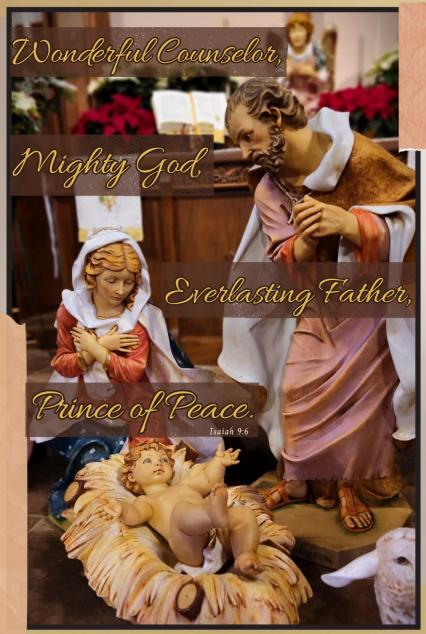
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called



DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH GREEN BAY



### Faith Lutheran Church

2335 S. Webster Ave. Green Bay, WI 54301

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sundays at 8 am & 10:30 am (Christian Growth Hour at 9:15 am) Mondays at 6:30 pm

### Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am—12:00 pm

### **Church Staff Numbers and Emails:**

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### Other useful emails:

Christian Growth (Sunday School) Financial Secretary (Offerings)

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flcgb.ss@gmail.com flcgb.donate@gmail.com

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One of my favorite traditions is the lighting of the Advent wreath. As soon as the church year comes to an end (this year it ends on December 2, which is the latest day it can end), our family brings up the Rubbermaid tote from the basement labeled "Advent," and we place our Advent wreath in the center of our table to serve as the focus of our family devotions for the month ahead. Each night, at the end of dinner, we sing, read a devotion, and light the appropriate candles to help anticipate the coming of our Savior. It is a beautiful reminder of the promise that Christ is the light in the darkness, that the celebration of his birth allows us to practice the celebration of his second coming (which has been the focus of the readings for the last three Sundays of November), and that our calling as Christians on this side of Easter is the same as those who lived on the other side of Easter- to wait with anticipation for the fulfillment of the promises God has made to his people. Waiting in this anticipation is the life of faith. It takes faith to wait because you are trusting (an act of faith) that God will be true to his character and what he has revealed about himself by keeping the promises he has made to his people. You have faith that he will do what he has said because you know the history of how he has kept his word in the past.

The great part of Advent is that it cannot be rushed. Unlike Christmas, that is celebrated all month long (or longer- my outdoor Christmas lights have been on since November 4), the season of Advent demands that you let it unfold at its own pace. If we were to light all the Advent candles on the first Sunday, it wouldn't look right or feel right because we would have missed the point of the waiting, we would have missed the anticipation of the season. So we wait, and in waiting join the countless hosts, living in faith, waiting for God to keep his Word.

Since returning from Greece, several people have asked what was my favorite part of the trip or what did I find most interesting about the journey. The answer to both questions is the same. What I found most interesting was the sense of the crushing weight of history that bears down on you as you visit the ruins of ancient cities and civilizations. When we were standing in front of the library at Ephesus, or in the cave where John wrote Revelation, or at the Acropolis in Athens, you can't help but be overcome by the awe of what people built thousands of years ago and the number of people who have stood where you are standing. Time and again, during that history, the church has called out, "How long O Lord?" as it was facing persecution, turbulence, war, and all the other hardships that come with life in this world. Each time, God has preserved his people but he has also told them to wait. Wait because the fullness of time has not yet come. Wait, because in his mercy, he is giving more people time to repent. Wait because only he knows the day and the hour when his son will return in glory. Wait, but be ready, because the day of his coming is drawing ever near.

So we wait. I will bring up the Advent tote for another year, and we will practice looking forward to what is to come because we have faith that it will be as God has promised- beyond expectation.

Blessed Advent, Pastor Errer



**RUINS OF CORINTH** 



STATUE OF ST. PAUL IN BEREA

**ACROPOLIS OF ATHENS** 



LIBRARY AT EPHESUS



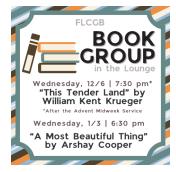
THE COMBINED TOUR GROUP FROM GREEN BAY AND FLORIDA

# - This month at Faith





























Merry hustmas!

