

# Faith Notes

February 2025



Faith Lutheran Church  
Andover, Iowa

*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."*

## Prayers of the People (Prayers of Intercession)

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Sunday School: 8:45  
a.m. on Sunday  
(September-April)

Worship 10 a.m.

Our Sunday School classes have been diving into prayer! We have had several discussions on how to pray and learning how to identify what children might want to pray for within their own lives. It is a consistent effort to familiarize and build confidence praying. However, we are making strides!

As you may have noticed, we do have a few of those simple, effective prayer petitions being added to the worship service, during the Prayers of the People. They are utilizing the simple format that includes two parts; the first is an acknowledgment of a blessing (or a "Thank you for...") and the second is for a special request or concern that is on your heart. An example could be: "Thanks for the gift of knowledge and love you have given the medical community. We ask for you to watch over those facing surgery and for quick recoveries."

It would be the education committee's goal to not only educate our students at Faith Lutheran about prayer, but also our congregational members! Aren't we all students of the word and children of God? We are hoping to get involvement from YOU!! We encourage everyone to submit a prayer in the box in the entryway. Again, our hope is that these are simple requests to be made to God. They do not need to be specific (preferably no names etc.), however they can be!

If you are struggling to find inspiration for prayers or if you just need a reminder of what each paragraph of the prayers of the people include, here is a reference as a little reminder of what the "topics" mentioned during the prayers are according to our red hymnal ELW, page 127.

*Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world-*

*For the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel;*

*For the well-being of creation;*

*For peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community;*

*For the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely;*

*For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;*

*For the congregation, and for special concern.*

*Additional prayers may come from the assembly.*

Wouldn't it be nice to know what others are praying for so we can include them in our prayers too?



## Council Update

At the Annual Meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, the congregation approved the recommendation of the Call Committee and the Church Council to extend a call to Katie Jensen. The compensation package has been signed by the synod office. After we sign the compensation package it will go to Katie. We are waiting on the formal letter of call from the Synod office. We will need to sign this document also and send it to Katie. Once Katie receives the Call Letter, she will have 30 days to accept the call. (The Spirit could move Katie to respond in less than 30 days!)

The council officers and liaison assignments for 2025 are:

Chuck Corr	President
Andra Eggers	Vice president
Jessica Howard	Secretary
Jeanette Bennett	Treasurer
Community Life & Care	Julie Peters
Property & Management	Tait Wilson
Education & Faith Formation	James Wilke
Worship	Mollie Galusha
Stewardship & Outreach	Barb Randolph
	Dawn Popelka

The congregation also approved updates to the constitution and bylaws. A printed copy for public use is available in the church entryway or an electronic copy could be emailed to you. Please let the office or a council member know if you would like an electronic copy.

18 members of Faith served a community meal at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clinton on Sunday, January 12th. We served about 25 guests in person and about 80 carryout meals. Guests that attended were very appreciative of the meal served. Thank you to Beth Petersen for organizing such a wonderful opportunity!



Our recent Noisy Bucket and Sunday School offerings totaling \$1,394.63 were given to the Andover Fire and EMS Departments. This is our biggest collection yet! Thank you for your support in these offerings to help organizations that help those in need.

Our next collection is designated to Lutheran Disaster Relief to support rebuilding of the South from recent hurricanes and newly developed fires devastating communities in California. We pray for them in their time of struggle and hope this offering can help them to move forward.

On behalf of the education committee, we wanted to let you know that we will be working to update the volunteer background checks, etc. that are necessary for us to stay in compliance for the child protection policy that is required for our church. If you are volunteering your time at Sunday School, Confirmation, or if you plan to help with Vacation Bible School, it is necessary to have a completed background check on file. We have a large number of individuals that have completed this but might just need to complete a required training. If this is you, again, we will be in touch! Please let us know if you have any questions, otherwise, Megan Peters will be in touch with you on this topic! Thank you!



## Faith Lutheran Church Women News & Events February 2025

**No Circle this month**

**Saturday, Feb 8: Bake and Decorate Valentine Cookies at 9:00 am .**

**Sunday, Feb 9: FLCW** to serve Fellowship Valentine Cookies.

**Feb 27: Sewing Day** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
- Bring your own lunch

**Feb 28: Sewing Day** 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
If you can tie a knot, your help will be greatly appreciated.  
- Bring our own lunch

**Feb 23: Bold Women's Day**  
The last Sunday of February celebrates all Lutheran Women who have acted boldly in their faith in Jesus Christ.

