

## *Christmas Eve* Candlelight Service 3:00pm, 5:00pm & 10:00pm



**“Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!” Isaiah 2:5**



Pastor Todd Nelsen

In the life of the church, we have now begun the season of Advent. This is a good time to be invited to walk in the light of the LORD. As the days grow shorter and darkness comes progressively quicker, we light the candles of our Advent Wreaths, to remind us that the light of Jesus is coming. For me, light has always symbolized hope and possibility. Hope, because light dispels the fear of darkness. And possibility, because light reveals the opportunities around us.

These days it is too easy to become cynical about the swirl of activities surrounding our celebration of Advent and Christmas. We complain about long lines in the stores and malls. We shove or are shoved as we seek that ultimate bargain on Black Friday (an event whose name itself drips with cynicism). We stuff ourselves and overindulge in too much as we race from one holiday party to another. For some people, this “most wonderful time of the year” is often the bleakest and darkest because they are experiencing the Advent and Christmas season under a different set of circumstances than they did in the past.

It is in the midst of this darkness when we need to heed Isaiah’s invitation and “Walk in the light of the LORD.” For that is the promise of Advent, that God comes to be among us in Jesus, who is the light of the world. Christ’s light pushes the darkness to the outer edges so that we are beyond its reach. Jesus’ light brings us hope in the midst of the darkness of our days, and promises that a new day is about to dawn.

We are now beginning our Advent journey. I invite you to light a single candle in a dark room. Watch how that light fills the room. See how the flicker of one flame, can send the darkness away and fill you with a sense of hope and promise. Then carry that light with you to share with someone else, so that their fear and darkness can be dispelled by the light of Christ’s love which you are called to share. Invite someone else to walk in the sunshine of God’s love.

As each candle of the Advent wreath is lit, we are reminded that we are drawn to the light of God and that the light of God comes closer to us. The scriptures are filled with references to the the light of God which comes to us in Christ Jesus. The light of Christ dispels darkness and fear, it warms and enlightens the heart, and it reveals a God who loves us so much that God will put on our flesh and come to live among us. In this season, we are invited to “Come, walk in the light of the Lord!” Amen!

Have a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!



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**Have you heard? We're Hiring - Property Manager**

Faith is seeking individuals interested in serving as our Property Manager. If you are interested in this part-time position please speak with Pastor Todd or inquire by emailing him at [toddn@faithspicer.org](mailto:toddn@faithspicer.org). This position will remain open until filled.



**2018 Contributions - Not Much Time Left**

All end of the year contributions must be postmarked by December 31.

**Mission Plan for 2018: \$658,521**

Year to date, as of October 31:

Offering Received	= \$489,899.22
Actual Expenses	= \$572,031.16
Excess Expenses	= <u>-\$37,126.76</u>



**Council Update**

The Faith Lutheran Council welcomed Janet Novak, who has accepted the volunteer position of Congregational Treasurer to replace Don Carlson. Janet has attended recent Mission Plan Team meetings and will officially take over the position on January 1, 2019.

James Lucas, Children, Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator was present and gave the council an update on what he has been doing. This includes beginning a Sunday night youth group for high school students and looking at doing a "Third Half" event with Peace and New London Covenant churches after Friday night basketball games.

Jeff Johnson, Brian Paulson and Carla Lagerstedt have council member terms expiring this year, although each are eligible for a second term. The council is also seeking names of candidates who are interested in this three-year position. If you think you would be interested in serving Faith Lutheran as a member of the council, or would like more information, please contact Pastor Todd.

**Coffee Hour Teams Wanted**

The new year is approaching soon! We are looking for folks interested in leading a coffee team each month on Sunday mornings. A sign up board is out in the Gathering Area. The leader will be responsible for organizing workers for "their" month.

**We are also needing people willing to be on a team.** By using the sign up board in the Gathering Area you can choose the month you want to serve! Your leader will be in contact with you soon since the new year is coming quickly.

Our hope is that these teams will continue year round. If at some point you do not wish to be on the team any longer please let the leader know so we are able to recruit new servers.

If you have questions about the process please contact Joy in the office at 796.2522.

**Don't forget!**

The first Sunday of each month our Parish Nurse is here to do free blood pressure checks. Head to office 114 on the east side of the gathering area to have yours checked.





