Faith Notes

February 2022

Friends in Christ,

I have a bit of a confession for you all this month, my confession is that February is probably my least favorite month of the whole year ☺ . I truly apologize to anyone who loves February, but for me I don't enjoy this month very much. For starters, it's devoid of my two biggest hobbies, as this month marks the end of football season, while the start of open water fishing season is still a few months away from starting. Further, the bad weather often makes going outside or traveling quite difficult and even dangerous. Finally, the lack of daylight and cold weather reduces the amount of vitamin D that my body gets, so I usually end up coming down with a cold or some other kind of infection this month. One positive thing that I can say though, is that during this particular February we are blessed to have an extended season of Epiphany with 4 whole Sundays of it this month. The season of Epiphany is when the whole church remembers how God led the magi to find the newly born Christ child and his family, it's a pretty big deal in our faith. In fact, in some parts of the world this season is more celebrated and revered than Christmas. Epiphany reminds us that God is there to guide us, just like God guided the magi. Epiphany also reminds us that God shows up in unexpected places, just like how the Messiah showed up a manger of all places. So regardless of how we may feel about this month, let us remember that God is here to lead us and will always show up, even in the places we may least expect it.

Shalom to you in Christ,
Pastor Eric

In the last several months, we have continued to see various types of disasters leaving families and communities in need. Lutheran Disaster Relief donation forms are available in the entryway if you would like to make a donation. Donations can also be made online at www.ELCA.org/disaster

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Church Council

2022 Church Council

President: Tricia Perron

Vice President/Financial Secretary: Tamarra Friedrichsen

Secretary: Kristi Seamer

Treasurer: Jeanette Bennett

Committee Representatives

Property & Management: Tim Hess

Worship: Ronda Tietjens

Community Life & Care: Megan Peters

Faith Formation/Education: Chuck Corr

Stewardship & Outreach: Beth Petersen and Sandy Hansen

We extend our sympathy to the family of Erna and Deb Rickertsen on the passing of their son and brother.

Church Camp

Summer camp registrations are beginning to open and Faith is looking to support students who are interested in attending EWALU or any other church camp! Please let the office know if anyone is interested.

Have you ever thought about being part of the Altar Guild? Altar Guild is a behind the scenes ministry that sets up for communion on a rotating schedule. They also change the paraments when there is a new church season. This ministry is ideal for individuals, couples, families, men and women. An Altar Guild meeting will be Sunday, February 6th, following worship. If you have ever thought about being part of this ministry or would like to learn more about it, please attend!

You can now listen to Pastor's sermon on the phone! If you call the church office and choose option 3, you will be able to hear the weekly sermon.

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.

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."

2022 FaithWorks Mission Trip

Denver, Colorado

Departure: Saturday, July 23, 2022 Return: Sunday, July 30, 2022.

Faith Lutheran Church FaithWorks will be partnering with Service Learning Camps to arrange our mission trip to the Denver, CO area. Our group will be at the Messiah Mountain Retreat Center (www.messiahmountain.org), Indian Hills, CO. The projects will be suitable for our intergenerational group, ages 2nd grade up to 70+ are welcome. Grade school youth must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A $50, nonrefundable deposit is required to reserve a spot. We are limited on the number of participants, so even if you are considering joining us, let us know. As soon as we get our group together, we can begin more detailed planning. You may contact Tricia Perron (563)-357-8221 or the church office if you have any questions. Summer will be here before you know it!!

Faith Lutheran Church Women FLCW

News & Events for February 2022

NO Circle Meeting this Month

Women to send cards on their own to Shut Ins

Thursday Feb 24 & Friday Feb 25: Sewing 10am to 3pm

Please pick up:
2022 FLCW "All are Welcome" program informational page
Plastic tubs for Thank Offering and Love Gifts

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Did you know that there are over 4,000 children in the State of Iowa in the foster care system but there are only around 2,200 foster families? Many of these children wait in shelters or other short term living arrangements but deserve the stability of a caring family. Four Oaks Foster & Adoptive Family Connections is in great need of loving, supporting, and nurturing families in Iowa willing to become licensed foster families. Contact Liz Estilow at eestilow@fouroaks.org or 703-201-7584 if you or a family you know would like more information.

FOOD PANTRY

Preston Manna Center

Open every 2nd Thursday of the month 8-10 a.m. and Tuesday of the same week from 6-7 p.m.

Preston Methodist Church basement

Elvira Food Pantry

Open 2nd Tuesday of the month 8 a.m.-Noon

Elvira Lutheran Church

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Jaleen Thi
5. Aden Howard
8. Zoey Eggers
10. Mason Hull
12. Bryan Hermann
13. Cassie Behr
15. Elsie Popelka, Nolan Eggers
16. Jay Petersen
17. Ed Lange
19. Addilyn Thi
20. Mariah Aldis
21. Archer Kelly
22. Amy Madsen-Smith, Andra Eggers, Janelle Eggers
23. Loryn Peters
24. James Wilke
25. Lorraine Tietjens, Amber Friedrichsen
28. Tracie Luckritz, Kevin Johnson, Fred Jensen

Need Prayer?

