



Faith Lutheran Church

January 2024

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY BLESSINGS

AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

A few thoughts as we come to the end of the 12 Days of Christmastide, celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ and the beginning of 2024.

The twelfth day of Christmas brings with it not only the twelve drummers drumming, but the expansion of The Incarnation of God in Jesus, his son, not only to the Israelites, but to all the nations and creation itself (Luke 2:31-32)..."which you have prepared in the presence of all -peoples-, a light for a revelation to the Gentiles- (that's us) and for the glory to your people Israel."

What is the religious meaning of the term Epiphany? A six week season, a Theophany - a Christian Feast day commemorating the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus and the first miracle, a wedding at Cana. The word epiphany from the Greek is a literary device whereby a person or group experiences a moment of clarity that is triggered by encountering a person, object, idea or situation that is a sudden, intuitive perception or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something simple or commonplace. In short, an "aha" revelation, an intuitive perception or realization about our opinions, beliefs or behavior - a "eureka moment."

The Magi and their visit to the manger symbolize the Incarnation of Jesus as the Son of God and Son of Man to all people, nations and creation itself. The particular (the birth of Jesus) becomes the universal expression and fact of The Incarnation - that we too are sons and daughters of the earth and God through the joyous and unexpected surprise of the humble birth of a babe some two thousand years ago - a revelation, surprise and epiphany.

Aha!

Bishop Craig

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***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 December 13th, 2023. We have FINALLY come to a resolution with our church insurance and will have Church Mutual ongoing! Jerome and Steve have done a wonderful job ironing out all of the details! Financial is still working on a possible switch in software systems-no changes made to date. Annual Meeting is coming up on January 14th after our church service-hope to see you there! Happy New Year!

Worship Committee News

The Christmas season seemed to fly by. Now onto 2024.

Thank you goes out to all who help decorate for Christmas, to all who took part in the Advent Candle lightings each week, to the families on Christmas Eve who helped with the live nativity scene and to all who brought poinsettias for Christmas.

Help would be appreciated taking down the decorations on Sat., Jan. 6th starting at 9:00 am.

We are still looking for someone to help set-up communion the months of July, August and December. Also need help the months of July and August for flowers. Please let the office or Gail Smith know if you are able to help.

News from WELCA

Bible Study - 9:30am January 10, 2024

News from Linda Anderson

NEEDED: Lenten Partners for our Joyful Noise Choir, beginning February 14 - March 31. If you are interested in getting to know a choir member, contact Linda for more information.

News from Global Missions

Thank you to our congregation for the World Hunger donations. There is a list of the things purchased from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog on our bulletin board outside of the office.

News from Board of Education

December was full of Christmas program practices, annual pizza rehearsal party, (A big Thank you to Josh & Kristin Ludvigson for donating all the pizza's again!) and ending with a fun filled Christmas program.

We are kicking January off with a fun day of board games & a movie and then getting back on schedule with regular Sunday School every week.

Upcoming Fundraiser Event: "Souper Bowl" Sunday on February 4. Join us for Soup/Chili following Church and a Vikings Blanket raffle. Thank you to the quilters for donating the blanket!

January 2024	WORSHIP	ASSISTANTS
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>USHER</u>	<u>VIDEOGRAPHER</u>
7 - Ryan & Ava	7- Team 6 - Steve H.	7 - Dan
14 - Ryan & Allison	14 - Team 5 - Ed O.	14 – Jeff
21 - Parker & Mya	21 - Team 4 - Brent B.	21 – Deb
28 - Cayden & Eastyn	28 - Team 3 - Jerome K.	28 - <u>Dave</u>
<u>LAY READER</u>	<u>SCREEN</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
7 - Eileen Trelstad	7 - Lorrie Ehrenberg	No Communion
14 – Contemporary	14 – Jeanene Munsterman	14 - Becky S. & Jodi K.
21 - Tammy Weber	21 – Lorrie Ehrenberg	21 - Tammy W. & Angie A.
28 – Sharon Ronglien	28 – Jeanene Munsterman	31 - Tamara B. & Sharon R.
<u>GREETERS</u>		
7 - Brock & Brianna Kanstrup family Craig & Sarah Kanstrup	14 - Jerome & Jody Kallhoff Nancy Kells	21 - Brian & Glenda Kennedy Scott Halvorson
28 - Gene & Mary Koosmann Curtice Kranz		

January 2024 Birthdays



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
9	Kody Nesvold
10	Kevin Tollefson
12	Angela Arndt
12	Chavis Bornhorst
14	Tom Feuerhelm
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 Shelstad
23	Tamara Baker
24	Ava Daline
24	Eastyn Fernholz
25	Allison Erp
25	Oaklyn Flaten
28	Brycen Danzeisen
31	Jodi Arends

Statement of Activities - With Date Range

December 1, 2023 - December 26, 2023

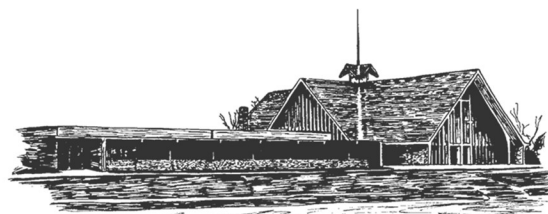
	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	Current Period Budget vs. Actual
Income			
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	17,789.63	26,910.62	(9,120.99)
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHIP Totals:	1,078.42	2,156.84	(1,078.42)
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	227.93	333.34	(105.41)
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	0.00	54.16	(54.16)
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	240.00	241.66	(1.66)
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	12,894.28	1,458.34	11,435.94
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:	32,230.26	31,154.96	1,075.30
Expense			
CAPITAL IMPROVE. EXPENSE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHIP Totals:	6,336.64	19,995.76	13,659.12
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	601.77	775.02	173.25
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	0.00	1,058.83	1,058.83
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	226.89	127.51	(99.38)
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	9,205.65	6,866.66	(2,338.99)
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	14,095.00	1,792.00	(12,303.00)
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense Totals:	30,465.95	30,615.78	149.83
Income - Expense:	1,764.31	539.18	1,225.13

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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers			9am Undecorate Church
7	8	9	10	11	12	135
9am Worship 10am Sunday School			9am Hot Muffins 9:30am Bible Study 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Church Council	8:30-12pm Do Day		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9am Contempo- rary Worship/ Baptism 10am Annual Meeting 10am Sunday School			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9am Worship/ New Member Recognition 10am Sunday School			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Confirmation 3:30pm Joyful Noise 6pm Faith Ringers	8:30-12pm Do Day 11:30-12:30pm Sec- ond Harvest		9-11am Wedding Shower for Wyatt Halvorson & Makenna Waldow
28	29	30	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](#)

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