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WHAT MATTERS - Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events!

Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news, please email Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at

vickih@scsw-elca.org to be added to "What Matters."





FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
 120 Faith Drive Columbus WI 53925
 Evangelical Lutheran Church
 in America – ELCA
 South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

**December
 2020**

MISSION STATEMENT

Joyfully recognizing God’s commitment and faithfulness to us, FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH exists to serve God through serving God’s people. We eagerly work towards the realization of God’s Kingdom by:

- Offering praise-filled worship to God.
- Nurturing individual spiritual growth.
- Fostering an environment of caring and acceptance.
- Reaching out to serve the needs of our community.

God’s love stirs us to touch others with the same love we have received—and invites them to share our life of praise and service.

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) Columbus, Wisconsin

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**AS MEMBERS OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WE
 PROMISE:**

- To attend services regularly.
- To support the congregation financially.
- To live responsibly as a Christian witness.
- To become as involved as possible in the total life and work of the congregation.

And this we promise to do by the help of God.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

**We’re on the web:
www.faithcolumbuswi.or**

From your Council President:

What will you do for Christmas this year? Here are two lists for you to consider:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Complain about the weather | <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy a walk with a friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complain that family can't get together | <input type="checkbox"/> Write a story about your family history |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complain about shopping with a mask | <input type="checkbox"/> Make a present at home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complain you can't visit friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Mail your Christmas letter early |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complain there's no Christmas Eve service | <input type="checkbox"/> Read Luke 2: 1-20 at home (out loud) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complain about the election | <input type="checkbox"/> Turn off the t.v. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complain there's no Christmas caroling | <input type="checkbox"/> Play all the old Christmas albums |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complain about the noise in the house | <input type="checkbox"/> Record the noise for next year -when it's too quiet in
the house |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complain it's too lonely | <input type="checkbox"/> Call a friend from church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complain that this Christmas is different | <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate that this Christmas is DIFFERENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complain that this has been a horrible year | <input type="checkbox"/> Thank God you were here to experience all the
crazy things that happened this year |

There will be many opportunities to serve each other in December. But you will have to make an effort to find them, or perhaps make up your own project. The reading on November 22 included the following challenge for us: *I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.*

This direction has even more importance in 2020. We don't need a meeting to accomplish this work. We don't need someone at church to prepare a sign-up sheet. We don't need a phone tree to organize. We just need to **DO IT**.

Have a Joyous Christmas and a Fantastic New Year.
Just imagine, what can happen next?

Henry

From the Church Council:

Faith Lutheran Church membership is unlike any other congregation in the South Central Wisconsin Synod. Your membership is not defined by level of giving, attendance on Sunday morning, who your parents were, or whether you were confirmed in Columbus, Wisconsin. Membership at Faith is defined by a signature and the promises listed on the Church Covenant posted outside the church office. Your fellow members expect your participation, giving, and attendance as a member of this congregation; but, the only required activity is a signature on a piece of paper.

You can sign the Faith Church Covenant during the week when Chris is in the office. You can also stop at church on Sunday mornings between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. to sign the Covenant. We will also be posting special hours that the building will be open if these times don't match your schedule.

Please keep your membership current by signing in the Covenant before December 23rd.



THANK YOU

Thank you to the congregation from Faith in Stitches. In November we delivered 70 sets of fleece caps/scarves and mittens to the area schools: Zion Lutheran School, St. Jerome’s Catholic School, Petersen Elementary School, along with Columbus Elementary and Fall River Elementary Schools. We also added some to our little food pantry/library boxes. All recipients were thrilled with the donations. Thank you all for your generosity and to God be the glory.



Giving Tree

For many years Faith has shared God’s gifts with others through the **Giving Tree**. Once again, the Giving Tree is in the narthex (hopefully by December 6th) decorated with names and gift suggestions/ideas for clients who receive assistance from Lutheran Social Services (LSS). Please take an ornament or two and purchase a gift (s) (\$25 limit) for your special person. *We ask that you PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER on the sign-up sheet that corresponds with the number on the ornament/gift tag.* We also ask that you wrap your gift(s), attach the ornament to the gift(s), and place under the tree by Sunday, December 16. This gives time to deliver the gifts to LSS in Beaver Dam and time for them to sort and distribute them to their client families. Any questions, please call DeAnn Gaska 920 623-2656

ANNUAL REPORTS

A reminder that all committee reports for the **2020 ANNUAL REPORT** are due to Chris by Thursday, December 31. **PLEASE EMAIL YOUR**

REPORT TO
faith@faithcolumbuswi.org



ELCA “Good Gifts”

The **spare change** container is in the Narthex, within the goose decoy. The mission for your spare pennies, nickels and dimes is the ELCA “Good Gifts” program. Starting this new year the flock is up to 230 **chickens!** Our few extra coins are turned into food and livelihood for people in need, world-wide. Thank you.



