

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 Jan. 6 – 12, 2019

Sunday.....9:00 am = Worship Service
 9:15 am = SS/Bible Study in CLC
 10:30 am = Worship Service
 Monday3:30 pm = SFLS Basketball, CLC
 Tuesday8:30 am = Circuit Pastors’ Con. @ Christ Lutheran
 9:00 am = Quilting
 3:30 pm = SFLS Basketball, CLC
 7:00 pm = Elders
 Wednesday.....10:00 am = Pastoral Meeting
 1:00 pm = Worship Planning
 6:30 pm = Choir
 6:30 pm = Confirmation
 7:30 pm = Bell Choir
 Thursday.....6:45 am = Men’s Bible Study, Shep. Rm
 10:00 am = Bible Study, Shep. Rm
 3:30 pm = SFLS BB, CLC
 Friday.....**4:00 – 8:00 pm = SFLS Basketball Tourney, CLC**
 7:00 – 8:30 pm = Kunama, Rm 101
 Saturday**8:00 – 3:00 pm = SFLS, Basketball Tourney, CLC**
 9:00 am = Men’s Club, (Sanctuary)
 5:30 pm = Worship Service w/Holy Communion

OUR ATTENDANCE: December 22 & 23, 2018

Worship Dec. 23: [Sat. 5:30 pm 75; Sun. 9:00 am 170] ----- **245**
 Dec. 23: 9:15 am Parents & 2’s – Grade 7 ----- 22
 9:15 am 8th Grade & Senior High ----- 8
 9:15 am Adult Bible ----- 21

OUR OFFERINGS: December 19–25, 2018

Unified Spending Plan -----	\$10,158.50
[Current: <u>\$6,960.50</u> , “Simply Giving”: <u>\$3,198.00</u>]	
Advent (Dec. 19) -----	\$585.00
Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) -----	\$2,834.00
Christmas Day (Dec. 25) -----	21,798.00
Adoption Ministry -----	250.00
Our Greatest Gifts -----	35.00
General Misc. -----	180.00
Banquet -----	3.00
Adult Bible Class -----	30.00
World Missions -----	40.00
Memorial Fund (Marie Heckmann) -----	100.00
Memorial Fund (Randy McHone) -----	100.00
Facility Usage -----	150.00
Endowment Fund (Luella) -----	200.00
	\$36,463.50

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: December 22 & 23, 2018	\$10,738.50

Scripture Readings for Jan. 12 & 13

First Reading: *Isaiah 43:1–7*
 Epistle: *Romans 6:1–11*
 Gospel: *Luke 3:15–22*



OUR ATTENDANCE: December 29 & 30, 2018

Worship Dec. 30: [Sat. 5:30 pm 55; Sun. 9:00 am 148] ----- **203**

OUR OFFERINGS: December 29 & 30, 2018

Unified Spending Plan -----	\$45,436.50
[Current: <u>\$43,860.50</u> “Simply Giving”: <u>\$1,576.00</u>]	
Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) -----	\$40.00
Christmas Day (Dec. 25) -----	\$85.00
New Year’s Eve (Dec. 31) -----	\$66.00
Adoption Ministry -----	175.00
General Misc. -----	1,000.00
Sunday School -----	35.00
Endowment Fund -----	10.00
	\$46,847.50

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: Dec. 29 & 30, 2018	\$46,611.50

NEW BIBLE STUDIES – This weekend, we will again offer two adult Bible Studies each Sunday! In the CLC, Pastor Aker will lead a study entitled “Kings and Prophets” and will go through 1 & 2 Kings chronologically while hearing from the Prophets in their historical context. In the Shepherd’s Room, Pastor Janneke will lead a study entitled “Names of God” in which you will explore the Bible to learn about our Lord as you study His many names. Start the new year off right by joining one of these excellent studies!

IN SUNDAY SCHOOL – “The Widow’s Offering” is our focus today. Just as the widow gave all she had to God, trusting Him to provide and care for her, so Jesus gave His all for us, who fail to trust in God for all things. “How was the widow’s offering different from the others? *How has God given us His greatest treasure?*” Also, “The Lord’s Supper” (Luke 22:1–23).

NEW MEMBER CLASS – Pastors Aker and Janneke will team up to teach our New Member Class. The class will be **Sundays** after the second service (approx. **11:45 am**) and run for six weeks, from **January 13 – February 17**. If you or someone you know are interested in learning about the Christian faith, please attend! The class is also for veteran Faith Lutherans to review the basics of their Christian faith.

MARCH FOR LIFE – On Tues, Jan 22, the local pro-life community will gather for a March for Life at 6:30 p.m. at Sioux Falls First. More information is on the bulletin boards.

FAITH ONLINE — At faithlutheransioxfordfalls.org! Follow Faith on Facebook at **Faith Lutheran Church—Sioux Falls**.

MEN’S CLUB – Faith’s new Men’s Club is meeting the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. Join us on Sat., Jan. 12 for our Bible Study, *Who am I? What am I doing here?* All men age 14 and older are encouraged to participate!

**To activate the Prayer Chain
 Contact the Church Office, M-F, (605) 332-3401
 Evenings & Weekends, Pastor Aker, (605) 214-3343**

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID – We will host a special training for our staff on January 31 from 8 am–5 pm called “Mental Health First Aid”. The concept is simple: a person’s mental health is just as much a facet of our overall health as our heart health or physical fitness. Thus, like CPR training equips people to recognize and treat physical health concerns in emergency situations, Mental Health First Aid trains us to recognize and treat mental health concerns in emergency situations. Helpline of Sioux Falls will do the training. We have opened the training up to our sister congregations and our Faith leaders. Space is limited to 30 participants. Questions? Call Pastor Aker for more info. Cost is \$10 for lunch.

