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# Faith Life Together

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## ***Bountiful Blessings***

November is generally the month when we remember our blessings and give thanks to God for all we have. Faith Lutheran has much to be thankful for. Let's see how our month fills out with blessings.

November 1 marks the first day of a new era at Faith – our second pastor begins his call. **Pastor Ben Unseth** comes to Faith after much prayer and guidance from God. Both our Call Team and Pastor Ben have worked together with God for Faith. What an exciting time!

Faith Lutheran will remember all the saints who have gone to the Lord on **All Saints Day** on Sunday, November 7. We will have an opportunity to light a candle as we each remember loved ones on this day.

**Special Youth Challenge Ministries (SYC)** will be at Faith on November 13 for their fundraiser. They are excited about using our building all the while praising the Lord and sharing their ministry with others. Please see page 12 for further information about SYC.

Our church council and their teams will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 14 for the yearly **Leadership Retreat**. This is a time of sharing a meal, along with thoughts about this year and making plans for the year to come. All council team leaders and team members are encouraged to attend!

The Stewardship Team is ready to celebrate all the good that is because of our donations of time, talent, and treasure in 2021. Join them after worship on November 21 for **Thanks for Giving Sunday meal**. This is always a great time for fellowship and sharing of ideas.

Faith Lutheran will host a **Thanksgiving worship service** on Wednesday, November 24 at 6:30 p.m. All throughout the month, we are encouraged to keep track of our blessings and favorites. We will share some of these items at this worship service. See page 7 for further details. And, find a November blessings calendar on the Welcome Center.

May God fill your heart and your homes this month.



## PASTOR BEN UNSETH

Pastor Ben Unseth begins his call at Faith Lutheran on Monday, November 1.

He recently completed a call as Interim Pastor with Resurrection Lutheran Church in Mankato, Minnesota. Prior to Mankato, he served as Interim Pastor in Audubon, Iowa.

As a boy, he attended school in St. Ansgar, Iowa. Since then he taught at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and served in churches and in Christian publishing in California. His books include *The One-Minute Bible*, *Courage* and *John Paton*.

His children live in Minnesota and California. He teaches and serves on the Board of Directors with Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute.

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## Food Baskets for Upper Des Moines Opportunity

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During the month of November, help the Missions Team fill the baskets with food items for Upper Des Moines Opportunity.

## ***For All the Saints***

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." - John 11:25-26*

*Today we remember all the saints who have gone before us, especially ...*

**Leora Riedemann** - December 17, 2020

**Lois A. Simmons** - December 24, 2020

**Jim Conlon** - December 31, 2020

**Marianne Werling** - March 29, 2021

**Mary Grover** - May 3, 2021

**Patricia Ann Garot** - May 12, 2021

**Virginia "Deda" Behrens** - July 3, 2021

**Pam Englin** - October 28, 2021



***All Saints Sunday  
November 7***



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

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***Tuesday, November 9***

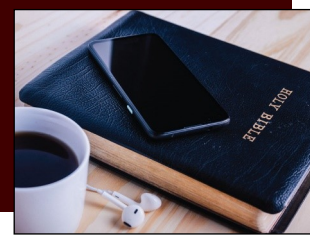
***1:30 p.m. in the SON Room***

We will begin studying Philippians 2 - discussing how being humble is the key to peaceful relationships. Can having a heart of humility solve divisive situations? How do we nurture a heart of humility?

We will look at Jesus example and think of ways to live like Jesus.

