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Grace-Gifted, Faith-Lifted Called to Share, Seek, and Serve Christ



The angel said [to the shepherds outside of Bethlehem], "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 2:10-11)

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is going to be different this year. No matter how we look at Advent and Christmas this year, it is going to be different. For many of us, we will be gathering only with those in our own households for our Christmas celebrations. So many of our traditions that we do at this time of year, Christmas caroling around our neighborhoods or to the homebound, dressing up for our company Christmas parties, going to our children's Christmas concerts, hearing our favorite artists' Christmas shows, and so much more, are just not an option this year. In fact, I have even heard people on the TV declaring that Christmas 2020 is cancelled.

But that just is not the case. While we can all agree that things will look different this year, I hope that we also can agree that Christmas will come this year. Nothing can stop the reality that 2000 years ago in a small town called Bethlehem, the greatest gift of all history was given to the world. Jesus Christ, God incarnate, the Savior of the world, was born for us. God became human to live among us, to share our joys and our sorrows, our celebrations and our struggles, so that in the midst of it all, God in Jesus could show us just how much God loves each one of us and all of God's creation. And when this message of God's amazing love got Jesus in trouble, Jesus died to show us just what lengths God was willing to go to in order to save us and give us life with God forever. And nothing, not even a worldwide pandemic, can stop that love from flowing into the world.

While this may not be how we would choose to spend this holiday time, maybe this year will give us a chance to experience Christmas in a new way, and maybe be surprised by God's love all over again. I think about those shepherds in the fields on that first Christmas Eve. They were away from their families, if they even had families, to tend the sheep. They were doing their job, minding their own business, perhaps lamenting their lot in life, as being a shepherd did not rank very high on the social ladder. They were minding their own business, never expecting what was coming next.

And out of the darkness of night, when the shepherds least expect it, the brightness of an angel appears. This angel scares the shepherd's to death – I mean who would not be scared if an angel suddenly appeared! But then, the



Doug Olson Carol Judge Mary Moore Richard Cole Susan Whitney

December 1 December 7 December 8 December 16 December 29



Dale & Mary Moore on December 19, 1959

BAPTISMS

We welcome these children into the Body of Christ and into our Faith family through the

sacrament of Holy Baptism:

November 1:

Perrin Alexander Leininger

MARRIAGES

Shelby Ann Oetzel and Koby Jon Hillman on

October 31, 2020

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Lindsay Mae Puls and Nathaniel Paul Ihrig on

November 7, 2020

The 2020 Easter Special Offering will go to the North Scott High School Food Pantry as originally planned, instead of the North Scott School District Emergency Food Program as last communicated. This is because the North Scott School District Food Program is being funded in other ways due to



Thank you for your terrific support of the North Scott Food Pantry in 2020!



MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP Thank you to Brad & Janet Merrick for sponsoring the Bencke family, John Chima and Denisse Grefa in November. Thank you to the LaPlante Family for sponsoring The Bencke family, Bob & Carol Kuehl for sponsoring John Chima, and Jim & Joni Schneider for sponsoring Denisse Grefa in December. The cost for sponsorship is \$40/month each for Compassion Children John and Denisse and

\$45/month for the Bencke family. Your sponsorship can be placed in an envelope marked appropriately for the person/persons you are sponsoring. Thank you for your support!

Dialogues On Race 2.0

After completing the course, *Dialogues on Race*, those who participated found the information presented in the book and the video to be eye-opening and helpful to them as they learned more about race in this country. They also felt that it would be important to invite others to join this conversation. Because we know that fall is a hard time to commit to an eight week journey together, we are planning to host another session of *Dialogues on Race* after the new year. This month we hear from two more participants who share their experiences. We hope that their experiences will encourage you to join the conversation in the new year.

