

Merry Christmas & **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Faith Lutheran Church

December 2023

ANTICIPATING ADVENT

The commercialization of Christmas has unfortunately diminished the meaning of Advent as a penitential season - sometimes referred to as “the Little Lent”. The word advent comes from the Latin word “adventus” meaning “coming” and marks the beginning of our church year.

The primary color for Advent is purple or violet, which represents fasting on the way to the Twelve-Day season of Christmastide.

The four Sundays and messages of Advent are:

- First Candle: Hope (the prophecy candle)
- Second Candle: Peace (the Bethlehem candle)
- Third Candle: Joy (rose) (the Shepherds candle)
- Fourth Candle: Love (the Angels candle)
- Center Candle: The Christ candle

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The four-week journey of Advent invites us to remember and celebrate the humble arrival of Jesus and anticipate his coming again.

A helpful way to make the journey to the crib in Bethlehem is to create an evergreen wreath to include the Advent candles and mark each day with an Advent calendar.

As we begin the season of Advent, I wish you a Happy New Church Year and blessed season of anticipation and reflection,

Bishop Craig

Faith Lutheran Staff & Officers

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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 the Executive Council.**

Council Report

Council met on November 15, 2023. We have hopefully come to a resolution with our church insurance ongoing. Steve and Jerome have been working diligently with Ryan Young and Church Mutual to work out an insurance policy that is affordable and also fits the needs of our church. Committees have been working to get their budgets together for the 2024 Fiscal Year and will be voted upon at the November 19, 2024 Voters Assembly. If you are looking to join a committee or become more active in the church, reach out to a Council Member today!

Worship Committee News

Decorating the church for Christmas will be Saturday, December 2nd, at 9:30 am.

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

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.

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 flower to church after December 19 th .

This year, December 24th is on a Sunday. We invite children to come to church wearing their pj's at 9 AM. This service will be shorter than a usual worship service. At 5PM, we will have our Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service. We hope you can make both services.

Duties for Altar Guild

Set up communion

Clean up after communion

Check oil levels of altar candles and fill if needed

Wipe down altar and railings if needed

Inform chairperson or church office if supplies are low; communion cups, wafers, both gluten free and regular wafers, wine, and white grape juice.

Communion bread is served 1st Sunday of the month

Please find a replacement if you are unable to fulfill your scheduled month.

Communion is served every Sunday and other occasions such as Maundy Thursday, at 2 Easter Services, Thanksgiving Eve, and Christmas Eve. The first Sunday of the month is always served around the railings (currently we are not at the railing)

Thank you for taking the time to be a part of the church service and for serving on the Altar Committee. Your time is greatly appreciated.

Duties for Flowers

Check with the church office weekly to see if anyone has designated flowers.

Take dishes to Heather for flowers that have been designated. These dishes are located under the sink in the sacristy.

If flowers need to be ordered, contact Heather Nursery early in the week. You will need to pick them up from Heather on Thursday, and bring them to the church. Place them in the flower cooler, check water levels in vases.

On Sunday mornings make sure flowers are placed in the vases by the altar before worship services. After the worship service is over, place flowers back in the cooler, check water level in vases.

Check water in flowers on Sundays and midweek.

Caring for the flowers allows us to use them for several weeks.

News from WELCA

Christmas Gathering: 9:30 am Wednesday, December 13th in Faith Fellowship Hall. Come for coffee, treats, Little Blessings and socializing. Everyone is WELCOME!

News from Linda Anderson

There will be Community Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 23. We will meet at Faith Church at 4:15. We will be going to Madison Care Center, Assisted Living, hospital, etc. We plan to be finished by 5:30. Cookies and cider will be served before we depart. Feel free to share some of your baked goods if you'd like. If you have family home, invite them along. Everyone is welcome to come and sing along.

News from Global Missions

Our annual World Hunger focus has been the past month and wraps up Sunday, December 3. We thank everyone for donating and can't wait to see the total amount we can gift to ELCA World Hunger! Our Global Missions Committee will go to the Good Gifts Catalog at our December meeting and select items to purchase for this great mission! Over the next month, let us all slow down and focus on WHY we celebrate Christmas season - Jesus really IS the Reason for the season! Let's be mindful of all the blessings we have ... and let's be a blessing to others this holiday season!

News from Discipleship Committee

The discipleship committee would like to welcome Sammi Summerland to the committee! We would also like to thank Bishop Craig and confirmation students for helping pass out treats at Trunk or Treat on Halloween.

