

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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**“Blessed in our journey of Faith... to KNOW Christ,
 to GROW in Christ, to SHOW Christ to the world.”**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR Nov. 25 - Dec. 1, 2018

Sunday.....8:00 am = Worship Service w/Holy Communion
 9:15 am = Bible Study in CLC
 10:30 am = Worship Service w/Holy Communion
 Monday3:30 – 6:00 pm = SFLS, BB
 Tuesday10:00 am = Staff Meeting
 9:00 am = Quilting
 3:30 – 6:00 pm = SFLS, BB
 6:00 pm = Ladies Auxiliary
 7:00 – 8:30 pm = Kunama, Rm 101
 8:00 – 9:00 pm = AA Meets, Conf. Rm
 Wednesday.....10:00 am = Pastoral Meeting
 6:30 pm = Choir
 6:30 pm = Confirmation
 7:30 pm = Bell Choir
 Thursday.....6:45 am = Men’s Bible Study
 10:00 = Bible Study, Shep. Rm
 3:30 – 6:00 pm = SFLS, BB
 Friday.....3:30 – 6:00 pm = SFLS, BB
 7:00 – 8:30 pm = Kunama, Rm 101
 Saturday 8:00 – 2:00 pm = Groove
 5:30 pm = Worship Service

OUR ATTENDANCE: November 17 & 18, 2018

Worship: [Sat. 5:30 pm 85; Sun. 8:00 am 156; 10:30 am 84] ---- **325**
 9:15 am Parents & 2’s – Grade 7 ----- 87
 9:15 am 8th Grade & Senior High ----- 19
 9:15 am Adult Bible Studies----- 62

OUR OFFERINGS: November 17 & 18, 2018

Unified Spending Plan -----	\$12,997.75
[Current: <u>\$9,159.75</u> “Simply Giving”: <u>\$3,838.00</u>]	
Thanksgiving Day-----	30.00
Adoption Ministry -----	175.00
Our Greatest Gifts -----	150.00
General Misc. -----	20.00
Banquet -----	3.00
Sunday School -----	1.00
Assisting the Needy -----	5.00
World Missions-----	30.00
Social Concern (Coffee) -----	9.21
Endowment Fund -----	10.00
	\$13,430.96

FINANCE BOARD REPORT: 2018–2019 Spending Plan

[General Needs]	\$823,192.00
Amount needed for Spending Plan each week	\$15,831.00
Received for Spending Plan: Nov. 17. & 18, 2018	\$13,181.96

Scripture Readings for Dec.1 & 2

First Reading: *Jeremiah 33:14–16*
 Epistle: *1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*
 Gospel: *Luke 19:28 –40 or 21:25–36*



ALTAR FLOWERS – from Bonnie Buchholtz for in memory of her husband Vernus. Thank you, Bonnie!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – We continue our study of the chief parts of our faith as we study God's gift of Baptism this Sunday. Please join us in between the Sunday services in the CLC/gym.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sunday school will not be offered this weekend due to Thanksgiving Break. H.S. Youth are invited to gather in the youth room and all are welcome to attend adult Bible study in the CLC.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS – We have provided a sign-up sheet if you would be willing to help beautify the church during this Christmas season with a donation of \$15.00 which will also provide you with a poinsettia plant. You may pick up a plant following the Christmas Day service. Please make checks payable to Faith Lutheran church.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – If you would like to help beautify the church for Advent and Christmas, please come and help on Mon, Nov 26th from 6-8 p.m. or Tues, Nov 27 from 9-11 a.m. Contact Julie Garrow for more information.

Matthew 28: Adoption Ministry Grant Update: Our committee was blessed to give out another Matthew 28 grant to Thomas & Britni Carlson. They’re in the process of adopting through the Foster Care system and would greatly appreciate the prayers of our church. We’ve placed a basket at the Welcome Center where you’ll find “Carlson Adoption” bracelets. Anyone interested in grabbing one of these is welcome. We ask you remember the Carlson family in your prayers anytime you look at it as they take this new adventure.

2019 FLOWER CHART – is now available on the bulletin board. Sign up to provide flowers for your special day.

MISSION SUPPORT – Adoption Agreements for Mission Central Thanksgiving mission projects are available at the Welcome Center and on the mission bulletin board.

THE STREETS OF BETHLEHEM: A “Streets of Bethlehem” family event will be taking place on Sunday, December 2 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm @ Zion Lutheran Church.

CLOTHESLINE DONATIONS – Faith Ladies Auxiliary will again be sponsoring the “Clothesline.” We have been supplying winter clothing for needy children from a nearby school for a number of years. Pink and blue sheets will be available soon to pick up at the Welcome Center. Purchase items, put them in bags with the paper attached, and please include a gift receipt. All items must be turned in before Sun, Dec 16th. If you would like to help without shopping, contact an Auxiliary member, give them your donation, and they will do the shopping for you. Thank you for your help and donations! *Phyllis Wise, Ladies Auxiliary*

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Bible Study – Pastor Aker will begin a five-week study of Apocalypse with the senior Youth this weekend. You won't want to miss this exciting trip through the Scriptures!

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Plan on being part of another servant event opportunity! On **Saturday, December 15th** - Bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Lewis Drug (10th and Cliff)! We need **one ADULT parent and two youth** to sign up for each shift. sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board!