***All are welcome to come! Come join us!***

For more information, please contact Linda Susie at 712-262-6621 or djslrs74@yahoo.com



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## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

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### ***Birthday Blessings***

|             |                                                                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| November 2  | Jeffrey Franker<br>David Hopkins                                               |
| November 3  | Haley Eilts<br>Ann Lear                                                        |
| November 5  | Albany Anderson                                                                |
| November 6  | Justin Simcox                                                                  |
| November 7  | Sophie Behrens<br>Theone Quattlebaum                                           |
| November 8  | Wayne Burnham                                                                  |
| November 9  | Pam Doran                                                                      |
| November 10 | Drew Campbell<br>Cole Milbrath                                                 |
| November 11 | Carolyn<br>Christofferson<br>Jolynne Eilts<br>Mathew Heilman<br>Allison Piercy |
| November 15 | Colton Christianson                                                            |
| November 16 | Norma Johnson                                                                  |
| November 17 | Karen Jacobson                                                                 |
| November 18 | Barbara Burnham                                                                |
| November 19 | Easton Carlson<br>Gayle Simons                                                 |
| November 21 | Hannah Milbrath                                                                |
| November 23 | Kris Behrens                                                                   |
| November 24 | Norah Hansen                                                                   |

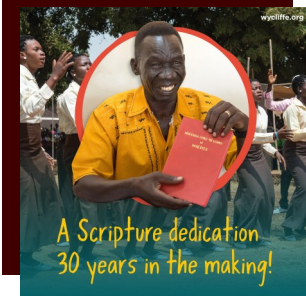
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| November 25 | Rich Stueven<br>Brooke Erdman      |
| November 26 | Leo Wigen                          |
| November 27 | Diane Jamtgaard<br>Kevin Skadeland |
| November 28 | Bernard Fairchild                  |
| November 30 | Colton Vreeman                     |



### ***Anniversary Blessings***

|             |                                                            |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| November 10 | Aaron & Becca<br>Stykel                                    |
| November 22 | Del & Lois<br>Christman                                    |
| November 23 | Aaron & Hannah<br>Dibble                                   |
| November 24 | Doug & Courtney<br>Schwartz<br>Keith & Diane<br>Van Kleeck |
| November 26 | Eldren & Janell<br>Holstad                                 |
| November 30 | Ken & Betty<br>Ricklefs                                    |

# WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS



For more than 75 years, Wycliffe Bible Translators have helped people around the world translate the Bible into their languages, but with the language barriers there are still 3 sad words: I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

There are at least 7,000 languages spoken or signed around the world, and only 700 languages have the complete translated Bible. More than 1,500 languages have access to the New Testament and some portions of Scripture in their language.

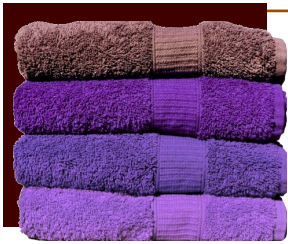
We believe that the Bible is God's Word to us, something that everyone should be able to understand in a language and format that clearly speaks to their hearts. At least 2,000 languages around the world are still waiting for the translation project to start.

When people finally get Scripture in their languages, their lives change in amazing ways. People all over the world are transformed when they discover Jesus Christ.

Each and every person can help! Technology changes everything. Entire communities can experience the life-transforming power of God's word, because of the resources that are available. In a place with no written language, we have an opportunity to get the word of God put into audio format.

Wycliffe Bible Translators have committed to do everything they can do to see a Bible Translation program in progress in every language by 2025.

## Lutheran World Relief



### ***Hands-on Mission Day*** ***Wednesday, Nov. 3 | 9:00 a.m. to noon***

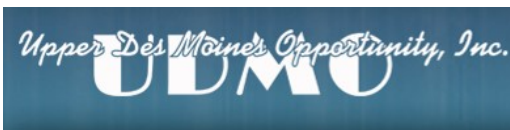
Come for fellowship as we sew, tie quilts and assemble kits.  
All Are Welcome!

