

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 29 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



AS WE GATHER The Church Year begins by taking us to the scene of our Lord's final entry into Jerusalem that great and holy week. Yes, Christmas is at hand. Surely the preparations for the celebration of His incarnation, His earthly birth of the Virgin Mary, are already well under way. But wait a moment. We enter this new year already knowing why He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit for us and for our salvation, which is only by way of His passion, death, and resurrection. We begin by continuing to "wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" on the Last Day (1 Corinthians 1:7), sustained by Him now in the forgiveness of our sins, guiltless and ready. In readiness, we boldly pray that our Lord comes to rescue and save us.

They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Mark 11:7-8

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 of 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 both services 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.



Wednesday Worship Services The worship services will begin at 7:00 pm. We will begin our Advent services this coming Wednesday. In December our Advent services will be on December 2, 9, and 16.

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. 18, Att. 26; General Fund \$30.00; **Sun., Nov. 22, Att. 149;** General Fund \$8,655.69; Building Fund \$0.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Missions \$1,540.00; Thanksgiving \$260.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Judy Farnsworth \$525.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings in Faith) in memory of Shirley English \$130.00.

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 14 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 Monday, December 14th. 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 14. 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 City that Forgot About Christmas"—Benji thinks the hustle and bustle of Christmas only makes people more Grouchy, but Grandfather has a different view.

10:30 AM- The message "Are you Frustrated? Your King is Coming" is based on Isaiah 64:1-9. And presented by Rev. Corey Rajek of Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre, SD. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Christians engage in adopting not only because we desire to raise children but also—and above all—because the Most High desires their survival and salvation. We adopt because we have been so adopted. We adopt because little ones need homes. We adopt because we have homes and families to share. Life issues mean more than just political debates. Life issues involve more than just personal choices or someone else's problems. Life issues are always people and Gospel." *Rev. Michael W. Saleminck, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Nov. 29

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer

Mon: Nov. 30

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: Dec. 1

8:00 am Staff Devotions

5:30-7:00 pm 5th grade girls BB

Wed: Dec. 2

5:30 pm -6:30 pm Soup Meal

6:00 pm Midweek

7:00 pm Advent Worship

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Dec. 3

8:00 am Staff Devotions

8:00am-6:00pm Guns & Hoses Blood Drive

Fri: Dec. 4

8:00am-3:00pm Guns & Hoses Blood Drive

Sat: Dec. 5

11:00-4:00 Baby Shower in Jon's Place upstairs

4:30-7:30 pm Oahe Riding Club

Sun: 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

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.