# The Feast

## Wednesdays at Faith

### Meal

5:15pm-5:50pm

### Worship

6:00pm-6:30pm

### Education/Service Project

6:35pm-7:35pm

### Faith After Hours

7:35pm  
Choir Rehearsal

## Education/Service Project (6:35pm-7:35pm)

December 5

- ⇒ Seeds (pre K - 3rd Gr)
- ⇒ Sprouts (4th Gr - 6th Gr)
- ⇒ Confirmation
- ⇒ Adult Education

December 12

- ⇒ Seeds (pre K - 3rd Gr)
- ⇒ Sprouts (4th Gr - 6th Gr)
- ⇒ Confirmation
- ⇒ Adult Education

December 19

- ⇒ Caroling - Congregational Service Project

December 26

No Feast Night

## December Menu

December 5 - Chicken Noodle Hot Dish w/salad

December 12 - Baked Ham w/au gratin potatoes

December 19 - Meatball Dinner w/mashed potatoes

December 26 - NO Feast Meal

## December Worship

This month we invite you to join us as we explore global Advent and Christmas traditions and their origins. We will learn about the origins of the Christmas Tree and Santa Lucia, Las Posada and an Advent/Christmas Cantata. Our worship will be framed by the beautiful Advent music of Holden Evening Prayer. Please join us for Advent Feast worship at 6:00pm Wednesdays November 30, December 5, 12, and 19.

**Please note - there is no Feast Service on December 26.**

## December Education

December 5 & 12 adult education classes are yet to be determined.

## Congregational Service Project

**Wednesday, December 19**

Christmas Caroling

Join us for Christmas Caroling at Glen Oaks. Confirmation Students will ride the Faith Bus to Glen Oaks following Feast Worship, congregation members are invited to ride on the bus or travel to Glen Oaks by car. Help us bring a bit of Holiday Cheer to our neighbors at Glen Oaks Nursing Home!

## Updates in your family?

Please notify the church office of any recent changes including your preferred contact phone and e-mail to: [office@faithspicer.org](mailto:office@faithspicer.org) or call Joy White at 796.2522.

## Snowbirds!

Let us know when you are leaving and returning in the spring. We can have your mail sent to you anywhere!



## Get your Faith t-shirt!

\$10 Adults

\$8 Kids



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## Let's Meet!

### **Council**

Thursday, December 13  
6:00pm

### **Weekly Faith Bible Study**

Thursdays @ 9:30am

### **Weekly Men's Bible Study**

Saturdays @ 9:00am

### **Bi Weekly Men's Bible Study**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 6:30am

### Our Church Family

The following members have been listed in our Prayer Concerns during the month of November:

Jill Rohman  
Don Johnson  
Christy Hunt  
Elaine Iverson  
Jerry Beck

### Deaths

Glenda Beck  
November 2

Alvin Iverson  
November 5

### Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00am-4:00pm

### Office Closed

Will be closed all day Friday, December 7

### Holiday Office Hours

Office Closes at noon  
December 24 & December 31

Office will be closed all day  
December 25 and January 1

## **O** The Amazing Collection Bible Study

Mondays at 8:15am

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We will complete the study in the Spring of 2019 at which time we will have completed the Bible. There is still time to learn! Anyone who would like to review the last 1/3 of the Bible is welcome to join us. We begin at 8:15am in the Fireside room at Faith each Monday morning.

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## **Hobby Night**

Friday, December 14

Bring your supplies, a friend, some snacks/beverage and plan to spend some time visiting and crafting! Call Sonya Erickson for more information at 444.1134. Everyone is welcome. See you here at Faith!

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## **Guys on the Go**

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

6:30am

**Morning Men's Bible Study** will be held on every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday from 6:30am-7:30am at Faith. This study will use the Moravian Daily Texts to lead us into studying the scripture. This is a great on the way to work opportunity to enjoy a light breakfast, coffee, and discussion of how God's Word might shape our day. Please let Pastor Todd know if you would like to participate in this study or just show up! **Because of Christmas Day falling on a Tuesday there will be only one Guys on the Go this month, Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30am.**

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## **Women's Bible Study Circles**

No Esther Bible Study Circle in December

Thursday, December 20

1:30pm - Rachel Circle - Place TBD

We use the "Gather Magazine" from Augsburg Publishing for our studies. Check your weekly worship bulletins for updates or changes of locations. All women of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to join one of the Bible Study Circles. For more info contact Nona Oie at 796-5554.

