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

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Faith Global Methodist Church

December 2025

Newsletter



FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

We are listening to messages if we are not in the office and will contact you as soon as we can *If you are looking to contact Pastor Paul, you can call him here at the church or you can email him at pgruenberg@faithchurchneenah.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!*

Sermons can be found on our web page.

<https://www.faithchurchneenah.com>

Click on the watch us live button on the church's web page to see live streaming each Sunday our worship Services. If you are having difficulty please leave a message at the church and we will get back to you and try to help. Live-streaming our services each Sunday on both Face book and YouTube. If there is an issue with the viewing, The services will be added to YouTube and Facebook after the worship service. YouTube and Facebook **Our YouTube channel is:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwn8QuPjcSsrtpR1WbPeYUQ>

Each Thursday when you receive your midweek connection either by email or regular mail the link for YouTube will be in it. You can join the worship service on YouTube by clicking on the link. If there is a problem with the streaming to our YouTube or Facebook page we will upload the video approximately an hour or so after the service. An email will be sent to those with an email address informing them that it is up. The sermon can also be heard on WEMI 91.9 FM. However, there is a week delay.

Our website has added our “older sermons” and we have added a way you can look at the worship services since we have been livestreaming. Please check out our website and look for the “button” View Past Sermons. It is located right below “Watch us Live”

The link for this Sunday's worship service on YouTube is

Shareable <https://youtube.com/live/hsn8RTAiQf0?feature=share>





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ADVENT IS HERE

ADVENT is here! You ask, "What is advent?!"

As far as the timing of advent, advent is a season which starts off the Christian calendar year. It is the four Sundays which precede Christmas Eve and includes Christmas Eve.

As far as the purpose of the season, advent is the time when the church focuses on the prophecies and the events leading up to the birth of Jesus.

Advent means "the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event." In Christians circles, the notable person is the baby Jesus. Advent also includes the return of or the second coming of Jesus when he comes back to earth to rid the world of evil, but our focus in the season of advent is on his first arrival.

As far as the biblical focus on advent, there are Old Testament scriptures which talk about the coming Messiah. Some prophecies come from as far back as Adam and Eve. (Depending on how you understand the time of Adam & Eve, a literal reading of Genesis could be as far back as 4000 B.C.E before Jesus.) Some are just over 400 years or more before Jesus was born. Then there are the more recent events that led up to Jesus' birth such as Angels visiting Zachariah, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the Magi.

This advent, we have an advent devotional created by your writings. Take one for yourself and then take some to give away to family, neighbors, and friends. Let them know that these devotions are to help us prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Use these with others, and then try to enter into conversations about some of the devotions you have read with those you hand them out to. Have fun with them. Use them to spark conversations. Then ask the people you give them to, to join you on Christmas Eve to a service celebrating Jesus' birth. More people will come to Christmas Eve service when asked than you think.

May God bless you this advent season as you use the 2025 Advent Devotional daily. May God bless those to whom you give a devotional away to. May God bless your invitations to Christmas Eve services.

May God simply bless you and your loved ones this season of advent.

Blessings on the Journey!

Pastor Paul

WORSHIP SERVICE
Second Sunday of Advent
December 7 , 2025

Prelude

Welcome/Greeting

***Opening Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory**

***Call to worship:**

The Apostles Creed

Advent Candle Lighting

Leader: Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace. In a world of desperately longing for harmony, we look to Christ, who is our peace.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: As we light this candle, we proclaim Christ's peace, which surpasses all understanding

People: May this flame remind us to be peacemakers, carrying the light of reconciliation into a broken world.

Leader: Let us pray. God of peace, quiet our hearts and help us to live as peace-filled people.

People: Amen.

Leader: We light the first candle for hope and the second for peace.

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(light two purple candles.)

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, our hope and peace.

People: Reign in our hearts and in our world.

Prayer Chorus: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

UMH# 211 (vs 2)

Joys & Concerns

Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Offering our Gifts to God

Doxology

Intro to Scripture: (read by scripture reader)

Scripture: Luke 1:26-34

Meeting at the Steps (Children's Message) Pastor Paul

Sermon: "When Angels Speak: The Angel and Mary"

Pastor Paul

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Closing Hymn:** O Come All Ye Faithful

UMH # 234

***Benediction**

Children's Sermon: Ready for the Christ of Christmas (Matthew 3:1-12)

Today we're going to talk about what it means to be ready. What does it look like when we're ready? That's right! Being ready means that we are patient, we wait, and we watch. Okay, are you ready to start our lesson today? "I see you're ready because you are waiting patiently" or "I see you're ready because you are watching me." Are you ready for Christmas?

