

TODAY! - COMBINED CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 4:30 pm at

Our Savior's Church, 749 Bluff St., Beloit

In keeping with celebrations throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, three Beloit congregations - Our Savior's, St. Paul, and Atonement - are joining forces. Prelude music by guest organist Max Yount will begin at 4:15 p.m.



You're Invited!

Dear North Conference Sisters and Brothers,

You are cordially invited to attend the North Conference Fall Discipleship Gathering being held this coming Wednesday, November 9, from 6:15 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 675 N. Mulford Road, Rockford, IL. The theme of this Fall's Gatherings is "LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR: The Challenges of a Changing Community."

Beginning with sharing a meal, turning to scripture and lifting up prayer, there will be the opportunity for fellowship, learning, listening, and reflecting. They will include learning about our history and listening to our personal stories. Through reflection on what we hear and think, we will begin to discern what our call to discipleship is in loving our neighbors. Resources will be offered for continued conversations back at your home congregations.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible next Wednesday as we think about how we can live out our baptismal call to love others as Christ has loved us.



Walking with you,
Bishop Jeffrey Clements



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, November 6, 2016

All Saints' Day ~ 9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: **Amen.**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (A brief silence.) Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

~ OPENING HYMN ~ For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,

6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; ..

saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, ..



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

King of glory passes on his way.
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

INTRODUCTION

P: In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest," who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today's gospel.



OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Faith Lutheran Congregation is hereby summoned to its annual meeting on Sunday, November 13 at 10:30 am following worship. Lunch will be provided.

DECEMBER

Sat., Dec. 3 - Secret Sister Reveal, Final Gift & Luncheon

This year's program will begin in January 2017 and run through December 2017 for all women of Faith Lutheran. **Secret Sisters** is a ministry between you and another Sister in our church family. You become her silent prayer partner and her secret encourager for the year. She doesn't know who you are, *but she will know you are there*, and praying for her and her needs. **Secret Sisters** is about encouraging and supporting one another in prayer as well as with personal notes, cards and small gifts. It is my hope that during these months your prayer life will bring you into a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ as you lift your sister and her needs up. **This is a year long commitment to lift up your Secret Sister in prayer on a regular basis. Encourage her.** Send cards, notes, etc. at least once a month (more often if possible!). **Remember your Secret Sister on her special occasions.** Mark specific dates on your calendar; include her birthday, anniversary, etc., as well as the holidays. **Keep her a secret! Don't let her know who you are!** Then we'll have a *fun* Secret Sister Reveal Party and Luncheon in December! Here you will bring her your final, very special card and gift. **Any new women who join our church during this 12-month period are welcome to become a participant.**

Sunday, December 4 - Decorate church for Christmas

The Out to Dinner Group has been invited to Pastor Rick & Helen's home for dinner on Friday, Nov. 11th at 6:00pm. Their address is 1915 Jonquil Place, Rockford. For more information please phone [815-566-5247](tel:815-566-5247) or [815-227-4679](tel:815-227-4679). Maps are available on the narthex table. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board - today's the deadline!

- ◆ **Thanksgiving Food Drive**
- ◆ **Through November 13**
- ◆ **Cash donations accepted**



Part-Time Church Custodian
\$11/hour, 6 hours per week.
Applications on narthex table.
Position will be posted until
November 21, 2016. Thank you!



We are looking for 2017 Council Members! Contact Kelly Miller, Sue Miller or Mike Banker. Terms are 3 years. We need you!

Today's altar flowers are presented by Nicole and Curtis Blakeman, for their 13th Anniversary



Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (A brief silence.)

ALL: **Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Church

FIRST READING Daniel 7:1-3; 15-18

A reading from Daniel, the 7th chapter.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night, the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So, he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever - forever and ever."

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 149 ~ A Responsive Reading ~

- R: Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- C: **Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**
- R: Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- C: **For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.**
- R: Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- C: **Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,**
- R: to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
- C: **to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,**
- R: to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:11-23

A reading from Ephesians, the 1st chapter.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints.

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First, We Give of Ourselves Giving in Generosity

“Generosity and Blessing”

Generosity is a matter of the heart! This week, our Bible Study text from 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 is the theme passage for **First, We Give of Ourselves**. In this passage we hear an account of extreme generosity. It was a generosity that glowed from the heart in deep thanksgiving for God's own generosity of grace in Jesus Christ. Generosity is not determined by how much is given, but rather by the condition of the heart. Therein lies the blessing of generosity. It is the joyful sharing of a thankful heart that celebrates God's generosity through the giving of ourselves. A heart full of thanksgiving leads to generosity and blessing!

How have you experienced “giving in generosity” this past week, either in your giving or receiving?

Please come prepared on Sunday, November 20, to offer your pledge to Faith Lutheran Church for 2017 in a spirit of generosity.

