

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - 10am to Noon

Fall INDOOR Clean Up Day ~ let's work together

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - 10:45 to 11:15

*Our Annual Church Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 11th  
ALL ARE ASKED TO PLEASE ATTEND!  
FRIED CHICKEN POTLUCK TO FOLLOW!  
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO PASS!*

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - 6pm to 8pm

Set Up tables, chairs, supplies at Didier Hall for the Craft Show:  
43 crafters; eating area, Bake Sale area and Door Prize area

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 10am to 3pm



**Faith Lutheran Craft Show**  
**Saturday, Nov. 17 10am-3pm**  
Bake Sale, Door Prizes, Food for Sale  
Shoppers and Volunteers are Needed  
Volunteer Sign Up Sheet is on the Board

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD THE ALTAR GUILD  
& 10% WILL GO TO THE LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE FUND

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18- Stewardship Sunday

Bring your yellow pledge cards

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Happy Thanksgiving!



## Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*

Sunday, November 4, 2018 ~ 9:30 am

All Saints' Day - 24th Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS



P: Blessed be the + Holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. *(A brief silence.)* Source of all life,

C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.  
Amen.

P: God hears our cry and send the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven + God's love is unconditional. And we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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,  
*Stanzas 3-5 below.*  
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 be-fore the world con-fessed, thy  
Lord, their cap-tain in the well-fought fight; ..  
saints tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray; the  
gates of pearl streams in the count-less host, ..  
name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.  
thou, in the dark-ness dread, their one true light.  
King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.  
sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly 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 TO THE DAY

P: Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

C: Amen.



*We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with mental struggles, our shut-ins & all of our students, military personnel & their families.*

*We pray for our friends, families & our loved ones: Aaron, Adam M., Alyson & Jarrett, Angel, Audrey, Barry & Shelby, Bev, Bill, Bob, Boyd, Brad,*

*Brenda, Cookie, Daniel Mears, Darla, Debi, Diane, Dick, Dolly, Don, Eloise, Florence, Gary, Gavin, George, Harriet, Heidi, Inez, Irene A., Janie, Jean, Jeff, Jerry, Jess & Aaron & Girls, Jeff, Jess, John, Julie, June, Kathy Mears, Kaylee, Kenny, Larry, Lauri, Lisa, Lori, Marshall, Mason, Matt, Maureen M., Mike, Linda, Nan, Nick & Jered & Nathan, Noble, Pat, Patricia Sarabia, Payton, Pete, Rachel, Rich, Ron, Ruthann, Sandy, Steve, Tammie, Tammy, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tracy, Violet, Vivian*



## SECRET SISTERS

*Reveal/Selection/Welcome Luncheon  
Saturday, December 8 at 12 Noon*

*Bring your final gift and a side dish or dessert.  
The main dish and beverages will be provided!*

***All adult women of Faith Lutheran are invited to be part of our Secret Sisters group. It's a women's ministry in which names are drawn and you're paired with another woman for 1 year. You pray especially for your secret sister & leave a small monthly and/or seasonal gift & card for her to let her know she's in your prayers. On our get-together on Dec. 8th, we'll reveal ourselves and also pick new names for 2019. If you're joining us, please see Sue Brunson or sign up on the Bulletin Board ~ we'd love to have you join us!***



**This Week's altar flowers were donated by**  
**\*Viola Thostenson, in memory of her son Joey and her husband Bernard**  
**\*Nicole and Curtis Blakeman in honor of their 14th Anniversary**

## Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church

**We are happy to have you worship with us today!**

Please join us for beverages, snacks and conversation after worship.

**Communion** is by intinction. Come forward to receive the bread with an open hand then dip in the wine (dark) or juice (light). Gluten-free wafers are available - indicate to Pastor when it's your turn. If you eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal ~ **all baptized believers are welcome to participate.**

**Offering** ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** next week. Mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope to be included in that week's offering, seen only by designated counters. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

### Financials Sunday, October 28, 2018 - Week #43

Attendance - 85

Actual Offering	\$2,347.50
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2018 YTD Actual Offering	\$95,178.55
2018 YTD Offering Needed	\$93,568.00
Noisy Can—Domestic Violence	\$106.69

**In case of a pastoral need, please contact Pastor Rick**  
**Cell: 815-566-5247 Home: 815-227-4679**  
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### Today's Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild** - Carol and Roger Frey  
**Computer Tech** - Mike Banker  
**Offering Video** - Helen Meier  
**Reader** - Curtis Blakeman  
**Counters** - Laurie and Pat Wicks  
**Fellowship** - George and Sue Brunson  
**Greeters** - Boyd and Inez Miller  
**Musician** - Betty Comins  
**Ushers** - Doug Congdon & \_\_\_\_\_  
**Pastor** - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



**Thanksgiving**  
Food Drive

**Food Drive starts today thru Nov.18; collecting canned goods & cash**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* Almighty God,

**C: 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.**



**LIGHTING OF CANDLES IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## A Responsive Reading From Psalm 24

R: The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**C: For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

R: Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?

**C: Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

R: They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

**C: Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

R: Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**C: Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

R: Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**C: Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from Revelation, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**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.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~  
*All Saints Offertory*

*We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
May we thou bounties thus, as stewards true receive,  
And gladly as thou blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our savior and Light.

C: **Amen.**

## 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 ~

## ALLELUIA

***Alleluia! Lord and Savior open now your saving word!  
Let it burn like fire within us; Speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord we sing for the good news that you bring.***

## GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON





1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



*Refrain*  
 Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P:** With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *(A brief silence.)* Lord God, Sovereign of all creation, draw us into your presence, and transform us to be a holy people. Bless us through your word and holy meal to show your uncommon love to others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Move us to reinvigorate polluted waters and air, renew fallow fields, and revive natural habitats that have been destroyed. Open our eyes to the bounty you have given us, and inspire us to tend to it. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Fill our public servants and we who elect them to office with your wisdom. Let your justice flow through our governments and institutions. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Unbind those who are burdened by illness or grief *(especially)*. Wipe away the tears of those who cannot see your life through the weight of their affliction. Be with those who will die today. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Strengthen and bless this congregation's ministries of outreach, healing, and hospitality *(here specific congregational ministries may be named)*. Make us eager to receive those you send to us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** We bless you for the lives of the saints who now rejoice in your salvation face-to-face. Join us with all whom you have made righteous *(those who have died during the past year may be named)*, and preserve us in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**P:** Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**