

Faith United Methodist Church
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By Faith

The Monthly Newsletter

Faith United Methodist Church—

Month of December....



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1025 Tullar Rd
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Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
Sunday School
(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

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The Monthly Newsletter of Faith United Methodist Church December, 2018

December 2018

Dear Christian Friends,

December is here and 2018 is drawing to a close. This fall was different from previous years. That is, most of us had an eye on the Brewers and their playoff run. This was not something that we were used to doing in the fall. However, it was a lot of fun. Also, in the fall football season started and the Packers are usually making a playoff run with the dreams and hopes of a Super Bowl. As unusual as it was to follow the Brewers it is also just as unusual for the Packers to miss out on the playoffs, again!

What is not unusual is that Advent is beginning with the culmination of Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ. You might be thinking that we do this all the time and the talk of him coming back. Indeed, we do celebrate his first coming at Christmas and wait for the second. However, as one grows in their faith walk, His Words and promises gain more strength and enthusiasm as we follow Him through worship, Bible reading and prayer. One other thing we get to observe at Christmas is where the natural and super natural meet. That is, God coming down to earth in Jesus Christ. We also see what love is really about because only God could send the perfect sacrifice into the world as payment for our sin.

So at Christmas, we see Emmanuel coming to prepare a way so at the right time we can live with God forever. We can understand the natural side of Jesus birth and death because as humans this is our life cycle. The supernatural side of his resurrection and return take faith, belief, and trust. We will only understand this side when we are with Him in Heaven at that time.

Our world and its patterns might be changing. But, God's world and his pattern do not change.

See you in church!

Pastor Tim

PREPARING OUR HEARTS
FOR
WORSHIP SERMON TITLES

Series, Seasons For Hope 3 Parts

December 2, 2018

Hoping Against Hope

Romans 4:16-21

December 9, 2018

Children's Christmas Program

The Foundation of Hope

Romans 5:1-5

December 16, 2018

The Birth of Hope

Romans 8:18-25

December 23, 2018

3 Lessons From Jesus Birth

Anticipation

Matthew 1:18-25

Luke 2:1-20

December, 24, 2018

Xmas Eve

Perception

Matthew 1:18-25

Luke 2:1-20

December 30, 2018

Incarnation

Matthew 1:18-25

Luke 2:1-20

Philippians 2:5-8



SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES & Bible
Studies

Winter Quarter

Begins: December 2, 2018

10:15A.M.—11:15 AM

Nursery ages 2-3— Room 106

Clariellyn Sommersmith

Preschool-First Grade Room 104

Bev Pezewski & Michelle Woodard

2nd grade—5th Grade Room 208

Kurt VanHandel

Ken Gellerstedt

6th—12th Grade Room 207

Dan Duff

Adult Classes

“Sermon Notes” by Charles Stanley

Gary Reiter Room 202

“The History of Old Hymns”

Evie Gau & Mary Muthig Room 204

MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY STUDIES

Senior Bible Study—

Wednesdays 1:30 P.M.

Agape Bible Study—

Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.

12/2 Jeremy Olson
 12/3 Gaylord Remmel
 12/4 Tyler Fairchild
 12/7 Eric Ball
 12/8 Aidan Flom
 12/14 Jayden Woodard
 12/16 Justin Kuehl
 12/16 Hanna Williams
 12/18 Ken Gellerstedt
 12/19 Andrew Hintze
 12/23 Joyce Sanders
 10/24 Randy Kuehl
 12/25 Merry Beverlin
 12/26 Cathy Geiger
 12/28 Jenny Halverson
 12/30 Mary Ann Wylie



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

If you know of a birthday or anniversary that was missed, please let the office know so we can be sure our database is correct.

Wedding Anniversaries

During the month of December

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/16 Gerald & Marlene Desing
 12/27 Robert & Jan Lee
 12/29 Clint & Emily Kemper



2018NEWSLETTER

PUBLICATION DATES

** The deadline for newsletter articles will be the **Wednesday "prior"** to the publication date. The church office will be sure to advise of any changes to this schedule. You can either email your information to Bev Pezewski or you can drop the information in the mailbox in the church office labeled newsletter/bulletin articles. Thank You!

