

Merry Christmas



Faith Lutheran Church

December 2022

"Oh, Come, Let Us Worship Him"

It's often the case that children get the details of the Christmas Story a little mixed up. I read where when asked to tell the story a little girl replied "Mary and Joseph had to stay in a cheap motel at Bethlehem because a party was going on in the Holiday Inn, and there was no room for them there." Surely, a harmless alteration of the real Christmas Story.

Luke describes the coming of a multitude of angels to tell the simple shepherds guiding their flocks by night of a great event. The dark sky fills with angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors." The Messiah, the Lord, is coming.

The Gospel of Matthew described the Magi's entrance to Jesus' humble shelter, "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage." (2:11) Not fully informed of this child's true identity, they at least understood his vital importance. He was to be a king. Certainly, He was worthy of their worship and praise.

Worship and Praise is the response to the coming of the Messiah. It has been said that "if Shakespeare would come into this room, we would all arise. If Christ came in, we would fall down at His feet.

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him, born the king of angels:

O come, let us adore him. O come let us adore him.

O Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

May you be blessed abundantly in this Holy Season. Let us worship the Lord.

Together in Christ,

Pr. Ron Nichols

COUNCIL REPORT

The Faith Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

Pastor Ron reported that the Call Committee has completed the ministry site profile. The profile was reviewed and approved by the Council at its November meeting.

The Discipleship Committee is finishing up the pictorial directory.

Faith Lutheran Church took part in the Halloween Trunk or Treat on October 31st. Three hundred bracelets were handed out during that event.

There are a number of positions that need to be filled on various committees. Nearly every committee is in need of additional help.

A new vacuum is being purchased for the church.

The Chamber of Commerce has asked for permission to use the church parking lot for its sleigh ride event in December. The council approved that request.

Kiwanis Gifts for Kids gifts will be given to families on December 10, 2022.

There will be a Christmas Day service this year as Christmas falls on Sunday.

The full minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board across from the office and copies are available in the Church office.

SECRET PRAYER SISTERS: Don't forget to check your mailboxes to see if you have a message from your Secret Sister. Also, if you leave a card/note for your Secret Sister, make sure it is in the right mailbox!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLING—Friday, December 23. We will gather here at Faith at 6:00 pm to go caroling. Members of the community are invited to join us. Bring a container of your favorite chili recipe to “dump together”! We will carol at the Madison Care Center, Hilltop, Park Avenue, and a few other homes. We will return to Faith around 7:45 pm to eat our chili—we will also welcome any “treats or sweets” to pass.

Faith Lutheran Staff & Officers

Pastor Ronald Nichols

Office Staff

Music Director: Linda Anderson
 Office Manager: Sharon Ronglien
 Financial Secretary: Lorrie Ehrenberg
 Treasurer: Kristen Ludvigson
 Education Coordinator: Darcy Daline
 Helper: Lisa Strand
 Little Blessings Teacher: Kelli Fernholz
 Senior Choir Director: Gary Boraas

Executive Council

President: Jerome Kallhoff
 Vice-President: Melanie Miller
 Secretary: Kristin Ludvigson
 Treasurer: Kristin Ludvigson
 Judy Kriese
 Linda Anderson
 Kelly Zahrbock
 Melanie Miller
 Taylor Shelstad
 Steve Dahle

Discipleship Committee

Melanie Miller
 Tamara Bissett
 Kelly Zahrbock
 Brittany Engesmoe

Education Committee

Jodi Kallhoff
 Deb Meyer
 Darcy Daline
 Lisa Strand
 Amber Boyens
 Amy Brehmer

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 Karen Nesvold
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Property Committee

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 Ron Toenies
 Mark Siekert
 Michael Arndt

Worship Committee

Linda Anderson
 Mary Wodrich
 Lorrie Ehrenberg
 Kelly Kallhoff
 Angie Arndt

Stewardship Board

Jerome Kallhoff
 David Kriese
 Shirley Hanson

Maynard Meyer
 Kevin Tollefson

Global Missions

Kris Hanson
 Jody Dahle
 Stan Olson
 Curtis Seefeld
 Betty Tollefson
 Char Heinzen
 Ruth Glomstad

Technology Committee

Judy Kriese
 Maynard Meyer
 Lorrie Ehrenberg
 Jeanene Munsterman
 Jessica Borstad
 Eric Nygard
 Curtice Kranz
 Linda Anderson
 Gail Smith

*The Executive Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

**All other committees are to meet once a month and report to

From the Worship Committee

Decorating the church for Christmas will be Sat., Nov. 26th @ 9:30am.

The tree in the narthex was donated by Doug and Elly Peterson.

During Advent, families have been asked to read and light the Advent candle each Sunday.

We invite you to bring a poinsettia for the Christmas Eve Service. If you wish, you can contact the office to have your poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one. You will be able to take your flowers home after Christmas. We ask that you have your flower marked with your name. You can start bringing flowers to church after December 11th.

In advance, we wish to thank you for your help decorating the church for Christmas. We would not be able to do it without your help.

There will be a Women's Christmas Gathering 9:30 am Wednesday, December 14th at Faith fellowship Hall. Please come and celebrate Christ's Birth with brunch, Christmas carols, fellowship and the Little Blessings. All are welcome!

Global Missions News

LAST CHANCE!!! World Hunger donations need to be in the offering plate or in the office to Sharon by Sunday, December 4! Thanks for giving! We will let you know how things turned out next month and what was all purchased with our donations!