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## **Forecaster Submissions Due**

Saturday, December 15

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## **Tuesday's Table**

Tuesday, December 18

6:00pm - 6:30pm

Join us for this free community meal right here at Faith!

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## **Faith On Tap**

Thursday, December 20

6:30pm

Adult members of Faith are invited to join us for a lively conversation engaging Faith and Life over a nice cold beer. **We will gather Thursday Evening December 20 at 6:30pm at Goat Ridge Brewery in New London.** If you have any questions about Faith on Tap or have a topic you would like to discuss please contact Pastor Todd at [toddn@faithspicer.org](mailto:toddn@faithspicer.org).

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# #allinatfaith

Wondering what is up with the #allinatfaith signs scattered around our facilities? We are inviting our congregation to follow the example of the poor widow who “goes all in” by giving everything she has in faith and trust that God will multiply her gifts and use them for the sake of the world. The Faith Luther Church Council invites you to consider how you might go #allinatfaith as we continue to be a church where “God gathers us as a family of Faith to Nurture, Inspire, and Share the love of Jesus with all people.”

## Property Team Update

It has been a busy November for the Property Team. As most of you know, Brian Jensen resigned his position as Property Manager and took a new full time position in Fergus Falls. We wish him well as he transitions to a new focus in his life. This has left a vacancy at this level for which I am volunteering for the short term.

- \* We have had issues with the compressor on the fire sprinkler system that resulted in replacement of the compressor.
- \* In addition, there were furnace problems with one of the furnaces serving the Pre-School area which resulted in a service call to repair.
- \* There were soffit repairs on the upper soffits that needed completing along with relocation of moisture sensors on the fire alarm system. Did you realize that when the alarm goes off the church can potentially be billed even if there is no fire situation?



Besides these repair issues there are ongoing tasks such as snow removal, interior decorating and banner changes, setting up for meetings and special events. The list goes on and brings me to the next topic. Please think about the skills you may have and let the church office know how you can help maintain your church. Get several of your friends together and volunteer to shovel snow, help with decorating, set up tables or paint. Perhaps volunteer for a certain period of time such as a week, 2 weeks or a month. Do you realize that it only takes a little more than an hour to shovel 1 inch of snow from the sidewalks. Four people could do it in 20 minutes. It needs to be done each time it snows and is usually an early morning before work type of task. Each time volunteers clean the sidewalk it saves your church about \$100. This is only one example of how important each of you are to keeping maintenance costs down. Your talents will be utilized and are appreciated. Thanks to each of you who help and to those of you new volunteers as well. Everyone in your church family is looking forward to hearing from you and realizing what unknown talents you are bringing to your church home. We are all called to serve whether that means helping our neighbors, making coffee, shoveling snow or serving on a committee.

Thanks, Jeff Johnson on behalf of the Property Team

## Thank you

Thank you so much for allowing our group to sing at your beautiful church. We love the acoustics! Your hospitality afterwards, as always is greatly appreciated!

Prairie Arts Chorale

Thank you for the continued generous support of Lutheran Campus Ministry at Ridgewater College. We are blessed to share our lives with many wonderful students and their families.

Pastor Amy

Thank you Faith for the nice Thanksgiving Treat Basket.

Jim Werner



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When disaster strikes, Christians look for ways to help those who are in need, whether it means lending a helping hand or making a monetary donation.

Thrivent members and others can help victims of the California fires in the following ways:

- ⇒ Donate. Thrivent will match up to \$250,000 in personal donations made through Thrivent.com to specific disaster relief organizations helping with the recovery efforts. Thrivent will pay the processing fees for these donations, so 100% goes to help. Eligible members can also direct Thrivent Choice Dollars.
- ⇒ Volunteer. Thrivent members can share their time and talent to help with recovery efforts by leading a Thrivent Action Team.

Visit the Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com for details on these opportunities and to see the list of organizations included in the match.



The Stained Glass Project is now beginning the process of soldering, puttying, and cleaning. If you are interested in helping, please let the church office know. Thanks to all who have helped! We are nearing the finish line!



**Save the Date!**  
**Baptism Festival Brunch**  
**Sunday, January 13**

On Sunday, January 13, we celebrate Baptism of our Lord, and what better way to celebrate than with a brunch! All families who had baptisms in 2017 and 2018 are invited.

