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There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. – John 1:6-9 ESV

Songs of Advent

I know it seems about a month premature to talk about Advent and Christmas, but I bring it up because I'm especially looking forward to it this year and I want to give you some advance notice. My brother pastors from neighboring LCMS churches and I are going to participate in a midweek preaching "round-robin." That means for the three Wednesday midweek services the pastors will rotate pulpits and preach on the same theme in the participating congregations, hopefully giving us all opportunity to hear wisdom and insight from Lord's Word through a fresh voice and possibly even a perspective of unity as our congregations participate in devotional life together.

The theme we've chosen is The Songs of Advent. Each pastor will be sharing a seasonal hymn and pondering its scriptural inspiration among the congregations of our circuit. One song we will all hear is called the Phos Hilaron; it's part of the order of service called *Evening Prayer*. Originally written in Koine Greek, the Phos Hilaron is the earliest known Christian hymn in use today, apart from the scriptures themselves. It can be translated as joyous or gladsome light and was often sung by the church while the candles of the assembly were lit.

One of our sister congregations has adopted that candle lighting practice throughout Advent and we'd like to consider its use in our joint observances. The church gathers in relative darkness, the hand-held candles are lit, and the hymn of gladsome light is sung as we anticipate not just light in the room, but joyously expect Christ who is the light and life of the world!

I know that much of the musical elements of *Evening Prayer* are unfamiliar to us and that unfamiliarity can breed scorn, so I'm humbly asking that we remain charitable and at very least listen to the words and prayers that connect us to our most ancient heritage.

If you'd like a preview you can listen to [a congregational recording](#) or view the [service from the hymnal](#).

As we approach the darkest time of year the church will move into the season of Advent. In those few weeks, which as a child, seemed to drag on forever, we can experience everything from somber penitence and reflection, frenetic activity and busyness, joyful celebration, anxious expectation, and patient hope as the "hopes and fears of all the years are met" in the one who is coming to be the light of the world.

I'm really looking forward to experiencing advent with you and the congregations of our circuit as we walk in the Lord's way together. -Pastor Moyer

Link to music of Evening Prayer: <https://youtu.be/0Vg8ReROtuI>

Link to hymnal handout of Evening Prayer:

https://app.lutheranservicebuilder.com/view/gyVjRS_1

Minutes from Faith Lutheran Church Voters Meeting

October 21, 2021

In Attendance: Pastor Moyer, Tom & Nancy Lombardo, Tom & Chris Buckthorpe, Dean Ayers, Sharon Vogel, Cindy Tesolin, Neil Hornbacher, Karen Cowart, Jacqueline Rhodes, Bill Kiley, Kathy VanGordon, Jim Steck

The Voters Assembly was called to order at 7:02 pm by Tom Lombardo. Tom Lombardo began the meeting with the opening prayer.

Pastor started the meeting with a devotion from the book "Unveiling Mercy" by Chad Bird. He introduced us to the Hebrew word – shuggah – which translated means – raging or mad. Pastor referred to 1 Samuel, chapter 23, in which David pretended to be a madman to appear as a non-threat to his enemies.

Minutes from previous meeting were read by Nancy Lombardo. A motion was made by Chris Buckthorpe, seconded by Tom Lombardo, and approved by all.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Moyer recently attended the District Conference. It was the first in person conference in the last two years. He requested that we keep our fellow Pastors in our prayers, many are ministering to more than one congregation. Seminary students are at an all-time low with many churches in need of Pastors.

Pastor commended our church members for using our Endowment Fund to allow students to attend the Seminary.

Elder training will be held at St. Mark's on November 6th.

A schedule has been planned for our Round Robin Advent preaching.

Pastor told us about a Tech Grant available for \$2,500 plus \$500 for training.

Board of Education – Neil Hornbacher reported. A copy of report is on file.

Faith Legacy will continue with the 3rd graders.

Youth group has a meeting scheduled to discuss the Youth Gathering in Houston next year..

Penny Wars continues until October 31st.

November 12th at 7:00 pm is the Polar Express movie night.

The Confirmation Class is in need of Bibles to hand out to students.

Sunday school will have practice for the Christmas program on November 7th, 14th, and 21st, and December 5th, 12th, and 19th.

No Sunday school on November 28th.

Still determining time for Christmas Program.

Board of Elders – Neil Hornbacher reported. A copy of report is on file.

Elders are encouraged to find members to fill some of the Board positions.

District Convention is coming up and Tom Lombardo will attend as the lay person from our congregation.

We have begun discussions on our church's 60th anniversary celebration.

Board of Family & Community Outreach - Kathy VanGordon reported.