You will hear that question many times over the next several weeks. Let's find out what people mean when they ask that question. Raise your hand if your Christmas tree is up and your house is decorated. Raise your hand if you've finished your Christmas shopping. Raise your hand if you've been practicing for a Christmas program. There's another question that we should be asking ourselves today. It's more important than "Are you ready for Christmas?" The more important question is "Are you ready for the Christ of Christmas?" Many years ago, a man named John the Baptist preached about what it means to be ready for Jesus. Are you ready to answer a question?

What do you think it means to be ready for Jesus? John the Baptist was a different kind of man. He wore clothes made of camel's hair with a belt around his waist. His diet was rather unusual as well. He ate a diet of locusts and wild honey. Do you know what a locust is? Many of us today might call it a grasshopper. I'm not sure I would want to eat grasshoppers and honey. How about you?

John the Baptist traveled throughout the wilderness of Judea. His message to the people was to get ready for Jesus. John would shout loudly, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." Are you ready for Jesus? Many people were ready for Jesus. So they came to John the Baptist. They confessed their sins to God and were baptized by John in the Jordan River. After John baptized the people, he told them, "I baptize you with water for repentance. But there is one coming who is more powerful than I. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Are you ready for Jesus this Christmas?

During this special season of the year as we get ready for Christmas, you and I need to make sure we're ready for the coming of the Christ of Christmas. We need to look into our hearts and ask God to make us clean so we can walk with Jesus each day of our life. Let's ask him to do that now.

Dear God, we want to be ready for the Christ of Christmas. Prepare our hearts for his coming. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Lord, we come to you in prayer for joy, peace, comfort:

Chris Bordeaux—The siding project is almost completed and will be completed soon. Also, a thank you for what the congregation has donated in the payment of the project.

Linda Fritz—continued prayers for Dawn recovering from a concussion.

Continued prayers for: Sharon Bucholtz, Jim Hoyman, Sharon LeMaire, Barb Arndt, Gary Reiter, Liz Roberts, Jim Lyons, Kathy Bayer, Dick Wylie, Marilyn Nyberg, and others who are facing health issues, in need of healing, physical strength, encouragement, continued prayers for our members of our church family, our church, Pastor Paul and the leadership team.

Winter Quarter of Sunday School

Nursery — During Worship: Bev Pezewski

Preschool—Pre-K kindergarten—First Grade Room 107

2nd Grade—8th Grade Room 104

Substitutes: Loree Johnston-Lachey Linda Fritz

Adult Sunday School Class: Keith Irish Library

There are envelopes—for the repairing of our siding.

Can you help, please ask the ushers for the special envelope to help

with the church repairs Respectfully, Charlie Le Maire, Co-Chair Trustee Committee

December Birthdays

12/4 Ellen Schwandner

12/7 Eric Ball

12/23 Joyce Sanders

12/24 Randy Kuehl

12/28 Jenny Halverson

12/30 Mary Ann Wylie



A Blue Christmas Service

December 17, 2025 – 6:00pm



A Blue Christmas service is for those who are grieving, stressed, lonely, or unhappy during the holidays. Come find comfort, hope, and a sense of community in a more somber Christmas Eve Service where we recognize that not everyone feels joyous and that it's okay to not be okay.

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UPCOMING EVENTS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

December 5th: Christmas Tea for the ladies of the church at 1:00 P.M. in fellowship hall.

Please sign up on the sign up sheet found on the table in the Narthex. Or contact the church office by 12-1-2025. Treats, Music, and entertainment. If you have any questions please see Joanne Ball or Judy McDonald



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UPCOMING EVENT TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

The annual church conference date has been scheduled.
The conference will be held on

December 7th at 5:15 P.M.



December 12th:

Concert of Christmas music at 6:30p and providing lunch for the Valor children at 1130 A.M.



The Seniors of Faith Christmas Dinner has been canceled due to a conflict with the school schedule. The dinner will be will be rescheduled. Watch the midweek/bulletin for details.



The program will last roughly an hour. Anyone from the church is welcome to attend! We'll have a fellowship time downstairs afterward, and you all are welcome to be part of that as well.

Chris Mott, Principal
Valor Classical Christian Academy

THE PILLARS—GIVING TREE

Faith Church will again be part of the Pillars Giving Tree program. See the listing below. It is their Wish List for the giving tree.

