

By Faith

The Monthly Newsletter

Faith United Methodist Church—



*Month of
December , 2019*

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Sunday Worship Service
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Sunday School
(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

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December 2019

Greetings Faith Church,

We have just concluded our Experiencing God sermon series. The theme has been centered around knowing and doing the will of God. As I was preparing for the last small group study for this series I came across a few things that sum up the series. I also believe that we should take with us on our faith journey.

When it comes to God's will. Our difficulty in following God isn't that we don't know His will. Our discomfort comes from the fact that we do know His will, but we do not want to do it. Moses had a problem with knowing and doing God's will in Exodus 3. However, we get to see how great and big our God is in verse 14, when God answered Moses with the words "I AM". It was like God was saying, "Moses, I will be whatever you need Me to be as you carry out My assignment. If you need a miraculous sign in order to convince Pharaoh, then that is how I will express Myself. If you need Me to interrupt nature and part the waters of the Red Sea, then I will demonstrate Myself that way. If you require food and water, then I will be your provider. If you are afraid, I will be your strength."

You see when God calls us he will give us the tools we need to carry out his will. Some will say, "I love God, but I am having difficulty obeying Him in certain areas of my life." This is a spiritual impossibility. Because genuine love for God leads to wholehearted obedience.

As we begin the season of Advent in preparation of the coming of the Christ child. We again get to see the great love our God has for us by coming into the world at Christmas. He did not have to do this. But he does out of love. Out of love, God has created you for something very special that only you can do for his Kingdom. He just asks that you join him in his work, doing his will. Trust him, like he provided for Moses, he will provide for you too.

See you in church,

Pastor Tim

**PREPARING OUR HEARTS
FOR WORSHIP**
SERMON TITLES

Advent begins

December 1, 2019

A Kingdom From A Wasteland
Jeremiah 33:14-16

December 8, 2019

John The road Builder
Luke 3:1-6

December 15, 2019

Learning To Play Second Fiddle
Luke 3:7-18

December 22, 2019

The Rationale For His Coming
Hebrews 10:5-10

December 24, 2019

Xmas Eve
The Light Has Come
John 1:1-14

December 29, 2019

Is It Over Already?
Colossians 3:12-17



Sunday School

children, youth & adults

10:15 A.M.—11:15 A.M.

Weekly - BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday School Classes

2-3 year old - Nursery

Julie Caflisch & Michelle Woodard

4K/Kindergarten—1st grade

Bev Pezewski

2nd-5th grade

Kurt VanHandel & Ken Gellerstedt

Senior High 6th-12th grades

Dan Duff

2 adult classes

ADULT CLASSES

The Beginning of the Battle by:

John MacArthur

Hugh Davies

A Life God Rewards (Bruce Wilkenson)

Mary Muthig

Bible Studies—

Agape Bible Study Thursday evenings

at 6:30 P.M.



December Birthdays

- 12/3 Gaylord Rimmel
12/4 Tyler Fairchild
12/7 Eric Ball
12/8 Aidan Flom
12/14 Jayden Woodard
12/16 Hanna Williams
12/18 Ken Gellerstedt
12/20 Michelle Woodard
12/23 Joyce Sanders
12/24 Randy Kuehl
12/25 Merry Beverlin
12/26 Cathy Geiger
12/28 Jenny Halverson
12/30 Mary Ann Wylie



2019NEWSLETTER

PUBLICATION DATES

** The deadline for newsletter articles will be the 25th of each month. An email will be sent out to the Ministry team leaders prior to the 25th. 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. 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

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.

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

12/26—Gerald & Marlene Desing

12/27 Robert & Jan Lee

12/29 Clint & Emily Kemper



GREETERS SCHEDULE

MONTH OF: December 2019

Narthex/Sanctuary Entrance

Education Wing Entrance

1	Julie Beck and Ann Cheshire	Char Kryszak & Geraldine Manteufel
8	Dave & Sadie Kordonowy	Nola Sell & Corky Sullivan
15	Dick & Mary Ann Wylie	Vern & Ruth Brusewitz
22	Terry & Joanne Ball	John & Beth Hall
29	Bev Pezewski & Kevin Schuh	Sharon Bucholtz & Joy Wade

Christmas Eve Soup Supper 12/24/19

Dear family and friends of Faith Church,

Following the tradition that was established a number of years ago, we will again be having our soup supper on Christmas Eve between our 4:00 and 7:00 services, which will be 5:15ish, in the basement fellowship hall. Just follow the smell to the kitchen! This event is not a potluck meal. The soup is made and offered at no charge by the Christmas Eve soup supper committee, aka The Ball and Kemper families. There's an old saying that goes as such, "Many hands make light work", so, if you'd like to donate your time in the preparation, please do! More people in the kitchen means more fun! :)

There is one small requirement if you plan on attending the meal; and that is to bring along some Christmas goodies to share for dessert. If you don't bake, please don't fret about it because there is always plenty to go around! :)

A free will donation is appreciated, but not required. Leftover soup is offered to anyone who wants until it's all gone.

You have the option of attending worship at 4:00 and enjoying the supper after, or come at 5:00ish to eat and then attend worship after. Food, fun and fellowship with friends and family is always a good thing!

1 Corinthians 10:31 So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

See you on Christmas Eve,

The soup supper committee



Lord, we come to You in prayer for: Ursula Scharrschmidt, Bob Fritz, Kathy Bayer, Susan & John Johnson, Sharon LaMaire, Liz Roberts, Evie Gau, Joe VanHaaster, Elaine Paulson, Mary Jane Thompson, Marilyn Nyberg, and for those with on going medical concerns, financial concerns, our shut ins and those in need of healing; and our many unspoken prayers.

