

FAITH NOTES



From The Pastor...

On Sunday, November 1st, we commemorate All Saint's Day. A day that gives us the opportunity to remember and honor the many saints in our lives that have died. We do this through lighting candles, through prayer, and by sharing their stories. This year, we will have the opportunity to also remember the saints in our lives by sharing one of their recipes with our church community during Fellowship. (More information can be found below)

Each year on this day, I find great comfort in saying out loud the names of my beloved saints and sharing their stories. One of these saints is my Great-Uncle Art, a Catholic Priest, who we always called Father Art. Father Art spent the first half of his ministry serving various parishes in Central Iowa and the second half as a hospital chaplain in Des Moines. He baptized me when I was a baby and was always at family gatherings. When I think of Father Art, I think of his booming laugh, and I think of Thanksgiving Dinner - his favorite holiday to host.

When I think of All Saint's Day, I think of Father Art. Because he is one of my beloved saints, but also because he died on All Saint's Day, November 1st, 2013. If you knew Father Art and his sense of humor, you would know that he would have been very pleased with that coincidence. My family says he must have requested that date, so we would all be forced to remember him each year. This is the same guy that had us all laughing through our tears at the end of his funeral because he picked "How Great Thou ART" as the recessional hymn.

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Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.
Sundays Sept.-April

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

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Each year on All Saint's Day, I remember Father Art. I think about what it would have been like to talk to him about being a Pastor and I thank God for letting me grow up with his love and laughter in my life.

All Saint's Day gives us a chance to thank God that we get to carry the memory of all the saints that have now entered God's eternal embrace. It also reminds us that we remain connected to those who have died through Christ who has united us as one body. And that nothing can break that connection, not even death.

Who are the saints in your life that you are remembering this All Saint's Day? I encourage you to tell their stories – the stories you've told a hundred times already or stories you've only just remembered.

Peace,
Pastor Katie

On Sunday, November 1st, we celebrate those saints who have been baptized, confirmed, and have passed away in the past year.

Baptized

Lake Smith Leo Smith

Bella Sexton

Confirmed

Tenlee Johnson Chelsea Petersen

Gunnar Petersen Joana Randolph

Deceased

Roland Petersen Lester Marshall

Allan Naeve Erna Rickertsen

The Book of Saints is available to add names of the deceased loved ones. The names will be read during worship.

Also this year on All Saints' Sunday, we will have a special opportunity during fellowship to remember our loved ones who have died and to share those memories with one another through the gift of food. All are invited to prepare a recipe that reminds you of one of the Saints in your life to share with the community. It could be that one cookie recipe that has been passed down for generations, your dad's famous pie, the meatballs that always seemed to appear in the crockpot when you showed up at your grandma's house, or as simple as the brand of juice that your mom would buy for special occasions. Whatever you choose, please also bring a picture of your loved one and a copy of the recipe to display alongside your dish.

Mission

Statement:

“We are a welcoming people of God, striving to reflect Jesus Christ's love and grace, and open to the work of the Holy Spirit.”

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When Pastor Katie and I attended the CCC Gathering in Ashville, NC earlier this year, we heard from several speakers but, the one that truly stuck out to me was a woman that spoke on child and adolescent development. With having an education degree, this was something I studied in college...SEVERAL YEARS AGO...so, the refresher was good! She introduced us to the reference book, *Yardsticks* by Chip Wood. This book is a great reference book for anyone who is working with children and adolescents. So, aside from our vision planning sessions we are having with our cohort group, this book is becoming a great tool to help us establish a faith program that truly "grows with our kids."

As Pastor referenced in the past newsletter article, we started a micro-experiment with our 5th - 7th grade class. Once a month, they will have a leadership lesson to integrate new challenges to these students. I taught their first leadership lesson and we had a group building project as well as looked at David's leadership in the Bible. Additionally, we began planning our parking lot Trick-or-Treat event! What better way to build leadership skills than to start learning how to plan/organize a community service project! The students are loving this project!

We believe this is a good fit for this group, but it is justified by some of the points from the *Yardsticks* book.

For 10-year-olds as adapted from the book:

- They benefit from cooperative and flexible activities; class problem solving meetings and committee work in which they plan something together

For 11-year-olds as adapted from the book:

- They are moving towards independence; learn well in collaborative groups, enjoy challenges, increasingly able to see the world from different points of view, are interested in learning and working with elderly and/or very young people

For 12-year-olds as adapted from the book:

- They are increasingly able to plan, organize thoughts and work, and set short-term goals AND appreciate the need to do so; leadership qualities abound...they thrive on opportunities such as cross-age tutoring, jobs at school/church community service, hosting visitors, and providing child care during parent meetings

As you can see, our students are developmentally right on cue with planning and organizing a small community service event during their leadership lessons. We will continue to find ways of engagement to meet the needs of these students and ALL of our students as we can. Thank you to the CCC for helping connect the dots for us on some of these topics!



Congratulations to our newly confirmed members of Faith!

Pictured Left to Right:

Gunnar Petersen,
Tenlee Johnson,
Chelsea Petersen,
Joana Randolph

The Fall Supper is Sunday, November 8th from 3-7p.m.! We can't wait for our congregation to come together and provide a delicious meal for so many. If you are willing to provide a dessert (apple, pumpkin, or chocolate) or lend a hand, contact Julie Peters, 563-219-1957.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Faith Lutheran Church family, for the overwhelming love and support you have shown to Austin and our entire family. We just wanted to share how much your amazing support has truly done. Because of you, this August blood drive was the biggest it has ever been, collecting a life-saving 38 units!

