



The birth of Jesus was always the plan: Jesus would come to save the world. The entire Old Testament pointed unwaveringly to the Messiah who would come to fix what was broken at the Garden of Eden, reconcile God and mankind, crush the serpent's head, lead God's people to the promised land, providing for them food, drink and life in abundance.

Our Advent theme this year is "Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days Of Old" will examine prophecies about Jesus that were written hundreds of years before His birth. We will see and hear how the great prophet proclaimed the promises that we believe God has kept in the life and work of Jesus Christ, and we will wait for the birth of our Lord together by remembering that we are waiting for Him to come again. I urge you all to be regular in attending these services, as we will be strengthened by the fact that as the people of old waited for God and we're not disappointed, our wait for God will not disappoint us.

My family and I look eagerly forward to spending Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day with you, our beloved family in Christ! May your waiting, your celebrating and your indulging be joyful, and filled with the hope of the things to come.

Pastor Killian

Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, Scripture Alone, and to God Alone be the Glory!"

New: Pastor's office hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00-2:00 Pastor's new phone # 269-0336

Worship Schedule: *Sundays* @ 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion is served every Sunday.

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study Schedule

You are encouraged to join us for Bible study on:

Sundays 9:15 a.m.: During the Sunday's in Advent, we will be focusing our attention on "The Case for Christmas." This study will focus on the Christmas story, and the facts and myths that surround why, when and how we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Join us for something new in the adult Bible class this winter!

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.: Isaiah

Office hours:

Monday- Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon
Pastor's hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

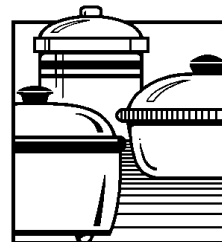
Web site: www.faihtupontherock.com Check it out. If you have ideas of things you would like to see on it, send them to Kie.

CANCELLATIONS DUE TO BAD WEATHER will be on KWWL TV. If the weather is bad and you wonder if we are having church, watch for it on KWWL or www.KWWL.com click on weather then cancellations. If church is cancelled, both services will be cancelled. Wednesday night classes are cancelled if schools close.

THE NEW ALTAR LINEN has been misplaced. If you have any idea where it might be, please call Ann Wiechert or the office.

Advent Worship on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Advent devotions, were placed on a table in the narthex. If you want one and did not receive one, please call the office, 236-1771, and request one. Your deacon will be happy to deliver one to you.



A congregational supper is available Advent Wednesdays in December from 5:30-6:45 p.m. after the students eat. Bring a main dish and a side to share. Come join us on Wednesdays during Advent to share food, fellowship and faith as we prepare for the birth of our Savior for us.

Christmas Caroling

We will meet at the church to go caroling to our shut-ins on December 5 at 2:00 p.m. The backup date is the 19th in case we have to cancel due to weather. Afterward we will meet back at the church for a social time. Everyone is invited to joins us. Call Becky Wagner, 231-3650, or the church office, if you can help with anything. Please volunteer to be at the church preparing soup for all to enjoy when the carolers return, if you choose not to sing. We will also set up the Christmas tree.

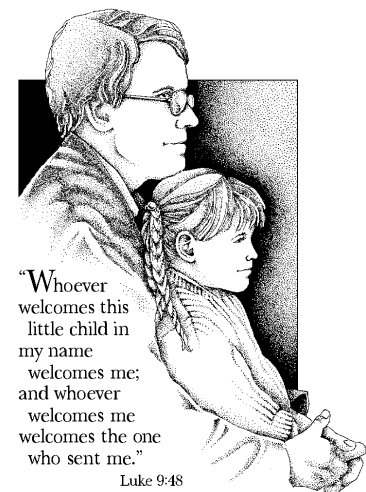


Order your poinsettia for the church by signing up on the bulletin board by **December 13**. The price this year will be \$11.00, which includes delivery to the church. Put your payment in an envelope or mark your check for Poinsettia.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We know children can be a handful in a worship service. We believe God wants your children to be part of the worship time and so do we.