Please let the office know if there is anything else you would like to see added to the monthly newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith United Methodist Church, please contact the church office.

REMINDER: If you are currently receiving the newsletter either via email or through the U.S. postal service and no longer wish to receive it, please contact the church office and let us know and we will remove your name from our distribution list. If you would like to change how you are receiving the newsletter please let the church office know.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Have you changed **your address, telephone number or e-mail address** Please complete your card on Sunday with all the changes or contact the church office. This will help us keep the directory up to date. If you have any questions, please let the church office know.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Narthex/sanctuary entrance

12/2 Julie Beck & Ann Cheshire
12/9 Children/youth & Bev Pezewski
12/16 Terry & Joanne Ball
12/23 Lori & Ginny Shepard
12/30 Todd & Cindy Boelter

Education Wing Entrance

John & Beth Hall
Charles & Sharon Bucholtz
Judy Schwandt & Diana Vieth
Cindy & Mary Muthig
Gary & Charlene Reiter



MISSION MINISTRIES

Upcoming events —2018 “Giving Tree”



November 15—December 16, 2018. The “Giving trees” are up on the table in the Narthex and on the table by the church office. Take an ornament, buy the gift that is on the ornament and return it to the church office. We have a “Christmas—Tub” that is all set up to receive the presents. If you want to help with this upcoming event, or have questions, please contact members of the Missions Committee or the church office.

Community Christmas Dinner

Faith will once again be participating in the Community Christmas Dinner at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Neenah on Dec. 8th. We will be collecting chapstick and donating 20 dozen cookies. Anyone is also welcome to volunteer to work at the dinner that day. Details to follow. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. .



We would love to have you come help serve a meal with us at the Homeless Connections (Now called the Pillars) on Friday, December 21st from 7-9 P.M. There will be a sign-up sheet on the welcome table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Geiger.

Lord, we come to You in prayer for: Susan Johnson, Elaine Paulson, Ernie Fritschle, Kathy Bayer, Mary Jane Thompson, Gordon Brigham, Margaret Schultz, and for those with on going medical concerns, financial concerns, our shut ins and our military and their families and those in need of healing; and our many unspoken prayers.



HELPING IN THE CHURCH

Have you every thought how you could help the church. We are looking for our church family to help in areas of the church. What areas if the church could you help. Some of the areas where someone could help is cleaning and maintaining the rooms like the gym, fellowship hall, vacuuming the halls by the office and down the hall. There are some areas that are being maintained, but there are other areas where someone could give of their time. If you like to paint, or are willing to give a few hours to help paint, we need help to paint the men's bathroom, ladies bathroom in the education area, the music room, other classrooms by the gym before the end of the year. After the first of the year, there is the hallways by the fellowship hall and step areas downstairs. Think about it and talk to your friends. Maybe you can help out as a fellowship and social time.

SENIORS OF FAITH

Seniors of Faith Christmas Gathering will be December 13th at the Ground Round @ 4:30 p.m. Following our dinner we will gather at church for dessert, fun, fellowship and our annual "white Elephant" gift exchange.

Your **Reservations will be required and should be made by Monday, December 10th. Please call:**

Sharon Bucholtz at 920/725-3073.



Thank you

A special thank you to the volunteers of our audio and projection team who serve on our technology ministry. They are always willing to help. We greatly appreciate their help and your support.



COUNTERS NEEDED

The finance committee is looking for additional counters to count the church offerings on Monday morning at 9:00 A.M. It takes about an hour and a half for counting the offerings each Monday. Do you have a few hours that you could help do

FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSALS

The Faithful Singers, Faith Church's adult choir rehearse 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays in the choir room, Room 201. Membership is open to all adults and high school age youth, and new members are always welcome. No prior choral experience or training is required or expected, only a love of singing and a willingness to offer your time and attention at rehearsals. If you have questions, please contact Micah by email msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com or by cell phone at 765.993.7019.