### 2023 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

**SEASON SCHEDULE** 

Faith Lutheran Church - Green Bay Office: (920)435-5524 www.flcgb.com



### Midweek Services (Wednesdays at 6:30 pm)

December 6 Service (Holden Evening Prayer)
December 13 Service (Holden Evening Prayer)
December 20 Service (Holden Evening Prayer
& Sunday School Service)

### Christmas Eve Services (Sunday, Dec. 24)

\*Holy Communion at all services\*

10:00 am Service of Carols & Readings 4:30 pm Service with Children's Choirs

7:00 pm Festival Service

(Pre-service music begins at 6:30 pm) 10:00 pm Vigil Service

### Christmas Day Service (Monday, Dec. 25)

\*Holy Communion\*

10:00 am Christmas Day Service
\*No Monday Evening Service\*

### New Year's Eve (Sunday, Dec. 31)

\*Holy Communion at both services\*

9:00 am Sunday Morning Service 6:30 pm New Year's Eve Service \*No Service on Monday, January 1, 2024

### **Other Special Events in December**

Sun. 11/26 Deck the Halls
Sat. 12/2 Cookie Walk (9 am—11:30 am)
Tues. 12/12 FCP Christmas Program (6:30 pm)
Fri. 12/15 Trinity Christmas Program at

Fri. 12/15 Trinity Christmas Program at Our Saviour Lutheran (6:30 pm)

Sat. 12/16 Sunday School Rehearsal (gr. 2-8) (9 am—10:30 am)

Sun.12/17 Sunday School Rehearsal (9:15-9:45

am - during Christian Growth Hour) Sun. 12/17 Christmas Tea (9:15 am)

\*Early dismissal for Sunday School

Tues. 12/19 Sunday School Rehearsal (6-7 pm) Sun. 1/7 Christian Growth Resumes (9:15 am)

Sun. 1/7 Un-Deck the Halls

Merry Christmas and God's Blessings in the New Year!

### Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the Thanksgiving Baskets this year. With your help, we were able to provide a Thanksgiving feast for 6 families.



### **Christmas Giving Tree**

The Angels have landed and it is once again time to help families in need through our Giving Tree here at Faith Lutheran Church. There are many ways you can participate.

Choose an angel off the tree, shop, wrap and return the gifts to under the tree. Please attach the angel to the outside of the corresponding gift. Gift card angels will also be on the tree. You may purchase them at the Scrip table or through the RaiseRight app/website. Please do not leave monetary donations under the tree. Gifts and monetary donations are due Monday, December 11th, 2023.



"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." -Hebrews 13:16

## Sending Christmas Cards

As you are preparing to send out Christmas Cards, we encourage you to think about our Church Family.

- Our new directory will soon be hot off the press and will be available for you to pick up at Faith soon. This will help you with addressing your Christmas cards.
- We will also have our shut-in list available at the Welcome Center for those who would like to send them a Christmas Card as well.
- Previous Vicars' information is available on the Staff Bulletin Board near the Church Office.



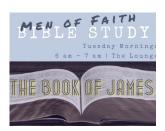
# let your faith Grow!

Bible Studies offered at Faith Lutheran Church



### Christian Growth Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

Christian Growth Hour has lessons for all age groups. Our Adult Bible Study dives deeper and aligns with the lessons that the children are learning at Sunday School. This encourages conversation within the household to discuss what was learned on Sunday. \*High Schoolers are encouraged to attend this Bible Study



### Men's Bible Study Tuesdays at 6:00 am in the Lounge

Tuesday mornings starting promptly at 6 am and ending at 7 am in the Lounge. Coffee and light breakfast will be provided.





### The Order of Matins Tuesdays at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary

Beginning Tuesday, May 30, we will be having the Order of Matins in the Sanctuary on Tuesday Mornings at 9 am. All are welcome.



### Tuesday Morning Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Lounge

Come to the Lounge on Tuesday Mornings for a discussion led Bible Study learning more about God's Word and daily life. Pastor Errer is currently leading the Bible Study on the Ten Commandments.

