

FaithLives January 2020



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Sunday Worship at Faith
9:00 a.m.

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Sundays 11:30 a.m.
and
Cable Channel 8
Sundays 3:30 p.m.

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From the desk of Vicar Ann Bjorklund

Merry Christmas!

That's right! As you're receiving this, we're still in the Christmas season as part of the church year. It goes for 12 days, beginning with December 25th. Many of us have celebrated Christmas with loved ones. Some may still be figuring out logistics that don't make it happen until it's more convenient for people to get together. And others... well, they may not have been able to celebrate with family or friends. For some, that may be unfortunate. They may be alone and have no one to visit. For others, that may be fortunate, as they may have less stress in dealing with challenging people or situations. Regardless of the situation you are in, the coming of Christ is for all of us... whether surrounded by loved ones or not. The little baby shows up... Jesus doesn't wait for a place at the inn, for a clean stall, for things to be perfect... He showed up in the messiness of life then and shows up in our lives now. He comes to make all things new... so with that being said...

Happy New Year!

In our secular lives, we're now bombarded with talk of New Year's resolutions. We're challenged to change our lives to be better people.

- We're going to lose weight.
- We're going to go on a diet.
- We're going to stop smoking.
- We're going to treat others better.
- We're going to budget better and pay down our debt.
- We're going to put away more money for retirement.
- We're going to work on building better relationships.
- We're going to work on forgiving others.
- We're going to get a life coach.

Speaking of life coach... What if we allow Jesus to be our life coach? What if we allow Jesus into those messy parts of our lives? What if we allow ourselves to be open to the life-changing power that Jesus offers us? What if we allow Jesus to love us even when we feel unlovable? What if we allow Jesus to show us how to love others the way he loves us? What if we allow Jesus to transform our lives... to make all things new instead of relying solely on ourselves or self-help books and videos that promise us the sun and the moon and the stars and the quick fix? What if we allow Jesus to not only transform us as individuals, but as the church? As people who see Jesus in the face of another... As people who are willing to help Jesus break into the messy places around us...

We have a God that loves us and makes us new! Let's share that with one another in our words and our actions!

"And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'" ~Revelation 21:5a

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Blessings!
Vicar Ann



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Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

To: Faith Lutheran Church
From: Bishop Jon Anderson:

"Ann Bjorklund is not a pastor. But, at the request of our congregational leadership, she has been authorized by the synodical bishop to preside at the sacrament of Holy Communion in our congregation. For this ministry, she will be in consultation with an ELCA pastor. The authorization is granted in accord with the ELCA's guiding statement, The Use of Means of Grace, which says, "In witness that this sacrament is a celebration of the Church, serving its unity, an ordained minister presides in the service of Holy Communion and proclaims the Great Thanksgiving. Where it is not possible for an extended period of time to provide ordained pastoral leadership, a synodical bishop may authorize a properly trained lay person to preside for a specified period of time and in a given location only."

Website Corner

PLEASE NOTE: The Worship Assistant schedule has been added to the website. You will find it on the home page <https://www.faithlutheranmadison.org/>

We still need Congregation members to update their contact information. If you have already done this, Thank you! If not, please fill out the form on the website or you can get a form from Kari at the church office. Go here to fill it out online: <https://www.faithlutheranmadison.org/work-groups.html>

Remember to check out the Homepage for all the current Pictures, Activities & Announcements: <https://www.faithlutheranmadison.org/>

You can now View or Download previous Worship Services on the website.

The most current Worship Service can be viewed here: <https://www.faithlutheranmadison.org/worship-service-videos.html>

Older Worship Services are archived here: <https://www.faithlutheranmadison.org/archived-videos.html>

You can also access them through the website menu by going to the "Worship" menu at the top and then selecting "Worship Service Videos" or "Archived Videos"

If you have any **ideas, additions or changes** that need to be made please contact Judy Kriese –

Cell phone: 320-212-0404

Email: faithlutheranchurchmadison@gmail.com or djkriese@farmerstel.net

Sunday Coffee Hour

If you would like to bring goodies to coffee hour on January 5th or January 26th please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen.



Financial Report for December as of 12-26-19:

December Income: \$31,178.10

December Expenses: \$32,1657.00

Balance in bank: \$ 12,282.63

If you would like to give electronically, please contact the church office.

Prayers and offerings are welcome all year round!!

Thank you!

January 5

Acolytes: Mackenzie Call, Aspen Bendel

Lay Reader: Tamara Bissett

Ushers: Team 6-Steve Helgemo

Videographer: Jeff Hanson

Comm. Asst: Tamara Bissett, Mike Deyo

Greeters: Paul and Lori Engesmoe
Tyler and Brittany Engesmoe & family

Screen: Derek Halvorson

January 12

Acolytes: Tyler Erp, Austin Croatt

Lay Reader: Spirit of Faith

Ushers: Team 5-Ed Olson, Jr.

