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Faith Life Together

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Love one another,
for love comes
from **God**.

1 John 4:7



February Love!

Love. That is our command from God. Love people. He will take care of the rest.

What's happening at Faith this month? Plenty! Here's a sample.

The first weekend of February is men's Via de Cristo weekend. Pastor Ben will be at camp all weekend and he has arranged for **Andrea Crew** to share a message on **February 6**. We look forward to hearing a good message from Andrea.

Faith Lutheran **Council meets the second Wednesday** of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the SON Room. This month they will meet on February 9. These elected members help guide Faith. Keep them in prayer. If you have any questions or concerns, be sure to visit with any council member.

The **annual congregational meeting** was not held in January due to a lack of quorum. The meeting is rescheduled to **February 13** beginning immediately after worship. This is a once-a-year meeting that is vitally important to the church. New leaders are voted in, the budget is approved, and the vision for the new year is communicated. Review the annual reports to get a synopsis of 2021 from each team's view. Annual reports are on the Welcome Center, bulletin tables, and in the Devotionals Box outside the north entry of the church. Pick one up today and come to the meeting to vote!

Teacher in-service day is **February 22**. That means **LifeKids** will be in session all day! The day will be filled with activity and a bible lesson. The children who attend enjoy their time at LifeKids. The Lord is working in these precious children!

A group from Faith will head to Mount Kato on February 20. They will spend the day skiing and enjoying the great outdoors!

If February is the month of love, let's win some hearts for the Lord!



PASTOR BEN UNSETH

Every family and organization has some basic values that steer decisions. We have spelled these out as: *Inviting all people to faith. Come and worship. Go and work.* May I offer three easy words that help me think about these big ideas?

Up, In and Out. I did not drive into town with a plan for Faith. I came to pray and dream with you about how God wants to use us in our counties. Rather than offering my ideas, please pray about these three priorities. God will guide our planning because Faith is his church.



Up “Come and worship”

“Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 4:19-20

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2

We are called to gather in worship, and God will re-form our hearts and minds.

In “Go and work (together)”

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” Romans 15:5-7

“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” Ephesians 4:15-16

We are called to accept each other, build each other, and serve together.

Out “Welcoming all people to faith”

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” Colossians 4:5-6

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15

We are called to engage people who have given up on God or the church, sharing how Jesus has helped us.

Ben Unseth

Women's Bible Study: *Experiencing God's Peace*



Tuesday, February 8 ***Will meet at the home of Linda Conlon!***

The group will not meet at Faith! Instead, they are meeting at the home of Linda Conlon - 1102 St. Luke Dr., Apt. 302 - at 1:30 p.m.

Please call her at 580-5071 or email her at lconlon29@gmail.com to let her know you are coming!

In Philippians, Paul is in prison, yet he is teaching us how to experience God's peace. Paul encourages us to have the attitude and mind of Christ. What does that mean? Paul introduces us to Timothy and Epaphroditus and talks of sacrifice for others.

Come! Bring your Bible and join the discussion and share how you experience God's peace in your lives. All are welcome!

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

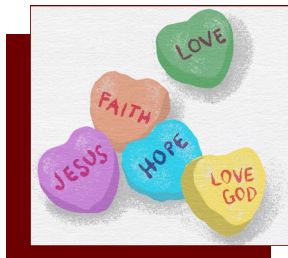
Birthday Blessings

February 1	Cassie Simcox Anna Quanbeck Craig Neiderheiser
February 3	Jan Hopkins
February 4	Lisa Carpenter
February 5	Linda Trierweiler Sheila Weeks
February 6	Janell Holstad
February 7	Angie Friedrich
February 9	Barb Solberg
February 10	Kirby Fueston Jim Smith Brady Vanderberg
February 18	Jamie Rouse Cindy Tigges
February 19	Colleen Rouse Anne Rosendahl Gary Jenkins
February 20	Kameron Carlson Bill Kersting Jesse Dibble
February 21	Sharon Anderson Eric Patten Roydal Woodford
February 26	Darrel Heckathorn
February 27	Eldren Holstad