EVANGELISM ACADEMY – Faith’s Evangelism Academy is a four session, intensive training course that helps us understand the purpose of Evangelism and to become more comfortable putting it into practice. Those who participated in the first class felt more comfortable and equipped to share their faith with the people in their lives! This session of Evangelism Academy is scheduled for Monday afternoons at 2 pm. The dates are January 14, 21, 28, and February 4. Please contact Pastor Aker if you are interested.

STRATEGIC PLANNING BREAKFAST – The leadership of Faith will gather on a Sat. Feb. 16 8am – 12:00 pm for planning and goal setting. On the agenda will be setting some goals, brainstorming ideas for how we can fulfill our mission to spread the Gospel, and enjoy a breakfast together. All are welcome. If you plan to attend, we request that you let us know so we have enough food and material for all in attendance. More information to come!

YOUTH NEWS

Bunco Family Night – On Sun., Jan. 13 at 6 PM! Bring snacks—a perfect time to share your left-over Christmas goodies! Bunco is a dice game requiring no skill (seriously, there are no decisions to be made)! It’s great for all ages! If you do not know how to play Bunco, no problem! It’s a quick game to pick up! So, come and join in on some fun!

HS Youth Late Night Game Night! On Sun., Jan. 20, at 5:30 PM! This night can be anything from Nerf gun war (like capture the flag—bring stuff that glows in the dark), Grog (the game not the drink), sardines, foosball, ping pong, etc.! Come with ideas of what you would like to play! The intention is to stay late (as most have that Monday off from school, but probably no later than 11 pm) and participate in fun fellowship together! Bring a snack to share, but make sure to eat supper first! Contact DCE Rebecca (dcewiemer@gmail.com) with any questions you may have!

MIDDLE SCHOOL LUTHERAN LOOP EVENT:

On Sunday, Jan. 27, from 6:30 to 8:30, there will be a night of fun, inflatables, and pizza at Memorial Lutheran Church! It is \$5.00 to attend. Please contact DCE Wiemer or sign up on the youth bulletin board. Entry fees will be collected by DCE Wiemer as well. More information can be found 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.

FACS – will meet Sat. Jan. 19, at 7 pm. The study topic will be *The First Article of the Apostles’ Creed*. Guests are invited!

PURITY BALL FOR FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS –

The Abstinence Clearinghouse, in partnership with the Alpha Center will be hosting a Purity Ball for fathers and daughters on Sat., Feb. 23 at The Country Club. This event is designed for fathers and daughters ages 12-18 to focus on purity (abstinence) until marriage. The evening will include a speaker, dessert and dance. To register or for more info: 605-335-3643 or visit abstinence.net

KNIGHT TO REMEMBER FOR MOTHERS AND SONS –

The Abstinence Clearinghouse, in partnership with the Alpha Center will be hosting a Knight to Remember for mothers and sons Sat. March 9 at The Country Club. This event is designed for mothers and sons ages 12-18 to focus on purity (abstinence) until marriage. The evening will include a speaker, dessert and dance. To register or for more info: 605-335-3643 or visit abstinence.net.

SIoux FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL

• **Preschool enrollment for the 2019-20** school year opens to association congregations on Mon., Jan. 7. We offer flexible scheduling options for children ages 3 and up. Call Megan at 335-1923 to schedule your visit.

• Our annual **Hearts on Fire Auction** takes place on Sat., Feb. 9, 2019, at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall. **Tickets will be discounted to \$40 for one week only (Jan. 6-13)** and can be purchased online, at association churches, or in the school office. Tickets will increase to the \$50 price on Jan. 14.

• **Auction sneak peek:** We have a 2010 Ford Edge SEL for the 2019 Hearts on Fire auction! Watch your bulletin and our Facebook page (bit.ly/HOFfacebook) for additional details!

• We are **seeking donations** of new or repurposed items valued at \$15 or more for the Hearts on Fire Benefit Auction. Items that are not used for the auction will be donated to the LHSSF rummage sale. Contact Frank Thuringer by Jan. 16 at ftthuringer@sflutheranschool.com or 605-335-1923.

• Check out the **Construction Updates** page on our website at: www.siouxfallslutheran.com/construction-updates.

LAY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (LLI) –

The Winter 2019 LCMS SD District LLI class will be "Teaching the Christian Faith." The will meet on Sat, Feb 2 in Pierre. Information and registration forms are available at the information desk.

BUNDLE UP SIOUX FALLS –

is a donation program that accepts scarves, hats, gloves, and socks. The items can be handmade, new, or gently used. Items will be collected until end of February. The items are hung from trees, fences, and bushes in areas readily available to the public (currently near First Lutheran). Questions? Call Jackie Hammond 310-4076.

LIFE THOUGHT — Epiphany of Our Lord –

The Heavenly Father welcomed outsiders into His household at Christmas (Matthew 2:1, 11). He even escorted them toward His nativity and incarnation by an extraordinary gesture. His loving grace held the magi as precious as His own Son, regardless of their origin and location. God’s favor shines the same way upon the unborn, even in their sometimes-unfavorable circumstances. And His forgiveness embraces all sinners—even those with histories checkered by violence against life.

THANK YOU –

I would like to thank you for the many birthday cards and phone calls for my birthday. Thank you for your thoughtful prayers. It is much appreciated. Blessings to you all.

—Wilma Bogenhagen

Thank you – for your help with the Meyers' funeral on Monday. We feel so blessed for all the help.

—Our Redeemer Lutheran Church