Videographer: Paul Engesmoe

Comm. Asst: Sharon Ronglien

Greeters: Brant and Julie Hacker & family
John, and Kelly Maatz & family

Screen: Jeanene Munsterman

January 19

Acolytes: Sadie Hacker, Kya Kranz

Lay Reader: Derek Halvorson

Ushers: Team 4-Brent Bacon

Videographer: Dan Larson

Comm. Asst: Diana Smith, Gail Smith

Greeters: Myron and Sylvia Halvorson
Derek Halvorson

Screen: Becky Mortenson

January 26

Acolytes: Eric Nygard,
Kaden Mortenson

Lay Reader: Lorrie Ehrenberg

Ushers: Team 3-Jerome Kallhoff

Videographer: Maynard Meyer

Comm. Asst: Fran Siegert

Greeters: Terry and Terri Halvorson
Jeff and Kris Hanson

Screen: Pam Goetsch

Usher Teams

Team 1 – Stan Olson, Curtis Seefeld, Deb/Maynard Meyer, Ardis/Keith Christensen

Team 2 – Dan Wahl, Gene Koosmann, Paul Zahrbock, Steve Dahle, Jon Daline, Justin Weber, Eric Nygard

Team 3 – Jerome Kallhoff, Craig Kanstrup, Judy/Darrell Maasjo, Jeanene/Merle Munsterman

Team 4 – Brent/Connie Bacon, Allan Thompson, Dave Berg, Bob Hiepler, Gary Boraas

Team 5 – Ed Olson Jr., Bart Hill, Kevin Tollefson, Warren Trygestad, Richard Zahnow, Patrick Miller, Ron Toenies

Team 6 – Steve Helgemo Paul Struck, Graylen Carlson, Dan Larson, Paul Engesmoe, Tyler Struck

Team 7 – Jerry Osteraas, Joel Churness, Chuck Ronglien, Dave Kriese, Paul and Eli Lowry,

To the Volunteers of Faith
Church:

For all your time, effort, and
hard work, please accept the
thanks and appreciation of this
church.

Best Happy Birthday Wishes for January

1/Huxley Weber / **3** Steve Hanson, / **4** John Buer, Derek Kuechenmeister, Adele Miller / **7** Brock Nygard / **8** Dane Fernholz, Kathryn Loterbauer, Jenna Ludvigson/ **9** Kody Nesvold /**10** Kevin Tollefson /**12** Angela Arndt, Jack Kennedy / **13** Austin Kittelson, LeRoy Lund / 16 Brayden & Landen Heinrich, Jim Nesvold, Tammy Weber / **17** Dean Broin, Shirley Hanson / **19** Camey Maland, Tasha Ludvigson/ **22** Mackenzie Call, Becky Mortenson / **23** Tamara Bissett, Sandi Buer / **24** Ava Daline, Eastyn Fernholz/ **25** Allison Erp / **30** Jacob Maland / **31** Jodi Arends

20/20: A Clear Look at the Future of Stewardship

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. As we approach 2020, we want to challenge you to think about 20 ways you have, or you can impact your church, your community, and your world through Stewardship. In the upcoming months we will share with you some ideas on how you can increase your spirit of giving. We will give you examples in which our Faith members have already shown ways in which they share God's grace. God Bless and continue to spread God's love.

The Stewardship Committee

Radio, Bulletin, and Altar Flower and other Memorials for December

Flowers given in memory of Bev Husby by Don Husby.

Flowers given in memory of Colby Jo Ehlenz By Scott and Bobbi Schacherer and family and Dale and Deserae Kemen and family.

Altar Guild given by Alton and Janice Lindquist in memory of Casey Strand.

Sponsors are needed for the Radio Broadcast, Bulletin and Altar Flowers. It can be in honor or memory of a loved one. Stop in the church office for more information.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

