

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 Dec. 2 – 8, 2018

Sunday.....8:00 am = Worship Service
 9:15 am = SS/Bible Study in CLC
 10:30 am = Worship Service
 Monday3:30 – 6:00 pm = SFLS, BB
 Tuesday9:00 = Circuit Pastors’ Conf. @ Faith
 11:15 am = Serving lunch @ Bishop Dudley
 3:30 – 6:00 pm = SFLS, BB
 7:00 – 8:30 pm = Kunama, Rm 101
 8:00 – 9:00 pm = AA Meets, Conf. Rm
 Wednesday.....10:00 am = Pastoral Meeting
 12:00 & 6:30 pm = Advent Services
 5:30 – 6:15 pm = Advent Meal hosted by Goodwill Aid
 7:15 pm = Confirmation
 7:15 pm = Choir
 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
 5:00 pm = Drop N Shop, CLC
 5:30 pm = Worship Service w/Holy Communion

OUR ATTENDANCE: November 24 & 25, 2018

Worship: [Sat. 5:30 pm 64; Sun. 8:00 am 164; 10:30 am 56] ---- **284**
 Thanksgiving Eve Worship----- 111

OUR OFFERINGS: November 24 & 25, 2018

Unified Spending Plan -----	\$7,937.50
[Current: \$6,771.50 “Simply Giving”: \$1,166.00]	
Thanksgiving Day-----	1,558.00
Altar Flowers (Buchholtz)-----	35.15
Poinsettias-----	195.00
Our Greatest Gifts-----	30.00
Confirmation Books, Misc.-----	39.00
Banquet-----	3.00
World Missions-----	120.00
Social Concern (Coffee)-----	3.00
	\$9,920.65

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. 24 & 25, 2018	\$7,940.50

Scripture Readings for Dec. 8 & 9

First Reading: *Malachi 3:1–7b*
 Epistle: *Philippians 1:2–11*
 Gospel: *Luke 3:1–20*



FACs – join FACs for Christmas potluck at 6:30 pm on Dec. 15 call Vicky Kondert or Barb Luttmann for details.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS – from Loren & Brenda Paulson for their 48th wedding anniversary on Wed. Nov. 28. Thank you, Loren & Brenda.

IN BIBLE STUDY – This week in Luther’s Small Catechism, we continue to consider God’s gifts of Baptism and Confession and Absolution. Join us at 9:20 am in the CLC.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS – Advent bookmarks and various devotional booklets are available at the Welcome Center. The pastors are also writing devotions which will be offered in the news notes and on the church website throughout Advent.

IN SUNDAY SCHOOL – “The Triumphal Entry.” Jesus’ victorious entry into Jerusalem begins the week which ends with His crucifixion and death. As a family talk about “how did the people welcome Jesus to Jerusalem? How can we praise and honor God today?”

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.

STREET OF BETHLEHEM – Zion Lutheran church will be presenting Streets of Bethlehem Sun. Dec. 2 from 1-4 pm. this is a free event. Everyone is welcome.

CLOTHESLINE DONATIONS – Faith Ladies Auxiliary are 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 are 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*

ADVENT SERVICES – Scripture invites us to look forward to the return of Jesus Christ on the Last Day. As we explore this topic Wednesdays in December (5, 12, & 19), we will zero in on three main points: Be Ready! The Day is Hastening! Remain Faithful! Join us at either noon or 6:30.

SPECIAL MUSIC – If your child or youth would like to provide special music prior to the Children’s Christmas Service on Dec 16, or if you would like to provide special music at another time during the Christmas season, please contact Heidi Janneke (koryheidi07@gmail.com).

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

OFFERING ENVELOPES — The 2019 offering envelopes are available for pick up as you exit the sanctuary. If you prefer online giving, please let Kevin Maxwell know at 605-359-6540 or themaxwellhouse@hotmail.com.

2019 GUATEMALA MEDICAL MISSION TRIP is Aug. 2-10. It is to help Dr. Ely at the mission clinic at Lake Amatitlan. Contact Patty Peters if you are interested. 310-1804

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 — **December 2** – Advent I – Advent brings the gift of anticipating: “none who wait for... {the Lord} shall be put to shame” (Psalm 25:3). A surprise pregnancy likewise invites patient faith instead of using death as a solution to difficulty. So does struggling with infertility or enduring permanent disability. Our Father's salvation comes, not sluggish but steadfast (Psalm 25:10). Life is His promise, and He will move heaven and earth to fulfill it (Jeremiah 33:140). *Son of David, our coming King, establish us in hope. Amen.*

SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

- The **sale of our building** closed on Tuesday, Nov. 20. Thanks be to God! The new owner—Oakwood Park Christian Church—will begin using the facility for weekend and holiday worship services, Sunday school, and Bible study on Dec. 9.
- Walls are popping up at our new site! Check out the **Construction Updates** on our website for weekly progress photos: www.siouxfallslutheran.com/construction-updates.
- Consider requesting donations to the **Chapel Seat Challenge** in place of gifts this Christmas. To date, we have sold over 160 of 400 seats for the Vaughn and JoAnn Meyer Chapel and Performing Arts Center. Learn more about making a donation online at www.siouxfallslutheran.com/our-greatest-gifts.
- Join us at 8:35 a.m. on Wed., Dec. 5, in the SFLS gym for our **weekly chapel service**.
- **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.

MAIN STREET LIVING — **Dec. 9** – watch Lutheran Hour Animated Series at 10 a.m. on KDLT. "Main Street Living" airs at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Brian Lemke will share this week's message "Return to the Lord?". based on Malachi 3:1-7b visit www.mainstreetliving.com.

HOPE HAVEN — "Hope Haven International Ministries presents "Rejoice" featuring Nashville recording artist Jill Miller on Tues. Dec. 18 @ 7pm. at the Orpheum Theatre. Tickets are available at the Washington Pavilion or by calling 367-6000. The Christmas concert will also feature the Bell Choir from SF Christian School. Proceeds will go towards funding wheelchair sponsorships for an upcoming overseas distribution trip in 2019

MIDWEEK ADVENT MEALS – 5:30 p.m. Weekly

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

YOUTH NEWS

BIG SOO COUPON BOOKS — Last chance! Remaining Big Soo Coupon Books on sale for \$37 apiece through the weekend of Dec 8-9. (Unsold copies will be returned.)

Youth Bible Study – The Youth continue their 5-week study of Apocalypse this weekend. You won't want to miss this!

ATTENTION: PROSPECTIVE MINNEBOJI CAMPERS, 4th through 9th GRADE, all MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, and PARENTS – Advent is here. It's time for you to help with a Wednesday, pre-service evening meal. The date is Wednesday, December 12th. We need your help setting up, bringing food items, serving and cleaning up after the meal. The sign-up sheet is located on the Youth Bulletin Board. Please sign up in two food slots. Also, Youth and Parents, please sign-up for the shift you can work. Questions, contact JoAnn Hirsch, H) 362-8506, C) 929-4442, email: tejhirsch@gmail.com.

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 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! 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, Don't forget Drop N' Shop is this Saturday at Faith Lutheran! Parents of newborn-2nd grade can drop your kids off starting at 5 PM! Volunteer sign-up sheet can be found on the youth bulletin board or on the Faith Ministries e-newsletter! **Parents**, please fill out the information form found at the welcome desk. If you have any questions, feel free to contact DCE Rebecca (dcwiemer@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! Feel free to be festive!

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!**