Christmas Eve Soup Supper 12/24/18

Faith Church will be having their annual Christmas Eve soup supper at roughly 5:00-5:15 pm in the fellowship hall which is in the church basement. You can attend worship at 4:00 pm and stay for supper, or come for supper and attend worship at 7:00 pm. There is no charge, but a free will offering is appreciated, and leftover soup is offered to as many as we can until it's all gone.

Sounds like fun doesn't it? But, and there always has to be a but doesn't there, and that is to bring a taste of your choice of Christmas goodies to share with everyone for dessert. If you forget to bring any goodies, and that's not a problem because there's always plenty to go around, there's always the barter option, and that's to help with the cleanup or do dishes. There is another barter option as well, and that's to help with the cooking and set up in the morning; If you're interested please contact Terry Ball for details.

This tradition of food, fun and fellowship at Faith church is what Christmas is all about...a time of sharing the blessings that God has bestowed upon us with others! :)

See you on Christmas Eve!

Safe in the love of Christ,

Terry and Joanne



FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Friday - CLOSED

If you are looking to contact Pastor Tim, you can call him here at the church

or you can email him at tjalbrecht79@gmail.com

Please continue to pray for all the church staff members and committee members! That in all they/we do, we would honor God and His will for the church.

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES

Christmas Program – December 9, 2018

The Children and youth's Christmas program will be held on December 9, 2018 during our worship service.

We will be having all the children and youth in the program. If you are interested in being part of the Christmas program, help with the sound, taking pictures and helping with setting up, please contact the church office.

All the children from our Nursery class to our Senior high class, are going to be involved in the program, along with the Choir and the congregation.

Micah with the children, youth and their parents will also be playing their instruments and will be part of the group.

The program the youth will be doing is called: "Twas the Night Before Christmas"

We are asking for all the young children if they have a stuffed lamb, or stuffed animal that they LIKE to hold on to, please let them bring them to church so they can hold them while they are on stage.

We will have "Cookies and punch" after the worship service. Hope to see you after the program.

A thank you to all the parents, teachers, Micah, and of all the children and youth who are helping and being a part of this program.

Every one is invited to come and watch our "children and youth" present their Christmas program.

Hope that you can bring, bring your friends, relatives..... The Children/youth of Faith Church.





Theme: Looking forward to Christ's return - First Sunday of Advent

Scripture: At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Luke 21:27 (NIV)

Christmas is coming soon. It is easy to tell. We see the signs all around us. What are the signs? We see Christmas decorations in the stores and on houses, we hear Christmas songs on the radio, we see ads on television and in the newspapers. What if we didn't have all of these things to remind us that Christmas is coming? How would we know? I guess we would just have to look at the calendar.

Two thousand years ago, there was no television or radio. There were no newspaper ads announcing that a child would be born and that he would be the Savior of the world. When Jesus was born, very few people even knew about it, but it was an event which God had promised and which had been foretold by prophets many years before. Many people had been looking forward to the coming of the Messiah, they just didn't know exactly when he was coming.

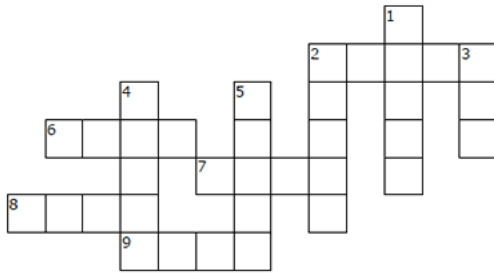
This Sunday marks the beginning of a very special season called Advent. Do you know what Advent means? The dictionary says that advent is "the coming of something very important." What is it? Is it Christmas? Yes, we are looking forward to that, but we are also looking forward to the coming of another very important event. The return of Jesus!

Jesus promised to come again. You won't hear much about it on the television or radio and you won't read much about it in the newspapers, but he promised he would return and we believe it! We look forward to it just as people two thousand years ago looked forward to the coming Messiah. We don't know exactly when he will come, it isn't marked on the calendar, but we are watching and waiting.

As we look prepare to celebrate the birthday of our Savior, let's also be sure we are prepared for the day that he will come again.

