like to move forward with this option.

Pastor Josh is due for his six month review. Craig asked for council members to text, email or write down their comments or concerns and get them to him as soon as possible.

Council will meet for a policy writing retreat on Jan. 21 at 10 a.m.

* The prayer committee met earlier in the day at the long term care facility in Onamia. Projects they discussed were prayer shawls, knitted and crocheted prayer squares and inspiration cards, prayer station volunteers, bereavement follow-up, the progress of the directory, and visitation.

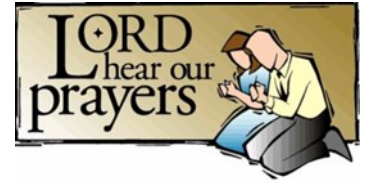
* The children, youth and family committee reported things are going well in Faith in Action. The kids are participating in class. On Feb. 19 a youth Sunday will be held. A pancake breakfast will be served as a fundraiser for the youth. A change in times for Faith in Action for pre-K through 3rd grade children to make the evening easier for the younger children. They would also like to have Sunday school two times a month.

* The building, property and cemetery committee said they realize heating is an issue and they are trying to find a solution. They also said they would take on no more projects until what has been started is finished. However there is an issue with the toilet in the men's bathroom. Karen made the motion to hire a plumber to fix it, seconded by Diane. The motion passed.

Sue made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Diane. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held Jan. 17, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the church.





Dear Heavenly Father, we have just celebrated the birth of your child...your love which showed up as a little baby whom you sent to guide us through this earthly life. As we enter this new year, let us rejoice in all of your creation, in your compassion for all people, and in your justice for this world. Help us to see you in the people all around us and give us forgiving hearts so we might love them as you do. Open our eyes to see that the daily interactions we have with others are opportunities you have placed before us to be a witness of your great love for all mankind.

- Help us hear the cries of those who need our mercy, open our eyes to see the needs of the unfortunate and give us big hearts to extend care where it is needed. We lift up all who are on our prayer network and ask that you surround them with your healing, love and compassion. Comfort family and friends as they grieved the loss of their loved ones this Christmas season.
- We thank you for the leadership within our church, for the work of all our ministry teams and for the spiritual guidance from Pastor Josh. Continue to work in and through all of us to be a living witness of your message.
- Continue to bless our musicians and the variety of their musical talents, the sound and video technicians, and all support staff that help to enrich our worship services.
- Through the baptism of Odin Rodney, you have claimed him as your child. Fill his life with your love and guide his parents and sponsors and this congregation to be faithful witnesses to your many blessings.
- Continue to bless our Faith in Action ministry. Be with our leaders and children as they meet on Wednesdays. May they feel your presence in their lives. We ask that you especially be with our leaders and our K-3rd grade children.
- Let Pastor Josh's messages on global and local missions move each of us to look beyond our own lives. Help us to not only see, but to also act on how we might serve and give out of our abundance, showing mercy for all people whether they are from far away or right here within our own community.
- You have blessed us in so many ways. May we be willing to share our blessings with others. We thank you for every member of our congregation who has helped to make our church a source of faith, love and growth. Each week this month we lift in prayer the following...
 - Week of January 1 – Marilyn Eye; Matt, Sara, and Brody Farrell; Dee Fehlberg; Kent Fjerstad; Betty Fransen; Bill and Karla Fredrick.
 - Week of January 8 – Elaine Freichels; Rick and Karen Gabriel; Pam Geiger; Geoff, Shanessa, Nevaeh, and Parker Gesell.
 - Week of January 15 – Tom and Diane Gibas; Marlene Green; Ron and Pat Gudim; Al and Sue Guster.
 - Week of January 22 – Brady and Aleia Haggberg; Charles (Bubbles) and Phyllis Haggberg; David and Susie Haggberg; Donny Haggberg.
 - Week of January 29 – Dorothy Haggberg; Jeremy, Teagen, Hunter, and Tucker Haggberg; Mark, Dhondra, and Emma Haggberg.
- We have not always done as you have asked and we have broken our promises to you. Help us to always seek you when we are weak and to look to you for guidance in our life.
- Grant protection to all who have to be out in the snow and cold this winter season and be with those who are home bound and unable to get out. Keep us all well and safe.
- Be with our students as they return to school and look to the start of a new semester. May they feel rested, spiritually nourished and prepared for their classes.
- You know our deepest thoughts and needs even when we cannot verbalize them. Give us the comfort and love that only you can give.