**For the month of November, we are collecting dark colored hand towels - these are used in the baby care kits!**

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



## Upper Des Moines Opportunity



Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Pantry is in need of items for our community. With winter coming, they suggest: **Oatmeal | Soup (any kind) | Crackers**

## Faith Lutheran's Mission Partners



- ♦ World Mission Prayer League
- ♦ Lutheran Asian Ministries
- ♦ The Multi-Church Community Assistance Fund
- ♦ LCMC
- ♦ Friends of Madagascar Missions
- ♦ Falls Community Church
- ♦ LifeKids
- ♦ Operation Serve International
- ♦ Wycliffe Bible Translators

# Mission Emphasis: Mental Health Conditions



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HEALTH

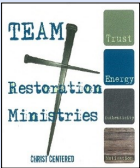
## *An Attitude of Gratitude*

If there is anything the last 18+ months of a worldwide pandemic has taught us is how grateful we are to see our world return to some degree of normalcy. Expressing gratitude is an important factor for maintaining mental health and well-being. It's also an essential action in the life of a Christian. Giving thanks provides a direct witness of our faith.

Paul wrote: *"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."* Ephesians 1:15-17. We see firsthand the effects our Christian behaviors of praying, singing, worshiping, and serving others does to strengthen us and others around us. These staples of Christian life remind us of God's continual presence in our lives, making our days complete with His goodness and His promise of hope for managing challenges.

In the days ahead, and all year round, we can work at improving our outlook on life by making a point to regularly thank God for His peace, His protection, and His unending love. Perhaps writing down our many blessings in a "Gratitude" journal can be a mentally healthy exercise to remind of what we have and whose we are. We can also create well-being in our own lives by being a blessing to others. As we show our thanks to God by giving our time and talent to people in need, we provide the outward signals to ourselves and each other that we are Christ's ambassadors filled with His grace and bringing His Word to life in this world.

The Bible tells us we are to *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Let our hearts and minds be filled with the joy and peace that only our Lord can give during this special season.



### **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. She completed both her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and her Master of Arts degree in Professional Counseling at Liberty University (Lynchburg, VA). Erika is also certified through the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association to provide Equine Assisted Psychotherapy which uses horses to assist clients in an experiential therapy to work through challenges.



**For more information about TEAM Restoration Ministries or to schedule an appointment with Erika, please call 515-238-9010 or visit them at [www.team-restoration.org](http://www.team-restoration.org)**

## *NW Iowa Women's Conference*

**Saturday, Nov. 13  
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Faith Community Church,  
Palmer, Iowa**

For more information or to register online go to [faithccpalmer.org](http://faithccpalmer.org) or call 515-329-6367

Cost is \$25 before Oct. 31 or \$30 Nov. 1-13

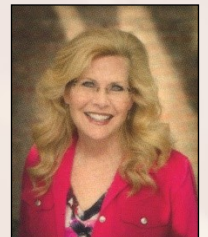
Guest Speaker: Robyn Dykstra

### *Do you wonder?*

Wonder if you're on the right track with God ... Wonder at His majesty ... Wonder how we made it this far ... Wonder if I fit in ...

Wonder if God hears/answers my prayers ... Wonder if it's too late for me ...

If you ask any of these questions, then you need to join us to discover Wonderful Good News!







## WORSHIP, MUSIC AND CREATIVE ARTS

I recently heard the song Sound of Heaven for the first time and was eager to incorporate it into the repertoire at Faith. It's a powerful anthem inviting the presence of God to come dwell among us, as well as a declaration of our surrender to and desire for the will of God. The chorus is as follows:

*Bring the sound of heaven  
Let Your mighty wind come rushing through  
Lord, our hearts are open  
With the saints and angels, we sing to You  
Come have Your way, come have Your way*

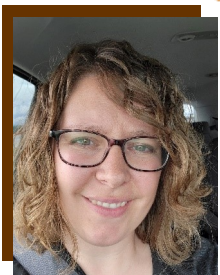
Have you ever had a worship experience that gave you a taste of Heaven? One where you felt the Presence of the Holy Spirit moving in the room, or in your heart? This song is a cry for the Spirit to move in us and in our world. I appreciate the imagery in this song of the *sound of heaven*. Can you imagine what that sound is like? The *saints and angels* singing constant praises to the God who is worthy of it all. And one day, we will get a chance to participate in this intimate worship of our holy, loving, powerful God.

