

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

## **Faith Findings**

### **November 2023**

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		5:30 pm	Faith in Action  Confirmation
		6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Youth Group
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	Monday, November 13 ~	6:30 pm	
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		5:00 pm	Worship Ministry Meeting
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u	Friday, November 17 ~	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Newsletter Articles Due
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Ť	Sunday, November 19 ~	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
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_	Tuesday, November 21 ~	7:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving Service @ Faith
_	Wednesday, November 22	~	NO Youth Activities
Ť	Sunday, November 26 ~	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
		10:30 am	Advent Festival & Potluck
<b>.</b> n⊾			NO Sunday School
Ť	Tuesday, November 28 ~	10:30 am	Local & Global Mission Ministry Meeting
Ť	Wednesday, November 29	-	Faith in Action
		6:30 pm	Confirmation
		7:30 pm	Youth Group

## Faith Lutheran Church Council Unapproved Minutes October 17, 2023

Council Members present: Pastor Josh Blair, Karen Gabriel, Nancy Hendry, Aliesha Holbert, Tim McArdle, Doc

Moss, Rose Marie Nutt, Kortney Sawatzky, Sue Temte

Council Members absent: Diane Gibas, Brianna Heise, Derek Karels, Craig Lemieux

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Karen Gabriel.

Nancy gave devotions and opening prayer.

The agenda with modifications was approved. Motion by Doc. Seconded by Rose Marie.

The September minutes were approved. Motion by Doc. Second by Sue.

The treasurer's report for Sept was presented by Aliesha Holbert. Approved. Motion by Doc. Second by Tim.

The Pastor's Report: Pastor Josh attended the "Fall Theological Event", a yearly event the Synod holds. This year's topic was "Christian Nationalism". Pastor is on the Synod Candidacy Committee and attended the "Candidacy Summit" regarding deacons, pastors and SAM's and the number of churches needing leaders. Part of the future plans will include shifting away from the label SAM's to Licensed Lay Position. This change will include changes to requirements and authorization. He went to quite a few volleyball and football games. We have a couple new confirmation kids who have been good additions to the group. He took kids to a Haunted Trail Event. Held confirmation classes, youth groups, and FIA. Pastor attended meetings about Tech Team organizing, participated in the regular Text Study Group meetings and Isle Area Ministerial meetings. He performed 2 funerals. Visitation was on the back burner with all the start-ups. He intends to get back on that. He would welcome a Visitation Team.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) North Wing Update
  - -Water Leakage by the door leading to the garage The door to be caulked on Oct. 18, which should take care of the issue.
  - -Signs on the doors are up
  - -Décor- Council recommended to leave it plain for a while.
- 2) Mission Trip for Youth Feedback from the kids (including the 4 seniors) was that they would like to go to Chicago. Going with Youth Works, the cost would be about \$300 /kid. Motion by Nancy, second by Kortney that the council would approve going out of state with the understanding that the cost will be funded by the youth and the recommendation that their plan include two years of trips and fund-raising. Approved.
- 3) Narthex Lights Building committee will look at light options and pricing and request funding by donations.
- 4) Christmas Tree is a high quality Balsam Hills flip-tree. Cost about \$2400. The Memorial Fund covered \$2000. Private donation will cover the rest.
- 5) 2nd Office Position Due to a discrepancy in the job description, the posting will be pulled, reworked and reposted. Motion-Doc. Second Sue. Approved.
- 6) Walking Together Event Grand Rapids –No one was able to attend.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) New Signature Card and Corporate Resolution at First National Bank Tabled, current signatories will continue.
- 2) Confirmation Interview Karen and Kourtney will join Pastor on the Interview.
- 3) Agreed to move November Council Mtg to Nov. 14 due to Community Thanksgiving Service on the 21st.
- 4) Vacuum The current one doesn't work. A new vacuum like the one we have would cost \$3000. Sue took the current vacuum to Cliff's Vacuum Repair in Cambridge. Their repair estimate was \$375. Council readily approved the repair. Motion by Doc. Second by Aliesha.
- 5) New Items needed for the Kitchen Pans and knives that actually cut. Nancy will approach WELCA with this request.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Worship & Music Team Nancy The team discussed All Saints' Sunday, Community Thanksgiving Service, and Christmas Eve Day worship services. 9:30 am will be regular type worship service and at 5 pm the Candlelight Service.
- Prayer Team Nancy for Diane "Spice-Up Your Prayer Life" seems to be well received. Crepe Paper Flowers for October. November will be Weaving Prayers. A large frame for church and smaller, individual frames to take home. Prayer pillows and prayer cards to be given to kids are organized for the whole year.
- Connect Team Rose Marie & Sue They are working on Advent Festival which will be quite different this year since Conrad and Nancy will not be doing the wreaths and greens.
- Local & Global Mission Team Karen- "60 for 60 Giving Project for 60 Years" is going well. November will be Volunteer Service Hours. December will be Gifts. The team is working on connecting and getting Faith Lutheran going with YAGM, Young Adults in Global Mission is on-going.
- Children, Youth & Family Team Josh/Derek / Kortney as discussed throughout this meeting. SS is going great. We've had a month of strong numbers of children in worship services. FIA has about 10 new kids. They are working the curriculum. Dinners are going well except they didn't have a knife that would cut the watermelon. Confirmation has 2 new kids and the group is Reading Thro the Bible. Upcoming Youth Events are: Wed. Oct 25 Bonfire @ Sandy Nies'; Wed. Nov. 10 a Youth Service Day Volunteer locally, the, Loaves & Fishes, then Feed My Starving Children, then, MOA for supper; Nov. 17 Synod Youth Retreat at Cragun's.
- Stewardship & Finance Aliesha Learning the job.
- Building, Property & Cemetery Doc, Tim, Craig Door caulking, vacuum & Narthex lights as previously discussed. Also, working on the light switch in Men's bathroom and circuit breaker that has an issue.
- Memorial Nancy- Memorial Fund paid \$2000 for tree. Nancy will check about possibility of spending some of the music allocated funds.
- Technology Tim Still need volunteers who want to learn and be part of the team. The first Tech Team meeting is Thursday, Oct. 19. A camera for the Fellowship Hall for \$2500 is in the plans.