Help us to love you above all else. Help us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Help us to show Christ's love in all we say and do. AMEN



“Gather to Pray” Every Wednesday - Join with other members each Wednesday by praying from home or at Church.

***If you should ever need personal prayer...
contact any prayer team member who will pray with you.***

On Sunday mornings, during communion, someone from the prayer team will be available in the narthex if you should need personal prayer.

***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.***

***Prayer shawls are available in the Chapel.
Shawls are available for you to take and give away to anyone whom you feel is in need of prayers. 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.)***

A New Year...A New Beginning

As a new year begins, we tend to look back on life and find we are not happy with the direction our life has taken or we are upset with ourselves because of what we have done or not done. So we look to the new year as a time for a new beginning and a time for a change. We make resolutions, hoping to change our life...only to find our resolutions never last long. And, we wonder why.

So, we begin a new year disappointed in ourselves because of how we are living our life? Of course, we need to stop doing what we are doing, but it is only possible if we relinquish control of our life to the one who knows what is best for us. **This year, let Christ be your resolution!!** Jesus came to give us a new direction in our life and it is with his help and encouragement that change can happen. There is nothing wrong about who we are for in 1 Corinthians 15:10 says, by the grace of God, I am what I am.... It is through God's grace that we each have been wonderfully made, regardless of what we think of ourselves. So, to become the individual God created us to be, why not let Christ be that guiding light in our life this year!! Let him use our lives in ways that we can make a difference in this world.

If we are humble before God, he will fulfill his purpose through our lives.

Blessings in the New Year:

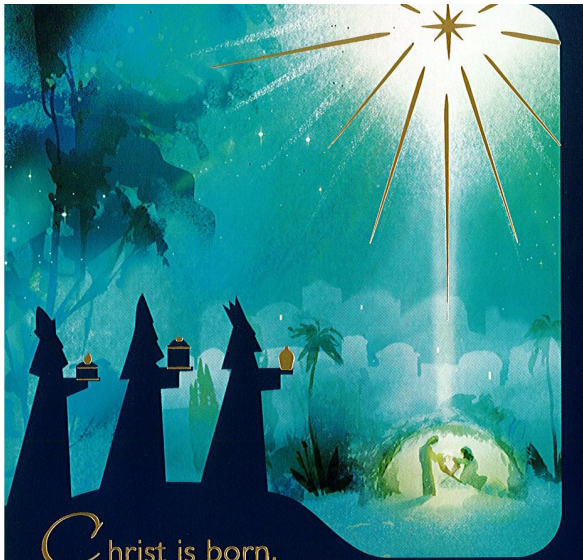
Ellory Christianson, Diane Gibas, Nancy Hendry, Doc Moss, Carolyn Nutt, Pam Peterson

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 being with me when I have to do something that seems impossible. Protect me from those who try to stop me from doing my best for you. Amen.



