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Lutheran Church
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Pastor's View

The angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:10)

As we begin the month of December, we are in the season of Advent. This is the beginning of the church year and our time of waiting for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Each Wednesday in Advent we will offer an evening worship service at 6:00 p.m. The services on December 1 and 22 will be at Faith. Services on December 8 and 15 will be at Our Savior's. The confirmation students have been working hard on skits they will present during these services. Each service will be approximately thirty minutes with refreshments served following the service. I hope you will be able to join us and support our confirmation students.

You will have another opportunity to support the young people of our congregations when the Sunday school presents their Christmas program on Sunday, December 19, during the worship service at Our Savior's at 10:30 a.m.

Then we will celebrate Christmas with services on Christmas Eve at Our Savior's, 9:00 p.m. and Christmas Day at Faith, 9:00 a.m. These services end our time of waiting and joyously celebrate Jesus' birth. It is a wonderful time to be together with our church family.

I look forward to being with all of you during these special services. I hope the busyness of the season will not get in the way of enjoying the true reason we celebrate. It is always wonderful to anticipate visits from family and friends, but it can also be stressful. Use these worship opportunities to help you relax and enjoy the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

I am grateful for your support and encouragement and I thank God that I was offered the opportunity to be your interim pastor. May you all have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

See you in worship!
Pastor Roberta



Advent Wednesdays

The Confirmation Class will do a skit with Pastor Roberta each Wednesday.

There will be refreshments served in the basement following each service.

December 1 - 6:00 p.m. at **Faith**

December 8 - 6:00 p.m. at **Our Savior's**

Christmas program practice after service.

December 15 - 6:00 p.m. at **Our Savior's**

Christmas program practice after service.

December 22 - 6:00 p.m. at **Faith**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 24

9:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Christmas Day Worship

Friday, December 25

9:00 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church



God Squad Bible Jams

Devotions! Discussion! Food! Fellowship! Games!

Wednesdays, December 1 and 8

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Faith Church

All junior high and high school students are invited.

Naomi Circle Bible Study

Wednesday, December 8

10:00 a.m. at Marsha Witte's home



“Women of Advent”

by Lindsay Hardin Freeman

November/December issue of *Gather* magazine
(pages 32 - 37)

**No Worship Service or Sunday School
on December 26, 2021**

Committee and organization reports for the Faith and Our Savior's annual reports are due in the church office by Monday, December 20, 2021.

These reports include: Pastor, Council Presidents, and all Committees (Education, Worship, Christian Outreach, God Squad, Feeding the Children, Memorial and Gifts, Property and Management, and Our Savior's Cemetery)

Financial reports, budgets, and audit reports for the congregations are due in the church office by Monday, January 17, 2022.

~ ~ ~ **Annual Meetings** ~ ~ ~

Following Worship at Faith and Our Savior's
Sunday, January 30, 2022

Children's Christmas Program

The Sunday School Children will present a

Christmas Program at 10:30 a.m.

on Sunday, December 19, at Our Savior's.

Program practices will follow mid-week Advent services on two Wednesdays (December 8 and 15). Final rehearsal is 9:30 a.m. Saturday, December 18.

All rehearsals are at Our Savior's.

To contact Pastor Roberta, please use her
cell phone number: **406-478-9518**

First Communion

Congratulations to Kinnick Christensen and Emily Grau on their First Communion on Sunday, November 14.

Members who died in 2021

Our condolences to the families of:

Chad Boussetot, who passed away on August 28, service was held at Our Savior's on September 4.

Janice Berger, who passed away on October 5, celebration of life will be held at another time.

Geraldine Schutt, who passed away October 29, service was held at Faith on November 1.

Please submit items for the January newsletter and all committee reports to the church office by Monday, December 20.

Thank you for your cooperation!



November Meetings

~ ~ Joint Council ~ ~

God Squad

- Bible Jam has six-eight kids attending.
- Two youth have registered for ELCA 2022 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor will be on vacation November 18-26 and December 26-31.
- Confirmation has been working on Advent service skits for Wednesday services.
- Two children completed First Communion classes.
- **Education Committee**
- Sunday School Christmas Program presented on Sunday, December 19, at 10:30 am at Our Savior's.
- Program practice on Wednesdays, December 8 and 15, after Advent services at Our Savior's, and Saturday, December 18, at 9:30 am at Our Savior's.

Worship Committee

- Wednesday Advent services:
 - December 1 & 22 at Faith
 - December 8 & 15 at Our Savior's Program practice upstairs after the services at Our Savior's.
 - Cookies and coffee in basement following each service.
- Reviewed Christ the King and Hanging of the Greens services.
- No Worship or Sunday School on December 26.
- Discussed a youth-led service in the spring.

Feeding the Children

- Spent \$182.88 this month.
- Wesley Methodist serves seven students and Calamus Lutheran Parish serves eight students.

New Business:

- December Joint Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, December 15, after the Advent service at Our Savior's.

~ ~ Our Savior's Council ~ ~

Old Business:

- Painting is completed. One circle piece is damaged and will need to be replaced.

New Business:

- There will be sign-up sheets at the back of the church for cookies to serve following the Advent services at Our Savior's.

~ ~ Faith Council ~ ~

Old Business:

- Kitchen faucet is fixed
- Orkin contract has been cancelled and paid in full. Motion made to hire Meyer Pest Control.

New Business:

- Council terms ending 2021: Boussetot (2nd), Grau (2nd), Steffens (1st)
- Property and Management will seek a provider to repair water damage of walls in children's chapel and landing to balcony.
- Terri Boussetot and Andrea Shelton will organize a deep cleaning of the kitchen with volunteers.
- Cookies and coffee following the Advent services at Faith will be hosted by Faith's Worship Committee members on December 1 and the Witte family on December 22.

MINISTERS for December 2021

If you cannot do your task on the day assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with someone or to find your own substitute and notify the church office of the change.

FAITH CHURCH

Ushers:

Dirk Braet
Brian Tulley

Acolyte:

Tysen Steffens

Altar Ministry:

Larry and Sharyl Banowetz

Communion Assistant:

Brian Tulley

Lectors:

December 5: Rachel Boussetot
December 12: Mark Witte
December 19: Shelley Gentile

OUR SAVIOR'S CHURCH

Usher:

Shane Glover

Acolyte:

Macailah Jacobsen

Communion Assistant:

Dan Burke

Lectors:

December 5: Jason Boussetot
December 12: Deb Detlefs
December 19: Children's Program

Cleaner:

Brian Boussetot and Mary Timmerman

December 2021

NOTE: Sunday worship is also online at www.clparrish.org

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
F = Faith Church OS = Our Savior's Church			1 Advent Service 6:00 pm at Faith Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	2	3	4
5 Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	6	7	8 Naomi Circle 10:00 am at Marsha Witte's home Advent Service 6:00 pm at Our Savior's Program Practice Bible Jam 7:00 pm at Faith	9	10	11
12 Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Worship – OS	13	14	15 Advent Service 6:00 pm at Our Savior's Program Practice Joint Council 7:00 pm at Our Savior's	16	17	18 Children's Christmas Program Practice 9:30 am at Our Savior's
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 Worship – F 9:25 Sunday School – OS 10:30 Children's Christmas Program at Our Savior's	20 Newsletter items due in the church office. Committee and Organization Annual Reports are due.	21	22 Advent Service 6:00 pm at Faith	23	24 Christmas Eve 9:00 pm Worship at Our Savior's	25 Christmas Day 9:00 am Worship at Faith
26 NO Worship NO Sunday School	27	28	29	30	31	