



Faith Lutheran Church

January 2022

"Jesus Revealed to the World: Epiphany"

On the heels of Christmas and just before Ash Wednesday comes the season of Epiphany. Literally, Epiphany means to "focus a light on" or "to reveal." Most prominent in the season of Epiphany is the story of the arriving of the "wise men" or "magi." These uncounted men come to see the new King revealed to them by the movement of planets. These men from the East are of the first of the Gentiles to whom Jesus is revealed. This incident was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

According to one source, "The day is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by 'showing' Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is also a time of focusing on Christian community and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God's children."

Epiphany is often thought of as a time of seeing Jesus with a new sense of being. As God intentionally reached out to non-Jews from the East this clearly shows God's intention to reveal Jesus to the entire world.

So, one might say in the season of Epiphany, it would be wise to see Jesus not just once but twice and even three times. For God reveals his son to those with unveiled eyes.

Together in Christ,

Pr. Ron Nichols

COUNCIL REPORT

The Faith Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

Pastor Ron reported that Faith Lutheran Church is well into its planning for Christmas Eve and also work is starting on the planning for Lent. Pastor Ron's vacation has been changed to January 3-9, 2022. He is relieved that the Care Center is now more open for visitation with residents. Prior to recently, he was having difficulty getting in to see parishioners at the Care Center or other assisted living or care centers because of COVID restrictions.

Pastor Ron is also looking at forming a committee of medical personnel who are parishioners and other persons familiar with COVID to guide the church on when to recommend social distancing and the wearing of masks.

Jim and Lisa Strand and their children, Preston and Max have joined Faith Lutheran Church.

The Worship Committee is planning for the Christmas Eve Candle Light Service which will have the bell choir and senior choir as well as soloists as part of worship. There will be luminaries outside the church. The Christmas decorations will be taken down on January 9, 2022.

There was discussion about the offering amounts in the weekly bulletin. Those amounts often do not accurately reflect what was given, so it was decided that instead of being in the bulletin, the prior month's offering and expenses will be in the newsletter. This should give a more accurate picture of the church's finances.

The church is looking at different financial software that will make for clearer financial reports and also be updated so that all the software is integrated. Right now, offerings and other information must be entered separately into separate software. Updating the software will make it more efficient. Judy Kriese is getting a quote for that software update.

The annual meeting will be Sunday, January 16, 2022.

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

Discipleship News

Faith Lutheran put together a great display for the "Holiday Lights" at Lou T Fisk Park. This included a large star with many lights and inflatables. Thank you to those who helped put this together.

Faith Lutheran Staff & Officers

Pastor Ronald Nichols

Office Staff

Music Director: Linda Anderson

Office Manager/ Financial Secretary:
Sharon Ronglien

Education Coordinator: Darcy Daline

Helper: Lisa Strand

Little Blessings Teacher: Kelli Fernholz

Senior Choir Director: Gary Boraas

Executive Council

President: Ryan Giles

Vice-President: David Kriese

Secretary: Jeanene Munsterman

Treasurer: Becky Mortenson

Mark Siegert

Linda Anderson

Kelly Zahrbock

Melanie Miller

Taylor Shelstad

Education Committee

Jodi Kallhoff

Deb Meyer

Jessica Borstad

Becky Mortenson

Darcy Daline

W-ELCA

Kathy Harwick

Karen Nesvold

Eileen Trelstad

Property Committee

Dave Amundson

Ron Toenies

Mark Siegert

Worship Committee

Gail Smith

Linda Anderson

Mary Wodrich

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jerome Kallhoff

Discipleship Committee

Melanie Miller

Tamara Bissett

Kelly Zahrbock

Brittany Engesmoe

Stewardship Board

Jerome Kallhoff

Darcy Daline

David Kriese

Global Missions

Kris Hanson

Jody Dahle

Stan Olson

Curtis Seefeld

Betty Tollefson

Char Heinzen

Technology Committee

Judy Kriese

Maynard Meyer

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jeanene Munsterman

Jessica Borstad

Eric Nygard

Ryan Giles

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.

Worship Committee News by Gail Smith

As 2021 is coming to a close, we start to look forward to 2022. Since we started in person worship services in January, we have been able to remain in-person the remainder of the year. We are so grateful for that. Being the Covid virus is still a part of our daily lives, we still need to be safe and mindful of our surroundings.

I can't say thank you enough to everyone at Faith Church who has helped with worship in any way, shape, or form. I won't mention anyone fear I might leave someone out.

Our next big event will be taking down all the Christmas decorations. We are planning on Saturday, January 8th at 9 am. See you then.

W-ELCA NEWS

Ruth Circle- 1/11 @ 9:30am

Hannah/Lydia Circle - 1/12 @ 9:30am

The Irish have several good wishes for everyone .

MAY YOU HAVE

Enough happiness to keep you sweet.

Enough trials to keep you strong.