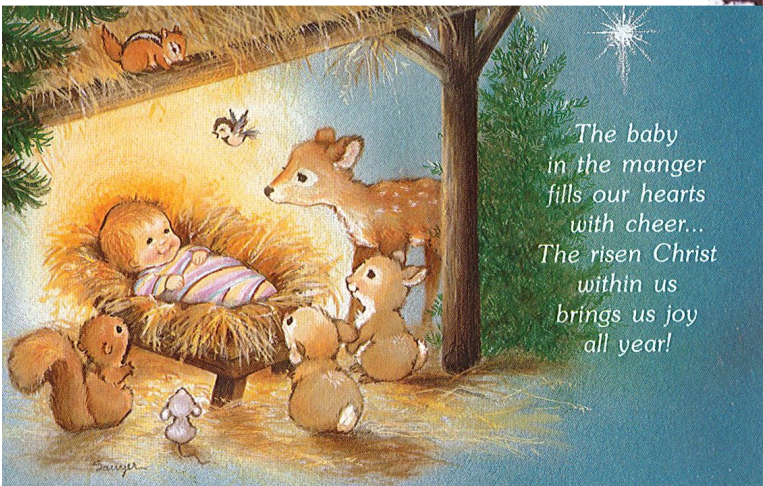
Christ is born,
 the Savior's come,
 peace, good will
 to everyone.
 Spread the news
 that all is well,
 Christ is born,
 Emmanuel.

God bless you
 with His peace and joy
 at Christmas
 and in the coming year.

Christmas Blessings Everyone!

Love & Hugs,
 Sue & Al

We enjoy being with you online for
 Sunday services, but miss being
 there in person - especially at Christmas!



The baby
 in the manger
 fills our hearts
 with cheer...
 The risen Christ
 within us
 brings us joy
 all year!



You are very special to Him—
 and to us!

Have A Blessed Christmas

This Church family is a blessing to
 us. We pray your Christmas this year
 will be filled with hope, peace & love.

Ellory & Bill

"We love Him, because He first loved us."
 1 JOHN 4:19



We would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. It has been a year to remember and we couldn't have done it without all your thoughts and prayers. For that we are very thankful and grateful to all of you.

Steph and Eric are busy with their careers and being mom and dad to our 3 fantastic grandkids. Steph is a high school Math teacher at Pierz HS and in the fall, she is busy coaching volleyball. Eric stays very busy with their family business, Design Electronics, golfing, building furniture for the house. Their three kids keep them hopping! Keagen is 8 and in 3rd grade. He loves golf, baseball, wrestling, basketball, football and fishing. Trinlee is 6 and in 1st grade. She has started golfing and dance and loves art. Amelia is 3 and a big ball of energy.

Eric is staying busy with various medical appointments and PT and OT. When the weekend comes, he tries to get in as much fishing as possible, and Dad loves it too – Eric is his Guide. He also loves to spoil his nephew and nieces!

Jeff and Gerri love spoiling the grandchildren. Jeff is staying busy with Blazetamer and they were very understanding when he needed extended time away. Gerri is lucky to make her own schedule. Out of the last year one thing has become clear – our family has grown stronger and closer. We are so proud of all of them.

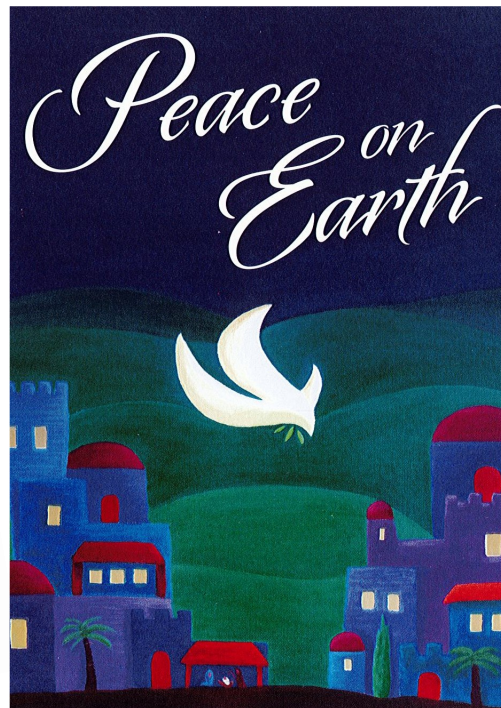
MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jeff and Gerri

May the *peace* of God surround you and your loved ones during this holy season, and may it move us forward — together — with *love* and *grace*.

Merry Christmas,

Elizabeth L. Eaton

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the churchwide organization staff



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.

