



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear People of Faith Lutheran,

In the coming days all across the United States, people will be embarking on the task of electing not only a president, but also leaders at state, county and community levels. We know that this process isn't something that will begin and end on November 3rd, but rather began months (if not years) ago and will not be fully resolved until days or maybe weeks after the 3rd.

In a world facing a global pandemic, fires and hurricanes that seem never-ending, and a divisive political world it can feel like we can't make an impact for good. It is tempting to disengage from the political process. Yet as people dedicated to creating a just world for all, we know we must be involved. So, engage with our legislators, vote, and encourage others to vote. Martin Luther believed that the freedom we have as Christians frees us to serve our neighbor, and through our participation in the electoral process, we are serving our neighbor.

Then, in the hours, days and weeks following November 3rd, let us join together in prayer: Prayers for safety for all poll workers and people voting in person. Prayers for those counting and tallying votes. Prayers for all people on the ballots that they might experience peace even as the results are determined.

This All Saint's Sunday, we will hear a vision of the Dominion of God from the book of Revelation. We will read that "They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." What a lovely vision for us to anticipate as followers of Christ.

As we remember the saints that have gone before us and look forward to the Dominion of God ahead of us, may we know that God is here with us. That we have an advocate with the Holy Spirit that guides and encourages us to work towards becoming the beloved community. A community that loves God and neighbor. And a community that lives out that love not only "in word or speech, but in truth and action." (1 John 3:18)

In Christ,

—Pr. Ian





NOTICE TO SNOWBIRDS



Wherever you go to escape our wonderful Minnesota winter weather you have the option to provide the church with your temporary mailing address so you can continue receiving our monthly

newsletter. Our newsletter is a third class mailing and the post office does not forward third class mail.

Contact Rae Ann in the church office at 763-444-9201 or via email at office@faithlutheranisanti.com

When you return please let us know so we can change your address back.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PASTOR AND THE CHURCH OFFICE

There have been spam email messages coming across our emails supposedly from Pastor Ian Coen-Frei, requesting that you discreetly respond to the email in one format or another. Sometimes the requestor will actually ask you to purchase gift cards and keep the transaction confidential. Pastor Ian will never solicit you in such a way, nor will the church office. Should you receive any such email, please notify the church office immediately and ignore any request for response.

All emails from the church office or Pastor will have the following in their email address (name)@faithlutheranisanti.com. Anything else should be disregarded.



Advent / Christmas Mission

Family Pathways is a non-profit organization serving a seven-county area, including Isanti County. They oversee multiple food shelves, thrift stores, Black Dog Hill Shelter (for abused women and children), and other services for older adults, caregivers and youth programs.

Our annual Christmas outreach will begin on November 29, the first Sunday in Advent.

We will be collecting personal care items and "like new" clothing for residents at Black Dog Hill Shelter, and non-perishable food items for the local Food Shelf.

Items will be collected under the **Tree of Giving** in the church narthex during December.

Cash donations will be given to Family Pathways to use where most needed.

November 1, 2020

In Remembrance of:



Michael Lockwood (brother of Ted Lockwood and Kim Olsen)

Elaine Krantz (Ariel Crafts Grandmother)

