



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## Faith Matters

DECEMBER  
2020

### WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS— 9:00 A.M.  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
WEDNESDAYS — 6:15 P.M.  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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### Christmas 2020 Style

**This has been a year** we will not soon forget. The Year of COVID 19 is coming to a close and we all hope for a more normal 2021. We have had to learn how to stay safe, or at least safer, amidst the pandemic.

**We hope to keep some of our Christmas traditions:** the Sunday school Christmas program, Walk through Bethlehem, and Christmas Eve services. But this year has thrown us curves. A lot depends on people staying well. We will also adjust how we do things that allow for social distancing, and we continue to ask people to wear masks when we gather.

**We are adding a Christmas Eve service** hoping to spread attendance across four services instead of the usual three. Our Christmas Eve services will be at 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, and 10:00 pm. Last year our 3:00 service was over flowing. We hope to avoid that this year.

**We will also have an online Christmas Eve service** that will be available all-day Christmas Eve on our website at [faithlutheranchurchvalders.org](http://faithlutheranchurchvalders.org) or on our Facebook page. We recognize that for many this would be a good option. We all have to manage our risks during this pandemic.

**As I reflect on 2020**, a year marred by the pandemic, social unrest, and a contentious election, I remember a Christmas song penned by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day". He wrote it in 1863 during the Civil War. Longfellow's oldest son, Charles, joined the Union army without his father's blessing. In November of that year Charles was seriously wounded and lay in a hospital as his father penned these words on Christmas Day.

I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old, familiar carols play,  
and wild and sweet, The words repeat, Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth The cannon thundered in the South,  
And with the sound, The carols drowned, Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said;  
"For hate is strong, And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The Wrong shall fail, The Right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men."

No matter what darkness there may be, we always have the light of Christ.  
"For God so loved the world that He sent his one and only Son..."

May the light of Christ shine in our hearts this Christmas season, and  
always.

Pastor Jim Wilson

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## In the Life of Faith

### In As Much Sunday

In As Much Sunday will be on **Sunday, December 6, 2020**. On this day, we are asking Sunday School students and members of Faith Lutheran Church to bring a new, unwrapped present (toy, craft kit, book, gift card, etc.) to donate to a child in need. Other NEW items for children and teens that would be appreciated include: slippers, pajamas, journals, socks, headphones, hair clips or hair bands. The gifts collected will be given to Adoption Coach/Professional Family Services who will in turn get the gifts to local families and children that are in crisis, foster care or homeless in time for the holidays. Children will be asked to bring up their gift during the 9:00 a.m. service on this day. Please help your child celebrate the Christmas season by reaching out to others.



### Walk Through Bethlehem

**Join us for a socially distanced, guided tour through the streets of ancient Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth.**

The event will be open on Sunday, December 13, 10:15-11:30 am and 5-7:30 pm; and Wednesday, December 16, 5-7:30 pm in the fellowship hall. People will enter the city during Advent and reflect on the symbols and their meanings as we prepare for the Christmas season. They will see Bethlehem during the census and visit the busy marketplace and see fine textiles, jewelry makers, and net repairs. You can hear the excitement around the young couple ready to have a baby. Visitors will walk through the fields and see the animals on the way to the stable to see the joyous reason for the season.

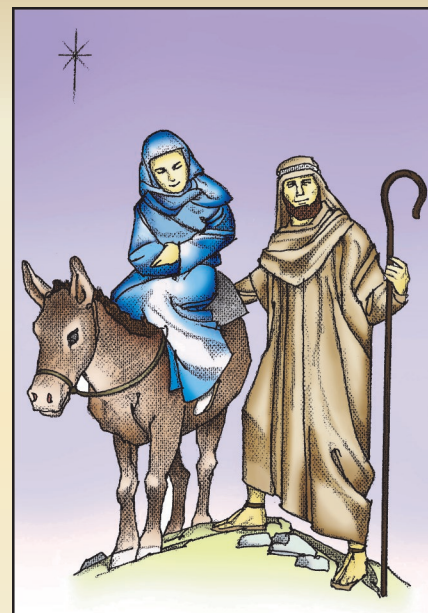
- **Masks are required with hand sanitizing stations available.** Visitors will attend only with small groups with which they arrive, and social distancing will be practiced at all times.

