

LETTER OF FAITH

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2018

PASTOR DELL B. SANDERSON

MINISTERS: ALL THE PEOPLE OF FAITH

People of Faith,

The meatball supper was again an image of the foretaste of the feast to come. People gathered around the banquet table shoulder to shoulder; eating, drinking, laughing, and telling stories. No one was defined by what church they went to or what job they had or what bloodline they were connected to. It was just people celebrating being community together. But there was a difference this year.....

When we put the sound absorbing panels up in the fellowship hall in the end of October we had a dilemma. Putting the panels up meant we had to take the large framed portrait of Jesus down as it was hanging on the north wall where the panels needed to go. The big question was, "What are we going to do with Jesus?"

Well the panel installers came and there had been no definite answer of what to do with Jesus. I began looking around the hall trying to figure out what wall we could squeeze him in. Nothing was obvious. Then I saw two hooks hanging from the slanted roof on the far/east end of fellowship hall. It never occurred to me to hang the portrait from the ceiling. I got the installers to hang it. Once He was in place I realized it is where He belonged all along. He hung in plain sight. His welcoming arms were extended blessing the fellowship hall, ordaining it as a holy space. Some even noted that His maroon garments perfectly match the painted wall behind. It's not required, but of course it's always nice to have a Savior who color coordinates with the surroundings!

I've had many people tell me they didn't even know the twenty-eight 4x8 foot panels were hung in the fellowship hall but I've had many people impressed by the portrait. Most didn't even know the portrait was hanging on the north wall before, but now they notice that He truly is the host, front and center with His outstretched hands.

Now we can almost hear the words from Matthew 11:28, "Come to me you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." That's what we are going to do with Jesus; celebrate Him as the One who welcomes us and blesses us in the holy spaces of life.

Shalom, Pastor Dell

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Faith Lutheran Mission Statement:

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

Christmas Eve Worship

With Holy Communion and Live Nativity

Monday

December 24th

3:00pm and 5:00pm



Wednesday Evening Advent

Worship Services at 6:30pm

December 5

December 12

December 19

Plan to attend

Cookie Factory & Holiday Expo

Saturday, December 8th

Fresh Rolls & Coffee are available 9-11

Vendors Booths open from 9-noon



**Reminder—Please donate items
for the Cookie Factory**

Items may be dropped off Friday all day and Saturday morning by 8:30am

THANK YOU for all donations—!!

Anyone interested in having a booth at the Cookie Factory, please contact:

Nancy Olson or Jamie Beyer

Sunday Worship Schedule Notes

Sunday, December 2

8:30am & 10:45am Worship Service

9:35am Sunday School—Program practice

Sunday, December 9

8:30am & 10:45am Worship Service

9:35am Sunday School—Program practice

Sunday, December 16

8:30am Worship Service

9:35am Sunday School—Program practice

11:00am Sunday School Christmas Program followed by lunch

Sunday, December 23

9:00am Worship Service

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve Worship

**Live Nativity and Holy Communion
3:00pm & 5:00pm**

Sunday, December 30

9:00am Worship Service

Sunday School Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 16th
11:00am**

**Followed by Lunch
in the Fellowship
Hall**

**All are Welcome
and Invited to
attend!**



WOMEN OF FAITH

Do Days ~ will meet on Tuesday, December 4 and Tuesday, December 11 —no experience necessary. Come when you can; stay as long as you can.

Come for the fellowship.

Circle ~ will meet on Tuesday, December 11 at 1:00pm at Pizza Ranch

Church Council Meeting December 9
(Sunday)

9:30am Council Meeting

October 2018 Financial Report

Offerings for October \$18,286.18

Budget-needed each month \$23,032.05

THANK YOU to Everyone who has donated:

For Faith Lutheran Church Capital Campaign

We have received \$26,210.00 to date.

The windows and sound dampening panels have both been installed!

If you have pledged please get your pledge in before December 31.

Annual Reports

Reminder to all ministry groups to have the report for the year in the church office by **December 15** so the Annual Report can be printed for the Annual Meeting.
Thank You.



Live Nativity

Would you like to be part of our traditional live nativity?