Tara Christensen

Donald and Margaret Quigley

Lisa Petersen

Dale and Louise Mosiman

Stephen Cramer

Gracie Mae Koncsol

Wayne Erickson

Jeff Mosiman

Roger Haley

Carole Ann Knox

Melvyne Haley

Greg Mosiman

Judy Lutz

Martha Snyder

Terry Witt

Harold 'Pete' Pedersen

Herman Tews

Onalee Canfield

Arden Trandahl

Lillian Trandahl

Waldemar Anderson

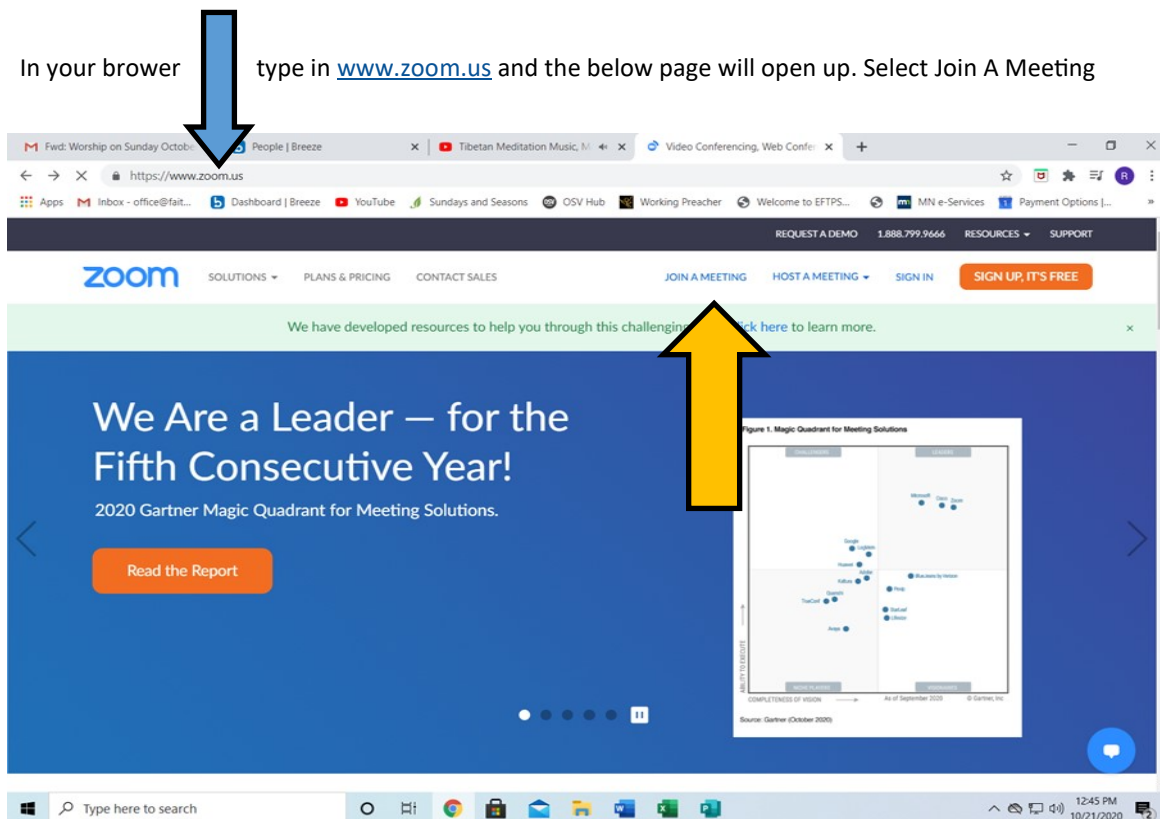
Helen Anderson

Joyce LeTourneau

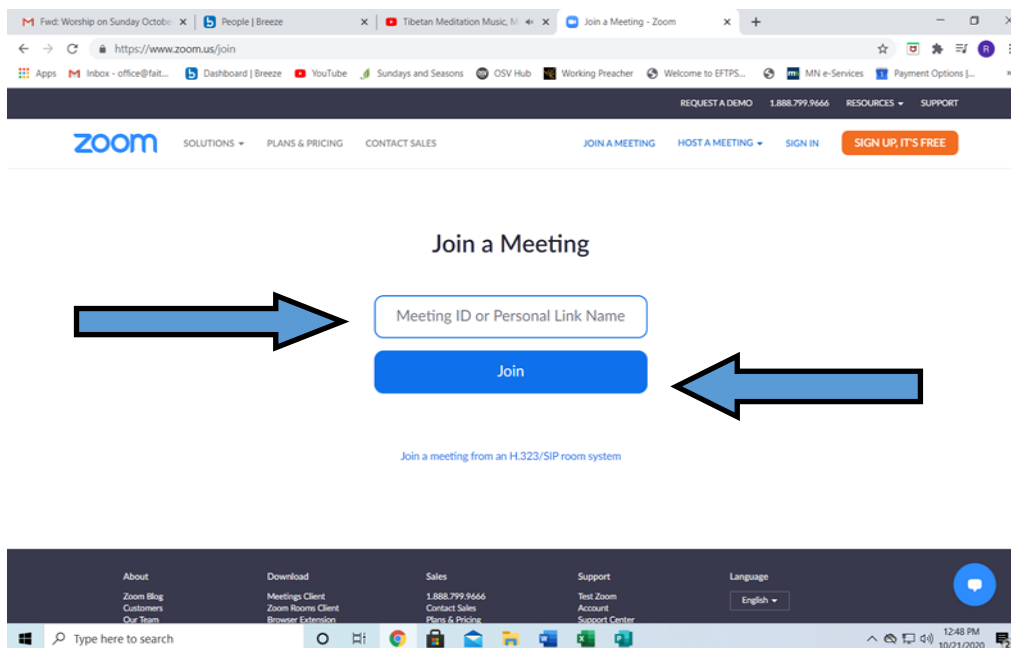
Denny Gianoli

Join our Sunday Service live streaming on our facebook page. You do not need to have a facebook account to watch. Go to: www.facebook.com/faithlutheranisanti/live or follow the instructions below to join us via ZOOM.

In your browser type in www.zoom.us and the below page will open up. Select Join A Meeting



When the below page displays type in Meeting ID: 927 7852 3956 and select Join



You won't see the next page here but when it displays it will ask you for the meeting Passcode: 107586. When Pastor sees you are logged in he will allow you access. Go to the lower left hand corner of the screen and mute your microphone.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Those who have requested prayer or have been under doctors' care:

Kim Olsen, Lynn Howe, Carolyn Rensfeld, Mollie Berg, Jayveon Maney, Rollie Iverson, Wilbur Nelson, Nick Fulweiler, Julie D'Aigle, Jeanette Peterson, Barb Mooers, Helen Grams, Tom Aldinger, Tom Larson, Lisa Melland, Susan Armstrong, Angie Johnson, Doris Kleven, Chris Johnson (Angie Johnson's son), Pricilla Bone, Norinne Mensen, Neil Anderson (Ingrid Trandahl's brother), Pastor John Kerr, Bonnie Torpe (cancer surgery) [Richard Swanson](#), [Maynard Swanson \(both are brothers of Sherry Janzen\)](#), Leigh Stephenson, Shirley Lohse

