



# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

## Faith Matters

JANUARY  
2023

### WORSHIP TIMES

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

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Treasurer: Don Domrath

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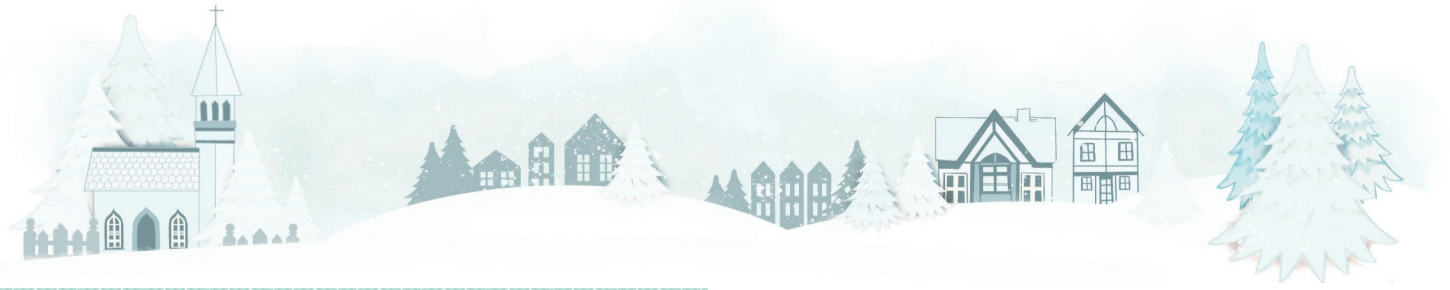
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If you went to look up what Lutherans believe, maybe on Google, or even an ELCA website, you would find a familiar list. The most important things are the Lordship of Jesus and that salvation comes by grace alone. If you have been through Lutheran confirmation you recognize the Latin phrases “sola fide, sola gratia, sole scriptura.” Meaning “by faith alone, by grace alone, by scripture alone,” explaining that we are saved by God’s gracious gift of salvation that we cannot earn, but receive as a free gift through our faith. And that any authoritative statements about the Christian faith must be based on biblical teachings. This is accurate.

Many explanations of Lutheranism go on to assert that we follow the Augsburg Confession and the Book of Concord, and we do, but it is not a lively part of our identity. I can’t remember the last time I quoted the Book of Concord. And I would bet that few of my fellow Lutheran pastors ever have to refer to our historical theological statements.

Christianity, as we practice it, is more about our day-to-day living as followers of Jesus. How did Jesus tell us to live? He told us to love each other. Pretty simple. “Love ye one another.” We look at the authoritative word on that, we look at the Bible, and Jesus says it pretty often. In one key scene they ask Jesus what the most important “commandment” is. He replies that we are to “Love God and to love our neighbor” and these two commandments are the basis for every other commandment. Anything we are doing, we should be doing with love.

Christianity is all about love, so it is not about anything else. Christianity is not about being holy or avoiding sin or judging others or praying a lot or “poverty, chastity, and obedience.” Nor is Christianity about “money, sex, and power.” God just wants us to love each other.



We will be taking down the Christmas decorations Saturday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m. Join us and give us a helping hand.

The Annual Budget and Election Meeting of Faith Lutheran Church will be Sunday, January 15 at 10:15 a.m. We encourage you to attend and vote on our 2023 budget and those being elected to board positions in the congregation. Snow Date: January 22.

Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m. at Fork and Knife Restaurant in Manitowoc.