Anniversary Wishes

February 3	Mike & Linda Trierweiler
February 13	Dave & Sharon Simington
February 16	Joe & Rachel Simington
February 20	Dan & Patty Ellsworth
February 27	Gary & Connie Jenkins



MEET YOUR MISSIONS: FALLS COMMUNITY CHURCH



Falls Community Church, our sister church, is located at 327 N. Fairfax Ave. in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The church has been a member of LCMC since 2011. The average attendance is about 20. The members are primarily of the Sudanese descent. They welcome those who seek to understand Christianity in the Sioux Falls area. Their primary emphasis is to welcome others to join them for worship and service to God; to learn and understand the Bible; and follow the example of Jesus and His followers. Their mission is to make an impact for God by helping people understand the enriching messages of eternal hope given by Jesus Christ through His words and deeds. For more information, please contact Pastor Julius Badigo, 327 N. Fairfax Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

Lutheran World Relief

There will NOT be a Hands-On Mission Day in February!

However! We are in need dark colored bath towels to make personal care kits!

Items can be donated by placing them in the yellow Missions box inside the church near the front doors.



LWR Care Kit Supplies Needed At Anytime!

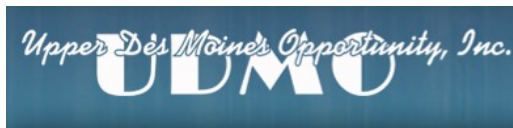
- *Any fabric, mattress pads or blankets for quilts
- *Bath-size towel, dark colored, between 20"x40" & 52"x27"
- *Bath-size bars of soap
- *Adult-size toothbrush
- *Metal nail clippers
- *Hand towel, dark colored

Upper Des Moines Opportunity

Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Pantry is in need of items for our community.

They suggest:

Canned Fruit, Cereal, Soup!



Faith's Mission Team

Pam Harris, Mission Team leader

Julie Williams, Denise Lovitt, Kay Iversen
Kim Wilson, Joan Loring



Mission Emphasis: Mental Health Conditions

MENTAL

HEALTH

Renewed by the "Light"

Winter is in full season and with it comes the beauty and fun of snowfalls, the unique indoor and outdoor activities offered now, and the invigorating cold weather. We snuggle further into thicker blankets or heavier clothes, enjoy a hot beverage or some nourishing soup to give us comfort and a respite from the chill.

For some, the weakened light and frigid temperatures spawn increased irritability, frustration, and heightened hopeless and helpless feelings. Stress from acute and chronic illness, grief, and unrest in one's soul can produce a more downward spiral of negativity as life seems more even more taxing.

Increased depression, anxiety, mood swings, and low energy may be signs of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). When these symptoms persist, treatment may be needed for this mental health condition. Mayoclinic.org suggests light therapy, psychotherapy, and medications to alleviate symptoms. Getting help to medically manage this challenge is the first step toward recovery. TEAM Restoration Ministries at Faith is a resource to call for more information and options for care.

As Christians, we have additional tools in our tool belt to also overcome the emptiness and pain of these circumstances. Jesus tells us: *"I am the light of the World"* (John 8:12) to empower us to spiritually combat these struggles along with medical intervention when needed. *"God has brought you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things that He has done."* - 1 Peter 2:9.

Getting outside of ourselves is a healthy way to "fill our bucket" against despair and gain back our joy. When we leave our struggles at Jesus' feet and instead, we gain strength by telling and showing others how they can know hope and get relief through Jesus and His saving grace.

Even when we don't feel like we can, we can be a blessing to others! Reach out, volunteer, give your time and talents freely. The world needs all of us to be a light so do your part to bring God's promises closer to others during this winter season. To God be the Glory!

A dusting here, a sweeping there...

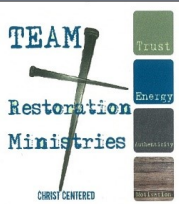
Faith Lutheran Church is 30,000 square feet of space to worship the Lord! We are so fortunate to have this building and all that it holds. On occasion, a spring or fall cleaning day is held and many come together to deep clean the church. What if we came together more often to clean a little bit at a time?