I participated in the 'Dialogues On: Race' discussions held by Pastor Carrie. The book opened my eyes to policies that were put into place during the settlement of America. The policies were often based upon religious beliefs that discriminated against people of color. The discussions we had were thought provoking and helped me to understand the root of the racial issues we face today in this country. *Dave Golinghorst*

After the death of George Floyd this summer and during all of the uprising that followed, I had this deep sense of call from God to offer an opportunity for members of the congregation to join in a conversation about race. My goal was to provide an opportunity for people with differing views to come together, talk about the issues facing this country, learn things about how understandings of race have developed, and learn ways to have dialogues about tough topics in ways that we can really hear one another and learn from one another. I chose Dialogues on *Race* because I had heard that it would help us to accomplish these goals. I was not disappointed. The essays in the book and the videos we watched during our gatherings opened all of our eyes to chapters of our history that we never knew. The opportunities we had to practice having dialogues on difficult topics helped us to formulate our ideas and challenge some of our assumptions in ways that will be helpful in the future. I give thanks for Dave, Linda, Roger, Kelly, Lucas and Pastor Heather joining me on this initial journey and for sharing their stories with you. I know that I grew and changed through our conversations, and I am sure that will continue as we continue these dialogues. I look forward to having these dialogues with more of you, and I hope that you will join us as we begin another journey in January.

Pastor Carrie

angel brings the shepherds good news. "Do not be afraid," the angel says. "I am bringing you good news – a Savior has been born for you."

I wonder whether God might just surprise us and show up in the places where and times when we least expect God to show up in the days ahead. Maybe, in the midst of looking at the Christmas lights that are going up a little earlier this year because we all need a little cheer, Jesus will show up to us as the light shining in the dark of night. Maybe, in the midst of doing our end-of-year-giving in new and different ways, Jesus will show up in the face of one who receives our gifts or in a grateful note that we receive that will brighten our day. Maybe in the midst of virtual Christmas concerts, we will hear the words of promise from God that we most need to hear in a new way. Maybe in a family Zoom gathering, God will show up with love and comfort in a way we have not always experienced. In whatever ways we find to celebrate in these days, I believe that God will show up in surprising ways, just as God did on that first Christmas, to bring us good news of great joy for all people – we have been given a Savior who is with us through it all.

And yes, Advent and Christmas Eve worship will be different this year as we will not be gathering in the sanctuary for worship; however, we do have a number of special things planned to make worship different and special in these days, and we hope that you will join us for these worship opportunities. There will be special Chime Choir music, Christmas brass offerings, and maybe even a Jubilation-style service. We will light the Advent wreath, and we invite you to have four candles near you as we worship and to light them with us in worship. On Christmas Eve, we will have opportunities for both online and outdoor in-person worship Things will be different, but we know that Christmas will come, and Christ will come to us anew with love and peace and salvation even in the midst of all that is different.

All of God's blessings be with you and your family in this Advent and Christmas time!

Pastor Carrie

Communion Elements

We have heard from some people that using your own bread and wine or juice for communion seems strange. While it is perfectly acceptable to use your own bread and wine, if you would prefer to have some of the pre-packaged communion cups to use for worship, we can find a way to get them to you. We have three options: bread and wine, bread and juice, and gluten-free bread and juice. Simply call the office (563-285-4501) or email the church (faitheldridge@netins.net), and we can make arrangements to get them to you.



Christmas Eve Worship Opportunities

On Christmas Eve, there will be four opportunities for worship, two online and two in person, and we hope that you will join us for worship.

Online Options: For both of these services, we invite you to have bread and wine or grape juice available to celebrate Holy Communion and to have a candle available to light at the end of the service as we sing *Silent Night*.

4:00 pm – Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – This service will be particularly appropriate for families with small children. We will be exploring twelve gifts of Christmas with several families from our congregation. This service will include Holy Communion and Candlelight at the end of the service.

9:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – This service will be our traditional Christmas Eve service with some special music, our favorite Christmas carols, Holy Communion and Candlelight at the end of the service.

Outdoor In-Person Options: These services at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm will be held on the front patio of the church and on the grass. Each service will be about 30 minutes long, including the hearing of the Christmas story, our favorite Christmas carols playing on the outdoor chimes, a brief service of Holy Communion, Candlelight at the end, and a gift to take home for each family. Face coverings and social distancing will be required, and dress warmly for the weather.