Inviting the Holy Spirit to come be present in our worship is an important acknowledgement, but simultaneously a bit redundant. As believers, the Spirit indwells us, so when we "invite" Him, He is already among us. The song Holy Spirit sums the invitation up well in the line, *Let us become more aware of your Presence*. Our "invitation" is not what prompts the Presence of God to come be among us; rather, it is a reminder to ourselves that He is already here, and a declaration of surrender to His power and will.

The Scriptures in the lectionary over the last few weeks have focused on the idea of giving up everything to follow Jesus. Easier said than done, am I right? But it is in surrender we find life abundant. Jesus tells us in Matthew 10:39, "Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it." Throughout the song are lyrics that proclaim surrender: *Come, have your way ... our hearts are open ... we wait on You ... do what you wanna do ... Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done*.

Let us praise our God with a declaration of our openness to and eagerness for Him to move in power in our lives, in our community, and in our world.

Blessings,  
Marlee Nicholson, Worship Director



Hi! My name is Leah Kreutner. My husband, Adam, and I live in Ruthven, where he farms and operates a trucking business. We've been married 10 years and our sons are Owen (5 years) and Ross (9 months). I love having my vegetable garden in the summer that always seems to keep me busy, and besides playing piano, I simply enjoy reading and spending time with friends and family in my spare time. I've been teaching preschool in Spencer for 12 years and currently teach at First English Christian Preschool. I have played piano in many various settings throughout the years, including for musical theater and as a professional accompanist for my alma mater, Dordt. I have always been blessed to share my God-given gifts through music in worship, and I very much look forward to getting to know you as a church family.

## New Members ...



Welcome to our  
church  
*family*

Jake and Logan Treybal and  
daughter Andi (not pictured)

On Sunday, October 24, Faith Lutheran welcomed the  
following new members!

## Welcome to the Family of Faith!



Paul and Christina Caton



Beau and Emily Hoppe  
and daughters  
Penelope and Kenzi



Dawn White



Thanks for  
Giving  
Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>

For everything you've given to Faith  
Lutheran over the last two years, and  
responding with Time & Talents for what  
you can give in 2022, let the Stewardship  
Team thank you with a Baked Potato Bar  
and a time of Fellowship!

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, Nov. 24  
6:30 p.m.

## November Blessings Calendar

Please find the November Blessings calendar,  
designed by Heidi Skadeland, enclosed in this  
newsletter. Complete the calendar as November  
moves along. *Bring the calendar with you to the  
Thanksgiving Eve worship service.* That evening  
we will share some of the favorites and blessings  
during worship. Extra November Blessings  
calendars are available on the Welcome Center.



**Daylight Saving Time  
ends Saturday,  
November 6**

Don't forget to set your  
clocks back 1 hour.





## *Pumpkins and Gourds ... Oh, my!*

**Colossians 3:17** - And whatsoever you do whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father through him.

As we enter the month of Thanksgiving, I have listed some of the things I am thankful for:

- Jesus, who died for my sins
- A church that supports the mission of LifeKids
- A kid friendly space to teach children about God's love for us
- New and returning children attending LifeKids and their families
- Eric's help and ability to drive the bus on field trip days
- Marlee's help on Wednesdays, her ability to play the guitar and lead music
- The generous donations that continue to be given
- My husband for helping me with **MANY** LifeKids projects
- Lori and Cheryl for their ideas and daily support

The LifeKids Bible lessons have been about the Plagues of Egypt, Moses' initial unwillingness to speak to Pharaoh and then Pharaoh's hardened heart. The children have been amazed at God's power and surprised that Pharaoh would not listen, allowing the Egyptians to suffer through 10 plagues.

Marlee has been teaching the children the song *Pharaoh Pharaoh*. They love rocking out as she plays the guitar.