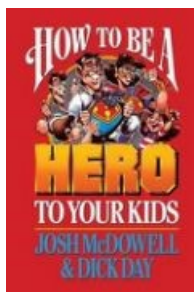
Those who serve in our national, state, and local governments, and the courts, law enforcement, and military: Seth Holmquist, Alex Pavin, Jon Profant and Aaron Brown

Please notify the office with updates to this section so we remain current.

Last updated October 20, 2020

HOW TO BE A HERO TO YOUR KIDS

By: Josh McDowell & Dick Day



One definition of "hero" is a person who is admired.

Did you ever think of a mother or father as a hero? A parent who wants to be a caring role model for his or her children can fit the description. How do you achieve that? The most important thing you can give your child is love and attention. This book gives some interesting, simple ways to do that. Simple as asking them about their day, about their friends or taking them for a walk or ride, giving them your undivided attention. Time is precious in our world and the precious time you give to your kids can make you a hero.

"You can con a con, you can fool a fool, but you can't kid a kid" They are watching you all the time. They learn from how you treat others.

Josh and Dick share personal family experiences. Their goal in this book is to replace toxic parenting with nurturing parenting. They suggest 6 A's for Positive Parenting in this order: acceptance, appreciation, affection, availability, accountability and authority. I thought it was interesting they put acceptance first but it made sense. A child needs to know they are valued, accepted and loved for themselves alone.

Like any publication all things don't work for all people but there are some really good suggestions in this book.