You can begin training them as soon as they can sit by themselves. To help you, here are some suggestions. First - Worship with them, teaching them the pattern of worship. Folding hands during prayers is a good place to begin and standing when the congregation does. As they get older teach them



"Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

Luke 9:48

to follow the service in the hymnal or with a large print bulletin. Teach them the hymns so they can sing with you. During the sermon, let them color or play quietly.

And finally – they are children and will not be perfect. We expect an occasional "melt down" so hang in there. There is a cry room where you can sit and listen to the service till your child calms down. You can take your bulletin with you and follow along and you can even see the service through the large window looking in to the sanctuary.

OFFICIAL ACTS in November

Baptism: Annabell (Hilmer) Hakes

Profession of Faith: Izabell Lynn (Hilmer) Thran

Transfer In: Ashley McGraw from St. Paul LCMS, Whittemore, IA

Release: Sarah Hayden, moved to MN

HOSPITAL STAY- Pastor Killian does make it a priority to visit the hospitals. However, the hospital will not call us to let us know when one of our members is admitted. If you know ahead of time that you are going to be hospitalized, please indicate that on your record of fellowship or speak with Pastor Killian. If you are admitted suddenly, call or have a friend or relative call the church office for you.

Remember Our Shut-Ins:

Floyd Burroughs, Windsor Care Center, 2305 Crescent Dr., CF
Steve Boyken and Kathy Boyken,

Sunset Nursing, 235 N Mill St., P.O Box 383, Denver, IA
50622, Kathy: 984-5092

Rande Galle, 425 Allen St. #215, Waterloo 50701

Leona Jeanne Perkins, 203 Lake St., Cedar Falls 50613

Gleneva Wardius, 707 5th St, PO Box 26, Dike IA 50624

NEW Addresses: please add to your pink directory

Ashley McGraw, 621 Colby Rd. #4, Waterloo 50701.

Phone: 515-570-9735

Rande & Sandy Galle, 425 Allen St. #215, Waterloo 50701

Shane & Rebecca Stitchman, 710 State St., Cedar Falls 50613

CHURCH LIBRARY and Cry Room

All the magazines that used to be on the table in the hallway are now on the shelves in the library. There are also many pamphlets written by the late Dr. A.L. Barry. These pamphlets cover many topics that you may have questions about. Please stop in and browse. You can take the pamphlets for yourself and also to share with



friends that may have questions.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

for the **BLIND** & vision impaired was cancelled on November 21 due to the 12.7 inches of snow!

We hope to go to them to Christmas Carol, hope you can join us.

We will not meet on the third Saturday in December, but instead invite our vision impaired friends to the Children's Christmas service on the 13th. We will need drivers for this service, please contact Kie Maas, 231-5711, Jill Killian, 610-4148, or Noreen Purcell, 230-8786, if you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry.

A message from the president of Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW):

New and developing exciting projects!:

- Continued work on placing the English Standard Version into both Braille and Specialized Large Print. Work is progressing with the Braille being prepared and proof read and the Specialized Large Print is being formatted in the 18 point font and special edition in 14 point font.
- Large Print orders continue to be very strong! Progress is being made to make sure that readers are receiving their first order in a timely manner.
- Lutheran Library for the Blind moves forward with a goal to put audio selections into a digital format and to seek a strategy that will make it most effective.
- The Audio Bible Study is now in production. Praise God! This was a big project!
- Outreach Centers as relationships are being re-established and renewed as we implement a strategy for LBW to be a resource for current and future Outreach Centers.
- Please prayerfully consider providing financial support for LBW and regularly pray for the ministry.

WOMEN OF FAITH met November 10th. Kie Maas led a short Bible study then we made Thanksgiving cards for our shut-in members. Our next meeting will be December 8th, 6:30 p.m. at Faith for our Christmas party. Each person is to bring a snack to share. We would also like anyone with the Phase 10 card game to bring it as we will be playing it that night. All women are invited to attend. We would love to have a great turnout. It is always a great time of fun and fellowship.



