Pastor Kory's Page

New Beginnings

Advent is a time of new beginnings. Fittingly, this Sunday, we are blessed to welcome several new members to our Faith Lutheran Family. While not all of these folks will be able to join us in person this weekend, we give thanks to the Lord for blessing our congregation through them!

The Dux Family (pronounced "Dukes"), Matthew and Brandi and their daughters, Emmalyn and Clara, joined our congregation several months ago, having transferred from Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit, MO. Matthew works for the National Weather Service at Sioux Falls airport and Brandi is a manager with Walgreens.

Kylie English has transferred to Faith from Zion Lutheran Church in Bancroft, NE. She works at Sioux Falls Chiropractic as a chiropractic assistant and is a graduate of Wayne State College in NE.

Ken Fanger, originally from central SD, is joining our congregation by profession of Faith. He joins his daughter, Nikki Fechner, and granddaughter, Isabella, here at Faith.

Andy Fick hales from Quimby, IA, where he was a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Andy is new to Sioux Falls and is working as a clerk in the court system. Andy attended law school at USD.

Jon Garrow participated in our adult instruction class this fall to become a confirmed member of Faith. Jon comes from a Roman Catholic background. Jon joins his wife, Julie, and sons, Peyton and Pierce, at Faith.

Zach Hallstrom & Leah Schilf also participated in our adult instruction class. Zach, who is out of town this weekend for National Guard duty, joins our congregation from Messiah New Hope Lutheran Church. Leah has transferred her membership to Faith from Christ Lutheran Church. Zach & Leah are planning a May 2016 wedding at Faith.

Marlys Hinckley has retired to Sioux Falls from north-central South Dakota, having transferred from Christ Lutheran Church in Gettysburg, SD. Marlys is also a gifted musician.

David & Sheri Jarratt moved to Sioux Falls this past year from eastern WI and have transferred to Faith from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton, WI. Sheri is an accountant and David is an attorney and Hebrew scholar who is currently semi-retired. The Jarratts have three sons and one granddaughter. (David's parents are Charles & Annette Jarratt and his sister is Dr. Patty Peters.)

Ashley Nase has now made Sioux Falls her permanent home. She is originally from Hot Springs, SD and is transferring to Faith from Grace Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN. Ashley's brother, Brandon, is a long-time member of Faith.

Bill & Gayle Pigman recently retired to Sioux Falls and are transferring to Faith from Peace Lutheran Church in Alcester, SD.

Evan Schnaidt has transferred to faith from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Menno, SD. Evan works at Esurance in Sioux Falls. Evan and his fiancé, LaNae Juffer, are planning an August 2016 wedding at Faith.

On another note, I'd like to close this page with a few words of thanks:

- I thank our Christmas decorating crew, which included Bethany and Bob Erck and their son, Chance, as well as Elaine Sestak and Jdedya Kato. Well done!
- I thank our Evangelism Committee, especially our chairperson, Elaine Sestak, for preparing gifts for our new members this weekend.
- I thank Phyllis Wise for once again coordinating the Clothesline project to bless neighborhood children with needed winter weather gear. (Please see the info at the Welcome Center!)
- I thank Cheryl Hirsch, our Sunday School teachers and helpers, and Board of Parish Education for all the work they are putting into next Sunday's children's Christmas service.
- Finally, I thank our outgoing custodians, Loren and Brenda Paulson, for several years of dedicated work in our facility, and I also thank our new custodian, Jason White, for eagerly taking over these important responsibilities.

May the Lord bless each of you with His priceless Advent Gifts: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

In Christian love, Pastor Kory Janneke