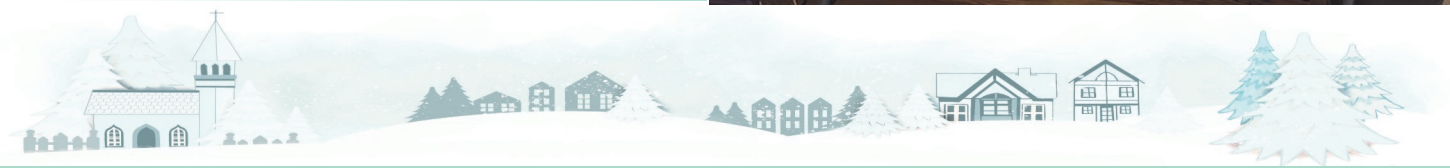
### BABY CARE KITS

- 2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (no feet)
  - 2 receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, crocheted or knit with lightweight yarn, 52" square
  - 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood or include a baby hat
  - 2 pairs of socks
  - 1 hand towel (dark color)
  - 2 bath size bars of gentle soap (4 or 5 oz.)
  - 4 cloth diapers (flat fold) \*\* Diapers are especially needed this year.
  - 2 diaper pins or large safety pins
  - 2 light weight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
  - Clothing sizes:6-24 months
- Donated items should be new or very gently used and not stained. Clearly mark items Baby Care and place inside the Stewardship Cabinet at the top of the stairs near the church office. Any monetary donations can be left in the church office. Thank you for your continued support. \* A good place to look for items is at summer rummage sales, Goodwill, etc.*



Fantastic donation from Faith Lutheran Church for our Holiday drive! — *Lakeshore Foster Families and Friends*

The Salvation Army would like to thank Faith for the toy donation for our "Christmas Toy Shop." Many children will have a joyful Christmas because of your generosity. We would also like to thank you for the donation of 67 beautiful quilts. These quilts will be an amazing gift for families in need this Christmas. Thank you!



# WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM



All this took place  
TO FULFILL WHAT THE LORD HAD SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET.  
Matthew 1:22, ESV

# Finances

<i>Income - November 2022</i>		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 23,184.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 1,109.00			
<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,293.00</b>	<b>\$ 308,402.00</b>	<b>\$ 269,501.72</b>	<b>\$ 282,701.98</b>
Dedicated Income	\$ 6,216.00		\$ 10,999.66	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 30,509.00</b>		<b>\$ 280,501.38</b>	
<i>Operating Expenses - November 2022</i>				
Benevolence	\$ 1,943.44			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 3,950.19			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 9,383.91			
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	<b>\$ 15,277.54</b>	<b>\$ 307,175.39</b>	<b>\$ 199,389.78</b>	<b>\$ 281,558.97</b>
Dedicated Expense	\$ 6,226.00		\$ 11,016.66	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 21,503.54</b>		<b>\$ 210,406.44</b>	

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**Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$ 70,111.94**

## November Stewardship - Manitowoc Health Care Center donations

Women's slipper socks  
 Crayons, water color paints, color pencils, color markers, drawing paper  
 Wall calendars  
 Large print word find books  
 Hand lotion  
 Nail polish, remover  
 Lipstick, blush  
 Packer shirts  
 Christmas wrapping paper, name tags  
 Body wash  
 Sweat/lounge pants  
 Snack crackers, pudding  
 Small soda cans  
 Disposable men's/women's razors  
 Undershirts  
 Fleece throw  
 Puzzles



# Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

## Pastoral Acts

Funeral ..... William Pautz  
 Death..... Norma Argall  
 Norma's Memorial Service is January 14 at 11:00 a.m.  
 at Faith Lutheran.

## Membership

Baptized ..... 807  
 Confirmed..... 585  
 Famillies ..... 101

## Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
11/20	102	
11/22	Thanksgiving -70	
11/27	130	41
12/4	136	40
12/11	100	31

## Altar Guild Servers

### Communion:

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

## Lectors

1/1 Judy Harris  
 1/4 Dennis Luckow  
 1/8 Erin Lenzner  
 1/11 Joyce Sorenson  
 1/15 Garrett Ulness  
 1/18 Chloe Cigler  
 1/22 Ava Ulness  
 1/25 Kelly Meyer  
 1/29 Ron Jones



## Communion Servers

1/1 Judy Harris  
 1/11 Joyce Sorenson  
 1/15 Earl Griffin  
 1/18 Chloe Cigler

## Head Ushers

Matt Krogh and Paul Franz

## Acolyte Schedule

1/1 Kolten Schisel  
 1/4 Phoebe Cigler  
 1/8 Audrey Sorenson  
 1/11 Keagan Hougen  
 1/15 Whitney Ulness  
 1/18 Phoebe Cigler  
 1/22 Mollie Junk  
 1/25 Kolten Schisel  
 1/29 DJ Schisel



