

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 6 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



AS WE GATHER This year, the holy evangelist St. Mark greets us to lead us through a new Church Year. He does not, however, greet us as we might expect. For one thing, he seems to have forgotten all about Christmas! At least Matthew and Luke tell of Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in a manger and of angels and shepherds. But Mark? While Christmas is the earthly “beginning” of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, this preacher means that his entire Gospel, the whole biblical story, is but “the beginning of the Gospel.” It is as if he means to say that the Baptist’s call to repentance comes to us *In Medias Res*, that is, in the middle of everything else, in the middle of the biblical story and in the middle of our lives and activities, right now. He is saying, “Stop what you’re doing. Repent again and welcome the Greater One, Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” The Christian faith and life is one of continual repentance and faith.

Watch and listen as our Lord comes to us again, now, by His Spirit in His Word and Sacraments.

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Isaiah 40:3-4

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Second Sunday in Advent! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor. Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor, is our Liturgist.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Advent Worship Services Advent services will be on December 9, and 16. The worship services will begin at 7:00 pm. Join us beforehand for a soup supper from 5:30-6:30 pm. Free-will offering proceeds will go to help fund the Mexico Mission project.

Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

Want to listen to our worship service on your phone? Call **1-888-502-3453** and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a computer this is a way for you to stay up on Faith’s worship services.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Eve, Att. 56; General Fund \$2,045.00; **Sun., Nov. 29, Att. 155;** General Fund \$12,318.06; Building Fund \$0.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$50.00; Utecht Ministry \$70.00; Flowers \$32.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Judy Farnsworth \$60.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Shirley English \$25.00; Endowment Fund (Generations in Faith) in memory of Shirley English \$1,100.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn’t accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

2021 Offering Envelopes are now on tables in the Narthex. **Please pick yours up today.** They are arranged numerically and semi-alphabetically. If you are not attending services due to the Covid situation you may come up any time during the weekdays or weekends and pick them up. This way you can avoid contact with others. **If you give automatically by EFT or phone you still need to pick up your envelopes.** There are special envelopes for Missions, Advent, Lent, Christmas, etc. that may be used. If you cannot find your envelopes let Helen know. She will find them or if you do not already have envelopes, she will issue you a number. Thanks!

Rosebud Clothing Drive We will accept new or used clothing in good shape, coats, hats, gloves or mittens and new full and queen size blankets. Adult and children’s sizes clothing. You may place them in the boxes provided in the Narthex. Not absolutely sure yet when we will deliver the items to Rosebud. Check upcoming bulletins for updates.

Sharing the Warmth of Christian Love

The Faith Lutheran LWML is sponsoring a servant event to collect new blankets that will be donated to Pastor Andrew Utecht's mission on the Rosebud Reservation.

Each blanket will be packaged with a Christmas card expressing care and support.

To help us wrap children and adults in the warmth and comfort of Christ's love, place new full and queen size blankets (no throws, please) in the collection box in the Narthex by Monday, December 14.



LWML: December 15 Usually the Faith Lutheran LWML hosts a lively Christmas party in December. But this year, LWML will instead hold a brief meeting and servant event starting at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday, December 15th**. The meeting agenda will include voting on proposed bylaws, installation of officers, a short devotion, and communion with Pastor Rajek. All women in the congregation are welcome to attend. The group will be social distancing, and participants are asked to wear masks.

The LWML will also wrap up the blanket project on **December 15**. Blankets that have been collected for families on the Rosebud Reservation will be sorted and packaged with a Christmas card.

For additional information, please contact Jan Larson by phone at 280-0862 or by email at larson920@hotmail.com.

Holiday Feast Sponsor Forms are on the oak table in the Narthex if you would like to sponsor a holiday meal for those less fortunate. If you are picking a particular family you want to sponsor your donation needs to be in by Dec. 1 for Christmas meals. If you do not have a particular family you wish to sponsor, then your donation must be in by the 15th of December.

Main Street Living **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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10:00 AM- Lutheran Hour Animated Series-The Stable boy's Christmas-A family experiences the excitement of the holidays, while trying to keep the true meaning of Christmas at the center of their preparations

10:30 AM- Rev. Andrew Utecht of Rosebud Lutheran Church in Rosebud, SD brings the message "What a Great Time to be a Christian Pastor", based on Mark 1:1-8. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "This Christmas, let us continue to pray for mothers who are afraid and aren't sure where to turn when they discover they are unexpectedly pregnant. Let us pray that, like Mary, they may find the courage to bring life into the world." *Right to Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Dec. 6

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer
7:00 pm Board of Elders
7:30 pm Board of Missions

Mon: Dec. 7

5:30-7:00 pm Predators BB
7:00 pm Men's Club
7:00-8:30 pm 4th & 5th girls BB

Tues: Dec. 8

8:00 am Staff Devotions
5:30-7:00 pm 5th grade girls BB
6:15 pm Board of Property Management

Wed: Dec. 9

5:30 pm -6:30 pm Soup Meal
6:00 pm Midweek
7:00 pm Advent Worship
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Dec. 10

8:00 am Staff Devotions
11:30 am Ministerium
5:30-7:00 pm Predators BB
7:00 pm Faith Circle
7:00-8:30 pm 4th girls BB

Fri: Dec. 11

5:30-8:30 pm Daycare Fundraiser in Gym

Sat: Dec. 12

3:00-4:00 pm Wulf Music Studio Recitals in Sanctuary

Sun: Dec. 13

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Communion
5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer

Faith Lutheran Youth

Here's what's happening with the youth of Faith Lutheran...



Bible Bowl Increase your knowledge of God's Word in a friendly competition with other students from around the state. Students in 6th grade through seniors in high school are eligible for the competition, which will be in March or April. LeRoy Kropuenske will begin coaching interested students now, either in person or through Zoom. Please contact him or Pastor Sam with questions or to sign up.