December 2023	WORSHIP	ASSISTANTS
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>USHER</u>	<u>VIDEOGRAPHER</u>
3 - Sadie & Dane	3 - Team 5	3 - Jeff H.
10 -- Noah & Eastyn	10 - Team 4	10 – Deb M.
17 - Aidyn & Aaron	17 - Team 3	17 – Dan L.
24 - <u>9am</u> Teagan & Griffin	24 - <u>9am</u> Team 2	24 - <u>9am</u> Jeff H.
<u>5pm</u> - Sadie & Cooper	<u>5pm</u> Team 1	<u>5pm</u> - Deb M.
31 - Brycen & Ryan	31 - Team 7	31 – Dan L.
<u>LAY READER</u>	<u>SCREEN</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
3 - Cindy Hansen	3 - Lorrie Ehrenberg	3 - Cindy H.& Bob G.
10 – Contemporary	10 – Jeanene Munsterman	10 - Angela A. & Jody D.
17 - Bart Hill	17 – Lorrie Ehrenberg	17 - Bart & Julie H.
24 - <u>9am</u> - Jeanene M.	24 – <u>9am</u> & <u>5pm</u> Lorrie Eh-	24 -- <u>5pm</u> Gail S. & Jane
<u>5pm</u> - Gail S.	renberg	B.
31 – Tamara Baker	31 – Jeanene Munsterman	31 - Tamara B. & Fran S.
<u>GREETERS</u>		
3 - Gary & Cindy Hansen Pete, Ashley Hibma family	10 - Jeff & Kris Hanson Kathy Harwick	17 - Bart & Julie Hill Peggy Karels
24 - <u>9am</u> Boise & CheeChee Halvorson Shirley Hanson	24 - <u>5pm</u> Dustin & Kelly Kallhoff family Dave & Judy Kriese	31 - Jerry & Tammy Heinrich Nate & Amanda Heinrich family

December

2023

Birthdays



1	Blakely Mae Monson
1	Owen Gloege
2	Amanda Heinrich
3	Bart Hill
3	Regan Johnson
5	Warren Trygestad
6	Dana Carmody
6	Kinsley Daline
6	Kada Daline
6	Peter Hibma
8	Brittaney Fernholz
8	Greta Hacker
8	Griffin Kranz
9	Tony Smith
10	Harper Ludvigson
10	Riley Bornhorst
11	Savannah DuFrane
12	Pam Goetsch
12	Lukas Goetsch
14	Decklan Lee
14	Charlynn Trygestad
16	Mariah Mortenson

16	Ronald Kriese
16	Noah Arndt
17	David Berg
17	Devyn Fernholz
19	Eva Zahrbock
19	Dustin Fernholz
19	Ella Goetsch
19	Jaxton Wells
21	Verona Berg
22	Dick Clemensen
22	Gilbert Redepenning
23	Vicky Amundson
23	Rachel Halvorson
26	Julie Ludvigson
26	James Monson
26	Alyce Nelson
27	Todd Erp
27	Carley Strei
29	Waylon Ludvigson
30	Erik Bjerke
30	Austin Hibma
31	Patty Nygard
31	Marley Ludvigson

Statement of Activities - With Date Range

November 1, 2023 - November 20, 2023

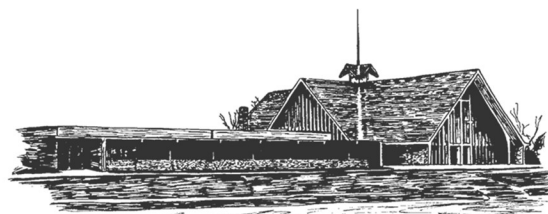
	<u>Current Period Actual</u>	<u>Current Period Budget</u>	<u>Current Period Budget vs. Actual</u>
Income			
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	12,807.75	26,910.62	(14,102.87)
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	3,078.42	2,156.84	921.58
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	88.00	333.34	(245.34)
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	200.00	54.16	145.84
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	3,000.00	241.66	2,758.34
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,458.34	(1,458.34)
INTEREST 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:	19,174.17	31,154.96	(11,980.79)
Expense			
CAPITAL IMPROVE. EXPENSE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	6,085.87	19,995.76	13,909.89
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	1,162.57	775.02	(387.55)
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	337.59	1,058.83	721.24
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	27.12	127.51	100.39
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	5,989.37	6,866.66	877.29
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,792.00	1,792.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense Totals:	13,602.52	30,615.78	17,013.26
Income - Expense:	5,571.65	539.18	5,032.47

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)

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						9:30am Church Decorating for Christmas
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9am Worship/Baptism/ Advent Begins 10am Sunday School			9am Hot Muffins 9:30am Bible Study 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers	6pm Little Blessings Christmas Program		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9am Contemporary- Worship 10am Sunday School			9:30am WELCA Christmas Gathering 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Church Council	8:30-12pm Do Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9am Worship/Children's Christmas Program			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Confirmation 3:30pm Joyful Noise 6pm Faith Ringers			Community Christmas Caroling @ Faith 4:15pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9am Worship 5pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service			9am Hot Muffins	8:30-12pm Do Day 11:30-12:30pm Second Harvest/Meal		
9am Worship 31						

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

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

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

Facebook: 3:30 p.m. [Faith Lutheran Church](#)

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

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