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT SIGNING - Our annual signing of our Membership Covenant is a little different this year.

The Covenant is in the Narthex on the table. You may stop by and sign it any time between Monday-Thursday from 8am-4pm in the month of December.

CELEBRATIONS AND LOSSES



Marjorie Westphal
November 6, 2020

Marjorie passed away on November 6, 2020.
Please keep her family in your prayers.

FOOD PANTRY AND BOOK LIBRARY

A Food Pantry and Book Library were initiated by the Evangelism committee and brought to life by Ben Van Horn and Jim Schieble using materials reclaimed from old Sunday school chalkboards. The free library and food pantry are located at the North side of the parking lot attached to the light pole. They are for the benefit of anyone in our church or community who is in need. Anyone may make donations by simply placing them inside.

Appropriate books, CD's, and DVD's for all ages are welcome in the library. **The food pantry is weather sensitive so be mindful of items that will freeze during cold weather.** Paper products, personal hygiene items, cereal, dry soup mixes, potato, rice or pasta sides, baking mixes, crackers, etc. are all useful items for those in need. Evangelism committee will monitor. Please help us make these structures useful to those who visit them. Thank you.

CALENDAR , LAM & WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR DECEMBER

There will be a calendar, Lay Assisting Minister and a Lector list for December. The Lector and LAM lists will be below this announcement.

Lector Schedule
December 2020 9:15am

- 6 **Kristen Hart**
- 13 **Pat Sullivan**
- 20 **Judy Sullivan**
- 24 **Barb Bergum 4:00**
- Pete Kaland 7:00**
- Al Strohschein 11:00**
- 27 **Carolyn Gorman**

LAM
December 2020 9:15

- 6 **Henry Elling**
- 13 **Betsy Woodward**
- 20 **Pam Larson**
- 24 **Dennis Sampolinski**
- Pat Sullivan**
- Henry Elling**
- 27 **Betsy Woodward**

I don't know what we will be doing for Christmas. I have put this together just in case we will be doing 3 services

Chris

YEAR END GIVING'S

Please have your year end giving's to the church no later that Thursday, December 31 at 12 Noon.

DECEMBER



- 1 Jill Pohlmeier, Oscar Setz, Lilylyn Loecher
Matt Ehrke Jr.
- 2 Cathy Haseman, Lilly Weigen
- 3 Luke Kahl
- 4 Anna Rupp, Ben Destree, Deanna Herrick,
Kubly Kaminski, Sara Deminsky
- 5 Gavin Price
- 6 Ryan Huebner, Heather Schultz
- 7 Jayce Pavloski, Kaylee Price,
Zoe Shephard, Adelaide Udler
- 10 Abby Seibt, Cora Seibt, Andy O’Brion
Jessica Cashmore
- 12 Judy Kaland, Thomas Morris
- 13 Tiffany Niehoff, Natalie Cass
- 14 Garrett Campbell
- 15 Elizabeth Morris, Rowdy Seibt,
Eric Mathwich
Wendy Watrud
- 19 Maizie Anthon
- 20 Alana Schuster
- 21 Ben Kohl
- 24 Mark Adam
MaKayla Mitchell
- 27 Tim Mathwich
- 28 Vance Berget
- 29 Joseph Morris, Luanne Miller,
Joyce Abegglen
- 30 Debra Meister

