

FAITH Lutheran Church
Offering Christ-Centered Childcare and Preschool
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FOCUS ON FAITH
November, 2021



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 November

Elders:

November 7 Tom Harris, Gary Green
November 21 Archie Swanson, Andy Hoffmann

Altar Guild: Louise Davis, Denise Mosey, Kim Stroup

Fellowship: Ed & Dearaine Gubbins

Ushers:

November 7	Group 3
November 14	Group 3
November 21	Group 4
November 28	Group 4

Kidz' Word:

November 7	Doug Williams
November 14	Mindy Hoffmann
November 21	Archie Swanson
November 28	Doug Williams

Ushers List:

Group 3

Jim Jordan
Bob Ferchau
Steve Dedyne
Tom Pierce

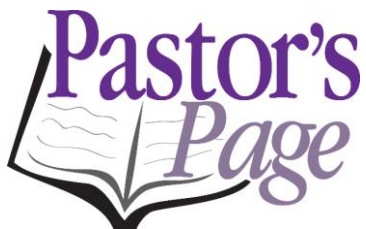
Group 4

Dean Notter
Austin Notter
Ron Brush

Lectors:

November 7	Rachel Szaroletta
November 14	Mary Sylvester
November 21	Don Christiansen
November 28	Laurie Lisk





Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is coming up later this month and the holiday has always intrigued me. First of all, it is a secular holiday. It was not created nor instituted by the church, but by the federal government. Yet, it fits in our Christian calendar so well because we should and need to thank God for all he does and is doing.

Secondly, it is interesting that it is not as commercialized as other holidays, but that the focus is simple; thank God and spend time with family, whether eating, watching football, playing games or even just talking. Yes, there is often a lot of preparation and clean-up for the meal, but afterwards, it's usually relaxing.

Thirdly, I find that even with the simplicity, there are traditions with it, like any good holiday. These traditions can be where it is eaten, what foods are going to be there, watching the Lions play football, or even taking time to say what you are thankful for. The list can be long, but it makes each family's Thanksgiving different and unique to them.

Finally, I find it interesting that we have a holiday to do what should come naturally and daily. Giving thanks to our God should be part of something we do continually because, even in these strange and trying times, we have so much to be thankful for. We have each other and we have food on the table. We have a generous God and Father who loves us in spite of us not being worthy for that love. We have a Lord and Savior who gave his life for us that we could live with him forever. We have a Holy Spirit dwelling in us and working through us and for us. We have much to be thankful for. So let's give thanks every day.

--To God be the glory--

Pastor Tim Behnke

Deadline for the Monthly “Focus on FAITH” Newsletter is the 18th of November. **Deadline for the Sunday FAITHLINES** is 10:00 am Thursday mornings and no later. All information should be emailed to the church office at faithluthchurch@yahoo.com or placed in the office mailbox. Thank you.

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 Sharing Station.



Poinsettia Order: Taking orders for Poinsettia plants now through November 21st. Order sheet is on the counter in the Narthex. The cost is \$10 each, choose from white, red or marble. Please make checks payable to Women of Faith and give to Dorothy Dedyne 989-233-1961. If you have any questions see Dorothy.

Thank you Edna Walentovic for making the beautiful placemats and Richard Husen for donating the fabric used to make the placemats. Your hard work and generosity is very much appreciated. *The Fall Decorating Gals!*

Thank you: For all your donations of candy for Faith Lutheran Preschool and Childcares Trick or Treat.

November

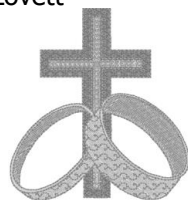


Birthdays

- 4 Shirley Lehman, Jean Husen
- 5 *Drew Davis
- 8 William Niedrich
- 10 Kim McLean
- 11 Eric Curtis, Stephanie Harper
- 12 Clayton Alma, Marla Hoffmann, Linda Williams
- 15 Madison Hoffmann, *Audrey Butzin
- 16 Marilyn Streets, *Eden Stamper, * Bailey DeHerder
- 17 Mark Klein
- 18 Angie Bowns, Kaylea Simmons, Marlene Gerken
- 19 Paul Donahou, Brian Leaym
- 20 Keith Mosey
- 22 Barbara Hoffmann
- 26 Daniel Pavlicek
- 29 Kyle Herzberg, Rachel Hoffmann,
Jeremy Niedrich, Edna Walentovic, *Grayson Lovett
- 30 Kyle Curtis, Alex Klein

*infant/child/not confirmed

- 2 Ferris & Patricia Finerty
- 11 Rick & Jan Webb
- 14 Lance & Abigail Burns
- 19 Andy & Mindy Hoffmann



Wedding
Anniversaries

If we have missed anyone or made an error, please call the church office at 777-2600 so corrections can be made. Thank You!

