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Faith Matters

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WORSHIP TIMES

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WEDNESDAYS — 6:15 P.M.
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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Merry Christmas!

The angel Gabriel told Mary, “You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end” (Luke 1:31 – 33).

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:20, 21).

At Christmas we celebrate the greatest gift to humanity, the coming of God to restore our relationship with Him, coming in human form, born as a babe in Bethlehem, meek and helpless, just like us. God sent His Son to bring us into His eternal kingdom. As St. Augustine put it, “He became what we are so that we might become what he is.” At Christmas we celebrate the wonders of God’s love.

Special Christmas Celebrations

Our Annual Sunday School Christmas Program

“A Charlie Brown Christmas”

Sunday, December 19th at 9:00 Service

Walk Through Bethlehem

Wednesday, December 15th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Saturday, December 18th from 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Sunday, December 19th from 10:00 – Noon

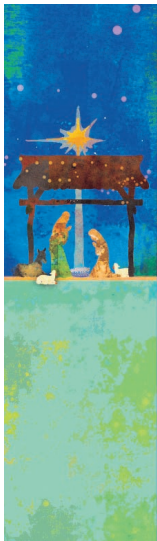
Christmas Eve Services with Communion

1:00, 3:00 and 5:00 pm

Christmas Day Service with Communion 9:00 am

Service of Lessons & Carols January 2nd at 9:00 am

No Services on Sunday, December 26th or Wednesday, December 29th



Join us
Sunday, December 19
at 9:00 am
for our
Sunday School
Christmas Program



Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, December 21 at 9:00 a.m. at Riverview Restaurant in Kiel.



Christmas Eve Worship
is at **1:00, 3:00 and 5:00 pm**
with Holy Communion

Christmas Day Worship
is at **9:00 am.**
with Holy Communion

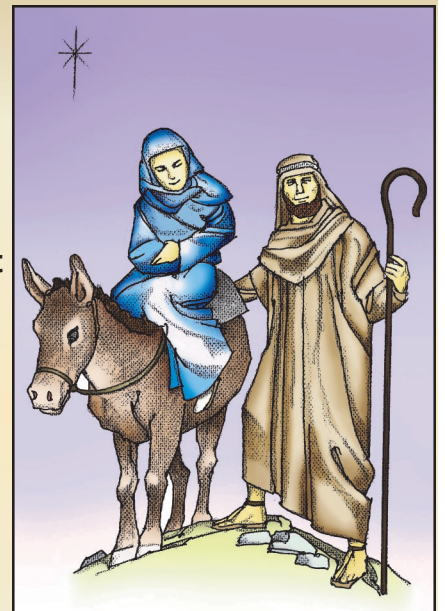
Walk Through Bethlehem

The event will be open Wednesday, December 15 from 6:00-8:00 pm, Saturday, December 18 from 5:00-8:00 pm and Sunday, December 19 from 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Join us for a guided tour through the streets of ancient Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth. You will enter Bethlehem during the time of Ceasar Augustus's census. Visit the busy marketplace and see fine textiles, jewelry makers, and net repairs. Hear the excitement around the young couple ready to have a baby. Walk through the fields and see the animals on your way to the stable where you will be greeted with the joyous reason for the season. The journey will then continue to reflect upon scenes of Jesus's life.

Please park in the lower parking lot.

For those wishing to help: Setup will be on Saturday, December 11 starting at noon and teardown on Sunday, December 19 at noon.



Staffing the Welcome Desk ~ Christmas Decorating



**WELCOME
VISITORS!**

The Board of Evangelism is experimenting with having a congregational member available at the Welcome Desk for 15-20 minutes prior to Sunday service. The duties included with this ministry opportunity would be to be on “high alert” for visitors and potential new members. There is a direct correspondence to a potential return to a church based on how welcoming and helpful the congregation was during an initial visit.

Additionally this person would be equipped with the knowledge to answer basic questions from visitors and congregation members or to be able to direct questions to the most helpful staff member/individual.

The Board of Evangelism will be actively recruiting people for this important ministry. Please prayerfully consider your involvement and contact Christine in the church office if you would like to be of part of this.



Join us Saturday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m. for decorating the church for Christmas. Un-decorating will be done Saturday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m.



