

**The Pack N Play for the Layette Kits for Orphan Grain Train** is now in the Beyer Gathering Room. The list of items needed is posted on the bulletin board in the Beyer Gathering Room and on the ledge in the back of church. The Pack N Play will be up to collect items until the May meeting in which we will assemble them. Items hard to find are baby blankets (not receiving blankets), rubber pants and cloth diapers.

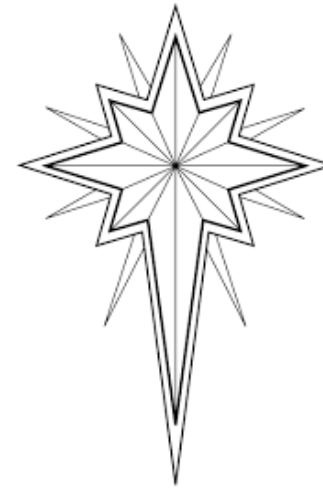
**Chili Cook-Off 2023:** 5th Sunday Celebration! The Chili Cook-Off is back! The Annual Chili Cook-Off for Faith Lutheran Youth Ministry on Sunday, January 29th right after the **10:00am** service. Proceeds will go directly to the youth attending the Michigan District Junior and Senior High Youth Gatherings in June. To enter, visit the website [www.faithbaycity.org](http://www.faithbaycity.org) and complete your entry form.

**Sunday morning Bible Study-** Next Sunday, January 29th, the adult bible study will be from 8:45-9:45am in the room next to the Beyer Gathering Room. We will continue to study the lessons appointed for the Sunday. Beginning in February we will be back to our normal class time which is from 9:15-10:15am.

**LWML Mission "Grant Featured for January-** Showing God's love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico-God Cares About You Mission—98,000. God Cares About You Mission reaches out to transform lives now and for eternity. This mission outreach is serving the poor living in the International District in Albuquerque, New Mexico. People living in this multicultural area face many challenges. God Cares about you Mission touches the lives of 2000 people each month!

**Faithful Servants Still Needed:** Please prayerfully consider serving the Lord by volunteering for one of the vacant positions at Faith. Faith still needs a Congregational President, one Board of Elders representative, one Board of Stewardship representative, and these are two year terms. We also need a member to serve as the Valley Lutheran representative till December 2024 since the current representative needed to step away from this position. Please feel free to contact Kevin Streeter (989-891-7612) or Steve Katenhus (898-233-5099) if you can serve in any capacity.

**Sunday, January 29th is a joint worship service at 10:00am.**



Third Sunday After Epiphany  
January 22 & 23, 2023

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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**Worship Services**  
Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM  
Monday 7:00 PM  
Gathering Time Between Services

**Bible Study**  
Sunday 9:15 AM

Pastor Gary Bender  
[gbender@faithbaycity.org](mailto:gbender@faithbaycity.org)

## Welcome and Announcements

10:30 Service is followed on the screens

Provided in our pews for your convenience are:

**LSB-** Our hymnal title Lutheran Service Book; hymn numbers are listed below.

**PB-** Our Pew Bible; page numbers of each reading are listed below.

**Opening Hymn** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" LSB 340

**Invocation**

**Confession and Absolution** LSB p.151

**Kyrie**

**Salutation and Collect**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 9:1-4 PB 573

**Epistle Lesson** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 PB 952

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 4:12-25 PB 808

**Musical Offering** "Hallelujah" Rande LaPraire

**Sermon Hymn** "Where Charity and Love Prevail" LSB 845

**Sermon** "Saints in Christ-United in Christ" 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

**Nicene Creed**

**Service of the Sacrament** LSB p.160

**Lord's Prayer** LSB p.162

**Communion**

**Hymns** "Savior of the Nations, Come" LSB 332

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644

### 10:30AM Service Worship Songs

Holy Spirit, Broken Vessels, Do It Again, It Is Well, The Church's One Foundation

## FAITH'S WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	1/22/2023	8:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
		9:15 AM	Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion
		11:45 AM	Public School Confirmation
Monday	1/23/2023	7:00 PM	Worship w/Communion
Tuesday	1/24/2023	6:00 PM	Board of Ed Meeting
Wednesday	1/25/2023	9:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
Thursday	1/26/2023	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
Sunday	1/29/2023	8:45 AM	Bible Study
		10:00 AM	Joint Worship Service
		11:15 AM	Chili Cook-off