We look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, with you this Christmas Eve.



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

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This year's Special Christmas Offering will be split between

Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund

NSHS Dance Marathon, benefitting UI Stead Family Children's Hospital will be back at some point in the future when it's deemed safe, but in the meantime, we'll be happily praising God through the gift of chimes.

Of course, it breaks my heart that Mom didn't live long enough to see and be a part of the chime choir, but I know for certain she would be thrilled that she played a part in helping keep music alive in these crazy and uncertain times, and that the dream she and I shared has come to fruition.

I was asked to write this article to share how the chime choir is helping to shine light into the darkness right now. Well, that's fairly obvious in that our little group is keeping music alive until the glorious time when ALL musicians will be able to express themselves and share their gifts once again.

Back to the anthem I mentioned that the choir sang on March 15---here are more of the words from that anthem that I think are fitting as we all do our part to shine light in the darkness:

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun.
And in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

Neal Becker: Many in the congregation enjoy the music that is usually part of our worship services. In the bleakness of these times, the chimes are a safe and fun way for us to provide music for others to enjoy. On a more selfish note, as a musician I'm glad to have this opportunity to make music with others when most musical groups are on hold.

Linda Golinghorst: I am finding that learning something new during retirement is good for the mind and the spirit! It is great to have a musical connection to other members in the congregation again. I love the sound of the chimes as an alternative to traditional instruments and hope that it brings a little joy to people who join our worship.

Linda Szemkus: I am thankful for the opportunity to participate in something musical right now. I feel safe with the precautions that are put in place. The Chime Choir adds something new to the worship experience. It is also testing my ability to count!

Beth Ann Anderson: When I was in High School, we moved across the country and the local church had a handbell choir. The handbell choir director knew I was having a difficult time with the move, and told me I would be joining them on Wednesday nights for rehearsal – it was not a question – she "needed" me. The fellowship through bell choir led into friendships that continue to this day. When I was in college, I joined the local church handbell choir and made friends with members of the community and had mentors outside of college friends. The handbells kept me involved in church during my young adult life – even through trying times when it would have been easy to be drawn away from the church. Playing again reminds me of these experiences and ties me to those in the past that shaped who I am. I am thrilled to be able to share my joy of instrumental music and to enhance worship with the new chime choir, and look forward to seeing how we can grow this ministry in the future.



"Chime" Your Light For Jesus by Sue Becker

I can't say that I remember the first time my Mom and I talked about starting a handbell group at Faith, but I can tell you the subject came up often during the 35 years that she and I were fortunate enough to work together in the music ministry of this congregation. But, for many different reasons, the time was never right to start such a group, and we weren't able to make it happen.

Well, fast forward to 2020, and who in a million years could ever imagine that a pandemic would come along that would disrupt our lives, profoundly affect many daily activities that we take for granted, and turn the world upside down. In fact, staying home is now encouraged, gathering in large groups is highly discouraged, and singing is deemed a dangerous activity! As a musician ---specifically a vocal/choral musician---the part about singing has been a punch in the gut.

The last Sunday that the Senior Choir was able to praise God through song was March 15, and I remember that day well. The choir sang an anthem called, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say". Quite frankly, I don't think any of us were hearing the voice of Jesus too clearly that day because we had so many questions about the world situation and if we would be able to carry on as usual...or...if March 15, 2020, would be "the day the music died" (to quote Don McLean's song "American Pie"). Could a pandemic really shut down all music-making?? It was just unthinkable that could be the reality we were facing.

Well, I can tell you now with confidence that March 15 was definitely NOT the day the music died. It's just the day that music took, shall we say, a bit of a break...and it's the day that the idea of choir chimes started rattling around in my brain. If we couldn't sing safely, why couldn't a small group of folks play chimes safely? We'd be able to follow all of the directives: stand 6 feet apart, wear masks, and wear gloves while handling the chimes. I thought to myself, is there a good reason to NOT pursue this? I certainly couldn't think of one. So, after multiple Google searches, hours of research on choir chimes and the available repertoire, participation in a couple of webinars about bells, and correspondence with several experts who have a wealth of experience with bell groups, I got more and more excited about the possibilities.