Michael Hansen, Zachary Rohrbeck, Travis
Schultz, Gloria Spaete

- 12/01 Jackie Price,
Tiffany Niehoff, Logan Wescott,
Bay Peterson
Jamie Benter
- 12/03 Leo Kuck
- 12/04 Pat Sullivan
- 12/05 Bruce Miller, Leaf Anthany
- 12/06 Bob Jansen
- 12/07 Chris Penzotti
- 12/08 Betsy Woodward
- 12/09 John Popp, Colin Emler,
Andrew Hoffmann
- 12/10 Mark Adam
- 12/11 Andrew Peterson
- 12/12 Brenda Hochstatter, Lydia Agnew
- 12/13 Brooks Gille
- 12/14 Cary Hochstatter, Corbin Hynes
- 12/15 Roxanne Ayer, Yvonne Cass, John Salzman
Jeannie Ritchie, Jason Edwards
- 12/16 Anna Miller
- 12/17 Alex Zahn
- 12/18 Nickolas Cass, Ana Tjugum,
Samantha Hoffmann
- 12/19 Melody Tadych
- 12/20 Toni Fox
- 12/21 Barb Bergum, Drake Berget,
- 12/22 Lisa Weisensel, Ryan Hasey, Jack Roelke
- 12/25 Michele Dauman, Jamie Price
- 12/27 Corbin Scheeler
- 12/28 Joycelyn Lienke, Jessie Miesfeld,
Aarika Tjugum
- 12/29 Cliff Destree, Karen Small
- 12/30 Jan Zahn, Yvonne Tjugum, Ben Destree
- 12/31 Nahla Kuck

December

Wedding Anniversary's

- 12/09 Dennis & Karen DeNure 43
- 12/19 Glenn & Karin Westlake 22
- 12/26 Paul & Barb Bergum 45
- 12/27 John & Retta Kurth 51
- 12/29 Todd & Bridget Morris 26

Patsy Braker, Susie Krakow, Marilon Krebs,
Toni Peterson

Faith Lutheran Church - Financial Dashboard - 2020

Dated: 10/12/2020

Prepared by Stephen Peterson, Treasurer

	Total General Account Offerings, Donations	Borrowed from Parsonage Proceeds	Trimester Giving history		Simply Giving portion of total	% Simply Giving
January	\$13,855		2016	\$76,759	\$4,170	30%
February	\$12,824		2017	\$74,906	\$3,910	30%
March	\$16,199		2018	\$70,394	\$4,270	26%
April	\$17,256		2019	\$67,292	\$4,772	28%
Trimester 1	\$60,135	\$0	Trend	\$70,846	\$17,123	28%
May	\$14,689		2016	\$74,935	\$4,833	33%
June	\$14,954		2017	\$67,611	\$5,161	35%
July	\$10,626		2018	\$70,399	\$5,153	48%
August	\$11,874		2019	\$62,122	\$4,595	39%
Trimester 2	\$52,143	\$0	Trend	\$68,399	\$19,743	38%
September	\$12,871		2016	\$87,627	\$4,011	31%
October	\$11,385		2017	\$89,350	\$3,930	35%
November			2018	\$89,327		#DIV/0!
December			2019	\$88,329		#DIV/0!
Trimester 3	\$24,256	\$0	Trend	\$91,302	\$7,941	
YTD total	136,534	\$0		\$230,547	\$44,808	33%

General Account Expenditures by Categories in Treasurer's Report

	Mission	Pastoral Support	Staff Support	Operations	Total
Jan	\$2,908	\$7,603	\$4,245	\$6,518	\$21,274
Feb	\$2,325	\$7,570	\$3,972	\$1,873	\$15,741
Mar	\$1,741	\$5,751	\$4,245	\$7,276	\$19,013
Apr	\$2,492	\$800	\$4,245	\$3,818	\$11,355
May	\$2,117	\$975	\$3,886	\$1,878	\$8,855
June	\$2,117	\$800	\$4,245	\$3,457	10,619
Jul	\$2,142	\$875	\$3,290	\$1,300	\$7,606
Aug	\$2,117	\$0	\$4,108	\$3,148	\$9,373
Sep	\$2,117	\$0	\$4,227	\$5,715	\$12,058
Oct	2,117	\$0	\$4,108	\$3,583	\$9,808
Nov					
Dec					
TOTALS	\$22,191	\$24,374	\$4,108	\$38,567	\$125,702

Operations combines Worship Programs + Education + Administration + Operations + Misc

Fund balances this month - Ending balances from Summary of Cash Activity Reports

Faith General Account checking \$	29,246.75	\$ 26,963.16
Faith General Account savings \$	20,102.16	\$ 20,102
Faith Project checking \$	49,939.18	\$ 54,830.68
Parsonage Proceeds checking \$	106,179.12	\$ 106,170.39
Parsonage Proceeds savings Total	\$205,467	\$ 208,066

Simply Giving \$ Participation 30% of total revenue to date

Accounting system treasurer reports are posted on the Council bulletin board in the fellowship hall.