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***FOCUS ON FAITH***  
***January, 2023***



**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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# Serving at FAITH in January

## Elders:

January 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Harris and Mike Hastedt

January 15<sup>th</sup> Steve Dedyne and Archie Swanson

**Altar Guild:** Sandy Davis, Mary Sylvester, Linda Williams

## Ushers:

January 1 Group 3

January 8 WOF

January 15 Group 4

January 22 Group 1

January 29 Group 1

## Kidz' Word:

Archie Swanson

Laurie Lisk

Mindy Hoffmann

Doug Williams

Archie Swanson

## Ushers:

### Group 3

Jim Jordan

Bob Ferchau

Steve Dedyne

Tom Pierce

Matt Hoffmann

### Group 4

Dean Notter

Austin Notter

Ron Brush

### Group 1

Ron Reinbold

## WOF January 8<sup>th</sup> Ushers:

Susan Koehr, Linda Williams, Cindy Padgett and Heidi Behnke

## Lector Schedule:

January 1 Rachel Szaroletta

January 8 Heidi Behnke

January 15 Mary Sylvester

January 22 Denise Mosey

January 29 Mindy Hoffmann

## Old and New.

As we begin the New Year, it is always good to reflect on the old year as we set our hopes on coming year. Often, there is much to appreciate and be thankful about what has happened in the previous year, while also remembering the struggles that we endured. There is always good and always bad in every year. We also look ahead hoping for the good to continue and even improve while hoping the bad is less and even resolving to change some things. This can be very beneficial and healthy.

As I reflect on the last year at Faith, there have been many good things. I have seen people growing in their faith. I have seen people enjoying the fellowship we share in Christ. I have seen our church treating one another with more grace and less harshness. I have seen people returning to worship and have rejoiced over it while also seeing new people join us. In other words, I have seen the Holy Spirit at work.

Not that everything has been good, though. We have lost some good people to death, but we rejoice knowing that are now resting from their labors. Some people have left our congregation, but we rejoice knowing that most of them are still worshiping somewhere. There have been difficulties with health and other trials among some of us, but we rejoice that Christ is still with us. Sometimes we haven't always treated one another with grace, but we rejoice in the forgiveness we have in Christ.

Most of all, we rejoice that while things and circumstances may change, our God does not. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. His love, grace and mercy shown to us will never change no matter what happens and what we do. Yet, while he doesn't change, his mercies are new to us every morning. We always start fresh with him every day as we find forgiveness and renewal in him. So, as we reflect on the old year and the year to come, we also remember that this old world full of sin and sorrow will one day be no more and there will be a new heavens and a new earth where we will live with Christ forever.

--To God be the glory--

*Pastor Tim Behnke*

# **WILD GAME DINNER**

**ANNUAL  
MEN'S  
MINISTRY**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4241 WILLIAMSON ROAD**

**SATURDAY  
February 11, 2023  
6:30 PM**

**SET THIS EVENING ASIDE  
FOR FELLOWSHIP  
WITH OTHER FATHERS, SONS,  
GRANDSONS, NEPHEWS, FRIENDS**



***If you have questions or  
would like to donate prizes,  
please see Doug Williams.***

## *January*

- 1 Joan Block, Judy Christiansen,
- 2 Holly Klein
- 9 Andy Hoffmann, Steven Kuch
- 11 Sarah Albers
- 12 John Powell,  
\*Layla Ayala
- 13 Katelynn Harris, Karen Leaym
- 14 Karin Reinbold
- 19 Maxine Frounfelter
- 20 Louise Davis
- 21 Linda Pavlicek
- 23 Gabriella Harris, Brandon McNally
- 25 Roger Schumann
- 26 Amber Klein, Brad Kochan
- 27 Joyce Duve
- 29 Alan McNalley Jr.
- 30 Karen Brush

\*Children



- 12 Doug & Linda Williams



If we have missed anyone or made an error please call the church office.

## **WOMEN OF FAITH DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

On December 4<sup>th</sup> fifty-six women attended our Christmas party. We enjoyed fellowship and great food. We watched one skit on “Secret Pals,” and one on “Christmas Wrappings.” How we get caught up in the busiest of the season and forget what is most important. The birth of Jesus Christ!

**Count your Blessings:** Women’s retreat here at FAITH on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Come and enjoy bible studies, food, and fellowship. Please sign-up on the sheet on the Narthex counter. Ingathering non-perishable food items to be given to Community Church food pantry in Bridgeport. If you have any questions, see Denise Mosey.

**Next meeting:** January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Come and enjoy snacks and fellowship. If you have any questions, see Denise Mosey.

**Upcoming events: Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Speaker from Underground Railroad Karen Sova. Come and enjoy snacks and learn more about Underground Railroad. Watch FAITHlines for ingathering items.**

**Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Speaker from CAN Council Cindy Morley. Ingathering to follow in FAITHlines. If you have any questions, see Denise Mosey.**

**Women of FAITH, President  
Denise Mosey**

**Food Distribution:** The next date for our Food Distribution is January 12. Please see Ed Gubbins if you have any questions.

**Did you know we do 100 sack lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission every month?** Do you know how much each month cost? Here is a breakdown of what goes into each sack and what the cost is. Please consider donating items, money or your time.

**Sacks Lunch Guidelines:**

- 1 - Sandwich with cheese, lettuce, and deli meat
- 1 - Bag of chips or pretzels
- 1 - Dessert (granola bars, cookies, snack cakes, brownies etc.)
- 1 - Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cups

**Quantity Needed: 100**

11 loaves of bread \$13.75 (off-brand)

Lunch Meat 200 pieces \$54.32

Cheese 100 pieces \$19.20

Granola Bars \$20.64

Apple Sauce \$26.40

100 Paper sacks \$3.99

Sandwich bags \$2.50

Snack bags \$2.25

Mayonnaise - \$5.80

**100 Small bags of chips \$36.46 Total cost: \$185.31 each month.**

Please help us help the people in need. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Harris. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

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Thank you Pastor Behnke for your visits and prayers.  
Thanks to everyone who sent me cards and called to check on me. I appreciate all of you at Faith.

Kate Pavlicek

**ITEM OF INTEREST DECEMBER  
CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS SLATE 2023**

1. All officers are elected to a three-year term.
2. The number in parentheses ( ) notes the year of the members election.
3. The \* marks those who are being nominated for election this year.

**Administrative Council**

Josh Bond (20)  
Louise Davis (20)  
Sandy Davis (21)  
\*Laurie Lisk (23)  
\*Shirley Lehman (23)  
Denise Mosey (21)  
Jim Thieme (20)  
Doug Williams (21)  
Mary Sylvester (21)  
Ex Officio: Pastor Behnke

**Board of Christian Education**

Mindy Hoffmann (21)  
Jen Spencer (21)  
Kathy Harris (20)  
Susan Koehr (20)  
Kim Stroup (20)  
Brenda Padgett (21)  
\*Jill Notter (23)  
Ex Officio: Pastor Behnke

**Board of Elders**

Steve Dedyne (21)  
Tom Harris (21)  
Andy Hoffmann (21)  
Ed Gubbins (21)  
Archie Swanson (20)  
Matt Hoffmann (20)  
Michael Hastedt (20)  
\*Dan Pavlicek (23)

**Board of Property and Finance**

Carol Dickhausen (21)  
Denise Mosey (21)  
Susan Koehr (21)  
Terri Buchinger (21)  
\*Michael Hastedt (23)  
\*Dwight McNally (23)  
\*Barb Swanson (23)  
\*Tom Harris (23)

**Nominating Committee: Pastor Behnke, Louise Davis, and Denise Mosey.**