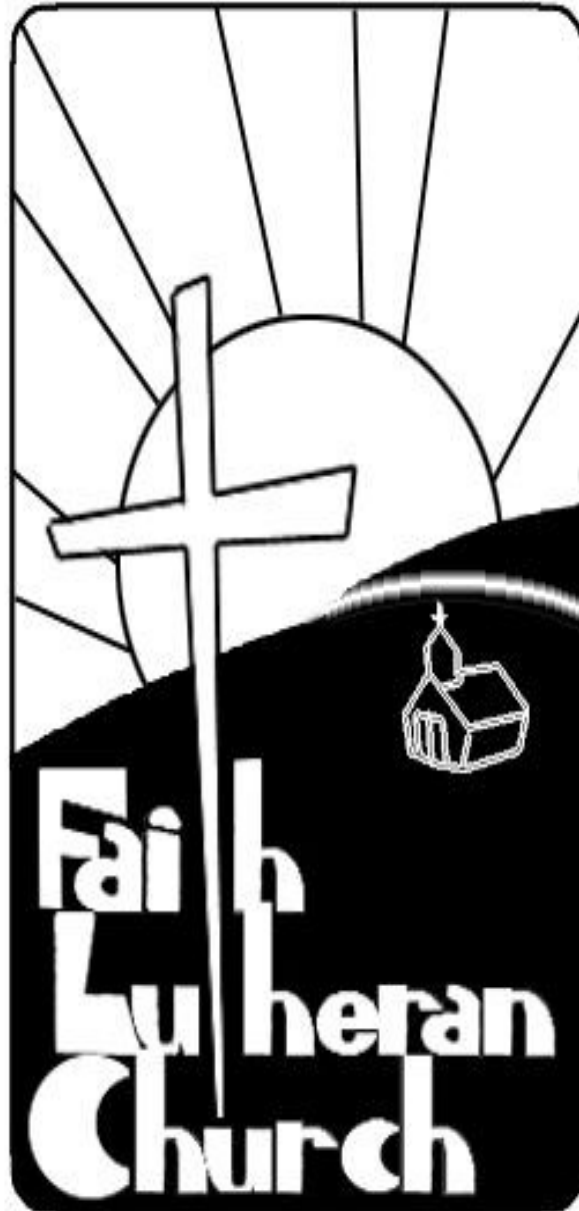


The Grapevine

December 2016

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Clippings from the Vinedresser

“In days to come...” Isaiah 2:1



The season of Advent is the season of expectation and waiting. Time and again the texts will talk about coming days, days filled with peace, joy, and righteousness. Time and again we will hear that God is going to act in one decisive action, sending God’s specially chosen one to bring this peace, joy and righteousness.

“Time and again the texts will talk about coming days, days filled with peace, joy, and righteousness.”

We look for and await this great day during Advent, knowing that for the most part that day has come with the birth of a little baby in the town of Bethlehem. Jesus was the One promised by God. Not only did Jesus bring peace, joy, and righteousness into the world, he *was* peace, joy, and righteousness.

But still we await more during this season of Advent, knowing that for the most part that day comes every time we step out our doors, for Jesus comes to us in the faces of the people we meet each day, especially in the faces of the least. So we welcome each person we meet, seeing in them the Christ-child, seeing in them our sister or brother.



But still we await more during this season of Advent, that great and final day when every knee in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, bows before Jesus the King and confesses the lordship of Jesus Christ. When will that day come? During times when we struggle with the challenges of life, we want that day to be soon. During times when we celebrate the joys that life brings, we secretly hope that it doesn’t come quite yet.

So how do we await the coming of Jesus as child, as king, as a fellow pilgrim on earth? Easy. We work for and strive to be peace, joy, and righteousness in our homes, workplaces, and leisure times. In short, we await by being a little Christ to every person we meet, letting our lights shine brightly.

No wonder Advent is such an exciting time.

Christmas Schedule

December 8: Faith Place Seniors' Christmas Banquet, 6:00 p.m.