Faith will again present a live nativity during Christmas Eve Services. We are in need of actors to portray angels, shepherds, kings, the Holy Family as well as animals--sheep, goats, calves, donkeys, etc. **If you are willing to participate in any way, please contact the church office.**

Gatherings for Widows and Widowers will meet for lunch at noon

Sunday, December 9 in the basement of Old #1 in Morris.

Order lunch off the menu and enjoy an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones who are also experiencing life as a widow/widower. For questions call Rose at Pedersen Funeral Home 320-589-3220.

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 is having 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.

Burgers, Beverages, and Blessings will begin meeting again on January 2nd

Sue and Curt Pekarek Family — if you would like to donate gift cards for groceries or gas — please drop them off at the church.

Meal Train for the Pekarek family — this is set up through December — you can check the web site at - <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/68z60k>

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.

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 12:30 at Common Cup



YOUTH NEWS

December Youth Event

Saturday, December 8th

5:00-7:00pm at Lee Community Center—Skating and Broomball

Meet at Lee Community Center for a fun time—invite your friends



Sunday School Families –

Christmas Program Practice dates are:

Sunday, December 2 9:35am

Sunday, December 9 9:35am

Saturday, December 15 9:30-11:30am

Sunday, December 16— Practice at 9:35am during the Sunday School time followed by the Program at 11:00. Lunch will be served after the program in the Fellowship Hall.

All are Welcome and Invited to attend the Program and Lunch



Confirmation 6—8 grade

Wednesday, December 5

Confirmation Classes 3:30-5:00

Wednesday, December 12

Confirmation Classes 3:30-5:00

Sunday, December 16—Sing Special Music at Worship

Wednesday, December 19

Confirmation Classes 3:30-5:00

Merry Christmas



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—

December 5, December 19—Christmas Party

January 9, January 23

February 6, February 20

March 6, March 13

April 3, April 17

Stepping Stones

1st grade Students

Sunday, December 2

Students and Parents meet at 9:30 to make Advent Wreath

Advent Wreath Blessing at 10:45 worship service

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

FAITH ALIVE - Faith Lutheran Youth

@FaithAliveFaithLutheranYouth



Women of Faith is sponsoring a trip to kick off the holiday season!

We are going to Moorhead to attend the Concordia College Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 2nd. The Cost is \$25.00 which includes your ticket and transportation. We will leave at 11:15 and arrive back in Morris at approximately 6:00. Sign up on the table in the narthex at church.

Operation Christmas Child

A huge Thank You to everyone who helped in any way with the Operation Christmas Child Project. Your generosity made it possible to fill 110 shoe boxes, and touch the lives of 110 children!

Thanks for supporting this ministry!



"A Time To Remember"

Pedersen Funeral Home's annual holiday service, "A Time To Remember" will be held Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 2:00pm at the funeral home in Morris. This memorial service is centered on keeping memories of loved ones alive to help endure the pain that the holidays can bring following a death.

There will be scripture readings and special music during the service, along with a reading of all the names of those who have died in this area within the last year. This service is open to everyone, even if your family hasn't experienced a death within the last year.

Reverend Chris Richards will lead this year's ecumenical service, along with a variety of ministers from all the surrounding communities.

Christmas Plants

We are now accepting monetary donations to be used to help decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to donate, please fill out this form and return it to the Church Office or drop it in the offering plate during worship.

We are asking for a \$15.00 donation. Plants should be picked up by January 1.

We will be printing an insert to be enclosed with the Christmas Eve bulletin, and request that you place your order by December 5 if you wish to be included.

Christmas Plants

Plant #1 In Memory/Honor of _____

Plant #2 In Memory/Honor of _____

If you need more space, please write on a separate sheet of paper.

Given by: _____

Please return this form and \$15.00 for each plant ordered to the Church Office by Wednesday, December 5.

Thank you



The Outreach Committee is sponsoring 4 families



(5 adults and 7 children) this year for our Christmas Adopt a Family program. There is a tree put up with tags.

If anyone is interested in participating, please take a tag, purchase the item on it and return the item unwrapped to the church.

