

† Wednesday, February 1 ~

9:00 am Quilters
5:30 pm Faith in Action
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:30 pm Youth Group

† Friday, February 3 ~

10:00 am Prayer Shawl

† Sunday, February 5 ~

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

† Wednesday, February 8 ~

10:00 am Connect Team
5:30 pm Faith in Action
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:30 pm Youth Group

† Sunday, February 12 ~

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

† Monday, February 13 ~

4:30 pm WOW @ Sandy Nies'

† Tuesday, February 14 ~

10:00 am Prayer Team Meeting

† Wednesday, February 15 ~

9:00 am Quilters
5:30 pm Faith in Action
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:30 pm Youth Group

† Friday, February 17 ~

10:00 am Prayer Shawl
Newsletter Articles Due in Office

† Sunday, February 19 ~

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
2:30—4:00 pm Cantata Rehearsal Begins

† Tuesday, February 21 ~

5:00 pm Worship Ministry Meeting
6:00 pm Church Council Meeting

† Wednesday, February 22 ~

5:30 pm Faith in Action
6:00 pm Soup Supper
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
(Confirmation students are required to attend.)
7:30 pm Youth Group

† Sunday, February 26 ~

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship
2:30—4:00 pm Cantata Rehearsal

† Monday, February 27 ~

3:30 pm Local & Global Mission Ministry Meeting



**Faith Lutheran Church Council
Unapproved Minutes
January 17, 2023**

Faith Lutheran Church unapproved minutes council meeting Jan. 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Lemieux at 6:12 p.m.

Members present were Shari Strecker, Craig Lemieux, Sue Temte, Brianna Heise, Pr. Joshua Blair, Doug Halvorson, Nancy Hendry, Diane Gibas. Present via zoom was Karen Gabriel and Derek Karels.

Absent were Rose Marie Nutt and Holly Main

Pastor Josh gave devotions.

The agenda was approved as presented with a motion by Doug Halvorson, seconded by Nancy Hendry.

After a motion by Nancy Hendry, seconded by Sue Temte, and some discussion for clarification, the secretary's report was approved.

Doug Halvorson presented the treasurers report. After Doug explained church's finances, a motion was made by Diane Gibas, seconded by Shari Strecker, to accept the treasurers report. The motion passed unanimously.

In his report, Pastor Josh said the month of December didn't go as he had hoped. Some of the items on his to-do list were cancelled because of bad weather and being busy with the Advent and Christmas seasons. It kept him from fulfilling some of his goals. But with a new month he is hoping to get back on track. The youth Christmas party was finally held, and all had a good time. Some changes are being made at the synod level as they are moving into a new location and within the ELCA there is some restructuring going on. Though those are not involving us on a day-to-day basis, Josh is watching what is happening in our interest. He also presented an idea to think about: solar panels for the church facility. The electric company doesn't have a program at the present time, but there are companies that specialize in solar. Our electric bill is the largest utility expense for the church and if rebates and programs can be found to reduce that expense, it would be to our benefit. This will be a future discussion item on the agenda.

After a discussion of what to call the area that has been known as the youth room the only firm decision made was the floor needs to be decided on. Craig will look into our options. The heat in the classrooms doesn't seem to be effective. Josh will look into small heater options until a good solution is found. Shari made the motion, seconded by Doug to move forward with this.

The rebates Josh is applying for are on hold until the work is completed.

Danie Powell is working on our website. She has agreed to provide interim services in keeping the website up to date for us at a rate of \$20 per hour. She will work with Kristi when things are set up.

A worship site at the long-term care center is an ongoing project.

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Doug will deal with the toilet in the men's bathroom.

Pr. Josh's 6-month review was to be held on Thursday Jan. 18 with Craig and Doug.

Council will hold a policy writing retreat on Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. This is necessary retreat meant to keep our policies up to date and in compliance with laws, employment, and insurance issues.