In As Much Sunday

In As Much Sunday will be **Sunday, December 12**. 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. 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.



The Joy of Giving

Finances

Income - October 2021

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 28,931.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 208.00			
General Fund Income	\$ 29,139.00	\$ 25,816.83	\$ 244,458.54	\$ 258,168.40
Dedicated Income	\$ 334.30		\$ 20,169.96	
Total Income	\$ 29,473.30		\$ 264,628.50	

Operating Expenses - October 2021

Benevolence	\$ 2,258.27			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 16,469.81			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 13,056.96			
General Fund Expense	\$ 31,785.04	\$ 25,485.48	\$ 235,535.15	\$ 267,838.10
Dedicated Expense	\$ 514.30		\$ 20,252.99	
Total Expenses	\$ 32,299.34		\$ 255,788.14	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$8,923.39

Bible Quiz

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Which of the following are mentioned in the list that follows?

- A. a time to teach, and a time to learn
- B. a time to mourn, and a time to dance
- C. a time to fast, and a time to eat
- D. a time to work, and a time to rest



Answer: B (See Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.)

Bible Quiz

Where did the child Jesus and his parents flee for safety?

- A. Ethiopia
- B. Syria
- C. Rome
- D. Egypt



Answer: D (See Matthew 2:13.)

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms... ..Hadley Rey Beckman, Maelyn Melissa Miller, Baylor John Fochs, Ruby Beth Saunders
Funeral Dennis Evenson

Membership

Baptized 807
Confirmed..... 591
Famillies 110

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
10/17	Worship—88 Video— 90	42
10/24	Worship—125 Video—84	36
10/31	Worship— 93 Video—90	32
11/7	Worship—147 Video—110	41

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

December **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*

Lectors

12/1 Kelly Meyer
12/5 Brian Ulness
12/8 Susan Christel
12/12 Ava Ulness
12/15 Lorin Berge
12/19 Chloe Cigler
12/22 Cheryl Duchow

Communion Servers

12/1 Terry Haupt
12/5 Brian Ulness
12/15 Lorin Berge
12/19 Chloe Cigler

Acolyte Schedule

12/1 Peter Cigler
12/5 Lucas Spindler
12/8 DJ Schisel
12/12 Lucas Spindler
12/15 Libby Olson
12/19 Peter Cigler
12/22 Tristan Teuke

Head Usher Sunday

Glenn Otto and Tom Madson

Greeters

12/1 DJ Schisel
12/5 Mitchell Zutz
12/8 Carter Valleskey
12/12 Addison Spindler
12/15 DJ Schisel
12/19 Carter Valleskey
12/22 Carter Valleskey

Ushers

12/5 Steve and Ginny Schwoerer
12/12 Brian and Tammy Brill
12/19 Al Gilbertson and Steve Ahrens

Sound Operator

12/1 Kayla Hildebrandt
12/5 Addison Spindler
12/8 Kayla Hildebrandt
12/12 Makenna Kaderabek
12/15 Kai Meyer
12/19 Lyle Roehrig
12/22 Makenna Kaderabek

Projection

12/1 DJ Schisel
12/5 Gage Spindler and Erin Lenzner
12/8 Kayla Hildebrandt
12/12 Gage Spindler and Stefanie Kaderabek
12/15 Kai Meyer
12/19 Lyle Roehrig and Greg Evenson
12/22 Makenna Kaderabek

Video Operator/Live Stream

12/1 Travis Schisel
12/5 Hunter Spindler/Carter Lenzner
12/8 Kai Meyer
12/12 Hunter Spindler
12/15 Kayla Hildebrandt
12/19 Travis Schisel
12/22



We welcomed 2 young people as confirmed members on October 31. Congratulations Otis Berge and Lauren O'Leary! We are so happy you are part of our Faith Family.



Some of our 4th graders participated in a Communion Retreat recently. They met with Pastor Jim to learn more about the sacrament. Next, they painted chalices and made communion bread for their special communion celebration on November 7. Way to go 4th graders!



Our Sunday School kids had the opportunity to work with Faith Lutheran Sunday School Alumna Katie Thomsen on a service-learning project that was part of her psychology class at Concordia University.

