

# FAITH



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## **FAITH Lutheran Church**

Offering Christ-Centered Preschool and Childcare

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MISSION STATEMENT: In responding to God's great love to us in Christ Jesus, FAITH Lutheran Church dedicates itself to the continual growth of Christ's Church in Bridgeport, in all of Michigan and the United States of America, and into all of the world through....

- **Fellowshipping around the Gospel (Acts 2:42)**
- **Administering the Means of Grace (1 Cor. 4:1)**
- **Investing our time and talents (2 Cor. 9:7, 8)**
- **Teaching the Christian FAITH (2 Tim. 2:2)**
- **Helping those in need (Matt. 25:40)**

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News & Notes: Welcome to FAITH Lutheran Church! Your presence here today is greatly appreciated. If you are visiting, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex before leaving. There are also some information packets with additional materials about FAITH. May God bless your worship of Him and go with you throughout the week to come.

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### **Professional Staff:**

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## Life & Growth at FAITH This Week:

### 2 Advent

|             |                   |                            |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Sunday 5    | 9:00 am .....     | Worship H/C                |
|             | 10:15 am .....    | Sunday school/Confirmation |
|             | 10:30 am .....    | Bible Study                |
|             | 4:00 pm .....     | Seasons of Advent          |
|             | 6:00 pm .....     | Bible Study                |
| Monday 6    | 5:30 pm .....     | Soup Supper                |
|             | 7:00 pm .....     | Advent Worship             |
| Tuesday 7   | 7:00 pm .....     | Council Budget Meeting     |
| Wed. 8      | 2-7 pm .....      | Blood Drive                |
| Thurs. 9    | 8:00 am .....     | Food Distribution setup    |
|             | 10-12:00 pm ..... | Food Distribution          |
| Saturday 11 | 11-1:00 pm .....  | Free Gift Wrapping         |



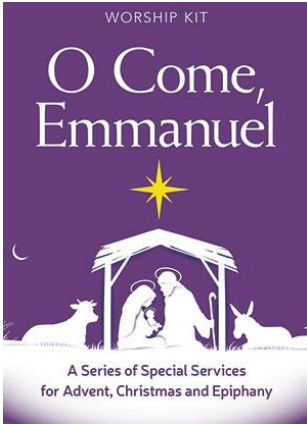
### FAITH's Stewardship Life:

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|---|----------------------------|-------------|
| Sunday Worship Attendance .....           | 9:00 am                    | 92          |
| Monday Worship Attendance.....            | 7:00 pm                    | 42          |
| Weekly Receipts:.....                     | Sunday, November 21 and 28 |             |
| Budget.....                               |                            | \$8,620     |
| Preschool/Childcare Weekly Receipts ..... |                            | \$7,859.15  |
| Total Budget Receipts .....               |                            | \$16,479.15 |
| Non-Budget Receipts .....                 |                            | \$209.71    |
| Roof Fund.....                            |                            | \$39        |
| Total collected for Roof Fund.....        |                            | \$46,063.85 |
| Total Needed for Roof Fund .....          |                            | \$67,973.00 |

**Budget Receipts Needed Weekly to Meet 2021 Budget \$11,118**

### Serving in God's House:

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|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| <b>Accompanist</b> ..... | <b>Sunday:</b> Mary Lou Lohr               | <b>Monday:</b> Paul Eschmann |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> ..... | Heidi Behnke, Dorothy Dedyne, Denise Mosey |                              |
| <b>Ushers</b> .....      | Group 1                                    |                              |
|                          | .....Roger Bond, Josh Bond, Ron Reinbold   |                              |
| <b>Sound</b> .....       | Heidi Behnke, Austin Notter, Barb Swanson  |                              |
| <b>Lector</b> .....      | Mindy Hoffmann                             |                              |
| <b>Kidz' Word</b> .....  | Mindy Hoffmann                             |                              |
| <b>Elders</b> .....      | Steve Dedyne, Archie Swanson               |                              |
| <b>Greeters</b> .....    | Rachel Szaroletta, Linda Williams          |                              |



**Advent 2021:** FAITH is again hosting special Advent Services at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for our Advent worship series, O Come, Emmanuel, as we walk through the O antiphons that declare who Christ is to us and that he has come to each one of us. Each week will focus on a different O antiphon that highlights a specific aspect of Christ that enhances our life in him.

**“My/Our Commitment to the Lord – 2021” forms** If you did not attend worship last week, you are welcome to leave your cards in the box next to the offering basket or drop off at the Parish Office.

**Faith Lutheran Blood Drive:** Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 2-7 p.m.

**Food Distribution:** The next date for our Food Distribution is December 9. Please see Ed Gubbins if you have any questions.

**Voters’ Meeting:** FAITH’s Voters will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The main items on the Agenda will be to review and adopt a proposed congregational budget for 2022 and Vote on the new slate of Officer’s for 2022.

