

Faith



Faith Lutheran Church

January 2021

“Visitors Come Calling on the New Born Savior”

Now that Christmas is over, by most people’s calendar, we are left with the arduous task of un-decorating, cleaning up and arranging the furniture back to its original places. It’s not my favorite thing to do since so much effort was put into the celebration of Christmas. The corner in the living room seems so bare without the brightly lit Christmas tree standing tall. And even though the Christmas season is supposed to last into January, it doesn’t feel very Christmas like.

However, and with this said, I look forward to another season that has deep significance. This season is Epiphany which begins on Wednesday, January 6th. If you still have your nativity scene up, now is the time to put the Three Wise Men front and center.

Epiphany is all about commemorating the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles in the persons of the Magi (or referred to as The Wise Men). There is no harm done should we have already placed the Wise Men in the stable. Yet, it is most appropriate to make a special effort to highlight the Wise Men during the season of Epiphany.

The emphasis placed on the foreign visitors, guided by the star, is a celebration of God’s plan to redeem all people, including the gentiles. These visitors from afar represent God’s message of the birth of a Savior going out even to those who knew nothing or little of God’s plan of salvation.

Yes, Christmas is over, for the most part. Yet, the season of Epiphany always helps me hang on to the joy of Christmas and completes the story of the birth of our Savior.

Together in Christ,
Pr. Ron Nichols

Faith Lutheran Staff & Officers

Pastor Ronald Nichols

Office Staff

Music Director: Linda Anderson

Office Manager/ Financial Secretary:
Jessica Borstad

Education Coordinator:

Little Blessings Teacher: Kelli Fernholz

Senior Choir Director: Gary Boraas

Global Missions

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Jody Dahle

Stan Olson

Curtis Seefeld

Betty Tollefson

Char Heinzen

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Ron Toenies

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Gail Smith

Linda Anderson

Mary Wodrich

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jerome Kallhoff

1	Huxley Weber	16	Ethan Gibson	23	Tamara Bissett
3	Steve Hanson	16	Brayden Heinrich	23	Sandi Buer
4	Adele Miller	16	Landen Heinrich	23	Mackenzie Call
4	John Buer	17	Shirley Hanson	24	Ava Daline
4	Whitney Dvorak	17	Dean Broin	24	Eastyn Fernholz
4	Derek Kuechenmeister	19	Lynn Swanson	25	Megan Ronglien
7	Brock Nygard	19	Camey Maland	25	Allison Erp
8	Kathryn Loterbauer	19	Natasha Ludvigson	30	Jacob Maland
8	Rick Odden	22	Rick Hoium	31	Jodi Arends
8	Jenna Ludvigson	22	Becky Mortenson		
8	Dane Fernholz				
9	Kody Nesvold				
10	Kevin Tollefson				
12	Angela Arndt				
12	Jack Kennedy				
13	LeRoy Lund				
13	Austin Kittelson				
16	James Nesvold				
16	Tammy Weber				



Notes from Linda

We are so blessed to have our worship leaders—Julie Hill, Kelly Zahrbock, Angie Young, Gary Boraas, and Darcy Daline. They have been so committed to being a part of our online services. Thank you!

I also want to commend our tech committee for all the work they do to prepare for the service and then to record it. So much time and preparation goes into recording online services—please let them know (and our worship leaders) how much they are appreciated.



“Thank You”

Thank you for your wonderful welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. I have met several of the leadership and look forward to meeting you all when things are a little safer. My wife, Loretta, is also eager to get to know you as she travels here on the weekends.

Thank you for the treats, cards, and gifts you have shared. The parsonage feels like home more and more each day. It is far more than what I need, but I’m glad to make it my home-away-from-home.

It is my pleasure to share the work of the Lord with you. Together, let us be vigilant in the new year to serve our Lord and His people.

Together in Christ,
Pr. Ron Nichols

Thank you to all the musicians and the tech crew who have been assisting in the taping of our services.

You are appreciated!



A note from the Worship Committee,

The candle label says it all, “A Christmas like No Other”. In fact, it has been a year like no other! When I am writing this, there is a blizzard outside. We are hoping to be able to gather on Christmas Eve and hear the Christmas story and sing Silent Night together around the outdoor nativity scene with a couple of burning pits lit to keep us warm. We will wait to see if weather permits this activity. You will be able to watch the virtual Christmas Eve Service online at 5 pm regardless of the weather.

We welcome the leadership of Pastor Ron Nichols to Faith Lutheran Church. He has been kept busy since he arrived on December 15th.

Thanks again to everyone who has participated in bringing us the Sunday Morning Worship Services online. We pray that we will be able to come together to worship in-person again soon. Stay healthy and safe.