### Managing God's Blessings

General Fund as of 1/17/2023

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
RECEIPTS NEEDED TO MEET			
OUR MINISTRY BUDGET	\$21,013.00	\$105,064.00	\$786,506.00
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
RECEIPTS/OFFERINGS/			
TUITION	<u>\$ 12,074.00</u>	<u>\$46,047.00</u>	<u>\$638,784.00</u>
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 9,251.00</u>	<u>\$ 43,288.00</u>	<u>\$744,625.00</u>
MORTGAGE BALANCE		<u>\$146,207.02</u>	

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

Elders for January Jack Kidwell/John Mueller

Ushers January 22

**8:00AM** Terry Townsend, Frank Rynalski, Kathy Kube, John Kuenker  
**10:30AM** Randy Schmidt, Marilyn Schmidt, Steve Beyer, Jane Beyer

Ushers January 29

**10:00AM** Terry Townsend, Frank Rynalski, Kathy Kube, John Kuenker, Randy Schmidt, Marilyn Schmidt, Steve Beyer, Jane Beyer

Greeters January 22

**8:00AM** Tom Mueller  
**10:30AM** Sandy Jozwiak/Kari Rathjen

Greeters January 29

**10:00AM** Terry/Sue Miller

Readers January 22

**8:00AM** Kathie Colone  
**10:30AM** Mike Nielsen

Readers January 29

**10:00AM** Barb Evans/Scott Sturm

Altar Guild January 22 Mary Townsend

Altar Guild January 29 Karrie Gatz

Organist January 22 Laurie Habedank

Organist January 29 Laurie Habedank

Cleaners January 22 Teri Gaiser, Kaye & Kendra Hofmeister

Cleaners January 29 Tom & Carol Wieszczechinski

## Old Testament Reading from Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

## Epistle Lesson from 1Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.<sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.<sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."<sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?<sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,<sup>15</sup> so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name.<sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)<sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## **Gospel Reading from Matthew 4:12-25**

Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.<sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,<sup>14</sup> so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—<sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.<sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."<sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him.<sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them.<sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.<sup>23</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.<sup>24</sup> So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.<sup>25</sup> And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

**The altar flowers** today are placed in loving memory of Zachary Woodcock by his mother, Roxanne Schmerheim.

**Women's Bible Study** will meet on Thursday, January 26th at 10:00AM. We will be studying Chapter 8 in "Finding Rest in a Busy World." All ladies are welcome!

**Giving Tree-** The giving tree is up and ready for you to place your items on or under it for Wellspring Lutheran Service. Only warm mittens and socks are needed as well as underwear for all ages. So put your mittens and socks on the tree and the underwear in the green box next to the tree. It will be up until Jan. 23rd.

**Giving Envelopes-** 2023 Faith Lutheran Giving envelopes are now available on a table in the back of church. As a cost savings, envelopes are no longer printed with your name and/or #. Boxes of envelopes are available with the option of a box with 52 envelopes for weekly giving, 12 envelopes for monthly giving, and single envelopes for using as desired. You may also use your box of envelopes from last year!



This QR code is available for you to scan if you choose to give electronically. Scan this code and follow the instructions for giving through Kindred.

**Giving Statements-** 2022 giving statements were mailed this week. If you didn't receive your statement, please check the box on the back table by the giving envelopes. Statements not picked up by February 7th will be mailed.

**Valley Lutheran High School Booster Club Card Night Fundraiser** – Saturday, Feb. 4th at 6pm Valley Lutheran H.S. Booster club will be hosting a Card Night Fundraiser. Cost is \$20/person at the door. RSVP by Jan. 30th to Cathy Miller at 989-790-1676 or Jenny Rauschert at 989-751-4525.

**Baby Bottle Collection for LifeClinic-** Baby bottles are available in the back of the church for you take home and fill with coins, bills, and checks that will support babies and mothers at LifeClinic in Bay City. Consider filling a bottle and returning it by February 12th to help those in need.

**Interested in Bible Class?** Do you have an hour on Wednesday mornings to dig into God's Word? Send us an email, if this sounds interesting. Lots of good discussion. Here's your invitation to join us: khofmeister@vlhs.com.