We humbly give thanks for the ELCA World Hunger of \$6,623.38. We spent the bulk of our meeting going shopping in the ELCA GOOD GIFTS Catalog to decide what our 2019 gifts will be! Thanks be to God for the \$6,630 that was collected in our recent World Hunger Drive. We settled on the following items to assist in ending poverty and hunger ..FOR GOOD! Here we go: 2 herds of goats, 1 honeybee / vegetable garden set up, 1 water well that will serve 500 families in need of clean, pure water, 5 water filter systems, tuition to 2 women for farmers field school to support their families, 2 microloans for woman to start their own businesses, school fees and uniforms for 5 girls, school supplies for an entire classroom, 1 large community vegetable garden, mosquito nets for a small village, we stocked to health clinics with supplies for 2 weeks, nutrition for 3 children for a month, all vaccinations for 5 kids, feeding a refugee family in a refugee camp for a month, start up kits for Sunday School, a motor bike for a pastor to get to all the areas he serves, stocked 20 backpacks for a weekend full of food for those with food insecurity, provided 1 month of all supplies for a disaster survivor and lastly, fed 50 at a soup kitchen for 2 days. We feel both honored and very privileged to be part of the efforts to provide our brothers and sisters in this world with a chance at a better life. I'm certain God smiles when we do this for each other! Thanks to all who gave.

FAITHBUILDERS

Faith Builders will be serving hot turkey sandwiches on Sunday, January 19th following the church service. Free will donations will go towards the purchase of a newer bus for the church.

On Saturday morning January 25, thirteen volunteers will head south to work with Habitat for Humanity in San Antonio, Texas: Dan Wahl, Paul Engesmoe, Steve Helgemo, Jerry Osteras, Jane & Paul Baldwin, Barb & Charlie Ludvigson, Jeannine Dahl, Mary Wodrich, Keith Christensen, Kris Hanson & Deb Meyer.

We will help provide affordable housing for a family in San Antonio. The first day we will drive as far as Tulsa, Oklahoma. The second day of driving will be shorter to allow for getting settled in and to buy groceries for the week. Habitat for Humanity doesn't work on Mondays so we can visit the Alamo, the River Walk and other sites. Our work week will be Tuesday through Friday. San Antonio Habitat needs volunteers to work in construction and demolition, or help in their store. After a busy week, we leave for home Saturday morning with a halfway stop in Joplin, Missouri.

Many of us have been on several mission trips because it is always a good time. Meeting the homeowner and working with them is a great experience. They are so excited to own a home.

We hope for a break from the cold but it isn't a guarantee. Last year, in Galveston, we worked in sleet. I remember several years ago, Alyce Nelson borrowed a dish towel from our host church's kitchen to use as a scarf to keep her head warm while we were in Louisiana! We make friends wherever we go.

Faith Lutheran Do-Day Mission Statement:

Faith Lutheran Do-Day Mission Statement: Our Do-Day mission is to provide quilts and kits to needy families throughout the world a helping hand, a sign of comfort and hope for the future. We will continue to provide quilts for senior and baptisms of our new church members. Some will be given to meet immediate needs of our community neighbors. The work of our hearts and hands is an immeasurable blessing to families in need in our world and community.

We will no longer be selling quilts unless we have a publicized fundraiser.

Do Day Team: Chee Chee Halvorson, Jane Boraas, Mary Wodrich and Ruth Glomstad

Thank you to everyone (choir members, bell ringers, soloists, instrumentalists),



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: FAITH LUTHERAN'S CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2020 FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone that helped make this year's Christmas Program a success.

There will be a Jesus Trip meeting for parents and students on Sunday, January 5th at 10:30 am.

The Youth will be skiing and tobogganing at Andes Tower Hill on Sunday, February 16th. More details to follow.

Sunday School students: Each Sunday you are present during the months of January and February, you can put your name in drawing for 1 of 3 movie tickets to the Grand Theater. The drawing will be on Sunday, February 23. Good luck and we'll see you on Sundays!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Welcome back Little Blessings!	3	4 10:00 am Open House Baby Shower for Stephanie and Dustin Anderson
5 9:00 Worship 10:10 Fellowship/ SS/ Power Hour 10:30 Jesus Trip Meeting for parents and youth 10:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00 AA & Al-Anon	7	8 9:00 Exercise Group 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Faith Ringers	9 8:30 Do Day	10	11 8:30 Cultivating Generous Congregations 2:00 pm-4:00 pm Open House 80th Birthday for Leroy Lund
12 9:00 Worship 10:10 Fellowship/ SS/ Power Hour	13 7:00 AA & Al-Anon	14	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:00 Exercise Group 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Faith Ringers 7:00 Committee Meetings 8:00 Church Council Mtg	16	17	18
19 9:00 Worship 10:10 Faithbuilders Meal; SS/ Power Hour 10:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	20 Martin Luther King Day- No School 7:00 AA & Al-Anon	21	22 9:00 Exercise Group 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Faith Ringers	23 Second Harvest Distribution and meal	24	25
26 9:00 Worship 10:10 SS/Power Hour Congregational Meeting	27 7:00 AA & Al-Anon	28	29 9:00 Exercise Group 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Faith Ringers	30	31 Newsletter Available	