5th - 8th GRADE ACOLYTES – If you have a student in 5th-8th grade confirmation, please remember to sign up for your child to acolyte. The calendar can be found on the youth bulletin board or on the DCE's ministry newsletter.

GOD'S CREATION CALENDARS – 2019 Creation Calendars are now available as a fundraiser for youth attending Camp Minneboji next summer. Just \$7 each. Display is near the pastors' offices.

HS Youth Advent Meal Fundraiser – Mark your calendars for **December 19th!** All youth planning on going to NYG needs to participate as the donations given will help cover costs for NYG activities! This year the youth will host a Nachos Bar! Please, sign up for what you will be bringing! The sign up sheet can be found on the youth bulletin board! Please meet in the kitchen by 4 PM! Let DCE Rebecca know if you will be unavailable to help!

Drop N' Shop: Thank You Servant Event Sat., Dec. 8 from 5-8 PM, Faith Lutheran Youth will be hosting the annual "Drop N' Shop" event! Parents of newborn-2nd grade can drop your kids off starting at 5 PM! We will baby sit and feed them! Along with snacks, crafts, games, and more! This is a great time to get some shopping done or have a date night, so parents take advantage of this opportunity! **Youth** - you can count this as a servant event! Volunteer sign up sheet can be found on the youth bulletin board or on the Faith Ministries e-newsletter! If you have any questions, feel free to contact DCE Rebecca (dcewiemer@gmail.com).

HS Youth Christmas Party – On **Sunday, December 9 from 5-7:30 PM** there will be a HS Youth Christmas Party! The Eides are graciously hosting us this year! Bring a white elephant gift and a snack to share! More info to come!

MS Youth Christmas Celebration – On **Sunday, December 16 at 2 PM** middle school youth are invited to a Christmas celebration! Bring a wrapped white elephant gift and a snack to share! Games, gingerbread house competition, etc! RSVP to **DCE Rebecca!**

MIDWEEK ADVENT MEALS

December 5th – Chili and Cornbread, Goodwill Aid
December 12th – Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches and fixings, Camp Minneboji Youth
December 19th – Loaded Nachos, H.S. Youth

ADVENT SERVICES – Midweek Advent services will be held on Weds, Dec. 5th, 12th, and 19th at Noon & 6:30 p.m. each week. This year's midweek services will focus on our hearts on Jesus' coming return.

To activate the Prayer Chain
Contact the Church Office, M-F, (605) 332-3401
Evenings & Weekends, Pastor Aker, (605) 214-334

SUN. SCHOOL TEACHING TEAM NEEDED - We are still in need of 2 teachers/facilitators for the Parents and 2s Class. You would teach half the Sundays on a schedule you determine that works for both teams. Please contact Terry/JoAnn Hirsch or Ritch/Jennifer Noble.

AUTOMATIC GIVING – To learn more about Faith's automatic giving option, please pick up an Authorization Form at the Welcome Center. Contact our treasurer, Kevin Maxwell (themaxwellhouse@hotmail.com) with questions.

LIFE THOUGHT — November 25 Incurable conditions can feel like the floods lifting their roar (Psalm 93:3). Complicated pregnancies can thunder. WE get to remind sufferers how our Lord reigns over them, and He reigns in them. His blood frees us from our sins (Rev. 1:5). If even our guilt cannot hold back His angels from gathering His elect (Mark 13:27), then neither can any age, appearance, or ability limitations stand in the way. *Faithful God, let nothing in us obstruct any eye from beholding Your glory. Amen.*

SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

- Curious how construction is coming along at our new site? Check out weekly photo galleries of the progress at: www.siouxfallslutheran.com/construction-updates.
- On Giving Tuesday (Nov. 27), you have an opportunity to help us fill the Vaughn & JoAnn Meyer Chapel and Performing Arts Center with 400 permanent seats. Learn more about the project or make a donation online at bit.ly/sfls-chapel-seat-challenge.
- **We're hiring!** SFLS is now accepting applications for after school A-OK (extended care) workers. View the full job description online at bit.ly/SFLScareers and contact Kristy Bridges at AOK@sflseagles.com or 605-335-1923 for additional details.
- Join us at 8:35 a.m. on Wed., Nov. 28, in the SFLS gym for our weekly chapel service.

FAITH'S ENDOWMENT FUND – If you would like to be part of the Endowment Fund Committee or want to learn how to contribute to the Endowment Fund, contact Kevin Maxwell, our church Treasurer, or either of our Pastors.

FREE BOOKS – An extended family member of Faith member, Phyllis Malenke, has donated a variety of books. They are available on a table in the entryway.

THANK YOUs – *Dear Pastor Aker, Pastor Janneke, Loren & Faith Congregation,* Thank you all for the gas gift card. How very thoughtful and totally unexpected. I am happy to help out during Lan's maternity leave. Thank you all for so much help and patience during this time. Lan's position is certainly a hard one to cover – she's the Best. Thank you all again.
Blessings Everyone Mary Archer

Thank you all for the gas gift card. It was a wonderful surprise. Thank you for all your prayers and support for me and my family during this time. Thank you also to Mary for her willingness to fill-in for me in my absence. She did an amazing job. *Lan Kuhlmann*

Dear Faith Congregation, today (Aug. 22) was Jace & Kade Taylor's first day of school for 2018-19 school year. Because of Faith Lutheran, these two boys will be able to continue their Christian education at SFLS. In appreciation
Jim & Sandy Tams, The Taylor Family