DONATIONS FOR SPECIAL ITEMS

This is something the finance and the trustee committees have been discussing for a month or so, so we now have items in place. Are you willing to help with purchasing special items, such as?

Coffee, garbage bags, cups, plates, a can of paint, or helping with the snow plowing expenses. The cards have been set up with envelopes so if you have an interest in donating money towards these special items that you would like to help please take "a card of the item" that you would like to help out on, and an envelope and after you have added your card/and any amount in the envelope, drop it off in the "basket" that can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or stop a member of the committees.

Thanks for your consideration to contribute to this special funds! The finance and trustee Ministries

FAITHFUL SINGERS REHEARSALS

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." - Psalm 95:1. The Faithful Singers, Faith Church's adult choir, meet weekly 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 at msommersmith@faithchurchneenah.com or by cell phone at 765.993.7019.

Technology Ministry

If anyone is interested and enjoys working with computers, we will be looking for helpers to work with our audio-visual equipment on Sundays and for special worship services. We have a new digital sound board and are in need of additional people to learn how to work with the new board and projection. Would you like to be part of the team—please contact Dave Jannusch.

Upcoming Seniors of Faith Gathering

We are having our Christmas Dinner at the Ground Round Thursday December 12th at 4:30 P.M. Later we will meet back at the church for dessert, coffee and punch. Please bring a white elephant gift to exchange, it will be fun! Please contact Mary Davies 920-729-0448 or Merry Beverlin 920-470-2954 for reservations by December 9th, if you are going to be there. Thank you.



DECORATING BOXES

Do you like wrapping boxes for the holidays? The Decorating committee are requesting boxes that are decorated for their Advent display. They are looking for wrapped any size (with or without ribbons or bows) boxes, If you would like to help wrap boxes, but don't have any, the church office has different sizes of boxes that you can use. When you have your boxes finished, please bring them to the church office.



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 Christmas Program

All the children and youth of Faith Church will be participating in a Christmas Program during worship on December 15th. The program is called "What is a Jesse Tree". We are hoping that we will include all children in our program. We will be practicing each Sunday after worship in the kindergarten room. We will still have Sunday School for all grades.

We are trying to have something for all the children to do. Some will have speaking parts, and others will have something else that is special to do. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Miss Bev. After the worship service on the 15th, we will have cookies and punch to celebrate. Hope you can join us and learn about the Jesse Tree.



The Pillars—Giving Trees

Again this year, the church is participating in the Pillars "Giving Tree" donation drive. This drive will be held between November 24th and December 18th. We have been a collection site for the Pillars for several years and we will continue again this year. The trees are up and the ornaments are available. You can purchase the gift that is on the ornament and they can be put in the box by the church office. There is a list of the wish list items by each "tree" to help with your purchase. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. It has been decided that if you purchase gift cards, there will be a basket in the office you can put them in that basket, so that they won't get miss placed in the large box.

WEATHER RELATED ALERTS

As the weather changes, we need to prepare should the Church decide to cancel worship service, or close the office due to inclement weather, we have several ways in which to alert you. We will have it listed with, Channel 5, station, we will have a note on our church website, we will have a post on our Facebook page, and we will have a message on our Weather message line (#25) on the church phone when you call in. It is our hope that one of these methods of communication will work for you. Please let the church office know if you have any questions or concerns.



CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY

Isaiah 2:1-5

The advent wreath reminds us of God's promises.

Have you ever made a promise? Has anyone ever made a promise to you? Do any of you have a best friend's necklace someone gave you when she promised to be your best friend? A promise is something we tell someone we will definitely, absolutely do. You should only make a promise you intend to keep. Grown-ups make a promise when they get married. A husband and a wife promise to love each other forever and ever, and they give each other rings as a sign of that promise. Here is a wedding ring. If you follow the wedding ring, it goes around and around, forever and ever, to remind the husband and wife that they promised to love each other forever and ever. Is there anything in our church today that is shaped like a ring? Yes, the Advent wreath is shaped like a ring. Let's go look at it. You see, the Advent wreath goes around forever and ever, and it reminds us that God made a promise to love us forever and ever, and to send God's Son to save us.

Sometimes people break the promises we make, because we aren't perfect. But God is perfect, and God keeps all God's promises. When we light the Advent candles around the wreath, it reminds us that God promised to send God's Son Jesus, and God did send us Jesus just like God promised. So we know that God will keep all God's promises, and come to save us again, and will love us forever and ever. Let's thank God for that.

Thank you God for keeping your promises and sending us Jesus. Help us to trust you to keep all your promises to us. Amen.



Preparing
for **Advent**

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Matthew 24:36-44

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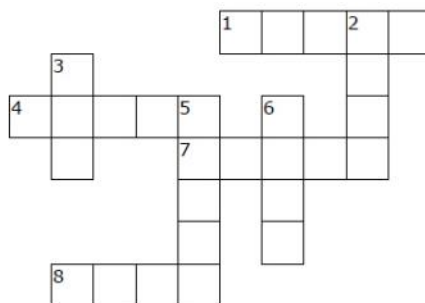
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Color Me!

Color the picture of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Then, beginning December 1st, color one star each day until Christmas





ACROSS

- 1. The time of day when it is dark
- 4. To keep an eye on; to guard
- 7. The person who has something such as property
- 8. A particular moment in the day, such as eight o'clock

DOWN

- 2. A period of sixty minutes
- 3. A period of 24 hours
- 5. The place where a person or family lives
- 6. To have information about something; to be aware of something

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Crossword Puzzle

Decoder Puzzle



Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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- 4. 11-15-22-4-17 _____
- 5. 6-5-8-10 _____
- 6. 24-8-11-4 _____
- 7. 13-8-16-15 _____
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