We will be collecting until the 13th of December. Please pick your ornament and get your donation and set it by the “giving trees” set up by the office and sanctuary.

GIVING TREE WISH LIST

This list has been curated to meet our specific needs. Due to storage limitations, please only donate items that are listed. New/unused items are also preferred.

FOOD & DRINK

- Coffee (Reg. & Decaf.)
- Coffee Creamer
- Canned Proteins w/ Pull Tabs
- Fruit Snacks
- Granola Bars
- Jerky
- Paper Plates & Bowls
- Plastic Forks & Spoons
- Protein Bars
- Reusable Water Bottles
- Snack Sized items
- Trail Mix

GIFT CARDS

- Amazon
- Dollar Tree
- Gas Cards
- Grocery Stores
- Home Depot
- JJ's Laundromat
- Menards
- Rogan's
- Shopko Optical
- Target
- Valley Transit
- Walmart

HOUSEHOLD

- Air Mattresses
- All-Surface Cleaner
- Baby Monitors
- Brooms
- Dish Soaps
- Dryer Sheets
- Garbage Bags (13, 39, 55 gal.)
- Laundry Baskets
- Laundry Detergent
- Mops & Buckets
- Paper Towel
- Pillows
- Queen Sheet Sets
- Shower Caddies
- Storage Totes
- Throw Blankets
- Toilet Brushes
- Toilet Paper
- Tower Fans
- Twin Sheet Sets
- Twin-Sized Comforters

HYGIENE & PERSONAL

- Cough Drops
- Ear Plugs
- Face Wash
- Hairbrushes
- Hand Soap
- Handwarmers
- Headphones
- Lotion
- OTC Adult Medications
- OTC Children's Medications
- Rain Ponchos
- Razors
- Sleeping Bags
- Sunscreen
- Textured Hair Products
- Towels
- Wash Cloths
- Winter Gloves (Insulated)

FINANCIAL GIFTS

Mail or drop off in person:

Pillars
605 E Hancock St.
Appleton, WI 54911

Donate Online:

pillarsinc.org/donations

Nutty Knotters Quilt Group

Christian greetings to our friends of the Nutty Knotters quilt group!

On Wednesday mornings, we meet in the fellowship hall from 8:30-12:00, with coffee and treats at 10:00.

Our total for 2025 is 200+ quilts!! Baby quilts, twin quilts, and lap robes are made and donated to several places in the Fox Valley.

We operate on donations of cash to buy thread, fabric that we cut into an 8.5" square and sew together for the top, bed sheets of any size that are used either for backing or filler for the inside. We also use quilt batting if we have it. There really isn't a whole lot that goes to waste! What we can't use and is too good to throw out is donated to the thrift shops in town.

A big thank you for your continued support of our mission.

If you have any questions, contact Beth Hall or Terry Ball

Hebrews 13:16

16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Christmas Eve Soup Supper

Dear friends and family of Faith Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

It is a true joy to serve and worship alongside each one of you. The warmth and support found within our congregation are a constant reminder of God's love and the blessing of Christian fellowship.

At Faith, we call it food, fun, and fellowship. What better way to have all three than at church! Yes, we are having our soup supper after the worship service, in the fellowship hall. This is the nineteenth or twentieth year that we have gathered together on Christmas Eve. The soup is provided; it's not a potluck. The deal is to bring some Christmas treats for dessert. If you don't bake, it's not a problem; there is always plenty to go around. Another plus is, if we have leftover soup, we send it home with you. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Ball.

In Christ, Terry

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9:00 A.M. <i>Knutty</i> <i>Knotters</i> 6:00 P.M. <i>Impossible</i> <i>Misson group</i>	4 1:00 P.M. Agape Bible	5 1:00 P.M. Woman's Christmas Tea	6
7 8:45 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School	8	9	10 9:00 A.M. <i>Knutty</i> <i>Knotters</i> 6:00 P.M. <i>Impossible</i> <i>Misson group</i>	11 1:00 P.M. Agape Bible	12 Concert of Christmas music at 630p	13
14 8:45 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday	15	16	17 6:00 P.M. Agape Blue Christmas Worship Service	18 1:00 P.M. Agape Bible 6:30 P.M. Valor Christmas Program	19 11:00 A.M. Women's Christian Group	20
21 8:45 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 3:30 P.M.	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28 8:45 A.M. Worship	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			