Faith Lutheran wants to assemble a group of people who would like to serve God with their gift of time to deep clean the church on a regular basis. Just one task per visit. Flexible time investment. We'd love to visit with those who feel called by God to help in this way.

Please contact the church office if you would like to be part of the conversation. Let's figure out together how God is stirring each of us to envision how this will look and work in 2022!

"Work becomes worship when you dedicate it to God and perform it with an awareness of his presence." - Rick Warren



TEAM Restoration Ministries

TEAM Restoration Ministries has a God-driven commitment and a passion for



facilitating the healing and strengthening of marriages, families and individuals, both children and adults. They offer many different types of counseling. Erika Adolph, a counselor with TEAM Restoration Ministries, is working out of Faith Lutheran.

**For more information about
TEAM Restoration Ministries or to schedule
an appointment with Erika, please call
515-238-9010 or www.team-restoration.org**



WORSHIP, MUSIC AND CREATIVE ARTS

Perfect Worship

Part of my role at Faith is to assist with the Life Kids after school program on Wednesdays. A few weeks ago, one of the first graders came into the building after school and handed me a drawing they made at school. In short order, the other first grader also jumped on board and excitedly handed me his drawing as well. They wanted me to keep them! It was entirely sweet. I hung them up in my office, where they sit above me as I write this article.

Now, if you've ever received a piece of art from a first grader, you know it's not perfect. The lines aren't straight. Everything is a little uneven. Sometimes people are drawn as tall as a tree, or their house, or a mountain. But does that stop you from hanging it on the fridge? From telling the child you love it? From being touched by the fact that they gave their best effort to you? Absolutely not. I think the same is true with our worship.

I grew up a control freak. It wasn't until recent years that I began to learn to let go of control. (I say "began" with emphasis). I'm also a perfectionist. I strive for excellence and value in my work. So it's natural for me as a worship leader to want the service music to go well. I want everything to go smoothly, with minimal mistakes or hiccups. Does this happen very often? Not so much. I play chords that don't sound quite right. I mess up rhythms. At the Christmas Eve service during special music, I entirely messed up the words (thankfully, Holy Spirit gave me a quick mind to make up for my mistake and it went largely unnoticed- but it doesn't always). Was God disappointed in my worship, upset that I screwed up a lyric or a chord, shaking His head at me for my mistakes? Doubtful. What I have come to believe is that the answer to one question is the only thing that really matters when it comes to worship: Was God praised? As long as the answer is yes, the "humanness" of our worship matters not.

1 John 1:3a says, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" We are His kids and He is crazy about us. He delights in us (Zephaniah 3:17). He loves to hear and receive our worship, even when it isn't perfect. Of course, we want to bring God our best-- this He does expect and desire. We strive for excellence in worship, as it is our offering of love and adoration toward our Holy God. But He desires *us* over our *efforts*. He wants our hearts devoted to Him, not a perfect performance. So whether you're a professionally trained vocalist or you can't carry a tune to save your life, take heart in the fact that God simply wants your heart. Worship is about *Him*, not about us.

Blessings,
Marlee Nicholson, Interim Worship Director

Pop-up Choirs!



The Worship Team is looking for people who would be interested in singing in a pop-up choir once or twice this spring. These would entail one-two rehearsals and a performance at either a Sunday or Wednesday evening service, or a Holy Week service. Dates and music are to be determined.

***If you would like to be a part of this,
there is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center!***



Children's Ministry

Sunday School began January 30 for Pre K – 5th grade. The Children's Ministry Team decided to stick with the large group and will re-evaluate this summer for the fall session. We are, however, going to try something new this session. About every other week, we will have a speaker come in and give their faith walk story, or just a story of how Jesus has worked in their lives. Our first speaker will be February 6 and will be Abbey and Andrea Crew.

First Communion classes will begin on March 20, with Pastor Ben teaching the classes during the Sunday School hour. We are asking parents to attend on the first date, March 20. There will be 4 classes, ending on Palm Sunday. Our Team will host a banquet again this year, that will be sometime on that same day/evening.

