



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## Faith Matters

DECEMBER  
2022

### WORSHIP TIMES

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

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## Special Christmas Celebrations

### Our Annual Sunday School Christmas Program "A Super Christmas"

**Sunday, December 18th at 9:00 Service**

"A Super Christmas" features a variety of well known superheroes who are worried about losing their jobs to a new superhero coming to save the Earth. Can they find him in time? What will this new super hero be like?

The seventh and eighth grade confirmation students make up the main cast. The Sunday school kids will be singing a variety of songs.

Practice has begun, and let me tell you. This one is a hoot! Everybody needs to see it!

### Walk Through Bethlehem

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

### Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion

**3:00, 5:00 and 10:00 pm**

### Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

**9:00 am**

You are invited to...

# Walk Through Bethlehem

Faith Lutheran Church, Valders



Wednesday, December 14 6:00-8:00 pm

Saturday, December 17 6:00-8:00 pm

Follow the star and 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 Caesar Augustus' census. Visit the busy marketplace and watch the basket makers work, see and smell the fresh breads and produce being sold, and talk with the merchants selling their wares. Hear the locals talk with excitement about the young couple that has traveled through town, 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 the scenes in Jesus' life.

**ALL are welcome!**

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to this joyous holiday event.

Please park in the lower parking lot.



Imagine the comfort that comes with a hug when someone is in a time of deepest need. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread the Quilting Ladies at Faith have reached out to those with some of the greatest needs in the world, not wrapping them in their arms, but wrapping them in the work of their hands through the making of quilts. We feel the warmth from the following ladies who have worked all year completing the task of making quilts. Now when you see Cheryl Domrath, Marlene Evenson, Kayleen Halderson (Coordinators), Gladys Hansen, Bev Hildebrandt, Linda Menza, Virginia Meyer, Jo Jones, Mardell Huske, Doreen Bessert, Judy Evenson, Ann DeMark, Janice Dill, Sharon Schuh, Teresa Pederson, Gladys Tienor and Carol Sickinger, extend to them a BIG THANK YOU for all they do to meet the needs of people they will never meet. These quilts will be distributed at Christmas to the Salvation Army, The Haven, Hope House, The Crossing, Faith's Pantry and InCourage.



Join us Saturday,  
December 3 at 9:00  
a.m. for decorating the  
church for Christmas.  
Un-decorating will be  
done Saturday,  
January 7 at 9:00 a.m.



Senior Christians will  
meet Tuesday,  
December 20 at  
9:00 a.m. at Perkins.



Our Sunday school students singing for Pastor Jim's last day at Faith.



# Finances

## *Income - October 2022*

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 30,521.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 290.00			
<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 30,811.00</b>	<b>\$ 308,402.00</b>	<b>\$ 245,208.72</b>	<b>\$ 257,001.80</b>
Dedicated Income	\$ 235.00		\$ 4,783.66	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 31,046.00</b>		<b>\$ 249,992.38</b>	

## *Operating Expenses - October 2022*

Benevolence	\$ 2,464.88			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 6,100.64			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 7,529.96			
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$ 16,095.48</b>	<b>\$ 307,175.39</b>	<b>\$ 184,112.24</b>	<b>\$ 255,962.70</b>
Dedicated Expense	\$ 742.00		\$ 4,790.66	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,837.48</b>		<b>\$ 188,902.90</b>	

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**Year to Date General Fund Net Income: \$61,096.48**

# Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

## Pastoral Acts

### New Members

Cheyenne Propson and her children, Ariana Herrick and Dustin Eisenschink Jr., Tyler Miller

## Membership

Baptized ..... 809  
 Confirmed..... 587  
 Families ..... 101

## Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
10/16	153	47
10/23	122	41
10/30	200	47
11/6	120	30
11/13	106	35

## Altar Guild Servers

### Communion:

December... **Marlene Evenson, Chair (Committee #1)**

## Lectors

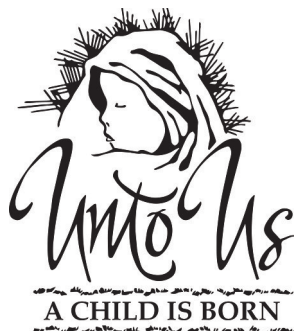
12/4 Jenniffer Zutz  
 12/7 Kelly Meyer  
 12/11 Judy Harris  
 12/14 Kerry Schnell  
 12/18 Makenna Kaderabek  
 12/21 Carol Ulness

## Communion Servers

12/4 Jenniffer Zutz  
 12/14 Kerry Schnell  
 12/18 Stacy Wilker

## Acolyte Schedule

12/4 Landen Pinkerton  
 12/7 Tristan Teuke  
 12/11 Addison Spindler  
 12/14 Keagan Hougen  
 12/18 Tristan Teuke  
 12/21 Phoebe Cigler



## Greeters

12/4 Audrey Sorenson  
 12/7 Tom and Jan Behnke  
 12/11 Bob and Julie Wigen  
 12/14 Logan Bratt  
 12/18 Keith and Audrey Lippert  
 12/21 Keagan Hougen