### Prayer for Bold Women

Gracious God, by your spirit empower us. Give us courage, grant us wholeness, and fill us with love. Help us to live with the certainty that we are better off together than when we are separated, from you or from each other. Because we have you, nothing can shake our confidence in this world or the next. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.



**Saturday, Feb 8: Bake and Decorate Valentine Cookies at 9:00 am .**

All bakers of Faith, young and old, are invited to join in baking Valentine Cookies for our Home bound Members and for Fellowship

Please sign up on the clip board page in the entry.

- \* to make dough  
- need 6 batches
- \* let us know if you are coming to bake
- \* We will need rolling pins, baking sheets, heart cutters, cooling racks and Sprinkles

**2025 FLCW Special Events information fliers are on the back table in the entryway.**

Confirmation students are planning a service project to help at the Elvira Food Pantry at the end of February. They are collecting food items until February 23rd to take with them for this project. There is a basket in the entryway for donated items.

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. Discounts available for Early Bird sign-ups!



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



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Please notify the office for any new contact information. Information can be emailed to [flcandover@gmail.com](mailto:flcandover@gmail.com)

Thank you for the many meals, visits, and cards during my recovery.

—Judy Friedrichsen

## BLOOD DRIVE

Save the date!

Austin's Army will hold their annual blood drive on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Online giving is available! Go to our website,

[flcandoveria.com](http://flcandoveria.com)

and click the donate button!



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

13. Ben & Emily Petersen
19. Joel & Salina Schroeder
23. Tom & Ronda Tietjens
- Gary & Denise Schroeder

## PRAYER REQUEST

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.



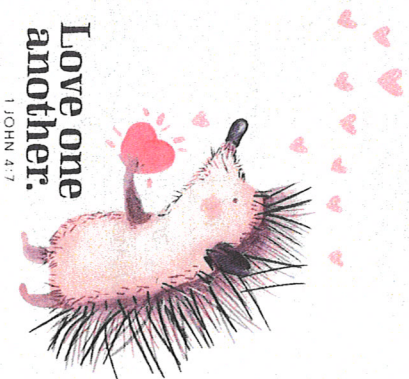
## Milestone Anniversaries

*Ben & Emily Petersen*  
15 years

*Tom & Ronda Tietjens*  
50 years

*Congratulations!!!*





# SERVING FAITH

## February 2025

	<u>2/2</u>	<u>2/9</u>	<u>2/16</u>	<u>2/23</u>	<u>3/2</u>
LECTOR	Megan Peters	Kim Hess	Denise Schroeder	Tricia Perron	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ronda Tietjens	Jack Smith	Richard Schroeder	Ken Perron	Erin Petersen
ALTAR GUILD	Virginia Eggers	Sherril Johnson	Kristi Seamer	Ronda Tietjens	Deana Jacobs
FELLOWSHIP COFFEE	Jack Smith	FLCW	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Bette Petersen
USHERS	James & Katie Wilke	Roland & Bette Petersen	Todd & Barb Randolph	Adam & Tamarra Friedrichsen	Sheridan & Annie Petersen
COUNTING TEAM	Team #1 (2/3)	Team #2 (2/10)	Team #3 (2/17)	Team #1 (2/24)	Team #2 (3/3)

# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 SS/STUFF 8:45am Worship 10am	3 Counting Team 1	4	5 Confirmation 6pm	6 Bible Study 10am Fellowship Reserved 5pm	7	8 FLCW Valentine cookie baking 9am
9 SS/STUFF 8:45am Worship 10am	10 Counting Team 2 Council meting 6:30pm	11	12 Confirmation 6pm	13 Bible Study 10am	14	15
16 SS/STUFF 8:45am Worship 10am	17 Counting Team 3 Newsletter info due	18	19 Confirmation 6pm	20 Bible Study 10am	21	22
23 SS/STUFF 8:45am Worship 10am Visitation mtg 11am	24 Counting Team 1	25	26 Confirmation 6pm	27 Bible Study 10am Sewing 10am-3pm	28 Sewing 10am-3pm	