Worship Committee Chairperson,
Gail Smith

JANUARY

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

Acolyte

3 -

10 -

17 -

24 -

31 - Eric Nygard & Nolan Smith

Lay Reader

3 - Stan Olson

10 - Contemporary

17 - Darcy Daline

24 - Dave Kriese

31 - Ed Olson

Ushers

3 -

10 -

17 -

24 -

31 - Team 7

Screen

3 - Derek H.

10 - Jeanene M.

17 - Lorrie E.

24 -

31 - Jeanene E.

Videographer

3 -

10 -

17 -

24 -

31 - Judy Kriese

W-ELCA NEWS

A couple things to think about.

"God's Gift by Roy Lessin"

Little baby on the hay,

soon there'll be another day

when nails shall pierce Your hands and feet

as you provide our sin's defeat.

Risen Jesus on the throne,

we lift our praise to You alone-

for You're the gift that we receive

the moment that our hearts believe.

And If you rearrange the letters in depression
you get, "I pressed on".

Our current situation is NOT our final
destination.

And Isaiah 60:22 says:

"When the time is right, I the Lord. will make
it happen."

Sleep in peace-God is in control!

****No Lydia/Hannah Circles until further notice.**

Good News from Global Missions

Thanks be to God! People of Faith, thanks for answering the call to love and serve others in need! Our World Hunger gifts totaled \$11,552.15! We humbly give thanks and praise to our great provide, Jesus Christ. Our donations will be used by the ELCA in areas that are most in need. We know to END world hunger, we need to identify and get to the root causes of hunger!

The ELCA works with partners to identify the exact needs of an area and then they will match a particular community with their need by sharing the gifts we have provided this year so we can make the biggest impact possible on world hunger. Our gifts support work in 83 countries.

As Faith Lutheran church's Global Missions committee, these are the items that we chose to support those in need. Our biggest purchase was a water well for \$2,500. This is one of the THE most powerful opportunities to create change for others. This well will help 500 families have access to clean, safe water!

We also purchased 10 water filter systems and 4 latrines along with training in maintenance and proper hygiene. Keeping with the healthcare theme, we bought hygiene kits, stocked 4 health clinics with all the supplies needed for a week and also bought their personal protective equipment (which we all know about this year due to COVID). We bought 20 children ALL of their vaccinations they will need to stay healthy. Many mosquito nets were purchased for protection from the deadly bites of mosquitoes that can transmit malaria. We then moved on to farming opportunities! We purchased 2 community vegetable gardens, farmers field school and microloans for 4 women as many women are the sole supporters of their families. We added chicks, roosters, goats, a fish farm and honey bees to be used on the farms. Next we targeted a few educational needs by providing 5 girls with uniforms and supplies to go to school, additional supplies for 40 children and we supplied 2 classrooms with all of the supplies needed to start off the school year. We bought 2 Sunday School start up kits, 3 scholarships to support International leaders in the church and also purchased their vocational training. The ELCA states there are at least 60 million people in refugee camps and after a dangerous journey they are in need of food and basic supplies. We will provide all the needs for 3 families in refugee camps for a month to help them get back on their feet. We bought 1 child their complete nutritional needs for an entire year. 3 additional families that are disaster survivors, will receive a month of their necessary needs. We stocked 30 backpacks with food for kids at risk of hunger and fed 50 people for 5 days at a soup kitchen. In conclusion, we gave a monetary gift to where ELCA felt it was needed the most.

Isn't it simply astounding how far our dollars can go to help end the cycle of poverty and hunger? Great to hear good news isn't it? Blessings to all in the New Year!

Global Missions Committee

PS- If you are interested in joining our group, please let Jessica know in the church office and we will contact you !!

Seeking applicants for Coordinator of Education and youth activities within the church.

Salary Position

Deep love of children, computer skills,
and leadership skills with children
and adult volunteers preferred.

Please contact Faith Lutheran Church office
for job description and to leave resume.

320-598-3630

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**

January 2021 - Website Corner

Tech Committee: Maynard Meyer, Lorrie Ehrenberg, Jeanne Munsterman, Linda Anderson, Gail Smith, Jessica Borstad & Judy Kriese.

If you would like to be a part of this committee, please let us know. You can contact us through the Faith website using the Contact Tech Committee Form.

<https://www.faithlutheranmadison.org/tech-committee.html>

We have been working diligently to improve the website, sound, video, projection and communication processes for our congregation.

Some of the things we have been working on:

Mediacom has been brought in to improve the internet speed and phone service. That project was completed in December.

