



Saturday, March 2, 2019
Faith Lutheran Church's
2nd Annual Trivia Night
and Italian Dinner

Tell Your Friends & Family, too!

We'll begin with a delicious Italian dinner from Anna Maria's, salad, beverage & homemade dessert. TRIVIA follows dinner.

Can you make a gift basket for the silent auction, donate a \$25 Gift Card or new item valued @ \$25?

Start getting your tables of 8 together! Seating is limited to 100. A great time was had by all last year! ***You don't have to be good at TRIVIA*** - you just have to want to have fun and support our event by signing up or making a donation.

Sign Up Sheets are coming soon - Be Ready For FUN!



PLEASE TAKE YOUR 2018 STATEMENT
 Thanks, Roger Frey Financial Secretary

In Case of a Pastoral Need

Please contact Pastor Rick Meier

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During Pastor Rick's absence from Jan. 14 to Feb. 4,

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Sunshine Committee - Karen Murr & Patti Dunaway will send Sympathy, Graduation, and Get Well cards upon notification. Call Patti at 815-389-8957 or Karen at 815-389-2353 or email Patti at pkdunaway7@gmail.com. Thank you!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Baptism of Our Lord ~ 9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM



P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word, you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



OPENING HYMN

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

C: Amen.



We pray for our shut-ins, college students, military families, homeless, unemployed, and our friends and family, including: Aaron, Adam, Allen, Alyson & Jarrett, April, Audrey, Austin, Barry Webster, Barry & Shelby, Beth, Bev, Bill, Bob, Boyd & Inez, Brad, Brayton, Brenda, Brett, Brian, Chesney, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Courtney, Danny, Darrel, Debi, Diane, Dick, Dolly, Don, Don & Harriet, Doug, Dustin, Eloise, Emily & Mike, Emma, Florence, Gavin, Gail, George, Heidi, Irene A., Iris, James, Jan, Janet, Janie, Jeff, Jered, Jess, Jody, Julie, June, Kamyra, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kenny, Kinley, Kirk, Larry, Lauri, Laurie Swanson, Linda, Linda Melby Family, Marion, Marshall, Maureen M., Melissa, Mike H., Nancy, Nathan, Nic, Raley, Rich, Ryan, Brynn & Ellis McGuire, Roger, Steve, Tammy, Tanya, Ted, Terri, Tina, Tom, Tony Sherman, Tracy, Sandy, Steve, Steve Lampher, Vicky, Vivian and Zach.

Rockford-area Hospice Volunteers Needed

Agrace Hospice & Palliative Care, a nonprofit community hospice serving patients & families in northern Illinois, has an immediate need for volunteers aged 18 or older. In just a few hours a week, hospice volunteers can meet amazing people as they brighten the lives of local hospice patients. Volunteers will provide companionship and support to hospice patients and their families living in Rockford and across northern Illinois. Schedules are flexible, and training is provided.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Agrace at (800) 553-4289 or visit agrace.org/volunteer.



*Are you missing a hat, glove, glasses case?
Please check our Lost & Found Box
by the fountain in the narthex. Thanks!*



JANUARY 2 - Irene Balk, 5 - Kim Burton, 10 - Hannah Guffey, 12 - Betty Bonner, 20 - Viola Thostenson, 23 - Amy McCormick, 27 - Samantha Guffey & Victor Lipinski, 30 - Craig Miller

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church

**We are happy to have you worship with us today!
Join us in our Fellowship Room for a bite to eat & drink.**

COMMUNION ~ Receive your bread or gluten-free wafer, take a small cup of wine (dark) or grape juice (light). Dispose of your cup in the receptacle on your way back to your seat.

OFFERING ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your offering or mail it in. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

Financials for Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019 - Week 1

Attendance - 93

Weekly Offering Actual	\$3,352.93
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,150.00
2019 YTD Actual Offering	\$3,352.93
2019 YTD Offering Needed	\$2,150.00

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Videographer - Anne & Rachel Strasser
PowerPoint Tech - Anne & Rachel Strasser
Counters - Roger & Carol Frey
Reader - Pat Wicks
Fellowship - Sue & George Brunson
Greeters - Sandy & Don Dittmer
Musician - Betty Comins
Ushers - Doug Congdon and Curtis Blakeman
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



Did you know? We have a Good Samaritan Fund at Faith Lutheran Church for Pastor to use for a member in need? You can contribute by using an envelope in the pew & write GOOD SAM FUND.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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: Isaiah 43:1-7

R: A reading from Isaiah, the 43rd chapter.

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 29

R: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

R: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of
glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice
of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

R: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**C: the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

R: The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

R: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and
strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all
are crying, "Glory!"

**C: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

R: O LORD, give strength to your people; give them,
O LORD, the blessings of peace.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

R: A reading from Acts, the 8th chapter.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had
accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.
The two went down and prayed for them that they might
receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet the Spirit had not come
upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name
of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands on
them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banquet
table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of
Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set
the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and
in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God.

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~

“He Still Does (Miracles)” by Hawk Nelson

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

**(As you come forward for Communion,
you may dip your fingers in the baptismal font and
make the sign of the Cross on your forehead.)**

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: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Remembering Our Baptism as God Does”

Hymn of the Day

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

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: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. (*A brief silence.*) We pray for the church. Pour out your Spirit upon us and enliven us for mission. Draw us together in love that we may be one. Lead us in the way of your beloved Son. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the earth. Sustain oceans and seas, rivers and lakes, marshes and wetlands. Watch over dormant plants and hibernating animals as they rest in your care. Renew your creation and protect all creatures from harm. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the nations. Inspire leaders to work for the common good. Grant courage to those who put themselves at risk to protect others. Turn us away from violence and teach us to live in peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those in need. Protect children and vulnerable adults who depend on others to provide for their daily care. Uphold those who struggle with depression. Console the grieving and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For this assembly. Bless the newly baptized. Renew your children in the covenant of baptism. Empower us by your loving Spirit to serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died (*especially*). Hold us safe in your arms of mercy and bring us with them into your promise of life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.