We have cleaned and updated the 'busy bags' with a plan to keep them clean and updated each week. A big thank you Catie Vos!!

Big news is we are hoping to get the Nursery up and running. Our goal is March 1 so keep this in your prayers that this will help attract young families, as well as bless our church. More to come.

VBS is scheduled for the week of June 20. We have contracted with Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp again this year. More to come.

- Patty Ellsworth

Prayer and Praise Corner

Lift Up in Prayer...

- Annual Meeting and new Council Members and Team Members.
- The search for a long-term Worship Director.
- Men and women across our area who are setting aside a weekend to draw near to Christ through Via de Cristo.
- Healing for Jim Smith, Luke Ketcham, Bernard Fairchild, Tracy Bengtson, Emily Hoppe, Gene Lovitt, Christopher Enge, Amy Enge Edlow and all those we name in our hearts.
- Comfort for the families of Debbie Zitterich, Katie and Justin Campbell, Roydal Woodford and Gene Englin.

Reasons for Praise!

- Thanks for Marlee Nicholson, Faith's interim Worship Director.
- Generosity of Faith members to eliminate our mortgage.
- Generosity of Confirmation parents to provide supper for everyone participating in WoW! (Worship on Wednesday).



If you have a prayer request for the **Prayer Chain**, please direct it to the Prayer Team Leaders Linda and Dave Susie at djslrs74@yahoo.com or Doreen Scribner at doreenscribner@outlook.com

If you would like to be included on **Sunday's Prayers of the Church**, please contact the church office at office@faithlutheranspencer.com

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. 1 John 4:7

The LifeKids, the LifeKids Board and I are grateful for all those who support LifeKids through prayer and or monetary contributions.

A big LifeKids, "Thank you!" goes out to Stan and Jodene Jongma for the use of their Thrivent Action Team card to purchase snacks! With the rise in food prices, this gesture is very helpful.

A big LifeKids, "Thank you!" goes out to a husband and wife from Faith that made a generous donation so that the fundraiser goal was met.



A few people have mentioned that they would still like to place an RADA order, so the fundraiser will remain active until the middle of February. By using this link radafundraising.com?rfsn=6267721.0f6242 – when you shop, you'll be purchasing high-quality, made in USA products, while helping our group raise money to defray the cost of monthly expenses such as: use of the church building, weekly custodial expenses, fuel for the bus, and yearly inspections (bus, furnaces, and fire alarm system).

Your support is appreciated!

If you'd like assistance with online ordering, please contact me at 712-580-4316, as I am happy to sit down with you, using my computer, to place your order.

On January 17th, we took a morning field trip to The Studio Yoga & Barre in Spirit Lake. Amanda Jorgensen, the owner, shared with the children that Yoga is a science. She shared that yoga is an exercise that strengthens the body, increases flexibility and balance, focuses on proper breathing, relaxation, and positive thinking. Amanda had the children choose 4 pose cards. For each card they chose, they were the teacher of that pose. They each read the name of the pose, then using the picture on the card, they became the teacher, showing the others how to do the