Under new business:

Maintenance on the bell in the bell tower is needed again. There are very few options for hiring people to do the maintenance. There is a party who will be in Minnesota this spring with the expertise. It will cost \$450 which we have in the bell tower fund. Doug made the motion, seconded by Shari to approve the expenditure. The motion passed to move forward with an agreement for our bell. This will have to be done every few years.

Council approved a digital ministry team to be set up to evaluate our digital ministry and see what we can improve on in this field after a motion by Nancy, seconded by Sue to support the formation of a digital ministry team and make it a formal ministry team.

The Christmas tree was discussed. It will be tabled until the August meeting.

Under ministry team reports:

The worship and music committee is planning Lenten services.

The Connect ministry team has signed up for 50 people to go to prepare meal packets at Feed by Starving Children on April 1 from 2 to 3:45 p.m. More information on travel will be forthcoming. They will put together packages to be sent to our first-year college students in February.

Local and global missions bought Christmas gifts for some children at Isle School.

Faith in Action kids will be singing with the contemporary band on Jan. 29. The youth will serve chili on Ash Wednesday. On Feb. 19 there will be a youth contemporary service. They will host a pancake breakfast that day. They will also serve breakfast on Easter Sunday and sell butter braids as fundraisers for their mission trip to Niagara Falls this summer. The total estimated cost for 13 youth and two chaperones is \$11,470. Shari made the motion, Doug seconded to ask for \$100 deposit on the trip to ensure those who sign up will not back out at the last minute. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. with a motion by Shari, seconded by Doug.

The next regular meeting will be Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three;
but the greatest of these is **love**.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 NKJV





Dear Heavenly Father, this month, may we see that the love you give, the love you show us and the love you continue to bestow on us is the best gift ever. You have called us to love one another, so help us to not forget that the love we receive is the love we need to reflect onto others. May this be a year we will see in the faces of the people we meet as opportunities you have given us to be a witness of your great love.

- Help us be gracious to all people, especially those who are troubled by loneliness and those who live in despair. Help us to be a congregation that reaches out to all people so they might know of your love and your abundant goodness for them. We lift up all who are on our prayer network as well as others who we know that are in need of our prayers. Comfort them, love them and grant them peace from their worries and troubles. Surround all who are ill and distressed with your healing touch.
- Gather us together and unite us to one another in relationships of mutual care and support. We lift in prayer every member of our congregation so they might know your love for them. Each week this month we lift in prayer the following...
 - Week of February 5 – Marilyn Eye; Matt, Sara, and Brody Farrell; Dee Fehlberg; Kent Fjerstad; Betty Fransen; Bill and Karla Fredrick.
 - Week of February 12 – Bryan, Laura, Brianna, Aidan, Rylan, Dylan, and Tristan Heise; Larry and Nancy Hendry; Linda Hetland.
 - Week of February 19 – Konnar, Kaleb, Silas, and Ciara Hill; Gene, Kristi, and Anthony Hill; Aliesha Holbert.
 - Week of February 26 – Brandon, Chelsea, Averie, and Macie Hunziker; Russell, Janette, Brittaney, and Alex Jackson.
- Help us to live our daily lives in ways that are pleasing to you. Show us ways we can be a living witness of your love .
- Bring an end to the hostilities and famine, not only around the world, but in our own backyard. Give us a spirit of understanding, compassion and cooperation.
- Be present in the lives of our musicians and may they be lead to participant in this years Cantata.
- Give us a repentant heart as we approach Ash Wednesday and the season of lent.. Help us spend time each day in prayer and meditation.
- Continue to work in the lives of our FIA leaders. Give them the direction they need to lead our children. Open the hearts and minds of our children so they might know how much you love them and how important it is to have a relationship with you.
- Guide and direct the work of the Northeast MN synod. Be with them as they face transitions in their staffing.
- We lift up our health care workers, caregivers, first responders, police, counselors and all who work to protect and care for us. Grant them protection as they risk their own lives to help others.
- Be with all who have tragically lost their homes and loved ones to disasters happening across our country. Sustain them mentally and physically in their losses. Make us ready to reach out and help our neighbors who are struggling through the winter months. .
- Help prepare us for what lies ahead for the ministry and mission work here at Faith. Push us to use the gifts you have given each of us and show us how we can work together to accomplish your work.

