

Faith Journeys

Faith Lutheran Church -- ELCA

January 2015

Pastor Joy's Message

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ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, 1/25 11:30



Happy New Year!

2015! It is hard to believe that another New Year is here. I don't know if it is just me, but it seems like the time just goes so quickly! Here we are at the start of another calendar year and before we know it, we will celebrate a whole year of our ministry together with my first anniversary at Faith Lutheran being February 10th. Thanks be to God!

Time does go so quickly, but at the same time, I really enjoy the possibility that comes with each New Year. Twelve whole months full of hope and opportunity. I often find it to be a peaceful time in many ways. The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is behind us and while we may have some things planned, for the most part, during these early days in January our year is mostly unscripted. We are still remembering to write 2015 on our checks and other documents and just getting into the swing of things.

Which we know will happen all too soon. It doesn't take long at all before each day of each month is filled with something and the busyness of life begins to take over.

One of the things that I really enjoy about January is gathering for our Annual Meeting (this year's is January 25th at 11:30 a.m.) as a congregation. Often, meetings are not thought of as enjoyable, but at our Annual Meeting we get to give thanks to God for the many blessings that we have experienced in 2014 and look forward to and hope and dream about all that 2015 will hold.

Each year, putting together the Annual Report is a blessing for me. Sure, it is hard work, but it only exists because of ALL of the things that WE were able to do as the people of God. It expresses the many ways that we have been "Making Christ Known Through Lives of Faith."

Look forward to receiving that report and rejoicing at the blessings of 2014. Also, I invite you to spend these early days of January thinking and praying about what 2015 will hold for you. Also, consider what 2015 will hold for Faith Lutheran and how you will be a part of the story that we will tell next January. As always, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you for all that you do!

Happy New Year to you and your family!

Sunday School - Live Nativity

The Live Nativity was a huge success. Everyone had fun and we received rave reviews from those who drove through and stopped inside for cookies. Thanks to ALL who participated! Faith is full of Angels and not just at Christmas.



Mary and Martha kept everyone warm with hot chocolate and the animals kept it interesting. We had a goat, a miniature horse and an alpaca!!

Sunday School - Live Nativity



Practice and helpers made things run like clockwork!

Music inside kept the cookie walk festive



This community outreach event was an example of people of Faith living out our mission statement: *Making Christ Known Through the Lives of Faith.*

Birthdays, Anniversaries & News

Birthdays

01/03	Wally Brooks
01/04	Troy Rittschof
01/06	Samantha Lower
01/07	Kailee Lynn
01/08	Andrew Zilis
01/14	Barb Harms
01/15	Sam Hacaga
01/16	Traci Sedlock
01/17	Isella Zepeda
01/18	Ed Heitter
01/20	Linda Daub
01/21	Judy Carter Ed Hoffman
01/23	Doug Gay
01/24	Jake Alsop
01/25	Judy Payne
01/27	Brian Sieg
01/29	Diane Ruggerio



Anniversaries

01/08	Katie & Mark Zilis
01/15	Deb & Tom Lower

Births

Congratulations to Nick & Angela Haws on the newest addition to their family. Elizabeth Austin Haws was born on November 20, 2014. Welcoming Elizabeth home is her big sister Lily.

Baptisms

December 14th, **Rhett Allen Monson and Breckin Dean Mims** were received through the sacrament of holy baptism. Rhett's parents are Jeff & Brooke Monson & big sister Parker. His grandparents are Randy and Diane Monson. His sponsors are Shay & Brittini Sticka. Breckin Dean Mims parents are Tara & Michael Mims. Grandparents are Doug and Connie Wood, and sponsors are Nick & Heather Wood. We welcome Rhett & Breckin to our family here at Faith.

Sympathy

The congregation wishes to extend their deepest sympathies to Jim Hopkins & family as they mourn the loss of his father, Steve Hopkins .

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Thank You!

Christmas cheer spreads across the world!

Faith Lutheran Church's generous gift of candy packets and Christmas cards signed by our members have made

their way across the world. The cards were mailed in December to Jubilee church Sunday school children. Thanks to Bea Chaplin who prepared the cards and the loving members of faith, both children and adults, who wrote greetings and signed the cards. The candy packets will be hand delivered by John and Esther Prabhakar on Jan. 25 to Shiloh children and Feb.1 to Jubilee church children. If possible, they will send pictures of the children's smiling faces! There may be a chance for Pastor Joy to speak to Jubilee church congregation during John's sermon time on Feb. 1! We hope the technology comes thru. Thanks once again for the generosity of Faith congregation.