By the time I finished my research, I was absolutely convinced that the timing of this was a "God wink" and that it was meant to be. I wrote up a proposal, asking the Council for permission to utilize Mom's memorial funds to purchase the chimes, and they graciously approved it. So here we are today--our small group of five (four players and me directing)---and with just a few months of practice under our belts, we've already played for a worship service. (Huge thanks to Beth Ann Anderson, Neal Becker, Linda Golinghorst, and Linda Szemkus, who agreed to be the players to help launch this endeavor!) I think I can speak for all five of us when I say that it's even more fun than we expected. And, to be making and sharing music again? Well, it's the best feeling! Oh, you can be assured that choir and congregational singing

Advent Pause

Advent is a time of intentional waiting, patient expectation and longing, as people of faith await the arrival of Jesus' birth on Christmas morning. For four weeks, amidst the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations, Christians are invited into a different pace and rhythm. It is the quiet hope-filled life of finding our center in the promises of God's amazing love that comes to us as we prepare our hearts to make way for Jesus coming amongst us, even today.



If you would like to journey with others, to take time to pause and reflect this Advent season, please join our community of faith online every Tuesday evening this Advent, beginning December 1, from 7:00pm-7:45pm. Pastor Heather will lead this Advent experience as we share in conversation, reflection and Advent devotions.

Each week we will be looking at a way to prepare for Advent by sharing some of our favorite holiday traditions. Each session stands on its own, so show up when you can. No experience or preparation is necessary. Discover new ways to enjoy the fullness of Advent as we give thanks multiplying our joy as we prepare in these four weeks together.

Advent 1: Tuesday, December 1st-Slowing Down (bring an idea of what you do to slow down and experience the fullness of God.)

Advent 2: Tuesday, December 8th- Preparing the Way (bring a recipe or share a favorite Christmas meal tradition)

Advent 3: Tuesday, December 15th- Songs of the Season (come prepared to share and sing your favorite Christmas carols)

Advent 4: Tuesday, December 22nd- Sharing the Christmas Story (share a favorite Christmas memory or a family Christmas picture)

To join the Zoom gathering, use this link (https://us02web.zoom.us/ i/81108128906) or type the Meeting ID (811 0812 8906) into your Zoom app. There will be a waiting room as you enter the meeting to better ensure the safety of the gathering, so when you enter, please use your full name so that we know who is entering the gathering. If you would rather just join us by phone, call this number (312-626-6799) and then enter this Meeting ID (811 0812 8906) when prompted. ~ Pastor Heather

Each of us have God-given gifts that make us special! If you know what your gifts are, you may be able to share Got Talent these gifts in a more meaningful way with family, at work, at SHARE IT! church, in the community.

If you would like to assess your gifts, try this tool from the ELCA.

https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/ Spiritual-Renewal/Assessment-Tools



This year's Nominating Committee has completed their work of finding qualified voting members who have a sense of calling to fill positions that are open in 2021. The congregation will vote on these positions at our Annual Meeting on January Nominating 31, 2021. The congregation may nominate other candidates Committee during the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee is excited and thankful to present the following nominees to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting:

Endowment Committee (2 positions): Kenny Oetzman, Kim Wilkins

Nominating Committee (5 positions): Brad Yanke, Brea Harms, Donna Darnall, Kelly Dircks, Lynda Miller, Nancy Meyer, Sue Kirst

Synod Assembly Delegate (2 positions): Diane Krebs, Kelly Penning Synod Assembly Delegate Alternates (2 positions): Amy Powell, Beth Ann Anderson, Carrie Keppy (if virtual), Janet Merrick (if in person)

Council Member Nominees and Biographies:

Ryan Harms lives in Eldridge. He has been a member of Faith Lutheran 4 years. He was previously a member of Holy Trinity in Ankeny for 6 years, St. John in Carroll for 2 years, and Immanuel in Colfax, IL, for 28 years. Ryan is interested in Stewardship where he can utilize skills from his professional career to help church members identify how best to use their time, talent and treasure to support the efforts of Faith Lutheran. Ryan's qualifications include: Executive Director of Development – Major Gift Fund Raising at Iowa State, North Scott Ag Center Fund Raising Volunteer, Fund Raising & Alumni Relations Volunteer, BS and MS from University of Illinois. Ryan's critical success factors include analyzing current engagement of church members in stewardship activities, and engaging with church members to match individual passions with opportunities.