YOUTH GROUP All youth are welcome to join the fun in playing games, eating treats, laughing in fellowship, helping others, and reading/discussing the Word of God on issues that matter most to young adults. Youth Group will meet Wednesday, **December 9th at 6:00. Come at 5:30 and eat dinner with the congregation.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE *Away in a Manger*

The Children's Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, **December 13th at 4:00 p.m.**

December Practices:

December 2 from 5:15-6:45 p.m.

December 9 from 5:15-6:45 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal December 12th
from 10:00-12:30

We invite all to join us on the 13th as the children lead us in worship celebrating the birth of our Savior.



An Early Christmas Thank You and request:

A very sincere thank you to the families who have generously donated the treat bags given each year to the children after their Sunday School Christmas service. Your generosity and kindness over the many years of doing this has been a memorable tradition at Faith. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!**

We now ask if there would be any members interested in helping to fill and prepare these Christmas bags this year. They will need to be done before Sunday, December 13, the date of our program. If you are interested, please contact Deb or Vickey Smith.

CONFIRMATION AND WEDNESDAY CLASSES

We are in the preparation time of the year: Advent. Students are learning about this as we learn music, recitations and parts for the Children's Christmas service. Each Wednesday the sights and sounds will be in preparing for the birth of our Savior, Jesus. Listen and learn with your students for the long awaited child, promised and delivered by God. A precious gift, freely given to the world. Praise and thanks be to God.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." Luke 2:14

WEDNESDAY MEALS:

A reminder to students and staff – a meal is offered from 4:45-5:15 p.m. on December 2 and 9th. The menu will be

December 2: Hot dogs and sides

December 9: Pizza with sides.

A donation of \$2.00 per person is asked to cover food costs and PLEASE let Vickey Smith know if you are eating to prepare enough. If you can donate sides (chips, salad, carrots, fresh fruit, milk or juice) or help serve or clean up, it would be helpful and much appreciated.

THE CONGREGATION WILL ALSO be sharing a potluck meal each Wednesday during Advent from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Bring a main dish and a side to share. Come share food, fellowship and faith as we prepare for the birth of our Savior.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

December Sunday School will teach our students about the historical-biblical events leading up to the birth of Jesus, long awaited and promised. The Bible lessons and music will keep us focused on the what, where, and how this all happened according to the Gospels. The world can distract and confuse us if we do not stay rooted in the Word. Spend time with your students learning and remembering this important part of the faith we confess.

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Lessons for December:

December 6: The Birth of John Foretold, Luke 1:2-25

December 13: The Birth of Jesus Foretold, Luke 1:57-80

December 20: Birth of Jesus, Luke 2:1-20

December 27: Visit of the Wise Men, Matthew 2

*** A SPECIAL INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN'S Christmas Service, "Away in a Manger" on Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 p.m. Come one and come all to the manger so small where our Savior was born



We continue to uplift three missionary families spreading God's love and forgiveness to the world. Please pray and consider financially supporting the Rev. David Preus and family in the Dominican Republic, Rev. Micah Wildauer and family in Togo, and David Federwitz and family in Ghana.

Also check out their Websites: lcms.org/Wildauer, lcms.org/Preus, and LBT.org (Federwitz)

Mission Friends has children and family missionary activities to learn more about the different regions of the world being served by our many missionaries. lcms.org/missionfriends. Learn about how many families are living in many new areas around the globe to bring God's Word to those who do not know Him. May the Lord bless and keep them as they do this life saving work.

"Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, My servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves Me"
John 12:26

Do you have information that you would like to share with the congregation? Please bring it or e-mail it **Faithluth@aol.com** to the office by **December 18** to be included in the January Newsletter.



