

FAITH NOTES



From The Pastor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone! What a joy it has been to celebrate this season with this beloved community.

As we turn to a new year and approach Epiphany, I am reminded of your Epiphany celebration last year. The day that I came to Faith for a meet and greet prior to my call vote - the day that I met so many of you for the first time. I walked into the sanctuary with fluttering nerves and shaky hands, but also with a deep sense of hope and excitement. I left with assurance that God had called me to this place, to be your pastor.

Spending the majority of 2025 with you all has been a true gift. When I try to think of a word/phrase to encapsulate this past year, I keep coming back to, "unfolding relationships." It has been a blessing to be able to form relationships within this community - to watch the way the Spirit has been at work knitting us together. I also know that these relationships are still very much ongoing, some still just starting to take root, and some growing deeper with every passing month.

As we begin 2026, I look forward to watching the ways that these relationships will continue to unfold. I look forward to the ways that I know God will work through Faith Lutheran Church. I look forward to continuing to be church together in this chaotic and beautiful world we live in.

Peace,
Pastor Katie

What word or phrase would you use to describe your 2025?

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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs.
9a.m.-1p.m.

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

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Annual Meeting

Faith Lutheran Church will hold their Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 18th, immediately following worship!

Deadline for any information to be included in the booklet is January 13th.

Scholarships are available for any full-time college or trade school freshman second semester for the 2025-2026 school year who is a member of Faith Lutheran Church. Contact Marcy Wilcke, 563-593-1241, for an application. Deadline is January 20, 2026.

The Andover Lions Club is collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. Bring in your pop tabs by the Annual Meeting on January 18th and they will include them in their donation.



Sunday School Program

Our Sunday School kids were stars in their Christmas program, "We're on the Air!" Thank you to our Sunday School leaders, volunteers, adult choir, kids, and families for helping us share the story of baby Jesus.

If you missed it in person or via livestream, visit our Facebook or YouTube pages to check it out!

We will see you all after Christmas break on January 11th!

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.”

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Chuck Corr

Vice President: Andra Eggers

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Dawn Popelka

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Julie Peters

Faith Lutheran Church Women News & Events

January 2026

Jan 18: Annual Meeting

- Following Worship
- 2026 FLCW board members are being recognized during annual meeting.

Jan 22: Sewing Day (10:00 – 3:00

- p.m.)
- Bring a sack lunch.

Jan 23: Sewing Day (10:00 – 3:00

- p.m.)
- Bring a sack lunch

Jan 25: FLCW Fellowship

Snowman Bingo

- Following Worship
- Get ready for some warm spirit fun for all ages.

The FLCW Board has several mission projects planned for 2026. Please support our important work for those in need. Information will be in the monthly church mailings for the following groups.

- Collect School Supplies
- Homeless Kit Donations for
 1. YWCA Empowerment Center
 2. Victory Center
 3. Information and Referral Services
- **All are welcome to join us for bible studies and sewing.**

Have you accumulated a bunch of plastic bags doing your Christmas shopping? Jack will take them off your hands! He is in need of plastic bags to make mats for the homeless. They go through them quickly this time of year.

Save the Dates

All are Welcome for FLCW 2026

Fun and Fellowship

- January 25 - Snowman Bingo at Fellowship
- Feb 14 – Valentine Cookie Baking
- Feb 15- Valentine Fellowship
- March 8 – Coloring Contest at Fellowship
- April 12- *45th Anniversary of the Andover Club Chapter being honored at Fellowship*
- April 15- Pizza and Sewing with Confirmation Sturdents
- May 3- Quilt Sunday
- May 10- Mothers to be honored at worship
- June 21- Root Beer Floats at Fellowship to honor our Fathers
- July 16, 17& 18- SWO Tri annual in Des Moines.
- August 7- Austin's Army Blood Drive
- August 16: Pack School Supplies after worship
- Sept 13- Fellowship to honor Grandparents
- Sept 26- SWO Gathering in Iowa City
- October 18- Fall Trivia Fellowship
- November 8 – Fall Supper
- Nov 15 or 22- Thankoffering Worship and divide Homeless items
- Dec 6 – Christmas Giving Fellowship

The Constitution Committee has reviewed and updated the Constitution to comply with the new model constitution. A copy is available for you to review the changes in the Narthex. Return or leave the copy there as there is only one copy available.

January Birthdays

1. Craig Fredrich
2. Will Hasken
3. Reagan Friedrichsen
4. Eli Popelka
5. Kayelee Hansen
7. Karin Harmsen, Don Schroeder
8. Joel Petersen
11. Loren Peters
12. Elyse Spooner
13. Jason Johnson
14. Chuck Corr
15. Marianne Jess, Michael Parker
16. Quillen Schroeder, Stephanie Eickert
17. Ardith Hamilton
18. Darla Hasken, Kylie Petersen
19. Amanda Rickertsen
22. Ivan Popelka
23. Arya Feddersen
24. Patrick Klus
28. Denise Schroeder, Adam Naeve
29. Arlyn Schroeder

Please notify the office for any new contact information. Information can be emailed to fclandover@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.



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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.