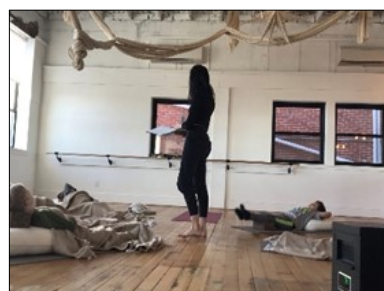
Yoga studio



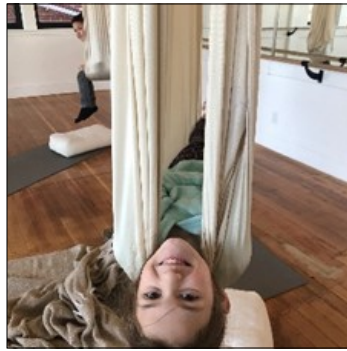
Yoga Poses



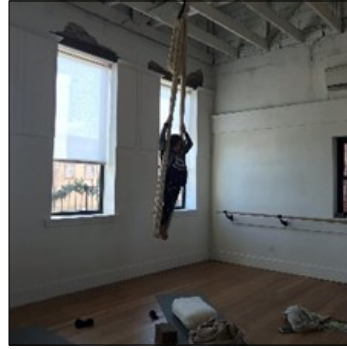
Relaxing



Amanda reading a book



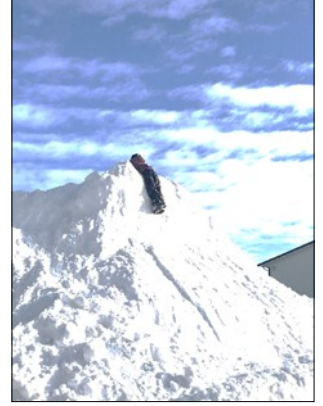
Using the aerial silks



pose. After practicing the poses, the children relaxed as Amanda read a book that referenced how special each of them is. Before we left, the children and Eric had great fun on the aerial silks!

Thanks to the snow day on Friday, we had plenty of snow to make giant piles at the church for our full day on January 17th. The temperature was beautiful, which made for a great afternoon of snow much fun! Eric and the kids had a great time playing in the snow! This was the first time sledding for some of the children.

Radina Jansen



Snow much fun!



Stewardship ... Steward of the Month: Laura Heikens

We get to celebrate Laura Heikens as our February Steward of the Month. We couldn't have a better person to celebrate this month because I don't know anyone with a bigger heart, especially for the Lord whom she serves so diligently and humbly.

Laura's passions are vast, inside and outside the church, but her heart is completely sold out to the Lord. If team leaders were "type-casted" or chosen by their greatest passions then Laura would be the Caring Ministry Team

leader for life! Laura's caring heart is so evident every time you talk to her because she is always wondering about how you are doing and deeply cares for others in numerous ways. God has used her in this role during this time especially as this team continues to connect with people during these unpredictable times of the pandemic.

On Tuesday evenings you can usually spot Laura in the SON Room co-leading the women's Bible study, using another passion to help sharpen the iron of other women. She doesn't let age get in the way of helping sharpen iron or teaching others about scripture because she has also taught and helped with Sunday School. Also on Sundays, she helps with communion along with reading scripture and greeting us all at the door while helping usher.

A passion for health and fitness is usually used outside the church, but Laura's passion for that along with spiritual health and fitness is also close to her heart for all of us. Desires like that led her to become a Stephen's Minister; to walk beside others giving Christian guidance while coping with what life throws at us. Outreach and evangelism aren't off her list either as she eagerly helps those events come to fruition along with sponsoring new members for the Evangelism Team.

Laura, everything you bring to the table and share with our congregation: the caring and giving heart you have, the passion and depth in the Word you share, and the genuine connection to the Holy Spirit you possess that in turn gives life to us all is so loved and cherished. Thank you, good and faithful servant, for your passions and all you share with us in such dedication to Christ.

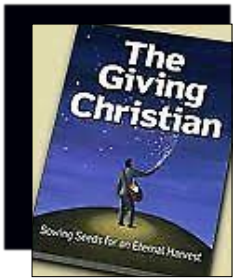
The Giving Christian: Chapter 7 - Giving the Gift of Love

This is the final chapter of *The Giving Christian* by Kirk Nowery and it is the best chapter because it sums it all up in what Christianity really is...LOVE! Kirk Nowery reminds us how Jesus sums up all the commands with two simple statements, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." When I was in youth ministry, we had many topics come up that were weighing on the youths' hearts. Honestly, most of our conversations got summed up with the same statements used above, "Love God with everything and love your neighbor as yourself." I would usually go on to say, "youth, if you only remember one thing, may it be to love God and love others. If our whole world would follow only these two statements, it would be a much different place!"