So many people do so much

around our church that may go unnoticed. Here are some things that have been noticed:

- The Sunday school children and the Women of Faith made cards for our shut-in members
- Thank you to everyone that brought donations for Orphan Grain Train.
- The families donating snacks and drinks for our Christmas practices.
- Kenny Maas for working with Thrivent to apply and receive funds to help put new flooring in the Sunday School classrooms.
- Ann Wiechert for informing us of Thrivent Funds available for the Sunday School floors and helping to receive it.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE DELICIOUS and very generous meals provided to our family in the days following Matthew & Charlee coming home. The gesture was extremely kind and extremely helpful as we adjusted to home life with the twins! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

With Love, The Crawfords

My Cousin J.J. was called home Saturday the 7th. Carey and I would like to thank the congregation for adding her to our prayer list. Thank you very much. **Kevin Frost.**

If you have noticed something or someone that should be recognized, please notify Kie in the office, faithluth@aol.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR OCTOBER

Giving back as we've been blessed!

Total undesignated income	\$15,590.85
Required to meet budget	\$13,875.68
Status (offerings compared to budget)	+\$ 3,715.17
Year To Date	+\$12,349.81

December Anniversaries

- 1 Rich & Julie Calvert (02)
- 6 Hermann & Christie Hinz (40)
- 18 Rob & Katrina Klingenberg (21)
- 27 Roger & Dixie Gerholdt (30)
- 27 Steve & Pam Woolery (11)
- 31 Michael & JoAnn Mann (45)

December Birthdays

- 1 Christie Hinz
- 3 Kelby Hinz
- 5 Carey Frost
- 6 Amelia Craigo, Evan Dalluge, Jesse Henderson
- 7 Jaclyn Riggins, Paris Smith-Walker
- 8 Nate Smith
- 11 Ardeth Holmes
- 16 Kevin Diercks, Rob Klingenberg, Becky Wagner
- 17 Joyce McBride, Rolf Preus (Missionary son)
- 20 Anthony Goebel
- 22 Janelle Beck
- 26 Gaylord Carter
- 27 Alex Galloway, Jacyn Gomez
- 28 Teri Mason
- 30 Joey Reiners

The Lutheran Hour-

The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday morning on the following stations:

- 6:30 a.m. on WMT 600 AM
- 7:30 a.m. on KCHA 1580 AM
- 8:00 a.m. on KWAY 1470 AM
- 9:30 a.m. on KXEL 1540 AM

The Lutheran Hour also podcast their broadcast. For more information go to <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts>

December 6, "The Voice"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

The voice of John the Baptist calls us to repent and trust in the Savior Who walked in our shoes. (Luke 3:1-20)

December 13, "The Lord is Near"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God's message is simple and straightforward: Jesus is near-put your trust in Him! (Philippians 4:4-7)

December 20 "The Gift in the Manger"

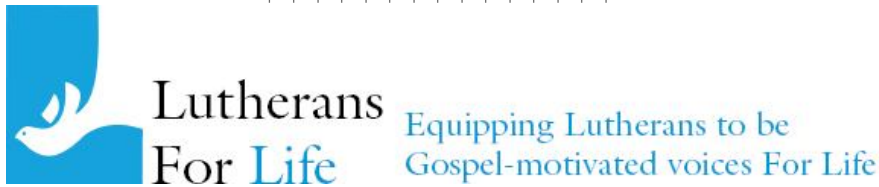
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

From the manger to the cross to resurrection life, God is in the giving business for all of us to receive and believe. (Luke 2:8-12)

December 27 "No Regrets"

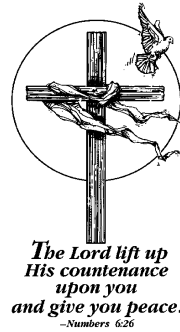
Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Jesus invites you to leave your burden of regret at the foot of His cross. (1Timothy 1:16)



The FAITH LIFE TEAM and Black Hawk LFL will be providing bulletin inserts to the Waterloo and Westgate circuits for Life Sunday. We will not have a regular meeting in December. We appreciate our LCMS pastors for their support for LIFE.