Have a very blessed Christmas, people of Faith!

Global Missions Committee.

Discipleship News

We have completed our pictorial directory! We are waiting on proofing and finalizing details. We will let you know once these have arrived. Individual pictures should start arriving soon to the church – we will also keep you updated when you are able to pick these up.

Faith Lutheran participated in the “Trunk of Treat” community activity held on Halloween. It was a great success with over 300 children attending.

We plan to put together a display for the “Holiday Lights” being held at the Lou T Fisk Park. Please take a stroll anytime between December 3rd through January 2nd to see the lighted displays!

We are always looking for eager individuals to join our committee!

DECEMBER

Acolyte

4 - Grant & Vyolette
11- Jax & Alex
18- Gavin & Noah
24 - Christmas Eve
Jace & Gavin

Lay Reader

4 - Sherry Deyo
11 - Contemporary
Group
18 - Christmas Program
24 - Christmas Eve
Jerome Kallhoff

WORSHIP

Usher

4- Team 7
11 - Team 6
18 - Team 5
24 - Christmas Eve
Team 4
25 - Team 3

Screen

4 - Lorrie
11 - Jeanene
18 - Lorrie
24 - Christmas Eve
Lorrie
25 - Lorrie

ASSISTANTS

Videographer

4 - Dan L.
11 - Jeff H.
18 - Maynard M.
24 - Christmas Eve
Dan L.
25 - Jeff H.

Communion

4 - Mike D. & Jody D.
11 - Gail S. & Bob G.
18 - Tammy W. & Angie
A.
24 - Christmas Eve
Jodi W. & Becky M.

1	Owen Gloege	11	Savannah DuFrane	27	Todd Erp
1	Luke Summerlet	12	Pam Goetsch	27	Carley Strei
1	Blakely Mae Monson	12	Lukas Goetsch	29	Waylon Ludvigson
2	Amanda Heinrich	14	Decklan Lee	30	Erik Bjerke
3	Bart Hill	16	Mariah Mortenson	30	Austin Hibma
3	Regan Johnson	16	Ronald Kriese	31	Cheryl Heimerl
5	Warren Trygestad	16	Noah Arndt	31	Patty Nygard
6	Keith Olson	17	David Berg	31	Marley Ludvigson
6	Dana Carmody	17	Devyn Fernholz		
6	Kathy Wollschlager	19	Eva Zahrbock		
6	Kinsley Daline	19	Dustin Fernholz		
6	Kada Daline	19	Ella Goetsch		
6	Peter Hibma	19	Jaxton Wells		
8	Brittaney Fernholz	21	Verona Berg		
8	Anne Kennedy	22	Dick Clemensen		
8	Greta Hacker	22	Gilbert Redepenning		
8	Griffin Kranz	23	Vicky Amundson		
9	Tony Smith	23	Rachel Halvorson		
10	Harper Ludvigson	26	Julie Ludvigson		
10	Riley Bornhorst	26	James Monson		



Statement of Activities - With Date Range

November 1, 2022 - November 22, 2022

	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	Current Period Budget vs. Actual
Income			
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	17,394.32	23,639.30	(6,244.98)
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	6,470.52	1,250.00	5,220.52
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	188.50	275.01	(86.51)
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	40.00	33.33	6.67
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	0.00	241.66	(241.66)
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,125.00	(1,125.00)
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
CD Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Totals:	24,093.34	26,564.30	(2,470.96)
Expense			
CAPITAL IMPROVE. EXPENSE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	9,884.80	17,524.23	7,639.43
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	1,816.04	787.52	(1,028.52)
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	232.28	992.17	759.89
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	28.11	172.91	144.80
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	4,087.92	5,670.83	1,582.91
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense Totals:	16,049.15	26,647.66	10,598.51
Income - Expense:	8,044.19	(83.36)	8,127.55

Thank you! We appreciate your continued gracious giving.
 Tithes and offerings can be mailed, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org
 or PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com)

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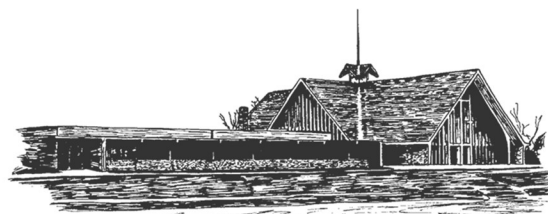
22Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:30 Senior Choir			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers	8:30-12pm Do Day 6pm Little Blessings Program		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9am Contemporary Worship 10am Sunday School			9am Hot Muffins 9:30am Gather Bible Study 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Church Council	8:30am-12pm Do Day		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9am Worship / Sunday School Christmas Program			9 am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30 pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers	11:30-12:30 Second Harvest/Meal	6pm Christmas Carolling & Chili	5pm Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9am Worship No Sunday School	Office Closed		9 am Hot Muffins			



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Diamond Poem written by Joyful Noise Member

	Church		
	Faithful	Grateful	
Communion	Pray		Blessed
	Grateful	Meaningful	
	Church		



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Sunday Worship at Faith: 9:00 a.m.

Pastor Ron Nichols

Broadcast on KLQP 92.1 FM: Sundays 11:30 a.m.

Church Office Phone: 320-598-3630

Cable Channel 8: Sundays 3:30 p.m.

E-mail: faithluthsecretary@gmail.com

Facebook: 3:30 p.m. [Faith Lutheran Church](https://www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurch)

Website: 3:30 p.m. www.faithlutheranchurchmadison.org