



## The Pastor's Pen

Having grown up in Minnesota, you would think I would associate Christmastime with snow and bitter cold, but my memories of the Christmas season are always tied with warmth and safety.

My Christmases growing up were a bit chaotic. My dad, as you know, is a pastor, so my family would exchange gifts and celebrate in between the worship services on Christmas Eve. Bright and early Christmas morning, we would pile into our minivan and drive down to Adrian, MN where we would celebrate with my grandma and my mom's extended family. After a couple of days, my family would get back into the minivan and drive over to Marshall, where we would celebrate with my grandparents and my dad's extended family. By the time we were heading home from everything, it would be close to New Year's. It was a chaotic time, but I loved all of the celebration and spending time with family. It was always one of my favorite times of the year.

And although compared to the rest it seems like such a non-event unworthy of being remembered, it was that one hour drive between Adrian and Marshall that I will never forget. My family would leave Adrian sometime in the evening, get all bundled up in coats, hats, scarves and mittens, and squeeze into our minivan, our suitcases and new presents squashed into any available space. My dad would turn the heat on high so the car could warm up quickly, and we'd start the drive to Marshall, Christmas music playing on the radio.

Bundled up in my outdoor wear, squeezed into the back seat next to my sister, surrounded by sleeping bags and presents, the heater blasting to the point of feeling almost too hot, full of joy at just having spent time with family and anticipation of seeing more, I would look out the window, into the night sky, and feel absolutely safe and warm.

I know not everyone feels this warmth and joy this time of year. But I pray that at some point this Christmas season, you feel safe and warm, even if just for a moment. May we all be filled with joy at the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Dear Friends at Faith Lutheran,

I am so grateful for the warm Farewell and Godspeed service and reception on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of November. Thank you for the gift certificate to the Green Lake Nursery. We will indeed plant a tree and be reminded of the good friends and faithful members of Faith Lutheran. Also thank you for the generous gifts, cards, prayers, and expressions of love. Faith Lutheran will forever hold a special place in my heart. "Every time I remember you, I thank my God." (Philippians 1:3) May our good and gracious God bless you and the ministry of Faith.

In Jesus' Love,  
Pastor Todd

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## Faith News

# FAITH

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### Worship Schedule

Sundays:

9 a.m. Worship  
10 a.m. Fellowship  
10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesdays "The Feast":

5:15 p.m. Meal  
6 p.m. Worship  
6:35 p.m. Educational Opportunities  
7:35 p.m. Faith Chancel Choir

Find our worship services on our  
YouTube channel, website or  
Facebook page.

### Please pray for...

~ Lila Burmeister  
~ Jamie Oie, son of Ray and  
Nona Oie  
~Xander Schrupp, newborn  
son of Paul and Haley  
Schrupp



# Children & Youth



The Sunday School kids have been busy in preparation for the Advent season, and they invite you to the Christmas Program on the 19th at 10:30 a.m.

## Children's Christmas Program

Praise+Play is so THANKFUL to all of you who bought Butter Braids from us during our recent Fundraiser! It was the most successful one we have ever had. Our November field trip was to the Spicer Cinema, where we had a private showing on a Tuesday morning of "Clifford, the Big Red Dog." Everyone had some popcorn and a drink. The Green Bus is such a favorite! In December we will travel to the Village Children's Museum. That is such an awesome asset to the Kandiyohi area. December is my favorite month of the year in preschool! We have so many fun activities with the children regarding the joy of Christmas. We start out with the 5 senses of Christmas then move into Santa's workshop, where the children as elves make gifts, wrap them and load them into Santa's sleigh. We always spend time understanding the joy of giving to others. The Nativity is a major part of our month. Our last day of preschool of 2021, is Wednesday, December 22. We will end the day with our Christmas Program in the sanctuary at 3:00. We have a short (30-minute max) program of song and story. Parents, Grandparents and any of you that would like to join us are invited. Preschool will be dismissed for Christmas Break at the end of the program. FROM ALL OF US AT PRAISE+PLAY WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS! MAY YOU EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS! BLESSINGS FOR A HAPPY 2022 NEW YEAR!



# Opportunities



Grab your yarn and needles, scrapbook supplies, or another hobby you enjoy and come to Hobby Night! **Every 3rd Friday at 6:30 p.m. the Fireside Rm** will be open for fellowship and hobby-ing!

Please consider being a part of the Altar Care team. This vital group ensures everything is ready for communion and special events such as baptisms and Christmas candle lighting services. There is a sign-up at the Welcome Center!



## Order Your Poinsettias



If you would like to purchase a beautiful poinsettia this year in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill-out a sign-up form at the Welcome Center. The plants are \$10 this year and the deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 12th.

Do you find joy in picking-out the perfect gift for a child or grandchild? Please bless others with the opportunity to have that joy as well. Pick a mitten off the tree and purchase the gift card or item listed. Bring it back and place it under the tree so they can be delivered in time for the holidays. **Thank you for being part of this wonderful ministry!**

## Mitten Tree



The Faith Chancel Choir invites you to the Christmas Cantata "Joy has Dawned"  
**December 15th at 6 p.m.**  
**December 19th at 9 a.m.**

# Looking Ahead...

Stick me on your fridge so you don't miss anything!

Dec. 3rd	6:30 p.m.	Women, Wine, & the Word at the home of Erin Hoffman
Dec. 15th	6 p.m.	Christmas Cantata Service
Dec. 16th	1:30 p.m.	Rachel Circle Bible Study at the home of Arlys Ousmans
Dec. 17th	6:30 p.m.	Hobby Night in the Fireside Rm
Dec. 19th	9 a.m. 10 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Christmas Cantata Service Fellowship Sunday School Christmas Program
Dec. 24th	3 p.m. & 5 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Services
Sundays	9 a.m. 10 a.m. 10 a.m.	Worship Sunday School Fellowship
Tuesdays	10 a.m.	Knitting in the Fireside Rm
Wednesdays	5:15 p.m. 6 p.m. 6:35 p.m. 7:35 p.m.	Meal Worship Educational Opportunities, Cantata Rehearsal Faith Chancel Choir
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study in the Fireside Room
Saturdays	9 a.m.	Men's Bible Study

### Serving on Sundays

Can you say hello to people as they come in the door Sunday? Can you make coffee? Faith needs lots of volunteers to help everything run smoothly! There is a Sign-up Genius page with all of the opportunities we need help with; you can also call the office. Your participation makes everything happen at Faith!



- \* The council took time to say our "Goodbyes" to Pastor Todd and thanked him for his awesome ministry at Faith.
- \* Christmas Eve services will be at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm.
- \* Faith will continue our online services agreement with the Redwood Parish. Pastor Seyward will officiate funerals if her schedule allows.