### T.A.L.K. Bible Study

Podcast launched on Thursdays Available on our website, Spotify, and other podcast programs

Each week on Thursdays, a podcast featuring our Director of Parish Music Paul Heiser and the preacher for the upcoming Sunday will give a little more background on the theological and liturgical aspects of the next worship service. They will also discuss one of the hymns for the upcoming service as well.



### The Feast Bible Study 1st Tues. of the Month | 6:30 pm in the Lounge

Join together with other young adult members of the congregation for Bible Study, devotions, fellowship, and food.

This bible study/discussion is lead by Director of Christian Education, Alex Wright and will be held in the Lounge.
\*Child care is coordinated at Church during Bible Study.
Contact Alex at flcgb.dce@gmail.com if you have any

# CATECHISM

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Alex Wright

### THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

We all know that advent and Christmas are the times to anticipate and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. But why is it important that Jesus is the Word incarnate, that is, took on flesh and became human? The Son of God became human to fulfill our obligation to keep the law. He suffered and died to pay the penalty of our sin. Jesus overcame death so that we, too, can be raised from death. As we remember and celebrate the Son of God becoming flesh and dwelling amongst us, we must remember the reason for the blessed eternal hope that is ours in Christ.

### What is the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed?

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

### What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11/29 Cookie Walk preparations 6:00 pm	11/30 T.A.L.K. Podcast	Cookie drop off	COOKIE WALK 9-11:30 am
6 Advent Midweek Service 6:30 pm High School Youth 7:30 pm Book Group 7:30 pm	7 T.A.L.K. Podcast Prayer Shawls 12 pm	8	9
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27	28 T.A.L.K. Podcast	29	30
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## LOOKING INTO DECEMBER:

Sun. Dec. 3 Youth Choir sings at the 10:30 am Service

Sun. Dec. 10 - Catechism Choir sings at the 10:30 am Service

Sunday School Service Rehearsal (gr. 2-8) 9-10:30 AM Sat. Dec. 16

Sunday School Service Rehearsal 9:15-9:45 AM Sun. Dec. 17

(Early Dismissal at 9:45 for Christmas Tea)

Tues. Dec. 19 Sunday School Service Rehearsal Wed. Dec. 20 Sunday School Service Sun. Dec. 24 Cherub & Youth Choirs Sing

6-7 PM 6:30 PM

4:30 PM

### PHOTOS FROM NOVEMBER







### OFFERING

Our Sunday School Offerings this year will go towards supporting the Baker Family who are missionaries overseas with the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). Our donations will help their efforts in sharing the Gospel to the people in that country. We receive regular updates from the Family which will be shared with the kids in class.

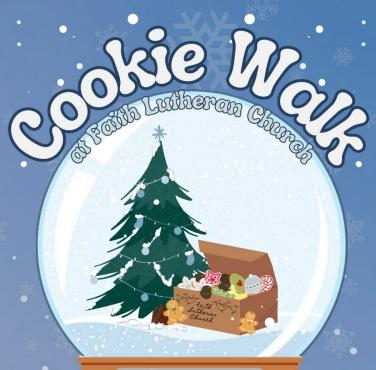
OUR GOAL IS \$500!

EACH GLOBE REPRESENTS \$10 RAISED (WE'VE RAISED \$180 SO FAR!!! KEEP THOSE OFFERINGS COMING)



ATECHISM CLASSES

Wed. 11/29—Cookie Walk prep at 6:00 pm December—No classes (classes resume January 3rd) We encourage you to attend the Advent Midweek Services at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays



WINTER WONDERLAND

# Saturday, December 2, 2023

WALK THRU

9 am - 11:30 am
\$12/pound

OPTION

10 am - 11:30 am
\$12/box

Faith Lutheran Church, 2335 S. Webster Ave., Green Bay, WI 54301

Come visit our festive holiday atmosphere and let us help you with your holiday preparation. We will have thousands of cookies and candies beautifully displayed for you to choose from and purchase.

