

Door of Faith

“ . . . they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.” Acts 14:27

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The passion of Faith Lutheran Church is to carry out the will of Jesus by being exceptionally caring servants.

NEWSLETTER December 2018

Dear Friends of Faith,

December always means Christmas to me. Memories of other years and plans for now, all run through my mind even as everyday life goes on. More than any other holiday, Christmas owns songs, lights, and traditions that fill the month of December. When you are a Christian, it's the Baby in the manger that seems to be the center of it all. I appreciate all of this, and I enjoy this time of year because of those traditions and the memories. To make this holiday have its full meaning, we have to think about Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The true gift we celebrate certainly includes Who was born in that stable in Bethlehem, but we also have to remember what He did on the cross. He didn't just come into our world to bring a greeting of "Peace". He came to buy that peace with His own life. However this Christmas season finds you, and your circumstance of life, this peace is yours as a gift from Him. Jesus is your proof that God is not mad at you. He is your guarantee that your sins are forgiven. He is that One Who has promised you a home in heaven. In the middle of all your memories, put this reminder first. You are loved by God forever.

God be with you,
Pastor David Schemm

LAY MINISTER

- 2 Juan Anders
- 9 Greg Davis
- 16 Ken Theel
- 23 Juan Anders
- 30 Ken Theel



ACOLYTES

- 2 Mayra Campoverde
Jenny Campoverde
- 9 Coy Horton & Samantha Pankratz
- 16 Coy Horton & Samantha Pankratz
- 23 Mayra Campoverde &
Jenny Campoverde
- 30 Coy Horton

GREETERS

- 2 Loetta Fowler
- 9 Lois Froelich
- 16 Dean & Marybeth Horton
- 23 Freda Goza
- 30 Ron & Susan Grother

USHERS

- 2 Ron Grother
- 9 David Handke
- 16 Youth
- 23 Ron Haselhuhn
- 30 Dean Horton

CLEANING

- 2 Juan & Jessica Anders
- 9 Norm Anders
- 16 Dee Schwinn
- 23 Laura Schwinn
- 30 Ken & Janie

If you are unable to clean on your weekend, you may hire Freda Goza for \$25.00. Please call Freda (803-1861) or the church office (342-3590) if you desire Freda to clean for you. Your \$25.00 payment may be made directly to Freda, or through the church office.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO . . .

- 1 Diane Grider
- 1 DeAnn Rose
- 3 Rishelle Greenlee
- 7 Tammy Ratzlaff
- 7 Dean Monroe
- 10 Avae Goza
- 10 Joshua Stark
- 13 Collin Pankratz
- 17 Jasmine Goza
- 17 Trent Olson



- 19 Curt Rose
- 19 Don Williams
- 20 Megan Wacker
- 22 Logan Howard
- 22 Jerald Olson
- 24 Bennett Wacker
- 27 Corey Wright
- 29 Lori Heavener
- 31 Shawn Bliss

**NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE
AND GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS**

Date	Attendance	Offering
1 Electronic Giving		\$585.00
4	33	\$1,635.00
11	50	\$659.00
15 Electronic Giving		\$45.00
18	32	\$492.00
25	14	\$845.00

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Our church offers electronic giving as a convenient way to automate your regular offering. You simply designate the amount, the frequency, and the payment method. Authorization forms are available in the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Please fill out this simple questionnaire by December 2nd to help our congregation. The website is www.lcms.org/survey/revitality. Our code is C291404.

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LWML



On December 1, LWML will meet at IHOP for a Christmas celebration. Bring a 10 dollar gift to exchange. Let Dee know if you will be able to attend.

Our next meeting will be on January 14 at 6:30 at the home of Lori Fleming, 3014 S. Parkway Court. We will have a business meeting, and Roll Call will be "Peace".

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Lutheran Student Organization will meet at Faith, Sunday, December 2nd at 6:00. LWML will be serving soup, relishes, and tasty Christmas desserts.

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STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Each year at Christmas we like to remember our pastor, secretary, organists, custodian, and lawn care person with a special gift from the congregation. If you would like to donate, please put your monetary gift in the basket at the back of the church by December 16.

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TRIMMING THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Sunday, December 2nd following worship, we will trim the Christmas tree and decorate the church. A soup lunch will be served. Please stay and help prepare the church for the Advent and Christmas season!





ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

Advent services will be Wednesday evenings, December 5 & 12 at 7:00p.m. Join us as we prepare our hearts to celebrate a Christ-filled Christmas! In lieu of our Advent service on December 19, members are encouraged to attend the Lord's Lambs program at 6:00p.m. at Emporia High School.

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday school students will present the Christmas story on December 16, during worship. We will practice during Sunday School on December 2, 9 & 16. We hope the students can attend at least one practice.

We will also review some lessons:

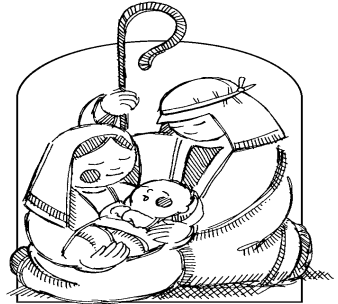
December 2 – Announcement to Mary

December 9 – Birth of John
(Birthday Sunday)

December 16 – Shepherds in the Field

December 23 – Birth of Jesus

December 30 – Video



*Christmas
Program*



POINSETTIAS FOR DECEMBER

Beautify our sanctuary during this Christmas season. Bring your poinsettias any time during December, and especially for our Christmas Eve Candlelight service. The service is at 5:00p.m. on December 24th.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On December 2nd, we will have a Congregational Meeting after worship, for approving the 2019 budget, and the 2019 officers.

FAITH SHEPHERDS

Remember your "lambs" during the Christmas season. Thanks for being Faith Shepherds. The Christmas programs for Lord's Lambs will be December 18th for the Tuesday/Thursday classes at 6:00, here at Faith. The MWF classes will perform at 6:00 on December 19th at Emporia High School.



LORD'S LAMBS PRESCHOOL

December is a fun month in Preschool. We get to learn about the true meaning of Christmas and have all the fun of Santa Claus, Christmas trees, presents, etc. It's a very exciting time viewing the birth of Jesus through the eyes of a preschooler.

We will be very busy practicing for our Christmas programs. They will be December 18th for the Tuesday/Thursday classes at 6:00 at Faith Lutheran. The MWF classes will perform at 6:00 on December 19th at Emporia High School.

Our class parties will be December 20th at 10:15, and December 21st at 10:15 and 2:00.

Our Christmas break will be December 22-January 7th.

Merry Christmas from
all the students and staff
at Lord's Lambs Preschool!