Bless us with your love. As you showed patience, tolerance, kindness, and caring, may we do the same for all the people who you place before us. AMEN

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

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.

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.)



Our life is full of God's Grace (LOVE)

God's love for us is not like anything we can fully describe. It comes to us through Grace. Even in the midst of tragedy or heartache, pain or suffering; God is always extending his grace (his love for us) in so many ways.

Grace is the unmerited favor of God toward man: There was a young man who had not always made the best choices and decisions for his life. In fact, for a long time, all he wanted was to control his life and to do things his way. His way always ended in trouble and heartache for both him and his family. God would put in his path numerous job opportunities—which he would mess up; and supportive friends—whom he brushed aside. Yet, God stayed with him through his stubborn and self-serving ways. God never let him down nor did he leave him. He kept loving him and kept his grace flowing, even though it was undeserved due to his ungrateful attitude. Eventually, God brought into his life, a wonderful Christian woman who helped change him and his way of living. Today he is not the same person he had been, but he is the person that God knew he could become.

Grace is God's love in action: There was an elderly woman who would wait each day for the small bird to sit on her windowsill and sing for her the most beautiful song. She had trouble with her hearing and eyesight, so how could she possibly see this small bird and hear it singing through her window? God opened her eyes and ears during that time so she could see and hear the beautiful sounds of nature that she loved so much.

Grace is God giving us what we need: Two weeks before she tragically lost her brother, she was introduced to the song “God on the Mountain.” It was not a new song, but it was one she had not previously heard, but had touched her emotionally. After her brother's death, she turned to that song and listened to it over and over again. It helped her get through the sadness in the days that followed. Yes, God had prepared her in advance for what was to come.

Every day should give us reason to express our gratitude to God, who is at work making possible all things worth having in this life and in the life to come. While it is humanly impossible to define God's grace, we can see his love at work all around us if we would only pay attention. Maybe it is time to look at our lives, to see what ways God's grace has had an impact on us and then to show our thankfulness by reaching out to those around us with that same kind of grace that God bestowed on us.

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

Dear God, I am glad that I can talk to you about all the things that are going on in my life each day. Thank you for listening to me when I pray. Amen.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

On behalf of the church council, I am writing this article to hi-lite the financial position of our congregation. We are one-third of the way thru our congregation's fiscal year which runs from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

As of December 31, 2022 contributions to regular operations are \$58,650. We have also received non-operational contributions of \$10,315. Total contributions for the first four months of this fiscal year are \$70,064. Faith Lutheran members and friends have been and continue to be faithful and generous in giving to the mission and ministry of Faith Lutheran.

Expenditures for the fiscal year-to-date are \$81,212. We replaced the furnace in the north wing of the church which was an expenditure of approximately \$12,000. The non-operational pass thru contributions are included in expenditures as they are send to the ELCA for global mission and ministry support.

Faith Lutheran members and friends have been very generous in giving to global and local missions. The contributions and expenditures listed above include \$3,000 for ELCA Disaster Relief, \$836 for ELCA Global Barnyard, \$730 for ELCA Mission, \$1897 for World Hunger and \$5,668 for ELCA Synod Support. I know our congregation supports local missions such as the Isle Food Shelf. Much of the local ministry support is in the form of volunteer service to others.

We have a net deficit of \$11,143 after four months of this fiscal year. The deficit is primarily due to the cost of replacing the furnace. We prayerfully ask everyone to continue your support of Faith Lutheran. Please note that electronic giving is available on our website or information is available at the church office.

On behalf of the church council, we praise God and Thank You for giving generously to the mission and ministry of Faith Lutheran. Our mission is to Grow in Christ and Serve Others.

Doug Halvorson, Treasurer

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

Camp Onomia

The summer camp schedules are set!