Preschool Pages

Faith Lutheran Preschool and Childcare is now enrolling!

We currently have space in our Three year old preschool room.

We now have a Pre-Kindergarten prep room! Get all the skills needed for Kindergarten! For ages four or five.

If you are interested, or know of someone who is please do not hesitate to contact Karlie Fournier at (989) 777-2702.

Scholastic Book Orders

Help Faith Lutheran's Preschool and Childcare earn books for the classrooms!
For every book purchased, the school receives points towards classroom books!

If you would like to make a book purchase, simply go online to www.scholastic.com and click on the tab for "reading club." Our school code is: **P33M4**
Shop numerous book catalogs in various age groups!

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER ITEM OF INTEREST**

Pastor Timothy Behnke reported that he led 4 Sunday Worship Services, 4 Monday Night Worship Services, and 2 Preschool Chapels. **Pastoral Care:** 14 Prayer contacts/care, 4 Office visits, 2 Hospital/Shut-in, 0 Home visits, 8 Supervision, and 7 other. **Pastor** and the elders are monitoring Covid-19 and will modify worship practice according.

Property and Finance: **Dwight McNally** reported that budget receipts through September \$393,495.27 which is \$119,094.27 behind of budget receipts for the same period in 2020. This is due to a large donation received March 2020. Preschool/Childcare receipts through September totaled \$222,782.91. This is \$36,849.10 ahead of the same period last year, again due to a COVID grant received in February. Budget receipts through September were \$40,106.16 behind budget requirements.

Preschool/Childcare: **Barb Swanson** reported that they have 46 children enrolled. Total tuition for September \$39,536.50. The state is providing another grant for childcare centers. It is open to apply at the end of October.

Elders: **Ed Gubbins** reported that they met October 7th. Transfer in: Mark McMan from Trinity Lutheran Church in Bay City.

Outreach: The next Food Distribution is October 14th – 12:00 p.m. The next Blood Drive is October 13th 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Respectively Summited, Denise Mosey

Attention Ladies,

It's almost time for our Fresh Cookie Sale and Craft Bazaar. We are doing things a little differently this year. There will be a board with recipes of our best sellers in the Narthex. If you are able to bake at home, take one (or two) and bake them the week of the Bazaar. Flour and sugar (brown, white and powdered) will be available to take home and bake.

We will also be baking at church Mon.-Wed. from 8-3. If you can sign up even for a few hours it is greatly appreciated. We also ask that if you bake at home, do NOT bag and price the cookies. They will be placed on trays and marked at church.

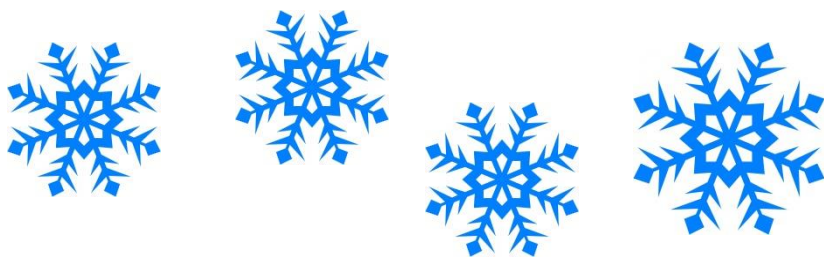
If you have a favorite cookie bar recipe, please consider making some. We will be offering more of these this year.

We have LOTS of vendors this year! Please give us a hand to make this Bazaar a success. Our proceeds always go to local charities, which will be voted on by WOF. The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 20, from 9-3.

Sign-up sheets for helpers in the kitchen and baking will be on the counter in the Narthex. If you don't bake, we also need dishwashers, decorators, and cookie packaging.