Hurting from Abortion? WORD of HOPE can help. www.word-of-hope.org CONFIDENTIAL CARING



Pennies for Life!

Thank God and your mother for making the right choice concerning your life! There are many who live in darkness and are not well informed by God's Word to make wise, choices concerning life issues. These issues range from abortion to physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, from cloning and embryonic stem cell research to chastity and trusting Christ who came into the world as the Light to give value and hope to all humanity. Start saving your pennies and other change for January so we can reach out and inform more of the value that God places on every life.



Alternatives Pregnancy Center

1006 Decathlon Dr. Waterloo, 50701

Offering Christian Compassion, Counsel and Care

WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE



Valley Lutheran School

4520 Rownd St., Cedar Falls

www.vlscrusaders.org

Phone: 319.266.4565 Fax 319.266.4054

Second Semester Enrollment

Valley Lutheran School is accepting enrollment applications for second semester for grades K-12 for the rest of 2015-2016. It is also not too early to consider enrollment for the 2016-17 school year. Are interested in learning more about the difference a Christian education can make in the life of a child, not only academically, but spiritually? To learn more or to schedule a personal tour or student shadow, please contact Jamie Panning at Valley at [319-266-4565](tel:319-266-4565). Classes will fill up quickly and registration for next year will begin early in 2016.

Help Needed!!!

Valley Lutheran School is looking for volunteers to help keep our school clean. This is a great opportunity for a small group of individuals to serve! If you would be able to organize a group of individuals to help one day per month, or more often, please contact Sharron in the school office at [319-266-4565](tel:319-266-4565). The cleaning activities consists of vacuuming hallways, sweeping/mopping entries and cleaning entry glass, and cleaning bathrooms. To complete all of the tasks, the time involved is approximately two hours for a group of six. Any help that can be provided is greatly appreciated!

A huge thank you goes out to all who helped make the 2015 Craft Sale a successful event! Attendance was nearly 600 this year. Thank you to those who donated white elephant and bake sale items. The vendors and crafters were also very thankful for those who came and shopped at their booths. Thank you to the Valley Lutheran School Boosters for preparing delicious food for all to enjoy! We couldn't have done this without great volunteers who spent many hours preparing for the day and cleaning up afterwards. Thank you to Mr. Holtzman and Mr. Weaver for allowing us to use their classrooms. In total, \$3700 was raised to benefit the students at Valley Lutheran.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church U.A.C.

Voter's Meeting October 11, 2015

Attendance- Jeff Elbert, Gordon Elbert, Steve Woolery, Paul Collins, Kie Maas, Kenny Maas, Mike Smith, Deb Smith, Deb Oltmann, Noreen Purcell, Jill Killian, Pastor Killian
Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Jeff Elbert

Pastor Killian led devotions from Psalm 79

Action on the minutes from the previous Voter's meeting was postponed.

The 2016 church budget was presented and discussed. The Staff, Church Office, Deacons, Trustees, Stewardship, and Evangelism categories were accepted by vote as presented (Maas/Smith). The Education category and the Missions and Charity category along with budget total will be presented at the January 2016 Voter's meeting.

Synodical Officer nominations were discussed and passed (Maas/Smith). The following are the nominations Faith will be sending to synod.

1. Synod President- Matthew C. Harrison
2. First Vice President- Herbert C. Mueller
3. Vice President Great Lakes Region- John C. Wohlrabe, Harold L. Senkbeil

Pastor Killian gave his report including visits, the LWML Zone rally, Lutherans For Life activities, circuit activities, teaching and preaching.

The Financial Secretary and Treasurer's reports were received (Smith/Purcell). An additional \$50,000 has been paid on our mortgage principal shortening our mortgage by approximately 5.5 years.

Mike Smith gave the Deacon's report. The following official acts were passed by the Voters. John Sieverts was released. Elaine Irey's transfer out was approved. Billie Heth, Carrie Carey and Tessa's transfer in was approved.