*The event is free and open to the public and donations are accepted.*

- **To ensure social distancing at the event, please reserve a time slot for your family on Faith Lutheran's website and keep your group size to 10 people or less.** Visit [www.faithlutheranchurchvalders.org](http://www.faithlutheranchurchvalders.org) to reserve a spot.

Please park in the lower parking lot.

**For those wishing to help:** Setup will be on Saturday, December 12, starting at noon and teardown on Saturday, December 19 at noon.







**Christmas Eve Worship  
(Thursday, December 24)  
is at 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 and  
10:00 pm. with  
Holy Communion**

**Christmas Day Worship  
(Friday, December 25)  
is at 10:00 am.  
with Holy Communion**



A big welcome to Faith Lutheran's new Youth Ministry Coordinator, Stacy Schwoerer! Please say "hi" and introduce yourself when you see her. Stacy can be reached at [yotafun0312@gmail.com](mailto:yotafun0312@gmail.com).



# Finances

## *Income - October 2020*

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 23,888.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 212.00			
<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,983.50</b>	<b>\$ 239,396.69</b>	<b>\$ 249,835.00</b>
Dedicated Income	\$ 650.00		\$ 7,741.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,750.00</b>		<b>\$ 247,137.69</b>	

## *Operating Expenses - October 2020*

Benevolence	\$ 1,687.00			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 7,156.84			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 9,302.22			
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$ 18,146.06</b>	<b>\$ 23,976.54</b>	<b>\$ 219,846.24</b>	<b>\$ 239,765.40</b>
Dedicated Expense	\$ 650.00		\$ 7,482.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 18,796.06</b>		<b>\$ 227,328.24</b>	

## **Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$19,550.45**

### *Capital Appeal*

9/30/2020	BANK FIRST NATIONAL			\$92,946.58	
Payment Amount			\$1,000.00		
Additional payment			\$1,555.00		
Total Payment		\$2,253.01	Principle paid	301.99	Interest paid
10/31/20	BANK FIRST NATIONAL			\$90,693.57	

### **A Note to Thrivent Financial Members**

Thank you for the Thrivent Choice Dollars you directed in 2020 so far. The monies have been split between Hands on Mission and FLC Local Benevolence Fund. These funds have been a "God-Send" this year since the COVID has not allowed us to do the fundraisers usually done to raise money. Thanks to your dollars so far, we have been able to share this money with five local charities. If you would like to have the remainder of your Choice Dollars go to these two funds, please direct them by December 31.

It is easy to do. By phone: Call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice." Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars and a representative will help you. Online: Visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). In the Direct Choice Dollars section on the right, click "Get started now" and follow the prompts.

Everyone's Choice Dollars add up to help support the ministries of Faith Lutheran Church.  
Terry Huske, Hands on Mission

# Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

## Membership

Baptized .....	804
Confirmed .....	597
Famillies.....	114

## Worship Attendance

Sunday		Wednesday
10/18	Worship—83    Video—50	23
10/25	Worship—90    Video—55	19
11/1	Worship—76    Video—54	20
11/8	Worship—70    Video—64	36

## Altar Guild Servers

### Communion:

December ... **Marlene Evenson**, *Chair (Committee #1)*  
 January ..... **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*

## Lectors

12/6	Jenniffer Zutz
12/9	Lorin Berge
12/13	Clarissa Ulness
12/16	Susan Christel
12/20	Erin Lenzner
12/24	1:00 & 3:00 Pastor Jim Wilson 5:00 Jenniffer Zutz    10:00 Brian Ulness
12/25	Stefanie Kaderabek
12/27	Joan Pritzl
12/30	Kelly Meyer

## Communion Servers

12/6	Jenniffer Zutz
12/16	Susan Christel
12/20	Bobbi Jo Robley
12/25	Stefanie Kaderabek and Connie Kimmes
12/30	Cheryl Duchow