Found in section 3.MCD in the Church Library

Submitted by: Mary Lou Yerigan



HSPS kids working with their gourds.
They clean, inspect and use them as patterns.

Thank you to all who contributed.

Erika Zdon



Set your clock back 1 hour before
going to bed on October 31, 2020



September 27, 2020

Ivan Allen Brown

And the winner is ...

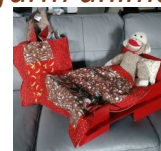
Mary Lou Yerigan is now the owner of the child's

&

Diane Christensen won the sock monkey with bed, blanket and



farm animal quilt,



carry bag.

Congratulations to both of you!

Thank you to Sally Christiansen for generously donating both these items, and to all who participated. Donations from this event supported the General Fund.

With gratitude, Social Ministry



Ravioli Lasagna Recipe

Prep Time: 25 min

Bake Time: 40 min

Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 jar (28oz) spaghetti sauce
- 1 pkg (25oz) frozen sausage or cheese ravioli
- 1 1/2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- Minced fresh basil (optional)

Directions

1. In large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. In greased 2 1/2qt baking dish, layer a third of the spaghetti sauce, half the ravioli and beef and 1/2 cup cheese. Repeat layers. Top with remaining sauce and cheese.
2. Cover and bake at 400 degrees until heated through, 40-45 minutes. If desired, top with basil to serve.

This recipe can be altered by adding some onion and garlic to the hamburger when you cook it. And/or use Italian sausage and some Italian seasoning. Want a little more moisture? Add a can of crushed tomatoes. Freeze the leftovers for a handy microwavable meal for later.

Veterans Day November 11 2020



Christian Education

Sunday School and Kingdom Kids are both meeting virtually by Zoom. We have been having fun learning about, creation, Adam and Eve, Joseph, and Moses.

We always have more room! If you would like to have your child join us, please contact Denise Roetzer or the office for log in information and we can get the lesson supplies out to you!

Thanks to all our teachers for your hard work!

Annual Church Meeting Preparation

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31 at 10:45 a.m. in the church Sanctuary.

All committees must have their annual reports submitted to the office via email on either word documents or excel documents by January 12, 2021.

The Nomination Committee is looking for members to join the 2021 Church Council. We have 3—3year and 1— 1year position that must be filled. It's a great way to be involved in the workings of your church and the Council meets once per month.

Please pray about helping in this capacity and respond as God leads you.

Contact Pastor Ian, Rae Ann Mosiman or Carol Kruse if you have questions.

1st Century Christian Fathers and Apologist's

Ignatius of Antioch

Ignatius of Antioch was an early church father, and not much is known about him. What we do know is primarily drawn from his own writings. Ignatius was the bishop of the church in Antioch, Syria, and was martyred under Emperor Trajan around AD 110. He was apparently a disciple of John, the beloved apostle, along with Polycarp, the bishop of Smyrna. Polycarp, Irenaeus, and Origen all refer to him or his epistles in their writings, confirming what we know of his life.

After presenting himself to Emperor Trajan and declaring his allegiance to Christ, Ignatius of Antioch was condemned to die in Rome. On his journey from Antioch to Rome, he was allowed to stop and visit Christians, and he wrote seven letters which have survived to this day. In these letters, he warned the churches about heresies that threatened their peace and unity and addressed points of ecclesiastical order that give us a glimpse of how the early church functioned.

The heresies that Ignatius of Antioch addressed were primarily Gnosticism and Docetism. The basis of these heresies was the pagan belief in dualism: spirit is good, flesh is evil. They recognized an eternal conflict between good and evil, mind and matter, idea and object. According to the Gnostics, Satan is the co-eternal opposite of the good God. With this view of the spirit world, people would be likely to say that God is limited in power and perhaps in knowledge and is doing the best he can with a sinful world. This heresy separated the divine Christ from the human Jesus and taught that the divine Christ came upon the human Jesus at His baptism and departed just before His death. According to Doceticism, since God is spirit, and spirit is good, but flesh is evil, then, if Jesus is God, He could not have taken on sinful flesh. The Jesus that lived among men and died on the cross was simply a phantom with an appearance like flesh. Ignatius argued that if Jesus did not truly take on human flesh and die as a man, then He could not have made atonement for our sins (Hebrews 2:9, 9:12, 10:12). His letters stressed the importance of communion as a means of stressing the reality of Jesus' humanity. He believed that, if Jesus did not truly shed His blood, then His martyrdom was meaningless.

