

FAITH Lutheran Church
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FOCUS ON FAITH
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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....

- Fellowshiping 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 5th Steve Dedyne
January 19th Mike Hastedt

Altar Guild: Sandy Davis, Louise Davis, Linda Williams

Ushers:

January 5 Group 3
January 12 Group 4
January 19 Group 4
January 26 Group 1

Kidz' Word:

Archie Swanson
Doug Williams
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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

Lector Schedule:

January 5 Mary Sylvester
January 12 Heidi Behnke
January 19 Mindy Hoffmann
January 26 Rachel Szaroletta

Greeter Schedule:

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| January 5 | Shirley Lehman | Lance & Abbie Burns |
| January 12 | Diane Gubbins | Dearaine Gubbins |
| January 19 | Rachel Szaroletta | Heidi Behnke |
| January 26 | Louise Davis | Steve & Dorothy Dedyne |

Lean on him.

Sometimes things break down. Sometimes they seem to break down all at once. This last month at Faith, we had problems with one of the furnaces, the boiler, the heater in the fellowship hall, the automatic doors, the electronic sign and the carillon all at the same time. It was overwhelming while we were going through it especially since repairs were delayed for various reasons. However, finally things started to get better. As of now, the furnace, boiler and sign are all functional, though more work will be required for the boiler. We are getting bids on the doors and will have to have the carillon checked out.

That's how life works out sometimes. We don't expect things to be perfect, but sometimes it seems like everything goes bad at once. It can be frustrating and overwhelming, but in the majority of cases, it eventually gets better or we learn to adjust. We just have to get through it one day or even one hour at a time.

The good news is that our God does not abandon us at these times. Even when we don't feel it, he is there giving us strength and protecting us. He even uses these times to mold us and to make us rely on him more, because that is what we need to do. When we are weak and dependent on him is when we are the strongest in reality. So, in this New Year, when times seem overwhelming, turn to our Heavenly Father and lean on him. He will never leave or forsake you, I promise.

--To God be the glory--

Pastor Tim Behnke

January

- 1 Joan Block
- 2 Holly Klein
- 9 Andy Hoffmann
- 11 Sarah Albers
- 12 John Powell, *Layla Ayala
- 13 Katelynn Harris, Karen Leaym
- 14 Karin Reinbold
- 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.