## Greeters

1/1 Cheryl Domrath  
 1/4 Keagan Hougen  
 1/8 Pat Christianson and Ralph Christianson  
 1/11 Logan Bratt  
 1/15 Earl and Barb Griffin  
 1/18 Keagan Hougen  
 1/22 Ron and Jo Jones  
 1/25 Logan Bratt  
 1/29 Audrey Sorenson

## Ushers

1/1 Al Gilbertson and John Robley  
 1/8 Gary and Linda Heeler  
 1/15 Don and Deb Schreiner  
 1/22 Brian and Mary Thomsen  
 1/29 Dennis and Bonnie Gordon

## Sound Operator

1/1 Loren Ulness	1/18 Kayla H.
1/4 Kayla Hildebrandt	1/22 Erin Lenzner
1/8 Makenna Kaderabek	1/25 Kayla H.
1/11 Kayla Hildebrandt	1/29 Garrett Ulness
1/15 Gage Spindler	

## Projection

1/1 DJ Schisel	1/22 Erin Lenzner
1/4 Kerry Schnell	1/25 Kayla H.
1/8 Makenna Kaderabek	1/29 Luke Evenson
1/11 Susan Christel	
1/15 Addison Spindler	
1/18 Kayla Hildebrandt	

## Video Operator/Live Stream

1/1 Travis Schisel  
 1/4 John Schnell  
 1/8 Jake Kaderabek  
 1/11 Landen Pinkerton and Kayla Hildebrandt  
 1/15 Eric Thomsen  
 1/18 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 1/22 Mike Lenzner  
 1/25 Kayla Hildebrandt  
 1/29 Carter Lenzner

# Pastor's Message Continued...

God even made it simpler. We are to love God and our neighbors (2 rules), but God is sort of intangible and invisible, hard to actively love. So God made it simpler by teaching us that the best way to love God is by loving our neighbors. Jesus taught us, "Whatever you did for the least of my brethren, you did for me." (Just 1 rule.) Loving each other -that's what its all about!

Why are we loving each other? Because God wants us to, and that is the right way to live. Are we doing it to earn salvation? No. We cannot earn salvation. You cannot work your way to heaven. So we remind each other that God loves us and simply saves us as a gift. It is hard to keep it in our mind and live our lives believing that we are saved, but that is the glorious truth.

I, and almost all other Lutheran pastors, spend all our time teaching about the love of God and talking about loving our neighbors. Is this uniquely Lutheran? No. Most Christian denominations have gotten the message and try to get the good news out. But I am glad of the message we Lutherans have, and happy to preach it to you.

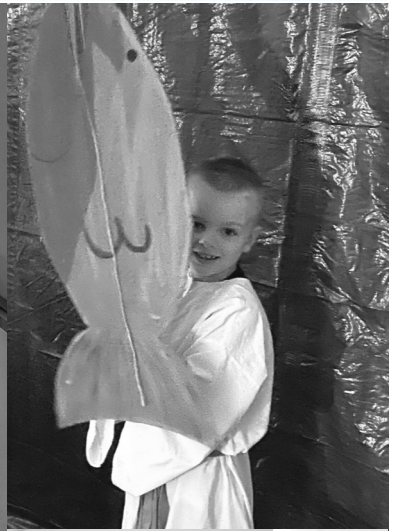
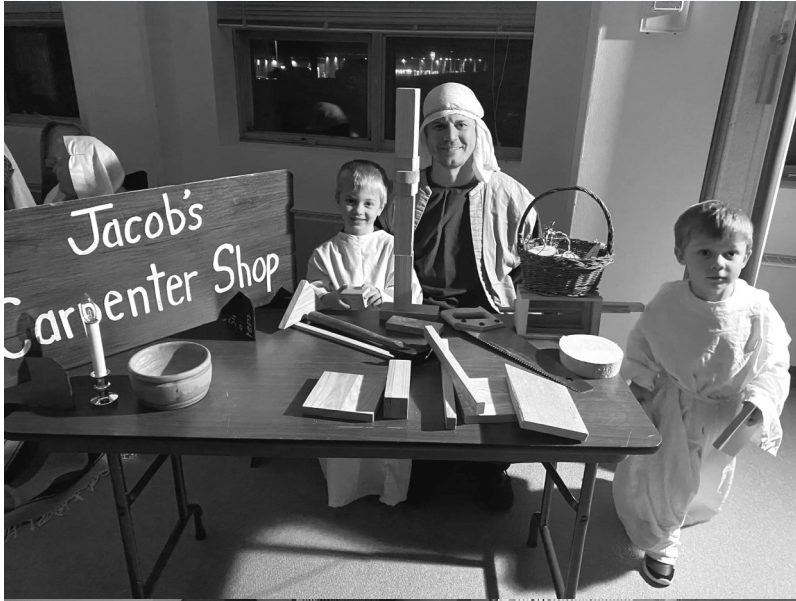
Happy New Year.  
Pastor Dan