A big LifeKids "Thank you!" goes out to Wayne Burnham for the use of his Thrivent Action Team card for the October field trip. Our first stop was a pumpkin patch owned by Nancy and Mark Kooima, north of Hull. Before going to the pumpkin patch, the children made a list of questions that they had about pumpkins and gourds. Nancy answered their questions as well as encouraged learning through touching the gourds,



pumpkins, squash and broom-corn. We learned that the peanut shell pumpkin is the hardest to grow, pumpkins don't need to be turned while they are growing to become round, gourds cannot be eaten, pumpkins don't need a lot of water and the hotter and drier the weather the better they grow. The children rode out to the pumpkin patch and got to choose their own pie pumpkin. Most of the children enjoyed the 10-acre corn maze! Swan gourds were purchased and hung in my garage to dry. In the spring we will be making bird houses out of the gourds! We ate lunch at the pumpkin patch and headed to a great park in Sheldon. It was a beautiful day to spend together!



*Radina Jansen*

### **Register for LifeKids!**

Monday - Friday LifeKids  
from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

To register your  
child/children,  
please visit the online  
registration form:

<https://bit.ly/3w5hSxy>







## Prayer and Praise Corner

### *Lift Up in Prayer ...*

- The search for a worship director.
- Peace in our country and for our elected officials, both local and national.
- For healing for Emily Hoppe, Larry Clark, Bernard Fairchild, Mike Trierweiler, Gene Lovitt, Paige Thilges and all those we name in our hearts.
- The families of those who have gone before us, especially the family of Pam Englin who joined the Lord on October 28

### *Reasons for Praise!*

- Generosity of Faith in support of our missions and ministries through their time and efforts, but also for special needs through the Project Tree.
- TEAM Restoration Ministry offering counseling through Erika Adolph, a licensed counselor.
- Pastor Ben Unseth as he joins Faith Lutheran this month.



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](mailto:djslrs74@yahoo.com) or Doreen Scribner at [doreenscribner@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:office@faithlutheranspencer.com)



## Stewardship ... Stewards of the Month: Dennis and Jan Larson

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If you're looking for a genuine couple, then look no further than our November Stewards of the Month, Dennis and Jan Larson. Even though this couple displays their gifts at the door when they greet and usher, members and visitors alike receive warm smiles and a hand shake or a gentle welcoming word, no matter if they're "on duty" or not! Neither are unafraid to walk up to someone they don't know and make sure they feel welcome and at home at Faith Lutheran.

Their involvement in our church really covers the gamut of opportunities available to be part of our worship services. This couple, called to Faith with similar passions and gifts, are either 100% committed or not involved at all in anything they do, therefore you can see that God and Faith get 100% from them. Dennis has been a worship leader, prayer intercessor, led prayers of the church and blessed us with vocals and solos using his deep bass voice. Jan has read scripture and helped keep our worship area inviting and warm with the decorating team. Together, Dennis and Jan have shared their open hearts day after day while leading the Evangelism Team, pulling in new members and leading by example to show how friendly Faith is and helped us grow and grow in God's plan for Faith. Beyond all of that, Dennis has also helped with construction projects, participated in the men's Bible study, and helped many fundraisers with his fast-talking skills as the auctioneer. Frequently when someone in your household has reached a milestone, like a baptism, a heart-warming card appears in your mailbox with wonderful faith-filled words of congratulations and love from this largely admired couple and friends in Christ.

Because of their deep faith in the Lord that exudes from every pore of their being, Dennis and Jan have some road time each Sunday morning as they join us for worship. To them, it's not a big deal because if they are asked about it, Dennis will excitedly respond with, "If the church is alive, it's worth the drive." Thank you for your involvement that only makes Faith more alive. Thank you for always expressing God's blessings and providence in your lives. And thank you for always looking for Christian based solutions in all you do in the church and every aspect of life. Dennis and Jan, you both are appreciated and loved more than you know ... and even more so by our Savior who considers you His very own good and faithful servants!

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## The Giving Christian: Chapter 4 - Giving the Gift of Resources

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This. The topic where everyone's minds go to when stewardship is brought up...the resources we have in the money God blesses each one of us with. But as we all know, and have read in this book, money is only a small part of being a steward, but it's still part of being a steward and we need to talk about it because it's biblical and what God talks to us about in scripture, we need to talk about as well.

