

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The Lutheran Church of Westchester"



Advent 3

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We are a Church welcoming of all sinners; offering a solution to that sin. We
are L.C.M.S.

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church of Westchester

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The Coming Week(s) in Worship / Special Events at Faith -

12/20 Advent Midweek

Noon - Morning Prayer (lunch follows)

(Please Note) Evening Service has been cancelled.

12/23 4th Sunday in Advent - 9:00 a.m.
(Holy Communion celebrated - Divine Service 3)
12/23 Bible Study - 1st Corinthians continues - 10:30 a.m.
12/24 Christmas Eve - 7:00 p.m.
12/25 Christmas Day - 9:00 a.m.
12/30 1st Sunday after Christmas - 9:00 a.m.
(Holy Communion celebrated - Divine Service setting TBD)
12/30 Bible Study (TBA)

Welcome! We are pleased that you have come to worship with us today and we pray that you have been blessed by God and His Word.

- Relax and enjoy your time with us. If you have small children; we know they wiggle and squawk some; so do not be embarrassed, they are welcome at Faith.
- In the parts of the service that say "stand", if you cannot, then sit, no problem.
- If you want to know more about us, then sign the register and make it plain so we can contact you later. Ask the usher for a welcome packet too.
- The rest rooms are downstairs, just watch your step.
- If you need a little help, just ask; there are many people here that are willing to lend a hand.
- We like to sing at Faith, so if your voice is not so good "who cares?" But do look over the words at best, good hymns are good instruction. Yes, some hymns are harder, but Pastor will always "sing out more" and try to lead us on.

**** Prayer Ministry at Faith Lutheran ****

(Please note) - You may ask for a prayer before we begin worship at anytime. I mean it, anytime before the Invocation.

**** NOTE **** I understand privacy is a concern for all, so prayers will only be listed here or announced with the OK from those in need. We want to pray as a family of Faith whenever possible, we really care.

For the world we live in, for His Church -

- For good and wise government. (Always)
- We pray our little Church is guided forward by the Holy Spirit. (Always)

Comfort, health, recovery, grieving and hope (Faith family and friends) -

- Belinda and Hugo Gonzalez (Pat's niece and husband) - multiple health issues.

As Age takes its toll / Long Term Needs (Faith family and friends) -

- Pat Basile (A)
- Zafer (Kim's relative) - Stage 4 pancreas cancer. (L)

Anniversary of Marriage and Birthdays of our members - none

Please remember our Church members who cannot make it - do not hesitate to call or write them (pray for them):

Larry and Kuni Dvorak Ruth Brockmann Richard Kaapke

**** Faith being Mission Minded – sharing Christ's love with others ****

The Website for Faith - Please use it, tell someone.

Portals of Prayer - The last issue is available for you personal use, or please; share a few with friends and family. They are in the back.

Remember to tell someone - About the Christmas Services coming up. On Christmas Eve, come a few minutes early for goodies. See the schedules on the back table.

**** Faith worship / service notes ****

Next week's Bible passages for your study preparation: (Sunday Service)

Micah 5:2-5, Psalm 80:1-7, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-56

Year C of the Three Year Lectionary Series

(Note) We switched to Lectionary C readings this week. The beginning of the Church year is Advent 1.

Theme for this Day – Sing! Shout! Rejoice! Exult! A string of ecstatic commands infused with an incomparable promise - the Lord has taken away the judgments against you! The Gospel in the flesh of Jesus is at hand. Human anxiousness subsides as God's peace engulfs the hearts, minds, emotions, and wisdom of men. As the reign of Jesus is revealed, we are privileged to witness holy healing, cleansing, resurrecting, and preaching. Christ Jesus alone forgives and redeems us.

Cancelled is the Advent Service for midweek at 7 pm next week - No one came for two weeks, we gave it a shot! We still are planning the midweek at noon.

Cancelled as well is the Seeker Service - We tried for 4 months, no takers. Beginning in 2019, other options may ensue (see the upcoming Newsletter).

**** Faith information (all else) ****

Bible Study - We continue a study on 1st Corinthians. We are getting back to our studies on a book of the Bible. Join us. If you miss a week, ask for some notes and we can supply.

A note on Bible Study and Worship - In this Church, and many others, we separate the two. Worship is Word and Sacrament, Scripture proclaimed, then preached, and the Body and Blood for our good. Toss in Confession and Absolution, prayers, hymns, etc.; worship is an active presence of the King. We then pause and study His Word later.

The count - Mouse 0 / trap 1. Still hunting, no more have been found (yet).

Memorials - For Christa Scardina

- Received from Lorraine Cerny (2nd publication)

The Advent Wreath and Candles - It helps us pass the time, as each candle additional candle is lit in anticipation of Christmas. It help's us look forward to Jesus coming; in reality, to celebrate His coming as a baby, and also with His second coming to gather up all His people in heaven.