*God with us,  
Thank you for the many gifts of Christmas:  
for drawing us out of ourselves and toward each  
other,  
for nights of calm and divine glory,  
for affirming our soul's worth  
and engaging us in your work  
that all oppression may cease.  
Meet us in the hopes and fears of all our years.  
Send your Spirit to sing with us.  
Join the voices and bless the celebrations of all the  
congregations of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin,  
the ELCA, and your whole body around the world.  
In the name of Jesus, who abides and resides with us,  
we pray. Amen.*



*Anne Edison-Albright*

# WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM



## Faith Lutheran Church Minutes— November 21, 2022

**Housekeeping Items:** Update on security system & signage: Bill reported that reflective metal signs to label our entrances are up on the outside of the doors. The security board did recommend that the same letter, though not weather-proof or reflective metal, be also put on the inside of the doors for the sake of reference from inside. The security system is now in place and activated, working with card. Its cameras are in place, Christine has an iPad for unlocking the door. Fire, ambulance has been notified but they still need fobs for operation. School is using the church in the event of evacuation; they've been notified of the change. Meetings at night would require use of a key and coming in at the front door. Decisions still need to be made on the sanctuary doors, whether or not to close them and whether to make it a tie-in with sprinkler system, which could close them automatically- that would need also a switch option so if they close they would not necessarily automatically set off the sprinklers. Thank you: a card will be sent to Ralph Christianson for funding this system.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Release of the Call Committee: With the arrival of Pastor Dan, the Call Committee can now be released with a huge thank you for their work and long commitment. Erin will write thank you cards to each member. Motion was made and carried to release the call committee from their duties, with a heartfelt thank you to each for all their work and dedication.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Support staff salaries (Erin):** We received a handout with the recommendations of the Personnel board as to the salaries for the support staff during the coming year, which were gone over and discussed. Motion was made and carried to approve salary changes for support staff.

**New Clavinova:** Joyce had sent an email to the executive board to obtain approval for purchasing a used Clavinova. She expressed a follow-up thank you for allowing the purchase, which was \$800. Located in the choir room, it has already been used a couple times and is very good. Thanks to Bill and Don for getting it here, and for choir direction with its use. Now we have to decide what can we do with two others in that music room. The Council agreed that the BOLM be in charge of this, so they will contact people who donated those.

**Setting of annual congregational/budget meeting date:** Budget & nominations of candidates needs to be publicized twice, for 2 weeks- those will be done on January 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was set for January 15<sup>th</sup>, with a snow date of 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pastor Dan's moving expenses: As previously agreed, we will be covering that; 3 estimates were received ranging from \$10,000-\$16,000. (\$10,465 united, \$12,250 allied; to 16,000 Mayflower). It was decided money for it will come from the checkbook balance.

**Lay Ministry** – Joyce Sorenson. Thanksgiving service at 6:15 p.m. Christmas service times printed in their minutes in our packet.