They have a meeting coming up in November.

Their next outreach opportunity will be the Socks & Hats collection.

Kathy, Pastor, and Linda Brown will begin a computer program to keep some type of list for the people we have been able to help in the past and future recipients.

Board of Trustees – No report this month.

Treasurers Report – Bill Kiley presented the September 2021 Treasurers Report.

Bill reviewed some of the expenses for the month. We paid Dean Rhodes \$2,200 for pavilion expense with expense for the pavilion to date at \$35,400. The siding should be the last expense for the pavilion.

Also \$65,000 was paid to R & R Asphalt for the completed parking lot project.

Bill also reviewed our Fund Statement, Balance Sheet, and Church participation.

Motion to accept the September, 2021 Treasurers Report was made by Chris Buckthorpe, seconded by Sharon Vogel. Motion approved by all.

Stephen Ministry - No report this month.

Music Ministry - Jacqueline Rhodes reported.

All members are invited to minister to the congregation in song on Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve services.

Reach out to Jaqueline at JacquelineRhodes@comcast.net or by phone: 248-884-1141, voice message or text about practices and the traditional and beautiful music.

Old Business – None

New Business – Dean Ayers requested the use of the church for their family Thanksgiving Day gathering.

Chris Buckthorpe made a motion to allow the Ayer's family the use of the church for Thanksgiving Day, Bill Kiley seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all.

Bill Kiley spoke to Mike Stanley and he reported that Mike is doing well.

Chris Buckthorpe asked about Advent services and Pastor said that there will be Advent services on December 1st, 8th, and 15th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm with a motion made by Jacqueline Rhodes, and seconded by Kathy VanGordon.

Tom Buckthorpe closed with the General Meeting Closing Prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lombardo, Recording Secretary



**This is what was shared at church in October by the Elder speaker.
We thought you would enjoy reading it.**

Is proportional giving related to what you have or what you used to have?

Writing to Christians at Corinth, the Apostle Paul gave this instruction: “On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper.... In other words, on Sunday — the Lord’s Day, the first day of the week — they would make a first fruits decision: setting aside a portion before it was consumed throughout the week. And the amount: be it money, or skill, or availability of time, was to be in direct proportion to our income. If God allowed them to earn a lot, then they should give accordingly, in direct proportion to what was earned. If God allows them to earn only a little, then they would only be expected to give accordingly.

Now for many this doesn’t sit quite right. If we are the ones who did the work to earn the money, for example, what gives God the right to say that we should give it back to Him? After all, it was our “sweat equity” that produced the effort for which we received payment! What did God have to do with it?

It depends if you acknowledge that God owns everything and that he entrusts much of it to your stewardship. According to Psalm 24:1, the entire world is His and everything in it. As has been shared in previous months, God has never relinquished His title deed to the world. He owns it all. What we have that we think is “ours” is actually His. But this arrangement is always for our benefit. In whose hands would you rather your worries and troubles be? Yours or God’s? In whose hands would you rather your wealth, health, and days be entrusted? God has merely portioned money and material possessions to us during our lifetime. Part of our role as managers and stewards is to give back to Him what He has entrusted to us. And that “giving back” is to be in direct proportion to the amount He has provided for us.

So, the more God blesses us with wealth, or unique skill and ability the more we are able to give to Him and to His ministry here at Faith Lutheran Church. The more we have, the more we are to realize the Source of our earnings and the need to give as God has prospered us.

As you consider your offering to the Lord this morning, and as you consider your giving in the coming months, why not covenant with God to enter into “proportional giving”? Why not give in direct relationship to how He provides for you? You never know where that might lead. . . .

Living Faith Stewardship Campaign

Applying Biblical Teachings

The Steinway piano has been the instrument of choice by masters of the keyboard for many years. Pianists such as Rubinstein, Cliburn, Horowitz, Rachmaninoff, and Liszt knew that a skillfully crafted instrument such as the Steinway produces a rich, wonderful sound.

Steinway pianos are built today the same way they were when Henry Steinway started the company in 1845. Two hundred craftsmen and 12,000 parts are required to produce one of these instruments. Most crucial is the rim-bending process where 18 layers of maple are bent around an iron press to create the shape of a Steinway grand. Five coats of lacquer are applied and hand-rubbed to give the piano its outer glow. Each key is tested 10,000 times to ensure quality and durability.

In a similar manner, Christians — followers of Jesus Christ — are being “handcrafted.” We are pressed, formed and shaped to make us more and more like Him. We are polished until we “glow.” We are tested in the laboratory of human experience to ensure quality and durability.

