

LETTER OF FAITH

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2019

PASTOR DELL B. SANDERSON

MINISTERS: ALL THE PEOPLE OF FAITH

People of Faith,

Below is our mission statement followed by a supporting statement that fleshes out our mission statement to a greater degree.

"Faith Lutheran is a community of believers living out their faith in daily life."

Supporting Statement:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Faith Lutheran Church is a community of believers striving to : invite and welcome people to faith in Jesus Christ; nurture and equip people with a living faith in response to God's love; send disciples into our prairie communities and beyond in Christ's service.

As you can tell by the underlined verbs the intent of our mission is to draw people into a deeper relationship with Christ and send them out to share the love of Christ. The focus is to nurture and share faith using the building blocks of love toward God and neighbor.

At our annual meeting on Sunday, January 27 we want to do three things:

Take care of business items

Celebrate the ministry that has gone on this past year, specifically the capital campaign projects that have either been completed or are in process. They include window replacement, sound dampening boards in the fellowship hall, installation of safety cameras, sound and video equipment update, welcome center, lighting and electrical updates, and creation of a family room. Thanks to all who shared either with the finances or work equity to complete these.

Using our mission statement as a springboard, we will take some time to brainstorm areas we may want to pursue.

Just recently people have been sharing ideas on how the church can continue to live out our mission. I will share them with you. Perhaps they will "prime the pump" in your mind so you may come up with some ideas as well.

-Develop a day care

-Develop a little childrens' time during worship where kids go and learn something during the sermon.

-Continue to expand on the Church Without Walls concept of being servants in the community.

-Match people who have needs with people who have a gift in providing those needs

-Possible facility concerns – New flooring, new outdoor sign, getting the ovens to work properly.

Take some time to look at our church and its mission. Pray about it. Allow the Spirit to work. Bring your thoughts to our annual meeting.

Shalom, Pastor Dell

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Faith Lutheran Mission Statement:

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Annual Meeting Sunday, January 27

8:30am Worship Service
9:30am Fellowship—Coffee and
 Caramel Rolls
9:45am Annual Meeting
No Sunday School
No 10:45 Worship Service

PLAN TO ATTEND

Items for the Restoration Center at

Central Lutheran They are always in need of men's clothing, socks, underwear and shoes. Also winter clothing for all sizes—children through adult, suitcases with wheels that work. Some of their clients are beginning to be able to move into apartments so they can use items such as bedding, towels, silverware, dishes, etc. Thank you for your generosity to this project.

It truly is greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE: *ELCA—BOLD WOMEN'S DAY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019*

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, MORRIS

THANK YOU



Thank you for all of the donations to the ELCA Good Gifts;

the mitten, scarf, hat tree; and to the Outreach tree for needy families—many lives were touched by your generosity.



Donations for ELCA Good Gifts – this is what we have received:

9 Chicks
2 School Supplies for a Child
2 Bibles for the Global Church
2 Roosters
10 Honeybees
2 Feed a Refugee Family
12 Pigs
3 Water Filter
1 School Fees and Uniform for a Girl
7 Goats
2 Feed 50 at a Soup Kitchen
3 Pair of Goats
1 Microloan for a Woman
1 Latrine
\$2,029.00



Congregational Transitions

Wedding

December 29 Alyssa Wittnebel and Tom Holland

WOMEN OF FAITH

Do Days ~ will meet on Tuesday, January 8 and Tuesday, January 15 —no experience necessary. Come when you can; stay as long as you can.

Come for the fellowship.

Circle ~ will meet on Tuesday, January 14 at 1:00pm at church

Church Council Meeting January 13
(Sunday)

9:30am Council Meeting

November 2018 Financial Report

Offerings for November \$30,083.39

Budget-needed each month \$23,032.05

Financial Statements for 2018 will be mailed

If you need it early please let me know.
Thank You.

Connie

Gatherings for Widows and Widowers will meet for lunch at noon

Monthly lunches will continue in 2019; the first luncheon will be held January 13, 2019. For questions call Rose at Pedersen Funeral Home 320-589-3220.

THANK YOU to Everyone who has donated:

For Faith Lutheran Church Capital Campaign

We have received \$32,485.00 to date.

The windows, projectors and sound dampening panels have been installed! Also—check out the new family room!

Radio Broadcast

Faith Lutheran sponsors the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Worship eight times during the year—if you would like to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor or memory of someone, please call the church office. The cost is \$65.00 per time.

THANK YOU

Burgers, Beverages, and Blessings

Wednesdays at 7:00pm

Diamond Club

We will sing songs, have informal sharing and end in prayer.

This will be an open time for people to be blessed.