**AED help needed:** We are in need of someone to help oversee the AED at FAITH. If you are interested please see Ed Gubbins.

**It's Lutheran Witness time!** This is the time of year when you have the opportunity to order or renew subscriptions of *The Lutheran Witness*, the official periodical of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The subscriptions for one year are \$11.60 all orders must be in the church office before December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Rescue Mission Sack Lunch Items needed each month:**

- 14 packages of lunch meat (180 slices, two per sandwich)
- 11 loaves of bread                      100 small bags of chips
- 100 sack paper bags                      100 sandwich bags
- 100 snack bags
- 6 large deluxe sandwich cookies (choc and vanilla in the same package) (two for each person)
- 1 jar of Jam (any flavor)      1 jar of Peanut butter

These items need to be at the church no later than the 2nd Friday of each month. Please put them in the kitchen marked RESCUE MISSION or if you would like to give a cash donation please leave it with Barb or contact me [katharris\\_30@yahoo.com](mailto:katharris_30@yahoo.com) or 989-780-2691.

**Women of FAITH are collecting eyeglasses** for Most Ministries. If you have any and would like to donate them please put them in the basket labeled eyeglasses located in the Fellowship Hall Women of FAITH cabinet, (no hard cases). If you have any questions, see Denise Mosey.

**Bridgeport Community Food Pantry:** Now is the time to think about donating to the food pantry. Remember that non-perishable foods are requested. **Be sure to check the expiration date is current!** Donations may be dropped off in the box at the Fellowship Hall entrance. We are currently taking names for a Christmas food basket, please call the church office 989-777-2600 if you know of a family in need.

**Donations of wrapping paper and scotch tape are needed:** Faith's Outreach will be wrapping gifts on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-1pm. If you would like to help wrap gifts see Lisa Bond. Please leave your donations of wrapping paper in the box at the Preschool desk.

**If you are planning on making a year-end gift to FAITH,** please make sure it is received before December 31<sup>st</sup>, in order for you to receive credit for 2021. Thank you!



**Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Park:** The Spaulding Township Event & Action Committee will hold its Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Park event from 6-8 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at the Township Park and hall, 5825 Cole Rd. Festivities begin outdoors with the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, and then move into the warm hall for live entertainment by Kenny Rogers and Dottie West (Christmas Carol tribute), holiday cookies, hot chocolate, cider and coffee. There will also be a special visit by Saint Nicolas and his elves. The event also features free Town's End Clydesdales and Carriage Christmas wagon rides.

**Historical Society of Bridgeport invites you to join them for:** "Christmas Concert" With Eva Stone, Jeff Scott and Jen Naegele & Jake Preist. Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall in the Historic Village 6190 Dixie Hwy.

**Advent Soup Suppers  
Monday  
5:30 pm-6:45 pm followed by  
Advent Worship Service at 7:00 pm**



**Hosts:  
Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Women of FAITH**

**There is a sheet on the counter in the Narthex  
to sign up to bring a dish to share.**

**All are welcome to join us! Free will donation.**

Women of FAITH Invite you to join us  
for  
*Seasons of Advent*  
Sunday, December 5  
4:00pm



**How can you participate?**

**Be a guest**-bring a dish to pass, enjoy the evening

**\*\*If you had a secret pal from the last one, bring a reveal gift. If you didn't have a pal but would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift!**

Sign up board is at the friendship station. We look forward to a fun and joy-filled evening! If you have any questions, please ask or call Heidi Behnke at 989-996-0671.

Free Gift Wrapping

Faith Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Drop off starts at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and pickup before 1:00 p.m.

Don't have wrap, bags or bows? Don't worry, WE DO!  
You can bring your own wrap for us to use, choose from the various designs available or let your wrapper choose!



*Event sponsored by the FAITH Outreach and Connection team*



# FAITH Lutheran Preschool and Childcare

**Present:  
Back to Bethlehem**



Join us: December 15, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

*All the children at FAITH Preschool and  
Childcare are participating in telling the story  
of the birth of Jesus!*

Dinner will be provided!

The cost is free. Please sign up at the  
Preschool desk if you plan on attending.



Faith Lutheran Church has adopted a family for Christmas. If you would like to buy a gift or gift card please return it to the church in the box marked "Adopted Family" before Sunday, December 19. Below is a list of gifts needed.

Girl 13:

Size 1 in Jr. Pants

Small size shirts

Coat size small

Hat

Bracelets/Necklaces

Boy 17:

Amazon gift card

Pants size 30 waist

Medium coat

Medium size shirts

Bed sheets

Parents:

Gift cards to Meijer or Walmart, A Christmas Food basket

Please see Barb Swanson or call the church office 989-777-2600 if you have any questions.