



prepare
the WAY
of the
LORD

MARK 1:3

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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December 4, 2011

FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Don & Vivian Smith.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Norma Boehme Ken Steward Edwina Andregg Dorothy Clerici Patti Smith Gordon McCall
Our Service Men & women and all those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith Family and beyond.

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, Dec. 4 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Scouts Mon. Dec. 5 10:00 am Quilters Tues. Dec. 6 9:00 am WCS 1:00 pm Staff Mtg. Wed. Dec. 7 7:00 pm Worship	Thurs. Dec. 8 9:00 am WCS 1:00 pm Bible Study Sun. Dec. 11 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Congregational Budget Mtg Meet & Eat Angel Tree Wrapping
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Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING: Our annual budget meeting will be held immediately following worship on **Sunday, Dec. 11.**

MEET & EAT: Meet & Eat for December is Sunday, Dec. 11 and will be soup and sandwich.

POINSETTIAS: Once again, poinsettias will adorn our altar at Christmas. Complete the enclosed insert and place in offering plate. Cost is \$15 and the deadline is **December 11.**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Saturday at **10 pm** with Holy communion. There will be worship service at 10:30 am on Christmas Day.

LAST WEEK AT FAITH

<u>Offerings:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>
Current \$ 2086.25	Worship 55
Other <u>100.00</u>	Nursery <u>1</u>
Total \$ 2186.25	56

We need at least \$3236 in **current** each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week?

Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for His many blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Pastor ... Scott Meier	Acolyte...Jack Hayes
Assistant...Carol Taylor	Crucifer...Volunteer
Organist...Barb Brewster	Greeters...Barr
Fin. Asst...Nancy Arbuckle	Social.....Barr
Nursery ...Lisa Peter	Audio.....Lyle Gernand
Altar Guild.. Bev Haire	
Ushers. Brent & Bev Haire, Cindy Holley, & Volunteer	

Next week: Asst.–L. Gernand; Acolyte–E. Miller; Crucifer–Volunteer; Greeters– I. Bush; Social–Meet & Eat;

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
 says your God.
²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
 and cry to her
 that she has served her term,
 that her penalty is paid,
 that she has received from the LORD's hand
 double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:
 "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
 and every mountain and hill be made low;
 the uneven ground shall become level,
 and the rough places a plain.
⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
 and all people shall see it together,
 for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry out!"
 And I said, "What shall I cry?"
 All people are grass,
 their constancy is like the flower of the field.
⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
 when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
 surely the people are grass.
⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
 but the word of our God will stand forever.
⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
 O Zion, herald of good tidings;
 lift up your voice with strength,
 O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
 lift it up, do not fear;
 say to the cities of Judah,
 "Here is your God!"
¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
 and his arm rules for him;
 his reward is with him,
 and his recompense before him.
¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,
 and carry them in his bosom,
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
 "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 'Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight,'"

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

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