Her class is collecting money/donations for boxes of stuffing to be donated around Thanksgiving time to food donation centers Despensa de la Paz and A Place of Refuge, both located in Milwaukee. After learning with Katie, the kids helped her out by doing a noisy offering for the cause. Thanks to the congregation for their generous support!



Poinsettia Orders

In Courage

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 12.**

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,
January 2.

_____ Please donate my plant.

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:

Thank you to everyone for their generous
donations during the month of October for
In Courage. Also a big thank you to Bank
First in Kiel who also donated.

Here is our list for this year:

- Wash baskets
- Bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths
- Baby wipes, changing pad, Pull-ups & diapers
- Baby clothes, baby bottles, diaper rash ointment, bottles and Sippy cups
- Laundry and dishwashing detergent
- Bath soap, hand liquid soap and lotion
- Ziplock gallon bags
- Kitchen cloths/towels
- Cough drops
- Kleenex
- Disinfectant wipes
- Sheets, pillows, pillow cases, mattress protector
- Feminine products
- Toothbrushes
- Paper toweling, toilet paper and cleaner
- Adult and child cold/flu/allergy medication, infant and adult Tylenol
- Scissors and crayons
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Canned food/fruit, soup, pasta, juice boxes, snacks, boxed food
- Kitchen cleaning supplies
- Kitchen utensils, soup and cereal bowls, silverware, food containers
- Baking and cooking ingredients
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Alarm Clock



Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—October 18, 2021

Housekeeping Items: The Lion's Club has decided not to do the Breakfast with Santa this year. They did instead have a brat fry with the Boy Scouts, its proceeds to go to pantries in the area, for hams, etc. for Christmas.

OLD BUSINESS: Mortgage Burning; Symbolic burning of the mortgage loan, which has been paid off, will take place immediately following the service on Sunday, October 24, 2021. Fellowship will be serving cinnamon rolls, cut in half, with coffee afterward. The burning will also be done after the Wednesday service, after which Stephanie will have a treat for those who come.

NEW BUSINESS: Community Dinner: Lions Club has asked if there is any interest in serving a community dinner again, probably in spring. Terry Huske organized others previously, so Ron will talk to her about this. Estate Money Designation: Pastor Onkka's Estate has gifted us with \$10,000, unspecified as to how they prefer it be used. It will be put into the Memorial Fund. It is felt that it should be designated for something substantial and tangible. Therefore, it will be added into the fund as a special line item, so that it cannot be absorbed into the budget for light bulbs, etc. Suggestions include: Carpeting, lights in fellowship hall, Substantial improvements on building. Motion was made and carried to put the gift from Onkka estate into the Memorial Fund as a separate line item "Pastor Onkka's gift" and designate it for improvements. Treat bags for the kids after the Christmas service. We received an email requesting permission from the Ralph Christianson family to renew the giving of treat bags to Sunday School children following their Christmas program. Covid had prevented this last year but it had been an 80-year tradition for the family that had been well received and they would like to continue. Motion was made and carried to accept the Christianson family's offer to distribute treat bags to the Sunday School children following their Christmas program. A "Noisy offering" was requested by Katie Thomsen in accordance with her work at Concordia College, a project challenge to the students for which Katie is raising money for people in need in the Milwaukee area. We discussed the idea of matching what is raised by the noisy offering from our local benevolence fund, deciding we could match the amount collected by noisy offering rounded up to next \$100. Motion was made and carried to match the amount received by the noisy offering from our local benevolence, rounded up to the nearest \$100.

Stewardship – *Stephanie Mitnacht*. Next year's budget information is coming in, and she is working on it.

Lay Ministry – *Joyce Sorenson*. Voices of Peace were unable to come. Church holidays have been determined through Christmas. All Saints Day will be on November 7th. Thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday, November 23rd at 6:15 pm. The Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 19th. Christmas Eve services will be three: at 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Christmas Day service will be (Saturday) at 9:00 (instead of 10:00). There is a possibility that there may be no service the following day -the Sunday of 26th. (Pastor will be on his way to India). We'll do Lessons and Carols on the 2nd January.