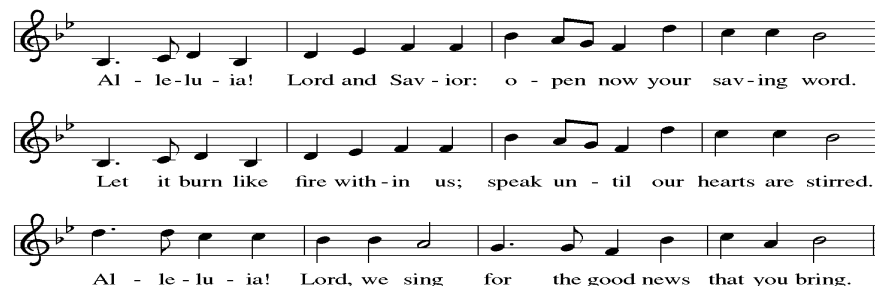
For a pastoral care emergency or hospitalization this week, please contact **Pastor Rick on his cell phone: 815-566-5247.**



We pray for Alison & Jarrett, Amy, Barry & Shelly, Ben, Bev, Bob & Terry, Bonnie, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Carla, Chris Kuehl, Cindy, Conley, Connie, Courtney, Danielle & Nicholas, Dave, Davis, Debi, Denise, Denny & Connie Price, Diane, Dianna P., Dick, Don, Donna H., Emily, Family of Rodney Douglas, Florence, Gary, Gary P., Gavin, George, Gina, Harriet, Heather, Heidi, Ian, Irene A., Jackie M., Jason Vigdal, Jeff, Jen, Jeremy, Jeremy & Family, Jim, Jim Butler, Joyce, Joyce Hatch, June, Karla, Kathy, Kathy C., Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kevin W., Kyle, Larry, Lisa Wright, Lucas, Marion, Marjean, Mary, Mary Lou, Margie, Marshall, Maureen, Nancy, Nikko, Noah Cliffe, Noah Jones, Patty Kunz, Riley, Rich, Ricky, Roger, Ryan & Brynn & Baby McGuire due 11/8/16, Sam, Sam W., Sarah, Shelly, Scott Wright, Shalom, Sharon, Shirley, Shirley P., Steve, Stuart Schweisberger, Sue, Teresa, Terri, Terry, Tim, Todd, Tom, Tristan, Vance, Vicki, Viola, Zach and all service men & women, all those in need of prayers from our Faith family and friends, and all homeless persons and those who are unemployed.



“ALLELUIA”



GOSPEL: Luke 6: 20-31

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.” has a place there forever.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Put The Saints In Circulation”

~ Hymn of the Day ~

Beautiful Savior



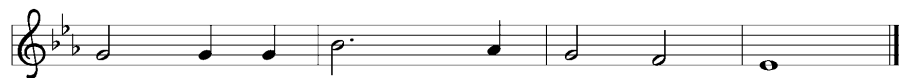
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in God's of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have you worship with us today! Please join us after worship in our Fellowship Room for beverages, snacks and conversation.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the ushers, receive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine (dark) or juice (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You do not have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal and ALL baptized believers are welcome!

Offering ~ As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** the next week. Or, if you'd like, please mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope and it will be included in that week's offering and seen only by the designated counters for the day. Thank you for being faithful in giving generously to God's work here at Faith Lutheran!

Financials for Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016 - Week 44

Attendance - 78

Weekly Offering Actual	\$1,334.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,068.00
2016 YTD Actual Offering	\$87,613.50
2016 YTD Offering Needed	\$90,992.00
Offerings YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$2,719.50

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Kathy Strasser & Terry Schrupp
Computer Technician - Helen Meier
Offering Video - Mike Banker
Counters - Roger & Carol Frey
Fellowship - Sue & George Brunson
Greeters - Dick Hedrington, Sandy & Don Dittmer
Musician - Betty Comins
Reader - Pat Wicks
Ushers - Doug Congdon and Todd Strasser
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We come again to you. Oh God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

For All Your Saints, O Lord



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. (A brief silence.) For the church and its leaders, that we continue to proclaim the gospel of salvation to every corner of the earth, so that all embody the hope of eternal life, let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

P: For the well-being of creation, for the seas and their creatures, for those preparing for changing weather, and for those who serve as good stewards of God's gifts, let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

P: For peace among nations, for governments and electorates, for all who rule and have authority at any level, that they rule with justice, keeping in mind those who have no power, let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

P: For the troubled and terrified, the poor and hungry, the abuser and abused, those who weep, those suffering from malaria or any sickness (*especially*), that God lift up people to provide care and consolation, let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

P: For those who lead and support music in this assembly, that our song may point us all to Christ; for the newly baptized that the Holy Spirit guides them in love and service, following the example of our Lord, let us pray.

C: **Have mercy, O God.**

P In thanksgiving for all the saints, known and unknown, who have died in the faith, that they serve as witnesses to the inheritance granted to us by Jesus Christ, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: On this All Saints' Sunday, we especially lift up the memory of those whose funerals we commemorated over the last year at Faith Lutheran Church, and we pause to offer a white rose to the loved ones of Jim Wright, Janet Udell, Denise Schuller, and Eleanor Brockman.

(Distribute roses.)

P: As we continue our prayers, we acknowledge that all of us have experienced the grief of death of loved ones. At this time, all who wish to light a candle in their memory may come forward. (Those who light the first candles will please use the back of the receptacle, leaving space toward the front for those lighting candles last.) May God's blessings be upon their memory.

P: Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

“I Can Only Imagine” by MercyMe



OFFERTORY RESPONSE



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~ COMMUNION ~