## Ushers

12/4 Earl and Barb Griffin  
 12/11 Paul and Michele Schmidt  
 12/18 Dean and Rose Behnke family

## Head Usher

Glenn Otto and Tom Madson

## Sound Operator

12/4 Makenna Kaderabek  
 12/11 Lucas Spindler  
 12/18 Terry Huske

## Projection

12/4 Stefanie Kaderabek  
 12/11 Ethan Ulness  
 12/18 Terry Huske  
 12/21 Liam Cline and Kayla Hildebrandt

## Video Operator/Live Stream

12/4 Carter Lenzner  
 12/11 Michael Lenzner  
 12/18 Bill Riesterer  
 12/21 Landen Pinkerton and Kayla Hildebrandt



Worship Opportunities (lector, greeter, ushers, etc.) are available for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Space on the Information Desk. Thank you for your help.

# Poinsettia Order Form

# InCourage

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 WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 14.**

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 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 ITEMS DELIVERED FOR  
OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP** Thank you to  
everyone for their generous donations.

- DIAPERS/DIAPER RASH OINTMENT
- WASH CLOTHS
- WOMEN’S UNDERWEAR
- PULLUPS
- HAND SOAP
- TEETHING RINGS
- BODY SCRUBBIE
- BABY WIPES
- TWIN BED SHEET SET
- SIPPY CUP
- DISINFECTANT WIPES
- BABY BOTTLE/BRUSH
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- FEMININE PRODUCTS
- DENTAL SUPPLIES
- BABY WASH/SHAMPOO
- BOY’S BASEBALL CAP
- BABY LOTION
- ALARM CLOCKS
- PAPER TOWEL
- WOMEN’S SOCKS
- KITCHEN DISHRAGS/TOWEL
- WOMEN’S SHIRTS
- DISHWASHER SOAP
- WOMEN’S SCARVES
- KLEENEX
- YOUTH SHIRT
- WALL CALENDARS
- DISH SOAP
- WASH BASKETS
- CLEANING SUPPLIES
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- KITCHEN UTINSELS
- FREEZER BAGS
- DRYER SHEETS
- HAIR BRUSH/COMBS
- BODY WASH
- TOILET PAPER
- PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP
- GIRLS/BOYS UNDERWEAR and SOCKS
- COUGH/COLD/ALLERGY MEDS/COUGH DROPS
- CHAP STICK

# Thank You

HOW CAN WE  
*Thank*  
= GOD =  
ENOUGH FOR YOU?  
- 1 Thessalonians 3:9, NIV -

Our 7th and 8th grade Confirmation class is off to a great start! They have been training how to help around church, coming together for our Christmas program, learning about Grace and exploring early stories of the Bible with Mrs. Endries. Our youth are a true blessing!



We have a new security system in place at the north door on the upper level. To gain access, please press or tap the doorbell (blue) icon on the screen and the office will answer to let you in. If the screen is black, tap it to find the blue doorbell icon. A HUGE THANK YOU to Ralph Christianson for providing the generous donation for making this possible.

Quilt Silent Auction results at the close of bids on Sunday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. The high bidders for the 8 quilts the Valdres Faithful Quilters had on display are listed below:

Quilt 1	Marilyn Robley	\$80.00
Quilt 2	Teresa Pederson	\$80.00
Quilt 3	Kathy Mattern	\$125.00
Quilt 4	Peggy Madson	\$45.00
Quilt 5	Melissa McCulley	\$125.00
Quilt 6	Pastor Jan LaVake	\$80.00
Quilt 7	Tom Behnke	\$130.00
Quilt 8	Marlene Evenson	\$70.00

Thank you for all who bid on our quilts. We now will be able to purchase more batting to continue to make warm quilts. The total was \$735.00. Anyone willing to contribute toward batting can place money in an envelope and label it for quilters.

A heartfelt thank you to our Faithful Quilters for the beautiful quilt you made for Delores. I wrap her in your love everyday.

— Don and Delores Johnson



## Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—October 17, 2022

*Signs:* The signs to label the church entrances are here and ready to be put up.

*Pastor Jim exit party* is Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> following the church service. Items have been procured: Gift card, a devotional especially aimed at people “Over the Hill” for his retirement and favorite Carmel corn. Uncle Pancake will be doing the breakfast, including pancakes and sausages. Presentation of gift, a \$300 Visa gift card and the devotional, will be done by Erin.

*Special Congregational Meeting Minutes Approval:* After Pastor Dan’s official acceptance of the call, which must be done via regular mail, we will release the call committee as their work is over, with a huge thank you for their due diligence, endurance, and commitment.

*Things brought to our attention:* Video was not there for cable broadcast on Monday night. The live video stream this past Sunday did not have sound, and that this happens occasionally. Bill explained why: whenever that computer updates; it reverts to its factory setting, internal mic turned off. So far this hasn’t seemed to be changeable. Bill will work on it, to figure a way so it doesn’t happen. Also, sometimes the audio has noise, which is also being looked at. There was also discussion about answering the telephone during the church services. Feelings concerning this went both ways, and no conclusion was reached for now.