## Head Usher Schedule- Sunday

Glenn Otto and Tom Madson

## Video Operator

12/9	Kayla Hildebrandt
12/16	Kelly Meyer
12/30	Kelly Meyer

## Acolyte Schedule

12/6	DJ Schisel
12/13	Whitney Ulness
12/20	Addison Spindler
12/24	1:00 needed                      3:00 Carter Valleskey 5:00 Gage Spindler    10:00 needed
12/25	Makenna Kaderabek
12/27	Peter Cigler

## Greeters

12/6	Keith and Audrey Lippert
12/9	Scott and Nicole Zucchi Family
12/13	Tom and Rae Madson
12/16	Tim and Julie Endries
12/20	Richard and Linda Menza
12/24	1:00 Guy and Judy Valleskey Family 3:00 John and Kerry Schnell 5:00 Gary and Linda Heeler 10:00 needed
12/25	Clarissa and Garrett Ulness
12/27	Brian and Mary Thomsen Family
12/30	Tom Behnke and Judy Valleskey

## Ushers

12/6	Lyle and Arlene Roehrig
12/13	Earl and Barb Griffin
12/20	Gary and Linda Heeler
12/24	1:00 Steve Ahrens and Len Reinertson 3:00 Steve and Ginny Schwoerer 5:00 Mark and Jenniffer Zutz Family 10:00 Loren and Carol Ulness
12/25	Mark and Angie Ulness Family
12/27	Tom and Kathy Muench

## Sound Operator

12/6	Erin Lenzner	12/9	Kayla Hildebrandt
12/13	Jackie Shimek	12/16	Kelly Meyer
12/20	Loren Ulness		
12/24	1:00 needed                      3:00 Bill Riesterer 5:00 Terry Huske                10:00 Loren Ulness		
12/25	Lyle Roehrig		
12/27	Loren Ulness		
12/30	Kelly Meyer		

## Projection

12/6	Mitchell Zutz
12/9	Otis Berge
12/13	Judy Harris
12/20	Carter Lenzner
12/24	1:00 needed                      3:00 Bill Riesterer 5:00 Terry Huske                10:00 Judy Harris
12/25	Lyle Roehrig
12/27	Libby Olson
12/30	Maranda Simons



# Poinsettia Orders

**Instructions for Ordering**  
**One plant order per form.**  
**\$10.00 per plant.**

**All poinsettias will be red—6 1/2" pot.**

Please make checks payable to  
Faith Lutheran Church.

**DEADLINE for orders is SUNDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 13.**

I (We) wish to order a poinsettia to be placed in  
church during Christmas.

Name(s) of person(s) ordering:

This plant is (circle one)

**IN SPECIAL THANKSGIVING** or

**IN MEMORY**    **IN HONOR** of:

I will pick up my plant by Sunday,  
December 27.

Please donate my plant.

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**World Hunger**

I would like to give money to **World Hunger**  
instead of a plant.

Amount of money enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

This is (circle one)

**IN SPECIAL THANKSGIVING** or

**IN MEMORY**    **IN HONOR** of:

# InCourage

**Thank you to everyone for their generous  
donations during the month of October for  
In Courage. Items donated include:**

Wash baskets  
Bath towels/wash cloths  
Baby wipes  
Pull-ups  
Diapers  
Laundry and dishwashing detergent  
Body wash  
Hand lotion  
Sun screen  
Cleaning solution  
Ziplock freezer/storage bags and sandwich bags  
Kitchen cloths/towels  
Cough drops  
Baby bottles and baby bottle brushes  
Diaper rash ointment  
Full size bed sheets  
Kleenex  
Disinfectant wipes  
Twin bed size quilt  
Cenex gift card  
Feminine products  
AA, AAA batteries  
Dryer sheets  
Lip balm  
Paper toweling  
Toilet paper  
Boys and girls underwear  
Child's sweatpants  
Sippy cups  
Teething toys  
Combs  
Adult and child cold/flu/allergy medication  
Shampoo  
Canned food  
Hair ponytail holders  
Adult clothing  
Older boy clothing  
Ladies socks  
Food containers (3 pks)  
Tie blanket  
Monetary donation



# A Little Something for Others at Christmas Time...



## These gifts do a lot of *good*.

Wondering how to make a positive impact in the world right now? With ELCA Good Gifts, you can choose from 50 charitable gifts to give in honor of friends and loved ones. Each one of these gifts makes a real impact in the world, sharing the love of Christ — one goat, water well or school uniform at a time. Start your holiday shopping now and order free, customized cards for each gift you give. Please give by December 10, 2020 to ensure that your cards arrive in time for Christmas.