Love is evident throughout all of scripture. Love is the greatest, nothing tops it, and is used over 720 times in the form of love, loved or loves. As for love, I would bet most are familiar with it's use in the "love chapter" in 1 Corinthians 13:

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all

The Giving Christian: Chapter 7 - Giving the Gift of Love (*continued*)



by
Kirk
Nowery

knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

If we don't have love in our hearts, then no action we do is worth anything. But if we have the love of Christ in us, then everything we do matters! So what is love and how can we share it? At a wedding, the pastor encouraged the couple and us all to hear the next part of chapter 13, replacing the word love with our own name. So fill in the blank with your name and see how you do...

⁴ ___ is patient, ___ is kind. ___ does not envy, ___ does not boast, ___ is not proud. ⁵ ___ does not dishonor others, ___ is not self-seeking, ___ is not easily angered, ___ keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ ___ does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

⁷ ___ always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails...

How did that feel? When you put your name in the blank, did it seem like a true statement?

The other part in scripture that is familiar to many where love is mentioned is the list of the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5 which states, "But the fruit of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Nowery shares that with love leading that list, many biblical scholars believe that love is really the only fruit of the Spirit and all the others are just byproducts of love and naturally follow. That all makes sense especially when you read the last verse of chapter 13 in 1 Corinthians:

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

As we wrap up this book, where does this leave us, and are we more of a giving Christian today than when we began this months ago? Love does sum up all the truths we have studied: Gifts of Truth, Help, Service, Resources, Strength, and Prayer. All those are summed up because we love and if we didn't love, we wouldn't be giving out those gifts.

So how can we give the gift of love? As good stewards we give in all the ways we can because we love. We give offering because we are giving to God the monies that He has first given us. We give time because we are giving back to God the time He is gifting us. We give back our gifts and talents because God is the one that gave them to us. All these things we give is because we love God and want to respond to the love He has given us; not out of guilt, but out of conviction and calling from the Holy Spirit, and only as a response to the love of God. Be a Giving Christian always, love others always, and show others always what it is that God has blessed us with. Amen.



**Due to a lack of quorum (85)
on Sunday, Jan. 23, the
Annual Congregational meeting
has been rescheduled for
Sunday, Feb. 13,
immediately following Worship.**

Faith Lutheran Council Minutes

January 12
2022

Vice President Paul Behrens called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Members present were: Greg Lear, Brett & Jolynne Eilts, Korrie Anderson, Becky Simons (via Zoom), LaVonne Clark (via Zoom), Jolene Hansen-secretary (via Zoom), Brittany Spieker, Kevin & Heidi Skadeland, Laura Heikens, Kay Iversen & Roger Godfredsen.

Paul opened with prayer.

Minutes from last meeting were approved by Korrie & seconded by Laura.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Audit was completed today. He pulled multiple documents, looked at paper trails & feels that we don't have to have an annual review but maybe every 3-4 years. His report will be coming in the near future. The mortgage is paid off so that adjustment was made to the 2022 financials. Roger moved to approve the Treasurer's report & Heidi seconded.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor is in Canada currently so reviewed the report he submitted prior to leaving. Seminary student that graduates in May would potentially be interested in coming here after graduation as Worship Director. See further notes in New Business.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nothing submitted by Larry.

TEAM REPORTS

Roger had a concern that the team reports are being changed in the Monthly Newsletter. Going to talk to Lori about it.

OLD BUSINESS

*Current worship services – no discussion

*Current church operations – WoW worship, meals provided by the youth team. Volunteers are slim & getting burnt out providing meals. Talk of sending out to the whole congregation and not just the confirmation students.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating team for 2022 – need 2 from outgoing council. Larry & LaVonne nominated by Greg & Roger seconded. Need minimum of 3 more from the congregation.

Lenten meals – Roger offered to make the main course for 5 services (all but Ash Wednesday). Throw all teams in a hat & pick 2 or 3 teams for each week to bring salad/dessert or clean up.

March 9 – Discipleship & Stewardship

March 16 – Music & Missions & Caring Ministries

March 23 – Worship & Technology & Leadership Support

March 30 – Evangelism & Children's Ministry

April 6 – Youth & Properties

Did You Know ...

... A list of your Council members are on the bulletin board near Pastor Ben's office.

... Council members are also found on the church's website under the "Team" button.

