

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*310 Southdale Road East
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First Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel. (Philippians 1:27)

MORNING WORSHIP at FAITH.....11:00 a.m.
GOD'S KIDS.11:00 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP at GRACE 9:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Saviour, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

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OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service Setting 2. p.167

HYMNS: 341; 563; 763

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 662)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (p. 987)

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 21:25-36 (p. 881)

SERMON: “God’s Memory” (Psalm 25:6-7)

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS from Lutheran Hour Ministries, are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. These booklets are also available online at www.adventdevotions.net/. As we prepare to greet the King, who came, who comes, and who is coming again, may these booklets help you find hope and joy in His appearing. They also include our church information – if you want to share them with a friend, please feel free to do so.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES: December 2024 calendars are in your mailbox. If you haven’t visited your mailbox recently, please do so in order to get your copy of the calendar. We ask that you take a minute each week to see if anything is in there. Keep in mind members tend to put greeting cards into each others’ mailboxes from time to time.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:



Special needs: Walter and Donna, Patricia, Ritva and family, Alice, Reiner, Marsha, Susan, Shirley, Michelle (Stan's daughter), Marian, Susan, Mike and Anne, Stan, Melissa, Cheryl, Lloyd and Elsie

Homebound: Becky, Ana, Grace, Nancy, Alice

Family Focus: Joshua and Rebecca; Bill and Linda; Doug and Melissa; Gene and Anna

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 107 COMMUNED: 77

GOD'S KIDS: 13

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

ELDER: David

USHERS: Mike and Iris; Keith

FINANCE STEWARDS: Cheryl & Liz

STEWARDS NEXT WEEK: Pam & Barb

SOUND OPERATOR: Matt

LIVESTREAM OPERATOR: Darcy

ALTAR GUILD TODAY: Rebecca

ALTAR GUILD NEXT WEEK: Rebecca

IT'S POINSETTIA TIME! If you would like to donate a plant, sign-up lists are posted at both entrances - one by the mailboxes and the other beside the flower chart/calendar sign-up. Cost per plant is \$15.00 (including tax). Please put poinsettia money in your envelope, and indicate on the "other" line: "poinsettia" or "flowers". Your poinsettia can be taken home to enjoy after the Christmas Eve service.

FROM THE ELDERS: Check out Lutheran Public Radio at lutheranpublicradio.org or their podcasts "issues, etc." and "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever" or download the LPR app for Lutheran bible studies and discussions pertaining to the culture in which we live.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to Dan and Cheryl at the death of Dan's sister, to Anna at the death of her brother, and to Ken and Sharon at the death of Sharon's mother.

DUE TO SENSITIVITY TO SCENTED PRODUCTS, we respectfully request members and visitors to refrain from or to minimize such use in worship services and other gatherings within the church building.

COFFEE HOUR AT FAITH will be held after non-Communion worship services. Anyone is welcome to sign up to put the coffee on, prepare the tea, set out the juice and also to clean up afterwards. Snacks can be store bought or homemade; the choice is yours. When signing up, keep in mind we do appreciate some gluten free items as well.



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please let the office know a week or two in advance so that it can be included in the bulletin. Please sign up on the flower chart.

VOTERS' / BUDGET MEETING: You are invited to our Congregational meeting here at Faith **today** after Service. We will be approving the budget for 2025 and electing new members for the Council. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

GRACE FACEBOOK PAGE now has 100 followers and they are returning to live services on their Facebook page. Please continue to share God's Word with others. Go to facebook.com/GraceLutheranChurchStrathroy/ Start liking and following the page.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Lutheran Church Ukraine
The Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Ukraine (SELCU) consists of 14 Congregations, 5 Mission Stations, 3 Humanitarian Foundations, and 1 Seminary.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: “Completely Ordinary Human” (Malachi 3:7)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Everyone has a story to tell and yours can be one through which Jesus is working to make the world new again. Hear this inspirational message on CFPL-980 AM on Sunday, December 8th at 7:30 a.m. Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca

OUR FOOD CUPBOARD is temporarily closed and will not accept any food donations at this time.

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE TEAM ZION NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP? Envelopes with cards are available if you would like to honour someone at Christmas or send a memorial for someone. They are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.

LIFE QUOTES: “Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just ‘looking for love in all the wrong places,’ if you’ll pardon the expression. Don’t look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind, but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God’s love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas ‘God so loved the world that He gave ...’” *Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •lutheransforlife*

THIS WEEK AT FAITH AND GRACE

Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study (Faith)
Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	Choir (Faith)
Sat.	9:30 a.m.	LWML
Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Grace Morning Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Faith Morning Worship / Communion
	11:00 a.m.	God’s Kids