### *How It Works*



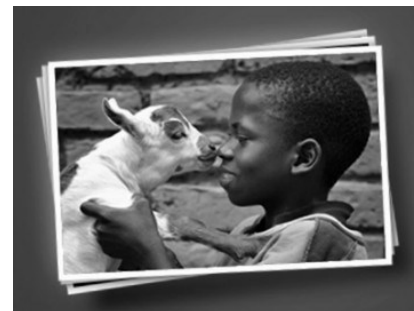
#### 1. CHOOSE YOUR GIFT

Give the gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of someone special.



#### 2. GET A CARD

Mail, print or email a card to share the news of your gift with friends and loved ones.



#### 3. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your gifts support the ministries of the ELCA in nearly 80 countries around the world.

To find these Christmas Gifts and more information, go to the website:  
<https://goodgifts.elca.org/christmas>.

## Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—October 19, 2020

**Pastor's Report:** One committal. Visits done in his office, to homes, as well as by phone and email. Attended, (along with Bill) the Synod virtual assembly.

**Housekeeping Item:** Pastor Onkka's memorial—A card was sent, with a check for family (\$200); also, a note of thanks for everything he'd done for the area and Faith Lutheran.

**New Business:** Brenda Platten sent Bill letter of resignation, no longer be serving on the Council or the Board of Christian Education. The BoCE has chosen Anderia Frank to replace Brenda. Welcome to Council Meeting, Stacy Schwoerer, Youth Ministry Coordinator. She still needs to be installed and introduced in front of congregation. Set Annual Meeting/Budget Meeting Date for January 24th with an alternate date of the 31st.

**Nominating Committee:** They had no formal meeting due to Covid-19, but there are some open spots. VP-elect will be open. The Nominating Committee, five, to replace (in 1-year terms). Board of Stewardship will need one, plus a new chairperson; Stephanie will stay on the Board. Board of Youth and Family; Bobbi Jo's term as chair is up but agreed to stay on the board. They will therefore need a new chairperson. Youth Council will need one.

**Stewardship** – *Stephanie Mittnacht*. Last year an extra \$1000/mo. was put on the Capital Appeal loan as long as balance in checking account is \$50,000. We will need a motion to continue that in year 2021.

**Lay Ministry** – *Joyce Sorenson*. Christmas Eve will have 4 services, & Christmas Day service will be at 10:00 a.m. Decorating will be done on November 28th at 9 a.m. There will be 2 trees, in near the altar, the other in the gathering area. Worship - are we doing it the best way still having in person, also online? A discussion followed; people seem to be distancing themselves, so it was decided to leave the services the way we are doing them, both online and in person widely spaced.

**Evangelism** – *Julie Endries*. The Sharing Tree will be in place again this year but they will be doing it before Thanksgiving. We will be adding our logo to our ads in the Two Rivers and Manitowoc Journals.

**Fellowship** – *Cheryl Domrath*. A table cloth was purchased. Quilts on pews in November. They will come off for Advent; envelopes will be in pews and in Faith Matters next month for people to contribute to quilting. Since the quilts will be donated here, they will need to be made warmer for this area.

**Property** – *Mark Zutz*. Follow up on windows for Christine, Youth Coordinator, Pastor Jim. The reps were here to take a look, but they have not received any emails or correspondence from them yet.

