

# *Faith Lives*

Faith Lutheran Church

January 2023

## **“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 Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. 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

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

The Faith Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Pastor Ron reported that the Call Committee has submitted the ministry site profile. He will be on vacation from January 3 – January 8, 2023. Bart Hill will lead worship on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

There was discussion about transitioning the church's financial reporting to Quickbooks. This is being pursued.

There will be a recognition of new members on Sunday January 15, 2023.

Faith Lutheran Church's annual meeting will be Sunday January 15, 2023 after worship.

Faith Lutheran Church has a Christmas display at Jacobson Park.

A committee is being formed to discuss the Fair Food Stand. Several congregation members have already volunteered to be on the committee. Others are being contacted.

The Discipleship Committee is finishing up the pictorial directory.

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!**

## 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

#### **W-ELCA**

Kathy Harwick  
 Karen Nesvold  
 Eileen Trelstad

#### **Property Committee**

Dave Amundson  
 Ron Toenies  
 Mark Siegert  
 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 the Executive Council.

## **From the Worship Committee**

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church, those who shared their musical talents with us, the families who took part in the lighting of the advent candles each week, the families in the nativity scene on Christmas Eve, to all who shared poinsettias and help take down decorations.

If anyone would like to sponsor a radio broadcast, bulletins, or altar flowers, please contact the office. Prices are: radio-\$51.00 bulletins-\$25.00 flowers-\$50.00 All three-\$126.00

## **WELCA**

**Wednesday, January 11: 9:30am Bible Study**

### **Global Missions News**

Global Missions Committee would like to say a humble thank you to the Endowment Committee and to Faith members for your gifts to our ELCA World Hunger drive. A total of \$17,614.35 was collected over the Thanksgiving season! Why is someone unable to GET food? Are they ill? Do they lack skills to work towards affording food? Please keep this in mind as you read the list of the many items purchased with our donations. All of these items were purchased through the ELCA Good Gifts catalog so are extremely affordable. Here goes! 2 family farms (all the farm animals needed for the farm) for \$1430, 2 vegetable gardens and honey bees for \$440, 2 simple water wells to serve over 500 families each for \$5000, 10 water filter systems for \$300, 2 irrigation projects for \$200, 2 latrines for \$300, 2 computers for the community center for \$1600, 2 environmentally friendly cookstoves for \$210, 4 farmers field school for women for \$300, 2 microloans for women for \$250, 2 school fees and uniforms for girls for \$80, classroom supplies for 2 whole classrooms for \$600, 2 community vegetable gardens for \$400, mosquito nets for 10 families for \$200, stocked a health clinic for 4 weeks for \$300, a clinic visit for a child for \$10, nutrition for 2 children FOR A YEAR for \$600, feed 2 refugee families for a MONTH for \$400, 1 month of trauma counseling for \$640, 10 warm blankets for \$100, 2 motorbikes for pastors to even GET to their parishes for \$750, 1 semester of tuition for a seminary student for \$2500, feeding 50 at 5 soup kitchens for \$500. This is completely amazing considering all of the lives these gifts will change in the near future! Thanks be to God! Blessings in 2023!

### **Discipleship News**

The Discipleship committee put together a display at Lou T. Fisk Park for "Holiday Lights" from December to January. We plan to welcome 6 families in January as new members.



## JANUARY

### Acolyte

1- Brianna & Teagan  
8- Greta & Aidyn  
15- Teagan & Sadie  
22 - Jax & Alex  
29-Grant & Vylotte

### Lay Reader

1- Sharon Ronglien  
8 - Jeanene Munster-  
man  
15 - Contemporary  
Group  
22 - Kelly Zahrbock  
29- Darcy Daline

## WORSHIP

### Usher

1- Team 2  
8 - Team 1  
15 - Team 7  
22 - Team 6  
29- Team 5

### Screen

1 - Lorrie  
8- Jeanene  
15 - Lorrie  
22 - Lorrie  
29 - Jeanene

## ASSISTANTS

### Videographer

1 - Maynard  
8 - Dan  
15 - Jeff  
22 - Maynard  
29- Dan

### Communion

1 - Gail S. & Sharon R.  
8- - Tamara B. & Bob H.  
15 - Maxine T. & Sharon  
R.  
22 - Bart & Julie H.  
29- Kathy H. & Angie A.

1 Huxley Weber

1 Johnna Gearman

3 Steve Hanson

4 Whitney Dvorak

4 Adele Miller

4 Derek  
Kuechenmeister

5 Megan Wildung

7 Brock Nygard

8 Rick Odden

8 Jenna Ludvigson

8 Dane Fernholz

10 Kevin Tollefson

12 Angela Arndt

12 Jack Kennedy

13 Austin Kittelson

16 Peggy Karels

16 Tammy Weber

16 Brayden Heinrich

16 Landen Heinrich

17 Shirley Hanson

17 Dean Broin

17 Ron Toenies

19 Natasha Ludvigson

19 Camey Maland

22 Rick Hoium

22 Becky Mortenson

23 Tamara Bissett

24 Ava Daline

25 Allison Erp

25 Oaklyn Flaten

28 Brycen Danzeisen

31 Jodi Arends



## Statement of Activities - With Date Range

December 1, 2022 - December 30, 2022

	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	Current Period Budget vs. Actual
<b>Income</b>			
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	17,275.87	23,639.30	(6,363.43)
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	1,078.42	1,250.00	(171.58)
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	174.00	275.01	(101.01)
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	0.00	33.33	(33.33)
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	64.97	241.66	(176.69)
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,125.00	(1,125.00)
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:	18,593.26	26,564.30	(7,971.04)
<b>Expense</b>			
CAPITAL IMPROVE. EXPENSE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	10,323.95	17,524.23	7,200.28
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	884.02	787.52	(96.50)
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	45.60	992.17	946.57
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	27.15	172.91	145.76
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	4,587.17	5,670.83	1,083.66
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	1,042.00	1,500.00	458.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense Totals:	16,909.89	26,647.66	9,737.77
Income - Expense:	1,683.37	(83.36)	1,766.73

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

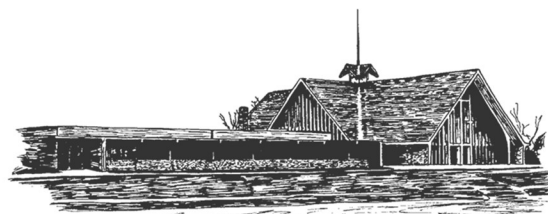
# January 2023

22Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9am Worship	Office Closed Pastor Ron on Vacation this week		9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 6pm Faith Ringers	11:30-12:30 Second Harvest		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9am Worship 10am Sunday School			9am Hot Muffins 9:30am Bible Study 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers	8:30-12pm Do Day		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9am Contemporary Worship /New Member Recognition/Baptism 10am Annual Meeting	<div> <div>Newsletter Articles Due</div>  </div>		9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers			
22		24	25	26	27	28
9am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:30am Senior Choir			9 am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30 pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers	8:30am-12pm Do Day 11:30-12:30 Second Harvest/Meal		
29	30	31				
9am Worship 10am Sunday School						

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**Diamond Poem written by Joyful Noise Member**

Church  
Fancy Clean  
Sing Communion Pray  
Blessed Forgiven  
Church



# Faith Lutheran Church

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.

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