Next Regular meeting - 6 pm, Tue. Nov. 14, 2023. Devotions next meeting – Sue Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hendry



### We Pray for:

All Saints Day, November 1 Youth Service Day, Nov 10

Veterans's Day, November 11

WOW, Monday, Nov. 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

Synod All Youth Gathering at Cragun's, Nov 17-18

Community Thanksgiving Service @ Faith, Tuesday, November 21

Advent Fest and potluck, November 26

FIA - Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m. Confirmation - Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. Youth Group - Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

60 for 60 -60 hours of community volunteer service

> 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

### "Common Prayer Time"

Youth Group

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... Prayer Weaving

Prayer weaving gives us an opportunity to pray with our hands and in doing so, to create a visual representation of our conversations with God. Prayer weaving can be done at home, but it can also be done at church where all our prayers are woven together. Making a prayer loom can be simple...like our prayers...and they can be messy...just like our lives. Using various colors and textures to represent our feelings, our longings, our joys and sorrows serves as a visible reminder of our relationship with God. The following is titled "The Weaver" by Grant Colfax Tulare

"My life is but a weaving between my God and me,
I do not choose the colours, He worketh steadily.
Ofttimes He weaveth sorrow, and I in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper, and I the underside.
Not till the loom is silent, and shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful in the skilfull Weaver's hand
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned."

There will be small prayer looms and supplies available for you to take, as well as instructions to make a loom for yourself or for your family. We will have one large prayer loom at church where we would like you to weave your prayers with the prayers of others from our church. As this tapestry develops, it will be a visual reminder of how all our conversations with God are a beautiful expression of our connectedness to each other and to God.



### Children's Prayer Time

Dear Lord,
Thank you for loving me and giving me so many things to be thankful for. Help me to love like you and to share your love with others.

AMEN



Dear Heavenly Father, you have said this journey we are on in life wasn't meant to be traveled alone. It is at this time, we need to know you are journeying with all your people. Especially, with all that is happening in the world right now, when innocent people are dying, others are in harms way, many are suffering under cruel conditions, while others are having to bear the loss of loved ones. All of it so unnecessary and done because of personal desires for power and lack of respect for human life. We ask that you be with those who fear for their lives each day and for all who are hurting. Bring comfort to those who are grieving and hope to those who are missing their loved ones. Grant wisdom, strength and perseverance to those working to stop all this violence and destruction. Be with those who put themselves in harms way and keep them safe. It is times like this, we feel so helpless. Journey with us and guide us in what you want us to do. Show us how to love, to be compassionate, and to forgive.