**Christian Education** – *Anderia Frank*. Two individuals are being confirmed on October 25<sup>th</sup>

**Youth and Family Ministry** – *Bobbi Jo Robley*. Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> had a good turnout. Will do Walk through Bethlehem, but without refreshments due to Covid-19. The plan is to do it on December 13, after Christmas program. It will be guided tour this year, those going through will be getting the story as they go. They will be promoting it to the community, therefore they need volunteer help, with some speaking parts, so they need some adults, too. A list of things they'll need to have donated or lent will be coming out.

### **Adjourn**

Having completed all business, a motion was made and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:31 pm.

Next meeting on November 16, 2020 at 6:30. Devotions by Mike Zutz.

Judy Harris,  
Secretary



# Celebrating Your Birthday!

## DECEMBER

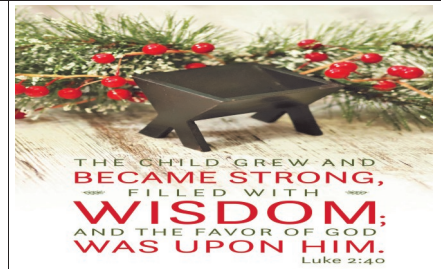
3. Carter Lenzner
5. Dayton Goehring  
John Obias
6. Quinten Robley  
Jomarie Obias
7. Carol Nelson  
Landen Pinkerton
8. Elizabeth Robley
10. Marlene Evenson
12. Bonnie Gordon  
Ava Wenzel
13. Steven Ahrens  
Robert Pautz
14. William Pautz  
Jerome Hoefner  
Ethan Ulness
15. Veryl Hein  
Terry Stenzel  
Rocky Endries
16. Raphael Rusch
17. Randi Hetland  
Kristy Wagner  
Clarissa Ulness
18. Frank Griffin




19. Robert Wigen
20. Peter Reinertson
22. William Zutz
23. Susan Wenzel
25. Daryl Gilbertson
26. Gorman Lex  
Donald Johnson  
Kim Bremer  
Holley Jeske  
Colton Wenzel
27. Joseph Jeske  
Seth Madson
28. Warren Wenzel
29. Janice Mulhaney  
Lana Nelson
30. Parker Ulness  
Melissa Boll
31. Gage Spindler

## JANUARY

1. Breckin Franz
2. Marcus Simon
3. Esther Halverson  
Kimora Williams
4. Wayne Huske  
Jo Jones
5. Jennifer Kiel
6. Christine Davison
7. Robert Klessig  
Ginger Linsmeier  
Addison Pinkerton
8. Elma Castro  
Abigail Reinke  
Tannor Wittmus  
Marann Schmidt
9. Susan Jeske  
Ted Greif  
Shannon Jorgenson  
Lenka Hougen





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Children's Christmas Program		1  6:00 Board of Evangelism	2  5:00 Hands on Mission 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	3  6:00 Jazzercise	4	5
6 8:00 Boards of Christian Ed and Youth 9:00 Worship—In As Much Sunday 10:15 Sunday School	7  5:00 Board of Lay Ministry 6:00 Tel. Worship 6:00 Jazzercise	8	9  5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	10  8:30 Secretary Meeting  6:00 Jazzercise	11	12  12:00 Set up for Walk Through Bethlehem  
13 9:00 Worship with Christmas Program 10:15-11:30 Walk Through Bethlehem 5:00-7:30 Walk Through Bethlehem	14  6:00 Tel. Worship	15  <i>Newsletter info due to office</i>	16  5:00-7:30 Walk Through Bethlehem 6:15 Worship	17	18  <i>Annual Report information due from boards and committees</i>	19  9:00-10:00 Open Pantry 12:00 Teardown of Walk Through Bethlehem
20  9:00 Worship	21  6:00 Tel. Worship 6:00 Jazzercise 6:30 Council	22	23  NO Worship	24  <i>Christmas Eve Services at 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 and 10:00 pm</i>	25  <i>Christmas Day Service at 10:00 am</i>	26
27  9:00 Worship	28  Office Closed  6:00 Jazzercise	29	30  6:15 Worship	31  <i>New Year's Eve</i>		





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BLESS  
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New Year

For surely I know the plans I have for you,  
says the Lord, plans for your welfare  
and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11