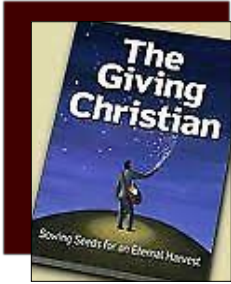
When we talking about giving our resources, we have to first acknowledge that all our resources come from God alone, even life itself is from God along with our eternal life because of what God gave to us. When God calls us to give it's only by example. He doesn't ask anything of us that He hasn't done himself, like giving His only Son for us to have eternal life. He has given us the ultimate sacrifice, so the least we can do is give back...because all that we have doesn't really belong to us to begin with. God entrusted to us all we have so that we could manage it for the purposes of God. In short, Kirk Nowery states, "The Giving Christian lives by a creed of stewardship, not ownership." Granted that can give us a paradox: we give to others and then we get the blessing of giving in return, but what we give isn't ours, it's from God. Nowery talks about how accepting that paradox can liberate us from trying to accumulate wealth in every way possible and trying to have the bigger and better things like



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# The Giving Christian: Chapter 4 - Giving the Gift of Resources

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by  
Kirk  
Nowery

our neighbors. That leads into areas of giving resources that we can keep in mind.

**Giving faithfully** - “Faithful givers are faithful stewards,” states Nowery. Being a faithful giver is two-fold. We give because we have faith in God remembering He is Lord of all, and we give in a dependable manner. When and how much we give keeps Jesus’ words in mind when he said, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Maybe you’ve experienced the power of giving that has such a positive effect also keeping our priorities in order!

**Giving gracefully** – Have you ever gotten a gift from someone, and were so appreciative of it that they reminded you over and over that they were the one who gave it to you? That’s not a graceful giver. “Graceful giving never draws attention to itself but directs attention to God...seeks to glorify God and not better one’s own bottom line...and lifts up the recipient, not the giver,” defines Nowery.

**Giving proportionally** – “A powerful principle of stewardship is that God’s provision dictates the believer’s proportion...The measure of God’s giving determines the measure of our giving. As Jesus said, ‘To whom much is given, much is required,’” states Nowery. Scripture talks about tithing, which is 10%. Nowery and I believe that’s a great base for giving. Maybe you’re not there, then little by little work towards that. If you’re already at 10%, then work on increasing little by little, but we should always strive to God as much as we can.

**Giving sacrificially** – The best example of giving all we have is the widow referred to in scripture. She only had one mite left and was at the tabernacle to give it, even though she was getting judged by a Pharisee close by. In this chapter, Nowery refers to a pastor from Atlanta that interrupted a hymn his congregation was singing, *Take My Life and Let it Be*. A line in the hymn is “take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.” Pastor Peter Marshall encouraged the congregation to only sing that line if they meant it with all sincerity. When they got to that line, the massive church that had been humming with beautiful voices became very quiet and the music even slowed down to a stop. Pastor Marshall made his point in saying that it’s OK for us to stop and think because giving matters and it must be taken seriously.

**Giving globally** – Again, God shows us by example that He doesn’t only give to his own Jewish people or only to Christians, but He gives to everyone and He showed it stated in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world...” God doesn’t only give certain nations in our world, but He gives to the whole world, even the most sacrificial gift He had to give in the gift of His Son.

In previous ministries I’ve been part of, some have stated that their gift is just the icing on the cake. Is that because they don’t want to commit to an amount, or they want to hang onto all they can? I’ve also heard a family struggling to make ends meet and the husband told the wife to give more to the church. The wife was dumbfounded on that, but when the end of the month came, they financially had what they needed.

If you try to hold on tight to what God gives, we will never see a miracle in how God wants to provide for all we need. And if we only try to use our resources to benefit our bottom line, we won’t feel the deep sense of blessing others with what God has given us. Take a good look at your finances and budget and dig deep to give so you can see how God wants to bless you with more resources to give.

# Special Youth Challenge Ministries



## Special Youth Challenge Ministries of Northwest Iowa

is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, Christian based ministry designed to teach and assist youth with special challenges to participate in and enjoy shooting sports in God's great outdoors. SYC provides training and other necessary aides to help the hunters achieve this goal at no cost to them.