To register or for more information visit

www.CampOnomia.org

Discount if registered by March 15 and
Faith Lutheran Church will pay 1/2 for members.

There's even one for GrandparentKIDS!

Faith's Favorites: Music Choices

List your favorites in each of the following categories:

Ordinary Times

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Christmas

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Easter

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Contemporary

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All Time Favorite



We are hoping to offer a Lenten Bible Study based on the show "The Chosen"

This Bible study is 8 sessions and would either be 90 minutes, if we watched the episode together, or 30 minutes, if we all watched the episode ahead of time.

We would like your input:

- **Would you prefer to watch together or on your own?**

Together On your Own

- **What time would work best for you?**

Monday Midday Monday afternoon Monday Evening

Wednesday Midday Thursday Evening

- **Would you like potluck snacks or a light meal?**

Yes No



Looking for your input



We will keep you informed when the schedule has been set!

A Non-Denominational Christian Event

**NIGHT OF
WORSHIP**

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PRAYER
AND WORSHIP TO THE LORD OF ALL
CREATION

ACOUSTIC • CONTEMPORARY • WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 11TH AT 6:00 PM

@ MILACA ALLIANCE CHURCH
12543 MN-23
MILACA, MN 56353

Dan Roeschlein and some other locals are going to be starting up, what hopefully evolves into, monthly worship nights. Dan have received permission from the Milaca Alliance Church to use their space for these events. **IT WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINMENT. NO ONE SHOULD COME TO SEE A SHOW BECAUSE THERE WILL NOT BE ONE.** This will be a night of praise and worship to our creator. A chance for people to, hopefully, experience His presence and to feel free to bring the pleas of their hearts before Him. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dan Roeschlein at (320) 496-7222.

Touched by the Christ



ISLE COMMUNITY LENTEN CANTATA

Director - Nancy Hendry

Accompanist - Shari Jensen

You are invited to participate in the Isle Community Lenten Cantata. Singers and speakers are needed. Please make this a part of your Lenten journey.

**First Rehearsal Feb. 19 at Faith Lutheran
Registration begins at 2:15 pm**

**REHEARSALS 2:30-4:00 pm
Sundays in Lent**

Feb. 19, Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2

**PERFORMANCE ON GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 7, 2023, 7:30 PM**

For more information contact: 320-676-3161

Becoming Who God Created You to Be



Heartland Conference Women's Spring Gathering

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

First Lutheran Church (107 2nd St. SE, Aitkin)

The program, presented by Georgia Larson, will inspire and equip us to take care of our physical and spiritual health.

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Registration/Coffee Fellowship

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Program & Lunch

Registration \$10 (includes lunch)

Did you know?

Silent auction & marketplace items are welcome!



Women of the
ELCA

Soup Suppers / Lent

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023, and with that begins our Lenten services. We will start with Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm and worship at 7:00 pm.

Volunteers for making and/or serving the soup suppers can call the church office or a sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

1st Communion / Classes

We are preparing for First Communion! Typically, we prepare our 3rd graders with classes beforehand. However, if you or your child missed this opportunity or would even like a refresher class, we welcome you to join us. There will be three classes that will take place after worship service for one hour on Sundays March 5, March 19, and April 2 with First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6.

Please let Pastor Josh or the office know if you are interested in participating.



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!



January 1	\$2,800.00
January 8	\$3,761.00
January 15	\$2,746.00
January 22	\$3,410.00
January 29	\$7,147.00

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



February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

2/01	Estelle Bruske	2/13	Betty Fransen
2/02	Hunter Lemm	2/15	Mike Haggberg
2/02	Samantha Christle	2/15	Christopher Anderson
2/03	Sue Gustner	2/20	Joan Lundquist
2/03	Jordan Swing	2/20	Larry Nutt
2/03	Klara Larson	2/21	Donna Johnson
2/06	Geoff Gesell	2/23	Brady Haggberg
2/06	Michael Christensen	2/23	Michael Samuelson
2/07	Karleigh Cady	2/26	Beth Anderson
2/08	Ruby Soderstrom	2/26	DeAnn Sears
2/09	Emma Slama	2/27	Madison Cooper
2/10	Carl Magnan	2/27	Leslie Karg
2/11	Marilyn Eye	2/27	Jonathon DeCoursey
2/11	Conrad Thomsen	2/27	Asa Erickson
2/11	Gwendolyn Joy	2/28	Alex Jackson
2/12	Shane Pederson	2/28	Bev Schleif
2/12	Rocky DeFeyter		



