

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



Once again this year we will be asking you to be taking one of the 75 angels from the Salvation Army Angel Tree and bring in your UNWRAPPED gifts and toys by Sunday, December 15th. We'll have 2 barrels again. Thank you!  
**Karen Murr & Patti Dunaway**

ANGEL TREE

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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 12 noon to 2pm**

*Secret Sister Luncheon/Reveal/Welcome New Sisters*  
 Bring your final gift and a side dish or dessert.  
 Main dish will be provided.

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The Out to Dinner Group will meet Friday December 13, 6:00 PM at the Butterfly Club, 5246 E. County Rd. X, Beloit, WI  
 Sign up by Sun., Dec. 8th. Come join us!

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## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 24**  
**Christmas Eve Worship Service at 5pm**

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**WEDNESDAY, December 25** Merry Christmas!

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**Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 5pm**

Faith Lutheran Church's  
 3rd Annual Trivia Night  
 and Italian Dinner

**SIGN UP SHEET COMING SOON**

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Thank you to Pastor Larry Froemming for serving us today in worship, both as preacher and musician!  
 Pastor Rick and Helen are in San Diego with family, but will return tomorrow.



## Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*  
 Sunday, December 1, 2019 ~ 9:30 am  
 First Sunday of Advent



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us come before the living God in confession (a brief silence.) As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation:

**C: we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here + Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

**Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn**



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in -  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

**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.



**Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of our dear friend and church organist, Betty Comins. Her funeral will be held Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Faith Lutheran at 11am; visitation prior from 9:30am-10:45am**



**We pray for the homeless, unemployed, those with mental struggles, our shut-ins, our students, all military personnel & their families. We pray for our friends, families & our loved ones, especially:** Ann, Austin Wagner,

Bennie, Bettie, Betty, Betty Comins Family, Bev, Brad, Brayton, Brenda, Brett, Brian, Brian E., Bunny E., Chancy, Christie Family, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Courtney, Debi, Denise, Diane, Dick, Dodi, Don, Don & Florence, Doug,, Eric Murphy Family, Evelyn, Gail, Gary, Gary McGuire Family, Gene Redieske, George, Gere, Heather, Heidi, Inez, Irene A., Janie, Jeff, Jen, Jenny, Jered, Jess, Jessica, Jim, Jimmy, Julie, June, Kate, Kathy Mears, Kayla, Kelli, Kenny, Kyle, Larry, Leila, Linda, Lori, Marion, Matt, Maureen M., Meri, Mia, Mike, Mikey Murphy, Nick, Nickel family, Nicki, Pat, Pat Wicks, Rich, Roger, Ryan McGuire Family, Ruthie, Sarah, Sharon, Sherry Lou, Shirley, Steve, Sue, Suzy, Tallen, Tammy, Taylor, Teresa, Tim, Tina, Tom, Tracy, Trey, Vic, Vicki, Violet, Vivian, Zach



**Today's altar flowers are donated by Gail & Dennis Kelce to thank Pastor Rick and Helen and the entire congregation for creating a welcoming place to worship!**



**On Sunday, Dec. 15th we're asking for donations of homemade cookies, bars, or muffins to distribute among the South Beloit Police, Fire Dept. & City Workers as our thank you for all they do. We appreciate your help!**

**December & January Birthdays**

**DECEMBER: 2 – Gail Krause, 5 – MaryAnn Mueller, 13 – Mike Murphy, 16 – Rachel Schuller, 18 – Sandy Johnson, 24 – Nicole Blakeman, 25 – Kathy Strasser, 31 – Pat Schnurr**  
**JANUARY: 2 – Irene Balk, 10 – Hannah Guffey, 12 – Betty Bonner, 20 – Viola Thostenson, 23 – Amy McCormick, 27 – Samantha Guffey, 27 – Victor Lipinski, 30 – Craig Miller, 30 – Justin Brown**

## 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.

**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, November 24, 2019 - Week #47

Attendance - 74

Actual Offering	\$2,192.00
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,150.00
2018 YTD Actual Offering	\$106,216.03
2018 YTD Offering Needed	\$101,050.00



### Today's Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild** - Carol and Roger Frey

**Computer Tech** - Anne Strasser

**Offering Video** - Todd Strasser

**Reader** - Don Reedy

**Counters** - Roger and Carol Frey

**Fellowship** - Sue & George Brunson

**Greeters** - Tammy Dunkel and Tina Hatch

**Musician** - Rev. Larry Froemming

**Ushers** - Doug Congdon & Tina Hatch

**Guest Pastor** - Rev. Larry Froemming

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Please take your Advent Devotional Book (1 per family) Children will get a special Advent calendar. Adults will have a choice of 2 key tags.



Christmas Poinsettia Order Forms are in the office, Fellowship Room and in the narthex. \$12.00 each; please indicate your choice of red, pink or white. Deadline is Friday, December 13th.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

**P:** The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

**C:** Amen.



### LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive  
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here  
un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain* Re-joice! Re-joice!  
Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. (*A brief silence.*) Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

**C:** By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

The word that Isaiah son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## A Responsive Reading From Psalm 122

R: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

**C: Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

R: Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

**C: to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

R: For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

**C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

R: Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

**C: For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

R: Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

**C: Amen.**



## CLOSING HYMN

### Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cross \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_  
*My Offering to My Church*  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please remember to stop in the Fellowship Room and get your box of 2020 Offering envelopes. Thank you!**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~  
*"Make Room"* by Casting Crowns

*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 abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your son, our Savior and Lord.

**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*

~ COMMUNION ~

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

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

**C: Amen.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Romans, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*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: Mark 13:27-34

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

*SERMON ~ "WAITING"*

*Pastor Larry Froemming*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long: let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to •en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

### *The Apostles' 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.**

***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:** Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. (*A brief silence.*) Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus' birth. Wherever Christians gather, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your creation cries to you. Sustain the balance of all living things. Protect the earth from drought, bitter cold, eroding coastlines, and fires and floods, that the earth may flourish. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the nations cry to you. Bring justice to the marginalized, courage to peacemakers, wisdom to leaders, and hope to generations who have only known conflict, oppression, or poverty. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your people cry to you. Comfort those separated from loved ones by distance, estrangement, or loss. Help us as we care for others and rely on others' care. (*We pray especially for . . .*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, this congregation cries to you. Guide our worship, service, and outreach, that our hearts and hands may be opened in generosity toward others. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, we remember those whose days on earth have ended, who live now in your eternal love (*especially*). Remind us of their faithful witness, that their example might inspire our daily living. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**