

Faith News and Notes for December 22, 2024

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Welcome, welcome, welcome in the name of the Lord! We are so glad you are here with us and our prayer is always that the sweet presence of the Lord would be manifested here every time we gather together. May you be encouraged and equipped in your faith today!



Tuesday, December 24, 7PM - Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25, 10AM (with Communion)

Happy Birthday, Jesus

Holy Communion

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. Jesus instituted this when he celebrated Passover with his disciples, and assures us that each time we receive it, we again remember his death and receive the full benefits of His grace and all that he offers. In keeping with the Scripture and the teachings of the Lutheran church, we ask each person to consider these questions:

*Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sins?

*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?

*Am I trusting in Jesus' promise that I receive full forgiveness and strength through this Sacrament?

*Do I believe and agree that the body and blood of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine?

*With the Lord's help, will I seek to amend my sinful life and live in conformity with His holy will?

If you answer yes to all these questions and are baptized, you are welcome to come and receive all that Jesus offers in Holy Communion. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing.

We offer assistance for the **hearing impaired**. Just speak to one of our ushers, who will be able to help you. Please return the hearing device to an usher as you exit. We have a **Nursery** for infants through age 3 that is available during our services for you to use. The nursery is through the hall on the right side of the sanctuary (facing the altar).

First Reading: Micah 5:3-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he shall be their peace.

Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.



Holy Gospel: St. Luke 1:39-45

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."



Food Pantry

Our current Food Pantry needs: Beans (any kind) and Canned Fruit

Our weekly clients thank you.



A Life Quote for Sunday, December 22: “Merry Christmas! And may the certainty of God’s love for you in Jesus Christ give you strength, comfort, and confidence this day to face whatever comes tomorrow. For, nothing can overpower the persevering power and blessing of Christmas.” *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty*

A Life Thought in the Church Year for December 22 – Advent IV: Whether the hamlet of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) or gestating babies (Luke 1:41-44), the God of Christmas loves to elevate what seems insignificant. Indeed, the heart of the Gospel consists in exalting those of humble estate (Luke 1:52). Rejoicing in the Lord who creates, redeems, and calls regardless of size, skills, or circumstances, the sanctity of life delights to declare nothing less!

PLEASE INCLUDE OUR FAITH FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Our Homebound: Sandy Aiken, Alma Coates, Carla Sesola, Paul and Donna Van Bommel

Other Requests: Faith Lutheran Teachers, Students and their families; Jose Alfonso, Gail Bolognese, Barbara Cahill, Andrea Emde, Judith Gonnerman, Dave Hernandez and family; Gordon Lerner, Sue Litzenberg and family, Dr. David McCalla and Family, Kathy McCoy, Ernie Munter, Carole Satterthwaite, Tricia Shankin, Sally Schwartz, Bob and Laura Tegart, Sharon Wiley, and Ron Woita.

The Van Bommel’s

At this time meals are no longer needed for the Van Bommel’s. We will provide further information shortly.

Right Now Media

RightNow Media's mission is to work with the global church to inspire people to love others before self and Christ above all.



Here are three different ways to sign-up for “Right Now Media”

- (1) Custom Link: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/faithlutheranchurchnp>
 - (2) Text the code **FAITHNPB** to **49775** and you will receive a text back, welcoming you to “RightNow Media” and provides you with the invite link to register.
 - (3) Use this QR code: hover your phone’s camera over the code and it will prompt you to open a mobile browser, select that prompt and the registration page will appear for you to sign up.
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Study Revelation at Faith!

For centuries, people have attempted to unlock the mysteries of Revelation. In *Revelation: The Hope*, we will discover that Jesus Christ is central to every prophecy, promise, and passage. Revelation gives us hope of a world made new by the redemption and restoration that Jesus offers today and for eternity.

To join BSF for this study visit: <https://www.bsfinternational.org/>

At Faith, BSF meets Monday mornings from 10:00-11:15, and Monday evenings from 6:55-8:15. The evening program also offers the study of Revelation to school-aged children (5-18 years) at levels appropriate for their age-group.

Outreach Through Faith launches new mission

Bundle Up Time!



As another long, hot summer is behind us and we are enjoying our milder temperatures, there are those in our community who are unprepared for the change in weather. As such the Outreach Through Faith Committee would like to meet this need by providing gently used coats, jackets, and/or sweaters to those less fortunate. The committee is also seeking donations of packages of new socks. So if you plan to purchase new outer garments this season, please consider donating your gently used items. Donations are being accepted through December 31 and can be put in the bin in the Narthex. Thank you for caring.

2024 Faith Completed Projects / Year-End Giving



As a new year approaches, we wanted to give a brief update on a lot of the work that has been done this year on our facilities and grounds:

Parts of our administration building underwent a renovation/update after a major leak was discovered in the women's restroom. The renovation was completely funded by insurance resulting from the accident.