One of the ways in which we are made in Christ’s image concerns our giving. 1 John 3:17 (why not take time to look it up in your Bible?) says that we demonstrate God’s love when we see our brother in need and give to meet that need. In fact, the Lord Jesus said that we are to love our neighbor just as we love ourselves, and the illustration He provided was that of the Good Samaritan.

Yes, we are to give to the Lord’s work here at Faith Lutheran Church. Yes, we are to place a priority in our lives on supporting this ministry financially. But let’s not limit ourselves and our service for Christ to the walls of our church. Instead, let’s be alert to opportunities to demonstrate God’s love to fellow-travelers on the road of life. When we do that, we are demonstrating to ourselves and to all who observe that we have been “handcrafted” in the likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ.





November BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays in November:

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| 6 Louise Hargis | 22 Braden Ayers |
| 6 Andrea Thurm | 22 Renae Behr |
| 7 Doris Maxwell | 22 Tammy Egan |
| 7 Elias Moyer | 23 Ethan Rakestraw |
| 9 Kezia Hargis | 24 Nancy Lombardo |
| 10 Theo Moyer | 27 Ashlee Eddie |
| 12 Connie House | 27 Sydney Jones |
| 14 Hannah Goers | 28 Tess Rakestraw |
| 20 Keith Appold | 30 Theresa Erfourth |
| 22 Ben Ayers | |



November ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to those celebrating anniversaries in November:

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| John & Sharma Ennis | 11-04-1989 |
| Stan & Geri Nelson | 11-08-1962 |
| Jack & Leah Nicholas | 11-18-1961 |
| Carl & Kathy Lemke | 11-20-1970 |



Our heartfelt Christian sympathy to the following who have lost loved ones this past month:

Dawn Donley-Sproul at the passing of her mother and long time member, **Jean Donley**, on October 10, 2021.

Sherri Steigerwalt at the passing of her husband, Gregg, on October 27, 2021.

May you find comfort in knowing your loved one is with their Lord in a beautiful heaven.

Congratulations to

**Jack & Leah
Nicholas**



celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on November 20, 2021. May the Lord continue to bless you both with His love & care!

Please join us for our annual **Thanksgiving Eve Service** on **Wednesday, November 24** at **7:00pm**.

Join us in thanking the Lord for His many blessings over the past year.

“Enter His gates with Thanksgiving!”

Faith Family,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, love, support, cards and friendship over the years for Virginia and our family. Virginia loved all of you because you were her family in God and faith. She missed being able to attend church in person but would watch you on television and read all the newsletters. Her faith is what kept her going through good times and bad. Faith Lutheran Church has always been a blessing to us and we cannot thank you enough for that!

God Bless all of you!

In Christ,

Gwili and family of Virginia McDonnell



FLY is hosting a



They will be showing

“The Polar Express”

on Friday November 12th at 7pm.

All are welcome to join us.

FLY is sponsoring the movie along with hot cocoa and cookies.

This is a FREE event !



Sunday School News

Sunday School will have practice for the Christmas program on **November 7th, 14th, and 21st**, and **December 5th, 12th, and 19th**
Still determining time for Christmas Program.

No Sunday school on November 28th.

So then, just as you received
Christ Jesus as **LORD**,
CONTINUE
to live your lives in him.

ROOTED and **BUILT UP**
in him.

STRENGTHENED
in the faith
as you were taught,
and overflowing with
THANKFULNESS.

Colossians 2:6-7, NIV



Just a little reminder to set your clocks back one hour on **Saturday night, November 6th!**

Men's Burger-n-Brew

Our next B-n-B is being planned for **November 20 at 11:00 am**. Please let Pastor know you're coming **no later than Nov 18.**



This will help tremendously in making the B-n-B a great event for the men of the congregation. ALL confirmed young men and men of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to join us as we have a short devotion with some great food & fellowship.

LWML
Multi-Lakes Zone Gathering
"Running the Race ..."
Fall Rally

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
3795 Sashabaw Rd.
Waterford, MI 48329

Saturday, November 13, 2021
9:00am—1:00pm

Pastries & Coffee, Devotions, Zone business—election of officers. Bring your own lunch, beverages will be provided.

Service Project—Baby Bundles for the Luke Clinic—please bring diapers, diaper bags, receiving blankets, hooded towels & wash clothes, nail clippers, onesies (newborn & preemie), sleepers, mittens, baby bottles & brushes, diaper cream & assorted items from their Amazon wish list—"The Luke Clinic Wish List".

Masks recommended—Zoom option available.



