

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 27 – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



**AS WE GATHER** The Gospel for the First Sunday after Christmas takes us to the temple in Jerusalem, where Jesus is brought by Mary and Joseph. In presenting Him there, they are affirming that He is dedicated to God as a firstborn son. But He is much more than a son—He is the Son. In her classic hymn text, German hymnist Elisabeth Cruciger celebrates His coming as she writes, “The only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers, By God the Father given, In human form appears. No sphere His light confining, No star so brightly shining As He, our Morning Star” (*LSB* 402:1). Jesus is the One in whom we see our salvation, whose light guides our way through life, and whose presence enlightens our world. With joy, we worship Him!

For my eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples. *Luke 2:30–31*

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 First Sunday after Christmas!** 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 11:00 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.



**Want to listen to our worship service via livestream?** Go to: [www.faithluth.com](http://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. Dec. 16, Att. 87;** General Fund \$693.00; **Sun., Dec. 20 Att. 164;** General Fund \$33,879.32; Building Fund \$75.00; Love Fund \$200.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Christmas \$10.00; Mexico Mission \$600.00; Advent Soup Supper (Rosebud Mission) \$83.00; Flowers \$58.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Shirley English \$220.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Judy Farnsworth \$1,050.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Red Westall \$100.00; Bible Study \$15.00.

**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!

**Blood Drive** We had another AWESOME blood drive December 16! 40 units of blood and 11 first time donors. ☺ It is so great to have all this blood coming in before the holiday. Please make sure that everyone at Faith knows just how much we appreciate the use of your beautiful facility and the support you show our mission of helping patients. Abbie – Vitalant Blood Services



**Epiphany Worship Service** January 6, 2021 is the day of Epiphany. Since Epiphany falls on a Wednesday and we already have Wednesday services, we will have a special Epiphany celebration instead of the regular Wednesday service. Join us to celebrate the coming of the Light of the World.

**Thank you,** Faith family, for your generous support of the LWML blanket ingathering for Pastor Utecht's ministry at Rosebud. We sent 80 blankets their way! Bless you for your thoughtfulness!

**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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

**Dec. 27, 2020**

**10:00 AM-** Lutheran Hour Ministries Animated Series-The Puzzle Club Christmas Mystery-It's Christmas, and some mysterious events have occurred which require some special investigative talents.

**10:30 AM-**Rev. Dr. Roger Paavola, President of the Mid-South District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod presents the message "On the Other Side of Christmas." The message is based on Luke 2: 22-40. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** "The slaughter of the innocents continues in our time ... done not out of anger, but because the arrival of these little ones is deemed inconvenient or too expensive or sometimes simply because they are not the 'right' sex. We, like Rachel, weep over our lost children. But mourning their loss does not mean that we do not fight to end this assault on the sanctity of life. The holy birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, which has transformed the world for the good in so many ways, gives us hope that abortion, too, can be ended." *Steven Mosher, Population Research Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### *This Week at Faith Lutheran*

**Today: Dec. 27**

8:30 am Worship

11:00 am Communion

5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer

**Mon: Dec. 28**

5:30 pm Board of Early Education

5:30-7:00 pm Predators BB

6:30 pm Christ Care

7:00-8:30 pm 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> girls BB

**Tues: Dec. 29**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

5:30-7:00 pm 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB

**Wed: Dec. 30**

NO Midweek

NO Worship Services

**Thurs: Dec. 31 New Year's Eve**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

7:00 pm New Year's Eve Worship

**Sun: Jan. 3**

8:30 am Communion

11:00 am Worship

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**High School and College Retreat** High school and college students are invited to an overnight retreat at Faith on **Jan. 1-2, 2021**. We will have worship, games, meals, and learn about the gift of our bodies, especially our gender. Pastor Michael Salemink, president of Lutherans for Life, will lead the classes. For more information, visit [higherthings.org](http://higherthings.org), "Retreat" tab, or speak with Pastor Sam.

## New Year's Eve Worship

7:00 pm

**January 3, 2021**

8:30 & 11:00 am

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

Epiphany Worship

7:00 pm