The brunch will begin at 9:30am at Faith with egg bake as the main dish. Those with baptisms in 2018 are simply asked to attend, and those who had baptisms in 2017 are asked to bring a side dish to share (muffins, fruit, juice, etc). A more detailed letter will be sent out to participating families.

**Noisy Offering December 30 @ 9am Worship - Family Promise of Kandiyohi County**

Reach into those couch cushions and cup holders because on Sunday, December 30, we will receive a Noisy Offering of loose change and loose cash. This noisy offering will be used to support the ministry of Family Promise of Kandiyohi County. Family Promise of Kandiyohi County has received a year-end challenge gift of \$25,000 to be matched dollar for dollar. Let's help Family Promise meet this goal by making a joyful noise on December 30!



### **The Link Christmas Concert**

**Sunday, December 9**

**3:00pm**

**Peace Lutheran Church**

Mark your calendars for the Annual Christmas Choir Concert benefitting The Link. Participating Church Choirs (confirmed at this time): Faith Lutheran, Peace Lutheran, Our Lady of the Lakes, Hope Presbyterian.

Funds raised help support area children and families in need.

### **Dinner Theater "Coming Home for Christmas"**

**December 6, 7, & 9**

**5:30pm**

**December 8**

**12:30pm & 5:30pm**

The 4th Annual Dinner Theater is a musical titled "Coming Home for Christmas" and includes a 4 course meal and wonderful entertainment! Come with a friend, your Bible Study group, or your grandkids! Its a great night out with just the right message for the Christmas season. Tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased by contacting Karen at (320)796-2181.

While not specifically a Faith Lutheran presentation, many of our members are involved in the show and we have a long standing cooperative relationship with GLLM.



### **Choir Rehearsals**

Wednesdays

7:35pm

Join us for rehearsals if you're interested in singing!

#### **Performance Dates:**

Sunday, December 2

Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) 3:00pm & 5:00pm

### **December Scriptures**

December 2 - Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

December 9 - Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

December 16 - Zephariah 3:14-20, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke - 3:7-18

December 23 - Micah 5:2-5, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

### **Regular Worship Times**

Wednesdays

6:00pm-6:30pm

Sundays

8:30am & 10:35am

*No Saturday night worship during the school year.*

### **Special Worship Times**

**Sunday, December 23 - 9:00am Worship**

**Sunday, December 30 - 9:00am Worship**

*One service only for these worship services.*



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## Praise and Play Preschool December 2018

Praise and Play Preschool is spending the entire four weeks before Christmas, learning about Christmas. We always focus some time throughout our day on the message of Jesus' birth.

During each week we have additional themes:

Week 1: We had the 5 senses of Christmas: gingerbread baking, painting with real evergreen branches, feeling Santa's beard and real reindeer antlers and ringing Christmas.

Week 2: We have Santa's workshop set up where the elves make toys, wrap presents, load the sleigh, and Santa and the reindeer deliver gifts to all.

Week 3: We act out the nativity with angels, Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and Wise Men and the manager!

Week 4: We celebrate a birthday!

Our Bible lessons will cover part of the Christmas story each week.

Praise + Play is going to sing a Christmas song or two for the opening music at the Feast service on **Wednesday, December 12**. We are inviting parents, grandparents, special guests and any Faith members that would like to join us for our final chapel of 2018 on **December 20, at 10:40am - 11:10am** when we will present a short Christmas program "Step by Step."

**Praise + Play Preschool would like to thank all of you who helped support our Buttered Braids fundraiser!**  
**With your support we far surpassed our goal of 150 braids, actually selling over 500.**  
**Our profit was \$6 a braid so that is the best fundraiser we have ever had in the history of Praise + Play.**



From all of us at Praise + Play, the young and the old:  
We wish you all a blessed Christmas season filled with the JOY of our Savior's Birth!

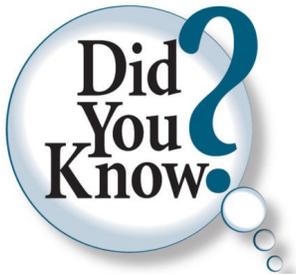


## First Field Trip on the Big Green Bus New London Bakery





# Children, Youth & Family



Our Sunday School lessons follow along with the lectionary! This way students will recognize what the pastor is preaching on each Sunday! Students will be able to connect their lessons to their worship experience. How awesome is that?!