- Be with all of Israel as they have to deal with such devastation and atrocities happening to their country and to their people and for the
  Palestine people who are caught in the middle of this war with no food, water, and have no where to go for protection and safety. Only
  you can bring about healing and peace.
- We need your strength in our lives, for failed relationships, for intense loneliness, for financial challenges, spiritual struggles and medical battles. We lift up all who are on our prayer network, for you have promised us strength to face whatever battles that may confront us.
- This church was built on Faith by a few people with dreams and ideas for carrying out your ministry work in this small town of Isle. With your help and direction, we have served you in this community for 60 years. May we all find ways to be thankful by giving to our community at least 60 hours of service this month.
- Hunting season is now here and we ask your protection over those who will be out hunting. Keep them all safe.
- You have brought to this church the right people, the right leaders and the potential to meet our financial needs. Continue to guide our ministry teams to implement ministry projects and activities that will expand your ministry within our community.
- We thank you for our youth and their excitement to learn more about you. Help us draw more youth into our Faith in Action, our Sunday School and our youth program. May we be there for them when they need our help and guidance.
- We thank you for bringing us Pastor Josh and for his ministry among us. Continue to guide and bless his work.
- Help us to put Christ first in our lives and let him direct us in using our time and resources wisely. May we always be ready to serve you with joy and gratitude. Bless all members of this church. This month we especially pray for the following each week.
- Week of November 5 Bill and Karla Fredrick, Elaine Freichels, Rick and Karen Gabriel, Pam Geiger.
- Week of November 12 Geoff, Shanessa, Nevaeh, Parker Gesell, Tom and Diane Gibas, Marlene Green.
- Week of November 19 Ron & Pat Gudim, Al and Sue Gustner, Brady and Aleia Haggberg.
- Week of November 26 Bubbles and Phyllis Haggberg, David and Susie Haggberg, Donald Haggberg, Dorothy Haggberg.
- This Thanksgiving, may we be thankful for all you have done for us, for our friends and family, for your mercy, forgiveness and so many other blessings. Open our hearts to share all you have so graciously given us.
- We thank you for all our veterans and for all the sacrifices they made for this country. May their sacrifice motivate us to serve one
  another as they have served us.
- Be with our youth as they freely give of their time on Veterans Day by serving people both locally and in the cities.
- Bless the memories of all your saints. Help us to remember those who have left a lasting impact on our faith. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship and love. We thank you for placing them in our lives.

In lieu of so much sadness, devastation, and loss of life, help us this Thanksgiving to look beyond our own needs and find ways to be helpful, thankful and neighborly. Help us to share our blessings with others this season. Amen.

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! During the month of **September** we collected **549 snacks** for Isle Schools. So far in **October**, we collected **161 items** and **\$105** for the Isle Food Shelf.

During November, we will be collecting volunteer hours serving others. We are encouraging you to serve our neighbors in our local and broader community. Many of you are already volunteering your time here at Fatih, for example, quilting or teaching Sunday School. In the community you volunteer at the Food Shelf or One More Time. Look for opportunities to serve - schools, nursing homes, neighbors often need volunteer help. You could go along with the youth on Nov 10 to support them on their day of service.

Please record your volunteer time on the card in the narthex and put the card in the box. The hours will be tabulated and the cards will be put on the door. Our goal is at least 60 hours of volunteer service time.

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 **\$105 and 161 items**November 60 hours of community volunteer service
December Gifts - Isle school program, ELCA, Toys for Tots, etc.
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





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# WOMEN'S REFRESHRETREAT

### November 3rd-5th

Theme: Forgiveness and Reconciliation How are we called to be "ambassadors of reconciliation" in a world of strife and peril?

Women of all ages are welcome to join us as Pastor Kathryn Tiede guides us through a truly holy way of looking at the world: through the eyes of a forgiving and reconciling God.

Join us starting with dinner at 6pm on Friday the 3rd, and end with breakfast and worship on Sunday the 5th. Join us for the whole weekend or just a day, just let us know!

Lodging will be in our year-round retreat center at double occupancy with private restrooms. Please bring your own bedding and toiletries.

Cost: Nov. 3rd-4th(1 night,3 meals): \$9<mark>4</mark> Nov. 3rd-5th (2 nights, 5 meals): \$136

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 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!