**Evangelism** – Julie Endries. They intend to update web site with new pastor, Pastor Dan.

**Fellowship** – Cheryl Domrath. Pastor Jim's retirement breakfast: 180 attended; the total cost was \$1174.91; \$250 came from Thrivent. \$500 from a former pastor (to be used for a special congregational event), which left \$424. This was taken out of the Fellowship fund. The free will offering for Faith's Pantry was \$50, and was used for the purchase of meat. "Revive Your Life" retreat: by Kelly and April Meyer took place on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Fellowship made sloppy jo's, served with chips, buns, fruit, veggies, milk, coffee, breakfast breads, muffins, and juice. The left-over sloppy jo's, breads, and muffins were given to the Board of Youth for use during Lefse making. Total cost was \$133.22, which also came out of Fellowship's fund. Walk through Bethlehem will be held in Fellowship Hall on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Fellowship will provide snacks, cookies, and apple cider. Also, there will be a welcome celebration with a cake for Pastor Dan after his first Sunday service with us on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Property** – Mark Zutz. Maintenance check on boilers was done. Painting in the inner narthex and sanctuary was done by Mark and Jenniffer Zutz and is finished. About \$300 was spent for paint, which was donated by Mark and Jen. Thank you Mark and Jen for that!!!

**Christian Education** – Question has come up--- why is there no Sunday School in January? It's mostly because participation goes down after Christmas. Chloe also has hockey camp; kids have much involvement in hockey & sports. Pastor will try to figure out why the problem is so big and if there is something that can be done about it.

Next meeting on December 19, 2022, at 6:30. Devotions by Pastor Dan Lyman.

Judy Harris, Secretary



# Celebrating Your Birthday!

## 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
11. Phoebe Cigler  
Casen Ott
12. Justin Kalies
13. Paige Neumeyer  
Greta Greif  
Ethan Spindler
14. Roy Sebo  
Kayla Hildebrandt  
Ann Reinke  
Mya Bast
16. Janelle Schisel
17. Kathy Muench  
Lucas Spindler
18. Dick Halverson
19. Ric Schultz
20. Randy Neumeyer  
Chase Wilker  
Nicolle Behnke
21. Libby Olson
22. Marilyn Schad  
Jeffrey Evenson  
Sue Pederson
24. Kenneth Evenson  
Rae Madson
25. Jody Koehler  
Jacob Halverson
28. Audrey Lippert
29. Aaron Robley  
Collins Duchow
30. Liam Cline  
Tammy Esser
31. Kiara Krogh

## FEBRUARY

2. Travis Schisel
3. Debra Linzmeier  
Craig Zutz  
Tristan Teuke
5. Gregory Saueressig  
Garrett Ulness
6. Marcus Galien
7. Virginia Schwoerer
8. Lawrence Naidl  
Eli Nelson
9. Maribel Christianson  
Raiden Sabourin
10. Cynthia Pederson  
Stephanie McCulley



# january




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour and Sunday school	2  5:30 Jazzercise 6:00 Board of Lay Ministry	3  6:00 Board of Evangelism	4 9:00 Jazzercise  6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation Students and Parents meet	5 8:00 Quilting  5:30 Jazzercise	6	7 9:00 Take down Christmas decorations
8 8:00 Bell Choir 8:00 Boards of Christian Ed and Youth 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour and Sunday school	9  5:30 Jazzercise	10	11 9:00 Jazzercise  5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	12 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting  5:30 Jazzercise		
15 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour and Sunday school, <b>Annual Election and Budget Meeting</b> 10:15 9th grade confirmation Newsletter info due	16  5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Council	17  9:00 Senior Christians at Fork and Knife	18 9:00 Jazzercise  6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	19 8:00 Quilting  5:30 Jazzercise	20	21 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry
22 8:00 Bell Choir 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour and Sunday school Snow date for Annual Meeting	23  5:30 Jazzercise	24  6:30 Lions Club	25 9:00 Jazzercise  6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	26 8:00 Quilting  5:30 Jazzercise	27	28
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