Join us for Sunday School on December 2, 9 & 16 at 9:30am.  
No Sunday School on December 23 & 30.  
Classes will resume Sunday, January 6 at 9:30am!

## Wednesdays at Faith Faith Seeds & Sprouts!

Seeds and Sprouts is our Wednesday night ministry for our younger students not yet old enough for Confirmation! This is a great time for parents to check out the adult education classes. Students will read a piece of the lesson for the upcoming Sunday to get a bit of a head start! They will also play games and make crafts!

Seeds and Sprouts will begin at **6:35pm**, right after our **6:00pm** worship.

**\*\*Parents - we ask that if you plan on sending your kiddos to one of these groups that you please stay in the building. Thank you!** And don't forget to join us for our 5:15pm dinner as well!



Wednesdays, December 5 & 12  
No Seeds/Sprouts Wednesday, December 26

## Children's Christmas Service Practice and Pizza Party

Saturday, December 15  
10am-12pm

We will practice our Christmas program the Saturday before our actual performance, and then enjoy pizza! Please be here by 10am, parents watch for an email with the songs attached!

## Children's Christmas Worship Service

Sunday, December 16  
10:35am Service

Our Sunday School students will put on their annual Christmas service on Sunday, December 16 at 10:35am! Let us know if you would like to help us put on this fun event by contacting James Lucas @ [education@faithspicer.org](mailto:education@faithspicer.org).



## Children's Ministry Team Meeting

December 2nd @ 10:35am  
Fireside Room





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## Confirmation Schedule & Lessons for December

Wednesdays @ 6:35pm

December 5 - The Story of Rahab

December 12 - The Story of Deborah

December 19 - Congregational Service Project - Caroling at Glen Oaks

December 26 - No Confirmation Class

## Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

Wednesday, December 19

Confirmation Students!  
Wear and vote for the ugliest Christmas sweater and win a \$10 Gift Card!



## New Night for Youth Group!

Sundays - 4:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesdays will not be happening anymore.

9th-12th Grade come and join us for Christian centered discussions about topics you choose. Meals are provided and are typically free unless specified. 9th-12th Grade students may bring a friend.

December 2 - Planned by Confirmation Students.

December 9 - Christmas cookie decorating.

December 16 - Movie Night.

December 23 - No youth group (Christmas Break).

December 30 - New Years Bash.

We are always looking for \$5 gift cards to be used as prizes if you would like to donate! Thank you!

# Operation Christmas Child Success!



**We had a fun night and packed 82 boxes!** Thanks to Samaritan's Purse, children all over the world will get to experience the joy of Christmas this year through Operation Christmas Child. This is the 25th year of this fun ministry and Faith's 2nd year participating! Thank you to everyone that donated gifts and spent time packing. Your gifts will bring many smiles! We could not have done this without all your help!



## Thanksgiving Treat Bags Assembled

Our second Congregational Service Project held on November 14 was to put Thanksgiving Treat Bags together for our homebound members. Many donated homemade baked goods along with cocoa/cider packets and Chex mix to name just a few of the items. It's a special way to let our homebound members know we are still thinking about them even though they may not be able to attend regular church services.

## An Old Ministry With A New Name

Our visitation ministry at Faith has gone by many names over the years: Faith Partners. Faith Friends. Befrienders. There are probably others. As we revive this important ministry in our church, we have a new name, and it's pretty straightforward: **Faith Visitation Ministry**. Our purpose is simple: "To extend the love of Christ through a visitation ministry that seeks to maintain Faith relationships." We are primarily ministering to members of our congregation who are unable for various reasons to attend worship and other Faith events on a regular basis, but we also want to visit those in our church community who are dealing with grief, temporarily hospitalized, or have another need.

**And speaking of needs, we need you!** Taking a little time out of your busy schedule to visit with a homebound member of our church is a wonderful way to form and strengthen relationships and have a lasting impact on the person being visited (and yourself!). It's an easy way to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus, and it can be done alone or with a friend or even your family. Our leader team is willing to provide training and materials if you feel apprehensive about doing a visit. But once you try it, you'll see how easy and fulfilling it can be. Please consider joining our Faith Visitation Ministry team! The time commitment is low, but the payoff is high. If you'd like to join our team or learn more about Faith Visitation Ministry, please contact Pastor Seyward.