Website:
www.faithlutheran-spencer.com

Faith Lutheran Council Minutes

January 12
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GENERAL OFFERING

January 1 - 23,
2022

Year to Date:
\$31,285.00

Thank you for
generously giving
in 2022!

Mortgage Discussion – with mortgage paid off do we want to keep our line of credit open? If we keep it open, we do not get our deed to the property – it remains at the Courthouse. Could be a minimal cost to keep it open each year. May need to get a new appraisal. Motion made by Roger to keep a line of \$15,000. Motion made by Heidi & seconded by Jolynne to table until we get more information.

Worship Director Discussion – Discussion about having Marlee take a full time position with us as tech & worship director. Leah is not our permanent piano player. Discussion of having Marlee also play piano some Sundays. Currently using the Worship Director salary to pay Leah & Marlee. Paul to meet with Larry on Sunday to get a proposal prepared for Marlee. Motion made by Jolynne & seconded by Korrie to offer Marlee the position of Worship & Tech Director within the next week & to give us an answer by February 2. Motion passed.

Roger gave the closing prayer.

Motion made by Kevin & seconded by Roger to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Next scheduled meeting is February 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by: Jolene K. Hansen

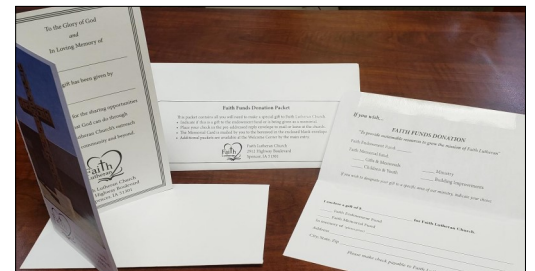
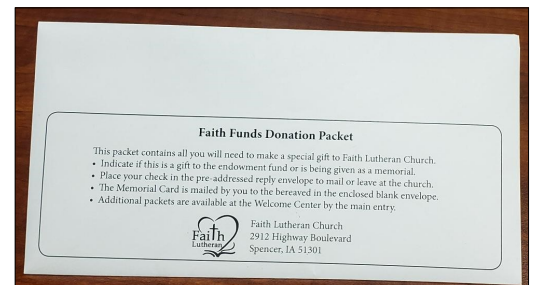
Gifts & Memorials and Endowment Fund

In recent years, Faith Lutheran Church established a team to care for the funds received as gifts and memorials. The team also established an endowment fund. These funds are monitored by the team and invested in Thrivent products to gain interest while waiting to be spent.

The team created a small packet to use for gifting. The Faith Funds Donation Packet contains 3 items. First, a memorial gift envelope is for gifting to Faith. Enclose the gift, complete the information inside the envelope flap and place the donation in the offering bowls or mail to Faith Lutheran Church.

Second, a notecard with envelope is for sending to the recipient notifying them of the gift to Faith. Complete the card as you prefer then mail to the recipient.

The Faith Funds Donation Packet makes it easy to share a gift. These packets are found on the Welcome Center or the church office. Pick one up today and take a look!



Next Council Meeting is February 9 7:00 p.m. In person & Zoom Council Members: Please submit your team reports to the office (office@faithlutheranspencer.com) by Monday, Feb. 7, at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

Walk Through the Bible One Chapter a Day!

We will read one chapter a day and we will understand the whole Bible from beginning to end. We will read chapters that can be understood on their own. We will read chapters from the Old Testament that tell the story of God's work among his people and chapters that point us to Jesus - the Messiah and Savior. As we read key chapters from the Old Testament, our Sunday readings will be weekly visits to the New Testament.