**Our Vision:** Youth with special challenges are often left behind because of their disability. They only hear about the exciting times their friends and families experience while hunting in the outdoors. With training and special equipment SYC helps diminish the handicap by empowering them to succeed. Volunteers instruct the youth, and their family members about ways in which they can hunt safely and use a firearm. Each hunter is given every opportunity to meet the challenge of the hunt and keep the memories of a lifetime.

**Our Mission:** To empower physically challenged youth to enjoy hunting and the shooting sports by helping them overcome barriers found in the outdoors. This is done through the use of special methods, equipment, and assistance from volunteers who desire to share their passion for shooting and hunting. SYC hunters have a physical challenge, special need or have (had) a life threatening disease or injury.



There are five events held each year: Youth & Vet turkey hunts in the Spring; Fundraiser; Youth & Vet deer hunts in the fall.

**The Fundraiser Event will be at Faith Lutheran on Saturday, November 13.**

For more information, please go to [info@syciowa.org](mailto:info@syciowa.org)  
[syciowa.org](mailto:syciowa.org) | [syncwiowa@gmail.com](mailto:syncwiowa@gmail.com) | 1-866-798-4692

Special Youth Challenge Ministries, Inc.  
P.O. Box 461, Sioux Rapids, IA 50585

## November 14 - Faith Lutheran Leadership Retreat



### Leadership Retreat Day

**Sunday, Nov. 14 | 11:30 a.m.**

**SON Room | Lunch Provided**

This meeting is for all Council team leaders and members of their team.

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



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

♦ **Facebook Youth Page:**



# Faith Lutheran Council

Faith Lutheran Council minutes from October 13, 2021, are unavailable as of printing. Please see December's issue of *Faith Life Together* for October's minutes.

**Next Council Meeting | November 10 | 7:00 p.m. | In person & Zoom**

**Council Members:** Please submit your team reports to the office (office@faithlutheranspencer.com) by Monday, Nov. 8, at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

GENERAL  
OFFERING

January 1 - October 24, 2021 | Year to Date: \$259,724.45

Thank you for generously giving in 2021!

## ***CPR/AED & First Aid Certification Class***

**Who:** Anyone that wants to learn a life-saving skill, needs it for work or wants to recertify.

**When:** Zoom class: Thursday, Dec. 9, from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. that covers all of the course work  
In person, hands-on portion: Saturday, Dec. 11 at Faith Lutheran.

Please register each person attending the class separately 2 days prior to the Zoom class.

Links for the Zoom class and additional information are sent out to all registrants.

The hands-on portion will be in person at Faith Lutheran on Saturday, Dec. 11. Matthew will be scheduling participants in small groups at 20-minute intervals starting around 3:00 p.m. until approximately 6:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$45 per person via cash, check, or Square Reader invoice.

**Registration Link:** [osmanager4.com/advcustomerlanding.aspx?co=1&cid=3923428](https://osmanager4.com/advcustomerlanding.aspx?co=1&cid=3923428)

If you can't make the Zoom Class options are available. Please contact Matthew Nagler. For any question, please feel free to reach out Matthew at 1-402-681-9559/[mattsafetytraining@gmail.com](mailto:mattsafetytraining@gmail.com)

For more information, please visit: [www.topnotchtrainingcourses.com](http://www.topnotchtrainingcourses.com)

Looking for member contact information?

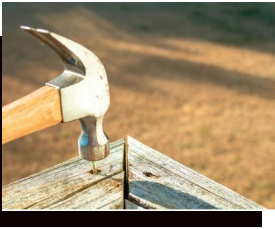
***Sign up to receive access to the online church directory and be in the know!***

With SimpleChurch CRM, Faith members can find contact information for those in the family of Faith.

If you are interested in online access via computer or mobile phone, please sign up at the Welcome Center or use the QR code to sign up online today! We will send out login information soon.

