

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 13 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



AS WE GATHER We hear John the Baptist coming to prepare the way for the Lord, whose earthly birth we are preparing to celebrate and whose coming again on the Last Day is the promise of resurrection and eternal life for all who believe. Between our coming to faith and His coming again, we are called to lives of faith that continue to rejoice, to pray, and to give thanks in every circumstance. We can do that because we have come to the light of our salvation and hope of eternal life. Now certainly it's easier to rejoice, pray, and give thanks when things are going well. It's another thing when we suffer illness or persecution, the reverses, challenges, and disappointments of life. Nevertheless, the Spirit of Christ seeks to enable us to do just that—to rejoice always, to pray always, and to give thanks to God always in all circumstances. This is holy living, constantly keeping the eyes of faith on the sure and certain Word and

promises of God for His people, the God who blesses, keeps, comforts, and strengthens us every day. We rejoice with the psalmist, saying, "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! *Zechariah 9:9*

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 Third 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 Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor. Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate 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.



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. Dec. 2, Att. 78; General Fund \$870.00; **Sun., Dec. 6, Att. ?;** General Fund \$10,898.00; Building Fund \$325.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Board of Ed. T-shirt sales \$435.41; Advent Soup Supper \$83.00; Flowers \$48.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Judy Farnsworth \$85.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Shirley English \$145.00; Endowment Fund – Blessings 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!

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 larrison920@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. You must send your order to PARS by Dec. 15th for these Christmas meals otherwise the money will go to stocking the shelves with much needed items.



The poinsettias in the Narthex and the Sanctuary this Sunday are in celebration of Veryl Huisman's birthday on December 12. Thanks Huismans for the beautiful flowers. Happy Birthday Veryl, God bless you with many more!

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 Ministries Animated Series- Red Boots for Christmas-One shop in the small town of Friedensdorf doesn't have any Christmas decorations, and no Christmas spirit inside the store.

10:30 AM-The message is presented by Rev. David Otten, pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Gettysburg, SD and Christ Lutheran Church in Lebanon, SD. The sermon, "A Love Letter" is based on Isaiah 40:1-8. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Will you be without loved ones this holiday season? Will you be struggling with illness or discouragement? Will you feel the pressure to make the holiday season great? You are not alone. You are not on your own. Read John 10, a great chapter about a Good Shepherd. Listen to His voice comfort and strengthen you." Rev. John Boeder, Martin Luther College – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Dec. 13

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Voters Assembly
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Communion
5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer

Mon: Dec. 14

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

Tues: Dec. 15

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

Wed: Dec. 16

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

Thurs: Dec. 17

8:00 am Staff Devotions
5:30-7:00 pm Predators BB
6:00 pm Rebekah Circle
7:00 pm Mary/Martha Circle
7:00-8:30 pm 4th girls BB

Sat: Dec. 19

9:30-11:00 am Christmas Program Rehearsal N-3

Sun: Dec. 20

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am N-3rd grade Christmas Program
11:00 am Communion
1:00 pm Board of Stewardship
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.