

Faith Lives



Happy Thanksgiving

Faith Lutheran Church

November 2023

"A BRIEF REFLECTION AS WE APPROACH THE DAY OF THANKSGIVING"

Moving to Minnesota has given me a slightly different sense and renewed appreciation of The Day of Thanksgiving. Growing up in Los Angeles, giving thanks for fertile soil, flowing water, and the harvesting of wheat seemed remote albeit important. Being here this year and experiencing the change of seasons, the planting, growth and harvesting of crops and the transformation of the land as the seasons change have deepened my understanding and appreciation for the gift of the earth, our mother, and farming as a sacred vocation. I have tried to convey this appreciation in my sermons especially given the love and respect that Jesus had for the fruit of the vine, simple unleavened bread and living water conveyed in his teaching using simple and earthy parables.

Giving Thanks (the Eucharist) is a primary expression of our faith, which extends our gratitude beyond worldly divisions including national barriers, to include the earth we share. We are called to celebrate the interfaith work of protecting our common earth as stewards so beautifully mandated by God in the opening chapters of Genesis and in the words of Joel in calling us to unite in protecting the planet: "Do not fear, o soil...Do not fear, you animals of the field" (2:21-22). Ecological systems transcend national boundaries and political divisions for God's promises of abundance are for all our human kin and earth-kin.

Bishop Craig

Council Report

Council is checking on insurance policies for church building.

There was one funeral in October.

Flower refrigerator has been installed. Thanks to everyone who donated monies toward this and Capital Improvement Fund.

Discipleship Committee News

We welcomed 6 new families to Faith Lutheran in September as well as hosted a Welcome Brunch for Bishop Craig and wife Liz. We are looking forward to participating in Trunk or Treat on Halloween.

Worship Committee News

Dates to note:

- * November 5th - All Saints Day, we will be acknowledging baptisms and deaths from the past 12 months.**
- * November 22nd - Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7 pm.**
- * Volunteers are needed for Sat., December 2nd to start decorating the church for Christmas at 9:30 am.**
- * December 3rd - first Sunday of Advent. Families will be asked to help read and light the Advent Candle each week.**

It is time to make schedules for Altar Guild and taking care of the altar flowers each month. If you think this is something you would like to help with, please contact Gail Smith or the office.

Faith Lutheran Staff & Officers

Pastor:

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/Treasurer:

Kristin Ludvigson

Council:

Linda Anderson

Steve Dahle

Judy Kriese

Taylor Shelstad

Kelly Zahrbock

Discipleship Committee:

Melanie Miller

Brooks Bjerke

Kelly Zahrbock

Brittany Engesmoe

Education Committee:

Jodi Kallhoff

Dee Dee Erp

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:

Tamara Baker

Gail Smith

Linda Anderson

Mary Wodrich

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Kelly Kallhoff

Angie Arndt

Stewardship Board:

David Kriese

Jerome Kallhoff

Shirley Hanson

Maynard Meyer

Kevin Tollefson

Global Missions:

Kris Hanson

Jody Dahle

Stan Olson

Curtis Seefeld

Betty Tollefson

Ruth Glomstad

Technology Committee:

Judy Kriese

Maynard Meyer

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jeanene Munsterman

Jessica Borstad

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.**

NEWS FROM WELCA

November 8 : 9:30 am Bible Study

The 2023 Fair Stand final report:

4-day Fair Stand-----\$27,063.64

Food sold, pie sales,

donations etc.----- 4,290.00

Total Fair income \$31,353.64

Total expenses----- 16,450.98

Balance \$14,902.66

The upgrading at the Fair Stand was \$1,426.88 which was deducted from the \$2,500.00 usually put into savings.

Total put into savings was \$1,073.00.

We have already spent \$1,364.60 for new lighting in the quilting room at Faith Lutheran.

Submitted by Eileen Y. Trelstad

GLOBAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE

COMING SOON!!!! ELCA World Hunger drive!! This will be Nov. 5-Dec. 3 this year. As a congregation of great faith and trust in our Lord, let's put this faith and trust into action. Let's pray about what we can give and then give generously! It is written that unbelievable, 842 million brothers and sisters go to bed hungry EACH NIGHT - that is 12% of our world population! We are not going to sit back, we WILL respond! Last year, our world hunger donations topped \$17,600!!!! More to come on this but start praying about YOUR gift! We will be using ELCA Good gifts catalog to pick out selections to gift others. A reminder, it is the Meseck's family desire that memorials for Pastor Kirk may be given to ELCA World Hunger in his memory. Thank you.