<i>Through the Bible in 2022 – One Chapter a Day</i>					
Month	Date	Day	Book	Ch.	Chapter Summary
February	1	Tuesday	Genesis	35	Jacob Returns to His Altar
February	2	Wednesday	Genesis	37	Joseph Is Sold into Slavery
February	3	Thursday	Genesis	39	Joseph Is Sent to Prison
February	4	Friday	Genesis	40	Joseph Interprets Two Dreams
February	5	Saturday	Genesis	41	Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dream
February	6	Sunday	James	4	Come to God and He Will Come to You
February	7	Monday	Genesis	42	Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt
February	8	Tuesday	Genesis	43	Joseph's Brother's Return to Egypt
February	9	Wednesday	Genesis	44	Joseph Tricks His Brothers
February	10	Thursday	Genesis	45	Joseph Makes Himself Known
February	11	Friday	Genesis	46	Jacob Goes to Egypt
February	12	Saturday	Genesis	47	Joseph's Family Settles in Egypt
February	13	Sunday	1 Peter	5	God's Flock
February	14	Monday	Genesis	50	Joseph Mourns Jacob and Dies
February	15	Tuesday	Exodus	1	Pharaoh Enslaves the Israelites
February	16	Wednesday	Exodus	2	Moses Is Born and Flees Egypt
February	17	Thursday	Exodus	3	Moses and the Burning Bush
February	18	Friday	Exodus	4	Moses Returns to Egypt
February	19	Saturday	Exodus	5	Pharaoh Intensifies Oppression
February	20	Sunday	1 Corinthians	1	The Message of the Cross Is Foolishness
February	21	Monday	Exodus	6	God Promises to Free Israelites
February	22	Tuesday	Exodus	7	The Plagues Begin
February	23	Wednesday	Exodus	8	The Plagues Continue
February	24	Thursday	Exodus	12	Pharaoh Frees the Israelites
February	25	Friday	Exodus	14	Jews Escape Through the Red Sea
February	26	Saturday	Exodus	16	God Sends Manna and Quail
February	27	Sunday	Hebrews	9	Christ Entered the Holy of Holies Once for All
February	28	Monday	Exodus	17	Moses Brings Water from a Rock

The Project Tree

While these named projects need support, please know that other teams may appreciate support as well. Check out the Project Tree and let God inspire you to support in a way that works for you.

Properties Team

- Finish top moulding office: \$400
- New ceiling fans in the Worship area: \$3,500 - \$4,000 (\$3,100 received)
- Sheetrock back of Worship wall: \$3,000 - \$3,500
- Resurface North/South exterior walls to match front: \$37,000 per side or \$75,000 for both
- Repaint & sandblast North/South exterior walls: \$18,250
 - Repaint & sandblast East exterior wall: \$11,200
- Floor covering (hard surface or carpet): in the Worship area: Estimate \$55,000 - \$60,000 (\$100 received)
 - Paint remaining duct work in Worship area: \$3,000
 - New digital sign - \$30,000-35,000 (\$11,330 received)
 - Shelves in storage area: \$500 - \$700

- Repair duct work to Pastor Ben and Eric's offices and General Maintenance - \$5,000

Technology Team

- New projectors and system in worship area - \$150,000 (\$2,500 received)

Youth Ministry

- Gift Cards for meals (like Taco Bell, McDonalds, Burger King, any pizza establishment) - Typically the youth are coming from sporting or school activities and have not eaten.
- Money for snacks for Confirmation youth
- Cabin cost at IOLBC for a youth weekend trip
 - Paint ball costs at IOLBC



Outreach Night

For youth in 6th-12th grades | 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. | \$4.00 per person for food costs
RSVP by 4:00 p.m. the Thursday before the Outreach Night
February 20 - Hoonting

Fall Retreats ...

Marriage Retreat - Rev. Jonathan & Rev. Jana Swenson - February 11-13

Pre-registration is required for some events. Please check their website: www.okoboji.org
Or call 1-800-656-2654 (Okoboji Camp) or 712-867-4170

**Information and happenings
with Faith Lutheran Youth
can be found at ...**



♦ **Instagram Youth Page:**
[spencerfaithlutheranyouth](https://www.instagram.com/spencerfaithlutheranyouth)

♦ **Facebook Youth Page:**

Faith Lutheran Church

2912 Highway Blvd
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Faith Lutheran Church - January, 2022

Births | Baptism | Confirmed

Deaths: Steve Zitterich, January 13 | **Marriages | New Members**

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Watch us on SMU:

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