Dear Father, we thank you for this special time of year and what it means to us. We thank you for keeping your promise to send a Savior — and we thank you for the promise that he will come again. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. Twinkling points of light in the sky at night
6. To make a request to God
7. The large heavenly body visible in the night sky
8. To raise from a lower to a higher position
9. The part of the body containing the brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth

DOWN

1. To observe very carefully
2. To rise to an upright position on your feet
3. The earth's source of heat and light
4. The planet on which we live
5. Large, white, fluffy things floating in the sky

*Christ
Is Coming!*

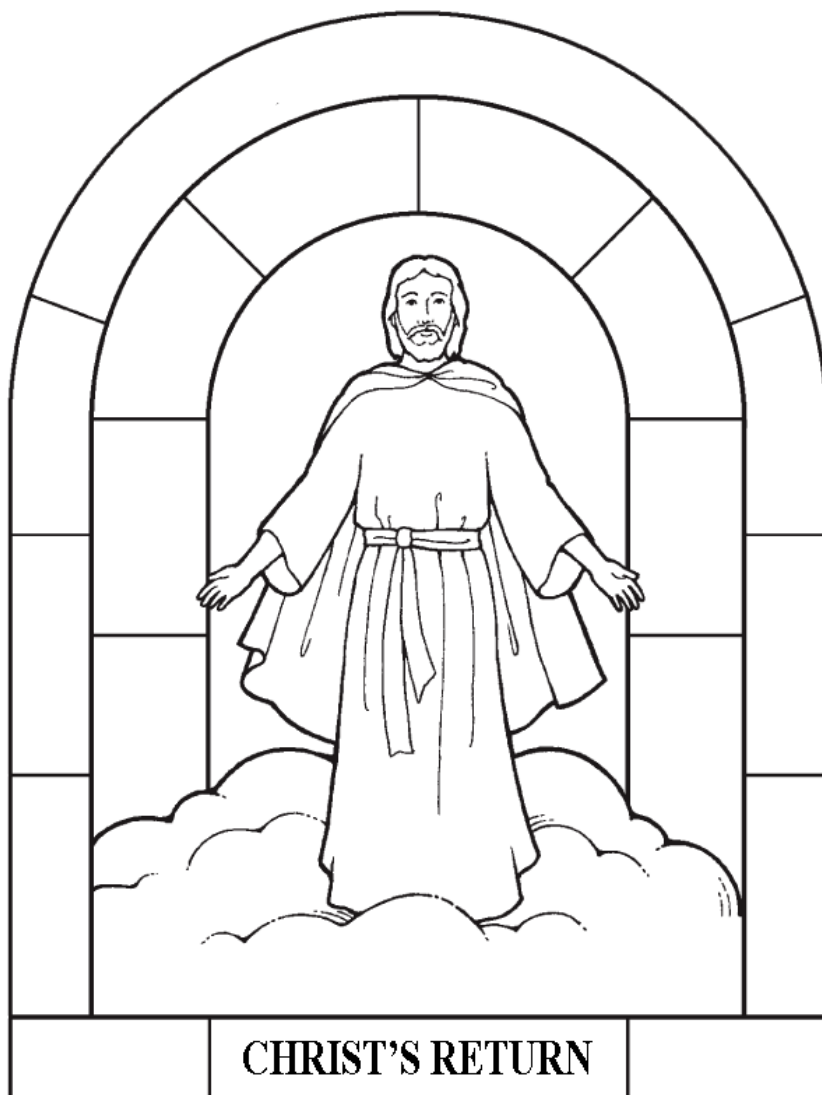
PRAY	STARS	EARTH	STAND	MOON
WATCH	CLOUD	LIFT	HEAD	SUN

Luke 21:25-36

Word Search Puzzle

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CLOUD	HEADS	NATIONS	SEA	SUN
EARTH	HEAVEN	POWER	SIGNS	WATCH
ESCAPE	LIFT	PRAY	STAND	WORLD



"Then everyone will see the Son of Man
coming
on a cloud with power and great glory."
Luke 21:27

Decoder Puzzle

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6. 21-1-12-9-2 _____
7. 14-18-13-12 _____
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