We have been experiencing some recording problems with the equipment we use to record the worship services.

A new computer has been purchased for recording the worship services and funerals, weddings etc. when requested.

The new computer will provide a much more powerful platform to record and in the future stream live. This computer will be up and running soon.

A "Memory Wall" has been created on Faith's website for all those we have lost. The link to the obituary is listed for each person lost throughout the year. Picture slideshows & funeral video's will be displayed there with the family's approval. In some cases a link for approval from the family is required. We are also offering a DVD option for the families.

Here is the link to the Memory Wall:

<https://www.faithlutheranmadison.org/memory-wall-2020.html>

Another project is looking into options for our hearing impaired members to be able to hear the service more clearly during our in-person worship services. When we return to in-person services if you would like to help us test out the options please talk to Maynard Meyer. He has a few headphones that need to be tested. Also any input you have would be greatly appreciated.

We are working on replacing the projector & screen with two televisions. This will give us a much clearer picture for words to be displayed and also give us the ability to display baptism/s, children's choir/bells, adult choir/bells and other close-ups as needed. We are considering a tv on each side of the church up front, but will be testing out the best locations first. If you have any questions or ideas about this please contact one of the Technical Committee members.

REMEMBER that PAYPAL has been setup to receive offerings for the church.

To send your Offering through PayPal follow these steps:

1. Login to your PayPal account. If you do not have one you can set one up very easily.
2. Click "Send Money"
3. Enter the following email: faithluthsecretary@gmail.com and click next. This will send the notice directly to the Faith Lutheran's Financial Secretary.
4. Enter the amount you want to send and then enter a note describing what it is for. Example: January Offering
5. Click "Friends and Family" (Using this setting does not charge a fee to the church, but it does require the funds to come from a checking account rather than a credit card.)
6. Click "Continue"
7. Choose to pay using your "Checking Account" in order to avoid fees.
8. Click "Next"
9. Your Offering will be sent to Faith Lutheran with your Name and the notation you provided will direct how you want your money recorded. (Offering or one of the other funds.)

If you need help with this, please contact the Faith Lutheran office or one of the Technical Committee members.

If you have any **ideas, additions or changes** that need to be made to the website, Facebook pages or other technical ideas, please contact a member of the Technical Committee by phone, text or email.

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Lorrie Ehrenberg: Cell Phone: 320-304-4282 Email: faithluthtech2@gmail.com

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Statement of Activities

December 31, 2020

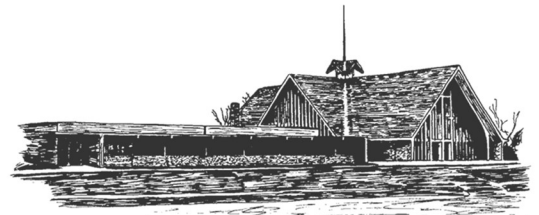
	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income				
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	16,786.85	20,839.33	201,564.40	250,072.00
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	3,392.79	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	3,346.48	1,345.84	47,681.66	16,150.00
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	0.00	231.25	2,677.61	2,775.00
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	0.00	117.17	258.00	1,406.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	10.42	68.87	125.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	0.00	4.17	315.00	50.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	833.33	0.00	10,000.00
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	0.00	1.08	0.00
INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CD Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Totals:	20,133.33	23,381.51	255,959.41	280,578.00
Expense				
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	13,053.30	14,151.83	164,650.58	169,822.00
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	771.50	814.58	7,572.88	9,775.00
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	982.98	967.16	2,773.77	11,606.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	376.91	172.91	165.23	2,075.00
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	9,337.57	5,550.00	64,532.43	66,600.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	8,680.00	1,683.33	12,162.00	20,200.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	1,204.47	41.67	1,442.64	500.00
Expense Totals:	34,406.73	23,381.48	253,299.53	280,578.00
Income - Expense:	(14,273.40)	0.03	2,659.88	0.00

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2
3 9am Church Online	4	5	6 5pm Confirmation Class - Zoom 6pm Bells	7	8	9
10 9am Church Online	11	12 9:30am Ruth Circle	13 5pm Confirmation Class- Zoom 6pm Bells	14 8:30am Do Day	15	16
17 9am Church Online	18	19	20 5pm Confirm Class-Zoom 6pm Bells 7pm Comm. Mtgs/8pm Council Mtg	21	22 	23
24 9am Church Online	25	26	27 5pm Confirmation Class- Zoom 6pm Bells	28 8:30am Do Day Second Harvest	29	30
31 9am Worship 10:00 Annual Congregational Meeting	<div>January 2021</div>					

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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](https://www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurch)

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

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