

# Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



## PASTOR'S STUDY

*"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations."*

Psalm 67:1-2

Dear friends of Faith, during this season of Epiphany God is revealed to us in His word and it's fitting to ask, "Why?" The psalmist answers, "That your way may be known on the earth." When the exiles returned to Jerusalem and read God's law, they understood His blessing was given in order that they serve as an example to the nations of God's love. They made a covenant to God, "All those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the law of God,...are taking on themselves a curse and an oath to walk in God's law," (Ne. 10:28-29).

God's people are set apart from the world and its ways. This isn't an elitist thing, but a recognition that God's ways are not those of the world. St. Paul would say, "You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons," (1 Co. 10:21). The pagan world requires its sacrifices, but these are not God's, and the two don't mix. In vowing to observe God's ways, in not welcoming the world's ways in, the people of God call attention to His gifts of peace, hope, and love; it's an invitation to be different.

The early Church in Acts 2 was set apart and God added daily to their numbers. People saw something different, something unique,

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JANUARY

- 13<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Zoom) - 7:00 p.m.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
- 17<sup>th</sup> "Heirs of Faith" Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m.
- 17<sup>th</sup> "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class - 3:00 p.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Pastor Out of Office
- 19<sup>th</sup> No Bible Study
- 20<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Zoom) - 7:00 p.m.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Target Shooting Club - 10:30 a.m.

If you would like to join our Bible Studies via Zoom, please notify the pastor and specify which Bible Study you would like to attend.

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Divine Service - 10:15a  
Christian Education - 9:15a  
Wednesday Bible Study - 9:15a

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something they were missing in their own lives, and sought it out. This is the love of God, His face shining upon us. Too often the church tries to be like the world—imitating its music, programs, ways of dressing and talking, but this is a mistake. We are to be salt and light to the world, conforming it to Christ, that His light, His saving power may be known among the nations. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Pastor Sorenson*

*O Lord, have mercy.  
O Christ, have mercy.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Names will be kept on the prayer list for 30 days unless otherwise requested.*

CATEGORY	THOSE IN NEED	PETITIONS
THE CHURCH	Our Synod and District officials. Our pastors, teachers, missionaries, and musicians.	For faithfulness to God's word. For unity of confession. For strength against temptation.
THE NATION	Elected officials; First Responders; Military; and Justices. An end to the violence, and its causes.	For just rule and a peaceful, orderly society.
HOSPITALIZED	Gail Batistoni.	For healing, safety, and strength.
IN CARE FACILITIES	Michael Sutton; Virginia Philippy; Jerry DeLisle; Ruth Rauch; Charles Wright; Sandy Stange.	For healing, strength, hope, and that they may know Christ's love.
UNDERGOING TREATMENT	Carol DeLisle; Janice Tyma; Colton Hafner; Gerald Kavanagh (uncle of Carl Belknap); Jim Watters.	For healing, strength, patience, compassionate & wise care givers, and faith.
HOSPICE	Irene Keller	For comfort, peace, and faith.
GRIEVING	Ken Spalding (Martha's dad).	For comfort, and the peace in the hope of the Resurrection.
COVID-19	All doctors, nurses, EMTs, & care givers. Residents & staff at all area Care Facilities; Jeremy (Gail Bastitoni's grandson) Rev. Apple & family (First Lutheran, Clearwater).	For recovery, relief of pain, safety, strength, and endurance. For an end to the pandemic.
SPECIAL REQUESTS	Paul & Maggie McLaughlin; Sue Laeder; Fred Robbins; Wilma Lehto; Carol Edwards - Niedbalski; Paul & Shari Martin; Keith Trecker; Lowell Stange; Anne Marie Passaro Koster; Connie (Gail Batistoni's DIL); Rama (Gail Batistoni's niece); Elda Thomas; Lt. Ashley White (friend of Anne Koster); Barb Gale (Flo Bellhorn's SIL); Phillip Apple; Bob & Carol Hammerle; David Hafner; Gail Batistoni.	That the Holy Spirit, knowing the needs of His children, would intercede on their behalf before heaven's throne.

## LET'S TALK FINANCES

Thanks be to God for your faithful support. Memorials were received for Steve Pano, Paul Blackburn, and Ken Spalding. We also received funds for the pipe organ fund.

### Major Dedicated Funds:

	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE
INCOME	\$18,717	\$202,022
EXPENSE	\$17,321	\$194,745
TOTAL	\$1,395	12,533

Parking Lot - \$25,159

Pipe Organ - \$ 59,777.00

## THIS WE CONFESS

*The following excerpts come from the Lutheran Confessions. Unless otherwise noted, they are from the Tappert edition of the Book of Concord, Fortress Press, 1959*

The law is a divine doctrine which reveals the righteousness and immutable will of God, shows how man ought to be disposed in his nature, thoughts, words, and deeds in order to be pleasing and acceptable to God, and threatens the transgressors of the law with God's wrath and temporal and eternal punishment.