Enough sorrow to keep you human.

Enough hope to keep you happy.

Enough failure to keep you humble.

Enough success to keep you eager.

Enough friends to give you comfort.

Enough wealth to meet your needs.

Enough enthusiasms to look forward.

Enough faith to banish depression.

Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.

Stay safe, take care, and have a Happy New Year!

Good News from Global

A humble thank you to our Faith family for the \$13,400 that was gathered in during our recent ELCA World Hunger Drive! We thank you for your generosity towards this most worthy and noble mission we share, caring for our global family!! A few things purchased include a community water well, water filters, honey bees, vegetable gardens and seed and tools to care for the gardens, farmers field school for women, school fees and uniforms so kids can GO to school (this is a privilege in many countries and they can't go without having the uniform and supplies first) mosquito nets to protect from malaria, stocking health care clinics, vaccinations, nutrition and disaster supplies. Here at home - stocking backpacks with food for the weekends and feeding those at soup kitchens. A good amount of money was given to the ELCA to use where the need is the greatest. People at Faith...we are changing LIVES! THANK YOU!!! Your Global Missions Committee

JANUARY

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

Acolyte

2 - Macy & Jax
9 - Marley & Brianna
16 - Grant & Nolan
23 - Zoey & Gavin
30 - Malcolm & Greta

Lay Reader

2 - Dave Kriese
9 - Contemporary
16 - Lorrie Ehrenberg
23 - Jeanene Munsterman
30 - Kelly Zahrbock

Ushers

2 - Team 4
9 - Team 3
16 - Team 2
23 - Team 1
30 - Team 7

Screen

2 - Lorrie
9 - Jeanene
16 - Lorrie
23 - Lorrie
30 - Lorrie

Videographer

2 - Jeff H.
9 - Dan W.
16 - Dan L.
23 - Maynard M.
30 - Jeff H.

Communion

2 - Gail S. & Diana S.
9 - Jody D. & Angie A.
16 - Jodi K. & Becky M.
23 - Bart & Julie H.
30 - Mike D. & Cindy H.

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

happy
birthday!

Statement of Activities

December 31, 2021

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	YTD Last Year
Income						
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	16,588.16	25,271.71	247,583.43	303,260.50	303,260.50	201,614.40
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	2.17	0.00	0.00	3,393.18
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	857.14	1,250.00	16,789.95	15,000.00	15,000.00	47,681.66
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	199.51	233.34	3,037.01	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,677.61
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	0.00	0.00	2,220.65	0.00	0.00	258.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	1,010.78	0.00	0.00	101.92
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	0.00	0.00	3,440.00	0.00	0.00	315.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	0.00	126.87	0.00	0.00	129.00
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.00	1.19
INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	486.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CD Totals:	0.00	0.00	2.85	0.00	0.00	65.01
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.07
Income Totals:	17,644.81	26,755.05	274,700.16	321,060.50	321,060.50	256,246.04
Expense						
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	14,069.97	17,771.22	187,432.56	213,254.50	213,254.50	166,114.58
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	702.42	827.09	6,070.70	9,925.00	9,925.00	7,590.71
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	0.00	925.50	2,287.99	11,106.00	11,106.00	2,773.77
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	26.61	172.91	499.74	2,075.00	2,075.00	165.23
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	5,714.73	5,558.35	57,490.42	66,700.00	66,700.00	64,533.87
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	15,650.67	1,500.00	18,970.38	18,000.00	18,000.00	12,162.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	193.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense Totals:	36,164.40	26,755.07	272,944.79	321,060.50	321,060.50	253,340.16
Income - Expense:	(18,519.59)	(0.02)	1,755.37	0.00	0.00	2,905.88

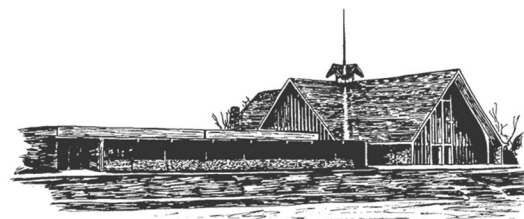
Thank you! We appreciate your continued gracious giving.
 Tithes and offerings can be mailed, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org
 or PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<i>January 2022</i>				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9am Worship	Pastor Ron on vacation this week		9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 6pm Faith Ringers			
129	10	11	12	13	14	15
9am Worship 10am Sunday School		9:30am Ruth Circle	9am Hot Muffins 9:30am Hannah/Lydia 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 3:30-5pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Church Council	8:30am - 12pm Do Day		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9am Worship 10am Sunday School 10am Annual Meeting	Newsletter Articles Due 		9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 3:30-5pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9am Worship 10am Sunday School			9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 3:30-5pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers	8:30am - 12pm Do Day 11:30-12:30 Second Harvest & Meal		
30	31					
9am Worship 10am Sunday School						

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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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