Boxes & gloves will be provided for our traditional walk thru event. Price: \$12/lb

Our Drive-thru option will begin at 10 am that morning. (Follow the directional signs in our parking lot for this option.) Drive thru cookies will be boxed up in a variety assortment and will be \$12/box.



# "Nurturing Mind & Spirit" Helping Families nurture children in Christ and the knowledge of His world.

### I bring you good news of great joy that will be for ALL the people! Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a SAVIOR who is Christ the Lord!

Luke 2:10-11

What a beautiful month of **Thanks** and **Giving**, that November was for us. We are so **THANKFUL** for the opportunities that November brought forth to connect with each of our wonderful FCP families personally, through parent-teacher conferences. We are truly blessed with wonderful family partnerships as we all seek to nurture our preschoolers in both mind and spirit. November also allowed for a special time of **GIVING** for our FCP Families. We partnered with House of Hope Green Bay, to collect items for homeless children and families in need. We gathered items for an entire week and are truly thankful for the giving spirits that were so moved to join us in this community support event.

Now that December is upon us, we are diligently learning and practicing our songs for our upcoming preschool Christmas program. These little hearts will be singing out for **JOY** the **GOOD NEWS** of our Savior's Birth! It's a truly beautiful experience to see the hearts and minds of our preschoolers engage with this beautiful gospel message. Following the program, FCP Friends and Families will be joining together in the Fellowship Hall for some light holiday refreshments and fellowship.

If you haven't already, please scan the QR code listed below and follow us on our Facebook Page to keep in touch with all that continues to happen here at Faith Christian Preschool.

Some upcoming days of excitement for Preschool this month are:

- Tuesday December 12th: FCP Christmas Program, 6:30-7:30pm
- December 18<sup>th</sup>-Jan 1st: NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

### Merry Christmas!

From your FCP Family, Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Willis







#### **UPCOMING DATES FOR TRINITY:**

- 12/15—CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT OUR SAVIOUR 2 PM & 6:30
   PM
- 12/21-1/2—No School (Christmas Break)
- 1/3—CLASSES RESUME





### **UPCOMING DATES FOR NEWLHS:**

- 12/18—CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT PILGRIM AT 6:30 PM
- 12/21-1/2—No School (Christmas Break)
- 1/3—CLASSES RESUME





THE NEWLHS AUCTION WAS ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AND THE THEME WAS THE 80s. OUR TABLE FROM FAITH WON "BEST DRESSED."

### **Stock Donations**

If you are planning to give an end of year gift of stock to Faith Lutheran Church, please remember to initiate that transfer soon to ensure proper time for the transfer to be completed. Also, remember that cash and checks need to be in the building by December 31 to be included in this year's giving statement. IRA distributions must be received and cashed prior to December 31 to be counted in this calendar year. If you have questions about IRA distributions or non-cash asset transfers as a charitable gift to support the ministry of our congregation, please contact Pastor or Cheryl Roohr.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

2024 Offering Envelopes are available. Numbers have been reassigned for the new year due to many members opting out and switching to electronic giving. Please do not use these envelopes until January, 2024 so you get proper credit. Thank you.



Earlier this year on Celebration Sunday, we filled out Consecrated Stewards Treasure commitment cards. These commitment cards were a way for each individual/family to reflect on their giving/tithing for the year on what it means to be a good steward of God. Being a good steward of God is a life long journey, using not only treasure, but time and talents as well. As promised, these non-opened envelopes with the commitment cards will be placed into your mailbox in December. We pray that God will bless you and your family through the rest of this year and we look forward to continuing this stewardship journey together. Thank you,

Tom Thompson -Board of Stewardship

### **GIVE ONLINE**



Online giving is a very simple and effective way to support Faith Lutheran Church. It is available through our website (flcgb.com) and click this button on the home page. If you have any

 $questions, please\ email\ \underline{flcgb.donate@gmail.com}$ 

### **2023 Unified Offerings**

YTD—\$503,782.69 (as of November 16, 2023)

### SCRIP REBATES:

\$5,674.42 (as of November 16, 2023)



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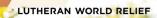
ABOUT

How does Dollar Sunday work?
Any cash that is placed in that
weekend's offering (not in an
offering envelope) will go
towards our designated
organization. If you would like to
make a check donation, please
make it out to Faith Lutheran
Church and write "Dollar Sunday"
in the memo line.