In honor of the Faith Lutheran Care Center's 25th Anniversary, the soft surface in the toddler playground was completely re-surfaced and improved. This project was funded by member donations and grant money awarded to our school to be used strictly on improvements such as this.

A project that was part of our sanctuary's 50th Anniversary Celebration but wasn't completed until just recently is our parking lot improvements. Lights were installed in the rear of the parking lot, and the surface was sealed and re-stripped. The lights were completely funded by members.

A new sound and video system was installed in the sanctuary, again this was a project slated for the 50th Anniversary of the sanctuary, however, it took a very long time to get the equipment. This project was funded by donations as well.

A new evaporator coil was installed in the Sanctuary AC unit. Major repairs and upgrades were made to a number of AC units throughout the campus.

The 301 building had the eaves and arches re-done and repainted funded through grant money.

A fence and native shrubbery was installed along the east end of the parking lot at our Care Center. This improvement was completely funded by a caring parent of our program.

All of these and more were provided by our faithful God who is Jehovah-Jireh, the God-Who-Provides, through insurance and grants, and your faithful giving of tithes and offerings. Now is the time to ensure that your tithe is up to date. We encourage you, if you have end of year giving that you desire to do, to not forget Faith Lutheran in your considerations, and we thank you in advance.

Keep a watch out for your 2025 offering envelopes as they will be ready for distribution soon.

Faith's Angel Tree Project



Last Thursday, our Faith Angel's headed out to Peppi Head Start in Belle Glade to spread the love of Jesus and deliver presents to the Center's beautiful children. Thank you to our congregation for your generosity and a heartfelt thank you to Mark and Carri Leininger for heading up this special project. Our team was blessed by the children's smiles and happiness when receiving their special gifts.



2025 Flower Chart

The 2025 Flower Chart calendar is in the Narthex, with open spaces to sign-up for your meaningful dates (*In Memory of / In Honor of / To the Glory of God.*) The Altar flowers are \$25 per Sunday. Please make your checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and put "Altar Flowers" in the memo line.



This week's Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday, Jesus
by The Seitz Family

Christine Kamikazi



Jane Blevins



Faith's Book Nook

Faith's Book Nook's featured book this week is *Family Ties* by B.K. Winn in the Fiction Section as F WIN

The Book Nook is on the second floor of the Fellowship Hall, above the kitchen. Everyone is welcome to visit.



Faith's Book Club
January book of the month:

My Dear Hamilton
by Eliza Schuyler Hamilton



Faith's Book Club selection for the month of January is *My Dear Hamilton*. The Club will meet on Thursday, January 30 with dinner at 5:30 PM at La Bamba, followed by Book Club at 7PM in the Conference Room.

From the New York Times bestselling authors of America's First Daughter comes the epic story of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton--a revolutionary woman who, like her new nation, struggled to define herself in the wake of war, betrayal, and tragedy. In this haunting, moving, and beautifully written novel, Dray and Kamoie used thousands of letters and original sources to tell Eliza's story as it's never been told before.

A general's daughter...

Coming of age on the perilous frontier of revolutionary New York, Elizabeth Schuyler champions the fight for independence. And when she meets Alexander Hamilton, Washington's penniless but passionate aide-de-camp, she's captivated by the young officer's charisma and brilliance.

A Founding Father's wife...

But the union they create--in their marriage and the new nation--is far from perfect. From glittering inaugural balls to bloody street riots, the Hamiltons are at the center of it all.

The last surviving light of the Revolution...

When a duel destroys Eliza's hard-won peace, the grieving widow fights her husband's enemies to preserve Alexander's legacy. But long-buried secrets threaten everything Eliza believes about her marriage and her own legacy. Questioning her tireless devotion to the man and country that have broken her heart, she's left with one last battle--to understand the flawed man she married and imperfect union he could never have created without her...

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Sunday, December 22

- 8:45 AM Traditional Worship
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship
- 12:00 PM Contemporary Music Practice

Monday, December 23

- 3:30 PM 2 year-old's Christmas program (Gym)
- 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous (Chapel)

Tuesday, December 24

- 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25

- Happy Birthday, Jesus, Our Lord and Savior!
- 10:00 AM Christmas Service

Thursday, December 26

- 9:00 AM—11:00 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B)
- 6:00 PM New Day Support Group (New Day)

Friday, December 27

- 9:30 AM—11:30 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B)

Saturday, December 28

- 7:30 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B)

Sunday, December 29

- 8:45 AM Traditional Worship Service
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Contemporary Music Practice

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Julie Tombari: Administrator

8:45 AM

10:45 AM

Altar Guild	Mary Jo Petterson	Barb Cahill
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OUR VISION

We believe God calls us to engage, encourage and equip our church, community and world with His unfailing love.

We will **engage** all people in meaningful relationships with God’s unfailing love as the foundation.

We will **encourage** all people to a closer relationship with Jesus.

We will **equip** all people to live a loving, powerful, Spirit-filled life.