Anniversaries

2/12	Al & Sue Gustner
2/14	David & Susan Haggberg
2/14	Mike & Maxine Neumann
2/14	Curt & Di Miller
2/21	Bryan & Laura Heise
2/23	Bruce & Laurie Richards



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 FEBRUARY Servers!

SERVERS for Worship February 2023

Scripture Readers:

February 5 - Diane Gibas
February 12 - Judy Halvorson
February 19 - Youth Sunday
February 22 - Ash Wed Craig Magnan
February 26 - Karen Gabriel

Ushers:

February 5 - Tyler & Tara Soderstrom
February 12 - Philip & Janine Thielen
February 19 - Youth Sunday
February 22 - Ash Wed Larry Nutt
Doug Halvorson
February 26 - Doug Halvorson
Dave Morneau

Greeters:

February 5 - Katie & Livia Raverty
February 12 - Maxine Neuman
Dorothy Haggberg
February 19 - Youth Sunday
February 26 - Leta Christensen
Shari Strecker

Prayer Station:

February 5 - Diane Gibas
February 12 - Doc Moss
February 19 - Dave Morneau
February 26 - _____

Acolytes:

February 5 - Tristan Schweich
February 12 - Ethan Borg
February 19 - Parker Gesell
February 22 - Ash Wed Blake Karels
February 26 - Aidan Heise

Communion Prep Team:

February 5 - _____
February 12 - _____
February 19 - _____
February 22 - Ash Wed _____
February 26 - _____

Communion Assistants:

February 5 - Sue Temte
Larry Nutt
February 12 - Diane Gibas
Doc Moss
February 19 - Youth Sunday
February 22 - Ash Wed Doc Moss
Nancy Rizer-Schmidt
February 26 - Doug & Judy Halvorson

Coffee Servers:

February 5 - Mike & Michele Haggberg
Brady & Aleia, Jake & Jordan
February 12 - Doug J. & Sandy Nies
Grace Slagle
February 19 - Youth Pancake Breakfast
February 26 - Tonja Eklund
Brandon & Chelsea H.

Thank You for Serving!

February 2023

Faith Lutheran Church, Holidays in United States

Feb 2023 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 5pm - Choir Rehearsal	30	31	1 First Day of Black History 9am - Quilting 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
5 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 5pm - Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 10am - Connect Team 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Youth Group	9 10am - Yoga	10	11 9am - AA Big Book
12 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee	13 1pm - Garden Club 4:30pm - WOW	14 Valentine's Day 10am - Prayer Team	15 9am - Quilting 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Youth Group	16 10am - Yoga	17 Newspaper Articles Due in 10am - Prayer Shawl	18 9am - AA Big Book
19 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 2:30pm - Cantata	20 Presidents Day	21 5pm - Worship Team 6pm - Council Meeting	22 Newspaper sent out 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA 6pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Ash Wednesday 7pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Youth Group	23 10am - Yoga	24	25 9am - AA Big Book
26 9:30am - Worship 10:30am - Coffee 2:30pm - Cantata	27 3:30pm - Local & Global	28	1 First Day of Women's 9am - Quilting 10am - Gather to Pray 5:30pm - FIA 6pm - Soup Supper 7pm - Confirmation 7pm - Lenten Service	2 10am - Yoga	3 10am - Prayer Shawl	4 9am - AA Big Book

[Click Here for February 2023 Calendar](#)



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



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 Monday & Friday - Closed
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 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.

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