Printed copies of the church directory are available on the Welcome Center.





## Properties Team

New door sensors have been replaced on North entrance. They replace ones that were 23 years old and obsolete with parts no longer available. \$1,700.00 was the cost of replacement. The south entrance sensors are still operating ok, but is something to keep in mind in the near future.

Steve Oleson and Mark Speidel changed the sign lights and furnace filters.

Donations received:

- Doors on southeast storage area have arrived and have been installed.
- \$800, \$500, and \$1,000 has been received for ceiling fans - for a total of \$2,300.00.
- Handicap railings were installed in the women's bathroom with a \$200.00 donation. Thanks, Steve and Jean Oleson for installing them.
- Outside cross base - \$13,500 is the final cost. A prototype is being constructed first. If it is approved by the team, it will be built and installed - hopefully this fall sometime.
- New outdoor digital sign - \$30,000-\$35,000 estimated cost. \$10,000 has been received.

Thank you!

Mark Speidel

## 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
  - Sheetrock back of Worship wall: \$3,000 - \$3,500
- Resurface North/South exterior walls to match front: \$37,000/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
  - Paint remaining duct work in Worship area: \$3,000
  - New digital sign - \$30,000-35,000 (\$10,000 already received)
  - Shelves in storage area: \$500 - \$700
- Repair duct work to Pastor Ben and Eric's offices and General Maintenance - \$5,000

### Caring Ministries Team

- College Care Packages - \$200 for shipping.

### Technology Team

- New projectors and system in worship area.

### 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





## Properties Team



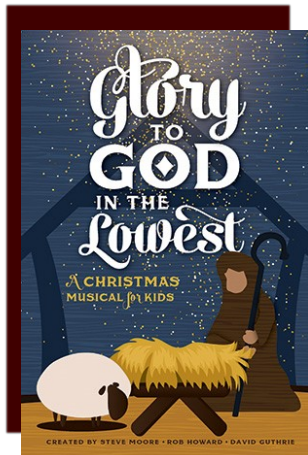
The Properties Team is receiving donations for a new outdoor electronic sign. This sign provides the same size letters or smaller as we see now. There are options for colors and a few graphics. Updating the message on the sign can be done from a computer or a mobile phone app. The new sign will be essentially the same size as the current sign. If funds are raised in November, the sign company will provide a discount from the full price. Faith Lutheran is grateful for gifts already given to the sign fund. Thank you for considering this project!

## The 2021 Children's Christmas Program!

### *Glory to God in the Lowest*

**2021 Christmas Program presented December 12 | 9:00 a.m.**  
**Directed by Marlee Nicholson**

Dress rehearsal/Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party will be on Saturday, Dec. 11.  
 Starting time to be announced.



When angels appeared outside the town of Bethlehem proclaiming the greatest news the world had ever heard, they didn't deliver their message to the high and mighty, but to the simple and lowly - shepherds! And not just any shepherds, but easily disregarded "night shepherds." "Glory to God in the highest" became "Glory to God in the *lowest*," too, as the Son of God came to the world as a tiny baby in a lowly manger!



#### **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**  
 November 7 - Secret Agents | December 5 - Christmas Mystery

#### **Youth Recharges - "Into the Unknown" - John 16:33 ...**

6th-9th Grades - November 5-7 & November 12-14  
 9th-12th Grades - November 19-21

#### **Fall Retreats ...**

November 19-21 - Fall Crafting Retreat

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

## Faith Lutheran Church

2912 Highway Blvd  
Spencer, IA 51301

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## Faith Lutheran Church - October, 2021

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**Births | Baptisms:** Andi Treybal, October 17; Boone Sorensen, October 17

**Confirmed | Death:** Pam Englin, October 28 | **Marriages**

**New Members:** Oct. 24: Paul and Christina Caton; Beau and Emily Hoppe and daughters Penelope and Kenzi; Jake and Logan Treybal and daughter Andi; and Dawn White

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## Faith Lutheran Church - Staff

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Watch us on SMU:

Monday @ 8:30 p.m. | Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.