Our Church Store will be set up, many church members' products and our Youth Group will have a table that will benefit their trip to the Youth Gathering. Please see Mary Sylvester if you have any questions. We will also have an attic treasure table, so bring in your like new things.

In Christ,
The Bazaar Committee



**Annual Fresh Christmas
Cookie Sale
And
Craft Bazaar**

FAITH Lutheran Church

Saturday, November 20, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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COME JOIN US

*Fall items and Christmas items will be for
sale, as well as fresh baked goods and of
course our Famous Fresh Cookies!*



OCTOBER WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of FAITH met Thursday, October 21st. Seventeen women enjoyed fellowship and snacks. We made Thanksgiving and Christmas Cards for Homebound Friends.

Book Club for our Fall reading, "Our Daily Biscuit, Devotions with a Drawl" by Todd Starnes and Michelle Cox. If you have any questions, see **Shirley Lehman**.

Cuddle Quilts: We have plenty of tops ready to sew. If you can help with this project, please see **Heidi Behnke**.

FAITHful Sew-ers have been busy making quilts. Thank you for your service to **FAITH** and our Lord.

Son-Shines continue to send cards to our homebound friends and our church members. If you have any questions, see **Edna Walentovic** and **Betty Moggo**.

Church Store continues to open two times each month to serve our church members. If you have any questions, see **Susan Koehr** and **Terri Buchinger**.

Thank you to **Heidi Behnke** for keeping the parsonage sign current.

Please help us as we collect items for **Most Ministries** if you have eyeglasses laying around bring them to church and place in the basket at the sharing station.

Help us collect items for **Saginaw Rescue Mission**. Please see the list in **Faithlines**. Thank you for your help.

Thank you for all your help with the **McNally House** collection your help is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming events:

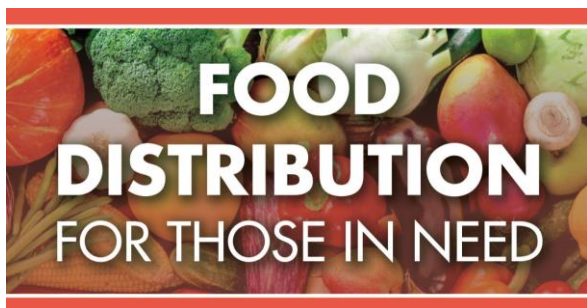
Mite Collection: Sunday, November 14th 9:00 a.m. service

Next meeting, Thursday, November 18th 5:30 p.m.

Annual Fresh Christmas Cookie Sale and Craft Bazaar Saturday, November 20th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Advent by Candlelight Sunday, December 5th watch for details in your Faithlines.

"With God All Things are Possible" Matthew 19:26
President, Denise Mosey



Thursday, October 11th 10-12:00 p.m.

Valley Lutheran High School Booster Club is holding their annual Fruit Sale thru November 10, 2021. The fruit will be passed out Saturday, December 4th at VLHS from 7:30am-2:00pm. Fruit will be boxed bulk, sold by the pound, with no trays, except for Citrus Delight. You can order online at <https://www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/436457> For more information, please call the VLHS office at 989-790-1676.



Faith Lutheran Church
Wednesday, December
8th 2-7 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Frankentrost Living Nativity The annual Living Nativity production put on by Immanuel Lutheran Frankentrost is currently in need of many volunteers willing to participate this year. We are extremely thankful for any and all members/friends that would like to take part. The dates for this years production are December 3-5. If you are willing or able to participate, you may contact Kelsey Robinson at (989) 928-4661. Thank you all very much!

First Grade Teacher

St. Lorenz School is seeking nominations for qualified candidates. This position would begin in January of 2022 to complete the year with the potential of becoming a permanent position. Ideal candidate(s) will have teaching experience in an elementary school, a bachelor degree or higher, a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and a valid Michigan Teaching Certificate. Interested applicants can submit their resume to principal@stlorenz.org for consideration.

Second Grade Teacher

St. Lorenz School is seeking nominations for qualified candidates. This position would begin in August of 2022. Ideal candidate(s) will have teaching experience in an elementary school, a bachelor degree or higher, a member of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and a valid Michigan Teaching Certificate. Interested applicants can submit their resume to principal@stlorenz.org for consideration.