Theresa White lives in Eldridge. She has been a member of Faith Lutheran for 19 years. She was previously a member of St. Paul's in Davenport for 30 vears. Theresa is Interested in Christian Education because she has a passion for working with children and education. Her qualifications include: School Counselor 20 years, Teacher of Elementary and Junior High 10 years, Masters Degree in Counseling and School Administration, Sunday School Teacher, Member and Volunteer of Rotary, Junior Achievement Volunteer, and Confirmation Sponsor. Theresa's critical success factors include applying experience in public schools and Sunday School teaching to successful execution of the Christian Education role.

Deanna Nielsen lives in Eldridge. She has been a member of Faith Lutheran for 31 years. She was previously a member of St. Paul's Lutheran in Fayetteville, PA, for 10 years. Deanna is interested in Finance/Treasurer because she desires to be connected closer to the Church and has the skills and experiences to contribute on Council. Her qualifications include: Church Council member St. Paul's Lutheran – Fellowship Committee, North Scott Food Pantry Treasurer for 14 years, Faith Lutheran Audit Committee, Treasurer

In Appreciation

We are grateful for all of the financial support that is allowing us to continue in our core ministries. As of October 31, our expenses were \$6,600 higher than our income. ~ Council

We would like to recognize the congregation's 2020 Nominating Committee for the work they have done over the past two months. They have at least one nominee for each role! We also give thanks for the people who are willing to serve and accepted nominations for 2021. ~ Council

Congratulations to Neal Becker who has been appointed by the council to the Audit Committee starting in 2021. We are thankful that Neal is willing to serve in this way. ~ Council

Our Pastors and staff are continuing to navigate the constant change due to COVID-19. Without them we would be a congregation unable to do our ministry. ~ Council

Thank you to Henry Storjohann for the yardwork he has done to keep our property beautiful! ~ Gary King

Thank you to the Carolyn Scheibe, Rhonda Webber, and the Ambassador folding crew (Carol Marten, Carol Strobbe, Tom Bauer and Sue Braack). I appreciate the guidance, patience, and assistance during my first month in the office! ~ Beth Ann Anderson



The family of Carol Judge asks that we shower her with cards for her 80th birthday on December 7. Blessings on this milestone, Carol!

November Poll Results

If we are still able to have in-person worship for Christmas Eve, what is your preferred in-person worship time?

Morning: 6% Afternoon: 47% Evening: 47%

Several respondents mentioned that increasing community spread of COVID-19 may deter them from attending in person.

December Poll Question

How satisfied are you with our current online worship and ministries? Not Satisfied, Somewhat Satisfied, Moderately Satisfied, Highly Satisfied

Just as we were getting back into our new routine of in-person gatherings again, the almost unimaginable is happening. The community spread of COVID-19 is reaching all time highs in our area, beyond expected increases, and our hospitals are calling for community action to help address the situation they are having to deal with, which they call dire.



At the same time, it has become understandably difficult to find worship volunteers and worship attendance was dropping off. While we have strong precautions implemented that allow us to reduce the risk of in-person gatherings, the council feels it is necessary to show strong support for our hospitals and for our community by pausing in-person indoor gatherings while the community weathers through this difficult time.

So, the council has voted to return to *Phase 1. In-person gatherings outdoors with precautions* until at least January 9, 2021. Due to the time of year and weather, most gatherings will be online.