*Replacement for members going off boards:* There are a number of council members finishing terms and going off after the election and vote in January. Therefore, the nominating committee must get started filling those positions. The members going off was gone over, finding that 6 members will be leaving with the possibility that one may consent to stay on, to be elected for another term. Nominating Committee chair will be Mike Zutz; he will get things rolling.

*Evangelism needs approval to get a wreath:* Evangelism made a request to purchase a wreath for the church for Christmas. It was discussed and money for this was approved, not to exceed \$150. Motion made and approved.

**Stewardship** – *Stephanie Mitnacht.* Stewardship has an assignment for the various boards: they would like the boards to write a short paragraph that can be projected onto the screen; a list of what projects you do that church members can get involved with, or volunteer to be a part of even though they may not be on your board? These can then be emailed to Christine, please. Stephanie will use this in explaining what’s out there for the purpose of filling out the time and talent sheets. She also reminded us that board budgets are needed by next month.

**Lay Ministry** – *Joyce Sorenson.* Kelly’s “Revive Your Life” will be on Saturday, November 5, 8:30 to 4:00. Church Christmas decorating will take place on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:00 am.

**Evangelism** – *Julie Endries.* They are planning to put together an advent resource like last year’s. The question of whether we should consider doing a photo book was brought up. It has been quite a while since the last one and the time could be good since we are getting a new pastor. It was thought a good idea. However, this is a lot of work, and right now we have many things going. We should also make it as easy on us as possible. It was suggested it would best to hire a firm do it. Will they make the appointments, though? Maybe do this in spring? Bring it up again then.

**Property** – *Mark Zutz.* They are waiting for a roofing company to look at exactly what things need to be done, how much work will be entailed. Mark has started the painting of walls in the inner narthex; it looks good, makes a big difference.

**Christian Education** – *Gretchen Spindler.* They had a communion retreat; on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> and this past Sunday was the 4<sup>th</sup> grade communion. Julie Endries is teaching confirmation.

**Youth and Family Ministry** – *Erin Lenzner.* They are having a fall event on Saturday – Haunted golf cart ride in Reedsville. Walk through Bethlehem will be December 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 2022. They’re planning one day for lefse making, unless so many orders necessitate a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Personnel Committee** – *Erin Lenzner.* A meeting was held in which salaries of our paid employees were reviewed.

**Adjourn**—Having completed all business, a motion was made and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:06 pm. Next meeting on November 21, 2022, at 6:30. Devotions by Joyce Sorenson.

Judy Harris, Secretary



# Celebrating Your Birthday!

## DECEMBER

1. Colton Meidl
3. Carter Lenzner
5. Dayton Goehring  
John Ergas
6. Quinten Robley  
Jomarie Ergas
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
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  
Holley Jeske  
Colton Wenzel
27. Seth Madson
28. Warren Wenzel
29. 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





Join us for Christmas Carol Sing-a-longs at 8:50 am on Sundays December 4-18.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Board of Lay Ministry	2	3  9:00 Christmas Decorating 
4 8:00 Bell Choir 8:50 Sing a Long 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Mixed Choir	5  2:00-6:00 Blood Drive 5:30 Jazzercise	6  6:00 Board of Evangelism	7 9:00 Jazzercise  6:00 Card Making 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	8  5:30 Jazzercise	9	10  9:00 2nd Saturday Bible Study
11 8:00 Bell Choir 8:50 Sing a Long 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday school, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Mixed Choir, 9th grade confirmation	12  5:30 Jazzercise	13	14  9:00 Jazzercise 5:00 Board of Stewardship <b>6:00-8:00 Walk Through Bethlehem</b> 6:15 Worship <b>NO Confirmation</b>	15 Newsletter info due  5:30 Jazzercise	16 	17 9:00 Open Pantry  <b>6:00-8:00 Walk Through Bethlehem</b>
18 8:00 Bell Choir 8:50 Sing a Long 9:00 Worship— <b>Sunday school Christmas Program</b> 10:00 Sunday school, Fellowship Hour 10:15 Mixed Choir	19  5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Council	20  9:00 Senior Christians at Perkins	21  9:00 Jazzercise  6:15 Worship <b>NO Confirmation</b>	22  5:30 Jazzercise	23	24  <b>Christmas Eve Services at 3:00, 5:00 &amp; 10:00 with Holy Communion</b>
25  <b>9:00 Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion</b>	26 Office Closed  5:30 Jazzercise	27  6:30 Lions Club	28  <b>NO Worship or Confirmation</b>	29  5:30 Jazzercise	30	31

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December Senior Exercise class for Men and Women Ages 65-90  
Beginners Movement Class

- \* No experience, Learn as you Go, Pace along the way
- \* You will benefit by improving your balance, strength, heart and lungs, and we'll build a stronger immune system before the holidays!
- \* You'll leave the 45 minute class with a personal pride of your accomplishments, energy and "happy" endorphins.

**Wednesdays December 7, 14, 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall at Faith Lutheran**

Bring a friend ~ Cost = Donation to be given to Faith Lutheran Church. Call Debbie Klingeisen at 920-901-4116 with questions.