# The Mitten Tree

**It's that time of year again - Christmas is just around the corner!**

Faith is continuing our tradition of partnering with The Link and using a Mitten Tree to bring a little extra Christmas cheer to our area neighbors. Gifts and items will be purchased and delivered to neighbors in need before Christmas. The Mitten Tree is up in our Gathering Area. You can help out by taking one or more mittens off of the tree and purchasing the listed items, or you can volunteer to deliver these gifts in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

**Thank you for being part of this wonderful ministry to help those in need enjoy the Christmas season!**





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## Family Promise of Kandiyohi County

What would you do if you suddenly found yourself without a place for you and your family to sleep? Where would you go?



For the last 3 years, Family Promise of Kandiyohi County has been partnering with local churches, including Faith, to provide families with safe places to stay, home cooked meals and hospitality. Since 2015, Family Promise has helped over 61 families (85 adults and 98 children) get back on their feet. Without the incredible services provided by our partners, volunteers, and people like you, we would not be able to continue assisting families in need.

**We might as well be up front, we are asking for your help!** Family Promise opened its doors 3 years ago with enthusiasm and hope and although our guests have found stability and our reputation has prospered, our financial support has lagged. We are grateful for our current sustaining donor gifts but they have not kept pace with our expenses. It is time to call for help. In addition to volunteer help and well wishes, we need dependable, consistent income from our supporters. If that does not happen, Family Promise of Kandiyohi County is in danger of becoming just another Mission after-thought. Please help Family Promise continue helping families in our community.

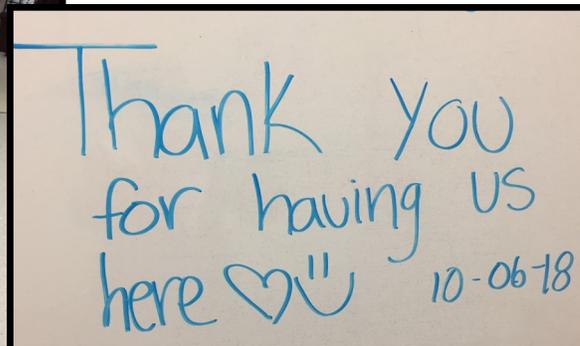
So far this year over 70 guests have been provided room and board at churches, and case management, job seeking connections, budgeting classes, and transportation through our staff and facilities at the Day Center. Our guests experience security, connection to community, and positive affirmation. The average stay is 60 days. This is a very cost-effective investment in the lives of our neighbors!

**Our Fall Fundraising Drive began on October 15. It includes dollar for dollar matching funds for the first \$25,000 donated! Donations can be mailed to: 312 6<sup>th</sup> St SW, Willmar, MN 56201.**

If you wish to sign up online for sustained giving, you will be providing Family Promise with financial stability. You can visit: [www.familypromiseofkc.org](http://www.familypromiseofkc.org)

- ∞ Donate
- ∞ Click here to give online
- ∞ First time user (Complete your name & information, create a password)
- ∞ My Donation
- ∞ Scheduled giving →

\*Click on the little picture of a check to have your donation come from a bank account.  
 \*Select your frequency (i.e. weekly, monthly, etc.), \$ amount, installments, and start date.  
 \*Or, you can choose to have your donation come from your credit card.



**A Faith fundraiser for Family Promise is in the works, keep your eyes open for ways to be involved.**



## The Link Update

### Trick or Canning

For Halloween, some of the National Honor Society's students went Trick or Canning. The students went house to house and asked for food donations for The Link's Food Pantry. They collected and delivered over 900 pounds of food! This is such a wonderful opportunity for the families that utilize the pantry as it provides a lot of different food items.



### Sponsor a family with "Christmas Joy":

You can help a local family have a special Christmas by sponsoring a household or by donating food items that are often enjoyed during the holiday season! "Christmas Joy" provides each family with a food basket similar to the one provided for Thanksgiving. In addition to the food basket, a sponsored family would receive Christmas gifts as well! The families that would be sponsored are ones that participate in the Wildcat Backpack Program. The family will complete a simple form identifying the household size, ages of children and a couple of things that the child/children want or need. If you are interested, please call Chasity at The Link!

### Year End Giving

You have a special opportunity to make an even greater end of year giving impact through a \$15,000 matching grant challenge. An anonymous gift has made it possible to provide a matching challenge for The Link Annual Fund.