Ignatius of Antioch's letters addressed the organization and authority of the local church. It is in his letters that we first find a clear distinction between bishops and elders. In the New Testament, the terms *pastor*, *elder*, and *bishop* are used interchangeably and clearly point to different aspects of one position. *Pastor* refers to the duties of feeding and tending to the flock of God as a shepherd. *Elder* refers to the position of honor and respect as the head of a family. *Bishop* refers to the duty of exercising oversight of others. The first churches appointed multiple elders who fulfilled all of these duties (Acts 14:23; 1 Peter 5:1–2). It is in Ignatius's writings that we first find the terms *bishop* and *presbyter* set in opposition to each other. By the time of Ignatius, churches had come to the practical conclusion that there had to be one "senior" pastor, who was called the bishop, and the other elders, or presbyters, were ranked under him in authority and position. Ignatius's letters acknowledged that the bishop was not necessarily the oldest among the elders, but was one whom God called to that position. Ignatius argued that there should be one bishop in charge of each congregation in order to prevent splits and ensure correct beliefs were preserved.

Men like Ignatius of Antioch followed in the footsteps of the apostles and formed the second generation of church leaders. The heresies and problems they addressed in their ministries still face us today, and we can learn much from their writings.

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting - Minutes

October 20, 2020

Members Present: Kathy Smith, Denise Roetzer, Ann Krueger, Pastor Ian Coen-Frei, Ron Schleif, Mary Bye, Sheryl Christensen, Ashley Sjodin

Meeting was called to order by Kathy Smith. Pastor Ian led in devotion.

Minutes from September 15 and 22 Council meetings were approved.

Financial Report – Sheryl Christensen presented monthly and YTD information. Total giving is slipping \$500 - \$1,000 each month.

Pastor's Report - Confirmation Service may be moved to Pentecost Sunday due to COVID restrictions. Pastor has been updating Faith Lutheran's website. Online giving works well and is secure. Financial and Pastor's Reports were approved by Council.

Committee Reports

Personnel – Ann Krueger presented.

Offering/Money Handling Procedure was updated and approved by Council. Additional counters are needed to substitute, as needed.

FLC Rental Policy and Room Reservation Sheet was reviewed. Both members and non-members will be charged, since there are janitorial expenses etc. Non-profit organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, offer their services in return for using a meeting room. Policy was approved by Council.

Performance reviews for church staff will be completed by end of year.

Property – Ron Schleif reported property damage due to hail revealed parsonage roof needs replacing; also damage was done on the stucco on the elevator side of the church. Both items are included in insurance claim. A handyman has completed several repair items at both church and parsonage. The Committee will ensure shoveling and snow plowing are set up.

Ron noted the office has a list of who has keys to the church. Pastor and Kathy will follow up.

Finance – Sheryl Christensen noted the Committee has not been meeting; however, they are discussing any issues they see. Budget planning should be starting for 2021. Zoom accounts are available, should the committee want to utilize for meetings. Sheryl Christensen will schedule a meeting.

Christian Education – Denise Roetzer reported Sunday School and Wednesday night Kingdom Kids are meeting online. Bags of materials have been delivered to enrolled students to go along with the classes.

Social Ministry – Kathy Smith noted that calls are being made to homebound and other members of the congregation. She recommended everyone make calls, as it is much appreciated.

Quarterly Mission suggestions were brought to Council, and approved.

4th Quarter 2020 - Family Pathways Food Shelf and Black Dog Hill Shelter for battered women and children. Both charities are under the Family Pathways umbrella.