The Huron Valley Community Chorus

(led by our organist Jackie Rhodes) is now meeting each **Monday at 7:15pm** at Faith. Jackie invites all in the congregation who would like to sit in on the rehearsal: to check it out and see if you would like to join them. They will be performing in December, so they will be practicing Christmas carols. They will also be practicing social distancing. Please do not come if you are not feeling well. Thanks so much!

Thank You, Veterans!

On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.



★ **Veterans Day:** ★
Thank You for Your Service!

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).



Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our ministry within the congregation and the community.



A weekly, 30-minute Lutheran broadcast worship service on the following channels:

Comcast—channel 399

Direct TV—channel 377

Over-the-air Digital Channel—18.4

Check listings for exact times

Electronic Giving

Electronic Giving is still available if you wish to participate.

Please use the following link:

faithhighland.com/give

Thank you so much!



SOCK Tree

This year we will
have a "Sock Tree"
in the Narthex.

We will accept all
sizes for men, women
and children.

We will be collecting
beginning in November
thru Sunday, December 12.

Thanks in advance for your
generous, giving hearts!

The Journey Begins at Advent

When Advent begins on November 28 this year, so does a new church year for liturgical congregations. The church seasons, which correspond to key events in Jesus' life, begin with the four-week Advent period of preparation for our coming Savior at Christmas. After the 12-day season of Christmas is Epiphany, which begins January 6 and continues through Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period of preparation culminates in Holy Week, and then Easter marks the pinnacle of every church year. Forty days after the Resurrection we celebrate Ascension, and 10 days after that, the Pentecost season begins; it lasts until Advent, when the cycle begins again.

"Like a great waterwheel," writes Joan Chittister, "the liturgical year goes on relentlessly irrigating our souls, softening the ground of our hearts, nourishing the soil of our lives until the seed of the Word of God itself begins to grow in us, comes to fruit in us, ripens in us the spiritual journey of a lifetime."

Please join us for our Midweek Advent Services, beginning December 1 at 7:00pm.

Christmas Families

Remember those
who are less
fortunate



On the Sunday **before** Thanksgiving, **November 21st**, we will have our Christmas Families board up. We hope everyone will join in participating in this annual event which gives Christmas gifts and a gift certificate for food to families in need in our local community. You will choose a gift item to purchase for a young boy or girl. Then bring the wrapped gift back to the church with the gift tag taped to the outside of the package by **December 12th** for distribution to the families.

Money donations will also be accepted and used for gift certificates for the family to buy food.

Please help us out by bringing your items in by December 12th so we can get them to the families. ☺

We have a very giving church family!
Thank you so much for all your love and support to these families for so many years!

If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Linda Brown at 248-887-9741 or 248-887-5550 (the church office).

May God bless each of you with His love & care!

-The Outreach Committee

Advent is Coming

Join Us at
Advent Worship



Our annual mid-week Advent Services will be held December 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 7:00pm.

Please join us each Wednesday evening before the Advent Services beginning at **5:30 pm** to enjoy a supper provided by your church family. A free-will offering will be collected for the dinners. They are always delicious, so plan to come and enjoy the food and great fellowship before the Advent Services.



Advent
SUPPER

SAVE THE DATE

Not just for Youth, but all of our Faith Family are welcome to come out and Christmas Carol on **Saturday December 11th at 10:00am** at Lockwood of Fenton. Lockwood is a retirement community of independent seniors. After Caroling we will have cocoa and doughnuts with any of the residents who join us.

Lockwood of Fenton
16300 Silver Parkway
Fenton, MI 48430
810-714-3340

Coffee, cocoa & donuts will be provided following the caroling.



Decorating Party

Saturday, December 4th
beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Make plans now to come and share a few hours of fun & fellowship as we decorate the church for the Christmas season.

The more hands we have, the more decorations we'll be able to put up.
Thanks in advance for your help!

Poinsettias

Poinsettias are available for purchase again this year. The plants will help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas Eve and will be available to take home following the late service.

All plants will be red with red pot covers and be in a 6 inch pot with 4-6 blooms. Cost is \$10.00 each. Please make check out to: Faith Lutheran Church. There will be order inserts in the service bulletins.

Deadline to order is
Sunday, November 14.

Stephen Ministry



In ice hockey, the skater without the puck is just as dangerous as the skater with the puck. Like soccer, basketball or water polo played with balls, unless the puck carrier is in a position to shoot on net, and possibly score, they look for the “open” teammate to whom they can pass the puck. The more “open” the teammate, the greater the chance that skater can score. Successful defense in hockey is anticipating who the puck carrier is going to choose to receive the pass. For the defender a two-on-one develops. The defender must keep their eye on both the puck carrier and the most likely pass receiver in their area. Some consider the two-on-one the most critical aspect of hockey defense. The greatest success occurs when each of the players for the team without the puck selects their own two-on-one offensive pairing, which will lead to the successful recapture of the puck. This is a highly dynamic process as the players are always changing who their two-on-one is, depending on who has the puck.