December 11: Sunday School Pageant, 10:30 a.m.

December 11: Cookie Walk, noon, Cana Hall

December 11: Concert of Carols, 7:00 p.m., St. Paul's

December 24: Candlelight Services, 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

December 25: NO SERVICE



Christmas Season
Schedule

Reverse Advent Calendar

We are asking each family to start a reverse Advent calendar. Starting December 1st put one item in a bag every day. Then bring that bag to church each Sunday. We will collect and combine all the items in large baskets.

It's a great way to think of other people during the holidays.

Donated items can be food, baby items or toiletries. We will deliver all Gate 3:16 after Christmas.



Advent

Sunday School



Our Sunday School pageant will be held during the service on December 11th. It would be appreciated if all students could be at church by 10:15 that Sunday.

There will be a special coffee time in Cana Hall following the service.

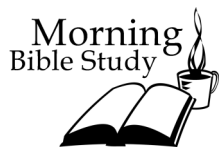
See you there!

Women's Circle



The Women's Circle meets Thursday, December 1 for Dinner and Discussion at Club Loreley, 5:30 p.m. All women are welcome to attend. It is a great way to get to know one another.

Bible Study



The Morning Bible study is wrapping up its study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians, Galatians, and Ephesians. They have one more session on these letters, Tuesday, December 6 at 9:45 a.m.

the story of David, introduced through Samuel and Saul.

Watch for starting dates early in the new year.

All are welcome to these studies.

In January, we turn to the books of 1 & 2 Samuel, primarily

Volunteers

We are looking for 10-12 volunteers to help serve at the Faith Place Seniors' Christmas Banquet, Thursday, December 8. We help serve the dinner and clean up. As a bonus, we get to eat a turkey dinner!

The banquet begins at 6:00 p.m. We are asked to be ready to work by 5:40 p.m.

If you are able and willing, please let Pastor Dennis know.

Thank you for your help.



Cookie Walk

On December 11 we will have a **Cookie Walk**. Bake some cookies; they will be put on a table. People can walk along the table and pick cookies they want (\$6.00/dozen; \$4.00/half-dozen; \$8.00 squares and tarts)

Great way to round out your Christmas baking.



Choir

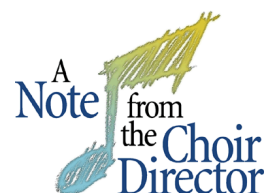
Another year is fast drawing to a close. Your choir is again participating in the Concert of Carols at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 32 Wilson Rd N, on December 11 at 7:00 pm. There will be anthems, congregational singing of Christmas carols and a reading of the Christmas story. Please come and join us in

this uplifting start to the Christmas season.

The choir will break from December 14 until January 11.

The choir and I wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas.

Laurie



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<p>4 <i>2nd Advent Worship, 10:30 a.m.</i></p>		<p>6 <i>Bible Study, 9:45 a.m. Faith Council, 6:30</i></p>	<p>7 <i>Choir, 6:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Faith Place Seniors' Christmas Banquet, 6:00 p.m.</i></p>		<p>10</p>
<p>11 <i>3rd Advent Worship/Sunday School Pageant, 10:30 Cookie Walk, noon Concert of Carols, 7:00</i></p>			<p>14</p>		<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 <i>4th Advent Worship, 10:30</i></p>			<p>21</p>		<p>23</p>	<p>24 <i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</i></p>
<p>25 <i>Christmas Day NO WORSHIP</i></p>			<p>28 <i>Counters: Kathy Habec Paul Wolfenberger</i></p>	<p>29 <i>Communion Servers: 4: V. Goddard, C. Plath 18: L. Morrow, L. Ikeda</i></p>	<p>30 <i>Communion Set-Up: 4: L. Molson, V. Roth 18: L. Morrow, L. Ikeda</i></p>	<p>31 <i>Coffee 4: Donna Jennings 11: Sunday School 18: Laurie Wilson</i></p>

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