

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR JANUARY 3 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



AS WE GATHER The end of a calendar year and the beginning of a new set of months brings a special opportunity to look at our lives. What has been most memorable in our lives in the past weeks and months? How might our priorities change in the next months? The Readings in today's service are not often heard because the calendar does not always bring two Sundays after Christmas. Wisdom is waiting to be found by each of us here in this place today as we hear God's Word and seek His kingdom in this New Year of grace. God's wisdom is here to bless us each time we gather for worship!

After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:46

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 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 our special guest speaker, Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Mission and Ministry Lutherans For Life. Rev. Michael W. Salemink began serving as executive director-elect of Lutherans For Life in August 2015 and became executive director on January 1, 2016. He received a BA in theology from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois, in 1999 and a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 2003. He has served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Webster, Minnesota, (2003-2005) and as associate pastor of St. James Lutheran Church and School in Lafayette, Indiana (2005-2015). Pastor Salemink and his wife, Heather, have been married since 2000 and reside in St. Louis, Missouri, where they attend Immanuel Lutheran Church, Olivette, with their three sons: Christian, Nathan, and Luke.

Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor, is our Liturgist. Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor will serve communion.



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.

LIFE WEEK 2021

Calling All For Life Supporters! LFL is excited to announce a brand new multi-generational online and in-person opportunity: **Life Week 2021: Invisible to Indispensable**. Plan to join us each day from **Saturday, January 23, through Saturday, January 30, 2021**, to learn about, share, and build excitement For Life in your home, church, school, and community! Each themed day will explore a distinct aspect of life ministry through local activities, online educational events, and interviews. Top off the week in person or online with mountaintop experiences like the March for Life and Y4Life in Washington, D.C. Watch for more news on our [Facebook page](#) and on our [Life Week 2021](#) page!



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Dec. 24, Att. 386; Christmas Eve \$7,049.00; **Dec. 25, Att. 33;** Christmas Day \$2,000; **Sun., Dec. 27 Att. 125;** General Fund \$9,518.62; Love Fund \$200.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Christmas \$10.00; Mexico Mission \$600.00; Facility Use Donation \$200.00; Flowers \$16.00; Mexico Mission \$100.00; Reimbursement for copies \$5.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Shirley English \$20.00; Endowment Fund (Generations in Faith) in memory of Shirley English \$1,000.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Royce Loesch \$25.00; Endowment Fund (Generations in Faith) in memory of Don & Blanche Kiepkke \$3,000.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Deloris Ripley \$50.00; Endowment Fund (Future in Faith) \$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!



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.

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.

January 3, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life-This episode "A Friend in Deed" explores the Christians' duty to forgive those who have done us wrong.

10:30 AM-Rev. Scott Sailer, President of the South Dakota District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod opens the New Year with a message based on Romans 8:28. The sermon is titled "That's Bad. No, That's Good." The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site:

www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Thoughts Adoption's not an afterthought for our Almighty God. It delights Him to bring every human life into His family this way (Ephesians 1:5). He even arranged for a human husband to adopt His only-begotten Son (Luke 2:48). This relationship captures the very heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His grace has taught us how no child ever goes entirely unwanted. The same heavenly joy awaits all those who open their homes to little ones in need.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jan. 3

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

Mon: Jan. 4

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

Tues: Jan. 5

8:00 am Staff Devotions
8:00-4:00 Oahe Child Development
10:00 am Women's Bible Study
5:30-7:00 pm 5th grade girls BB

Wed: Jan. 6 Epiphany

6:30 pm Midweek
7:00 pm Epiphany Worship
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Jan. 7

8:00 am Staff Devotions
5:30-7:00 pm Predators BB
7:00-8:30 pm 4th grade girls BB

Fri: Jan. 8

8:00 am – 12:00pm Oahe Child Development

Sun: Jan. 10

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Communion
2:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
5:00 pm Board of Education
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.

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Epiphany Worship

7:00 pm