Global Missions Board

November 2023	WORSHIP	ASSISTANTS
<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Videographer</u>
5 - Alex & Allison	5 - Team 3	5 - Deb Meyer
12 -- Noah & Cayden	12 - Team 2	12 – Dan Larson
19 - Aidyn & Eastyn	19 - Team 1	19 – Jeff Hanson
22 - Thanksgiving Eve Teagan & Cooper	22 - Thanksgiving Eve Team 7	22 - Thanksgiving Eve Deb Meyer
26 - Brycen & Mya	26 - Team 6	26 – Dan Larson
<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Screen</u>	<u>Communion</u>
5 - Derek Halvorson	5 - Lorrie Ehrenberg	5 - Jane Boraas & Fran Siegert
12 – Contemporary	12 – Jeanene Munsterman	12 - Deb Meyer & Becky Mortenson
19 - Ed Olson Jr.	19 – Lorrie Ehrenberg	19 - Julie Ludvigson & Ei- leen Trelstad
22 - Thanksgiving Eve Lor- rie Ehrenberg	22 – Thanksgiving Eve Lor- rie Ehrenberg	26 - Bob Hiepler & Di- ana Smith
29 – Cheryl Redepenning	26 – Jeanene Munsterman	
<u>Greeters</u>		
5 - Brant & Julie Hacker family & Sylvia & Derek Halvorson	12 - Bryon & Lana Borstad & Lorrie Ehrenberg	19 - Paul & Kristin Daline family & Dustin & Brittaney Fernholz family
22 - Thanksgiving Eve Ste- ve Helgemo & Sandy Harwick	26 - Rick & Sandy Hoium & Bob & Bev Hiepler	

November 2023 Birthdays



1	Dan Larson
1	Lyndsey Ludvigson
2	Emma Call
3	Kristin Ludvigson
5	Desmond DuFrane
6	Adam Conroy
6	Stephen Olson
6	Charlotte Miller
7	Logan Carmody
8	Sarah Halvorson
10	Greta Fernholz
11	Heidi Rakow
12	Angie Shelstad
12	Gavin Mortenson
14	Amanda DeJong
15	Dana Conroy
15	Taylor DuFrane

17	Damon Streich
18	Ken Harwick
19	Ryan Smith
20	Dennis Skoien
21	Hannah Oie
23	Justin Call
23	Elliette Weber
23	Kendra Goerger
25	Luke Oie
25	Rick Gail
26	Liz Shelstad
26	Nolan Smith
27	Paul Daline
30	Mikaela Lee

Statement of Activities - With Date Range

October 1, 2023 - October 25, 2023

	<u>Current Period Actual</u>	<u>Current Period Budget</u>	<u>Current Period Budget vs. Actual</u>
Income			
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	30,992.91	26,910.62	4,082.29
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	0.00	2,156.84	(2,156.84)
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	584.00	333.34	250.66
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:	0.00	241.66	(241.66)
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,458.34	(1,458.34)
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:	31,576.91	31,154.96	421.95
Expense			
CAPITAL IMPROVE. EXPENSE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	5,747.64	19,995.76	14,248.12
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	751.74	775.02	23.28
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	336.84	1,058.83	721.99
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	66.67	127.51	60.84
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	4,866.29	6,866.66	2,000.37
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,792.00	1,792.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expense Totals:	11,769.18	30,615.78	18,846.60
Income - Expense:	19,807.73	539.18	19,268.55

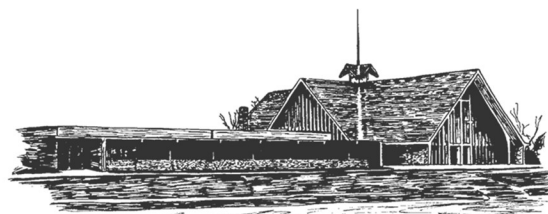
Thank you! We appreciate your continued gracious giving.
Tithes and offerings can be mailed, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org
or PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com)

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am Worship/All Saints Day 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		10am Wedding Shower for Megan Wildung/Ryan Flaten
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am Contemporary-Worship/Baptism 10am Sunday School			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Church Council			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am Worship 10am Sunday School 10am Semi-Annual Meeting			9am Hot Muffins 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed		
26	27	28	29	30		
9am Worship/Baptism			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers	8:30-12pm Do Day 11:30-12:30pm Second Harvest/Meal		



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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](#)

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

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