#### Here's how you can magnify the impact of your gift:

- Take a step up in your 2018 gift from what you gave in 2017. That additional increase in your gift will be matched dollar for dollar.
- If you have not made a gift in 2017 or 2018, your full gift will be matched, doubling your impact.

Gifts must be postmarked by December 31, 2018 or you may drop it off at The Link building until noon on December 31.

*Happy Holidays*

### Tuesday's Table

#### December Schedule

*Serving from 6:00-6:30pm*

**December 4:** Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic

**December 11:** Evangelical Covenant Church

**December 18:** Faith Lutheran Church

**December 25:** No Tuesday's Table

### Household Exchange & Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday: 9am-3pm

Thursday: 9am-3pm

Wednesday: 2pm - 5pm



### Revive + Redeem

#### Boutique | Thrift Hours

Tuesday: 10am-3pm

Thursday: 10am-3pm

Saturday: 9am-1pm

### Stock the Pantry

**Key food items:** Milk, eggs, bread, cereal, canned fruits & vegetables, noodles and sauce, peanut butter, jelly and tuna. Please contact Chasity at 354.5555 to make a donation of food.

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## Women of the ELCA December 2018 Bible Study

**Devotional - Fear Not**  
(God is at work beyond our ability to imagine)

Quilting  
No Quilting in December

Esther Bible Study Circle  
No Bible Study in December

Rachel Bible Study  
December 20- 1:30pm Place TBD

## WELCA Christmas and Thankoffering Service December 6 - 1:00pm

- Thankoffering
- Short Program
- Business Meeting
- Entertainment
- Lunch (Everyone bring a treat to share)

## Christmas Services

Sunday, December 23 - 9:00am Worship Service Only  
Monday, December 24 - 3:00pm, 5:00pm & 10:00pm  
Sunday, December 30 - 9:00am Worship Service Only

Everyone is invited to join us in our Bible Studies and mission projects. For more information contact Nona Oie 796-5554.

Check out the rest of the Forecaster for December Christmas Programs.



## Poinsettias On Sale!

Order your Christmas poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. They are \$12 each and can be left at church for delivery to a homebound member or can be picked up beginning Wednesday, December 26 during regular business hours. Order forms can be found at the Welcome Center.

- 1) Christa Jensen
- 2) Jonathan Barber, Joshua Lucas, Scott Olson, Karen Peterson, Kathy Tebben, Kellon Thompson
- 3) Chloe Lien, Michael Malone, Kim Robnik, William Rosen-dahl, Stephanie Solberg
- 4) Luella Hanson, Bill Harlow, Samantha Mickelson
- 5) Jennifer Deering, Lance Holden, Amelia Sandven, Barb Sandven
- 6) Joyce Deering, Curtis Shuck
- 7) Sharlyn DeWolf, Scott Fredrick, Kelsey Mitchell
- 8) Brandon Barber, Tami Hauer, Michael Radunz, Rory Shea
- 9) Kathy Baker, Heidi Paulson, Robert Thurston, Marlene Vossen
- 10) Sarah Asche, Laura Doty, Hailey Downey, Mason Nie-land, Leo Novak, Collin Ruter, Gage Spillman, Ann Welker, Joan Wicklund, Arlene Wilson
- 11) Jereme Lucas, Chris Strand
- 12) Thelonious Idstrom, Brittany Johnson, Hannah Lenz, Sa-brina Lere
- 13) Gaylette Spillman, Hannah Williams
- 14) Dan Gafkjin, Virginia Jorgensen, Michael Lind, Louise Lungstrom, Dale Ruter, Emma Ruter
- 15) Madelyn Anderson, Alice Hoiseth, Bobby Ulman, Olivia Zimmer
- 16) Arlene Gould, Jay Haug, Lorne Helland, Ava Steffensen, Halle Steffensen
- 17) Ella Eichhorst, Paul Idstrom, Caden Pfeifer, Lionel Sandven, Joshua Severson
- 18) Scott Ashburn, Kevin Geer, Savannah Hobson, James Nelson, Connie Scheevel
- 19) Dorothy Hanson, Allen Hillstrom, Aislyn Malone, Val Sech-ler
- 20) Don Carlson, Laura Kriese, Mary Nelson, Daxtyn Sandven
- 21) Jon Hanson, Grant Henjum, Ryan Woodhall
- 22) William Cook, Verna Gertgen, Brady Johanneck, Larry Knudsen
- 23) Robin Anfinson, Brent Hatlestad, Dodie Ladwig, Dave Munkvold
- 24) Ben Asche, Ryan Bridge, Ron Lunz
- 25) Jesus
- 26) Jacy Lindquist, Jack Pfeifer, Cheryl Wig
- 27) Avery Abbott, Gaylene Eckhoff, Megan Schneider
- 28) Jana Hald, Carsten Hedrick, Mark Morrison, Kayleen Wu-del
- 29) McKenna Baker, Charity Bengtson, Andrew Bloomquist, Bentley Nash, Myra Quale
- 30) Elaine Bonnema, Sara Haven, Amy Reigstad
- 31) Patty Jensen, Mari Klebe, Maeve Olson