Be Blessed By Fellowship

Offering Envelopes are in the office for

2019 – if you would like envelopes and have not used them before – please let me know and I can get you some. Thanks Connie

Men of Faith and First Lutheran

Bible Study at Faith Lutheran every Saturday morning at 8:00. We are studying the gospel lesson for the coming Sunday worship.

All are welcome.

Donuts and coffee served.

Heidi and Tony Roiland

Tony is in a battle with cancer right now. A GoFundMe account was set up as a fundraiser to help cover expenses. Tony had surgery and radiation at Mayo in Rochester. You can read about his cancer and treatment plan on the Caring Bridge site. At the Caring Bridge site there is a link that will direct you to Ways to Help which will get you to the GoFundMe information. Another option is to donate cash or gift cards for groceries or gas—these may be dropped off at the church office.

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 12:30 at Common Cup



YOUTH NEWS

January Youth Event

Friday, January 18

6:30—8:30pm

Faith Lutheran Church

*Game Night at Faith Lutheran—
Invite your friends*

February Youth Event

Super Bowl Party at Faith Lutheran—
plan to attend.



Stepping Stones

2 year old Prayer Pillows

January 20 at the 10:45 worship service

Confirmation 6—8 grade

Wednesday, January 2

Confirmation Classes 3:30-5:00

Wednesday, January 9—Service Project - Quilts

Confirmation Classes 3:30-5:00

Wednesday, January 16

Confirmation Classes 3:30-5:00

Wednesday, January 23

Confirmation Classes 3:30-5:00

Wednesday, January 30

Confirmation Classes 3:30-5:00

Kid's Club

Kid's Club - We have afterschool sessions with kids ages K-5th grade about 2 times per month on Wednesdays.

We have playtime, snack, crafts, and a lesson. It is done by 5:00.

We are thankful that Jodi Asmus, Elissa Breuer, and Carol Wilcox are helping this year.

Dates for Kid's Club are—

January 9, January 23

February 6, February 20

March 6, March 13

April 3, April 17

Keep updated on upcoming Sunday School activities - Follow us on Facebook!

FAITH ALIVE - Faith Lutheran Youth

@FaithAliveFaithLutheranYouth

Faith Lutheran Church Directory

The Congregational Life Committee has completed the updates for the Church Directory. These will be available at the church office and we would appreciate you picking them up to save on postage. These will fit into the Directory that you would have received in 2012 if you had a picture taken at that time. These are 3 ring binders.

Those who joined Faith Lutheran after the directories were no longer available—you may pick one up at the office. Ask Connie for the binder.

These new pages include the pictures taken in November of 2017 and the New Members installed in October. There is also an updated list with addresses of the Faith Lutheran Family.

Happy New Year



January Daily Bible Verses

1. Deuteronomy 31:6	11. II Timothy 2:15	21. Romans 4:20
2. I Corinthians 9:24	12. Philippians 4:19	22. Psalm 23:2
3. I Peter 2:12	13. II Peter 3:9	23. Joel 2:13
4. Hebrews 4:12	14. Colossians 3:2	24. John 15:15
5. John 16:22	15. Romans 13:1	25. II Peter 3:10,11
6. Isaiah 43:2	16. Luke 10:27	26. Psalm 1:3
7. Psalm 62:8	17. Psalm 40:1	27. Romans 15:4,5
8. Psalm 119:132	18. Matthew 22:37	28. Ephesians 5:8
9. James 1:2,3	19. John 13:35	29. James 1:22
10. John 6:38-40	20. Philippians 2:15	30. Philippians 4:6
		31. John 6:68,69



Faith Lutheran Church Council Highlights

December 9, 2018

Members present: Pastor Dell, Matt Fluegel, Tony Reimers, Mark Torgerson, Mark McNally, Loren Woodke, Lisa Loew, Kyle Koehntop, Connie Tschetter, Jana Koehler

Members Absent: Matt Solemsaas, Jamie Solvie, Nichole Mahoney, Liz Spohr

Pastor Dell – opening Prayer

Mandi Koehntop - on behalf of Education Committee regarding family room – books out of the library and would like to take out the bookshelves and could be used somewhere else to store items – possibly choir room or for Sunday School supplies

Call to Order – Matt Fluegel

Pastor's Report – nothing to report

Connie's Report – needs reports from each committee; busy month; remind ministry committees to get reports in; any newsletter items for January; working on new membership directory listing

Committee Reports:

Youth – December event today skating and broomball from 5-7 at Lee Community Center; January a game night; February Super Bowl Party here, March skiing at Andes; and summer trip June 23-28 – possibly in Duluth grades 7-adult; meeting between service once it gets closer

Congregational Life – almost ready to print directory; Vicky to get new white binders for people that don't have them; some photos are a little dark and harder to see; format is ready to do it again in the future; Connie will have jump drive in the office; making baskets for shut ins