The two-on-one approach to decision making is a handy way to manage the large number of everyday tasks we face, first to decide which decision takes the higher priority, then evaluate one option against another, one at a time. For example: when the garbage disposal breaks down, can it be fixed, or must it be replaced (two-on-one)? An unexpected auto repair bill – how do we pay for that – self-perform vs. put on the charge account. All three of the kids need to be in different places at the same time – call grandma or a parent of the child’s teammate, which leads to the next two on one, Jeff’s mom or Sally’s dad?

Throw into this mix overwhelming life events: disease, divorce, loss of a job, bodily injury. The burdened individual can’t find the obvious two-on-one – it’s a hundred to one. Their life is so turned upside down with the landslide of troubles coming so quickly they don’t feel they can take the moment needed to patiently evaluate the situation and make a thoughtful decision. They need help. Who knows they need help? How can help be provided if no one is aware of the situation? Often the overwhelmed become more-so because the situation just continues day after day.

There are many members of our congregation who are in this position. Stephen Ministers are trained to listen to people overwhelmed by their burdens. We know the need is out there and probably larger than we actually do know. The need is great and the workers few. Is Stephen Ministry for you? If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry and the Faith Lutheran Church Stephen Ministry mission, please contact Pastor Moyer or Guy York.

Not Just for Fun

I've become aware of more and more internet scams in which people of malicious intent pretend to be people known and loved by you in the hopes of convincing you to buy gift cards and send them the proceeds.

A few months ago, someone created an email account with an address that was only slightly similar to mine and tried emailing people with the message:

"Hey, I'm in a meeting. Can you do me a quick favor? -Pastor"

Those who responded were instructed to buy gift cards to online retailers and send the serial codes to a different address.

Unfortunately, there is little that can be done to prevent such fraud so my advice is to be diligent and discerning. Don't just hit reply on the email, call, text, or wait until you see the individual. Don't be afraid to question or ask around or just ask the person who supposedly made the request if this is legitimate. The fact that these scams work shows how willing we are to care for one another. How sad that others will turn goodwill to selfish gain.

There's all manner of people online who try to turn the tables on would-be scammers, often with hilarious results. My favorite (owing to my extreme hatred of glitter) has to be Mark Rober, who for the past three years has designed and improved bait-packages meant to be stolen from porches that release glitter, glue, and foul odors upon being opened by the thieves, while tracking and recording the whole thing.

Here's a link for your enjoyment.



https://youtu.be/h4T_L1K1VE4

Be safe and take care of each other. You are constantly in my prayers
Thanks for reading!

Books

With conferences and time off this past month I don't have any new books to share. So here's some recommended reading instead.

- *Grace Upon Grace* by John Kleinig
- *The Spirituality of the Cross* by Gene Edward Veith
- *Echo* by Jonathan Fisk
- *And Take They Our Life* by Bryan Wolfmueller

A Great Time Was Had By ALL at Our Annual Pumpkinfest/Trunk-r-Treat



November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30pm Stephen Ministry 7:15pm Community Chorus in Fellowship Hall	2 12:00pm AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	3 9:30am Women's Bible Study	4	5	6 
7 Communion 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study & Confirmation 11:00 Worship All Saints Day	8 7:15pm Community Chorus in Fellowship Hall	9 12:00pm AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	10 9:30am Women's Bible Study	11	12 7:00pm FLY Movie Night "Polar Express" 	13
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21 Communion 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study & Confirmation 11:00 Worship 12:00 BOCE News Deadline	22 7:15pm Community Chorus in Fellowship Hall	23 12:00pm AA 8:00pm AA & ALANON	24 9:30am Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 	25 Fellowship Hall in use by Ayer's 	26	27
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A Gratitude Game

Years ago, ads for a toy-store chain featured an animated kangaroo jumping on a frown to turn it upside down. That reminds me of family life, which can feel like a nonstop attempt to keep everyone happy. Busy schedules, grumpy kids and tired parents can be a bad combination.

When our family needs to turn frowns upside down, we play the thankful game. The rules are simple: We take turns sharing one thing we're thankful for. Everyone plays. No one can pass. No repeats are allowed. Our kids, now teens, still chime in.

As we share gratitude for football, Grandma, hugs, warm brownies, coffee and more, kids tend to stop bickering, and adults get a mental reset. Try playing — and bring on lots of smiles!

—Janna Firestone