October 1	\$2,986.00
October 8	\$2,165.13
October 15	\$4,605.00
October 22	\$2,760.00





### **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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 4 pm - 6 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm



### November Birthdays and Anniversaries

### **Birthdays**

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11/01	Di Miller	11/19	Pastor Kate Mensing
11/02	Maverick Kuhlman	11/21	Gail Oswald
11/04	Joshua Madson	11/21	<b>Eleanor Samuelson</b>
11/05	Tom Gibas	11/22	Ethan Borg
11/05	Pat Gudim	11/24	Claire Christensen
11/06	Cody Haggberg	11/25	Judy Crace
11/07	Brealyn MacLean	11/28	Caleb Johnson
11/08	Lisa Sahlstrom	11/28	Kristi Pedersen
11/09	David Haggberg		
11/09	Teagen Haggberg		



### **Anniversaries**

11/18 Jeremy Haggberg

11/18 Shaun Joy

11/06 **Paul & Sue Borgfelt** 11/06 **Doug & Judy Halvorson** 





Give thanks to the lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

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

### 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 November 2023**

Scripture Reade	ers:	<b>Acolytes</b> :	
November 5 -	Sandy Nies	November 5 -	Blake Larson, Rita Robertson
November 12 -	Sue Borgfelt	November 12 -	Ethan Borg, Noah Borg
November 19 -	Carolyn Nutt	November 19 -	Parker Gesell, Maverick K
November 26 -	Carolyn Nutt	November 26 -	Blake Karels, Trinity Bennett
Ushers:		Communion Pre	ep Team:
November 5 -	Sandy Nies.	November 5 -	
November 5	Doug Johnson	November 12 -	
November 12 -		November 19 -	
	Treise ranny	November 26 -	
November 19 -	Butch & Leslie Karg	<u> </u>	
		Communion Ass	sistants:
November 26 -	Derek Karels Family	November 5 -	Aliesha Holbert
		-	Nancy Rizer-Schmidt
		November 12 -	Aliesha Holbert
<b>Greeters</b> :			Nancy Rizer-Schmidt
November 5 -	Dorothy Haggberg	November 19 -	Doc Moss
	Joan Lundquist	-	Mike Haggberg
November 12 -	Dorothy Haggberg	November 26 -	Doc Moss
	Joan Lundquist		Larry Nutt
November 19 -	Tom & Carol Kuelbs		
		<u>Coffee Servers</u> :	
November 26 -	Curt & Di Miller	November 5 -	Katie & Livia Raverty
		November 12 -	Lindy Madson
<b>Prayer Station</b> :			Joel & Trisha Madson
November 5 -		November 19 -	Derek Karels Family
November 12 -		November 26 -	Diane Gibas
November 19 -		_	David & Joanne Anderson
November 26 -		-	
		Thank	You for Serving!

Faith Lutheran Church , Holidays in United States Nov 2023 (Central Time - Chicago) 30 29 31 2 3 4 Confirmation Halloween First Day of American 10am - Prayer Shawl 9am - AA Big Book 9:30am - Worship 9am - Quilting 10:30am - Coffee 10am - Gather to Pray 10:30am - Sunday School 5:30pm - FiA @ Faith 6:30pm - Confirmation @ 7:30pm - Youth Group 10 Daylight Saving Time Election Day 10am - Connect Team Veterans Day (substitute) Veterans Day 9:30am - Worship 10am - Gather to Pray Youth Day of Service 9am - AA Big Book 10:30am - Coffee 5:30pm - FiA @ Faith 10:30am - Sunday School 6:30pm - Confirmation @ 7:30pm - Youth Group 16 12 13 17 18 1pm - Garden Club Newsletter Articles Due in 9:30am - Worship 9am - Quilting 9am - AA Big Book 10am - Prayer Team 10:30am - Coffee 5pm - Worship Team 10am - Gather to Pray 10am - Prayer Shawl 6pm - Council Meeting 5:30pm - FiA @ Faith 10:30am - Sunday School 6:30pm - Confirmation @ 7:30pm - Youth Group 25 20 23 24 NO Youth Activities Thanksgiving Day Native American Heritage 9:30am - Worship 6:30pm - WOW 7pm - Thanksgiving 9am - AA Big Book Newsletter Sent Out 10:30am - Coffee 10am - Gather to Pray 10:30am - Sunday School 2 26 27 30 1 9am - AA Big Book NO Sunday School 10:30am - Local & Global 10am - Gather to Pray 9:30am - Worship 5:30pm - FiA @ Faith

6:30pm - Confirmation @

7:30pm - Youth Group

10:30am - Advent

10:30am - Coffee





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

### **Church Office Hours**

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E-mail: <u>yougotfaith@frontier.com</u> Josh Blair, Pastor (951) 575-5027 Karen Gabriel, Council President

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