The content of the Gospel is this, that the Son of God, Christ our Lord, himself assumed and bore the curse of the law and expiated and paid for all our sins, that through him alone we re-enter the good graces of God, obtain forgiveness of sins through faith, are freed from death and all the punishments of sin, and are saved eternally. For everything which comforts and which offers the mercy and grace of God to transgressors of the law strictly speaking is, and is called, the Gospel, a good and joyful message that God wills not to punish sins but to forgive them for Christ's sake.

(The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, V, 20, 21)

### BIRTHDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Terry Davis  
4<sup>th</sup> Lois Finn  
5<sup>th</sup> Sharen Martin  
8<sup>th</sup> Peter Kolb  
11<sup>th</sup> Claudia Nieminen  
20<sup>th</sup> Lukas Nieminen  
28<sup>th</sup> Phil McWhorter  
31<sup>st</sup> Mary Keller

### ANNIVERSARY

6<sup>th</sup> Carl & Jennifer Belknap

### BAPTISM

1<sup>st</sup> Adam Kiehn      28<sup>th</sup> Lowell Stange  
1<sup>st</sup> Anne Koster  
1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Treubig  
1<sup>st</sup> Bobbie Inglehart  
13<sup>th</sup> Carter Kiehn  
14<sup>th</sup> Lois Finn  
14<sup>th</sup> Marlene Sams  
16<sup>th</sup> Ann Shuck  
23<sup>rd</sup> Emily Sorenson  
25<sup>th</sup> Barbara Loce  
26<sup>th</sup> Elaine Jaki

*There is one body  
and one Spirit*

# Thank you!

For continuing to support the continued Word and Sacrament ministry at Faith Lutheran with both prayer and your donations.

## OTHER WAYS TO GIVE...

Website - [www.faithdunedin.org](http://www.faithdunedin.org)

Zelle pay - Check with your bank. Use e-mail: [treasurer@faithdunedin.org](mailto:treasurer@faithdunedin.org)

Amazon Smile - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-6135434>

## SERVANT NOTES

### PIPE ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE

We are meeting with the architect this week to review his proposed contract to manage the work to expand the sanctuary into the overflow space. Once this contract is signed the ball officially begins to roll. In November voters approved using money from our reserves to get the project rolling, however, we know additional funds will be needed to complete the work. Early estimates were that we may need to raise another \$80,000. The Lord has blessed us with gifts that have brought the Organ Fund to \$60,000! Hallelujah!.

### PARKING LOT UPDATE

The contractor is finalizing the permits and arranging the materials to begin the work to resurface the parking lot. This work should begin within the month if all goes well.

### RECYCLED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Recycle your old greeting cards! Elda Thomas brings the donated cards to the lovely ladies at the Sunshine Christian Home in Holiday. The ladies redesign the cards and then offer them for sale. Any greeting cards are accepted; birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, Easter, etc. Please place your greeting card donations in the indicated box in the mail room by Jan. 25, 2022. Please bring the ENTIRE card, as the ladies need the card front AND the inside sentiment. (You may cut off any signatures, notes, etc, if you choose to.). Thank you.

### FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

If you would like to donate flowers to beautify the sanctuary during our services, please sign up using the Flower Calendar posted on the bulletin board in the Overflow Room behind the Sanctuary. Please use the provided envelopes & request forms. Cost is \$25. Orders may be placed in Sharon Murawski's mailbox.

### ALUMINUM CANS

Thank you to everyone that brings in aluminum cans to be recycled. The monies generated are placed in the general church budget. Please keep bringing empty cans and placing them in the trash bin outside of Luther Hall.

## SERVING IN JANUARY

<b>SUNDAY — SERVANT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	Sharon Murawski Jeff Phillips	Sharon Murawski Jeff Phillips	Sharon Murawski Jeff Phillips	Sharon Murawski Jeff Phillips	Sharon Murawski Jeff Phillips
<b>USHERS</b>	Phil & Rita McWhorter	Phil & Rita McWhorter	Phil & Rita McWhorter	Phil & Rita McWhorter	Phil & Rita McWhorter
<b>SERVERS</b>	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Lukas Nieminen	Joshua Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen	Joshua Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen
<b>COMMUNION ELDER</b>	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault

## FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS

Happy Epiphany



# January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 9:15am Children's Sunday school 9:15am Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7pm New Year's Eve Service	<b>1</b>
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