The deadline for returning gifts is December 16th as we will be wrapping the gifts that day after the service and delivering them to the families the week of December 17-21.

ELCA Good Gifts

There are ornaments on the tree – if you would like to help with this please take an ornament from the tree, fill in the information, return the ornament on the tree and leave the money for the item you selected.



Mitten tree

We have a mitten tree in the narthex again this year. Please place new mittens, hats and scarves on the tree. They will be delivered to an agency to distribute to the needy. **Thank you**

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

There will be a planning meeting at First Lutheran Church, Morris in the Gathering Room at 11:00am on Sunday, December 9th—please join them to help plan the BOLD event. If you have questions, please call Rita at First Lutheran Church—THANKS

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.

December Daily Bible Vers-

1. Matthew 7:24,25	11. Psalm 86:15-17	21. James 5:16
2. Hebrews 8:12	12. Exodus 19:5	22. Acts 17:26-28
3. Romans 16:25-27	13. Psalm 4:8	23. Hebrews 1:1-3
4. I Corinthians 15:57	14. Psalm 70:4	24. Psalm 138:2
5. Joshua 1:8	15. Romans 15:4	25. Titus 2:11-13
6. Romans 10:14,15	16. Isaiah 30:18	26. James 1:12
7. Deuteronomy 26:18	17. Psalm 62:7,8	27. Psalm 27:14
8. Romans 15:13	18. Revelation 21:4	28. Daniel 12:3
9. Isaiah 41:13	19. Psalm 31:3	29. Jeremiah 29:11-13
10. Revelation 3:20	20. Galatians 6:9,10	30. Psalm 27:1
		31. Proverbs 16:20



Faith Lutheran Church Council Highlights

November 11, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Dell, Connie Tschetter, Matt Fluegel, Matt Solemsaas, Loren Woodke, Lisa Loew, Mark Torgerson, Tony Reimers, Nichole Mahoney

Not Present: Jana Koehler, Mark McNally, Kyle Koehntop, Liz Spohr, Jamie Solvie

Opening Prayer – Pastor Dell

Call to Order – Matt Fluegel

Pastor's Report – trip next May to Germany and Hungary and will also see his daughter

Connie's Report – new acolytes each year- training; things going well; would like to do time/talent sheets since haven't been done for several years; best to do during church; a lot of new people; nice to have them done again

Reports:

Youth – Planning for next event; nativity planning for Christmas

Congregational Life – New Member Sunday, church directory

Outreach – breakfast fundraiser \$976 – funds to missionaries, adopting 4 families for Christmas – 7 people total and trees will be put up with the gift items

Worship and Music – No report

Memorial and Endowment – support a painting series during Lent by Della

Property and Safety – nothing to report

Education – getting ready for Christmas; start practice this coming Sunday; harder to find people to do things

Celebrate and Share – Vocation Sunday - November 18

Secretary's report – none from last month

Treasurer's Report – MMSP

Old Business:

Capital Campaign – windows are all in; sound panels are in fellowship hall; security cameras to be installed; Shawn putting up 2 new projectors today; family room – waiting for people to take out books they want and then transform the library; Kyle to do the lights; Welcome Center – Vicky Dosdall working with Joe Holland to make this

Funeral Policy – borrowed from another church and adjusted to meet our needs; Policy approved by council and will be in next newsletter

New Business:

Staff Reviews and put a budget together – email to committees for any budget requests for next year

Budget currently behind about \$6,400 for the year; Matt to speak to congregation the 25th

Nominating Committee – Lois Podoll, Vicky Dosdall, Gary Uphoff

Discussed suggestions for council members

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Loew, Council Secretary

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Pianist/Organist	Rita Lambert	
Director of Music	John Kleinwolterink	
Custodians	Anita and Ron Kramer	

Congregational Church Council

Matt Fluegel —President	Kyle Koehntop—Treasurer		
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

The following policy was adopted by the Church Council at the November Council Meeting.

If you have any questions, please talk to a council member.