Calendar

Lay Ministry

Prayer Ministry

Members:

Joyce Bialas
Lois Rewerts
Diane Ruggerio

Friends & Family:

The family of Jim Busse as they mourn his death
Josh Byrd (grandson of Harold & Pat Gosse)
Carol Burdette (mother of Holli Duthie)
Marilyn Casey (sister-in-law of Nedra Knapp)
Keith Dinda (grandfather of Katherine Case)
Alberta Dummer (friend of Gail Rogers)
Cheryl Eich (friend of Nedra Knapp)
Norm Gruben, (friend of Diana Arntzen)
Connie Hansen (mother of Angie Primrose)
Claudia Ingardona (cousin of Jennifer Valentine)
Golda Jolly (friend of Joy VonSeggern)
Kevin Larimore (friend of Doug & April Moorehead)
Bill & Doris Martin (friends of Gene & Linda Hammer)
Art Margheim (friend of Chaplin's) ,
Deb Roberts (friend of Gloria Tyler)
Mike Rogers (brother of Mark Rogers)
Tammy Sveta
Jim Valentine (father of Mike Valentine)
Carl (brother-in-law of Susie Wittwer)
Janice (cousin of Barb Harms)
Marguerite (mother of Margo Wilkinson)
Peggy (sister-in-law of Alice Arjes)



February Newsletter items are due
to the office by January 15:
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** Please send items to office so
they are all in one place.
THANK YOU!

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Budget /Council Notes

General Fund							
	Revenues		Expenses		Actual Net Income/ Loss		
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted			
Month	\$15,450.50	\$15,096.00	\$14,258.80	\$15,160.00	\$1,191.70		
YTD	\$175,124.81	\$166,072.00	\$187,381.44	\$166,949.00	-\$12,256.63		
Building Fund							
	Revenues		Expenses		Actual Net Income/ Loss		
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted			
Month	\$4,679.00	\$4,435.00	\$4,463.00	\$4,774.00	\$216.00		
YTD	\$52,902.00	\$48,797.00	\$56,093.00	\$52,516.00	-\$3,191.00		
M&M (Building) Fund Balance			6,793.47				

Council Highlights – November Edition

- ◆ It was decided to work with Alan Detig owner of Coffee Express. He has provided us with a Bunn – 3 burner brewing system. A pot of coffee brews in 2 ½ minutes. There was no cost for the equipment but the coffee is purchased from him. There is no contract needed so the risk is minimal. The goal of this is to make hosting fellowship more accessible as the current pots were difficult for many to navigate.
- ◆ We continue to think and pray about members to join the council in 2015 has begun. We will vote for these individuals at the Annual Meeting on January 25th.
- ◆ The 2015 budget process is underway. In an effort to be as efficient as possible and have continuity through the years, a finance task force is being put into place. They will work with council on the budget and other financial concerns.
- ◆ It was reported that the Memorial fund has a balance of \$2971.66.

News

Life Line Screening Event

Faith Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 2/3/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.**

Community Dinner Highlights

The December 8th team leaders were Vivian Carlson & Nedra Knapp. Team members who assisted Nedra & Vivian were Ken Hill, Shirley LeMar, Barb Cox, Esther Prabhakar, Steve Liezert, Dick Schutte and John Prabhakar. Stew, bread & butter, peaches, slaw, desserts, coffee, milk and lemonade were served. 91 meals were served this month.

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If you have any questions, please contact Shelley Haws at 815-562-5382 or

hawspaws@comcast.net



OUTREACH MISSION FOR FAITH: Rochelle Food Pantry

January: Peanut Butter & Jelly
Monetary donations always appreciated.

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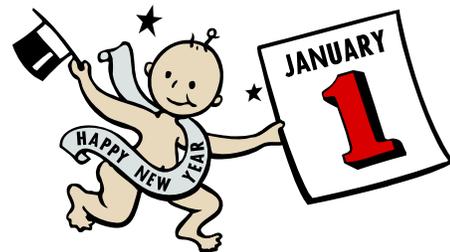
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**Sunday School &
Confirmation Classes
resume Jan. 4th at 9:15**