Deb Smith gave the Education report. The Christmas program is scheduled for December 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Kie Maas gave the Evangelism report. Blind outreach is going well. The Witness of the Crosses has been put up. Thanks to all who helped. October 18 is our one year Sanctuary anniversary celebration at 4:00 p.m. October 25 is our Reformation celebration.

Kenny Maas gave the Trustees report. Parking sections will need to be replaced in the future. A Fall work day is in the planning stages. Women of Faith have requested a quote for a water softener and the Kitchen Exhaust fan must be replaced. Creeping Charlie is taking over the yard. We must look into improving the lighting in the Fellowship Hall.

Paul Collins gave a brief update on the financial concerns at Valley Lutheran School.

Mike Smith gave a report on the Sanctuary Anniversary celebration. We have received 124 RSVP's.

Jill Killian requested help with freezer meals for the Crawfords upon the birth of their twins.

The next Council meeting will be November 17, 2015 and the next Voter's meeting will be January 17, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned (Oltmann/Elbert) with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Killian.

2016 Offering Envelopes

Your offering envelopes for 2016 have been put in your mailbox. If you don't have a mailbox and would need to have someone deliver them to you, call the office, 236-1771, and I will let your Deacon know.

Thanks, Kie

The envelopes for the confirmed youth are on the table in the narthex as they would not fit into the mailboxes with their parents.



11-14-15



Dear Members of Faith Lutheran Church
Greetings in Christ! We so enjoyed coming through Waterloo and visiting with the saints of Faith Lutheran! We are making steady progress and continue to support raise through the end of this year in North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. We are optimistic that we should be able to deploy by early in 2016. Meanwhile we have just received word the team has just signed on a rental house for us once we arrive. Thank you for your generous support and continued prayers.

In Christian Love,

Pastor David, & Jenny Preus family

There is a new flower chart on the bulletin board
You can sign up to provide flowers for the altar to celebrate or memorialize someone's birthday, anniversary or other occasion.

3 ways to participate in the crowdfunding campaign to pack food for people in need

By [Amy Gray](#) on November 11, 2015 in [Human Care](#), [Leader Blog](#),

LCMS Youth Ministry launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise



\$25,000 to pack an additional 100,000 meals at the [2016 LCMS Youth Gathering](#) next summer. We're over 20% of the way funded and need YOUR help to make this goal a reality.

In 2013, Gathering participants packed 323,000 meals for those in need. In 2016, we hope to pack 500,000 meals to **reach half a million people through the simple of gift of a packed meal.**

How can you and your congregation get involved? Here are three ideas to get you started:

(1) Pray. Pray for those struggling with food insecurity and those unsure from where their next meal will come. This isn't just an issue overseas in third world countries. [Hunger affects millions of Americans every day.](#) In 2013, 49.1 million youth and adults in USA did not know from where their next meal was coming. Pray also for how God may be calling you to care for your neighbor in need. Here's one prayer suggestion:

Kind and merciful Savior, when You walked among us You fed the hungry with food for the body. You gave Yourself to be the Bread of Life that we may eat and not die but live in You forever. Bless the preparation and distribution of this earthly food that it may be offered in love to those in need. Through this act of mercy, may many come to know, believe, and rejoice in You as the living Bread from heaven. We ask this in Your mighty name. Amen.

(2) Share. Tell others about the need. Your family, friends, neighbors, congregational members, and social media networks. Find images to share through social media as well as a bulletin insert and downloadable poster [here](#).

(3) Give. Could you give up one fancy coffee drink each week for the next six weeks and donate that money to this food packing campaign instead? One dollar feeds 4 people. Let's boldly step out in faith to give generously as an act of mercy for our neighbor and in support of youth who will pack the meals next summer. [Give now.](#)

Supporters can give to this effort by visiting thelc.ms/youthfeedingchildren.