Outreach – Gift tree – wrapping gifts next Sunday between services; 2nd week of Lenten meals signed up for

Worship and Music – Christmas Eve – manger scene outside near play area; goats and sheep will be inside but donkeys will be outside; services at 3 and 5

Memorial and Endowment – Della painting again on Christmas Eve; some money in the account if we want to do other things like a speaker or something; going to pay Della to do a series during Lent this year

Property and Safety – nothing to report; ovens are not working – pilot lights will not stay on; need to have gas company come and look at this or else will have to deal with the company they came from as they have not worked correctly since we got them; someone on property committee should look into this; Central Lakes Restaurant Supply from Alexandria – Kyle will contact them

Education – Christmas program coming up next week – looking for 6 people to sign up and help serve the meal after the program; sign up sheet passed around church today; constant struggle to find enough teachers to teach the different rotations. Possibly see if we can get some high school students to help with this.

Celebrate and Share – Vocation Sunday was last project

Secretary's report – MMSP

Treasurer's report – MMSP

Old Business:

Capital Campaign – all the windows are in, sound panels in, 3 new projectors are in, Kyle to work on lights; TV's in fellowship hall and family room; most of the pledged money is in; Shawn will be buying a 3rd projector – one of the old ones wasn't useable and was 8 years old. Received \$2,500 from insurance and that went towards this.

Funeral Policy – was in newsletter

New Business:

Staff Reviews – went very well.

Budget Discussions – changes were salary increases and add \$1,000 to heating/electricity as we are already over for this year; Pastor increase in his insurance and no salary increase but will have an additional week of time off; can also remove \$50 library expense because we don't need this; our budget is less this year than it was 10 years ago. Possibly talk about increase giving to Synod because it hasn't increased for several years. Budget approved for 2019.

Nominating Committee – have some names and people that have said yes; ask to have 3 people on the nominating committee in the future

Annual Meeting Planning – no big projects for 2019. Can review Capital Campaign and things that have gotten done, talk about successes and review what has been done in the last year; meeting last Sunday in January – 27th, decide if regular coffee hour or something special. Maybe do a cake as a thank you celebration for completing the Capital Campaign?

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Loew

Council Secretary

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Congregational Church Council

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Lisa Loew—Secretary	Mark McNally —Vice President		
Jana Koehler	Nichole Mahoney	Tony Reimers	Matt Solemsaas
Jamie Solvie	Liz Spohr	Mark Torgerson	Loren Woodke

Church Office (320) 589-2970 e-mail: faithful@hometownsolutions.net

Website www.faithlutheranmorris.org (Worship service can be viewed on the website)

Worship Hours Sunday Schedule —Worship Service at 8:30 and 10:45 with Sunday School and Fellowship between services

Worship Services Aired on Access Channel 9:30am Monday and 1:30pm Thursday

Serving in Worship for January

Acolytes

8:30	Kaleb Breuer, Ethan Maras	10:45	J T Kill
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Readers

January 6	8:30	Deb Hacker	10:45	Wendy DeRung
January 13	8:30	Tim Raasch	10:45	Kim Erdahl
January 20	8:30	Nate Haseman	10:45	Sheila Windingstad
January 27	8:30	Deb McNally	10:45	Annual Meeting

Greeters

January 6	8:30	Monroe & Cheryl Estenson, Tony Smith, Lois Podoll	10:45	Steve & Karen Arnold
January 13	8:30	Jon & Jenny Maras family	10:45	Rob & Kelli Loneran family
January 20	8:30	Michelle Manthei, Hailey & Madison	10:45	Loren & Tisha Woodke family
January 27	8:30	Michelle Manthei, Hailey & Madison	10:45	Annual Meeting

Ushers for the Month

8:30	Julia Gillespie, Craig Gillespie Jason Breuer, Kyle Koehntop	10:45	Ava Loneran, Kelli Loneran James & Paula Kill family
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Communion Assistants

January 6	8:30	Jamie Beyer, Jason Breuer, Jenny Maras	10:45	Wendy and Mara DeRung
January 13	8:30	Jamie Beyer, Jon & Jenny Maras	10:45	Mark & Kim Erdahl family

Videographers

January 6	Orville Severance
January 13	Kylie Swanson
January 20	Carissa Oberg (audio and video)
January 27	Monroe Estenson

Projection Operators

January 6	8:30	Mike Nordquist	10:45	Jacob Torgerson
January 13	8:30	Mike Nordquist	10:45	Dalton Koehler
January 20	8:30	Shawn Larsen	10:45	Donna Eul
January 27	8:30	Shawn Larsen	10:45	Annual Meeting

If you are unable to serve, please call Connie at the Church Office 589-2970 to let her know. Thanks

Anyone who is interested in helping Serve in Worship—please talk to Connie. Thanks to all volunteers!