Evangelism – *Julie Endries*. They would like to display a Christmas wreath like last year on the outside church wall; they need permission and financial help, possibly from the Undesignated Memorial Fund, to make this happen. Motion was made and carried to allow funds not to exceed \$150 from the Undesignated Fund for the wreath to hang on the outside wall of the church. Pastor Grant from the synod will be at their meeting on December 7th at 6:00 to speak with Evangelism (also in Pastor Jim's place Sunday, Nov. 28th). Evangelism invites Council members to come listen. Hands on Mission is looking for clarity of tasks, for what they should be doing. There is nothing in the Constitution that defines their actions, so they are looking for some direction, what they should be doing, for someone to possibly take charge. The Sharing Tree will be put up the last week of October.

Fellowship – *Cheryl Domrath*. Their committee meets every Sunday while they are serving, rather than on an official date or time of meeting. This seems to work best with their members, partly due to Covid, and she's wondering if this is all right. The Council thought it fine; things are getting done, fellowship after the Sunday service is going well. Quilts are usually put on the pews during November and left on for the month. It was decided this would be done again for this year, along with envelopes to be found in back for voluntary contribution to quilting.

Youth and Family Ministry – *Erin Lenzner*. We held an event at Otto's Pumpkin Patch last Sunday and had a nice turn out. Lefse sales have begun and will continue through October. The lefse event will be November 19-20th. Also, "A Walk Through Bethlehem" is being planned to take place again in December this year.

Call Committee – *Ron Jones*. They had received advice to re-work and update their questions to candidates, which they did. They had a virtual interview with a candidate from the East Coast, but didn't work out mostly because he did not have experience with youth. Gretchen Spindler joined their group. Pastor Grant was here from synod to speak to them and give some pointers.

Endowment – Minutes were received from their meeting on October 13, 2021, which detailed the work they have been doing and their intentions for holiday giving. They also made a gift donation to the Cancer Benefit for Harry Kwasny.

Adjourn - Having completed all business, a motion was made and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:28 pm. Next meeting on November 15, 2021 at 6:30. Devotions by Judy Harris

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
Pamela Whitehouse
22. William Zutz
23. Susan Wenzel
Marcus Loritz
25. Daryl Gilbertson
26. 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
7. Robert Klessig
Ginger Linsmeier
Addison Pinkerton
8. Elma Castro
Abigail Reinke
Tannor Wittmus
Marann Schmidt
9. Susan Jeske
Shannon Jorgenson
Lenka Hougen





December

Join us for Christmas Carol Sing-a-longs at 8:50 am on Sundays. Song Leaders are:
 12/5 Joan Pritzl
 12/12 Julie Hartman
 12/19 Don Domrath

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00 Card Club 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	2 6:00 Jazzercise	3	4 9:00 Church Christmas Decorating 
5 8:00 Boards of Christian Ed and Youth 9:00 Worship <i>Baptism for Ella Ann Zutz</i> 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour	6 6:00 Tel. Worship Jazzercise	7 5:00 Board of Lay Ministry 6:00 Board of Evangelism	8 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	9 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 6:00 Jazzercise	10	11 9:00 Saturday Circle 12:00 Walk through Bethlehem setup
12 In As Much Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour 10:15 9th grade Confirmation	13 6:00 Tel. Worship 6:00 Jazzercise (upper level)	14	15 6-8 Walk through Bethlehem 6:15 Worship	16 6:00 Jazzercise (upper level)	17 	18 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry 5-8 Walk through Bethlehem
19 9:00 Worship with Sunday School Christmas Program 10-12 Walk through Bethlehem	20 6:00 Tel. Worship Jazzercise 6:30 Council	21 9:00 Senior Christians at Riverview Restaurant in Kiel	22 6:15 Worship	23 6:00 Jazzercise	24 Christmas Eve Worship at 1:00, 3:00 & 5:00 pm with Holy Communion (note no 10:00pm service)	25 Christmas Day Worship at 9:00 am with Holy Communion (note time change)
26 NO WORSHIP	27 <i>Office Closed</i> 6:00 Tel. Worship Jazzercise	28	29 NO WORSHIP or Confirmation	30 6:00 Jazzercise	31 	

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God
BLESS
IN THE
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