Faith Lutheran Church
Morris, MN
Funeral Services Family Planning Guide

We at Faith Lutheran Church are honored to walk with you during this time. Dealing with death and grieving over the loss of a loved one are very painful experiences. During such an emotional time, it is difficult to make decisions, and yet there are necessary arrangements that must be made. It is for this purpose that Faith Lutheran Church has assembled this information for you.

Our Pastoral staff will provide spiritual care and support to you and your family. We will work with you to provide a graveside service, a traditional service with a casket or a cremation service. It is truly your choice as a family. At Faith Lutheran Church we feel that it is only with the help of a funeral home that we can serve you best. All services, even simply a graveside service, require specialties which a funeral home provides. The funeral home will work with us to assist you with important decisions. As a family you choose the level of service.

Our Policy: We ask that you contact a funeral home and consult with them about the services they provide. A range of services will be offered to you. The funeral home will know where to begin, whom to call and how to assist you best. Our pastors and staff are not trained for the specialties they provide. If you do not work with a funeral home our policy allows limited services.

Below are a variety of items that need consideration and attention.
All these items are discussed when you meet with the funeral home of your choice.

What might a Funeral Home do for me?

- _____ meet with you and start to direct you immediately upon death of a loved one
- _____ arrange for death certificates
- _____ arrange for pick-up of loved one's remains
- _____ help you write and submit obituary to newspaper(s), local radio stations
- _____ contact cemetery and make burial arrangements
- _____ make you aware of possible veteran's benefits

What else might they talk with you about?

- _____ contact church and arrange time to meet with pastor
- _____ set date for service
- _____ arrange for pianist/organist/soloist
- _____ arrange ushers and greeters
- _____ arrange for transportation of loved one's remains to church and to cemetery
- _____ work with you to create memorial cards for service
- _____ provide and supervise a card basket at church
- _____ set up and remove all flowers before and after visitation and service
- _____ arrange for TV/DVD player
- _____ work with you to set up appropriate picture display
- _____ remove all items related to the funeral service from church
- _____ offer suggestions regarding memorials

Additional details to be confirmed with pastor/church staff in consultation with funeral home

- _____ date and time of visitation, service, luncheon, burial
- _____ luncheon choice and expected number of guests
- _____ music with pastoral approval
- _____ scripture verses

Serving in Worship for December

Acolytes

	8:30	Alivia Butterfass, Chaeli Zahl		10:45	Rylan Larson
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Readers

December 2	8:30	Noah Amundson		10:45	Sam Jordan
December 9	8:30	Chris Hopkins		10:45	Wendy DeRung
December 16	8:30	Linda Anderson		10:45	Sunday School Program
December 23	9:00	Julie Picht			
December 30	9:00	Pastor Dell			

Greeters

December 2	8:30	Monroe & Cheryl Estenson, Tony Smith, Lois Podoll		10:45	Steve & Karen Arnold
December 9	8:30	Travis Campbell, Amanda Butterfass		10:45	Rob & Kelli Loneragan family
December 16	8:30	Travis Campbell, Amanda Butterfass		10:45	Loren & Tisha Woodke family
December 23	9:00	Travis Campbell, Amanda Butterfass			
December 30	9:00	Travis Campbell, Amanda Butterfass			

Ushers for the Month

	8:30	Faith Butterfass, Orville Severance, Jason Picht, Taryn Picht		10:45	Caden Rose, Eric, Jennifer and Dylan Rose
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Communion Assistants

December 2	8:30	Jason & Elissa Breuer, Tammy Sanderson		10:45	Aaron & Esther Jordan
December 9	8:30	Trent, Stephanie and Evan Oberg		10:45	Wendy and Mara DeRung

Videographers

December 2	Joseph Kleinwolterink
December 9	Carissa Oberg
December 16	Monroe Estenson
December 23	Monroe Estenson
December 30	Orville Severance (audio & video)

Projection Operators

December 2	8:30	Shawn Larsen		10:45	Jacob Torgerson
December 9	8:30	Mike Nordquist		10:45	Dalton Koehler
December 16	8:30	Shawn Larsen		10:45	Mike Nordquist
December 23	9:00	Donna Eul			
December 30	9:00	No Projection			

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!