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9am Bible Study
2 <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Coffee/ Sunday School 10:30am Chil- dren's Worship Team Meeting <b>10:35am Worship</b> 4pm-6pm Youth Group Special Offering - Mitten Tree	3 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 8:15am Amazing Bible Study 10:30am Staff 5pm-6:30pm Just For Kix	4 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Our Lady Catholic Church	5 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal <b>6pm-6:30pm Wor- ship</b> 6:35pm Education 7:35pm - Choir	6 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 1:00pm WELCA Christmas Program 3:30pm-9:30pm JFK	7 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool Office Closed All Day	8 9am Bible Study
9 <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Coffee/ Sunday School <b>10:35am Worship</b> 3pm The Link Christmas Concert @ Peace 4pm-6pm Youth Group	10 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 8:15am Amazing Bible Study 10:30am Staff	11 6:30am Guys on the Go Bible Study 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Evangelical Covenant Church	12 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal <b>6pm-6:30pm Wor- ship</b> 6:35pm Education 7:35pm - Choir	13 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 3:30pm-9:30pm JFK 6pm Council @ La- gerstedt's	14 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 6:30pm Hobby Night	15 9am Bible Study 10am-12pm Chil- dren's Christmas Worship Rehearsal 12pm Guitar Recital
16 <b>8:30am Worship</b> 9:30am Coffee/ Sunday School <b>10:35am Chil- dren's Christmas Worship Service</b> 4pm-6pm Youth Group	17 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 8:15am Amazing Bible Study 10:30am Staff 4pm-6:30pm Link Board Meeting	18 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 6pm-6:30pm Tuesday's Table @ Faith	19 7:30am-5:30pm Pre- school 5:15pm-5:50pm Meal <b>6pm-6:30pm Wor- ship</b> 6:35pm Congregational Caroling 7:35pm - Choir	20 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool 9:30am Bible Study 10:40am Preschool Chapel 1:30pm Rachel Circle 3:30pm-9:30pm JFK 6:30pm Faith On Tap @ Goat Ridge Brew- ery in New London	21 7:30am-5:30pm Preschool	22 9am Bible Study
23 <b>9:00am Worship Service - One Service only</b>  No Youth Group	24 8am-12pm Office Hours  <b>3pm, 5pm &amp; 10pm Christmas Eve Wor- ship Services</b>	25 Christmas Day Office is Closed	26 No Feast Activities No Choir	27 9:30am Bible Study	28	29 9am Bible Study
30 <b>9:00am Worship Service - One Service only</b> <i>*Noisy Offering</i>  4pm-6pm Youth Group  Family Promise Week Begins	31 8am-12pm Office Hours 10:30am Staff					

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#### **Worship Times**

#### **Labor Day — Memorial Day**

#### **At Faith Lutheran Church**

Wednesdays 6:00pm-6:30pm

Sunday at 8:30am & 10:35am

Education Hour at 9:30am

#### **Memorial Day — Labor Day**

#### **At Green Lake Bible Camp Chapel**

Saturday at 6:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am

**At Faith — Sunday at 10:00am**

## Coffee Hour Teams Unite!



The new year is approaching soon! We are looking for folks interested in leading a coffee team each month on Sunday mornings. A sign up board is out in the Gathering Area. The leader will be responsible for organizing workers for “their” month.

**We are also needing people willing to be on a team.** By using the sign up board in the Gathering Area you can choose the month you want to serve! Your leader will be in contact with you soon since the new year is coming quickly.

Our hope is that these teams will continue year round. If at some point you do not wish to be on the team any longer please let the leader know so we are able to recruit new servers.

If you have questions about the process please contact Joy in the office at 796.2522.