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.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available! Go to our website,

flcandoveria.com

and click the donate button!

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

13. Ben & Emily Petersen
19. Joel & Salina Schroeder
23. Tom & Ronda Tietjens
    Gary & Denise Schroeder
27. Brian & Mollie Galusha

Copies of the council minutes are available in the overflow room on the white turnaround. Things happening at Faith and our financials can be found in the minutes. If you would like to know the amount of donations you have given so far this year, please let the office know.

Faith Lutheran Church Usher List

We have restructured our usher responsibilities. Limited duties require fewer people on any given Sunday, so we will be rotating through the current roster.

Duties are as follows:

- Welcome those attending and ask them to write their name for attendance and to place their offering in the box.
- Light candles in a Sunday School student has not already done so.
- Make sure each person/family receives a bulletin and communion elements.
- Ring the bell.

If you are unable or uncomfortable ushering at this time on your scheduled day, please let the office know with whom you have switched. We need to know that someone will be there!

USHER LIST 2022

Jan. 2 Stan/Karin Harmsen
9 Larry/Julie Peters
16 Jay/Erin Petersen
23 Joel/Beth Petersen
30 Gary/Denise Schroeder

Feb. 6 Loren/Marilyn Peters
13 Andy/Renee Friedrichsen
20 Sherril Johnson/Don Schroeder
27 Dave/Jane Rathje

March 2 (Ash Wed) Wayne/Kathy Harmsen
6 Tom/Ronda Tietjens
13 Adam/Tamarra Friedrichsen
20 Kevin/Andra Eggers
27 Denis Friedrichsen/Holly/Kevin Johnson

April 3 Larry/Julie Peters
10 Brad/Megan Peters
14 (Maundy Thurs) Ken/Tricia Perron
17 Tom/Ronda (7A)
Richard/Carol Schroeder (10A)
24 Youth Lead Worship

May 1 Scott/Lori Fuller
8 Jack Smith/ Paul Weber
15 Darla Hasken/ Marcy Wilcke
22 Tim/Kim Hess
29 Deb Rickertsen/Kelli Parker

June 5 Amy Madsen-Smith family
12 Matt/Elyse Spooner
19 Jeanette/Rachael Bennett
26 Chuck/Barb Corr

July 3 Roland/Bette Petersen
10 James/Katie Wilke
17 Todd/Barb Randolph
24 Sheridan/Annie Petersen
31 Stan/Karin Harmsen

Aug. 7 Terry/Kathy Rickertsen
14 Gene/Virginia Eggers
21Gary/Denise Schroeder
28 Kristi Seamer/Lou Schroeder

Sept. 4 Jay/Erin Petersen
11Wayne/Kathy Harmsen
18 Don Schroeder/Sherrill Johnson
25 Brad/Megan Peters

Oct. 2 Scott/Lori Fuller
9 Dave/Jane Rathje
16 Jeanette/Rachael Bennett
23 Sharon Jepsen/ Marcy Wilcke
30 Deb Rickertsen/Darla Hasken

Nov. 6 Jack Smith/Paul Weber
13 Loren/Marilyn Peters
20 Women of the Church
27 Andy/Renee Friedrichsen

Dec. 4 Joel/Beth Petersen
11 Adam/Tamarra Friedrichsen
18 Denis Friedrichsen/Holly/Kevin Johnson
24 Matt/Elyse Spooner (1P)
Tom/Ronda (4P)
25 ?

SERVING FAITH

February 2022

	2/6	2/13	2/20	2/27	3/2 Ash Wednesday
LECTOR	Marilyn Peters	Bill Jacobs	Chuck Corr	Loren Peters	Kim Hess
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
ALTAR GUILD	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
FELLOWSHIP COFFEE	Lou Schroeder, Marie Forret	Bette Petersen, Marilyn Peters	Ardith Hamilton, Julie Peters	Tricia Perron, Jeanette Bennett	Soup Supper
USHERS	Loren & Marilyn Peters	Andy & Renee Friedrichsen Family	Sherril Johnson & Don Schroeder	David & Jane Rathje	Wayne & Kathy Harmsen
COUNTING TEAM	Team #1 (2/7)	Team #2 (2/14)	Team #3 (2/21)	Team #1 (2/28)	

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Confirmation 6pm	3 Bible Study 10am Fellowship reserved 5pm	4	5
6 SS/STUFF 8:45am Worship 10am Altar Guild mtg following worship	7 Counting Team 1	8	9 Confirmation 6pm	10 Bible Study 10am	11	12
13 SS/STUFF 8:45am Worship 10am	14 Counting Team 2	15 Newsletter info due Council meeting 6pm	16 Confirmation 6pm	17 Bible Study 10am	18	19
20 SS/STUFF 8:45am Worship 10am	21 Counting Team 3	22	23 Confirmation 6pm	24 Bible Study 10am Sewing 10am-3pm	25 Sewing 10am-3pm	26
27 SS/STUFF 8:45am Worship 10am	28 Counting Team 1					