Teals MARKET



Thank you, Teals!

THANK YOU



November 27	\$2,650.00
December 4	\$2,710.00
December 11	\$2,972.00
December 18	\$3,889.00
December 24/25	\$6,854.00

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



Birthdays

1/01	Elsie Samuelson	1/19	Macie Hunziker
1/02	Marlene Moss	1/19	Bob Pedersen
1/03	Aleia Haggberg	1/20	Holly Jablonski
1/08	Janelle Erickson	1/21	Emma Haggberg
1/09	Lucas Karels	1/21	Bryan Heise
1/10	Teddy Mans	1/22	Linda Dow
1/10	Addisyn DeCoursey	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
		1/31	Betty Lindahl
		1/31	Jo DeFeyter

January Birthdays and Anniversaries



Anniversaries

1/20 David & Rose Marie Nutt



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 JANUARY 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 January 2023

Scripture Readers:

January 1 - Craig Magnan
 January 8 - Craig Magnan
 January 15- Sandy Nies
 January 22 - Barb Magnan
 January 29 - Barb Magnan

Ushers:

January 1 - Heise Family
 January 8 - Conrad Thomsen
Larry Nutt
 January 15- Rod & Pam Peterson
 January 22 - Derek Karels Family
 January 29 - Troy & Michelle Tramm

Greeters:

January 1 - Joan Lundquist
Helen Bland
 January 8 - Holly Main
Mary & Ivan
 January 15- Bruce & Laurie Richards
 January 22 - Nancy Rizer-Schmidt
Dee Berg
 January 29 - Rod & Pam Peterson

Prayer Station:

January 1 - _____
 January 8 - _____
 January 15- Sandy Nies
 January 22 - _____
 January 29 - _____

Acolytes:

January 1 - Tristan S, Aidan H
 January 8 - Ethan B, Dylan H
 January 15- Parker G, Rylan H
 January 22 - Blake K, Blake L
 January 29 - Hunter Lemm

Communion Prep Team:

January 1 - _____
 January 8 - _____
 January 15- _____
 January 22 - _____
 January 29 - _____

Communion Assistants:

January 1 - Craig & Barb Magnan
 January 8 - Craig & Barb Magnan
 January 15- Rod & Pam Peterson
 January 22 - Doc Moss
Nancy Rizer-Schmidt
 January 29 - Kristi Pedersen
Barb Magnan

Coffee Servers:

January 1 - Worship Team
 January 8 - Larry & Carolyn Nutt
 January 15- Doug & Judy Halvorson
 January 22 - Derek Karels Family
 January 29 - Philip & Janine Thielen
Alex & Blair Larson

January 2023

Faith Lutheran Church, Holidays In United States

Jan 2023 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee	2 New Year's Day	3	4 NO YOUTH EVENTS 9am - Quilters 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - NO FIA 6:30pm - NO 7:30pm - NO Youth Group	5 10am - Yoga	6 10am - Prayer Shawl	7 9am - AA Big Book
8 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 5pm - Choir Rehearsal	9 1pm - Garden Club 4:30pm - WOW	10 9:30am - Prayer Team	11 10am - Connect Team 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Youth Group	12 10am - Yoga	13	14 9am - AA Big Book
15 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 5pm - Choir Rehearsal	16 Martin Luther King Jr.	17 5pm - Worship Team 6pm - Council Meeting	18 9am - Quilters 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Youth Group	19 10am - Yoga	20 Newspaper Articles Due In 10am - Prayer Shawl	21 9am - AA Big Book
22 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 5pm - Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25 Newspaper sent OUT 10am - Gather to Pray 10:45am - Local & Global 5:30pm - FIA 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Youth Group	26 10am - Yoga	27	28 9am - AA Big Book
29 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 5pm - Choir Rehearsal	30	31	1 First Day of Black History 9am - Quilters 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Youth Group	2 10am - Yoga	3 10am - Prayer Shawl	4 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 January 2023 Calendar](#)



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

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