We want you to know that this decision was not taken lightly as we worked to discern how to respond. We listened to those of you who shared your viewpoints one on one, in team meetings, and through our polls. We have a congregation that represents the diversity of our community so there are differing viewpoints. We understand and respect them all. The council is elected by the congregation to do the work of the congregation, so we need to continue to hear from you. We also want you to know our pastors are willing to serve the congregation as needed, with appropriate precautions. In fact, they abstained from the vote as a result.

At the end of the day, it is our top priority to get back to in-person indoor gatherings as soon as we can to better meet the needs of the congregation and our neighbors. The COVID-19 Sub-Committee will continue to review the risks weekly. We will return to *Phase 2. In-Person gatherings indoors with precautions* sooner than January 9 if we can. In the meantime, we will continue to look for and listen to new ideas to continue our ministries in spite of the challenges.

We want you to know we are doing this out of love, not fear. We pray that the community spread and dire hospital situation sees relief through joint community efforts and allows us to get back together indoors soon!

Linda Golinghorst, President Faith Lutheran Church Council



It's the time of the year when we need help with SNOW removal. Please call the office at 285-8661 or sign up online to help at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EABA62CAAF85-snow

of North Scott Music Boosters, Treasurer of Park View Women's Club, Clerk of the Park View Owners Association, Our Savior Presbyterian Church Secretary, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher, and Chaperon for Youth Conventions. Deanna's critical success factors include her many years of experience as treasurer in multiple organizations.

Sheila Baustian lives in Rural Davenport. She has been a member of Faith Lutheran for 62 years and was Confirmed at Faith. Sheila is interested in Worship and Music because she has always volunteered for Church and is looking for an impactful way to serve beyond singing. Her qualifications include: Senior Choir 40+ years, member of Cherub Choir, participated in 100% of Christmas Cantatas (less 2020 cancelled due to Covid-19), experience with working with multiple Choir Directors (Denny Longlet, Jean Mohr, Dave Stephens, Sue Becker), Funeral Committee 4 years, and Sunday School Teacher in the early 1980's. Shela's critical success factors include her many years of music experience at Faith Lutheran to the Worship and Music Council role.

Respectfully,

2020 Nominating Committee: Tim Broberg (Chair), Tom Carlson, Donna Gruenhagen, Amy Powell, Linda Golinghorst

Confirmation was finally able to meet indoors, abiding by CDC recommendations of wearing masks and social distancing. Many are arriving to Confirmation after school activities, but have been asked to eat their meal prior to entering the church, so masks can be continuously worn.



This month, Confirmation Kids learned that God gave us Judges to give the people of Israel direction (even though the people still continuously made mistakes!). Widow Ruth, loved her mother-in-law, Naomi, and followed her back to her homeland, Israel. Ruth later married Naomi's kin, Boaz, which began the lineage to Jesus. And we saw that God gave the people of Israel Kings to rule their country, and it was a wild ride of egos, lust and murder.

Lutheran Lakeside is moving ahead with plans to have summer camp this year (with precautions in place). The dates we have chosen to send our youth, grades 3-8, are July 18-23. Registration is risk-free. If for any Covid-related reason, the money will be refunded, or can be donated to Lutheran Lakeside.

The High School Youth have been meeting in-person in the Youth Room, also donning masks and social distancing. We have been fortunate to have 10-14 joining our group each week. After catching up on highs and lows, Pastor Carrie has a short Bible Study, and then the kids are anxious to play "The Survey Says", which is the online version of Family Feud that Pastor Carrie found on the internet. It doesn't seem to matter that the kids are required to wear a mask; they just enjoy the opportunity to be with one another.

We will resume our Confirmation and High School Youth gatherings this week on Zoom, to keep everyone safe. \sim Joni King, Youth Chair

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Food Pantry 5:30—7:00 pm 1st Advent Pause 7pm	2 10:30 am Chime Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Confirmation Conversations Online 7:00 pm High School Youth Group Online	6:30 pm Team Night	Food Pantry 9:30—11:00 am Hometown Holiday @ SCL 5:30-7:30pm	5 5:00 PM Online Worship
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