1st Quarter 2021 -- Luther Point Bible Camp - they need support to get programs running and prepare for summer camp. FLC is a member of Luther Point.

Stewardship – Ashley Sjodin noted the Stewardship Drive is going well. Intent cards will be mailed soon, and need to be returned by Nov. 1. A celebration of the success of the stewardship drive will take place Nov. 8. The Stewardship Committee plans to meet throughout the year.

Worship & Music – Mary Bye noted the committee did not meet. Views on livestreamed worship services on Facebook are increasing. Pastor is looking at prerecording some items for viewers to have a better experience.

Memorial Committee – Rae Ann Mosiman reported one memorial gift has been received to date.

Committee reports were approved by Council.

Old Business

MN Stay Safe Order – Livestream Worship and virtual Bible studies, Confirmation and Youth classes are going well.

Planning for FLC Annual meeting – ELCA Minneapolis Synod sent out instruction on how and if annual meetings can be held during COVID restrictions. Council can adopt a continuing resolution to the Constitution that would allow a virtual meeting in the case of a pandemic or emergency situation. A resolution will be drawn up for Council approval.

Funerals - Pastor is open to hosting them inside the church, but must be in compliance with state health guidelines during the COVID pandemic. It will be at our discretion and the service would be available virtually. An updated funeral procedure during COVID-19 will be presented to Council for approval.

Council to meet Oct. 23 to take care of these urgent business items.

Council Positions that will be open for 2021: Three 3-year terms: Monica Pavin, Ann Krueger, Sheryl Christensen; and one 1-year term, currently open: Justin Carroll

Signers on Capital Improvement Bank Account to be updated.

New Business: Pastor Ian announced he and Sarah are expecting a child in the spring, hopefully after Easter! Exciting news!

Meeting adjourned.

Special Council Meeting - October 23, 2020

Members Present: Kathy Smith, Ron Schleif, Pastor Ian, Denise Roetzer, Anika Pavin, Ann Krueger, Sheryl Christiansen, Mary Bye

Kathy Smith called the meeting to order.

A suggestion was made that plans should be in place for Baptisms and Weddings during the COVID pandemic. Pastor Ian noted a baptism is scheduled at the end of November. A baptism policy is currently in place, and had been approved by the Worship and Music Committee. Pastor will review to assure it complies with current health guidelines. No weddings are scheduled until possibly next summer.

Funeral/Memorial Procedure

Pastor presented a draft COVID-19 Funeral/Memorial Service Procedure, with guidelines for holding services within the church building. Following discussion, Council approved as written.

Continuing Resolution for Congregational Meetings to be Held Remotely

Kathy Smith presented a draft Continuing Resolution for Congregational Meetings to be Held Remotely in the event of emergency situations, such as pandemics or national emergencies. Absentee balloting may be authorized by the Church Council. After discussion, Council approved as written.

Capital Improvement Account

Ron Schleif and Tim Sjodin have agreed to be signers on the Capital Improvement Account held at Flagship Bank in Isanti, MN. Council approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Denise Roetzer, Council Secretary

November 2020

Sun	M on	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Online Service w/ communion All Saints Day Commitment Sunday	2 C L O S E D	3 Election Day 7pm Social Minis- try 7pm Property	4 10am Bible Study 6pm Kingdom Kids 7pm Year B Confir- mation	5 7pm Worship & Music	6	7
8 9:30 Online Service Celebration Sunday	9 C L O S E D	10 6:30 Finance	11 10am Bible Study 6pm Kingdom Kids 7pm Year A Confir- mation	12 7pm Praise	13	14
15 9:30 Online Service w/ communion Veterans Appreciation	16 C L O S E D	17 7pm Council	18 10am Bible Study 6pm Kingdom Kids 7pm Year B Confir- mation	19 7pm Praise	20	21
22 9:30 Online Service	23 C L O S E D	24 No Christian Education MTG Thanksgiving Service Cut-off for December Newsletter	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	27 OPEN ?	28
29 9:30 Online Service w/ communion Kappelhoff Baptism	30 C L O S E D					

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