This beautiful day was the launch of the toy drive for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. Because of your kindness and the amazing #austinsarmy, it was our biggest delivery to date—we actually needed two cars to deliver all the toys out to the hospital! On that very same delivery day, Austin had his 5-year check-up and has fantastic news to share! He is officially switching to survivorship and will now only have to go to the oncology unit for check-ups once a year!



The success of these events belongs entirely to you. We are deeply grateful to belong to such a compassionate, giving church community.

With all our love and gratitude,
The Popelka Family
Austin, Kris, Dawn, Ivan, Elsie and Eli

The end of September and the month of October was busy for Faith by joining a God's Work. Our Hands event in Clinton, the train dedication, pumpkin picking with our friends from The Arch, and celebrating confirmation.



Clinton Ministerial Association
Hosts
Socks, Songs & Sacred Thanks,
And SOUP!
an Ecumenical event at
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Tuesday, November 17, 2026
@ 5:30 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran is located at 715 South 3rd Street, Clinton, Iowa
Park in the back of the church.

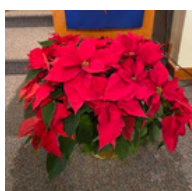
Gather with your friends and family to share a soup supper, songs and stories of transformation and gratitude from three local non-profit groups.

Please bring a donation of new or clean socks to donate to organizations assisting the homeless.

A free will offering will be collected.



We are gathering information for poinsettias to display for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. Details will be posted in weekly announcements and next months newsletter once that information has been received. You can also contact the office and Jamie will reach out to you once we have received poinsettia information.



Faith Lutheran Church Women News & Events

November 2026

Nov 3: Bible Study;

Hostess: Bette Petersen at her home at 6:30

Bible Study: Denise Schroeder

Nov 8: Fall Supper- Sign Up sheets in Front Entryway

Nov 15: FLCW Thank-offering Service & Fall Supper Dessert Fellowship

- Bake-less Bake Sale ends
- Return your Bake-less Bake Sale donations by today.

Nov 19: Sewing (10:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

- Bring a sack lunch
- Drop in anytime.

Nov 20: Sewing (10:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

- Bring a sack lunch
- Drop in anytime.

Nov 22: FLCW board meeting after worship

- Divide Homeless Items
- Discuss Christmas Giving

Thankoffering Service

Would you like to be a reader for the FLCW Thankoffering Service on Nov 15?

There is a sign up sheet in the entry way for these fun and easy parts.



November Homeless Mission

Please donate any of the following items in entry way by November 22.

The YWCA Empower Center can use as a kit:

- * Broom & Dustpan
- * Dust Cloth
- * Kleenex
- * Laundry Detergent Liquid (50 fl oz or smaller) or Laundry Pods or Laundry Sheets
- * Toilet Paper
- * Sponge
- * Toilet Brush
- * Toilet Cleaner (32 fl oz or smaller)
- * Multi-purpose cleaner (32 fl oz or smaller)
- * Pail (4 gallon or less)
- * Paper towels

Other Homeless items include:

- * Deodorant
- * Trial Size Soap
- * Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- * Chap Stick / Lip Balm
- * Any gloves, socks and hats
- * Thermal Blanket
- * Tissues- small size
- * Wet Wipes
- * First Aid Items
- * \$10 gift cards to Subway and Mc Donalds etc....

1. Dale Gluesing, Kaelan Kelly
2. Andy Friedrichsen, Austin Hamilton, Mike Krebs, Jordan Feddersen
5. Brian Peters, Kathy Slater
6. Luke Petersen
7. Daniel Randolph
8. Lincoln Lorenzen
9. Renee Friedrichsen, Charlie Jacobs-Ciarcia
10. Avery Ruefer
11. Nancy Christiansen
13. June Forret, Patti Diercks
14. Lois Feddersen, Mason Luckritz, Pastor Katie Jensen
15. George Eggers, Colton Galusha
16. Kimi Johnson
17. Megan Peters
18. Ryan Petersen, Cory Cram
19. Kathy Rickertsen
21. Gary Frahm, Gunnar Petersen
24. Terry Rickertsen
26. Joel Schroeder
27. Erin Tietjens
30. Jessica Howard, Tamarra Friedrichsen



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3. Jim & Deana Jacobs, Ed & Rhonda Lange
4. James & Katie Wilke
8. Loren & Sherri Ketelsen
9. Pastors Eric & Katie Jensen
13. Ben & Jamie Luckritz
22. Arlyn & Leslie Schroeder
23. Joel & Beth Petersen
25. Greg & Nadene Kelly



We continue to work on gathering photos and contact information for a new pictorial directory. Let us take your picture for you! There is a small photo area designated for individuals or families to get their picture taken after worship or during office hours during the week. No sales pitch and hassle free! If you prefer, send us your family photo and information to the church office at flcandover@gmail.com

Faith Lutheran Church has a prayer chain that sends prayer requests to a list of people for those who invite prayers upon themselves or others. In respect of people's privacy, we ask that you get permission from them before adding their name to the prayer chain. If you would like to be added to the list to pray, please contact the office.

Do you have a special event or announcement? Please contact the church office if you would like the announcement in the weekly announcements or newsletter. Due to policies set in place, you **must** contact the office.