Founded by Lutherans in the United States at the end of World War II, grounded in Lutheran theology and building on decades of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being.

We provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. We partner with communities to build and grow rural economies. We break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive

Our goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after our projects end.



Give where needed most.





### USE SCRIP FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Are you ready for Christmas Shopping? Don't forget to use Scrip when you head out to the stores, shop online, and don't forget that Scrip cards are great as stocking stuffers. The Raise Right app also is a very simple way to order scrip and pay for items at stores, restaurants, and even vacations!

Scrip can be purchased in between services on Sundays, and in the Church Office during office hours (Monday—Thursday, 8 am—12 pm).

\*Christmas Orders should be in no later than 12/17 to have them arrive in time\*





### **Earn More With Holiday 2023**

Every gift card you buy gives back to the cause you care about most

Shop holiday gifts for everyone on your list while earning for your cause at the same time—fundraising doesn't get easier than that! Whether you buy gift cards for presents or use them to buy gifts, you immediately earn on every order.

## Find Giftspiration With the 2023 Holiday Gift Guide

Find great gifting brands, use the holiday shopping list, and much more.

#### Get the guide at

RaiseRight.com/Resources/HolidayGuide





## Shop Limited-Time \$5 & \$10 Cards

The perfect small gift or stocking stuffer for that special someone. Shop the \$10 & Under Gift Cards category.

### eGift Cards Make Great Gifts Too

Running out of time or no physical gift card option available? Print an eGift card or send via email with a personalized message for convenient delivery.

### Get started with a RaiseRight account



Follow the easy steps to get started at RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning. Check with your program coordinator to get your organization's unique enrollment code.

Shop 750+ brands on the RaiseRight mobile app or at RaiseRight.com.



# Drappy Birthday!

- Molly Krueger
- Howard Wachsmuth Landen Wilke
- Jackson Just
- Lou Ann Van Laanen Michael Zeimer
- 6 Garrison Anderson Nash Lemerond Douglas Steenbock
- Samantha Shipley
- 8 Kay Hanna Holly LaFave Eugene Roohr
- 9 Jackson Gray
- 10 Becky Dole Michele Gaestel Kathy Grawien Gail Thiel
- 11 Adelaide Larsen Madeline Martin
- 12 Emily Bukowski Angie Smet

- 13 Heidi Baeb
  - Amy Brozek Barbara Dorff
- Maxwell Lemerond 14 Amellia DelCarmen
- 15 Charlie Boeck Roger Haberland 16 Tim Boeck
- Donald Boersma
  - Emily Gilson Guy Patzke
- Betty Spear 17 Anthony Hohn
- 18 Steven Destache Amy Georgenson MaKenna Kussow
- Alysha Shertz Matic 20 Christopher Omdahl
- 21 Ford Boeck Harper Madsen Carol Messerschmidt
  - Melissa Roubal

- 22 David Stirdivant Cindy VanEss
- 23 Heather Zuehlke 24 Andrew Welnetz
- 25 David Riebe
- 26 Clint Fontaine Mary Ann Hermsen
- 27 Christa Batiansila Melony Liethen-Martin
- 28 Hans Barth
- 29 Heather Fleck Tom VanEss Jeanne Wagner 30 James Athey
- Nicholas McGee Jolie VanDeHey
- 31 Alyssa Garner Donald Hendricks Evan Roubal Noah Roubal

- 4 Greg & Heather Carr
- Mark & Kathy Ebert
- 20 Ray & Karen Borchert
- 22 Joe & Gina Bents



### Christmas Tea—December 17

Instead of our Faith Family Potluck in the month of December, we will be doing our Christmas Tea on December 17th in between services from 9 am—10:30 am.

We encourage members of the congregation to participate in this fellowship event. There will be a sign up at the Welcome Center as we are



looking for donations of breads, cookies, etc. to enjoy during the Christmas Tea. We will also be looking for helpers to serve and clean up. See you Sunday, December 17th!

If you would like to learn more about Fellowship Events and how you can get involved in either planning or support of an event, please contact the Church Office at flcgb.office@gmail.com